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# Message from The Vice Principal

Dear Students, Staff, and Esteemed Parents,



‘Greetings to everyone as we embrace this festive season’

Education isn't just a process—it's a journey, a lifelong adventure shaping who we are and where we go. It's not only a passport to the future but to endless possibilities. As the saying goes, "Tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." But education is not just preparation for life—it is life. With every challenge we conquer and idea we explore, we move closer to our full potential.

Being Vice Principal, it's both my responsibility and privilege to walk this path with you, witnessing dreams take shape and goals turn into achievements. Education is a shared journey among teachers, parents, and students. Together, we are building a nurturing space where every child can discover strengths, pursue passions, and grow into their best selves. Our students' accomplishments, whether in academics, sports, or creative activities, reflect this collaboration. From excelling in zonal and district competitions to standing with Delhi's top schools, every milestone makes us proud. I thank our dedicated staff, hardworking students, and supportive parents—your trust and passion have made these achievements possible.

With diligence, devotion, and dedication, we can transform this school into a modern temple of learning, where the future isn't just awaited—it is shaped by us. Let's commit to making this institution not just a school but a vibrant community of growth and learning, where every student dreams big and achieves even bigger.

Together, let's keep growing, learning, and excelling.

**Ashwani Kumar Sharma**  
(Vice Principal)

## Congratulations!

### OUR ACHIEVERS



**Khushi Sharma**, a Class IX student from the Sainik Farm branch, and **Luv Sharma**, a Class VIII student from the Devli branch, stand out for their remarkable prowess in Taekwondo. With a deep passion for sports, they have both won **Gold Medals** in the **State-Level Taekwondo championship** and have qualified for the **National-Level Championship**.



**Krishna** from XII-A, Batch 2023-24, has made his parents and St. Mary's School proud by being selected as a **Merchant Navy candidate** at the Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies (SIMS) through Executive Ship Management. This remarkable achievement highlights his dedication and hard work. Krishna's success not only serves as an inspiration to his peers but also reflects the excellent guidance and support provided by St. Mary's School in nurturing aspiring leaders for the nation.



**Mehwish (VIII-A) and Khushi (VIII-C)** from SMPS Devli showcased their creativity at the annual event "**A Sankalan of Witpicks**," hosted by **Kalka Public School**, and impressively secured **Third Position** in the **Boho Craft competition**.

### CONDOLENCE



It is with profound sadness that we extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Mahesh, our esteemed Transport Incharge, who has left us far too soon. As a close-knit community at St. Mary's School, we mourn this loss together and share in the deep grief that affects us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones during this difficult time.

# A Celebration of Excellence



“To be a champion, compete; to be a great champion, compete with the best; but to be the greatest champion, compete with yourself.” This spirit resonated at St. Mary’s Public School during the Felicitation Ceremony on July 20th, honoring the Grade X and XII toppers (Batch 2023-24).

The event was graced by **Dr. Ashok Kumar Tyagi, Deputy Director of Education** (South Delhi), along with students, proud parents, and school staff. The Director, Dr. Thomas George, Principal

Ms. Daisy Thomas, Vice Principals, and Administrator Mr. Aby Thomas Alex welcomed the gathering. A presentation showcased the school’s commitment to nurturing students through academic rigor and extracurricular activities.

Ms. Daisy Thomas congratulated the students, applauding their hard work and perseverance. As each topper’s name was announced, the hall echoed with cheers, and proud parents captured the joyous moments as their children smiled with pride. Dr. Tyagi praised the school’s dedica-

tion to holistic education and motivated students by stating, “**The sky is not the limit.**” He emphasized the teamwork behind every achievement.

The Director, Dr. Thomas George, concluded the ceremony with an inspiring address, urging students to keep aiming high. The event left everyone motivated to pursue new goals with confidence and determination.

**Mrs. Anita Sharma Teacher ( Sainik Farm) Editorial Member**

## RESULT OF ZONAL COMPETITION (2024-2025) MOMENT OF TRIUMPH

S.no.	Date of Event	Event Name	Student Name	Class and Sec	Branch	Position	Level of Competition
1	08-08-2024	English Essay Writing Competition	Yutika Ranjan	8A	Devli	2Nd	Zonal Competition
2	08-08-2024	English Essay Writing Competition	Ishaani Sharma	8B	Neb Sarai	3Rd	Zonal Competition
3	09-08-2024	Chess Competition	Divesh	11D	Sainik Farm	3Rd	Zonal Competition
4	09-08-2024	Chess Competition	Mohit	11C	Sainik Farm	3Rd	Zonal Competition
5	09-08-2024	Chess Competition	Tapish	11E	Sainik Farm	3Rd	Zonal Competition
6	12-08-2024	Poster Competition	Pakhi	8A	Devli	2Nd	Zonal Competition
7	12-08-2024	English Extempore Competition	Aarav Sharma	7B	Neb Sarai	1St	Zonal Competition
8	12-08-2024	Hindi Extempore Competition	Prachi Guliya	11F	Sainik Farm	3Rd	Zonal Competition
9	12-08-2024	Punjabi Poetry Recitation	Namrata	7B	Devli	1St	Zonal Competition
10	12-08-2024	Urdu Poetry Recitation.	Afiya Salim	10G	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
11	13-08-2024	English Poetry Recitation Competition	Akansha Singh	8C	Neb Sarai	1St	Zonal Competition
12	13-08-2024	English Poetry Recitation Competition	Anshika Lenka	11B	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
13	14-08-2024	Collage Making Competition	Naitik Basantia	8A	Neb Sarai	1St	Zonal Competition
14	14-08-2024	Collage Making Competition	Aarav Sharma	8A	Neb Sarai	1St	Zonal Competition
15	16-08-2024	English Debate Competition	Tejas Bagri	8A	Devli	2Nd	Zonal Competition
16	16-08-2024	English Debate Competition	Saiyam Kaushik	8C	Devli	2Nd	Zonal Competition
17	16-08-2024	English Debate Competition	Ayushi Sahoo	8B	Neb Sarai	1St	Zonal Competition
18	16-08-2024	English Debate Competition	Syeda Afifa Raza Abdi	8A	Neb Sarai	1St	Zonal Competition
19	16-08-2024	English Debate Competition	Ishty Mathur	12D	Sainik Farm	3Rd	Zonal Competition

20	16-08-2024	English Debate Competition	Vatsalya Jha	12B	Sainik Farm	3Rd	Zonal Competition
21	16-08-2024	Solo Classical Dance Competition	Anika Srivastava	12A	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
22	16-08-2024	Badminton Competition Sr.	Puneet Singh	12A	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
23	16-08-2024	Badminton Competition Sr.	Vansh Sharma	12A	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
24	16-08-2024	Badminton Competition Sr.	Saransh	9G	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
25	16-08-2024	Badminton Competition Sr.	Lakshya Dhaulakhandi	9F	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
26	16-08-2024	Badminton Competition Sr.	Aditya Rawat	10C	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
27	17-08-2024	Instrumental Music Swar	Karnik Yadav	8A	Neb Sarai	3Rd	Zonal Competition
28	17-08-2024	Instrumental Music Swar	Somesh Bhardwaj	12F	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
29	17-08-2024	Mono Acting	Yajat Kumar	8C	Neb Sarai	3Rd	Zonal Competition
30	17-08-2024	Badminton Competition Jr.	Lavesh Dagar	90E	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
31	17-08-2024	Badminton Competition Jr.	Nipun Arora	9E	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
32	17-08-2024	Badminton Competition Jr.	Naksh Rathi	10A	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
33	17-08-2024	Badminton Competition Jr.	Aaryan Raj	10C	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
34	17-08-2024	Badminton Competition Jr.	Yash	9F	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
35	20-08-2024	English Declamation	Shashwat	7B	Devli	1St	Zonal Competition
36	20-08-2024	English Declamation	Mannat Verma	8D	Neb Sarai	2Nd	Zonal Competition
37	20-08-2024	English Declamation	Anshika Lenka	11B	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
38	21-08-2024	Hindi Declamation	Chitranshi	8A	Devli	1St	Zonal Competition
39	22-08-2024	Badminton(Sub.jr. Boys)	Utkarsh Rathi	8C	Neb Sarai	1St	Zonal Competition
40	22-08-2025	Badminton(Sub.jr. Boys)	Piyush Chamoli	8A	Neb Sarai	1St	Zonal Competition
41	22-08-2026	Badminton(Sub.jr. Boys)	Yashvardhan Rathi	7C	Neb Sarai	1St	Zonal Competition
42	22-08-2027	Badminton(Sub.jr. Boys)	Shivam Singh	8A	Neb Sarai	1St	Zonal Competition
43	22-08-2028	Badminton(Sub.jr. Boys)	Shaurya Rathi	8D	Neb Sarai	1St	Zonal Competition
44	27-08-2024	Folk Group Dance Competition	Kritika Aswal	12C	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
45	27-08-2024	Folk Group Dance Competition	Shreya Rana	12B	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
46	27-08-2024	Folk Group Dance Competition	Simran Kumari	10C	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
47	27-08-2024	Folk Group Dance Competition	Aditi Gupta	9F	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
48	27-08-2024	Folk Group Dance Competition	Alsifa Khan	9B	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
49	27-08-2024	Folk Group Dance Competition	Sunakshi	9A	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
50	27-08-2024	Folk Group Dance Competition	Ritika Aggarwal	11C	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
51	27-08-2024	Folk Group Dance Competition	Ishty Mathur	12D	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
52	27-08-2024	Folk Group Dance Competition	Ishita Singhal	10G	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
53	27-08-2024	Folk Group Dance Competition	Varsha Bhardwaj	10G	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
54	27-08-2024	Folk Group Dance Competition	Simran Chauhan	9F	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
55	27-08-2024	Folk Group Dance Competition	Minakshi Singh	9B	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
56	27-08-2024	Folk Group Dance Competition	Sai Simran	10D	Sainik Farm	1St	Zonal Competition
57	30-08-2024	Drama Competition	Kshama Jain	11E	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
58	30-08-2024	Drama Competition	Kapil Khareta	11E	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
59	30-08-2024	Drama Competition	Prachi Guliya	11F	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
60	30-08-2024	Drama Competition	Anushka Chaudhary	11F	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
61	30-08-2024	Drama Competition	Aditi Sharma	11F	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
62	30-08-2024	Drama Competition	Rakshit Kasana	11F	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
63	30-08-2024	Drama Competition	Anchit Janjua	12A	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
64	30-08-2024	Drama Competition	Aditi Tomar	12C	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
65	30-08-2024	Drama Competition	Somesh Bhardwaj	12F	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
66	30-08-2024	Drama Competition	Nandani Jhangara	12F	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
67	30-08-2024	Drama Competition	Neha Singh	12F	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
68	30-08-2024	Drama Competition	Ayush Biswakarma	10B	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Zonal Competition
1	04-09-2024	Poster Competition	Pakhi	8A	Devli	2Nd	Dist. Level Competition
2	06-09-2024	Collage Making Competition	Naitik Basantia	8A	Neb Sarai	3Rd	Dist. Level Competition
3	06-09-2024	Collage Making Competition	Aarav Sharma	8A	Neb Sarai	3Rd	Dist. Level Competition

4	10-09-2024	English Extempore	Aarav Sharma	7B	Neb Sarai	3Rd	Dist. Level Competition
5	10-09-2024	Hindi Declamation	Chitranshi	8A	Devli	3Rd	Dist. Level Competition
6	10-09-2024	English Declamation	Shashwat	7B	Devli	1St	Dist. Level Competition
7	10-09-2024	Essay Writing Competition	Yutika Ranjan	8A	Devli	1St	Dist. Level Competition
8	11-09-2024	English Debate Competition	Tejas Bagri	8A	Devli	1St	Dist. Level Competition
9	11-09-2024	English Debate Competition	Saiyam Kaushik	8C	Devli	1St	Dist. Level Competition
10	11-09-2024	English Debate Competition	Ayushi Sahoo	8B	Neb Sarai	3Rd	Dist. Level Competition
11	11-09-2024	English Debate Competition	Syeda Afifa Raza Abdi	8A	Neb Sarai	3Rd	Dist. Level Competition
12	11-09-2024	English Debate Competition	Ishty Mathur	12D	Sainik Farm	3Rd	Dist. Level Competition
13	11-09-2024	English Debate Competition	Vatsalya Jha	12B	Sainik Farm	3Rd	Dist. Level Competition
14	11-09-2024	Urdu Poetry Recitation	Afiya Salim	10G	Sainik Farm	2Nd	Dist. Level Competition
15	11-09-2024	English Poetry Competition	Anshika Lenka	11B	Sainik Farm	1St	Dist. Level Competition

## New Voices, New Visions: Messages from Our Student Leaders, Sainik Farm

### A Commitment to Unity and Excellence



those around you.”

I, Priyanshu Bainik, am honored to serve as the Head Boy of the school for the 2024-25 session. This role is not just a personal achievement, but a commitment to the

“Leadership is not about a title or designation, but about impact, influence, and inspiration. Impact means achieving results, influence is sharing your passion, and inspiring

values of our school community. I pledge to uphold the highest leadership, integrity, and service standards. I am grateful for the trust my peers and faculty have placed in me, and I promise to work hard to honor that trust.

My vision for our school emphasizes unity, inclusivity, and excellence. Each of us plays a vital role in shaping our community's future. Together, we can create an environment where every student feels valued and empowered to achieve their potential. I look forward to working with student leaders,

teachers, and administrators to improve the school experience for all.

I encourage everyone to participate in school activities, pursue their passions, and strive for excellence. Our strength lies in unity, and by working together, there are no limits to what we can achieve. Let's move forward with determination and a shared sense of purpose.

**Priyanshu Bainik,  
XII-B (Head Boy)**

### A Journey of Growth and Leadership as Head Girl



transformative, thanks to the love, care, and occasional scoldings from our teachers. It's incredible how the thought of leaving this school brings tears to my eyes, as it has become a significant part of my identity.

A school is more than just a place for academic lessons; it's a nurturing environment where we become well-rounded individuals. My journey from preschool to class 12 has been

My growth here has been profound—from learning the basics of writing to debating at the state level, composing articles and poems, and evolving from a quiet student to the Head Girl. This role has imparted invaluable lessons in leadership, compassion, and dedication. As Head Girl, I aimed to bridge the gap between management and students, fostering trust and open communication. I took the initiative in assisting juniors, encouraging excellence, and managing behind-the-scenes activities.

Serving as Head Girl has been both demanding and fulfilling, contributing significantly to my personal growth. I am committed to continuing my efforts, listening to your needs, and striving to make our school a thriving community. I'm deeply grateful to the school authority for this opportunity and to my SMPS family for their unwavering support.

**Vatsalya Jha, XII-B,  
(Head Girl)**

### Fostering Growth and Unity: A Vision for Our School's Future



also actively participating in initiatives that improve our educational environment.

As the Deputy Head Boy, I am truly honored and excited to contribute to the continuous growth of our school. My role involves not only representing the student body but

A key focus will be enhancing communication between students and staff to address concerns effectively and encourage positive changes. I am also dedicated to broadening our range of extracurricular activities by introducing new clubs and societies that reflect diverse student interests, enriching our school experience, and supporting both personal and academic growth. Moreover, promoting mental health is a priority for me,

and I am committed to creating a supportive and inclusive environment for everyone. Ultimately, improving our school is a shared responsibility. I am enthusiastic about working together to build a more engaging, nurturing, and inspiring experience for all members of our community.

**Puneet,  
XII-A Deputy (Head Boy)**

## Leading with Purpose: A Vision for a Greener Tomorrow



The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share. Inspired by these words, I feel deeply honored to step into the role of president of the Eco Club. This opportunity comes with the responsibility to lead a group of passionate individuals dedicated to making a positive impact on our environment...Becoming the president of the Eco Club is both an honor and a significant responsibility, offering the

chance to lead a group of passionate individuals committed to making a positive impact on our environment. As I step into this role, my goal is to inspire, educate, and engage our community in sustainable practices. To achieve this, I plan to establish a clear and compelling vision with specific, achievable goals that will align our efforts and motivate our members. Organizing engaging events, like tree planting days and sustainability workshops, will be essential for raising awareness and driving change. Additionally, I aim to raise awareness about critical environmental issues—such

as climate change, biodiversity loss, and plastic pollution—through campaigns, social media, and presentations. Encouraging active participation from all members is key to fostering a strong, motivated team, and I plan to create an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and empowered. Leading the Eco Club is an exciting journey filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and inspire others, and together, we can create a more sustainable future for our community.

**Parul, XII-F President (Eco Club)**

## Embracing Culture: A Path to Holistic Growth



**“A person without the knowledge of culture is a tree without roots.”**

As president of the Cultural Club, I believe that true education extends beyond academics; it requires an understanding of our society and its cultural heritage. Our club serves as

a bridge connecting students with the rich traditions, values, and customs of our country. Through activities such as festival celebrations, performances on national days, and cultural events, we nurture creativity, leadership, and a spirit of unity. These experiences shape our personalities and promote a deep appreciation for cultural diversity, enriching our intellectual, organizational, and social

skills. I encourage you to participate in cultural activities, as they provide a unique opportunity to grow holistically, honor our heritage, and strengthen our bonds as a community. Together, let's celebrate our diversity and carry forward the legacy of our vibrant culture.

**Chetanshi, XII-A President (Cultural Club)**

## Leading with Passion: A New Era for Sports at St. Mary's



**“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or**

**learning to do.”** As the newly appointed Sports Captain of "St. Mary's Public School" for the 2024-25 session, I am

deeply honored and grateful for the trust our Principal ma'am, and sports teachers placed in me. This role presents an invaluable opportunity for personal growth and development. My current initiative is to organize inter-house sports competitions to encourage healthy competition and camaraderie among students, while also identifying talented athletes for district and state-level tournaments. Looking ahead,

my goal is to boost student participation in sports by motivating everyone to explore various athletic activities. This approach will help students discover new interests and find sports that align with their strengths. I am excited to contribute to our school's sports culture and make a meaningful impact in the coming year.

**Sahil Khan, XII-A (Sports Captain)**

## Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time



**A**s the secretary of our school's Art Club, I have the unique opportunity to blend leadership with creativity, a role that is both challenging

and incredibly rewarding. This position has shaped my approach to teamwork, organization, and artistic expression. Art education enhances problem-solving and

critical thinking skills, contributing positively to academic performance while offering a space for students to explore and express their creativity beyond the standard curriculum. Our primary goal is to create an inclusive environment where every student feels encouraged to discover and develop their artistic talents. Whether you're an experienced artist or a beginner, our club welcomes you to nurture your creativity. We've introduced a range of engaging

activities, from collaborative art projects to exhibitions, making our club dynamic and inspiring. A special thanks to our Art Club in-charge, Mrs. Soma Ma'am, for providing students with opportunities to explore various art forms and compete at zonal levels. I am excited about the future and look forward to this creative journey with all our members.

**Shradha Subhanki,  
XII-B Secretary (Art Club)**

## New Voices, New Visions: Messages from Our Student Leaders, Neb Sarai

### Fostering a spirit of unity, leading with integrity



**B**ecoming the Head Boy has been one of the most significant achievements of my school life. This position was not just handed to me; I earned it through hard work, dedication

to my studies, and active involvement in various school activities. From representing the school in zonal events to participating in academic competitions,

I have always strived to set a positive example for my peers.

As a Head Boy, my main responsibilities include maintaining discipline, helping organize events, and ensuring that the student body's concerns are heard and addressed. I believe that a good leader leads by example. Hence, I'll always make sure to follow the rules and encourage others to do the same. My goal is to inspire future Head Boys by demonstrating that

leadership comes with responsibility and a strong commitment to the school community. I also aim to improve school discipline by promoting a culture of respect, where students are encouraged to be punctual, responsible, and considerate towards each other. I believe that with consistent effort and teamwork, we can create an environment where every student feels motivated and valued.

**Yajat Kumar, VIII C (Neb Sarai) Head Boy**

### "A responsibility and an opportunity to serve, lead, and inspire"



**L**ife is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance; you must keep moving it to live it to the fullest !!!

I believe if external motivation and others can't inspire you and you are the only one to inspire and motivate yourself, then you are one of the best instances of a true and heroic leader.

First and foremost, I express my earnest gratitude to the heavenly God for his benevolence and further to my all teachers, mentors, and guides, who observed and recognized my capabilities and capacities thus giving me the responsibility to serve and shoulder the school warmly. I am immensely obliged to my teachers and parents for making me as dynamic as being a head girl. Though this journey seems to be very complicated and challenging I believe that I will be

fully determined for my position and will accomplish my duties with utmost sincerity and enthusiasm I will try to become a companion to my fellow mates and juniors so that they can share their views and ideas with substantial voice and look up to me as an inspirational guiding individual. To conclude, I promise my school to serve it by breaking my record and exceeding my limit of sincerity, honesty, and dedication.

**Ishaani Sharma, VIII B (Neb Sarai) Head Girl**

### "Becoming a sports captain typically involves demonstrating leadership, responsibility, and dedication"



**M**y focus was on excelling in my sport, honing my skills, and consistently performing at my best. Alongside this, I made a conscious effort to build strong

relationships with my teammates and coaches, demonstrating a commitment

to both the team's success and individual growth. By actively participating in team activities, communicating effectively, and showing unwavering support, I gradually earned the respect and trust needed to take on the role of sports captain. Success in sports is not measured only by trophies or medals, but by how much we improve, how well we support one another, and how we handle both victories and defeats. I am

committed to making this year the most successful and enjoyable one yet for our team. I am grateful for this opportunity and continue to grow, support my teammates, and contribute positively to our school community.

**Utkarsh Rathi, VIII C (Neb Sarai) Boys Sports Captain**

### "Leadership is not about being the best, but about inspiring others to be their best"



**I** had a dream that seemed both exciting and daunting: to become a sports captain. I envisioned myself as a captain, guiding my teammates, strategizing during games, and

contributing to the team's success. The path to this goal, however, was far from

straightforward and required more than just ambition. I was determined to turn my dream into a reality. My willpower and determination were unwavering. I took on various responsibilities, from organizing practices to motivating my teammates.

I got an opportunity to become the sports captain and it was a significant achievement, representing the culmination

of years of effort and resilience. Reflecting on my journey, I realized that achieving my dream was not just about reaching a goal but also about the personal growth I experienced along the way. The challenges I faced, taught me the value of persistence and the importance of staying committed to my dreams.

**Nandini Tanwar, VIII D (Neb Sarai) Girls Sports Captain**

## “Leaders are not born they are made”



**T**o me, being a House Captain means more than just wearing a badge; it's about representing the values of our house—determination, respect, and resilience. As a house captain, I will not only encourage you all to aim for victory in competitions but also to support and uplift each other in every situation, win or lose. I believe that true leadership is about serving others. My goal as your House Captain would be to lead by example—whether it's giving

my all in a competition, cheering from the sidelines, or helping someone overcome a challenge. I want each of you to feel confident in your abilities, knowing that we are stronger together. When one of us succeeds, we all succeed.

It's not just about the trophies or points; it's about the memories we create, the friendships we strengthen, and the life lessons we learn along the way. I want to help foster a spirit of enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship in everything we do. At the same time, I feel my shoulders heavy with great responsibilities to carry out this role. I

am confident that I am suitable for this responsibility. And I promise to work hard to be an effective leader that you would be proud of. And this is how I see Ashoka House along with other houses: the atmosphere of respect towards other teachers and each other including other houses too. I come before you not as a leader but rather as a person who puts your interest first before mine. As a great person said, “Leaders are not born they are made.”

**Kanak Dagar, VIII C (Neb Sarai)  
Ashoka House Captain**

## “Empowering Each Voice: Achieving Together”



**I** am passionate about making a difference in our house and our school community. It is with great honor that I stand before you as a candidate for House Captain. I believe that a House Captain should be someone who is approachable, dependable, and committed to the success and well-being of every member of the

house. Over the years, I have had the privilege of participating in various house activities, from sports to academics, and I have seen firsthand the power of teamwork, dedication, and a positive attitude. As your House Captain, I promise to lead by example. I will not only encourage participation but also ensure that everyone feels valued and motivated to contribute their unique talents to our house. Whether it's on the field, in the classroom, or during house meetings, I will be there to support

you, cheer you on, and work alongside you. One of my main goals as House Captain will be to build a stronger sense of community within our house. I believe that when we work together, we can achieve great things. I will strive to create an inclusive environment where every voice is heard, and where we celebrate not just our victories, but also the efforts and improvements of each member.

**Lakshay Yadav  
VIII B (Neb Sarai), Subash House**

## “Leading with Integrity - Inspiring with Action.”



**I** have been part of this school for of many years and during that time, I've had the privilege of participating in many events. I've learned that true success comes from working together, supporting one another, and pushing ourselves to do better every day. As house captain, I would lead by example—giving my best in every challenge and encouraging everyone to

do the same. Our house is more than just a name or colour; it represents teamwork, determination, and respect. As a house captain, my first priority would be to ensure that every member of our house feels valued and included. Whether it's on the sports field, in academic competitions, or during house activities, I want every one of us to contribute our strengths and feel proud to represent our house. I am not here to promise victory in every competition, but I do promise dedication. Whether we win or lose, we will stand

together, learn from every experience, and move forward as a stronger, united team. I want to create an atmosphere where hard work, respect, and sportsmanship are our core values. I am grateful for this opportunity and am committed to continuing to grow, support my house, and contribute positively to our school community.

**Manikaran Kumar  
VIII A (Neb Sarai)  
Nehru House Captain**

## “Demonstrating Leadership, Responsibility, and Dedication”



**I** used to be a very quiet and unconfident girl, but this school has transformed me into a confident and independent individual. The supportive environment, along with the opportunities provided here, allowed me to step out of my comfort zone and discover my true potential. I've grown not just academically, but also as a person,

learning to believe in myself and take on challenges with courage. Becoming a house captain was not easy for me, I had never imagined that I would be ever in this post, but through persistence, hard work, and the encouragement of my peers and teachers, I've risen to the challenge. In this role, I have learned the importance of teamwork, responsibility, and empathy. Leading my house has taught me how to listen to others, make decisions under pressure, and inspire my peers to strive

for excellence. I've also gained a deeper understanding of the value of discipline, dedication, and time management in my personal growth and in achieving collective goals. This experience has not only made me a better leader but also a more compassionate and understanding person. I am grateful for this opportunity and am committed to continuing to grow, support my house, and contribute positively to our school community.

**Anushka Xalxo  
VIII C (Neb Sarai), Gandhi House Captain**

## New Voices, New Visions: Messages from Our Student Leaders, Devli

### Responsibility to Serve, Lead and Inspire



**B**eing responsible is an enormous privilege, it what makes anyone a grown human.....

I am overwhelmed with emotions as I stand proud, humbled, and honored to have been elected as the Head Boy of St. Mary's. This moment marks a significant milestone in my academic journey, and I am thrilled to take on this prestigious role.

As I reflect on my journey, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of school authority, teachers, and friends. Their guidance, encouragement, and trust have shaped me into the individual I am today.

Becoming Head Boy is not just a title; it's a responsibility to serve, lead, and inspire my fellow students. I promise to work tirelessly to promote excellence, encourage unity, inclusivity and benevolence within our school community.

This achievement reinforces my belief that hard work, perseverance, and dedication can transform aspirations into reality. I am eager to collaborate with my peers, teachers, and administration to create a positive impact and leave a lasting legacy.

I thank you to everyone who has contributed to my growth. I am proud to represent St. Mary's and pledge to make our school proud.

**Tejas Bagri, Head Boy (Devli)**

### Leaders of Tomorrow: Transforming Limitation to Responsibility

#### Achieving Goals



**"B**efore you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others."

To begin with, I would like to express my sincere thanks to respected Administrator sir, teachers and my fellow schoolmates for your guidance, support and giving me the responsibility as head girl to maintain discipline and create a healthy environment with the help of teacher and other captains of the school.

Pablo Picasso, Spanish painter and sculptor once quoted that – "Our goals can only be reached through a vehicle of

a plan, in which we must believe and upon which we must vigorously act. There is no other route to success." This is very true, with the help of pure intention, dedication, integrity and high team spirit our school has set high standards of excellence in each area for the core development of students. As our school always creates an opportunity to become a good leader with high standard of education and commitment to nurture for our bright future and ensure that each one of us gets equal opportunity so that we can prove our potential and grow with high set of goals and desires. It is ultimately up to us who can turn the dreams into reality.

To my fellow schoolmates, I urge you to embrace curiosity; innovation and think out of box to achieve a big goal in life. Let's

challenge ourselves to explore uncharted areas and take risks, learn from failures and celebrate successes, no matter how small they are.

Moreover, let us cultivate a healthy atmosphere with unity of strength and respect for all, support your peers, celebrate their victories and lend a hand in their struggles. Remember, our individual successes contribute to the collective greatness of our school.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the new journey to undertake together achievements that will truly unforgettable this year for the core development of our prestigious school

**SHREYA, VIII-A,  
HEAD GIRL ( Devli )**

### The Importance of Sports in Our Life: The Holistic Perspective....



**"I learned all about life with a ball at my feet."**

**Ronaldinho**

Sports have always played a crucial role in human society, evolving from ancient rituals to a global phenomenon that unites people of all ages, background, and cultures. The significance of sports extends far beyond physical activity; it impacts individuals and

communities in profound ways, fostering physical health, mental well-being, social cohesion, and character development. This article delves into the multifaceted importance of sports, emphasizing its benefits for individuals and society at large.

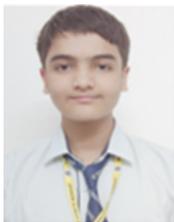
The importance of sports in modern society cannot be overstated. It is a powerful force that enhances physical health, mental well-being, social interaction, and character development. Sports also offer educational and career opportunities, while promoting

inclusivity and driving social change.

Whether at a grass root level or elite lives sports contribute to a healthier, more connected, and equitable world. As such encouraging participation in sports should be the priority for individuals, communities, and policymakers alike, ensuring that the benefits of sports are accessible to all.

**Rashi Sharma  
Sports Captain ( Girls )  
VIII-C (DEVLI)**

## The Art of Elocution: Mastering the Power of Speech



**E**locution, often called the "art of speaking," goes far beyond mere articulation. It is the mastery of delivering speech with clarity, expressiveness, and precision, ensuring

that the spoken word not only reaches the audience but resonates deeply.

Historically, elocution was a formal part of education, especially for those training in law, drama, and oratory. In today's world, it remains essential for anyone who wants to communicate effectively, be it in public speaking, presentations, or daily conversation.

At its core, elocution involves several components: pronunciation, tone, pitch,

volume, and rhythm. Pronunciation ensures that words are spoken correctly and intelligibly. Tone and pitch reflect the emotions behind the words—whether they are meant to be commanding, comforting, or persuasive. Volume helps in ensuring that the message is heard clearly without being overwhelming, and rhythm gives speech its natural flow, making it easier to follow. Mastering these elements can significantly elevate the quality of communication.

Beyond voice, body language plays an important role in the art of elocution. Gestures, posture, and facial expressions can enhance the spoken word, reinforcing key points or conveying emotion. The way a speaker presents themselves physically can often be as powerful as the words they

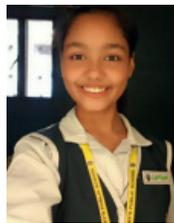
speak. When voice and body language work together seamlessly, the speaker becomes more engaging, capturing the audience's attention and making the message more memorable.

Elocution is an art that requires practice and awareness. Even those who feel uncomfortable speaking in front of others can improve their skills through deliberate practice. Speech exercises, vocal warm-ups, and studying great orators are just a few ways to develop better elocution. Ultimately, it empowers individuals to express themselves confidently and persuasively, turning speech into a powerful tool for influence and connection.

**Saiyam Kaushik ( VIII- C )**

**Captain - Subhash House (Devli)**

## Teamwork: Less "Me" and More "We"



"Teamwork: Less 'Me' More 'We'" encapsulates the essence of collaborative effort.

Hard work, a vital component of teamwork, is defined as diligent

and consistent effort towards achieving a common goal, requiring perseverance, resilience, and a strong work ethic.

Advantages of teamwork include:

- Improved decision-making
- Increased efficiency

- Enhanced innovation
- Better communication
- Boosted morale
- Shared responsibilities

Teamwork is the backbone of achieving remarkable outcomes, fostering a culture of collaboration, innovation, and collective success. By pooling diverse skills, expertise, and perspectives, teams can tackle complex challenges, share responsibilities, and leverage individual strengths.

In conclusion, teamwork, fuelled by hard work and a "we" mentality, is the cornerstone of achieving remarkable outcomes. By embracing this approach, individuals can transcend personal limitations, tap into collective potential, and accomplish feats that surpass individual capabilities. As organizations and individuals strive for excellence, embracing the power of teamwork and hard work will remain essential for unlocking success.

**Mehak Jaiswal, VIII C**

**Captain -Ashoka House (Devli)**

## Sports for Physical and Mental Fitness



**S**port is defined as any physical activity involving some degree of completion.

Few of the common sports include baseball, football, basketball,

racing, volleyball etc. A person who participates in any sport as a profession is referred to as an athlete.

For children sports are important in helping them to grow and develop. They help in developing both physical fitness and mental health of the children. School aims at improving and nurturing mental abilities of children and also instills a sense of

goodness and sportsmanship. Participation in sports enables the students to avoid monotony of class work and therefore enhancing the talent and skills associated with sports.

According to a research playing sports helps us to build confidence level if we practice regularly we become more active and healthier and reduces their excess of facts and calories.

The relationship between the sports and the academics work has been beneficial as it refreshes combined after classes. Few students take sports as their future career. Students who take part in recreational

activities such as sports prove to be the best in class and their reasoning ability is hence faster as compared to rest of the students.

Sports are certainly an excellent tool to build self confidence.

It brings discipline in life, teaches the value of dedication and patience. Sports also teach us how to handle failures.

In conclusion it can be said that sports are the aspect of human life that have paramount, importance and certainly helpful to increase the quality of human life.

**Naitik Kumar ( VIII A )**

**Sports Captain - Boys ( Devli )**

# School Activities Pictures

## Activities Promoting National Education Policy



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## Friendship's Day



## Independence Day Celebration



## Award Ceremony



## Investiture Ceremony



## Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Programme



# School Activities Pictures

Janmashtami Celebration



Lingua Fest Spanish Dance



Our Community Helpers



Holiday Homework Model's Exhibition



Interhouse Rangoli Competition



Sanskrit Divas



Rakshabandhan Celebration



# School Activities Pictures

Onam Celebration Collage



Hindi Diwas Collage



Session on Sex Education



Show and Tell



Toddler's Blue Day



Trip To Atlantic Water World



Toddler's Green Day



## “Growth and Fulfillment: Both Inspiring and Educational”



**A**t St. Mary's School, it has been an extraordinary journey, marked by personal growth, professional development, and a profound sense of fulfillment. As I reflect on my experiences, I am struck by the vibrant community, supportive

environment, and the inspiring students who have made this year unforgettable. From the moment I stepped into St. Mary's, I was embraced by a welcoming and inclusive community. Teaching at St. Mary's has been an exhilarating experience, thanks in large part to the school's robust and dynamic curriculum.

The relationships I have built over the past year have been the cornerstone of my positive experience. Collaborating with dedicated colleagues has been both inspiring and educational. We frequently share insights, resources, and strategies, creating a collaborative atmosphere that benefits both teachers and students.

Of course, no journey is without its challenges. Adapting to new policies, managing diverse classroom dynamics, and meeting the high expectations set by the school were demanding at times. However, these challenges were instrumental in my growth as an educator. With the support of my colleagues and the administration, I was able to navigate these obstacles and emerge stronger and more confident in my abilities. As I look ahead, I am filled with optimism and excitement for what the future holds at St. Mary's. The past year has been a period of significant learning and development, and I am eager to continue this journey. I am committed to further enhancing my teaching practices, building even stronger relationships with my students and colleagues, and contributing to the continued success of the school.

**Mrs. Jyoti Verma Kashiv**  
Teacher (Neb Sarai)

## A Tribute To Our Gurus..... From us

**Dear Teachers, thank you for turning our challenges into stepping stones to success. Your patience and understanding make learning a joyous experience**

### Teachers- Shape the real you

**O**n this Teachers' Day, it's essential to recognize that when teachers scold, it often comes from a place of care and dedication. It's not about anger, but about guiding us toward growth. Scolding serves as a tool to correct our behavior and reinforce discipline, helping us understand the consequences of our actions and encouraging us to make wiser choices. It fosters a learning environment where everyone can thrive, while also motivating us to reach our full potential. Beyond the classroom, it teaches us crucial life lessons about responsibility, accountability, and understanding that actions have consequences. So, when our teachers raise their voices, they believe in us and are committed to our success. Today, we celebrate their unwavering commitment to shaping us into disciplined, responsible, and successful individuals. Thank you for always believing in us, even when we don't.

**Niharika Gupta XII-B**

### TEACHER: The Architect of Tomorrow

**I**n the grand tapestry of human existence, a few unsung heroes shape the very fabric of our society. They are the guardians of knowledge, the mentors of minds, and the catalysts of change. They are our teachers. the best guide we could ever ask for.

With patience and dedication, they nurture young minds, fostering a love for learning that lasts a lifetime like master craftsmen, they sculpt and mold their students, helping them discover their hidden potential and unlock their inner strengths.

Teachers are the guardians of knowledge in a world where knowledge is power. They inspire, they motivate and They transform. They are the best guides we could ever ask for, shaping not just minds but lives. So, let us cherish our teachers, appreciate their dedication, and celebrate their impact. For they are the architects of tomorrow, building a brighter future, one student at a time

**Alisa Khan IX-B**

## The Power of the Teacher: A Student's Perspective

As a 12th-grade student, I often reflect on the journey that has brought me here, and one constant has always been the influence of my teachers. Their power extends beyond teaching lessons from textbooks; they shape our character, spark our curiosity, and help us discover who we are meant to be.

Teachers see potential in us, even when we doubt ourselves. They encourage us to ask questions, think deeply, and learn from our mistakes. I recall times when I felt overwhelmed by studies or life, and it was my teachers who patiently guided me, motivated me, and believed in me — even when I struggled to believe in myself.

What makes teachers truly powerful is their ability to connect with us on a personal level. They notice when we need support, offer words of encouragement, and remind us that every setback is a chance to grow.

On this Teacher's Day, I am filled with gratitude for the teachers who have been my mentors and guides. Thank you for believing in us and showing us the power of a great teacher.

**Kritika Tomar XII-B**

## Mothers are the first teachers

Teaching is the profession that creates all other professions. It goes beyond imparting knowledge—it's about shaping minds with ethics and values. On this Teacher's Day, I want to express my gratitude to my first and most important teacher: my mother. She has always been there to correct me, guide me, and help me see where I've gone wrong. Through every challenge, she has supported me, encouraging me to learn and grow from my mistakes. Her teachings have been my foundation, and she has instilled in me the values that define who I am today. I am deeply thankful for her patience, wisdom, and unwavering belief in me. Every achievement, every step forward, is a reflection of her guidance and love. As I celebrate Teachers' Day, I honor not only my school teachers but also my mother, who has been my constant source of strength and inspiration.

**Ansh Sood, IX-E**

## Your magic shows us the way

On this special day, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the magicians who turn textbooks into treasures and classrooms into exciting adventures—our teachers and Gurus. In Sanskrit, the word "Guru" means one who dispels darkness, and that's exactly what you do. You illuminate our minds with wisdom and fill our hearts with compassion. Your knowledge is the glue that holds our learning together, while your kindness serves as a compass, guiding us through the challenges we face in life.

Teaching is the profession that creates all other professions, and we are grateful for the dedication and passion you bring to your work every day. You inspire us not only to learn but to think, question, and explore beyond the ordinary. Your encouragement ignites our curiosity and motivates us to reach for the stars.

Thank you for being the spark that fuels our imagination, the strength that supports us, and the heroes who make learning a joyful journey. We are fortunate to have you as our guides and mentors. Happy Teacher's Day!

**Chavi Basist, XI-F**

## GUIDING LIGHT

A teacher's touch ignites the mind,  
A spark that fuels a love to find,  
In learning's journey, they guide the way,  
And help their students seize the day.

With kindness, patience, and gentle care,  
They nurture growth, and show they truly care,  
Their lessons are taught, with passion and fire,  
Inspire young hearts, and souls aspire.

Through their dedication, they make a mark,  
A lasting impact, that shines like a spark,  
In the lives of those they teach and guide,  
A teacher's influence forever resides.

**Tanish Siwas, X-F**



## MY STORY CORNER



### Your reaction to adversity makes all the difference

A girl once visited her father and complained about how miserable her life had become. She said she was so tired of fighting one obstacle after another that she couldn't keep struggling anymore. Her father listened very patiently before asking her to join him in the kitchen. He put three pots filled with water on the flame. When the water began boiling, he put potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second, and coffee beans in the third.

After twenty minutes of letting the pots sit on the flame, he took all three things out of the boiling water and asked his daughter what she saw. The girls said, "Potatoes, eggs, and coffee. What else am I supposed to see here?"

What happened next...

Her father asked her to look closer. She noted that the boiled potatoes had become soft, the boiled eggs had become hard on the inside, and the coffee had become a delicious, aromatic beverage. On noting these changes, she asked her father what this meant.

Her father explained that all three items had gone through similar adversity- the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently. The potato became soft and weak. The egg hardened from the inside. However, the coffee beans changed the water and created something new and good. He told his daughter that her strengths depend on how she responds to adversity.

- **Key motivational takeaway:** No matter what challenges and obstacles life throws at you, the only thing that matters is the way you react to the problem and how much power you give it over your life.

Jayesh Rai IX- B



### GOLDEN HEART

A Teacher's heart full of gold,  
Their kindness never grows old.  
With lessons planned and a smile so bright,  
They guide us at day and night.  
The passion for teaching shines like a light,  
Inspiring young minds to take a flight.  
Through laughter and strictness,  
they stand by our side,  
Helping us grow, with a gentle pride  
With every question, they spark our curiosity,  
And nurture our dreams with tenacity.

They shape our futures, one lesson at a time,  
And leave a lasting impact, sublime.  
So here's to our teachers, dear and time,  
A tribute to all they do.

Thank you for all your hard work and care,  
You make a difference, beyond compare.

Rishabh Kumar, VII A (Neb Sarai)

### A Smile

A smile is a quiet and funny thing,  
It wrinkles up your face.  
And when it's you never find,  
It's secret hiding place.

So, let's share our smiles to  
Each other with love & pride.  
For a smile is a gift pure & true,  
A way to make the world  
A better place for me and you.

Mitika Pawar, V C (Neb Sarai)

### The Beauty of Boho and Craft: A Celebration of Creativity

*“Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time.”*

Boho Crafts are all about creativity, freedom, and expressing unique style. The word Boho comes from Bohemian, which describes the way of life that values art, individuality, and a deep connection with nature. In the world of crafts in Boho style shines through in vibrant colours, natural materials, and a mix of different patterns and textures. Whether you're making something to wear, decorating your room, or giving a gift. Boho Craft lets you create something that's truly one-of-a-kind.

What makes Boho Crafts so special is their use of natural materials like wood, beads, feathers, leather, and natural fibers. These materials give the crafts an earthy, organic feel that is deeply connected to the natural world. The colors used in Boho Crafts are often bright and bold, with rich reds, deep blues, sunny yellows, and earthy browns mixed in unexpected and lively combinations.

Boho Crafts also feature interesting patterns and textures. You might see intricate designs like mandalas or geometric shapes, mixed with soft, textured fabrics like macramé or crochet. The beauty of this craft lies in their handmade, personal natural things. Each piece is unique, reflecting the creator's style and spirit, which makes them all the more special.

Making Boho Crafts is not just about creating beautiful items; it's also a way to express your individuality and creativity. Handmade crafts carry a unique style and energy reflecting the personal touch of the creator. Crafting can also be a relaxing and rewarding activity, allowing you to unwind and focus on making something beautiful.

Whether you're creating a beautiful wall hanging, a beaded bracelet, or a dream catcher article, Boho Craft offers a wonderful way to bring more creativity, color, and personal expression into your life. With just a few materials and a little imagination, you can create something truly one-of-a-kind that reflects your own Bohemian spirit.

**Mehwish Nigar, VIII A (Devli)**

### A Joyful Picnic to Atlantic Water Park

A picnic is more than eating a meal, it's a pleasurable state of mind.....

Our school went for a picnic at Atlantic Water Park, which was an unforgettable experience. The excitement began early as we gathered at school, ready for a day of fun. The bus ride to the park was lively, filled with laughter and songs. On arrival, we were thrilled to see the array of colorful water slides. My friends and I eagerly headed to the tallest water slide. The thrill that we experienced could not be expressed in words as we zoomed down. We spent the day hopping between rides, each more exciting than the last. The wave pool was another favorite spot, where we enjoyed the artificial waves crashing over us, pretending to surf. The lunch provided to us was delicious. At the end of the day, the bus ride back was bulked with chatter about our favorite moments and though we were exhausted, we were all smiling. The picnic at Atlantic Water Park was not just a day of fun but also a day of bonding, leaving us with memories to cherish forever.

**Tanmay Antil, VII B ( Devli )**

### THE HOPE OF FICTION AND REALITY

In the magic of fiction, where imagination dances between fantasy and realism,

*I existed in the path of hope, touching the ordinary ground,*

*Living in the world of hope, dancing through pages waiting to unfold.*

*Through the hall I danced and the dreamt a tale of imagination*

*Boundaries blurred, fiction and reality alive, telling stories waiting to be told.*

*In a world of desire and dreams, our paths crossed, but did they truly meet?*

*Within the pages where dreams are spun,*

*A girl reads, and in her mind, a world begun.*

*Fantasy lands where characters thrive,*

*Her heart learns to dream in tales where love transcends the written stage.*

*Yet, a word, a tale, the love unseen she carved but in her heart sincere.*

Ink-stained whisper still of love untold, sonnets of stories where dreams unfold. Solace found in printed lines, a love real within the world confined.

**Zara, VIII B ( Devli)**

## THE MARBLE STATUE

In the middle of a beautiful city, there was a museum with beautiful marble tiles and a huge marble statue as a part of the display. Many people from all over the world visit the museum every day and admire the beautifully crafted statue. One night, the marble tiles started talking to the marble statue.

**Marble Tiles:** Hey statue, Don't you think that it is just not fair that everybody from all over the world come all the way here to admire you while ignoring and stepping on me?

**Marble Statue:** My dear brother, marble tile, Don't you remember we are actually from the same cave?

**Marble Tile:** Yes! I do, and that is why I feel it is even more unfair. Both of us were born from the same cave and yet the world treats us so differently now. This is so unfair!

**Marble Statue:** Yes you are right my brother. But, do you still remember the day when the sculptor tried to work on you but you resisted his tools?

**Marble Tiles:** Yes, I despise that guy. How could he use those nasty tools on me?

**Marble Statue:** Well, Since you resisted his tools he couldn't work on you. When he decided to give up on you, he started working on me instead. I knew at once that I would be something different and unique after his efforts. I bore all the painful tools he used on me and allowed him to craft me as he wanted!

**Marble Tiles:** But those tools were so painful.

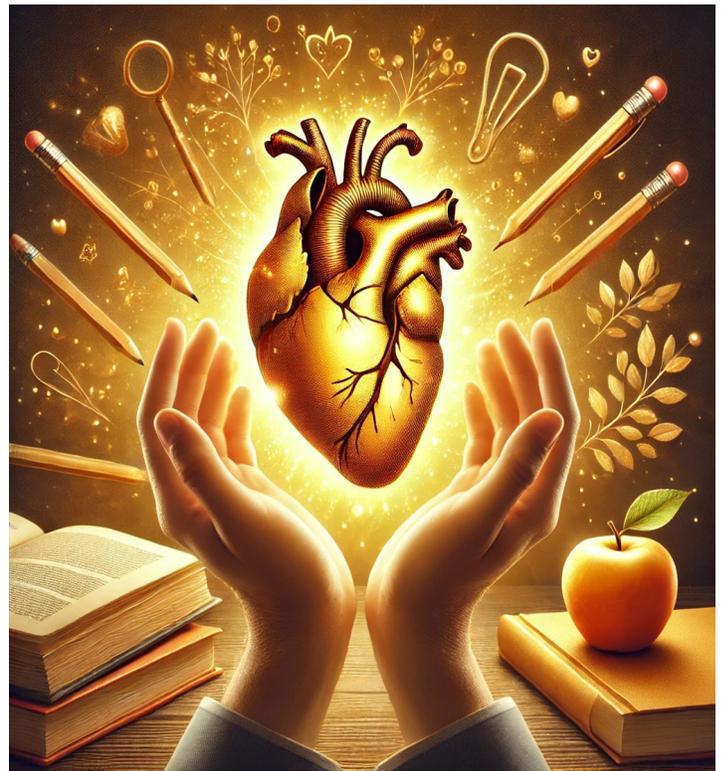
**Marble Statue:** My brother, there is a price for everything in life. Since you decided to resist and gave up halfway, you can't blame anybody who steps on you now.!

The marble tiles silently listened to his brother's words and started to reflect on them.

**Moral:** The harder the knocks you go through in life, the more you learn and put them to use in the future! Do not be discouraged by setbacks and failures! Keep trying to be better.

"The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of those depths" -*Elisabeth Kubler Ross*

Ashita Bisht, XI-D



## GOLDEN HEART

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Thank you for all your hard work and care,  
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Rishabh Kumar  
VII A (Neb Sarai)



## MY SCHOOL

I go to school each day.  
To learn, to laugh, to play.  
With books and colors bright,  
Everything feels just right.

Teachers guide us with care,  
In my class, I love to share.  
We sing songs and count to ten,  
Then its story time again!

At recess we run and slide,  
With friends by our side,  
School is cool; it's so much fun,  
I'm happy when the day's begun!

**Alaina Nagwanshi, 1 D (Neb Sarai)**

## TO ALL THE TEACHERS

From hand holding to screen sharing  
From chalk to chat  
From blackboard to whiteboard  
From real to virtual

The journey was difficult  
But YOU did not give up.

From offline to online  
From keep quiet to speak up  
From no mobile to turn on your mobile  
From conventional to technical

The journey was difficult  
But YOU did not give up.

From notebook to screenshot  
From teacher's assessment to self-assessment

From classroom to meet  
From school to home

The journey was difficult  
But YOU did not give up.

**Devanshu Sharma, VI C (Neb Sarai)**

## THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF EDUCATION

**E**ducation has been a powerful force in driving change by shaping individuals and societies in several ways.

Today, education is increasingly focused on meeting the individual needs of students through personalized learning plans that cater to their unique interests, strengths, and learning styles.

In today's educational environment, constructive learning has become even more relevant due to advancements in technology, changes in pedagogy, and the need for critical thinking in a rapidly changing world. Students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning by exploring topics, asking questions, and participating in discussions rather than passively receiving information from instructors. In this approach, students work together to solve real-



world problems, applying knowledge from different disciplines. It promotes critical thinking, collaboration, and the practical application of knowledge. These opportunities allow students to gain practical knowledge by working in present environments, reflecting constructivist principles of learning through active participation. Instead of

lectures, class time is spent on activities where students can apply what they've learned, work collaboratively, and engage in critical thinking, following a constructive learning approach.

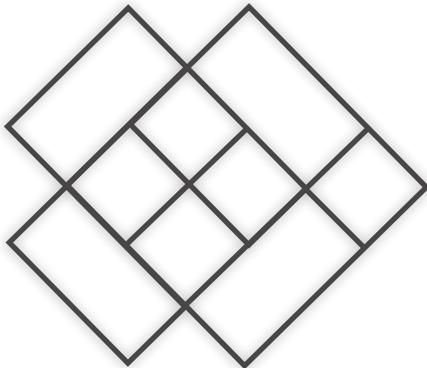
At St. Mary's, we believe in adapting education to the needs of today's world. This means embracing modern teaching methods, integrating technology, and focusing on equipping students with both academic knowledge and essential life skills. By staying responsive to current trends, we aim to provide a well-rounded education that prepares students for the challenges of the future, fostering critical thinking, creativity, and adaptability.

**'Knowledge is Enlightenment'**

**Mrs. Suman Kaushik**  
Academic Incharge (Neb Sarai)

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

1. How many squares can you count in the figure?



2. WORK IT OUT

The Sharma family decided to go on a picnic. The family comprises one grandfather, one grandmother, two fathers, two mothers, four children, three grandchildren, one brother, two sisters, two sons, two daughters, one father-in-law and one daughter-in-law. How many members are there in the Sharma family? If your answer is 23, you are mistaken!

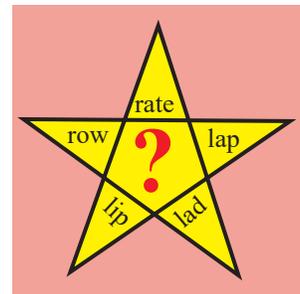


3. Find 10 flowers hidden in the grid

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U	P	Q	E	W	F	P	T	L	Y
J	A	S	M	I	N	E	D	F	R
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R	R	L	Y	O	O	R	H	U	X
W	C	N	I	O	T	U	L	I	P
V	H	V	A	L	U	T	I	Y	A
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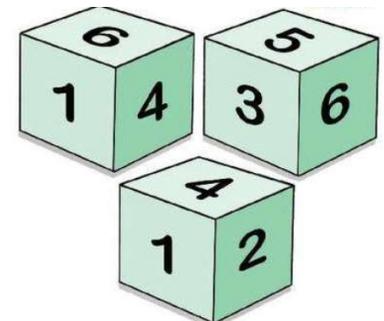
4. JUST ONE LETTER

Just one letter of the alphabet added to each of these words will give you a completely new word!



5. CUTE CUBE

Looking at the three different positions of the cube. Can you find out which number is opposite 2?



6. TWIST-A-WORD

Arrange the letters of the word LEAN in the grid that forms new words down and across.

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**Answer**

1. 11 Squares, 2. Seven: 2 Little girls, their brother, their mother and father, and their father's mother and father. 3. Marigold. Jasmine, Rose, Orange, Orchid, Tulip, Lily, Lotus, Daisy, Pansy, Violet, 4 The letter 'C' crate, clap, clad, clip, crow 5. No. 6 is opposite to 2

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