

# THE CYGNUS GAZETTE

Change of Guard:  
Vice Captains' speak....



What's going on?

Moments of celebration and  
pride, immense learning and  
**OODLES OF CREATIVITY**

**The Pinnacle:**  
Fun, fiesta, competition

# My Journey with Cygnus World School.....

**“Cygnus has taught me everything from Discipline to Hardwork”**



**Siddh Jain, Head Boy**

To some, eight years seems like a long time but for me the past eight years have flown by. I joined Cygnus World School in the year 2011, when the school had just opened.

We were then a batch of only sixty students. Since then, the school has expanded, both in strength and infrastructure. In these years, Cygnus has taught me everything from discipline to hard work, but more importantly I have learnt to do things that are ethically right. This is something that I will hold onto, for the rest of my life. The teachers at school have always been extremely approachable and motivating. They have taught me things that I will cherish forever. When I was in grade 6 the school introduced a new subject, “Creya”. Creya has helped me discover my passion in filmmaking and photography.

The school has given me many opportunities day in and day out, which have helped me in nurturing these skills.



**“I have discovered a new me at Cygnus”**

**Riya Patel, Head Girl**

I have been in this school for the past 6 years. The years have been packed with memories and events. But the most memorable year, is this one, as I was awarded the title of Head Girl. Since then, I have discovered a new me. I have learnt how to handle responsibilities along with academics by multitasking. I also got a chance to represent our school at two big events in different cities. I will forever be grateful to Cygnus World School for recognizing the talent in me, the talent even I wasn't aware I possessed!! The opportunities I received have shaped the person I have become.

## The Editorial Team:

- ◆ Avi Patel
- ◆ Arnab Banerjee
- ◆ Abbas Mithiborwala
- ◆ Ananya Majmudar
- ◆ Kapil Chaudhary
- ◆ Aanchal Sinha
- ◆ Saisha Khera
- ◆ Harsh Shah
- ◆ Avin Sharma
- ◆ Khyati Sharma
- ◆ Aashi Patel

## Educators:

- ◆ Ashmi Joshi
- ◆ Ashish Hiwale
- ◆ Jyoti Gupta
- ◆ Deepti D’Almeida
- ◆ Neti Saxena

## Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Out Bound Field Trips
- ◆ Sports Week(V-XII)
- ◆ Cygnus Olympics(I-IV)
- ◆ Republic Day Celebration
- ◆ Basant Panchami Celebration
- ◆ Safety Week

## Latest House Score Updates at Cygnus



**Phoenix  
3680**



**Orion  
3650**



**Pegasus  
3450**



**Aquila  
2725**

## EDITORIAL



The Cygnus gazette is published by the editorial team 4 times a year. All the events that occur in school, academic or co-curricular, are published in the gazette. By reading the gazette one can know about all the exciting events happening here at Cygnus World School. We also have dedicated a portion of the gazette to include interesting surveys, movie reviews, and some fun facts. I love being a part of the editorial team, because it keeps my creativity, critical thinking and writing skills updated.

**Abbas Mithiborwala, X-B**



Being a part of the editorial team is a great opportunity. I look forward to enhancements in my creative potential, relishing each chance to make my input to the gazette worthwhile. It is an honour to be a part of the Student Council and I would like to make the most out of it by contributing to the best of my ability. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the editorial team.

**Aashi Patel, IX-B**



I am delighted to be a part of the Cygnus Gazette Editorial Team. It is an honour to be a part of such an amazing team. I shall strive to do my best, as I know that this work is going to be a fusion of responsibility, hard work and team effort. I am reminded of John Carmack's words “A strong team can take any crazy vision and turn it into reality.” Through this team I hope to bring my visions to life.

**Saisha Khera, IX-B**



Cygnus gazette is a memorabilia of events which can be remembered for a lifetime. It is a platform for students to be recognized for their talents and achievements. It paves a way for talented Cygnites to express their creative writing skills. The students' page is a must read, with movie and book reviews, top trending songs and the latest happenings around! I am proud to be a part of the editorial team.

**Arnab Banerjee, XI-C**

# PROUD MOMENTS!



Pawan Akbari of Grade VII secured the third position in the Karate Competition, under 50-55 category in the Khel Mahakumbh Championship 2019, held at Vadodara.



Aarna Jhaver of Grade VII secured the second position in India's first Racketlon Tournament held at Ahmedabad that involved Four Racquet Sports (Her achievement featured in Ahmedabad Mirror and Divya Bhaskar Newspapers).



Tveesha Nair, a student of grade IV is the winner of "MAKE YOUR TEACHER FAMOUS" contest organized by TATA Class Edge at the School level. The teacher winner for whom she had prepared the card and the write up is Ms. Ani Notani.



Vihana Shah of Grade II secured the 3rd position in the 30 meter race, under 9 category, competing against all other participating schools in the east zone at the Khel Mahakumbh competition.



In the State Level Khel Mahakumbh tournament, the under 14 boys Football team of Cygnus won with a score of 4-0 against Anand city team. In the second match Cygnus team won with a score of 6-0 against Kheda city. The team has qualified for the semifinals.



Renash Desai of Grade II and Antara Aga of Grade III won the Runners-up for Mythology-DoubleTons in an inter school competition, "Literature Bonanza" hosted by Navrachna International School, Vadodara.



Prithvi Patni of grade X secured the 2nd position in the 100 m. Free Style Swimming Competition at District level and secured the 3rd position in the 400 m Free Style Swimming Competition in at Khel Mahakumbh 2019.



Kavya Tushar Gandhi of Grade II received the UCMAS Achievement Merit Award for category AI, Vadodara. She was awarded with a certificate and a trophy.

## CROSSWORD COMPETITION

Jishnu Visagan	VI-A	Jay Chokshi	X-A
Priyanshi Dholu	VII-A	Krima Patel	X-A
Himakshi Jain	VII-C	Neel Shah	X-A
Anant Daga	VII-C	Nishi Shah	X-A
Suhani Patel	VII-C	Paavan Dave	X-A
Vrunda Shah	VIII-C	Suman Chaudhary	X-A
Vishakha Kalda	VIII-C	Vidita Singh	X-A
Tamanna Lunkad	VIII-C	Aarin Shah	X-B
Hetangraj Yadav	VIII-C	Mehul Shah	X-B
Dev Parikh	VIII-C	Miti Bhatt	X-B
Anushka Jha	VIII-C	Neerkumar Shah	X-B
Aysha Jain	VIII-C	Avin Sharma	XI-A
Aakash Jha	IX-A	Khyati Sharma	XI-A
Aesha Bahedia	IX-A	Pranjal Jayswal	XI-A
Ansh Patel	IX-A	Pakhi Malhotra	XI-C
Harshwardhan Dodiya	IX-A	Alap Shah	XII-A
Pranay Ahluwalia	IX-A	Manya Chokshi	XII-A
Aashi Patel	IX-B	Michelle Abraham	XII-A
Aditya Bansal	IX-B	Anjali Tandon	XII-B
Diya Patel	IX-B	Dinesh Chaudhary	XII-B
Harshil Machhi	IX-B	Dvisha Trivedi	XII-B
Kapil Chaudhary	IX-B	Harsh Amin	XII-B
Khushi Thakkar	IX-B	Jujhar Singh	XII-B
Meet Kothari	IX-B	Manya Sharda	XII-B
Saisha Kherra	IX-B	Moxit Shah	XII-B
Saloni Mohite	IX-B	Nishit Chokshi	XII-B
Shubhangi Bahuguna	IX-B	Prachi Sukhadia	XII-B
Sneh Ranpura	IX-B	Preethika Donapati	XII-B
Vaishnavi Parikh	IX-B	Siddharth Tyagi	XII-B
Ekansh Burhanpurkar	X-A	Vandita Malhotra	XII-B
Het Ranpura	X-A	Viraj Patel	XII-B
Jainam Soni	X-A		

## Celebrating My Subjects



The half yearly exam for Grade V was an interdisciplinary evaluation of English, Science and Social Science. Students "Celebrated Their Learning" by making various projects like "Designing Story Book", "Making Models of Simple Machines", "My Newsroom", "Flipped Classroom", "Presentations on Different Topics", to name a few. All these activities gave students hands-on experience and enhanced various life skills such as team work, communication skills, collaborative learning etc.

# ACHIEVERS' PAGE

## HINDI CREATIVE WRITING

Bhavya Shah	II-A	Jenicca Shah	V-D
Kiaan Desai	II-B	Ananmay Sharma	VI-A
Dhriya Thakkar	II-C	Prakhar Chaturvedi	VI-B
Heer Patel	II-D	Kavya Shah	VI-C
Tanav Shroff	III-A	Rishith Nair	VI-D
Krutika Vaghani	III-B	Saksham Tiwari	VII-A
Shivam Patel	III-C	Ali Giniwala	VII-B
Arpit Sharma	III-D	Hemakshi Jain	VII-C
Kayaan Mehta	IV-A	Arham Nimani	VIII-A
Tveesha Nair	IV-B	Hitarth Chauhan	VIII-B
Sanjal Gangwar	IV-C	Namrata Tandon	VIII-C
Saanvi Patel	IV-D	Ansh Patel	IX-A
Palak Agrawal	V-A	Khushi Thakkar	IX-B
Aarohi Joshi	V-B	Paavan Dave	X-A
Arjun Mehta	V-C	Mehul Shah	X-B

## DESCRIPTIVE DIAGRAM

Bhavya S Shah	II-A
Yug J Patel	II-B
Prabhnoor K Kotade	II-C
Lakshita T Maradwar	II-D
Tanav Shroff	III-A
Unnati Pahuja	III-A
Krutika Vaghani	III-B
Tavish Gandhi	III-C
Parth Malani	III-D

## MATH MANIA

Aarav Shah	I-A
Haniya Shah	I-A
Darsh Shah	I-A
Soham Panchal	I-A
Advik Khare	II-A
Arinchey Murugan	II-C
Dhairya Patel	III-A
Devansh Gupta	IV-D
Anish Maheshwari	V-A
Parv Panchal	VI-D
Harsh Jain	VII-C
Arham Nimani	VIII-A
Aditya Bansal	IX-B
Nishi Shah	X-A
Pooja Rani Patro	X-B
Vrushika Amin	X-B

## RANGOLI MAKING COMPETITION

Devraj Golani	IV-C
Nandani Sharma	IV-C
Vedashree Mathkar	IV-C
Gauri Patel	IV-D
Gurmeet Nathani	IV-D
Aarna Patel	V-A
Dhir Gujarathi	V-A
Nitika Alwani	V-A
Palak Agrawal	V-A
Shiny Khanchandani	V-A
Anushka Tripathi	VI-D
Khushi Soni	VI-D
Parv Panchal	VI-D
Svana Mevawala	VI-D
Taksh Patel	VI-D
Darshan Patel	VII-B
Harsh Patel	VII-B
Shreeji Sanghani	VII-B
Siddhi Dashora	VII-B
Darshan Patel	VII-B
Arushi Lalwani	VII-C

## SCIENCE SONG MAKING

Khushi Botadra	VIII-B
Monal Patel	VIII-B
Soumya Donapati	VIII-B
Suhani S Patel	VIII-B
Dwarkesh Soni	VIII-B
Hitarth Chauhan	VIII-B
Manay Chokshi	VIII-B
Vibhor Gupta	VIII-C

## SPOT AD MAKING COMPETITION

Anushka Patel	IX-A
Ashmita Ukil	IX-A
Aashi Patel	IX-B
Aditya Bansal	IX-B

## STORY TELLING COMPETITION\*

Vyom Shah	V-D
-----------	-----

\*Corrigendum Story Telling Competition, Volume 13

# Events at Cygnus:

## The Pinnacle



The Pinnacle, an inter-school competition hosted by Cygnus World School, is designed to inspire and enlighten. This year 405 students from 22 schools were a part of this competition that involved time management, creativity, collaboration, expression, composition and accuracy. 7 different events across grades I-XI provided students with a wide canvas to showcase their oratory, literary, creative and presentation skills.

Whole hearted participation from top schools of Vadodara led to intense competition and we witnessed some truly stunning performances!!!

### The Pinnacle at Cygnus

Position	Event	Achievers/ Participants
Commendable Effort	Hindi Poem Recitation	Shahaan D'Almeida-Grade II
1st	Mind Map Making	Dhairya Patel-Grade III and Sara Patel-Grade IV
1st	Retell of Tell Tales	Aarohi Joshi, Deepti Rani Patro, Mahima Shankar, Shree Patel, Dhir Gujarathi, Arjun Mehta-Grade V students
1st	Mime	Kavya Shah, Jaladhi Dave, Kavya Aga, Shaily Semwal-Grade VI students

## Solvay Visit



The students of grade X visited a Belgian MNC, Solvay. The two hour session at Solvay comprised safety introduction, site tour, a presentation regarding chemistry and scope of pursuing higher studies in this subject along with some fun activities. The visit also gave a wonderful opportunity to students to experience an international level R & D laboratory.

## Visit to Bhailal Amin Hospital



An educational visit to the Bhailal Amin General Hospital enabled the children to know the procedures carried out at the time of any emergency. It comprised a visit to the MRI, CT scan & Central Sterile Supply Department, the Operation Theater complex (OT), ICU and High End Patient Rooms. The interactive session with doctors and hospital staff was a truly rewarding experience for the children!!!

# Events at Cygnus:

## Navratri Celebration



The soft breeze on 30<sup>th</sup> September, brought with it euphoria and festivity. Yes, it was time for Navratri Celebrations! Garba Celebrations got its start by seeking blessings from goddess Durga. High on energy students and teachers, dressed in colourful kurtas and chaniya cholis, exhibited different styles and forms of Garba on the beats of live Garba which was sung by students and teachers.

## Gandhi Jayanti Celebration



Cygnus World School celebrated Gandhi Jayanti through a series of on-stage presentations based on the life of Mahatma Gandhi. The celebration also shed light on Gandhiji's invaluable contribution to India's freedom struggle and how his principles of truth and non-violence are remembered even today.

The celebration ended with a thought that cleanliness is next to godliness and service to mankind is the first step towards reaching it.

## Diwali Celebration



Diwali Celebration at school brought along beautiful costumes, mirth, sweets and lights that filled the atmosphere with joyousness. The dream of the Utopian society with Lord Rama and his kingdom was cherished. The students were consciously propelled towards the importance of cleaning ones mind and thoughts along with keeping the environment clean by having an eco friendly and safe Diwali.

## Mathmania Competition



Mathmania – the art of problem solving, aimed to involve students in math-focused competitions.

Mathmania challenged students to show their understanding of basic principles through problem solving, with a goal of encouraging students' interest and confidence in mathematics.

## Crossword Competition



Crossword puzzles competition was organised to extend vocabulary, as more words a child encounters and understands, the broader his/her day-to-day vocabulary will become.

Students were exposed to old and new words adding to the existing repertoire.

## Class Presentation



Grade I and grade VII class presentations were thoroughly enjoyed by the parents.

The Grade I theme was "Our City Vadodara". The children were fully immersed in every aspect of their city be it art, science or sports.

The correct application of technology, in any sphere, makes life easier for us. This message was conveyed to the parents through the grade VII class presentation.

# Events at Cygnus:

## Descriptive Diagram Competition Spot Ad Making Competition



The true worth of a scientist may be found in the quality of his diagrams. Descriptive diagram competition helped students understand and practice all important diagrams with proper labelling. Students of grade II and III were able to see ideas visually laid out by them in an organized way and retain science concepts for a long time.



This competition really had the students thinking on their feet. It required a lot of creativity, quirk with humour and conceptual presentation through enactment, props and jingles relevant to the topic. The participating teams came up with innovative, entertaining and persuasive advertisements, for their products .

## Hindi Creative Writing



Hindi, our national language is the second most spoken language in the world after Mandarin Chinese. To commemorate Hindi Divas 'Hindi Creative Writing Competition' was organized. It was planned as a catalyst to foster love for Hindi. Pre-designed worksheets on various aspects of creative writing were given to each child to express their thoughts in a creative way.

## Rangoli Making Competition



Rangoli Making Competition was organised before Diwali. The objective was to encourage students to celebrate festivals in an innovative way. Organizing such events help students to remain in close touch with their culture. This competition motivated students to perform and outshine in their creative skills.

## Science Song Making Competition



Can music improve science performance of students? Science song making competition definitely helped students decode subject concepts through music. Use of scientific terminology to write lyrics and setting them to unique rhythms was challenging for grade VIII, but the results were heart-warming!!

## Vidhi Pandit's Workshopp



Poetry is a telephone line to the unconscious mind. Vidhi Pandit's two day workshop on Blackout Poetry and Comic Strip Making was absolutely fabulous. The workshop encouraged personal discovery and individual development though the use of direct exploration and hands-on writing exercises.

# Class Activities

**'It is not always *what* your students are taught, but *how* they're taught that can make all the difference.'**

Classroom activities are like shovels that help teachers to quickly and creatively stretch students minds in new directions.

For instance a simple activity on properties of air helped students experience weight of air. Likewise in English, to teach action verbs students played dumb charades with action words. A game which required children to categorize various nouns into boxes made the

introduction of Abstract and Concrete nouns quite exciting.

The students of the secondary section engaged in several exciting activities, which taught them the nuances of their subject content and provided a challenge beyond the textbook content. The students of grade XII (Commerce) were taught the principles of economics through an activity in which they were supposed to conduct business transactions using paper objects. The students of grade VIII enjoyed the book tasting activity, which gave them a feel of books and some titbits of the different genres in literature.



## Career Counselling



Ms. Chaitali Doshi co-founder and partner of Admission Consulting conducted a special workshop on career counseling for the students of class XI & XII at Cygnus. It proved to be a very informative session. Representatives of Ashoka University from Sonapat, Haryana gave an insight to the students about pursuing Liberal Arts in Higher Education. They also informed and guided students how to apply for scholarships in this University for Undergraduate Programme.

## Teachers' Workshops



To keep the mood and tone of the classrooms energetic Cygnus organized some interesting and interactive workshops for teachers.

- 1- Ms.Shubha Shrinivas:  
**Spice-Up Your Classroom Teaching**
- 2- Mr.Balasubramanian(Former CBSE director academics):  
**Brain Based Learning and Classroom Management**
- 3- Dr.Ramesh Chandra G.Kothari (Former Dean, Faculty of Education and Psychology, MSU) :  
**Quality Enhancement in Education.**

# Students' Corner

## An Old Kettle of Fish



**Siddhi Dashora, VII B**

1. The detective said that the books had been cooked (They tasted good)
2. Some people bottle up their feelings ( I keep mine in a jar)
3. My Mother said- "Hold your tongue". ( It was too slippery)
4. When my sister laughs she drives me round the bend. ( I catch the bus back.)
5. In the school races I licked everyone in class. (My tongue was sore.)

## War and Peace



**By Vedika Chauhan and Tanvi Gujarathi VIII A**

The innocent have been killed,  
And their blood has been shed  
Their families' eyes filled with dread,  
And that day, the first tear drop fell.  
The war had started,  
With thousands of lives gone.  
The heart of the country shattered,  
While we just sit and mourn.  
Why do we need war?  
Is it so complicated?  
Why can't peace prevail?  
Will it be so underrated?  
Warriors drenched in blood,  
Theres' nothing more to see,  
All our homes destroyed.  
Our alliances now our enemies.  
Finally, the war has ended.....

## The Tale of Trivia



**Aarna Jhaver, VII B**

It was a clear night. Lilly saw a pup limping on her lawn. She could sense something abnormal about it as it happily ran towards her.

Lilly grabbed it and said, "I am going to call you Trivia!" She took Trivia inside and placed it in her favorite cradle.

After feeding it, Lilly slept peacefully. The next morning, she noticed that Trivia had left! Lilly was upset but by noon she forgot about Trivia. That night Lilly saw Trivia playing on her lawn. She rushed and got it back. Then, Trivia disappeared again. The same pattern continued each night till one night Trivia never showed up.

Lilly searched everywhere. Then one day, while returning home she saw an old haggard man in rags. Taking pity, she gave him some bread and milk. Lilly was about to leave when the man said, "Wait. You have done me a favour. In what way can I help you?" Lilly took this opportunity and asked about Trivia..."Do you know about a dog around here?", asked Lilly hopefully. "Yes! Dead dog! Man kill dog. Dog wants revenge."

"Dog spirit roaming!", said the old man. "How do you know all of this?", screamed Lilly. "I kill dog!", confessed the man. Lilly was aghast! She ran. But the man kept following her. It was night and she hoped to find Trivia soon. "There you are!" exclaimed Lilly running towards it. "Not so fast," growled the old man. "This dog is ghost! It vanish in day and return in night! I sell and make millions", he spat. Lilly bolted with Trivia in her hands as the man inched closer.

Suddenly, the unthinkable happened! A middle-aged police officer handcuffed the man! "Every word you said has been recorded! it's time to pay for your sins." Trivia nestled in Lilly's arms, where it felt the safest in the world. Its mission was accomplished and now it could peacefully rest in heaven.

## Fitness Pledge:



**Shaan Malhotra, VI A**

I promise myself that I will devote time for physical activity and sports every day and I will encourage people to be physically fit and make India a fit nation.

Fit India movement was launched by our honourable Prime Minister, Mr.Narandra Modi at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

"Fit India" movement aims to make India fit and healthy. The word says it all. We all should workout for at least 30 - 40 minutes a day. It can be in form of any type of exercise such as, sports, yoga, jogging, etc.

I feel in the present age, with too much work pressure, everyone should be not only be physically fit but mentally too. Let's join this movement and be physically and mentally fit and be a proud Fit India!!

## Travel



**Tanvi Gujarathi, VIII A**

A much needed break  
From the daily hustle.  
A soothing massage  
For your aching muscle.

Plan a journey,  
Far off or nearby.  
Life will always remain a cluttered diary,  
Can't some pages we beautify?  
Food and sight-seeing  
Selfies and fun,  
Spending time with the loved ones,  
Under the sun.

The grandeur of Dubai,  
Or bustling New York city,  
See the Great Wall of China  
Or the Statue of Unity.

Each of these experiences will,  
Help you get wiser,  
Will boost your spirits,  
and transform you to a fighter.  
Are these mere moments?  
That will later perish?  
Or some precious memories,  
That you will forever cherish.....

To know the answer,  
Start your expedition.  
Feel humbled by mother Earth's  
Myraid exhibition.

## My Toothy Problem...



**Ananmay Sharma, VI A**

One day, when I woke up,  
I found my canine teeth shaking  
I wondered, when they break off,  
Would my gums start aching?

The next morning, lo behold,  
My teeth had popped out !  
I looked like a fangless vampire  
Without a single doubt.

With gaps in my teeth,  
I looked scarily funny.  
Olaf was atleast cute,  
And so was Bugs Bunny!

I know, my friends at school,  
Miss me and can't keep calm.  
But I'm not going out there Mom,  
Without my toothy charm!

Finally, I sat down,  
To eat my Chocolate Fudge.  
At peace with the world,  
I held no grudge!

Suddenly, I freaked!  
What if my pearls never grow back!  
Will I have to borrow,  
My grandma's teeth hack?

Oh no no no Mumma!  
How long will I have to wait?  
Will I ever smile, my toothy grace.  
Without these gummy gates?

## ज़िन्दगी के हर आलम में

ज़िन्दगी के हर आलम में  
ये अक्सर सोचा करता हूँ,  
क्या मकसद इस ज़िन्दगी का  
ये अक्सर खोजता रहता हूँ,  
उन अँधेरी रातों में बस  
खुद को ढूँढ़ता रहता हूँ।  
डरता नहीं हूँ किसी से पर  
अक्सर डरा करता हूँ  
उन अँधेरी रातों में बस  
खुद को ढूँढ़ता रहता हूँ।  
पल बीत जाते हैं  
पर वक्त ये कटता नहीं,  
सुबह हो जाती है  
पर उजाला कभी दिखता नहीं,

## प्रकृति संरक्षण



**एशा बहेड़िया, 9 अ**

बिना संरक्षण के हुआ बुरा हाल है।  
सारी धरती भीषण गर्मी से बेहाल है।  
हे ईश्वर! देखो मानव ने कर दिया कैसा हाल है।  
हरी-भरी धरती को कर दिया कंगाल है।

हरियाली खत्म हो रही है।  
धधक रही है सूर्य की ज्वाला।  
लगता है कैसे कि संपूर्ण जगत,  
पी रहा है विष का प्याला।

अगर समय रहते न चेतें हम।  
तो निकल जाएगा धरती का दम।  
सिसकती धरती, कराहता जहां।  
धरती ही न रहेगी तो जाओगे कहाँ।

जागो! उठो! हे जगत के सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्राणी।  
बचा लो धरती, वन संपदा और प्राणी।  
लगाओ पेड़, भगाओ प्रदूषण, लाओ हरियाली।  
तभी तो आएगी सबके जीवन में खुशहाली!



**Mehul Shah, X B**

उस उजाले की खोज में  
अक्सर भटकता रहता हूँ।  
उन अँधेरी रातों में बस  
खुद को ढूँढ़ता रहता हूँ।  
पर, विश्वास है मुझे कि ये वक्त बीत जाएगा,  
ज़िन्दगी का एक नया सफर फिर शुरू हो जाएगा,  
विश्वास है मुझे,  
उन अँधेरी रातों में,  
मैं जीत कर दिखलाऊँगा,  
मैं वापस आऊँगा... मैं वापस आऊँगा...

## WORK OF ART BY CYGNITES



**Ashmita Ukil, IX A**



**Pawan Akbari, VII A**



**Drashti Chauhan, VII A**



**Shaan Patel, VII A**



**Afsha Jariwala, VII C**

# House Vice Captains' Interview



## PHOENIX HOUSE: AKASH NATH JHA, IX A

**How does it feel to get all the responsibility of being a Vice Captain?**

When I became the Vice Captain I was really surprised. I didn't think I would get such an opportunity but I did and was ecstatic. Being a Vice Captain will be a challenge I am more than happy to take on my shoulders.

**Do you feel that being a Vice Captain will help you grow in any way?**

Yes, being a Vice Captain, I will have to be on my best behaviour and that will teach me how to be disciplined and well mannered. It will teach me to be responsible and allow me to better my communication skills.

**Which movie inspires you the most? Would you recommend others to watch it?**

The movie "M.S. Dhoni, the Untold Story" is a huge inspiration to me. I would recommend this movie to all those who want to know what true dedication means. The movie teaches us the value of hard work. Dhoni, as a young student, was a very good football player, yet when he was asked to play cricket he did not hesitate. This also shows that we must be versatile in life.

**Whom would you want to have a casual chat or dinner with Ms P.V. Sindhu or with Mr. Narendra Modi?**

I would have dinner with Ms P.V. Sindhu, as I am a sports enthusiast. I love to play basketball and badminton. I also would love to ask her how she maintains her optimum performance consistently.

**Interviewed by: Harsh Shah, IX A**



## PEGASUS HOUSE: SHUBHANGI BAHUGUNA, IX A

**How does it feel to get all the responsibilities of being a Vice Captain?**

I feel delighted and proud. Being a Vice Captain is both a challenge and a dream to me, it is an opportunity to prove myself and enhance my qualities. Getting all the responsibilities of

being a Vice Captain is a duty which I am happy to take up in order to bring laurels to my house, Pegasus.

**Do you feel that being a Vice Captain will help you grow in any way?**

Yes, being a Vice Captain will help me in many ways. It will not just enable me to enhance my qualities and abilities, but also embed certain qualities that a leader should have like taking the whole team together. Being a Vice Captain has changed my focus to making strategies for my house and chasing goals and points for the house.

**Which movie was an inspiration to you? Would you recommend others to watch it?**

The movie that inspired me a lot was "Chhichore", because this movie conveys the message that sometimes being a loser is okay and that the result is not important but hard work done to achieve the best result is what matters. I would surely recommend others to watch this movie.

**Who would you prefer to have dinner and casual chat with Ms Dhoni, P.V.Sindhu or Mr. Narendra Modi? Why?**

I would prefer to have dinner and casual chat with Mr.Narendra Modi. Once I watched his interview on T.V in which he spoke about the difficulties and hardships he faced, as his family was not financially well off, but he worked hard and never let these factors affect his dream of becoming the Prime Minister of India. I would like to ask him how he managed all this inspite of so much negativity all around.

**Interviewed by: Abbas Mithiborwala, X B**



## ORION HOUSE: DIYA GORAJIYA, IX A

**How does it feel to get all the responsibilities of being a Vice Captain?**

It feels great to be a Vice Captain as it sharpens my mind to think of innovative ideas with which I can help my house to win the house trophy. It is a dream come true for me.

**Do you feel that being a Vice Captain will help you grow in any way?**

Being a Vice Captain will definitely help me grow and expand my leadership skills. Being a Vice Captain I sense the responsibility vested in me. I need to think in many perspectives to help my house grow and gain achievements.

**Which movie was an inspiration to you? Would you recommend others to watch it?**

Taare Zameen Par is my all time favourite movie. It portrays that every child is unique in his or her own way and has the potential for different skills. It gives motivation to stand tall in any circumstance.

**Who would you prefer to have dinner and casual chat with; Ms P.V. Sindhu or Mr Narendra Modi and why?**

Ms. P.V. Sindhu because I feel she is a humble person and I am also deeply inspired by her achievements. She is the first woman who has won a gold medal in BWF World Championships. I would like to know about her achievements and preparations to achieve her goal.

**Interviewed by: Aashi Patel, IX B**



## AQUILA HOUSE: ADITYA BANSAL, IX B

**How does it feel to get all responsibilities of being a Vice Captain?**

It is a great opportunity to take all the responsibilities and lead the house to success. Being a leader is a form of service, rather than a demand to be served. Being a Vice Captain is an honour and a privilege. I am grateful

to all the students and teachers who supported me and gave me the strength to face challenges.

**Do you feel that being a Vice Captain will help you grow in anyway?**

Leaders help themselves and others to do the right things. Being a Vice Captain of my house has helped me learn from my mistakes and imbibe the qualities of a leader. It has also helped me develop management skills to guide my house to the right destination in a smooth and efficient way.

**Which movie was an inspiration to you ? Would you recommend others to watch it?**

In my opinion, 3 Idiots is an inspiring movie. It reveals the harsh realities of our education system.. It uses mockery and humour to display the dark life of Indian students. But through that humour, the movie also gives us an opportunity to analyse the underlying issues that need reforms. I would definitely recommend others to watch this movie

**Who would you prefer to have a dinner or a casual chat with Ms. P.V Sindhu or Mr. Narendra Modi?**

I would prefer Mr.Narendra Modi, as he truly is a role model for all of us. During his rise to the top, he faced many adversities but he never gave up and fought hard to reclaim his glory. I think talking to him will help me become a better leader, so that I can guide the students of my house in a more efficient way.

**Interviewed by: Kapil Chaudhary, IX B**

## Getting to know my teacher Ms. Sejal Arora



### What do you hope to achieve by being a teacher?

I aspire to teach my students to ask questions, and foster an environment, where they can think outside the classroom. I would like my students to always give their hundred percent to a task, be punctual and disciplined but always have fun too.

### What were your childhood dreams?

I was always an eager learner, as a child. I was a happy child with a loving family and with the family's support I always strived to learn and grow. Now, I dream the same for my students.

### Do you feel that you have had an impact on the students you have taught? If so, in what way?

Yes, I definitely believe I have been able to leave a lasting impact on my students due to my teaching methods. They now have a renewed interest in learning, better self-esteem and improved organisational skills. They now look up to me as a mentor and role model.

### Which incident or moment in your career would you call a milestone achievement?

I have experienced many achievements in my profession due to my sincere dedication and hard work. A special moment I can recall was when a student of grade I wrote that his class teacher's name was "Sweet Sejal Ma'am". It was a truly touching moment. Such are the moments which bring joy to my heart and make the classroom a better place for everyone. **Interviewed by: Avi Patel, XI A**

## From a teachers' pen



### भाषा आखिर क्यों पढ़ें?

बड़े ही आश्चर्य की बात है कि बचपन में सबसे पहले भाषा सीखने वाला बालक, जो 'माँ' शब्द से शुरुआत करता है, उसके लिए बड़े होते-होते भाषा केवल नौकरी की कसौटी बन जाती है। ऐसा नहीं है कि भाषा के क्षेत्र में नौकरियाँ नहीं हैं, पर इससे भी ज़रूरी है यह समझना कि भाषा का क्षेत्र इतना अधिक बड़ा और व्यापक है कि

**श्यामा सिंह,** इसके बिना आप किसी भी क्षेत्र में सफलता प्राप्त कर ही नहीं **हिंदी शिक्षिका** सकते। यहाँ 'क्षेत्र' को भी एक व्यापक दृष्टिकोण में देखने की आवश्यकता है। क्षेत्र का अर्थ केवल नौकरी या व्यवसाय के क्षेत्र नहीं बल्कि निजी, पारिवारिक, सामाजिक, राष्ट्रीय व अंतर-राष्ट्रीय क्षेत्र भी हैं। सरल रूप में कहा जाए तो, यदि आप भाषा का सही और उचित प्रयोग करना नहीं सीखते तो न ही आपके निजी संबंध मधुर रह पाते हैं और न सामाजिक तौर पर लोगों के बीच सही तरीके से अपनी बात रखने में आप कामयाब होते हैं। बार-बार आपकी कही बात लोग या तो ठीक से समझ ही नहीं पाते या फिर गलत समझ लेते हैं और आपको लगता है कि मुझे हर कोई 'मिस-अंडरस्टैंड' करता है। चाहे वो हमारे घर-परिवार के सदस्य हों या फिर हमारे घनिष्ठ मित्र तथा सहयोगी, इन सभी रिश्तों के ताने-बाने के बिना हम एक सुखद जीवन की कल्पना नहीं कर सकते और भाषा ही वह सेतु है जो हमें इन सब से जोड़े रखती है। अपने पेशे या व्यवसाय के बीच भी हमें अपने कार्य को एक समूह में करने के लिए भाषा का ही प्रयोग करना पड़ता है, जो संबंधों को जोड़ भी सकती है और उनमें दरार भी पैदा कर सकती है।

याद रखिए, भाषा केवल व्याकरण, शब्द तथा उनका अर्थ नहीं है, बल्कि वह भाव है जो आप महसूस करते हैं। भाषा शब्द ही नहीं, मौन भी है, शारीरिक भाव-भंगिमा (बॉडी-लैंग्वेज) तथा चेहरे के भाव (फेस एक्सप्रेशन) भी है। केवल आपके शब्द बात कहने के लिए काफी नहीं होते, आपके चेहरे, आपके शरीर, सभी को उन शब्दों का समर्थन करना भी आना चाहिए। इसके साथ ही भाषा के कई अन्य महत्वपूर्ण पहलू ये भी हैं कि किससे क्या बात करनी है, कैसे और किस समय करनी है, किन लफ़्जों में करनी है, यदि ये हुनर आपने सीख लिया तो फिर आपको दुनिया फ़तेह करने से कोई रोक नहीं सकता! सबसे समझदार और परिपक्व व्यक्ति वह होता है जो यह समझ सके कि वह जो बात कहने जा रहा है, उसका सुनने वाले पर क्या प्रभाव पड़ने वाला है और उसी के अनुरूप वह अपने शब्दों का चयन कर सके तथा उपयुक्त भाव व्यक्त कर सके। किसी विद्वान ने सत्य ही कहा है - "जिसने भाषा पर आधिपत्य कर लिया, समझो उसने दुनिया पर आधिपत्य कर लिया।" अतः ये आवश्यक है कि हम सभी भाषा को केवल एक विषय न समझकर जीवन का एक अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण कौशल समझें तथा निरंतर इसके पठन-पाठन व विकास की दिशा में कार्यरत रहें।

## New initiative by Cygnus- I-Pad Lab



The I-Pad lab at Cygnus World School helps students prepare for a world immersed in technology. I Pads help students learn faster. Excited children swipe left, swipe right, engage themselves in "games" and in the process improve reading, math and science skills. Since

every child has their own tablet learning progresses at each child's pace!! A wonderful addition to the existing

## Childrens' Day Celebration



Mid-November brings with it a very special occasion i.e. the birthday of the country's first Prime Minister. 14<sup>th</sup> November, popularly known as Childrens' Day. Cygnus World School celebrated Childrens' day in the school premises with lot of fanfare.

This day was really very special as parents came to school in large numbers. A different set of parents went into each classroom and organised some truly fantastic games and events for the children. Other attractions were the teachers' performance and the cricket match between students and teachers.

**Open for Suggestions:**

**Mail us at: [cygnusgazette@gmail.com](mailto:cygnusgazette@gmail.com)**

Cygnus World School, Motnath Mahadev Road, Harni, Vadodara  
Email: [reachus@cygnusworldschool.com](mailto:reachus@cygnusworldschool.com)  
Website: [cygnusworldschool.com](http://cygnusworldschool.com)