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Reflections

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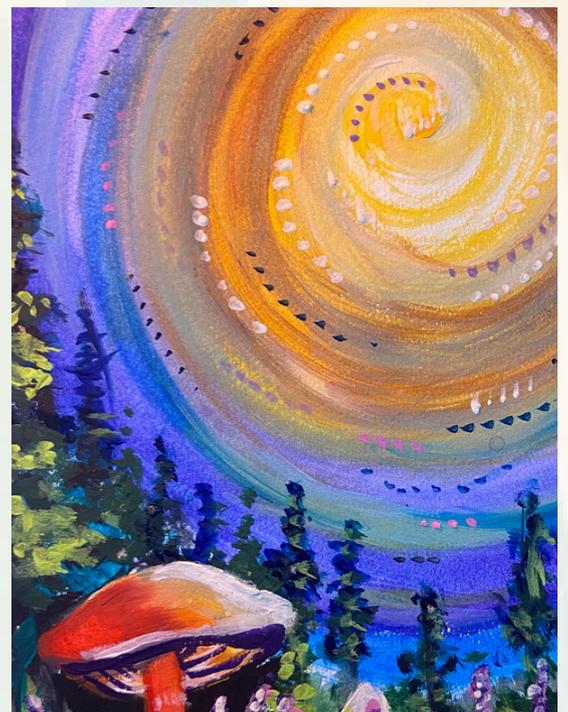
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Summer Tidings from the Editors' desk:

An ode to the summers we lost, and a song to the summers to come. Sitting idle at home during these dog days, letting the vibrant sunlight and saturated green slip away was surely difficult for us all. But now, as normalcy slips slowly but surely back into our old routines, so does life in our summer evenings. No more wasted sunsets as Grade 11 brings to you, "Summer-tide"

Meet the Team:

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Art by Shreya Shine IIC



FOUNDER'S DAY - 2022

On 12 June 2022, after a hiatus of two years, NPS HSR celebrated Founder's Day in school. The Chairman, Dr. KP. Gopalkrishna addressed the teachers on this special day and reminded them that they were an integral part of the NPS family. Laying emphasis on the mental health of the teachers, he urged them to make the school a happy space.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2022-23

The Investiture Ceremony of NPS HSR saw a new batch of students don the mantle of leadership and assume responsibility as office bearers on 24 June 2022. The Principal, Ms Shefali Tyagi, conferred the leaders with the sashes and badges and urged the members of the Student Council to work with humility and grace.



Art by Mantrana Mahi
Agarwal, IIC



An Astrophile's Wish

An astrophile once asked the night
sky -

“Twilight, will you tell me
something tonight?

Why is it that some stars twinkle
and shine,

While others appear so dull?

Twilight, why don't you let us bask
more in your light

Flocks of Aves fill up your gradient
sky.

All look up to you as you gracefully
fade away.

Leaving behind splotches of amber,
scarlet, and obsidian.”

“The ravens usher shadows of grey.
Across the sky emerge clusters of

diamonds

Is it all a message so deep and true

-

We're all diamonds, just like the
stars -

Each glistening as a unique spark?
if we are, twilight why don't all
shimmer and sparkle?

“Your light doesn't fall upon all
crystals,

Some are whelved in the folds of
grey.

Tell me twilight, “If we're all so
unique,

Why don't we all leave our mark?
The earth is a canvas for you to

shine,

Is it not for us as well?

Twilight, answer my questions
before you fade again.”

- Mantrana Agarwal, IIC

Is Cancel Culture Creditable?

After being quarantined for the past 2 years, most internet users are familiar with the term “cancel culture”. ‘Cancelling’ someone prominent involves significantly reducing their followers, sending hate messages and comments, and in harsher cases, sending death threats. The apparent goal of cancel-culture is to make one realize their mistake and potentially apologize. It has thus become painfully ironic how public personalities that are brutally ‘cancelled’ over an issue are forgiven in an instant after publishing a cliché apology about simply not knowing better.

Perhaps cancel culture began with good intentions of helping people with culturally unacceptable principles mend their future words and actions. Unfortunately, it has done nothing to accomplish the sort. Cancel culture has led to two conclusions. It either scares people into never speaking or results in individuals never caring about the words they use to express opinions. The original intention of talking, realizing, and ultimately solving an issue is practically non-existent.

In my opinion, cancel-culture is ineffective, a solution to nothing. On the contrary, it increasingly is allowing people who have displayed ethically questionable behaviour and impacted a large number of people to go unscathed.

This leads us to wonder whether there ever will be an end to “cancelling” on the internet. Since social media is notoriously unpredictable, the possibility does lie that people will eventually understand that this practice achieves nothing. It is equally possible that cancel culture becomes the new normal.

- Dhaani Mehra, IID



We, the Brazen

We are brazen, we are the
possibilities

We are stories that are yet to be
unfurled

We surge and spill with boundless
freedom

Our arrival to be celebrated by the
world.

Let us dare to hope and joyfully shout
to the skies,

We are here and we are now,
We shall weave our own futures,
We shall not wait or stop for time.

Let this universe reverberate

With our wonderful cheer

We stand on the precipice of the
present

And indeed, we stand with no fear!

So let us make history, my friends!

Let us enjoy our frenetic dance

With the yarns of time tangled at our
feet,

Gifting ourselves a chance

Shrivali Chakraborty, II A.

Call of the Aisles

Waxing poetic about a grocery store. Strange, isn't it? But for me, grocery shopping isn't trivial at all, even in the grand scheme of things. There is such personal intimacy in a grocer's list, albeit messily scribbled at the last second or even if it is meticulously planned, it provides a window into a person's life.

Several people walk into grocery stores every day, clutching baskets and their grocery lists. All in their little bubbles, trying to wrap around the most ordinary yet tender form of self-love: food. There's so much life in a grocery store aisle. A place to discover someone: learning my friend's preferred shampoo, my sister's favourite chocolate... Men hunched in the corners, brows pulled, officiously debating whether to buy fruits for their taste or their price. Children squabble over their desired treats and coax their parents, while the exasperated parent scans the expiry dates. Something so mundane, yet so exotic about this adventure because grocery shopping unveils a lot of oneself, one's tastes and preferences, every day.

Everything remains almost other-worldly here and time stops in this transcendental place. We levitate with ecstasy amongst the mundane, looking at the ingredients and condiments of normalcy and routine of daily life. The sun sets over the tangerines in the parking lot, knowing that many more new faces would embark on this same journey the very next day. Mundane, but also home. It may not be bright and pulsating, but it's soft and familiar, like a song you can never get tired of.

- Anoushka Goswami, IIB



Art by Stuti Almal, IIC



Photography by Niva Kalia, IIB

Turning Dreams into Reality

Sitting in one of Bangalore's infamous traffic jams, you've surely wondered what it would be like if you could reach your destination in minutes. Well, fortunately for you, some inventors are working towards solving that problem by designing flying cars!

Kein Vision Company in Slovakia has already created a flying car – Air Car. On June 30, 2021, its prototype completed a 35-minute flight between international airports in Nitra and Bratislava, Slovakia. The hybrid car-aircraft, Air-Car, is equipped with a BMW engine and runs on regular petrol-pump fuel.

Closer home, an e-Plane Company, started by IIT-Madras professor Satya Chakravarthy and his student Pranjal Mehta has designed an eVTOL (electric vertical take-off and landing) air taxi which can land and take off from any average Indian roof.

Likewise, Chennai-based company, Vinata Aeromobility is developing a fully autonomous flying car, which will be Asia's first hybrid flying car. It can fly as well as be driven on roads and will use biofuels. Just imagine soaring through the skies in your very own flying vehicle! Whenever you are stuck in traffic, all you need to do is just flip the switch to fly mode and enjoy the view of your city. This is certainly reminiscent of how Harry Potter and Ronald Weasley used their flying car to reach school. Well, this is a magical experience that we are all waiting for with bated breaths. Let's hope that this invention becomes a reality in our Muggle world.

- Ashvin Lobo, IIB



Photography by Niyati K IIC



Tug of Wars

Blood is paint these days on
overpass graffitis;
The artist is war of cruel kinds.
We exchanged knives for guns,
And instead of standing,
Arms intertwined,
We stand guard,
Arms in hand.
We live in a paradox, because in
tussle,
You and I hurt a kind of helpless
alone hurt.
Amidst war cries and smoke,
From the ashes we rise,
Like a phoenix and triumph.
Amidst rubble,
In the hands of a gorgeous soul,
A victory reverberates.
I cannot imagine,
Fleeing home,
With echoes of resilience
That will one day find its triumph
Will turn to valiance
And broken hearts, that despite
the odds,
Don't give up.

-Vineela Kulukuru IIB

A Perfectly Imperfect Daisy

There once was a horse named Daisy,
Everyone called her lazy.

She was as kind and beautiful as a flower,
And when we rode her, she galloped with such
little power.

Daisy was the slowest in the stable,
Because she just wasn't able,
In every race, Daisy was never fast,
In fact, she was always the last.

She could never catch up to them all,
But things started to change this fall.

She was determined to win the race,
And she did so with such grace.

She gained enough speed, and put forth so
much soul,

After all, to be the most perfectly imperfect
horse, was her goal.

-Anirudh H Nambiar, IIA



CLIMATE CHANGE:

- RANKING BEHIND CO₂, METHANE IS ANOTHER POTENT GREENHOUSE GAS WHICH IS RELEASED FROM THE RICE PADDIES AND THE PROCESS TAKING PLACE IN THE INTESTINES OF HERBIVOROUS ANIMALS. THIS IS ANOTHER FACTOR THAT IS CAUSING NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON THE EARTH.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
- BY 2045, AI IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETELY SURPASS HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

- AT THAT TIME, AI WILL START TO FULLY AUTOMATE VARIOUS INDUSTRIES BUT, AI WILL ALSO GENERATE AROUND 2 MILLION NEW JOB POSITIONS.

POPULATION INCREASE:

- THE AFRICAN POPULATION IS GROWING, WHILE THE EUROPEAN POPULATION IS SHRINKING.
- MILLENNIALS MAKE UP ABOUT 27% OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION.
- BY 2024 INDIA WILL OVERTAKE CHINA AS THE WORLD'S MOST POPULOUS COUNTRY.



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YOGA DAY AT NPS HSR

On 21 June 2022, the world came together as one to celebrate International Yoga Day with the aim to promote sustainable and holistic wellbeing. NPS HSR joined the celebration with their Yoga team curating an informative video and sharing it with the students. The students enjoyed the presentation and learned a few breathing techniques with the inspiration to make yoga a part of their lives.



MUSIC DAY AT NPS HSR

On 22 June 2022, NPS HSR celebrated World Music Day with a video presentation in which the budding musicians of the institution played a variety of instruments and crooned their favorite tunes with great passion and enthusiasm. They also paid homage to the legendary musical maestros with their songs.





SUMMERS
MAY COME
AND GO BUT
OUR SMILES
WILL
BRIGHTEN
YOUR DAYS
FOREVER !!!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JULY

#ODYSSEY 2022: OFFLINE FEST HOSTED BY GRADE 12

#RESONATING RHETORIC BY GRADES 9&10

#CREATIVE ENGLISH ZONE BY GRADES 6-8