



The Premia Academy

The Premia Pulse







MAITRI 2024

From The Editor's Desk

Hello, we're back with another edition of the Premia Pulse!

And, we've had a downpour of rain as well as events! Kicking things off with Xperia and Maitri, our art and cultural fest, attending the Diplomathon Global conference and IC3 to film fests, workshops and Interschool sports competitions, it's been a whirlwind of activity! I hope this issue inspires all of our students to continue to step out of their comfort zone and break barriers!

- Nikhila Roy Faculty In-charge, Ministry of Literary Affairs

Maitri 2024: The Inter School Art, Literary & Cultural Fiesta

The Premia Academy hosted its first inter school fest on the 3rd of August 2024 where the participants put on an incredible display of art, theatre and music. The theme of our fest was "Leveraging Science For Humanity."

The Chief Guest was Ms. Keerthana Bhoopal, who mesmerised the audience with her soulful vocals. We also had with us judges, experts from various fields joining in the fun! Oh my! With the array of competitions taking place simultaneously it was a delight watching students enjoying themselves whilst learning!

Overall the fest was truly a success and will be one that will be talked about for months to come!

-Samyukthaa and Shalini Gr (XII)

















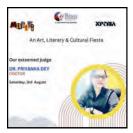








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An Art, Literary & Cultural Fiesta









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Thursday, 1st August.











Xperia 2024

Xperia 2024: An Art, Literary & Cultural Fiesta

On August 1st, our school hosted Xperia, an exhilarating Art, Literary & Cultural Fiesta centered around the theme "Leveraging Science for Humanity" for the Premia Pride. The fiesta included Vibgyor Art Festival, showcasing Artistic Innovations; Boulevard Theatre Festival, highlighting Dramatic Discoveries; and Open Mic Literary Festival, focusing on Artificial Intelligence.

It also featured the Open House - Battle of Bands, where students explored the fusion of music and science, and Robotic/Contemporary Dance, presenting performances inspired by sci-fi music. In addition, the Photojournalism segment captured the essence of XPERIA in a single frame, while the One-Minute Montage provided a dynamic look at Embracing Life with Our Tech Companions. A special Bonus Challenge was introduced for grades IX - XII, called Start-up Spark: Future Entrepreneur in which students presented their innovative business ideas.

The fiesta was a vibrant celebration of how science and creativity can intersect, showcasing the impressive talents and imaginative potential of our students.

- Prisha P (Gr. XI)

VIBGYOR - Art Festival







Xperia 2024

BOULEVARD - Theatre Festival













OPEN MIC - Literary Festival











OPEN HOUSE- From Battle of the Bands to Start-ups















Xperia 2024 - Results

	VIBGYOR Art Festival	BOULEVARD Theatre Festival	OPEN MIC Literary Festival
NURSERY	Finger Painting First: Sippy Vidhi Singh Second: Mohd. Ibrahim Khan Third: Syed Zaeem Ayaad Ali Sridha Bajaj Con: Vaishnavi Singh	Fancy Dress First: Syed Hasan Second: Ramika Raaghavi Chitkul Third: Advik Jaiswal Con: G. Mahindra Reddy	N/A
PP I	Leaf Imprint First: Zayd Uddin (PPI A) Second: Rumaisa Shareef (PPI A) Third: Mohd. Riyazuddin (PPI B) Con: Mohd. Nisar (PPI B)	Alphabet Ramp Walk First: Dhriti Sarda (PPI B) Second: Diyaan Jain (PPI A) Third: Zayna Ilham (PPI A) Con: Aradhya Singh (PPI B) Syed Sajjad Hussain (PPI A)	Poetry Recitation First: Kiya Jain (PPI B) Second: Achint Gupta (PPI B) Third: Arya Taskeen (PPI A) Con: Mohd. Hamza (PPI A)
PP II	Clay Crafting - Grasslands First: Krishiv Raj Jaiswal (PPII A) Second: Aayush Kampalli (PPII A) Third: Samhita Kulkarni (PPII A) Con: Ashaz Ahmed (PPII A) J. Arijit Singh (PPII C)	Fusion Beat First: Myra Jain (PPII A) Second: Hritvi Bohra (PPII A) Third: Zaira Zubair (PPII A) Con: Parv Gupta (PPII C)	Wonder Showcase First: Aashvi (PPII A) Second: Muskaan Ahmed (PPII B) Third: Sannidhi Joshi (PPII C) Con: Mohammad Zohaib Ahmed (PPII A)
GR. I	Draw & Colour First: Yousef Omer Ali (IC) Second: Nuha Sameer (IC) Third: Dibyansu Lal (IA)	Puppet Show First: Mahi Gupta (IA) Second: A. Siddhartha (IB) Third: Vruti Bansal (IC) Reyansh Nath (ID)	Science Stride First: Oram Sri Ruthwik Veer (ID) Second: Rufaidah Irfan (ID) Third: C. Thriyaksha Reddy (ID) Mohd. Hamdaan Baig (ID) Ashar Sharif 1A
GR. II	Draw & Colour First: Yuvaan Tolwala (2D) Second: Syeda Zehra Fatima Abedi (2C) Third: Chehek Agarwal (2C)	Puppet Show First: Sesolla Arjun (2D) Bethapudi Sriya (2B) Second: B. Shanmukha (2A) Third: G. Shri Vaishnavi (2A)	Science Stride First: Yuvaan Hiremath (2B) Second: Advaita Sambrani (2B) Third: Kenneth B. Bathula (2A) Nitansh Jain (2C) Con: Kaira Shukla (2D)
GR. III	Sketch & Shade First: Syed Abdul Karim (3A) Second: Tanisha Agarwal (3A) Third: Mohd. Zohair Ali (3A)	Dramatic Storytelling First: Mohd. Farwan Ur Rahman (3B) Sathwik Somidi (3B) Farzana Ahmed (3C) Gowri Karbari (3C) Mohd. Abdul Rehan (3C) Yahya Ahmad Muhammad (3A) Second: Aairah Aamir Khan (3C) Aayansh Singh (3C) Himanshu Chintakindi (3B) Aliya Sarfaraz (3B) Faizan Ahmed Shaik (3A) Third: Maithili Krishna (3A) Y. R. Tashvik (3A) Akshay Bharadwaja (3B) Osman Ali Baig (3B) Syed Yasir Hasan Imran (3B)	Reporters in Action First: Avantika Vimal (3C) Second: Zynah Aimen (3B) Third: Kritika Singh Thakur (3C)





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	VIBGYOR Art Festival	BOULEVARD Theatre Festival	OPEN MIC Literary Festival
GR. IV & V	Sketch & Shade First: Kanak Karwa (5A) Second: Ayaan Gouri (5B) Mohd. Umair Baig (4B) Third: Ruqaiya Fatima (4A) Hrithika Budaga (5B)	Dramatic Storytelling First: Bruhat Koppaka (5A) Hamiz Riaz Mohammad (5B) Vihaan Reddy (5B) Mohd. Rayyan Khan (5B) Diaan Garg (4A) Second: Rumaysah Khan (4A) Jaihith Pacharla (5A) Shmuel Jalem (5A) Nehanth Duvvur (5B) Aryan Vaishnav (5A) Third: Mirza Hamdaan Ali Mirza (4B) Ayaan Yadav (4B) Adhrith Rao (5A) Hridhik Reddy Gavva (5A) Satvik Tiwari (4B)	Reporters in Action First: Rudra Mishra (4A) Second: Mohammed Ismail (5A) Third: Neysha Husain (4A) Eha Nair (4B)
GR. VI, VII, VIII	Digital Collage First: D. Aman (8A) Akashapu Shaswath (8A) Second: Muntaha Nisar (8A) Sameeha Khatib (6A) Third: Charitha Edula (8A) Aashi Anand (7B)	Mime First: Aarmaan Hussain Dastani (7C) Siddharth Yarlagada (8A) Mohd Zohair (8A) Mohammed Hamza Farooq (8A) Second: Mokshith Kalivela (6B) Samrah Sadaf (6B) Varsheeth (6B) Adheep Tiwari (7B) Digvijay Aveli (8A) Third: Humairah Muskan (6A) Mohd Abdul Kaif (8A) Jai Krishna Tunuguntla (8A) Megha (7B)	Acrostic Poem First: Annika Verma (7B) Second: P. Nikhila (6A) Third: Balahansini Gujja (8A)
GR. IX, X, XI, XII	Mural Art First: Harini Alwala (9A) Aliza Fathima (9A) Second: Varenya N. (9A) Zeenath Zehra Khan (9A) Third: Prisha Pandey (11A) Mohammed Faizaan Ur Rahman (11A)	AdZap First: Yusra Nisar (10A) T. Shawn Patrick (10B) Neha Tanmayee P. (10B) Miracle Tumu (10B) Sri Rudhra Aveli (9A) Second: Hardik Bansal (12A) Shreya Gupta (12A) Shourya Singh (12A) Savvy Bothra (12A) Shalini Banerjee (12A) Syeda Aliyah Zara (12A) Tashneem Akhtar (12A) Aaron Maricar (12A) Samyukthaa Murugesan (12A) Third: Syeda Ayana (9A) Maryam Ali Baig (10B) Aneesh Vaishnav (11A)	Poetic Artistry First: Abbas Ali Khan (11A) Second: Shaik Ridha (9A) Third: Hanaa Mahmood (9A)





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Battle of the Bands	Robotic/Contemporary Dance	Photojournalism
First: Bapireddy Harini (7A) Chiru Akshaini (7A) Tanishka Khandelwal (7A) Balahansini Gujja (8A) Anughna Budaga (8A) Aariz Riaz Mohammad (6A) Maahi Asawa (7A) Samiha Shaik (7B) Keyaan Husain (9A) A. Dharani (7A)	First: Annika Verma (7B) Muzammil Mahmood (7B) Aroosh Abrar (6A) Saanvi Mareedu (6B) Shreesha Makwana (6C) Hasika Venigalla (6C) Rohita (7A) Veer Singh Gulati (8A) Mohammed Kaif (8A) Shashwath Aakashpu (8A) Jai Krishna Tunugutla (8A)	First: Akshara Casukhela (9A) Second: Tahura Kounain (8A) Third: Mohd. Arhaam Khan (10A)
Second: Aarav Tandon (11A) Arysha Mishra (8A) Abhineet Pandur (9A) Charitha Edula (8A) B. Harshith (10A) Third: Megha Janvi Kasula (7B)	Second: Muntaha Nisar (8A) Alumakanti Neetu (8A) Aisha Khan (8A) Kalva Varshini (8A) Devi Anjana (7A) Nitya Rana (7A) Aashi Anand (7B) Diya Daliya (7B) Devang Bajaj (7B) Viha Chowdary M. (6C) Tara Pattanaik (6B) Hasnain Ali Mirza (7B) Thakur Ranveer Singh (7B) Akshay Maddeula (6B) Mohammed Zohair (8A) Third: Kirti Mundada (7C) Akshita Yadav (8A) Lina Bhowmik (8A) Baswa Reyansh (8A) Vedant Sonii (6A) A. Sai Shruthika (7B) Rudhiksha Soni (6C) M. Sai Shreshtha (7B) Naraparaju Sahasra (6B) Ansh Rao (6A) Aravind L. (6B) Shreewardhani N. (6B) Aaradhya Thakur (6A) Mohd. Haroon (7B)	

One-minute Montage	Startup Spark
First: Sidhiksha S. (7C) Second: Nouman Tahaseen Khan (9A)	First: Aaron Maricar (12A) Tashneem Akhtar (12A) Second: Hasanuddin (9A) Rohan Siddharth (9A) Third: Shreya (11A) Risha Sariya (11A) Bhavya Sharma (11A)





Leader's Legacy

Discovering the Heart and Vision of Our Admirable Headmistress







Hello, Friends! We are Vihaan and Anirudh, students at Premia Academy, and we recently had a wonderful chat with our headmistress, Ms. Monica Arora. Let's dive into her amazing journey and some fun facts about her!

A Serendipitous Path to Leadership:

Ms. Monica Arora didn't always plan to be a headmistress. It all started with unexpected opportunities that she embraced wholeheartedly. Her story teaches us to welcome new chances that come our way because they might lead to great adventures!

Joy in Student Interaction:

Ms. Arora shared how much she loves being around students. She believes that the energy and enthusiasm of students make her job incredibly enjoyable. She says that interacting with students makes her feel young and vibrant!

Learning Together:

Did you know Ms. Arora learns from us too? She loves discovering new things about technology from students. This shows how learning is a two-way street, and everyone can teach something new.

Superpower Dream:

If Ms. Arora could have a superpower, she would make stories come alive in the library! Imagine characters from your favourite books walking around and talking to you – like a real-life movie!

Favourite School Events:

Ms. Arora loves two major school events: E4 Circuit and the Annual Day. E4 Circuit is all about exciting research, and the Annual Day is a grand celebration where everyone participates, showcasing their talents and hard work.

Inventing a New Subject:

If Ms. Arora could create a new school subject, it would be "Future Studies." This subject would explore emerging technologies and prepare us for the future, encouraging innovation and creativity.

Best Advice Ever:

One of the best pieces of advice Ms. Arora received was to "embrace failure." She explains that it's important to learn from our mistakes and keep moving forward, adapting to new situations.

Historical Inspiration:

Ms. Arora is inspired by Dr. Abdul Kalam, the "Missile Man of India." She admires his resilience and determination to achieve his dreams despite challenges.

School Blues:

Ms. Arora tells students that it's okay to feel nervous. She reassures them that they are in a safe environment where they will make friends, learn, and grow together.

Impactful Books and Movies:

Two movies that have significantly impacted Ms. Arora are "Three Idiots" and "Dear Zindagi." These films inspire her with their messages about friendship, mentorship, and overcoming struggles.





A Whole New World

Escapade to the Supermarket

Premia Cubs paid a visit to the supermarket and what an adventure it turned out to be! They learnt about various fruits, vegetables and items of daily use while also developing observation, communication and social skills, all the while having a blast. It surely had the energetic kids the least bit tired when they came hopping back to school, their enthusiasm inevitable.

Sreekruthi.G Gr (IX)







Ambient Cooking

Cooking without fire, it surely is a childhood core memory. These tiny culinarians managed to succeed at accomplishing this task by making sandwiches, salads and other snacks that were delicious, healthy and fun to eat as well!

- Sreekruthi. G Gr (IX)





Fresher's Party!

The arrival of the new Grade 11 students was celebrated with an exuberant freshers party, brimming with excitement and camaraderie. The party featured a dazzling array of activities, from a captivating ramp walk to games that ignited a palpable sense of friendly competition. As part of a surprise, the students were led into the Iris hall blindfolded and greeted with the delightful gesture of receiving roses. A delectable feast of pizzas was savoured by all, while the dance floor pulsated with energy. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of Mr. and Ms. Premia, which was bestowed upon Abbas Ali Khan and Shreya. Congratulations to them and a warm welcome to our new batch of Grade 11!

-Samyukthaa. M and Savvy. B Gr (XII)













Experiences and Workshops

Visit to RMZ Spire

The Class 11 Entrepreneurship students recently visited RMZ Spire, a renowned workspace hub, where they had the privilege of engaging with Mr. Praveen Akkiraju, Managing Director at Insight Partners. Mr. Akkiraju shared his journey from Cisco to his current role, leading an interactive session on topics such as Al's role in the job market, the dynamics of startups, and key entrepreneurial strategies. Students gained valuable perspectives on startup challenges and opportunities in today's evolving business landscape.

-Bhavya Sharma, Gr (XI)





Unleashing Creativity: UID Workshop Highlights

The recent UID workshop was a vibrant celebration of creativity and teamwork. Students were divided into groups based on their interests—gaming, fashion design, art, and storytelling. Each group embarked on a project that used their chosen medium to present a unique perspective on a global issue. Collaborative efforts underscored the power of creativity in addressing complex global challenges and Prisha from Grade 11 was awarded third prize in their art talent display competition.

-Kaamil. H Gr (XA)









Diplomathon - HPS Begumpet

The Diplomathon Global Conference held at the Hyderabad Public School Begumpet on 24th-25th August, was attended by the students. They were allocated into several committees and tasked with debating issues related to the agenda, solving problems, crisis management, crafting resolutions, and working papers. This allowed them to improve communication, demonstrate diplomacy, and become accustomed to continuous change representing committees.

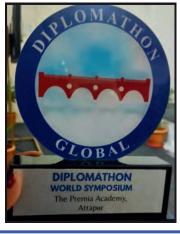
As a first-time delegate, I really enjoyed being a part of this. It helped me with my public speaking skills, building my confidence. Armed with moral principles of sustainability, understanding foreign policies, and analysis of various industries and sectors.

Congratulations to Shrutika (Gr VII) who received a special mention! I'm also proud to announce that our school is eligible to participate in the next level of this conference which will be held in Japan and Dubai! Out of 28 schools, only 8 schools were selected!

It is indeed a huge achievement

-Bhavya Sameera Gr (XI)











Empowered Educators

The Premia Academy Shines at IC3 Conference in Delhi

The prestigious IC3 Conference, held in Delhi, provided an fulfilling experience for educators and students alike, with its focus on innovation in career counselling and student development. Representing Premia Academy, our esteemed Headmistress Ms. Sunita Saripally and Middle School Coordinator, Ms. Subhadra Rani attended the event, bringing back valuable insights for school. The conference began with a captivating dance performance inspired by nature, symbolising the theme "From Competition to Competence." A significant highlight was the discussion on "Red and Blue Careers." Red careers were identified as those becoming outdated, while blue careers represented emerging professions.

In addition to the sessions, the conference featured numerous stalls, allowing attendees to network with representatives from top universities and high schools. Mental health and Meditation were also key topics at the conference. Overall, the IC3 Conference was an informative and inspiring event, equipping our educators with the tools to help students navigate their future careers with confidence and clarity.

-Maryam Ali Baig Gr (XB)











Parent Orientation

Our school held a successful parent orientation that focused on preparing students for exams, aligning home and school teaching methods for Grades 1 through 4. The orientation provided parents with insights into classroom strategies and practical tips for creating effective study routines and managing test anxiety, ensuring that support for students is consistent both at home and in school.

The feedback from parents was overwhelmingly positive, with many appreciating the clarity and expressing a desire for more such interactions. This enthusiasm highlights the importance of effective collaboration and our school is dedicated to planning more orientations to further enhance teamwork and support student achievement.

- Prisha P Gr (XI)









Empowered Educators

Elevating Computer Science Education: The CS-GEMS Workshop with IIT Hyderabad

The CS-GEMS workshop, a dynamic collaboration with IIT Hyderabad and led by Mr. Vasudeva Nataraja, took computer science teaching to the next level! Over two action-packed days, educators from all over India dove into the revolutionary C4 model—a toolkit for simplifying software architecture through clear, visual diagrams.

Day one kicked off online, where teachers got to grips with the C4 model's easy-to-use diagrams, from high-level context to nitty-gritty code details. The fun continued with a lively in-person session in Hyderabad, where local teachers turned theory into practice, crafting their own projects and sharing ideas.

The grand finale? Teachers who showcased exceptional projects earned the coveted CS-GEMS certification. It was a whirlwind of learning, collaboration, and innovation, setting a new standard for computer science education.

-Kaamil H Gr (X)





Enriching Experience: Exploring Advanced Math Concepts with Ms. Sarita

The Alpha Math (scholastic) session by Ms. Sarita was an informative and engaging masterclass. The session focused on advanced mathematical concepts and problem-solving techniques. She emphasised the application of mathematical principles in real-life scenarios, making the it both enlightening and practical. The teachers actively participated, and there was a palpable sense of enthusiasm for learning.

-Shreya Gr (XI)











Celebrations

A Vibrant Independence Day

Our school hosted a high-spirited assembly filled with patriotic fervour. The festivity began with the formal escorting of the senior management, followed by the ceremonious hoisting of the national flag and a stirring rendition of the national anthem by the choir. The celebration continued with energetic dance performances of beloved patriotic songs.

Adding a competitive edge to the festivities, an Inter house quiz competition was held where students showcased their knowledge of Indian history, geography, and culture. Agni House emerged as the winner! This engaging fusion of activities not only celebrated the essence of Independence Day but also fostered unity and pride among students.

-Prisha P Gr (XI)













Janmashtami: Bringing Lord Krishna's Birth to Life with Colour and Dance

A vibrant Janmashtami assembly was beautifully brought to life to celebrate the spirit of Lord Krishna's birth. It was a depiction of traditional stories, showcasing the rich cultural heritage associated with the occasion. In addition to the dances, engaging roleplays illustrated various episodes from Krishna's life, showcasing his miracles and playful exploits. Vibrant music and a festive atmosphere, provided both an educational and a joyous experience. The Premia Cubs, dressed as Radha and Krishna invited their parents to join them, leading to a galore of colourful performances.

-Prisha P Gr (XI)













Competitions

The Interschool fest: IMPULSE 2024

Impulse hosted by Meridian School, Kukatpally encompassed a variety of competitions in many categories such as painting and art, street plays, mime, film making and sports! It was an opportunity for us to expand our creative abilities and further engage in the jovial atmosphere of healthy competition, dazzling trophies and vibrant awards!

- Kaamil H. Gr (XA)





Band ROAR, 1st Prize







Radhika Tripathi Gr V, 2nd Prize JAM



Premia Academy shines at the Cultural Sports Fest

During the recent Cultural Sports Fest at Meluha International School, Premia Academy's basketball team showcased their skills and determination. The team kicked off their journey with an impressive victory against Edify School, advancing confidently to the quarterfinals. In the next round, they faced the formidable Sri Ram Universal School. Despite a valiant effort and strategic play, the team was narrowly defeated, marking the end of their tournament run. Our football team encountered a challenging first-round match against Glendale. And, even though the team was outplayed by their opponents and unfortunately had to exit the tournament, the team's performance was a highlight of the event, demonstrating their perseverance, growth and unity on the court.

-K. Soumik & M. Faizaan Gr (XI)





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Competitions

Thrilling Cricket Showdown: Premia Academy vs. Sri Ram Universal School

In an exhilarating cricket match, Premia Academy and Sri Ram Universal School delivered a game full of excitement and fast-paced action. Premia Academy won the toss and opted to bat first, putting up a solid total of 59 runs in 10 overs. Their innings were characterised by strategic play and determined effort.

However, Sri Ram Universal School showcased an impressive display of batting prowess, chasing down the target with remarkable speed. The swift run chase highlighted their exceptional skill and teamwork, leading them to a thrilling victory. This match will be remembered for its intense gameplay, capturing the essence of cricket's unpredictable and thrilling nature.

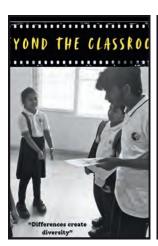
-Anirudh.G Gr (XB)



Srijan Filmfest: DPS Miyapur

On 10th August, we had the pleasure of attending the Srijan filmfest held at the Delhi public school at Miyapur. The festival was an extravaganza for all things film and cinema. The festival showcased films by various schools that celebrated the spirit of India! Representing Premia, the students of Grades 4, 5, 11 and 12 curated a short film called "Beyond the classroom" which discussed the impact of bullying and diversity. Everyone had a film-tastic time to say the least!

-Samyukthaa. M Gr (XII)





Meluha Art Competition

As an art teacher, I had the pleasure of taking my students to Meluha International School for an art competition, the event was filled with creative energy and artistic diversity, which was both inspiring and motivating. Watching my students immerse themselves in the competition, confidently presenting their work, was a proud moment for me. I felt incredibly happy and fulfilled when they won, knowing how much effort they had put into preparing for it. It was a wonderful experience, and their success not only highlighted their talent but also made the whole journey truly memorable. Congratulations to Aliza K (II Cam) - 1st prize, Kanak K (VA) - 2nd prize and Amina K (II Cam) - 3rd prize!

- Ms. Usha



K Circle Quiz

Celebrating Success !!! Our students shone bright at the K-Circle quiz competition held at HPS, Begumpet. Abbas Ali Khan and Mohammed Umar from Grade 11 made it to the finals and took home a cash prize.







Achievements

Principal of the Year 2024

Exciting News! We are thrilled to announce that our Principal, Ms. Trupti Rao, has been awarded the prestigious "Principal of the Year 2024" at the EDULEADERS Summit & Awards 2024, held on 24th August 2024 in Hyderabad.

This well-deserved recognition is a testament to her dedication, leadership, and commitment to excellence in education. We are proud to have her at the helm of The Premia Academy, Hyderabad.

Congratulations, Trupti ma'am, on this remarkable achievement!





Winning Streak



Aman Samuel (Gr. XA)
Special mention at the
SMISMUN '24 at Sancta
Maria International
School



Prisha Pandey (Gr. XI) Top 5 in the National Doms Art competition



Rohan Siddharth (Gr. IX) Special mention at the SMISMUN '24 at Sancta Maria International School



Zayna Ilham (PPIA)
3rd prize in colouring at
Syahi, the Meridian fest.





D.E.A.R - Drop Everything and Read

The Stone Cutter

Once upon a time there lived a stonecutter, who went every day to a great rock in the side of a big mountain and cut out slabs for gravestones or for houses. He understood very well the kinds of stones wanted for the different purposes, and as he was a careful workman he had plenty of customers. For a long time he was quite happy and contented, and asked for nothing better than what he had.

Now in the mountain dwelt a spirit which now and then appeared to men, and helped them in many ways to become rich and prosperous. The stonecutter, however, had never seen this spirit, and only shook his head, with an unbelieving air, when anyone spoke of it. But a time was coming when he learned to change his opinion.

One day the stonecutter carried a gravestone to the house of a rich man, and saw there all sorts of beautiful things, of which he had never even dreamed. Suddenly his daily work seemed to grow harder and heavier, and he said to himself: "Oh, if only I were a rich man, and could sleep in a bed with silken curtains and golden tassels, how happy I should be!"

And a voice answered him: "Your wish is heard; a rich man you shall be!"

At the sound of the voice the stonecutter looked around, but could see nobody. He thought it was all his fancy, and picked up his tools and went home, for he did not feel inclined to do any more work that day.

But when he reached the little house where he lived, he stood still with amazement, for instead of his wooden hut was a stately palace filled with splendid furniture, and most splendid of all was the bed, in every respect like the one he had envied. He was nearly beside himself with joy, and in his new life the old one was soon forgotten.

It was now the beginning of summer, and each day the sun blazed more fiercely. One morning the heat was so great that the stonecutter could scarcely breathe, and he determined he would stop at home till the evening. He was rather dull, for he had never learned how to amuse himself, and was peeping through the closed blinds to see what was going on in the street, when a little carriage passed by, drawn by servants dressed in blue and silver. In the carriage sat a prince, and over his head a golden umbrella was held, to protect him from the sun's rays.

"Oh, if I were only a prince!" said the stonecutter to himself, as the carriage vanished around the corner. "Oh, if I were only a prince, and could go in such a carriage and have a golden umbrella held over me, how happy I should be!"

And a prince he was. Before his carriage rode one company of men and another behind it; servants dressed in scarlet and gold bore him along, the coveted umbrella was held over his head, everything his heart could desire was his. But yet it was not enough. He looked around still for something to wish for, and when he saw that in spite of the water he poured on the grass the rays of the sun scorched it, and that in spite of the umbrella held over his head each day his face grew browner and browner, he cried in his anger: "The sun is mightier than I; oh, if I were only the sun!"

And the mountain spirit answered: "Your wish is heard; the sun you shall be."

And the sun he was, and felt himself proud in his power. He shot his beams above and below, on earth and in heaven; he burnt up the grass in the fields and scorched the faces of princes as well as of poorer folk. but in a short time he began to grow tired of his might, for there seemed nothing left for him to do. Discontent once more filled his soul, and when a cloud covered his face, and hid the earth from him, he cried in his anger: "Does the cloud hold captive my rays, and is it mightier than !?

Oh, that I were a cloud, and mightier than any!"

And the mountain spirit answered: "Your wish is heard; a cloud you shall be!"

And a cloud he was, and lay between the sun and the earth. He caught the sun's beams and held them, and to his joy the earth grew green again and flowers blossomed. But that was not enough for him, and for days and week he poured forth rain till the rivers overflowed their banks, and the crops of rice stood in water. Towns and villages were destroyed by the power of the rain, only the great rock on the mountainside remained unmoved. The cloud was amazed at the sight, and

cried in wonder: "Is the rock, then, mightier than I? Oh, if I were only the rock!"

And the mountain spirit answered; "Your wish is heard; the rock you shall be!"



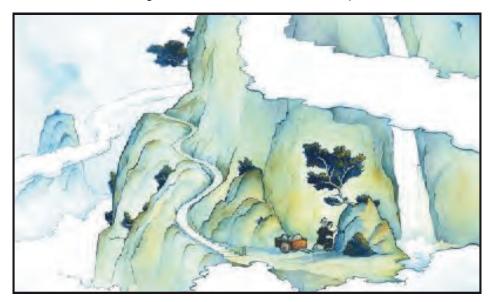


D.E.A.R - Drop Everything and Read

And the rock he was, and gloried in his power. Proudly he stood, and neither the heat of the sun nor the force of the rain could move him. "This is better than all!" he said to himself. But one day he heard a strange noise at his feet, and when he looked down to see what it could be, he saw a stonecutter driving tools into his surface. Even while he looked a trembling feeling ran all through him, and a great block broke off and fell upon the ground. Then he cried in his wrath: "Is a mere child of earth mightier than a rock? Oh, if I were only a man!"

And the mountain spirit answered: "Your wish is heard. A man once more you shall be!"

And a man he was, and in the sweat of his brow he toiled again at his trade of stone cutting. His bed was hard and his food scanty, but he had learned to be satisfied with it, and did not long to be something or somebody else. And as he never asked for things he did not have, or desired to be greater and mightier than other people, he was happy at last, and never again heard the voice of the mountain spirit.



Gentle Reminder: Final call for your stories to come in! (23rd September 2024)

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Literacy Day

As part of our Community Outreach Program and Interact club initiative, our team visited a government school to celebrate the occasion of Literacy Day with their students. They explained the significance of the day and engaged with the children by teaching them rhymes and creating leaf imprints. Additionally, they also introduced them to the basics of martial arts as a physical activity and for self-defence. To conclude the celebration on a positive note, our students presented them with memorabilia as takeaways to encourage learning and participation.

-Shreya Gr (XI)













Brain Teasers

Spot the difference - Think you'll be able to find all 5 of them?!



Riddle Me This



What is the smallest number that increases by 12 when it is flipped and turned upside-down?
 You know 2 + 2 comes to the same as 2 x 2. Now find a set of three different whole numbers whose sum is equal to their total when multiplied.

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