

THE CYGNUS GAZETTE

Cygnus Fest:
(Perspectacles, Hello 2080)
Celebrating Talent

Sports
defining
a new
aspect of
Cygnites

Awards and Recognitions:
Success soars to new heights

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From the Director's Desk...

The academic year 2019-20 is coming to an end. It was an eventful and enriching year for the students, teachers and parents. We look forward with great enthusiasm and excitement to the forthcoming year 2020-21 packed with creative, innovative and energetic programs for our students.

School, teachers and parents have an obvious responsibility to educate and bring strong core life skills into the lives of children to build a new generation of thinking, caring individuals.

Life skills cannot be taught in isolation but through experience and situations which children can consider and reflect about; they can then translate this reflection into action in their lives.

Then what are we waiting for? Let us be the role models for our young children and create enriching life experiences and situations for them.

Let's practice and instill in our children

- ◆ **Positive Attitude** – YES, I CAN and I WILL
- ◆ **High Self Esteem** – I'm worthy of love and acceptance and feel good about myself.
- ◆ **Self Confidence** - Believing in myself - Believing I can do it
- Believing I deserve - Believing I will get it
- ◆ **Empathy**- Treat others the way you want to be treated
- ◆ **Time Management** – Giving importance to the things that really matter. "Time and Tide wait for none."
- ◆ **Prioritizing and setting goals-**
- ◆ **Set Goal, Make plan, Get to work, Stick to it, Reach goal**
- ◆ **Decision Making** – Choosing the Right option
- ◆ **Leadership Skills** – "Be the leader": Leadership is not showing authority.

**BE THE "FACE IN THE CROWD"
and brighten your child's growing up years.**

Founder student of Cygnus: Anjali Tandon....all set to graduate...

When I came to Cygnus nine years ago as a fourth grader, little did I know that it would become my second home. As a Cygnite, I have developed into a well-rounded person and the school has given me my biggest life lessons, my fondest memories and my best friends. In these nine years, I have explored new dimensions in me, discovered hidden capabilities and gained an exposure to different facets that will now help me face the real world as I graduate from school. From unleashing my creative side, to knowing that I have a knack for technology, from acting on stage to taking up leadership roles like that of a head girl, from building a strong foundation in academics to realizing I can actually run a race and win. Cygnus has helped me perform to my maximum potential and I owe it to the management, my teachers and my peers who recognized my abilities and gave me a platform to channel my talents in the right direction. Now that I am going away from school, I wish I could stay a little longer. As I move ahead in life, with me I will be taking leanings and memories that I will cherish forever.



Bhavani Raghuraman
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Upcoming Events:

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- ◆ Earth Day/UN Day
- ◆ Book Week
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EDITORIAL



Being a part of the editorial team has been a great experience. It has helped me improve my writing style and my communication skills. It has also acquainted me with my seniors. Along with writing and editing the Cygnus gazette, I also was able to help organize a few events along the way.

Harsh Shah, IX-A



My journey with the editorial team has been wonderful. The team is very supportive and collaborating. Being with the team that is passionate about their work gives me inspiration to do better everyday: writing articles, conducting interviews, etc.—almost seems as if we are journalists in the real world.

Ananya Majmudar, XI-C



While working with my fellow team members, I learnt a lot from them. We often shared and discussed our ideas while coming up with write-ups and articles. As a newcomer to the school, I experienced new things and made good friends, so the year went well for me. Cygnus World School's enriching and friendly atmosphere has helped me to open up socially.

Avin Sharma, XI-A



Being a member of the editorial team is not about being better than anyone else. The way gods and asuras churned the ocean to extract nectar, we have tried to churn out our creativity. This team has guided me to be better than yesterday and has brought out the best in me. We will travel this road together and work in unison to produce good content for the readers.

Khyati Sharma, XI A

PROUD MOMENTS!



Cygnus feels proud to share the coverage of the Cygnus Tournament in the TOI dated 26-11-19



Cygnus World School takes pride in receiving the Brainfeed School Excellence Awards 2019 and the Brainfeed Top 500 Schools of India Award 2019. Cygnus won in the categories of Best Infrastructure Schools, Life Skill Education, Sports Education, Techno Smart Schools for enriching the standards in imparting excellence in education to the Gen. Next learners.



Cygnus feels proud to share the coverage of the Cygnus Tournament in Dainik Bhaskar dated 29-11-19.



Shreena Suthar (Grade II) won the second position and Dhriya Thakker (Grade II) secured the third position in the Sack Race in Spectrum, an inter school sports competition held at Bright Day School, Vasna.



Ananmay Sharma of Grade VI has yet again won the gold at the Khel Mahakumbh State Level Open Chess Tournament in the Under 14 category. With this Gold, Ananmay has also been directly selected to represent Gujarat State at the SGFI Nationals for Chess in the under 14 category.



Sarg Shah of Grade III-C won the Gold Medal in the U10 Boys Singles category, Chennakesav Musali of Grade IV-C won the Silver Medal in the U-13 Boys Doubles Category and Swara Patel of Grade V-B won the Bronze Medal in the U-13 Girls Doubles Category at the Baroda District Badminton Tournament organized by Bal Bhavan Society.



Esther Lobo of Grade X-B played in the Captain's Cup which was a part of the Gaekwad Tournament organized by the Royal Family. She won the first prize in the Stableford category.



Wikalp Patel of Grade VI secured the second position in Sardar Patel Regional Badminton tournament (U-16) held at Vadodara.



Ekansh Burhanpurkar of Grade X showcased outstanding performance in the final round of International Youth Math Challenge (IYMC) 2019. His exceptional performance placed him among the top 7% of all participants. He was awarded with a Silver Honour for the same.



At the 11th Akshay Kumar International Invitational Kudo Tournament:

- 1- Parisha Vaghela of Grade V secured the 1st position and a gold medal.
- 2- Swara Kahar of Grade IV secured the 2nd position and received a Silver medal.
- 3- Rudra Vaghela of Grade VI secured the 3rd position and a Bronze Medal.



Aaryan Shine of Grade III was declared the best Goalkeeper in the U-11 category in GOA Cup Football Tournament. He received a certificate and Trophy for the Best Goal Keeper in the 4th Edition of Shri K.K.Vithani Memorial All Gujarat Invitational Football Tournament held at BFA Sports Complex, Gotri.

ACHIEVERS' PAGE

Oodles of self growth and creative development activities filled the month of February.

1. **Sentence building competition** for grade I and II helped students to frame meaningful, grammatically correct sentences and enabled them to express their ideas in a comprehensive way.
2. **Slogan writing competition** for grade III engaged students in writing slogans that **grabbed the attention of readers.**
3. **Mind map making competition** for grade IV opened gates for students to organize their ideas and understand concepts better.
4. **Doodling competition** encouraged the students of grade VI and VII develop spontaneous thinking.
5. **Tessellation making competition** involved grade VIII and IX students in making images with interlocking patterns.



Slogan Writing Competition

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Saanvi Thakkar | III A |
| Shaurya Yadav | III A |
| Yana Kinger | III A |
| Arastu Upadhyay | III B |
| Arlen Christian | III B |
| Neel Mohite | III C |
| Arya Pathan | III C |
| Mantra Sawla | III C |
| Mishty Derania | III D |
| Naman Shah | III D |
| Shiv Patel | III D |

Doodling Competition

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Kaavya Shah | VI B |
| Manthan Bharadava | VI B |
| Pratul Maheshwari | VI B |
| Trisha Shah | VI B |
| Hemakshi Jain | VII C |
| Palak Jain | VII C |

Sentence Building Competition

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Aarav Shah | I A |
| Dev Shah | I B |
| Tarasha De | I C |
| Vivan Mehta | I D |
| Paridhi Kumawat | II A |
| Kiaan Desai | II B |
| Renash Desai | II B |
| Nandini Ladia | II C |
| Varya Bhatt | II D |

Tessellation Making Competition

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Ayush Sharma | VIII A |
| Soumya Donapati | VIII B |
| Namrata Tandon | VIII C |
| Harshwardhansinh Dodiya | IX A |
| Saloni Mohite | IX B |

Mind Map Making Competition

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Nandini Sharma | IV C |
| Jiya Tinani | IV A |
| Dhir Gujarathi | V A |
| Aarohi Joshi | V B |

Math Mania Competition *

| | |
|--------------|--------|
| Archit Gupta | VIII A |
|--------------|--------|



Cygnus World School participated in the inter school sports competition 'VIVA 2019' held at VIBGYOR School, Vadodara. The achievements of our Football and Basketball teams are as follows:

1. **Cygnus Basketball Under 12 Girls team- CHAMPION**
2. **Cygnus football Under 14 Boys team - RUNNERS-UP**
3. **Cygnus Basketball Under 12 Boys team - THIRD POSITION**
4. **Cygnus Basketball Under 14 Boys**

* Corrigendum Math Mania Competition, Volume 14



Shrey Shah, student of Grade IV, represented the school at "Ken Ken International Championship 2019". The final competition was held in New York (USA) on 15th December 2019, in which 52 students from 15 top most countries of the world had participated. Shrey secured the 7th position.



Tavish Gandhi of Grade III secured the second position at the MARRS International Spelling Bee-Interschool Championship (Zonal level) held at Navrachana International School, Vadodara.



Cygnus World School participated in the Gyan Sarovar Sahodya Sports Athletics Meet.

The achievements of our students are as follows:

1. Om Sinha 400m Silver medal.
2. Om Sinha 100m Bronze medal.
3. Hetangraj Yadav 200m Bronze.



Nabhya Patel of Grade I-C took part in a chess competition held at Urmi School. He secured the 2nd rank in the under 7 category and 3rd Position in the 'Festival Chess Tournament'. He also scored 04 out of 06 points and received a certificate in 'Chess Tournament held at St. Kabir Indian International School'

Inter-school Sports Tournament

20th to 24th November saw our school organise a week long inter-school sports event, which was attended by over a 1000 participants from across the city of Vadodara. The event gathered sports talent from various corners of the city and gave our students a taste of competition. It was great entertainment to watch the students sweat it out on the sports field. The participants got a chance to showcase their skills in football, basketball and badminton. All the participants found motivation in the cheers and applause of the audience. A highly successful initiative!!



Bickley Park School Visit



Mr Shamik Patel, Assistant Head and Director of School Development, Bickley Park School, came on a familiarization visit to CWS on 19 December 2019. He was accompanied by four students of the Bickley Park School, London. The visitors took active interest in clay modelling, learning tabla and the Indian National Anthem. The facilities at Cygnus World School greatly interested them, as they went around acquainting themselves with our education system and functioning of schools in India.

Grade XII Farewell



Farewell holds a special place in the hearts of XII graders. Saying goodbye to friends becomes difficult as they move on to their future endeavours, leaving school life behind. Memories, friends, and countless laughs were part of their journey. A journey that is now coming to an end. To celebrate their journey, grade XI students organised a "farewell" celebration to add one more amazing memory to their school life.

Rangilo Rajasthan Class Activity



"सिग्नस वर्ल्ड स्कूल" हर कदम पर विद्यार्थियों को नई-नई गतिविधियों से अवगत कराता है। कक्षा चार के विद्यार्थियों द्वारा विज्ञापन प्रस्तुत किया गया जिसका शीर्षक था, 'रंग रंगीला राजस्थान'। विद्यार्थियों ने अत्यंत जोश एवं उत्साह के साथ उचित दिशा निर्देशन में राजस्थान की लोक संस्कृति, पारंपरिक कला, जीवन शैली तथा ऐतिहासिक पृष्ठभूमि को कलात्मकता एवं जीवंतता के साथ प्रस्तुत किया। इस परियोजना की तैयारी के दौरान विद्यार्थियों में साथ मिलकर किसी विषय वस्तु का सूक्ष्म निरीक्षण करने तथा उसे अपने विचारों एवं शब्दों में प्रस्तुत करने की क्षमता का विकास हुआ।

| Sport | Category |
|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Basketball | Under 14 Cygnus Girls Team- Winners |
| Basketball | Under 12 Cygnus Boys Team Runners Up |
| Football | Under 12 Cygnus Girls Team Winners |
| Football | Under 12 Cygnus Boys Team Winners |
| Football | Under 14 Cygnus Boys Team Winners |

| Badminton | | |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| Name of the student | Grade | Category |
| Chennakesav Musali | IV C | Under 12 Boys Champion |
| Aarohi Joshi | V B | Under 12 Girls Promising Player |
| Swara Vikas Patel | V B | Under 12 Girls Runner Up |
| Neev Jain | VI A | Under 12 Boys Runner Up |
| Pratul Maheshwari | VI B | Under 12 Boys Promising Player |
| Samridhi Tandon | VIII B | Under 14 Girls Promising Player |
| Shubhangi Bahuguna | IX A | Under 17 Girls Champion |

Events at Cygnus:

Christmas Celebration



Cygnus World School celebrated Christmas in all its joy and happiness. The kids were told about the birth of Lord Jesus through a tableau. The students sang melodious carols and danced gracefully. The students got a chance to pose with Santa and feel joy. Children learnt lessons about perseverance and were motivated to always stand for the right.

Republic Day Celebration



Republic Day celebration at Cygnus World School began with the unfurling of the National flag by the Principal, Ms Kanchan Joshi. The melodious spell of the choir enthralled the audience. Inspiring speeches were delivered by students expressing their feelings for a bright future of the country. Emphasis was laid on performing our duties as true Indians.

Blind Date with a Book



Books are a treasure house of knowledge. We at Cygnus take immense pride in inculcating the habit of reading from a very young age. The event 'Blind date with a book' was organised for the students of grade I and II wherein the students were given one book each and were asked to make a presentation on it. Cygnus discovered many talented storytellers, as each child presented his/her story in a unique way with different props and costumes.

Vasant Panchami Celebration



Celebrating Vasant Panchami at school helped children to understand the significance of changes and to accept changes in their life. The festival was celebrated by showcasing how the same festival is celebrated in different States across the country.

The spring of joy took over when students sang Vasant rendition and danced to welcome the spring season.

Safety Week

Safety of students is a primary concern for Cygnus World School. Our school sprang up in action to ensure that all aspects about safety of school stakeholders are taken into account, while organizing the safety week. Several one-act plays were presented by students based on bullying and cyber safety. Demonstrations and talks about road safety were organized and fire drills were conducted. Through all these activities our students were sensitized about personal safety, well being and what action they need to take in case of emergency.



Cygnus Fest Primary (Perspectacles)

On 14th December 2019, primary students of Cygnus World School presented the annual theatrical performance **PERSPECTACLES**. They introduced a curious little giant-girl, who decided to descend onto the Earth to explore the unknown and experience the untold. The stage was full of vibrance and life, when performers appeared on stage for the Cygnus fest.



Cygnus Fest Secondary (Hello 2080)

On 13 December 2019, the audience at Cygnus experienced a sneak peak into the future. The students lived through extraordinary characters and gave life to their performance. The first song of the evening, "Tonight's gonna be a good night" gave guests an overview of the energetic evening ahead.

All the actors with their hardwork painted a landscape in the viewer's mind which was unforgettable. The narrators were able to bring depth and emotions that complimented acting and left an incredible impact on the spectators. The dancers lit the stage with grace and coordination. Every year, through Cygnus Fest students set a new milestone to cross and get better.



CBSE Students' Activities



To educate students and create more awareness on environment and water conservation, our school actively participated in CBSE Expression Series on water conservation.

Students from grades V to XII were involved in writing essays, articles, poems and in poster making on different subjects related to the main theme.

Out and About



Nature expeditions are a way to teach our children to learn many social skills in a nurturing environment. On these lines, Cygnus World School organized tours and treks for its students to amazing and diverse natural habitats in and around Vadodara.



WINNER OF THE SPORTS TROPHY PEGASUS HOUSE



Cygnus Olympics

"The most important thing in life is not triumph but struggle."

Cygnus Olympics this year was a crisp and concise event. Sports activities took place over the entire school day and involved all students from grade I to IV. Everyone's spirit was high on energy and enthusiasm. The spontaneous anchoring by the students of grade XI along with the Hindi teachers added extra flavour to the event.



Cygnus Sports Week

THE SPORTS TROPHY WAS BAGGED BY THE..... PEGASUS HOUSE !!!!

From 13th January to 21st January 2020, Cygnus World School organised its Sports Week.

Fervour and excitement was experienced amidst thrills, shrills and cheers, through out the week.

The track and field events were enthralling as the budding athletes of Cygnus World School ran to the finish line.

The school campus reverberated with enthusiastic cheers from the spectators. Many new records were made. The winners were honoured with medals and certificates.



Students' Corner

Science Song

Yeah, I'm gonna take my textbook, to classroom

I'm gonna, study till I can't no more
I got the textbook in the bag,

Pencil box is there.
I've gotta learn the reactivity series,

I've stepped in to the classroom, and
when we...

Open the textbook, we see things
popping up, yeah

Science has got bio physics and I'm
scared of

Riding in my school bus, but still I
am studying

Cause science exams are coming,
And , I've gotta prepare for 'em
The syllabus is so hard,

I'm learning laws of motion, force
and friction and

Also crop production Science has got
bio physics & I'm scared of Bag
down, books out, writing like a
scholar,

Spending lot of time for preparing for
all of em'

I just gotta have some pretty good
marks, plus I have passed

Got so much of stress to learn all of
em'

And looking out to pass the science
exams.

Wish I could go to that old house
and I'm gonna study till can't more.

Yeah, I'm gonna take my textbook,
to classroom

I'm gonna, study till I can't no
more.



**Dwarkesh Soni, Manay Choksi,
Hitarth Chauhan (VIII B)
Vibhor Gupta (VIII C)
(From Left to Right)**

"भ्रष्टाचार"

भ्रष्टाचार अथवा भ्रष्ट आचरण अर्थात अनैतिक व्यवहार। आज हमारे देश में भ्रष्टाचार दीमक की तरह हमारी जड़ों को खोकला कर हमारे नैतिक मूल्यों को नष्ट कर रहा है। जब कोई व्यक्ति स्वार्थ पूर्ति के लिए राष्ट्रहित को ताक पर रख देता है तब वह भ्रष्टाचार की ओर अग्रसर होता है। भ्रष्टाचार के कई रूप हैं जैसे - रिश्वत, काला बाज़ारी, जमाखोरी, परीक्षा में नकल, चुनाव में धांधली, टैक्स चोरी, ड्रग तस्करी, साइबर क्राइम, इत्यादि। आज के हालात ऐसे हैं की रिश्वत के आरोप में पकड़ा गया व्यक्ति

रिश्वत देकर छूट जाता है। समाज, शासन या प्रशासन का कोई अंग ऐसा नहीं बचा जो भ्रष्टाचार से संक्रमित ना हो। इससे मुक्ति पाना कोई एक दिन या एक वर्ष का कार्य नहीं है। इसके लिए निरंतर सामाजिक जागृति की मुहिम चलनी होगी एवं युवाओं को स्वाहीत से अधिक राष्ट्रहित के महत्व को समझाना होगा। भ्रष्टाचार से मुक्त भारत ही पुनः सोने की चिड़िया बन सकता है।



Hitarth Chauhan, VIII B

To our brave hearts

We understand your pain.
The struggle that you go through.
Your efforts won't go in vain,
and we'll always salute what you do.
The strength it takes to go through
that.

To stand at the borders,
knowing you might not come back.
By the sergeant's orders,
You left it all behind.
But for a good cause,
and that was very kind.
So, thank you for it all.
Our country's name shines with

Pride.
For you were always there,
All day and night.
Surfing the highest of tides,
With all your might.



**Vedika Chauhan,
Tanvi Gujarathi, VIII B**

Science – The Legend

Why is the sky so blue?
Why is the earth so round? Yeah!
Why is the soil so brown?
Why are the stars shining in the
night? Oh!
Why are the leaves so green?
It's because of the chlorophyll Yeah!
When you give light to P.R.I.S.M,
There's 7 colours!
That's a R.A.I.N.B.O.W,
Which shows in sun and rain...
This sound in a V.I.B.R.A.T.I.O.N,
Goes from ear to ear!
That's what we call science
That's what we call SCIENCE!
What keeps us to the ground
Is called G.R.A.V.I.T.Y! yeah!
What tells us about the stars,
Is ASTRONOMY! Oh!
We need a M.I.C.R.O.S.C.O.P.E,
To see Bacteria!
Then use a T.E.L.E.S.C.O.P.E,
to see the stars far away!
That's what we call science
That's what we call SCIENCE!
Science is BEAUTIFUL
Science is WONDERFUL
Science is LEGENDERY
Science is FABULOUS!



**Soumya Donapati, Khushi Botadra,
Suhaani Patel, Monal Patel (VIII B)
(From Left to Right)**

The Night Before Christmas

I kept some cookies and milk,
I wrapped myself in a blanket of silk.
I was waiting for Santa under my
bed.
I was wishing to see a figure in red.
My eyes were heavy, I could no more
wait,
I was angry, Santa was too late.
I woke up with the bright sunlight
striking my eyes.
I could not see Santa I thought he
was shy.
The cookies and milk, Santa ate them
all,
But he left me gifts big and small.
Santa was very careful
this time, I could not
hear, But beware Santa I
will catch you next year!



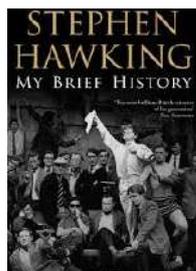
Suhani Patel, VII C

Students' Space

Title of the book: My Brief History

Name of the author: Stephen Hawking

Type of book: A memoir-biography



The author discusses his childhood, his crippling illness and the nature of time. He is regarded as the modern world's successor to Albert Einstein. He started to read only at the age of eight and was an average student in school. As a student his work was untidy, but his classmates saw an exceptional mind and called him "Einstein". Hawking displayed capacity to adapt and adjust. He did not like to talk about his crippling disease. As his disease worsened his intellect soared. This book makes you realise that life is worth living and that there are a lot of things that one can do.

Pratul Maheshwari, VI B



Movie Review THE NEXT LEVEL

JUMANJI!!



This Dwayne Johnson and Karen Gillan starring film is the third part of the Jumanji series and the movie has blown the minds of the viewers by its amazing action and humour.

This movie basically focuses on how Martha, Fridge, Bethany along with Grandpa Eddy and Marlo go in the game to bring their friend Spencer back. This is a must watch movie for the action lovers. It is rated 4.2 stars out of 5.

Dwarkesh Soni, VIII B



WORK OF ART BY CYGNITES



Hemakshi Jain, VII C



Anushka Jha, VIII C



Dev Somani, VIII A



Dolly Alwani, VII B



Harshvardhan Rajpurohit VIII B

Thoughts I had, when there was no water supply for a day at my house

Scarcity of water is a problem which is being faced by the whole world. Just a few weeks ago, there was no water supply for a day at my house. I realized the importance of water that day. When I woke up in the morning, my mom told me that there will be no water supply for the next 24 hours. She asked me to use only 2 buckets of water for brushing and bathing both. I got really frustrated and thought that I should have saved some water the earlier day. There were

only 4 bottles of drinking water and 4 family members. I thought what will happen in the future if we keep misusing water this way. We'll have to suffer. My mom and I had a long talk about the difficulty without sufficient water. From that day I stopped taking showers and used a bucket instead. I started keeping the taps closed while brushing and bathing. I started using limited water to wash my hands after and before eating. My eyes have opened. Have yours??

Anushka Jha, VIII C



The Story of Water's Best friend

I had to travel miles and fly high
But my heart felt the shadows of sigh.
I was not ready to leave my mother.
And finally the moment of melancholy
arose.
The roaring wind took my dust away,
Whole day I kept flying high and high.
Then I saw a little brook travelling to the
unknown bay.
I tried to rest on it's wave.
But it was rushing down with anger and I
wasn't brave.
I tried hard but failed.
"What makes you so rude Ms Brook?" out of
Irritation my mouth cried.
"Experience, little one" she cried.
Her speed slowed down.
And I rested there with my sorrow filled
heart.
She felt me and said, "Don't worry little one,
"Just look at the beautiful moon amidst the
dark clouds"
"You know little one." She carried on.
"I had this good friend 'wave' who always

used to lay on me".
"Whenever a stone hit me, he used to say be
strong, it's nothing, let it be."
"He made me strong, but not strong enough
to live without him."
"All I wanted was our droplets to spend little
more, forever time."
"We started our journey together from a
mountain."
"We covered the path of sorrow and pain
together, with a smile."
"But even a single word can change the
course of a whole lifetime."
"He went flowing and flowing and I came
here to form a galaxy of my sand (delta).
"Now all the waste now floats in me and all I
feel is thankful to my friend and think how
good he was.
All I wish now is for our stars to
form a happy constellation once
again, forever."

Khushi Thakkar IX B



Our Prefects' Speak....



Adhiraj Singh, VC Parisha Vaghela, VC Anish Maheshwari, VB Nitya Agrawal, VD Aarohi Joshi, VB Ritisha Bansal, VC Mahima Shankar, VC

Courteousness

Helpful

Loyalty

Wisdom

Intelligence

Discipline

Honesty

Which quality in a person do you find highly likeable? Answer in one word....



Jennica Shah, VD Anantvikram Singh, VD Palak Agrawal, VA Arjun Mehta, VC Mikhail Desai, VB Arnab Kanugo, VB Deepti Rani Patro, VB

Creativity

Determination

Optimism

Responsibility

Kindness

Generosity

Lightheartedness

Editor-in-Chief- Avi Patel, XI A

Do you believe that the editor-in-Chief of the newsletter should have good knowledge of English language? (If yes) How do you manage to keep your language skills updated? (if not) Why do you feel so?

Yes, of course, the Editor-in-Chief should have good knowledge of English language. I manage to keep my language skills updated by reading books. I generally carry multiple books along with me and I like to explore different genres. This makes my work enjoyable and keeps me updated with fresh set of words and language content.



Describe your job in fewest words possible.
Challenging yet rewarding

Which personality trait do you consider your strength?
I consider creative thinking skill as my strength, because it is the most important quality, which an Editor-in-Chief must possess. Secondly, I have been able to utilise my creative thinking skills in my work, which makes it refreshingly unique.

What skill do you think you should have learnt before becoming the Editor-in-Chief? How can such skills help you?
Managing a team is a skill. I learnt this before becoming the Editor-in-Chief. I believe it is not possible even for the most skilled person to do this job without the coordination of the entire team. Therefore, in order to keep the team functional, I keep talking to the team members, wherever an opportunity arises. By doing so I get to know them in person and judge how their talents can be used for the upcoming issues of the Cygnus Gazette.

Interviewed by Khyati Sharma, XI A

Sports Prefect- Sachin Singh, XI B

How do you calm your butterflies before you prepare for a competition?

Inhale, Exhale! For me this works out to be the best for calming the nervousness. Deep breathing helps in clearing the mind and relaxing the body. It also helps me to focus better on the competition.



In what ways can sport activities inculcate moral and ethical values?

Sports teaches us a lot about sportsmanship. It contributes to respect and trust between competitors and team members. The goal in sportsmanship is not simply to win, but to win in the right way.

What is your wackiest idea for bringing a change in the field of sports?

I would like to introduce an orange card in football, which would be a midway between red card and yellow card. It is ridiculous that all types of fouls are put into same categories: red card offence and yellow card offence.

What is your opinion about making cricket a part of the Olympic games?

I am a big fan of cricket and it would be a pleasure to see cricket as a part of the Olympics. Introducing it would bring new opportunities for those vying to start their careers in cricket. The most interesting part is that the competition will rise to a higher level, as Olympics are prestigious games.

Interviewed by Avin Sharma, XI A

Getting to know my teacher: Ms. Yesha Shah

What makes art and craft an important part of school curriculum?

Aesthetic competence develops several secondary skills. It therefore takes an important dimension in developing the thoughts and personality of a person. Art education also prepares students for a number of trades and occupations.

How easy or difficult is it to mould students' interest towards art work?

It is not about ease or difficulty. It is more about perspective of the teacher. I feel that all students are artists and they present their work in their unique ways.

What is the most challenging part about being an art teacher?

The most challenging part of being an art teacher is making students leave the art room on time, so that they reach their classrooms. The like working in the art room so much that they do not wish to leave at all.

In what ways does art work relate to life in general? Is it merely a piece work to be admired for its beauty or has it got a higher value attached to it?

Art is an expression of one's perspective. It is a window to the soul of a person. Without art we would not see what lies beyond the immediate world. People generally associate art with paintings in a gallery or sculpture. They fail to realise that art is more than what is visible to our eyes. It is the beauty in the artistic expression that they fail to see. Art is everywhere around us. It affects our mood, emotions and makes our life entertaining and beautiful.



Interviewed by: Aanchal Sinha, IX A

From a Teacher's Pen



Sanchita Kundu
Teacher

Transcending Borders

How about a world without political boundaries and divisive borders? While that may sound hypothetical, it is true that the world has indeed Transcended borders in trade and economics, literature and films, sculpture and art, sports and cuisine, fashion and technology, architecture and medicine and in a myriad of other avenues. For centuries, humankind has imbibed the richness of each other's cultural paradigm, though at the same time, we have fiercely guarded our territories and political boundaries.

So, when political boundaries open up with trust and mutual understanding between governments and its people, it certainly is heart-warming and worth welcoming!

Think of the Himalayan Kingdom Nepal's border with India! It is the most unique international boundary (border without fence) which is open to the natives of the two countries since long before Indian independence. An interesting aspect is that still there are no visa and passport requirements! The road to Indo-Nepal camaraderie seems to progress without much hiccups as few would imagine that the border is mostly unmanned with only a few check posts. Mountain topography as well as marshy and forested terrain may have given enough scope for trespassers and illegal immigrants, but nevertheless statistically such incidents have been low. It is remarkable that the Indo-Nepal border is more of a gateway that beckons mountain climbers to embark on Himalayan expeditions or reach up to the tallest peak on earth!

Amidst surgical strikes, belligerent mood, infiltration of terrorists and firing now and then at the Indo-Pak border areas, the KARTARPUR CORRIDOR running between India and Pakistan has been recently inaugurated. The benign gesture by Pakistan government now allows Sikh and other devotees from India to have access to the sacrosanct Gurudwara Durbar Sahib (the birth place of Guru Nanak- the founder of Sikhism) 4.3 kilometres away from the Punjab border. Bravo to the two neighbouring Prime Ministers for they make the pilgrims feel blessed as they pay obeisance at the sacred shrine of Guru Nanak ji at Kartarpur. It may be a long way before peace steps in this part of the sub-continent, but at least smiles are being exchanged between Pakistani caretakers and Indian visitors at the Gurudwara entryway! And that is heartening under present circumstances.

Parents' Testimonials

The holistic approach of the school towards all round development of my ward is commendable. I appreciate the sincere effort put in by the Cygnus team to develop the aptitude, knowledge and thinking skill of the students. I feel so proud to be a Cygnus's parent.



Rajni Sinha (Parent of Aanchal Sinha, IX A)

It's rather tough to find the words to describe Cygnus World School when I look back and see how far my child has progressed. A school she looks forward to going to no matter what the day may have in store for her and comes back with a smile and has loads to tell. The management and teachers always feel that the child comes first. The decision to change school and opt for Cygnus World School was one of the best decision I have ever made.



Sherie Maria Lobo (Parent of Esther Lobo, X B)

Cygnus World School has exceeded all expectations that schools offer. The school offers compassion, team building, confidence, ability to speak out. The teachers have been positively involved in helping each student achieving academic success along with child's personal growth. Teachers are skilled and work hard to provide a good learning experience. The school makes every effort to make learning easy, enjoyable and rewarding. Keep up the good work!



Anju Jajoo (Parent of Shriya Jajoo, IV B)

As a parent of Cygnus World School since 2012, I have witnessed the school evolve as a great institution that reinforces positive values and aims at bringing out the best in each child. My children have developed a great sense of school spirit, camaraderie with their peers, discipline and respect. Thanks to the warm and motivational approach of the teachers.



Radha Shah (Parent of Kanishka Shah, V D)

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