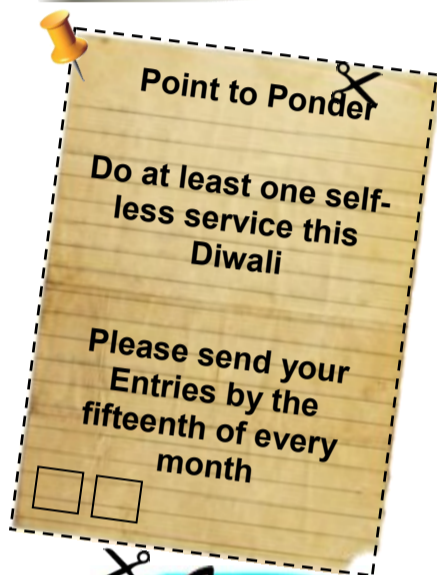


the bulletin board



From The Co-ordinator's Desk

Dear Parents and students,

Wishing you all a very prosperous Diwali !

Keeping in view the shopping spree that you all will be, I thought of penning down my thoughts in the similar reference. These thoughts are completely personal but since I felt & have experienced while speaking to many parents, I hope you shall agree on my thoughts.

In today's materialistic society most of us have been conditioned to make snap judgments about a person's level of success based on the 'status badges' that they own and display. These status badges include the sunglasses they own, the watch on their arm, the handbag they carry and the shoes they wear.

The big problem with this 'Status Badge Game' is that in an attempt to look successful to others, many people fall into the trap of purchasing status badges instead of managing their money wisely in order to achieve true financial independence. One of the best decisions you can ever make for yourself and your family is to **elect not to play the Status Badge Game**. Let's take a look at an example that illustrates what this means in the real world.

Siddharth during his trip to USA was looking to purchase a new pair of sunglasses. After looking around the local shopping center he identified three options:

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
		
Brand: No Brand	Brand: Oceangear	Brand: Monage
UV Rating: None	UV Rating: UV 400	UV Rating: UV 400
Guarantee: None	Guarantee: 1 year	Guarantee: 1 year
Price: \$6.95	Price: \$39.95	Price: \$250

Siddharth began his decision making process by excluding the cheap sunglasses because they did not have a UV Rating and he was not prepared to compromise his health to save a few dollars. The Oceangear glasses were sturdy, had the highest UV Protection Rating possible and came with a 1 year guarantee. To Siddharth's way of thinking these glasses represented good value for money.

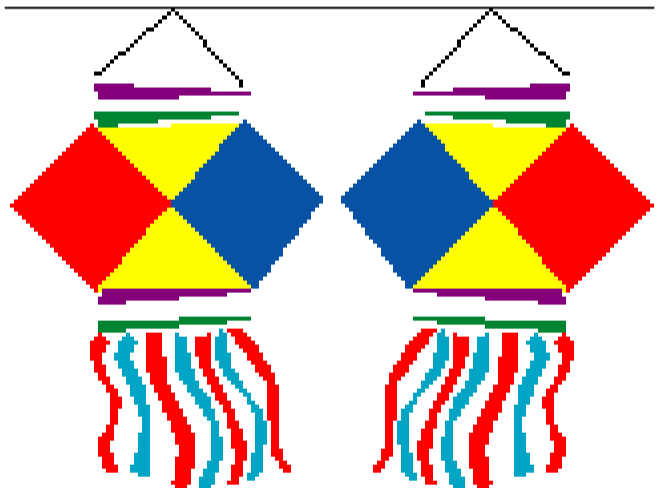
The Monage glasses were also well made and had the highest UR Protection Rating. However, they were also \$210.05 more expensive than the Oceangear glasses. Siddharth realized that this difference in price was the cost of the 'status badge' associated with wearing the Monage brand. Since Siddharth had decided not to play the Status Badge Game, he bought the Oceangear glasses and kept the \$210.05 cost of the status badge in his bank account.

It's important to note that deciding not to play the Status Badge Game is not about becoming a cheap miser who refuses to spend a cent. Instead, it is about identifying items that represent good value for money without paying the large overheads necessary to accumulate high status badges. Always remember to: **"Shop for Value and not status"**.

By applying this simple financial philosophy to your personal items, your clothes, your car and your home you can save many thousands of dollars over your lifetime. You can then redirect this money into acquiring income producing assets and enjoying meaningful life experiences with the people you love. So today I'd like to encourage you to see the Status Badge Game for what it really is – An elaborate conditioning process devised by savvy marketers attempting to maximize company profits.

Wishing you all a prosperous year ahead!

Until Next Time!



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Festivals and Cultures of India!

There are many festivals in India. They all are very important for us. We should even know that what they mean. Festivals are filled with lots of happiness and lots of fun too! There are many festivals in India like: Diwali, Janmashtami, Dusherra, Holi, Ganesh Charturthi, Raksha Bandhan Mahashivratri, etc. Diwali is celebrated when god Ram came home. This is too called the festival of light, crackers and sweets. Janmashtami is celebrated in the honour of Lord Krishna. Group of people on this day break a pot filled with yogurt. Holi is the festival of colours!

As we have festivals, we also have cultures. We have different types of cultures like: Parsi's cultures, Muslim's cultures, Hindu's cultures, Punjabi's cultures, Christian's cultures too. For example: In Hindu's cultures we have a tradition of wearing sarees, going to temples is compulsory, we have to touch the feet of elders, etc. In Punjab it is not compulsory to wear sarees in functions, they can wear salwar kameez, but they have to wear bangles everyday too.

And from this we come to know how cultures and our festivals are important for us and how we should respect them!

- Mahek Mehta
Grade 6

Merging into an atmosphere of celebration

Diverse cultures flourish in the boundaries of this rich country - India. Festivals are like messengers addressed by the heritages to strengthen the bonds of affection between them. These festivities spread euphoria around. They are a vital piece of the jigsaw puzzle of our way of life. From Diwali to Holiday, Eid and Christmas, all give rise to a sensation of ecstasy in our hearts. The bridge of soft spot between traditions should not break up. "Unity is Diversity"

-Navya Mehta
Grade 6

MAN ON THE RUN: STORY

The sunlight was penetrating into my eyes. I could hear the soft Twitter of sparrows and a rooster with a booming voice to wake up the residents. The rain had stopped and I was slowly opening my eyes. I could see everything in a mess around me due to the storm last Night. I woke up and moved outside the hut and suddenly squelch! Something terrible happened; my whole foot was soaked in mud Because of last night's heavy rain the whole place was filled with wet Mud making it soft and gooey, and it was like a pond full of slime. I was very thirsty and hungry as I had not eaten anything the previous Day due to the long abscond from the authorities. I could hear a soft patter patter behind the bushes probably that of a brook. I proceeded towards the brook as I was very thirsty. I could hear the cracking of the leaves under my feet. The air was damp and musty and I could hear the sound of the brook getting louder and louder. I was fighting through the bushes, making way to get to the brook. Finally I could see a brook in sight moving through the Rocks and pebbles in its slow zigzag path. I went to it and gulped large Amounts of water. There was a very pleasing feeling in my throat but there was one

problem; I was hungry. I thought I could find a pleasant Restaurant to eat in but it struck to me that I was in a jungle and not in a park so the only option left for me was wild berries, so I climbed a small tree and had some juicy berries. I felt relieved as I was full and full of energy for the long day ahead. I suddenly heard a noise; a sneeze Aatishoo! I looked around but could not see anyone. I was startled by a gunshot Boom! I realized that the authorities had found me as I had no time to think the only option left for me was to abscond and I started running like a mad fowl. I was running, clambering on fallen trees, jumping Over twigs. I even got deep cuts because of thorns in bushes. I finally stumbled against a huge rock and fell in a dry well, my eyes started Closing and everything was rotating around me as if I was sitting in a simulator and then everything went black. When I woke up I saw that all my clothes were tattered and torn and my arms and feet were bleeding profusely. There was a foul smell in the air and it was damp I Was caught and handcuffed in a deep, dark and smelling dungeon and that's when I realized that the authorities had caught me.

-Raghav Tibrewal IX A

A place I never want to go back to.

Vampires! Werewolves! Do you believe in them? Do they actually exist? Yes, they actually do. They are one of the most dangerous creatures existing on the Earth. Well, that's my belief, because I have seen them around me! My mom never believed me, she kept on saying, "my dear child it must be a dream, it must be-" Here was I The moment she said this, I always kept on cutting her lines and say, "No, mom, it is not a dream. I have actually seen them."

When I was small I loved going around the world...adventures, in fact yet I do. Summer camps are one of the most interesting ones. There was a summer camp organised by The management in the area where I live for the age group of 10-18. Company was one of the main factors for enjoying the camp. I made quick phone calls an asked my Brothers to join me in the camp organised. They replied, "We would love to come with you in the camp, also we shall get time to spend with you." I quickly packed my bag, Went for shopping and got ready for the adventure. One night later, we moved into a village, got settled in the tents but unfortunately the tents

were too small for three people to Live in. Only one person can live in each tent. After the long journey we all were very tired. But some strange thing happened, it was impossible for me to sleep, I tried But I could not sleep. I got up and looked out of the window and was surprised to see two lights flickering in the trees. The light came towards me and I then realised

They were eyes, blazing in the face of something horrible. Every moment it was coming nearer and nearer. I was horrified and tried to scream but I could make no sound. I ran inside the tent, at that moment, I heard a scratching sound at the door. I turned to see a hideous brown face with flaming eyes staring at me. The creature entered in the tent. I could not move as it came towards me, twisted my hand with his huge bony finger. At last, I was able to scream and woke up my brothers in the Tent besides mine. By the time they got out from their tents, the creature had escaped from the door and I was unconscious on the floor. One of my brothers went behind Him and chased the monster but it climbed over the wall and disappeared. After some time the same scratching noise I could hear. Through the pane at the top, I saw the Same hideous face! Screaming at once, my brothers came rushing in with their pistols. As the creature ran

away my brother fired him on his leg. Once again it scrambled over the yard wall and into the old burial vault. The officers were called to investigate on the matter; it was then taken care of. They found the creature and burnt Him, which was the only way to get rid of the monster!

-Shreya Patrawala
Grade IX

Who are teachers?

T-Talented
E-Excellent
A-Adorable
C-Clever
H-Hard Working
E-Encouraging
R-Responsible

- Vaibhav Toshniwal
IX A

Our Planet

our home is called planet earth .from far away in space, it just looks like a turquoise ball. this is because three-quarters of its surface is covered by seas and oceans. what land can be seen appears green and brown. But often much of earth's surface is hidden by wispy white swirls. these are clouds. beneath all of this lies our unique planet earth!

but do you think we are taking good care of this beauty from birth, the wonderful earth? Hmmm..... does wasting water, polluting rivers, building roads, cutting trees and destroying ecosystems mean we take good care of earth? well, I don't think so!

we must at least begin with some small steps like planting trees and preserving water. there is no other way we can save our planet!

- ANOMA SHETTY
GRADE 6

Excruciatingly Agonizing Exams...

When I was younger, I saw kids, day in and day out, studying for tests, exams and quizzes. I used to wonder why parents were always so perturbed about these things; why it would matter whether their child came first or last; why kids, before exams, were so fretful? I just didn't understand. Subconsciously, though, I knew my day would come... The first exam I ever took was in the 3rd grade. It was in the year 2006, in the fateful month of July, that catastrophe struck. Children and parents were informed that the 3rd graders would take their Term Exams, of 20 marks for each subject, in late September. The students were petrified. No one had ever given a quiz, let alone a graded exam! Conflict surfaced throughout the 8 year olds. Optimists said that it would be easy as it was the first exam. Skeptics and pessimists offered their cynicism and said that exams are always tough. I, being in none of the two parties, didn't know what to believe. So, I just decided to study, study with all my heart and try and achieve my goal. I think, my determination was what led me through the following months; at the end of which, we gave our first exam. The day of the exam was surely, most ridiculously, absurd. Everyone rushed around, filled with fear at the prospect of giving an

exam, trying to memorize methods and formulae for the Math exam, because ironically, all of our brains had most conveniently stopped working. The sight of 40, 8 year olds perforating their eyes into textbooks was absolutely risible. After our daily assembly, we were escorted to our classrooms.

I sat at my bench, frozen with apprehension and anxiety, as the teacher distributed the exam papers. I scribbled viciously, the moment I received the paper. I wrote and wrote for what seemed like a fortnight. When the bell in the class rang, the teacher collected the papers. My heart raced as I handed my paper over. This was it. I couldn't, even if I wanted to, change. My fate was sealed... The hour that followed, was overcome by frivolous chatter, as we asked each other answers and tried to calculate our approximate marks. As the day progressed, I thought about that one naïve thought that flashed in my mind when I saw older kids prepare, as to why exams were so excruciatingly agonizing? The answer I realized now. By what I heard, I knew that I wouldn't be getting an A*, but to have endured the 'excruciatingly agonizing' exam, was the real achievement.

-By Cymroan Phadnis.

EXAMS BURSTING YOU?? LET'S BURST IT!!!!

An adequate level of anxiety is good as it motivates the individual to stay focused and give our best always, but if anxiety is more than the desired level, it hinders the performance level. In today's world examination is comparable to a marathon, which requires slow and steady strides. What is most critical is self organisation and time management, according to me. Time management does play a very crucial role.

Here are a few stress busters which might help all to release us from these frightening EXAMS!!!!

An effective preparation has to be preceded with a positive attitude coupled with a belief in one's abilities and strengths. Be optimistic always. This is the path which will lead you to easy and stable time during our exams.

Too many reference books can result in confusion. Refer one book prescribed by school authorities which is easy to understand and provides adequate knowledge intended for your level study. Making notes also helps. Try making your own notes which will be like extra help to you once you sit to revise.

One should refrain from use of cell phones and the internet during study hours. They distract your attention. Try using them only when you are

taking a break.

It is advisable to set short-term goals that can help one study effectively by completing small tasks within a given time period. Making a study schedule that helps in breaking down tasks into manageable parts and setting a study routine can prove immensely helpful especially in terms of time management.

Hence time management, positive attitude and hard work all are crucial features to do well in any exam. We all must go by the words "STOP STUDYING HARD and instead should START STUDYING SMART". Exam is definitely not a scary task but if we follow the above guidelines it can be really a boon for us!

**- Vidhi. Gandhi
Grade X**

What is education?

- E- Energy
- D- Discipline
- U- Unity
- C- Confidence
- A- Aim
- T- Talent
- I- Interest
- O- Opportunity
- N- Nationality.

**- Vaibhav Toshniwal
IX A**

Glimpses of the school trekking trip to Karjat!!!!!!

Before the exams the school decided to give the students a pleasant surprise, so it took all the kids to a trek in Karjat where all the kids indulged in an amazing waterfall. It was wonderful to see all teachers and students in high spirits. "it was indeed a refreshing tour, We had a blast", shrieked all our trekkers!



Debate time: “Jan Lokpal Bill”! Let’s check out what our young minds have to say on this

JAN LOKPAL BILL: OPPOSITION

As my friends have already established, we are for an anti- corruption India, but against Mr. Anna Hazare’s campaign about the Jan Lokpal Bill. Recent scams in India in the fields of telecom, CWG and the Aadarsh Society Scam triggered this anti-corruption campaign By Gandhian Mr Hazare. The immense success of this drive is Because of the sensitivity of the issue mainly addressing the Majority citizens of the country- the middle class.

Corruption thrives in this country because there is little or no implementation of the existing laws. And for that you need honest people in the right places to make laws effective. Given the fact that there are more laws in this country than needed it is naive to believe that one more law can change the way India functions. In my view, the Jan Lokpal Bill has some significant drawbacks-

1) Corruption in India arises because of too much governance, too many rules, too much complexity and too much ambiguity. Adding one more, huge, powerful layer to an already complex system will make the system even more complicated. Complexity creates the incentives for corruption—both on the part of the bribe giver and the bribe taker.

2) The drawback of the Jan Lokpal is that it’ll make problems worse. Does anyone seriously think we can hire tens of thousands of absolutely honest officials who will constitute the Lokpal? For example the Government says that there are over 2 crore employees in lower bureaucracy and another mammoth organization will have to be created to monitor them. Basically making the bill an impractical effectuates.

3) Fast until death is political blackmail. It is a form of theatre engaged in to coerce the government into doing something that the agitators want. Whatever may be the cause, a single person cannot be allowed to dictate laws to the whole nation. It is a legitimate moral weapon to keep politicians under pressure, but moral blackmail is not.

4) Most of the people supporting Lokpal have not examined what the proposal is, have not tried to consider opposing arguments and blindly accept it as a solution because some famous people said so.

5) We believe that the government proposed Lokpal Bill needs fine-tuning but the Jan Lokpal Bill is just ridiculously impractical. For example - both the Jan Lokpal and the government’s Lokpal draft propose an 11-member committee. The Lokpal asks the committee to only look into the corruption matters of senior government officers while the Jan Lokpal asks the committee to address all corruption issues of the entire bureaucracy of India.

In conclusion, I would say the need of the hour is to address the Cause and not the Effects. In this case both draft bills are looking only at the effect – “corruption”. Instead, what the nation needs today is speedy reforms by the government in the following areas- Poll reforms, Administrative reforms, judicial reforms. If we achieve this, India will soon be well on its way to be a corruption free country.

- CYMROAN PHADNIS
GRADE VII

JAN LOKPAL BILL: PREPOSITION

Can the Jan Lokpal bill put an end to corruption? Ordinary citizens trying to complain against corruption do not trust in the government. They believe that their complaints are not being registered and their voices are being suppressed by minting money & heavy pocketed the ministers. Money as we know is the greatest weapon which anyone can singlehandedly overpower and destroy the common man this perfectly describes India’s present situation. When anyone complains about a corruption in the ongoing government the respective party bribes the lay man and because everyone needs money this man falls from his values and becomes a part of the corruption cycle.

The Lokpal bill suggests that there should be established a Lokpal at the central level and Lokayukta at a state level both of which will address the shortcomings of the current anti-corruption systems and Have the power and independence to investigate and prosecute cases of corruption. The Jan Lokpal bill promises to play a very crucial role in the removal of corruption from its roots. The most important thing the bill will do is to give complete authority to the citizens on deciding who is corrupt and who is innocent. According to a recent math study results show that the money that has been secretly stashed away by the ministers and politicians in the money havens of the Swiss Bank are actually national assets, that amount to 2.5 billion Swiss francs today summing up to 12,000 Lakh Crore. If this black money comes back to India we will be able to eradicate and diminish poverty.

India would become financially No.1 in the world

we wouldn’t need to pay taxes for next 20 yrs
each district will get 60000 crores. Each village will get 100 Crore. No need to pay electricity bill. Indian borders will become stronger than the China Wall. 1500 Oxford like Universities can be opened. 28,000 Kms Rubber roads (like in Paris) can be made.

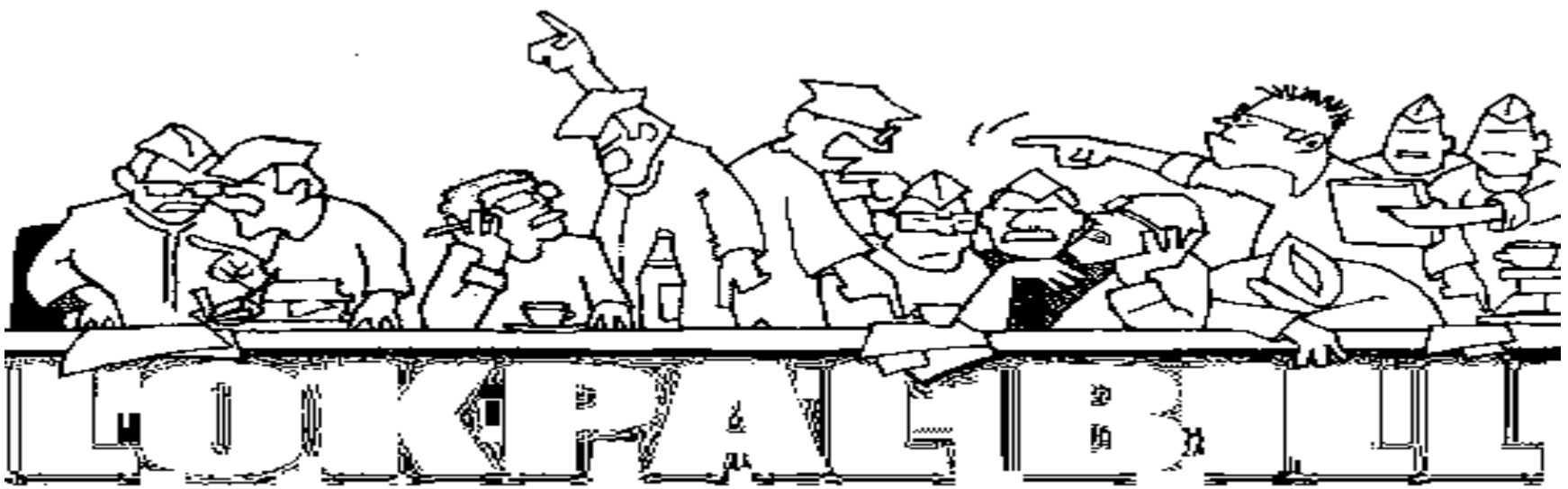
2,000 hospitals (with all facilities) all medicine Free. 95 crore people will have their own house.

Lokpal and Lokayukta will be responsible for providing the whistleblowers, inside or outside the government, with protection from threat or victimization of a professional or a physical kind. All existing anti-corruption beauraus will be merged into the Lokpal. the anti corruption wing of CBI,CVC and vigilance wings of all departments would be merged into the Lokpal therefore avoiding overlaps in the system and enabling total protection from the vicious cycle of corruption.

Just as me a thousand no may be lakhs of people believe the JANLOK-PAL would give rise to A GLORIOUS INDIA!!! JAI HIND.

- Tashi Rastogi

Grade 8th



MONSOON

*“Rain Rain Go Away
Come Again Another Day
Little Johnny Wants To Play”*

This was the poem we used to sing when we were children.

We are fortunate to have three seasons, but in some countries it rains anytime during the year. In India monsoon lasts from June to September. Mumbai has the second highest rainfall. Monsoon and good rainfall is very important in Indian culture, as India is a country of farmers.

We kids enjoy rains the most. We go to Juhu Beach and have fun playing in the sea and sand. We can have delicious Kanda Bhajiya or Chai prepared by Mom or find an open space and soak down in cool water. We eat spicy, tangy, roasted sweet corn instead of Ice cream. All our work is forgotten! We also take our car or bike for a long drive with family. Heavy rain is lucky for us as we get holidays from school and can have fun splashing in puddles J

On the other hand due to heavy rains, lots of people suffer also. In some areas, people face heavy loss

because of floods. In the rainy season malaria spreads rapidly because of mosquitoes. People get stuck in traffic and when local train stops running lot of people get stranded

We pray every year that we get a good amount of rains so that everyone gets enough water throughout the year.

- **AYUSH SHAH**
GRADE – IV

Monsoon Facts

India has three seasons- Summer, Monsoon and Winter,

The monsoon season is from June to October every year

India is an agricultural country and it depends on the monsoon for the various crops.

The national bird of India , the peacock dances when it is raining.

I like the rainy season very much because I love the tip tip sound of the raindrops.

-**Jay Devang Jimulia**
Grade II

My Experience during Monsoon

Monsoon reminds us of thundering clouds, lightning, dancing peacocks and rainbows. It is my favourite season as I love getting wet in the rain. This June, I went to Diu with my family and friends. I was very excited to go to the beach. I and my friends got out of our hotel rooms. As we were going towards the beach, it started raining heavily. We all started dancing with joy. We got in to the water and started playing. Due to the heavy rain, big waves started coming towards us! In such one big wave, I fell down and the water was all over me! I was scared for that moment but then I started enjoying the rain and the sea together. There were many children on the beach. Some were wearing raincoats and some brought umbrellas. It was a very colourful sight.

Due to the heavy rain, the wind was blowing very fast. It blew away many umbrellas. We had lots of fun in the rain. The beach side was looking green with trees and plants. What a beautiful sight it was! I played in the rain for hours till my mother came and forcefully took me to the room. Whenever it rains and if I am at home, I go to my terrace and get

wet. But this monsoon was very different as I enjoyed sea and rain water together.

- **Jiya Ashar**
Grade 3A

Acrostic Poem on Monsoon

M - Monsoon Lasts from June to September

O - On a Rainy Day We Carry Umbrella, Raincoat and Wear Gumboots

N - No One Wants To Go Out Of Their Homes

S - Sun Is Not Very Bright In This Season

O - On the Days of Heavy Rains Schools Are Closed

O - On the Days of Heavy Rains Roads Are Filled With Water

N - Never Does Anyone Eat Road Side Food during This Season

- **ASHUTOSH KOCHHAR**
Grade IV

Magic Manic Monsoon

Magic manic monsoon
I'm waiting for monsoon
I hope it comes soon

See the frogs long jumps
And the snails with their pretty humps

Oh how I love to see the puddles
make a splash
Coming all over me making me look like trash

I'm waiting for monsoon
I hope it comes soon

Joyful Dancing in the rain gives delight to our brains
The merry rainbow in the sky
Surely take us on a different high

I'm waiting for monsoon
I hope it comes soon

- **Khushi Rastogi**
Grade 5



Art Attack



The Rain

The Rain Is Beautiful
But Sometimes Frightful
The Crops Grow In The Rain
But Something Stops That's The Train
In The Rain
I Like To Drink Soup
Which Is Hot And Tangy
When The Rain Is Beautiful
And Not Frightful
I Dance In The Rain
And Play In The Rain
Just Like A Peacock Does
The Rain Is Beautiful
And Sometimes Frightful

- **Vanshita Kapadia**
Grade IV.

