

# From the Principal's Desk

Dear All,

Schooling is our first contact with the world; a period of joy, healthy competition, adjustment, sharing and empathy. It is not the open spaces, classrooms, laboratories or the library that make a school. It is in the heart of the students and staff that the true institution exists. And as such, it is your hearts which make our school what it is today.

I was always attracted to the thought – Home is the first school and, School is the second home. In fact, today it has come true.

Covid 19 has altered our life including our school system, teachers, children and parents. Be assured that the management, teaching and non-teaching faculty of the school is working towards making this lockdown a meaningful and fruitful one.

Today, it gives me great joy to meet you all through this E-magazine - a great way to communicate and be creative. Enjoy our magazine as we move on with our lives. I thank all who contributed to this endeavor.

Mousumi Ganguly

# Editors' Desk

Dear Shemstars,

We are proud to present to you the first edition of Chalkboard Chronicles. In this edition, we have tried to give the readers a glimpse of what the students have contributed through their talent. To quote Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Every artist was first an amateur": the mind of an artist needs to be nurtured and developed. To this end, we hope that this e-magazine can foster young artists and be the first step to the realisation of their talent.

On behalf of Shemford Futuristic School, Guwahati, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all those who have made this issue of Chalkboard Chronicles possible.

Thank you all. God Bless.

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Rain

Rain.....Rain.....Rain

How wonderful is the way you come on earth!

What a beautiful scenario you make!

I wonder the relationship

Between you and the earth.

You have power.

You have strength.

You can touch the heart of people

Your power can change the scenerio of this earth.

Each drop of yours can bring peace.

Each drop of yours shine like pearl.

**Rain Rain Rain** 

Please come again.....!

Sangya Kalita, class II

**Dear Mom** 

You are more than a mom to me.

You play with me like a friend,

Talk to me like a sister,

Teach me like a teacher,

Guide me like a mentor and love me like no one can.

You are one amazing mom.

Bani Bhurat, class 2

My little bird

My little bird

Love to see,

In a smooth voice

He sings to me,

High up in the sky

I can see him fly.

Shaking his tail is the sign he will leave for today,

I miss him till we meet again.

Aradhya Saikia, class II

My School

Waiting to go to school,

Meet my friends and

Swim in the pool.

Missing the ground

Where once I played;

And roam around

The school's hallway.

I want to meet my teachers

And learn from them;

Shemford Futuristic is my school

And it is a gem!

Nawab Ayaan Hussain (1A)

My Little Barbie

I have a little barbie,

Her name is Darbie,

She is cute and bright,

I play with her day and night.

She has beautiful sparkling eyes,

Like stars shinning in the skies.

Her hair is long and curly,

I like to tie it up neatly.

She has got a lovely smile,

And she knows to dress up in style.

My little barbie is such,

That I love her very much.

Hridyesha Kashyap (4A)



## **MAGPIE**

A Magpie comes to my window everyday,

She wakes me up and I start my day.

Father gives her seeds and rice,

She eats happily, she sings & flies.

Aayat Ashraf (1A)

My Furry Friend

Soft like a feather,

As white as snow,

Will love him forever,

Who chases after a crow.

Tommy is his best friend,

But I sometimes doubt so,

Annoys at sharing food from his end,

Showing his true ego.

Everyone loves to pat him,

He is superfast to give - "PAW",

And curls during massage like a shrimp,

Who is none other than my pet dog-

Oh my friend "HACHIKO"

N. Aeron Singh (2D)

### **Shades Of Real You**

I am as free as a little bird, Who wants to touch the sky. I can suck sweet nectar from the flowers.

As I am as pretty as a butterfly.

I want to swim as fast as a dolphin,

So that I can go deep Under the water and Come up with a high leap. I am as strong as a tree, For no one can hurt me I want to be as shiny as the Sun,

So I can have fullest fun.
I am like the wind,
Which enjoys passing
through the wind.
I want others to be like me,
Come along to feel the real
you

Explore the real world life. And together reach the heights.

Samaira Gupta

# My Mummy

Dear mummy,
You cook things that are
yummy.
You love me a lot,
You care for me a lot.
You teach me a lot.
You fill tasty things in my
tummy.
Mummy,
You mean the world to
me.

Delisha Agarwal, III A

## A person's dream: Travelling

Be it an introvert or an extrovert

Everyone has a secret desire to travel

Be it a place filled with gravel

Or a beautiful beach

Or even a seminar with a famous person's speech

Everyone likes to go somewhere!

Maybe to a fair

Or to the quiet woods.

Perhaps a place filled with delicious food!

Maybe to a spooky haunted mansion,

A place definitely filled with terrors & tension

Or a place which is really cold,

Or rather a place where souvenirs are sold?

I guess some people want to go to deserts,

It is really hot out there,

It's a place where everyone gets sunburn

particularly those who are really fair,

So you better take care!

Or let's just go to the library,

Now that place is quiet,

A place where people find knowledge or a ray of light.

Maybe in the mountains,

Or a place filled with sugarcanes.

Next the hills

Or rather the Mukesh mills?

Maybe a green, quiet village

Or the zoo with the poor animals in cages?

Maybe a modern city,

Or your bedroom with a cozy blanket

with your dogs or kitties!

Aishani Ganguli, VII A

## JUST OUTSIDE MY WINDOW

The spicy fragrant air fanned my cheeks.

Oh, I could see the birdies taking a peek.

The birds of feather sounded mellow,

The trees and bushes were mild yellow.

The rooster pointed his head up in pride,

And there's the stork taking a ride.

There's the lonely darkling woods,

Is that a home to red riding hood??!

The atmosphere is decidedly eerie,

Sounds like ghost hunters series!

Oh my! What a stench!

Is it coming from that nearby bench?

I see the vendors trying to make a sell.

Wait...what do I hear? It's my school bell!

Fareha S. Amin, VII



#### JOKES

Q: WHAT KIND OF TREE FITS IN YOUR HAND?

**Ans: A PALM TREE** 

By JEEVIKA JAIN

#### **English Joke**

- 1) One day a teacher asked his student, "Why do you come late to school every day. The student said, "because of one board." The teacher asked, "which board?" While I come to school, on the footpath there is a board, which says, "School ahead! Go slow".
- 2) An old man has 8 hairs on his head. He went to a barber shop. The barber in anger asked, "Shall I cut or count?
  Old man smiled and said, "Color it! Life is to enjoy with whatever you have with you."
- 3) Girlfriend: "Where is my birthday present?"

Boyfriend: "Can you see a red car on the roadside?"

Girlfriend (with excitement): "Wow !" Boyfriend: "I have bought a nail polish of the same color for you." Girlfriend: "What!"

4) What's the height of hope?? It is sitting in the exam hall, the question paper in hand, telling your friend, "Dude, don't worry! Exam will get postponed.

By Tejas Agarwal, Class V

What has hands but cannot clap?

Ans- A clock.

What has a bank but no money?

Ans- A river bank.

What has teeth but cannot bite?

Ans- A comb.

What has four legs but cannot walk?

Ans- A table.

What has a neck but no head?

Ans- A shirt.

What has to be broken before using it?

Ans- An egg.

What has thirteen hearts but no other organs?

Ans- A deck of cards.

What has a horn but does not work?

Ans- A rhinoceros.

What has feet but no legs?

Ans- Snail.

What begins with T and ends with T in it?

Ans- A teapot.

By Prerona Class IV

I am full of holes; I can hold water. Who am I?

**SPONGE** 

What gets wet when drying?

TOWFL

What are two things people never eat before breakfast?

**LUNCH AND DINNER** 

What is it the more you take away the larger it becomes?

HOLE

What has two hands and a face, but no arms and legs?

CLOCK

What can't be used until it's broken?

EGG

What has 4 legs and 1 foot?

BEC

What has many keys but can't open any doors?

**PIANO** 

I have no life, but i can die, what am I?

**BATTERY** 

When the water comes down, when it rains ,I go up. what am I?

**AN UMBRELLA** 

I never ask questions, but always answered, what am I?

A DOORBELL

You can break me easily without even touching me. What am I?

**PROMISE** 

What goes up and down but does not move?

STAIRS

When it black, we say it's clean, when it's white we say, it's dirty what am I?

**BLACKBOARD** 

By Swayam Agarwal, Class VIII



### The Rotten apple

Naomi was a thirteen year old girl living in the beautiful city of Manhattan with her father. She was smart, hardworking and a good student, up until the day she met Kat. Kat was a new student at school and absolutely loathed studying. By making her a friend, Naomi had called upon her doom as she fell under bad influences with Kat. Her dad started noticing the changes in Naomi's behaviour, but whenever he tried to point out her flaws, Naomi would shut him out. Her father knew that Naomi's sudden change in behaviour was because of Kat, as he knew that Kat was not what she appeared to be in front of Naomi. But he knew that this time talking about it wouldn't help as Naomi trusted Kat blindly. So he devised a plan to make Naomi realize her mistake and also teach her a life lesson.

That very evening, he placed a rotten apple on the kitchen counter and placed two good apples on its sides. He then told Naomi, "Don't move these apples from their places and see what happens in the morning." Confused, Naomi could only nod in response.

The next morning, the two good apples too, had turned rotten. Gesturing towards them, Naomi's father said, "Do you understand now, daughter? The two good apples rotted due to staying with the rotten apple. You and Kat too, are like these apples. Because of staying with a girl like Kat, you are changing, and it's not a good change. You must leave her; else you too will share the same fate as these rotten apples." Naomi finally understood what her father had been trying to tell her all this time and also learnt an important life lesson that day.

By Nayaneeka Ckarabarty, class VIII

### The Brave Dog- 'Snow'

There was a family who had a dog named Snow. Snow was white in colour and intelligent. The children of the family lo<mark>ved to pla</mark>y with Snow.

Snow was very reliable and a faithful dog. The elder people of that family sometimes went out for important work and left their children under the custody of Snow. Snow took care of the children very carefully. And in such situations no strangers could get inside the house.

One morning, they woke up and saw that Snow was not in his place. They searched everywhere in the house but failed to find him. Then they decided to call the police. After a few hours, the police arrived. They said that their dog, Snow was missing. Suddenly, Snow's owner noticed that her diamond ring was missing and some other valuables were also missing from their house. They reported to the police again.

Late night, suddenly a police van came to their house. They opened the door and saw Snow get down from the van. The police said that they found Snow near the thief's house and the family got their valuables back. Snow helped catch the thief.

By Sumedha Deb, class V

### The Lion and The Cow

Once upon a time there lived four cows in a forest. Every day, they used to graze together in a particular spot. They were all friends. One day a lion saw the cows grazing together. The lion wanted to eat the cows. So he went to catch them. When the cows saw the lion, all of them fought with it. The lion had to run away.

A few days passed and the cows quarreled among themselves and started grazing separately. One by one, the lion killed all the cows.

Moral of the story: Unity is Strength.

By Parinidhi Pankaj Bhuyan, class IV A

#### Patience Always Pays

Once a king wanted to appoint someone as his personal assistant. Many people gathered in his palace to apply for the position. In order to test their abilities, the king led them to a nearby pond and said, "Anyone who fills the pond's water in the pot will be appointed. But I must tell you that there is a hole in the pot."

Most of the people left the palace without saying anything. Some tried once and then left. They knew that it was useless to fill a pot with a hole.

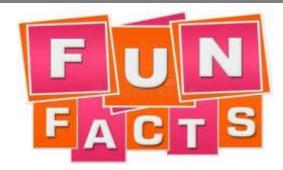
But, one man kept trying to fill the pot with pond water. He filled the pond water in the pot and kept it on the ground but each time the water in the pot would drip out. He tried many times but he failed. At last the pond was empty. In the now empty pond, the man found a diamond ring and he gave it to the king.

The king was very happy with his faithfulness and said, "Keep the ring with you. This is a reward for your patience and hard work. Congratulations! You are appointed as my new personal assistant."

Moral of the story: It is well said that patience always pays off.

By Siddhant Raj Hazarika, class IV A





- Hot water will turn into ice faster than cold water.
- The sentence, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English language.
- Ant's take rest for around 8 minutes in 12 hour period.
- Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from the blowing desert sand.
- If two pieces of metal touch in space, they become permanently stuck together.
- Some turtles and tortoises can live for more than a century.

There were 355 days in the year 1752. Did know why? Because in order to merge the Julian Calendar with the Gregorian calendar, the then King skipped 11 days in the Year 1752!

The first rocket launched in India was

transported by a bicycle!

Did you know about the

Cash on Delivery by Amazon was first introduced in India. Because at that time Indians didn't trust the first pay service.

Did you know about the world's biggest family???
Can you imagine a family with 189 members?
Mr Ziona Chana has the world's biggest family having 39 wives, 94
children, 14 daughters-in-law and 33 grandchildren!

There are 7 billion people on Earth, that's quite a lot but nothing compared to ants.

Did you know: there are 1 million ants per human on Earth!

Kristi Hazarika, VIII

Kartik Kalwadia, VII



#### A Trip to Bhutan

Few years ago, during my holidays, me and my family went to my uncle's place, who was posted in the army cantonment at Hasimara. It is a small town in Alipurduar, in West Bengal bordering Bhutan. We spent a few days with my cousins. After collecting our passes at Phuentsholing, which is Bhutan's nearest town to India, we hired a taxi and continued our journey to Bhutan! When we reached Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan, it was quite dark so we settled in, in a hotel.

During our stay in Bhutan, we saw many incredible things. We went to 'Motithang Takin Preserve' and witnessed the national animal of Bhutan, Takin. From my point of view it had the body of a deer, the head of a goat and the fur of a goat. My little sister enjoyed seeing it more than I did. We went to the National Museum of Bhutan where I learned the lifestyle and culture of Bhutan.

We also went to see the 'Dechencholing Palace'. It is the residence of the country's Royal Family, but the king does not reside here now.

We went to 'Buddha Dordenma' which is a gigantic Shakyamuni Buddha Statue and is one of the largest statues of Buddha, made of bronze and gold. We also went to 'Coronation Park', where there is a 45 feet tall statue of walking Buddha.

We saw the famous 'Tiger Nest', a monastery. We went to various restaurants their and tried many traditional dishes. I noticed that every shop, restaurant had pictures of their King Jigmekhesar Namgyel Wangcuck and Queen Jetsun Pema.

We also went to see 'Ugyen Pelri Palace'. It is an excellent display of Bhutanese architecture at its finest. It was modeled after the Zangto Pelri which was known as Guru Rinpoche's paradise. It currently serves as the residence of the queen mother of Bhutan.

We enjoyed the stunning scenic side from atop vantage point of Paro Airport Bird's Eye view point. The city was very clean and green and quite calm too. I experienced nature's tranquility at its best!

We returned back to Guwahati with loads of beautiful memories. This was the most wonderful journey I had ever experienced, and I hope to visit Bhutan again.

Anahita Khumukcham 7(B)

#### My Trip to Agartala by Train

Our trip started on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 19 from Dimapur at 6 in the morning by Nagaland Express to Lumding with my parents and grandma. A journey by train for me was very exciting. A direct train from Dimapur to Agartala was not available, so we had to reach Lumding before 9.30 am to board the Agartala Express. We reached Lumding at around 8.30 am. Soon after the Agartala Express arrived from Guwahati. The train departed exactly at 9.30 am. Our tickets were checked by the TT. We had our breakfast on the train and then we started to play some games. Peeping outside the window, I saw the beautiful scenery of hills, bridges and rivers, which gave me a lot of happiness. At 12.30 pm we reached the Haflong station. The natural view of the hills at the Haflong station really excited me. We crossed around 13 tunnels from Lumding to Agartala. I was overjoyed when we crossed these tunnels. At last our train slowly entered Agartala station at 9 o'clock the next morning. We packed our luggage and got down from the train. There were many trains standing on the tracks in the platform. I was very happy to see my Uncle and Aunty who came to pick us up from the station. After a while we left the station in an auto and reached our destination. This was my journey by train from Dimapur to Agartala. I will always remember this memorable journey.

Chiyashree Borah, III

## A Trip to Shillong

On July 27th 2019, I, with my mom and dad, went to visit and explore Shillong, Meghalaya. My uncle and his family, and also my friend Durlav and his family, accompanied us. During our journey, we had some beautiful moments which left us all awestruck.

At first, we had a quick stop near Umiam Lake where we had a cup of tea and some tasty noodles. The view of the lake was a gem in itself. After tea break, we moved ahead towards Shillong. The next morning we went out to explore Cherrapunji, Meghalaya. Again, another beautiful place to visit with our friends and family. Locations like Nohkalikai Waterfalls, Mawsmai Cave, Seven Sister (Nohsngithiang) Waterfalls, Mawsmai Waterfalls, etc. We all played a lot and later in the afternoon we came back to our hotel. After reaching the hotel, all of us dressed up and went out for a walk in the streets of Shillong. The next morning we left Shillong and came back home with a bag full of happiness and energy to set new goals post Summer Vacation.

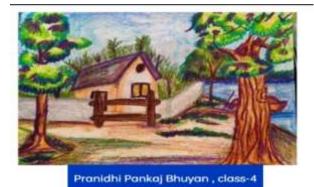
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