



Principal's Message

Dear all
Somewhere in the mad rush of living, we forgot 'life' itself. One invisible entity jolted us and in no time everything changed. It seemed as if nature stamped its foot in disgust and roared 'enough is enough'. I am here to reclaim and redeem myself from the human race soaked in greed and self absorbed in its technical prowess, oblivious of its race towards self-destruction. We needed to slow down.

Unfortunately this was not the kind of wake up call we would have asked for!

Our first and foremost duty, during this challenging situation, was the safety of our girls. Next came academics which teachers took upon themselves as a personal mission to ensure the girls are not bereft of learning along with providing a positive connect for emotional support. Amidst all this in these trying times, I feel proud to see our editorial team working tirelessly and gifting us a wonderful newsletter, once again affirming the bond that is MGD and providing a happy connect with the school and its activities.

God Bless

Mrs Archana S Mankotia
Principal, MGD Girls' School

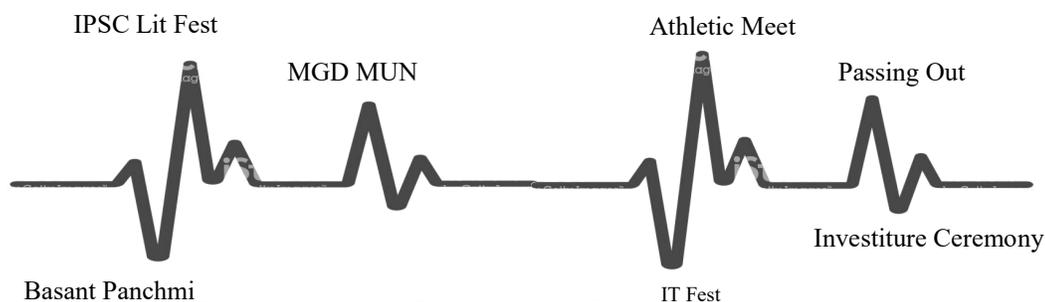
"Heartbreak Weather"

No two words (other than these) could ever accurately capture our feelings right now because quite literally each of us is sleep-walk living. The new cabinet was quite exultant and euphoric after being entrusted with responsibilities but in the wake of the Corona Crisis which has made school a distant dream for all of us is also trying to engage students at a virtual level. Our sadness is as airborne as the coronavirus. From Nirbhaya finally getting her justice (about time now) to Greta Thunberg becoming TIMES person of the year, from the Australian bushfires to the sad demise of Kobe Bryant, from the rumors of World War III to UK's Health Minister testing positive for covid19 (ironic!), we have come a long way.

The only good news that keeps us going through day after day is our teachers working day and night to assign us beautiful loads of home assignments. Our schedules of waking up to sleep have been injected by Zoom online classes and not to forget the grind to get those Extramarks (pun intended); our studies are not compromised even at times like this. Another happiness is the increased number of artists coming live to promote their albums (the only rock concert we get to attend is at 5pm with plates). Perhaps the only pro of covid19 is the decreased levels of pollution and our increased attendance in the family meetings, not to mention the promotion of elder siblings in most (read: all) households to househelps.

In this tech savvy world neither storms nor viruses can stop the work of the Editors and hence we present to you The MGD Pulse Volume3, bursting with the radiance of a thousand splendid suns. Find major (and minor) events like the IT Fest, Passing Out Ceremony, MGD MUN, Basant Panchmi and many more along with book reviews, articles that make you ponder, a heart melting playlist with the most beautiful songs to help you through this crisp trepidation, for all the Styles fans a review of Fine Line and a whole new version of our show reviews- Fresh Potatoes 2.0, to keep you from staring at the ceiling.

Happy reading,
With love and noor
Jahnvi & Vedika
(your new Editors)



Colours of Life

The 76th Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School Annual Function was celebrated on the 23rd of November, 2019. The theme for the event was Colours of Life, which was represented impeccably by the students in three forms – English drama, Hindi drama and dance. Mr. Shashank Vira, an educator, graced the evening with his presence as the Chief Guest. Prizes were also awarded to meritorious students.



The Power of Gavel

The art of tact and diplomacy was put into use as the sixth edition of MGD MUN was hosted from 14th October to 16th October 2019, relaying the theme 'Revive to Reform'. The Chief Guest for the Opening Ceremony was Col. Vikram Meloor who was joined by Mr. Sunil Jacob, State Coordinator, UN Population Fund as the Guest of Honor. In her speech, Mrs. Archana S Mankotia highlighted the importance of debating and reflecting in today's politically driven world. The three day Model United Conference witnessed heated debates and diplomatic agreements along with amusing entertainment sessions. While everybody went back with memories and new experiences, Daly College took home the Best Delegation trophy.



All Things New and Beautiful

The school underwent two major renovations this year. Our library was repainted and refurbished with rows of new shelves and spaces. Beautiful pictures of Ms. Mala Mathur and Ms. L.G Lutter overlook the students' tables. The renovated modernized library was presented to the school by 'Raghu Sinha Mala Mathur Trust' in memory of Mala Mathur and Shree M D Rathi Centre 'Shradhanjali' was presented by the Rathi family.



In our Memories

Miss Lillian Godfreda Donnithorne Lutter's birth anniversary was observed on February 6, 2020. Staff, students and Guild members commemorated the founder principal of MGD at the Quiet Corner and felt grateful for her selfless commitment and vision for the school.



Fresh Potatoes 2.0

The Haunting of Hill House

The Haunting of Hill House is an American horror drama which revolves around the present day life of 5 siblings in their adulthood dealing with their own life issues. But most of their present situations trace back to their childhood at The Hill House which has scarred their relationship with their father for life. Whilst struggling with their own dilemmas they face the death of one of their siblings and are somehow brought back together in the haunted mansion which has been abandoned for the past 20 years ever since the night their life changed and took their mother away. The show highlights the importance of how a person could be severely damaged because of childhood trauma and yet live a peaceful life haunted by the memories of the past. A mind blowing show based on a book by Shirley Jackson covering everyday modern issues with a twist of suspense and thriller.

Syeda Aaliya 12B



Elite

The Spanish drama unfolds with the progression of a police interrogation through a series of flash forward scenes which provide a base for the character's relationship with each other. The new three working class scholarship students are ostracized by the opulent students at Las Encinas. As the show progresses there is a mingling amongst the two bifurcated groups and a strong clash of lifestyles, envy and affection. But amidst the growing friendships there is a wolf lurking in a sheep's disguise. The happy streak of the show is broken by a theft which creates a rift amongst the two circles. The newly created bonds are severed and the plot takes a u-turn as the riches stick with and protect each other at the cost of the newbies. As the prime suspect of the burglary is confronted emotions run high and the morals run low, the night witnesses the murder of a student. In the pursuit of finding the culprit of Marina's murder many secrets of the elites are revealed. Elite narrates the struggles of the riches to keep their hatchets buried while the new-comers give them a run for their money.

Vedika Patel 12H



The Society

The Society begins with a high school field trip gone wrong. The seniors are dropped back into the town they had left earlier, only this time, West Ham is abandoned and there's no way to contact the outside world. As the characters realize that in this little piece of earth, where there are no rules and no adults to restrict their reckless actions, they try to figure out how to live together in a cordial manner, without imploding under the situation. The Society offers the viewers a fresh perspective on utopia and a society controlled entirely by teenagers, where drama is bound to take the front seat in any case. The teenagers learn the balance between the greed of power and what it takes to build a society from the ground up. A prison is set up and a military force is invented although, the big question of their parents' disappearance and how to get back to them remains a mystery until the very end.

Navya Puri 11A



How I Met Your Mother

How I Met Your Mother is an American sitcom that follows the life of the main character, Ted Mosby and his friends in Manhattan. The show's general idea is in the year 2030, Ted recounts to his son and daughter the events that led him to meet their mother. The show revolves around Ted finding the love of his life, Lily and Marshall's love story blossoming into something beautiful, Barney being the charming man and a loyal friend that he is and Robin who portrays how people can be in love and still be ambitious. The show is a fun packed roller-coaster of laughter, tears and joy. The show opens your eyes following the cycle of life explaining how we meet people and before we know it they become our family. HIMYM proves how family is not just blood ties. The show has shown growth, love, sadness, passion, strength and true friendship. During the show, you'll experience strange sense of cleverness in the laughter and excellent delivery of the jokes by all the performers. If you've loved laughing to F.R.I.E.N.D.S then, HIMYM is strongly recommended.

Tejaswini Singh 12B



Pataka, Tripataka, Ardhapataka...

'Do it with passion or not at all', With this thought in mind our dance team of 13 girls participated in the Indian Public Schools' Conference Dance competition held at Rajmata Krishna Kumari School, Jodhpur from 9th November 2019 to 12th November 2019. The team participated in all four categories- Western group, Folk group, Classical group and Solo Classical. With their passion and scintillating moves they swept laurels for the school, standing tall at first position in Classical group and second in western group dance.



Service before Self

Yadavindra Public School, Patiala hosted the IPSC Service Project 2019 from 21st November to 24th November 2019. 7 girls from our school took part in this project. During the course of the four days, the students improved the Anganwadi room, fixed the playing equipment, planted trees and made academic charts for class rooms. On the last day the participants took part in an interactive session which focused on waste management, personal hygiene and the importance of healthy living. The project sought to upgrade and support an adopted village school.



Coding Decoding



Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet hosted the IPSC IT Fest From 22nd to 24th August 2019. 200 students from 26 renowned IPSC schools from across the country participated in this fest. The events varied from PowerPoint presentations, Film making to IT quiz and programming and tested the participants' knowledge of technology and their ability to put this into use whilst being creative. Disha Kabra from MGD was mentioned in Top 3 winners for the event Photography and Editing.

AN EMBER IN THE ASHES

An ember in the ashes is a utopia set in a vicious empire with a diverse range of cultures. One of these groups is the Scholars, who are learned but oppressed. Such a scholar is Laia. Her desperation to free her only family, her brother, drives her to join The Resistance. She is then asked to become a slave and a spy at Blackcliff, an imperial academy where young men (and a woman) are trained to become the Empire's soldiers in exchange for The Resistance's help.

The son of school's commander, Elias is appalled by the Empire's rule and wants nothing to do with it, but when an impossible to miss out on competition is announced, he is forced to participate. If he wins, he will become the next Emperor, and only if he competes will he gain true freedom.

The competition consists of three Trials, in which participants either die trying or move to the next one. Elias's hardworking and enigmatic nature is appreciated until the very end. Sabaa Tahir has shown the various colours of society: the weak, the powerful and the rebels. The scholars are oppressed, enslaved and abused mercilessly by the soldiers. The commander of the academy often subjects the slaves to abuse while the students have tremendous irrational power in their hands. The rebels' passion is exhilarating, their mysteries are better not known and their hunger for freedom is fierce. New friendships evolve, old friendships dwindle and chemistry blooms between the characters as they fight their battles. This book teaches one to

appreciate the little things in life; loyalty and freedom play a very significant part in this story and will compel you to stay on the edge of your seats!

Cunningly woven with myth, magic, betrayal, family and friends, **An Ember in the Ashes** has shown oppression, violence and passion in a mesmerizing blend of words. This is definitely a book to add to your collection.

Navya Puri
11 A

HEADS YOU WIN

Written by the bestselling author, Jeffery Archer, **Heads You Win** is a book which is expressed in a manner which leaves a person in complete awe. Jeffery Archer has written this book in such an interesting and creative manner that it becomes one of the main reasons to read this book. The book is about a boy, Alexander Krapenko, who lives in Russia with his mother and father. After a turn of events, Alexander has to leave his home and venture to a foreign nation. He has a choice between America or Britain. Instead of just writing about one choice, Archer writes about both of those choices which makes the book utterly remarkable.

The book is about the road taken and the one not taken as well as Alexander's affection and respect for his mother. His qualities make him a character worth remembering. Heads You Win is written in a manner which expresses all the different issues one could possibly think of. A marvelous and astonishing piece of work by Jeffery Archer, this book is a must read.

Arsheya Mathur
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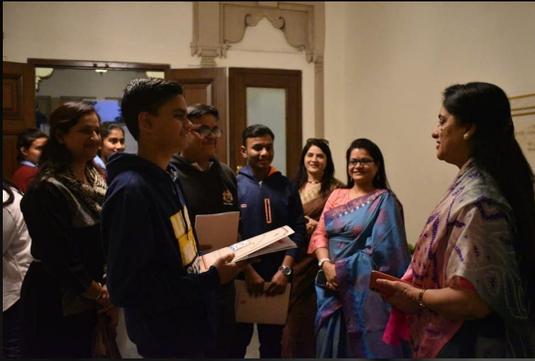
Put A Price on Emotions

Harry Styles' latest album: 'Fine Line' came out in December '19 and has proved that it's here to stay. The album is an alluring blend between summery beats and somber heart-break. It starts off with dreamy tracks like 'Golden', 'Watermelon Sugar' and 'Adore You' (these are the songs you should already be adding to your summer playlist). They sound like a combination of modern indie and bops with bolshy brass lines. Tracks like 'Falling', 'To Be So Lonely' are saccharine heartbreaks, different from the majority of the album. The lyrics of all the tracks, especially the heartbreaker ballad 'Cherry' are brazenly straightforward and honest. Some of the songs are blissfully domestic, something not common in today's pop. The titular 'Fine Line' is a charming, euphoric track, which seems to bring the whole album full circle. The song ends with a jubilant, lush orchestration and a breathy and hopeful "We'll be alright." From the six minute long track 'She' to the groovy old school beats of 'Canyon Moon', Styles shows off his range through this masterpiece. The whole album is an expression of his artistic freedom, and exudes his roguish charm. Whether you want a new beat to groove to, or a new song to blare in the shower, Harry Styles' 'Fine Line' has you covered.

Saanvee Tewari
10 G



Srijan 2019



Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School hosted the IPSC Literary Fest 'SRIJAN' 2019 from 28th November to 29th November. The fest kick started with an interactive session conducted by Mr Mohit Batra, an XLRI alumnus and a passionate third generation bookseller with a keen intent to propagate the love for reading and books among the Jaipurites, followed by an icebreaking session which helped form the basis for new bonds and healthy competition. The Chief Guest for the Opening Ceremony was Mrs. Anita Nair, who in her speech stressed on the importance of intelligent reading and imagination in today's world. The Guest of Honor Mr. Bhavya Soni, a management professor and poet, emphasized the importance of travelling and observation for writers. The bilingual fest witnessed events ranging from English debate, Script Enactment, Literary Quint hurdle to Hindi Debate, Kavita Lekhan, Sanskrit Geet Gayan respectively. The events tested the participants grasp on languages and their ability to put their thoughts into words. The event was declared closed by the chief guest Ms Mugdha Sinha, an IAS officer from the batch of 1999 (Rajasthan cadre), currently Secretary, Science and Technology Department who inspired and motivated students to be avid readers and carve a niche for themselves.

Divine Dancers

A group of 30 girls participated in D'fest 2019 organised by Buskers Institute of Art and Dance. MGD participated in a total of three categories namely group Western Senior, Group Classical Senior and Group Folk Senior. MGD cleared the first round along with other renowned schools such as Sanskar School, Rawat Public School, JPIS and many more. On 25th August 2019, MGD secured the 1st position in Group Classical Senior and 2nd runners-up position in Group Western senior.



Let's Taste the Stars

Hallelujah- Rufus Wainwright
Checkmate- Conan Gray
How to Save a Life- The Fray
Young, Dumb and Broke- Khalid
Homemade Dynamite- Lorde
Pretty Girl- Maggie Lindemann
Beach House- The Chainsmokers
My Blood- 21 Pilots
Both Ways- Liam Payne
Loving Someone- The 1975
Prom Queen- Molly Kate
Hold On- Chord Overstreet

The Last Song

The cherry blossom in a quiet land
like solitude, but not quite
there's someone there, sitting against the
tree trunk
in the bitterness of leaving
in the sweetness of memories
that's all he has, perhaps
while a bird sings in the distance.

Anupreksha Tripathi XII-B



Yellow Blossoms

The cooing birds, the blooming flowers, rich blue skies and warmth of the sun; this exuberance of spring is made merry by the holy festival of Basant Panchmi, marking the dawn of a new season. The entire school looked on as achievers in the area of fine arts were felicitated. Awards for creative writing, dance, music and discipline were given out. Mesmerizing dances and songs filled everyone with joy. The colour yellow was seen in the flowers and saris of our beloved teachers. It was a pure and beautiful way of welcoming spring.

Bloomingdales of MGD

Away from the bubbling potions of Chemistry and mind boggling Maths formula found in junior and senior sections of the school, there exists a magical building of frolicking children which is better known as the primary section. It's a place where students learn to run, fall and run yet again. From young Prime Minister gracing the annual function to Lord Rama enlightening the kids in the morning assembly, the students have turned events like sports day, monsoon bonanza, airport day and many others into opportunities that help gain intellect and intelligence.

Airport Day



Chokha Punjab

Annual Function





BLOOMINGDALES OF MGD

Celebrating 150 Years of Gandhi

On 1st October, 150th Gandhi Jayanti celebrations took place in the school with admirable fervor. It started with a group of girls demonstrating the Dandi march across the school campus. Then, a play staging the conversation between our Honorable Prime Minister and Mahatma Gandhi demonstrated the significant life anecdotes of his life like Dandi march, non-cooperation movement and the quit India movement. It ended with Principal addressing the issue of honesty and non-violence in today's world by analyzing the essence of both the values. This instilled in the girls, the importance of upholding and preserving these values.

Learners today, Leaders tomorrow

When we walk together, we grow together and CBSE realizing the significance of this journey has introduced 'Hubs of Learning' - a platform to help elevate budding schools with the help of a mentor school that is MGD Girls' school. The host school, Vidyasthali organized the activities for November that compelled students to be on their toes as it tested both - their logic with science activities and fitness with a basketball match. This non-competitive event helped boost confidence in participants as they met their innovative and proactive self.

Mapping the World

A group of 44 geography students visited Bheekampura, Thanagazi, Alwar district. The educational trip was organized by Tarun Bhagat Singh, a non-profit environmental NGO. The students visited bandhs, johads and anicuts constructed by TBS with the help of locals. During the course of the 2 day field trip the students learnt how to build water structures and took part in activities like resource mapping and topography mapping. The aim of the trip was to enrich the students' knowledge about water scarcity and various ways to overcome it.



Clean is the New Cool

On the occasion of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan which is organized on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the Nation, the school organized a cleanliness drive for the students and teachers of the school. More than 50 students, under the supervision of Ms Usha Vashishth and the Community Club, cleaned different parts of the school on October 1st, 2019. Students were divided into teams and took charge of cleanliness themselves. They covered areas like the Principal's office, the reception, dining hall, hostel areas and many more. The rest of the student body voluntarily cleaned their own classes from dusting to mopping, no corner was left unclean. It is rightly agreed by all, "A clean mind dwells in a healthy surrounding."



duende

butterflies out of a wound
a faint scream in the background
there's a tragic necessity;
the will to live, it's imaginary

existence is damning
and the weight of a thousand words
(said and unsaid),
a thousand worlds
sits on your shoulders

to make sense of the nonsensical, the useless and
the trivial
is to sit and think until you wither
and to make sense
of the sadness that consumes all
is comedy.

Divya Rastogi 12 G

We open our eyes to a world
Not worse, but different
Different from the one yesterday
And hopefully the one overmorrow
Not worse? Really!
Yes, not for the space around us
That at least gets to breathe, gets to see, No hu-
mans
Yes, for those grandparents
Who got to see their grandchildren
Just saying a hi and a bye
But now working from home
Yes, for those saplings
Who got our attention ,rarely
Even on sundays
I am way too optimistic
And I realise that.
Let's walk back
Italy, a lack
The United states, the same
This is not their per capita income, but the num-
ber of families that stand fragile
But let's talk about us, INDIANS
I thought it was only in disaster that we could
stand together
But not even then?
We want to leave our homes
To see how wheelless roads look
I know its fascinating
But let's prioritize
And understand
That such thoughts symbolize a nincompoop
Please,
Wash your hands, sanitize them
Dont caress your face there's a lot of time
To see another beautiful sunset,
Stay home for now and stay safe

Aanchal Poddar 12 H

Excellence is our Forte

On 23rd January, 2020, the school, for its outstanding professional contribution in the field of competence, was recognised amongst the top three Confederation of Educational Institutes of India (CEII) Instructional Leadership Excellence Award 2019-20 in Rajasthan in the Annual Educational Survey conducted by J.Shumpeter National Research Repository. It was a moment of joy and pride for the school to be acknowledged by such a prestigious institute.



Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School, Jaipur



Stay home, Stay Safe!

Chak De MGD

The All India IPSC U-14 and U-19 Girls' Hockey Tournaments 2019 were hosted by MGD Girls' School, Jaipur from 7th-9th September, 2019 and 9th to 11th September 2019 respectively. The Chief Guest for the opening ceremony of the U-14 tournament was Mrs Pushplata Goswami, a national level hockey player. The observer for the same was Mr Man Mahinder Singh. The teams put in their sweat and blood in the game. VDJS, Hisar won the trophy and MGD was declared the second runners up. The Chief Guest for the opening ceremony of the U-19 tournament was Mr Ashok Kumar Dhyanchand who boosted the participants' morale with his ingenious speech. The winning team was MNSS Rai. MGD bagged the third position and was felicitated by Mr Devesh Chauhan, the Chief Guest for the closing ceremony.



On The Whistle

The 76th Inter House Athletic Meet of Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School was declared open by Mr Sanjay Sinha. In his speech, Mr Sinha highlighted the importance of sports in our daily lives and also being from the Indian Army, he encouraged young aspiring women to join the army as they are now recruiting women in the combat forces. The audience then witnessed the enthusiastic Taekwondo and scintillating Aerobics displays. The fluctuating scores reflected the abreast head to head competition between the four houses which held everyone's breath. The Chief Guest for the closing ceremony was Brigadier Sameer Karol, an alumnus of National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. He emphasized the importance of participation over winning and not-winning. The students, teachers and esteemed guests witnessed an awe inspiring band display and to conclude a yoga display by grade 8 students. Sarojini Naidu house lifted the Athletic Cup for the 2nd time in a row.



Adrenaline Rush

The fields turned into arenas as the students from the four houses stepped into the grounds to be a part of the inter house games and sports held in the school from 21st to 23rd August, 2019. From wrecking their brains in chess to testing their stamina in kabaddi and kho-kho, students from all classes enthusiastically participated in this three-day event. This was the first time when the primary section became a part of this event. Their excitement and performance added to the success of the event.



Ave Ataque Vale (Fare Thee Well)

Ah! What an overwhelming day it was to bid adieu to our batch of 2020. The Passing Out Ceremony, held on 16th January 2020, was graced by Mrs Rima Hooja, an ex MGDian from the batch of 1972, a historian, heritage consultant and a writer of repute, as the Chief Guest.

Students were presented with a copy of the Geeta along with the MGD Badge as a memento. The event witnessed heartfelt citations by the class teachers of grade 12, followed by the exhortation by our Principal, Mrs Archana S Mankotia. All students lit an earthen lamp thereby making a promise unto themselves to be emissaries of the invaluable legacy inherited by them.

The event concluded with an address by the Chief Guest, Mrs Rima Hooja. She reminisced her school days and urged the students to create memories whilst pursuing their chosen path. She encouraged the students to believe in their selves and fearlessly follow their dreams.



Ducere Spondumus (We pledge to lead)

They say that goodbyes are the hardest, but we all knew that this goodbye is not the end, that this is only the beginning of a new journey. The entire school looked on as the batch of 2019-20 stepped down and made way for our new cabinet, passing down their hopes and responsibilities. Students, staff and the whole MGD family had gathered at the swimming pool area to witness the Investiture ceremony 2020. The jittery waiting was perhaps cliché but true nonetheless. Principal ma'am stepped up and reminded us that no matter what the results, all of us were equally special. We all cheered and screamed, our voices hoarse as we found our new leaders for the year. Our new Head Girl, Muskaan Singh inspired us all with her impromptu speech. Our Principal wished everyone good luck for future endeavors but more close to home, our upcoming examinations. As the day came to an end we said our goodbyes, a little teary eyed.



The New Queen of Fantasy

The Mortal Instruments

"His eyes were green."

Imagine opening your eyes one day and realizing you are in the middle of a world swarming with vampires, fairies and warlocks. That is Clary Fray's life in one sentence, a regular fifteen-year old girl who is trying to keep her head up the water with her best friend Simon Lewis; or at least that's what she used to be like, mundane. When Clary bumps into the walking Adonis, Jace Wayland and the Lightwood siblings- Alec and Isabelle, some flavors are added to her vanilla life. Fate throws a curveball at her when her mother is taken by a 'dog-like' creature; Clary is quick to realize she has no option but to rely on the infamous trio to help her. In the quest to find her mother, Clary learns she has been living in a façade. As the true traces of her mother's skin are revealed, the world of Shadowhunters, a race that has sworn to protect the mundane world- that would be you and I- from demons, vampires, werewolves, fairies and all things mystical (things we would do to live in this world!), is unlocked before her. As time flies Clary discovers things from her mother's past, some that adversely affect her present and some which are perhaps best left buried. Along with secrets Clary discovers her feelings for Jace which put her in a deep fix. But her feelings aren't the worst which happen to her, it is the rise of her mother's beloved, Valentine and her son Jonathan. If it wasn't enough to bring back the supposedly long-buried, throw in his quest to retrieve the Mortal Cup, Sword and the long lost Mirror to quench his thirst of wiping the Downworlders (so much for the quench and the satisfaction of cold water, yikes!) and his ambition to rise an army of demons. With new developments in the series we see the quote "like father, like son" come to life along with progression of relationships, development of affections, the pain of betrayal and the fury of anguished souls. With the six novel series Clare gives to us the golden boy, Jace Wayland who- if he was half as funny as he thought he was, he'd be twice as funny as he is, a beautiful equation between Magnus Bane and Alec Lightwood aka Malec- the end-game (we stan an lgbtqia+ ship), an equally enthralling concept of Parabatai and to bring out the artsy side in all of us, the magic of runes. The Mortal Instruments is a series which gives us the perfect balance between supernatural and the inevitable of mundane emotions.

Vedika Patel
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The Infernal Devices

"Most people are lucky to have even one great love in their life. You have found two."

Another one of Cassandra Clare's heartening series set in the old London during Queen Victoria's rule is The Infernal Devices. The story involves majorly three characters- Theresa 'Tessa' Gray, William 'Will' Herondale and James 'Jem' Carstairs. Tessa, a mundane in search for her brother, travels across the world only to discover herself as a Downworlder. Things don't go as planned when upon her arrival in London, she gets kidnapped by the Dark Sisters, members of the pandemonium club, who use her atypical abilities for their personal benefits and seek to marry her off to the Magister, the main antagonist of the series. With the grace of luck, the damsel in distress is saved by two knights in shining armours, our very own Shadowhunters. After the little rendezvous and a series of betrayals she never thought she had face, Tessa seeks refuge at the Shadowhunter academy, a place she would soon call home, a place filled with all sorts of personalities yet bringing them together was the unspoken love always present in the air. Growing with no real family Tessa is amused to witness the bond between Jem and Will and their dedication towards each other. Two completely different personalities bound to each other with all their heart. While Jem is kind, calm and quiet; Will was everything parallel to him; brooding, sarcastic and fiery. While Jem sways Tessa with his kindness and violin, Will reads Tessa poetry and shares her interest in literature completely opposite of his personality. This series shows the individual development of each character, enemies who become friends, fighters who become protectors and jealousy that turned into mutual admirations. Through the course of the series all of them discover their true selves and where their loyalties lie. Along the way Tessa's encounter with Magnus Bane makes her realise how important the two parabatais are in her life, the way they are ready to give up everything for each other is the friendship that we all long for in our lives. The Infernal Devices has everything one can imagine from wit, sarcasm to fights which leave a person speechless and poems too catchy that some might believe you've caught the pox.

Punarnava Jha
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The Dark Artifices

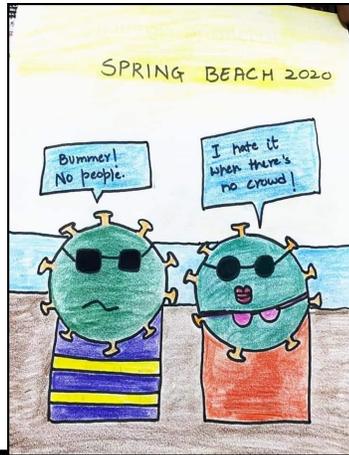
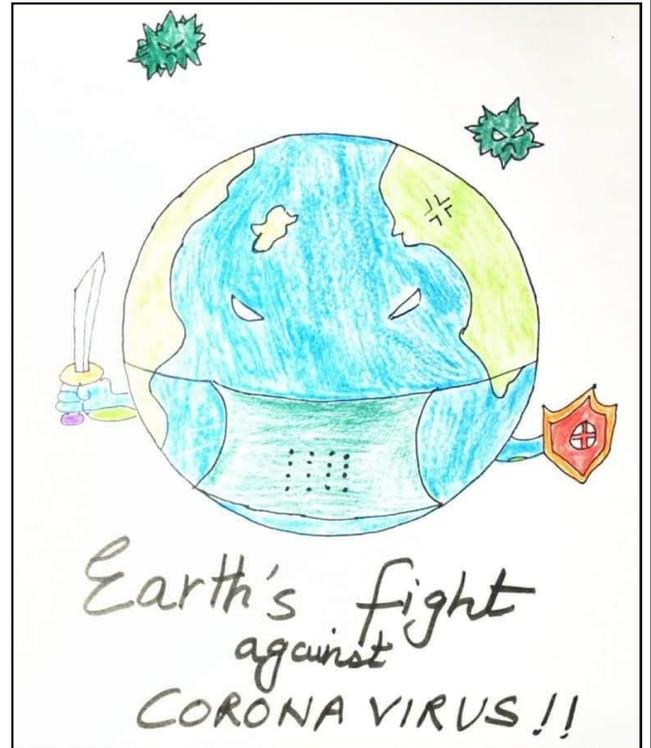
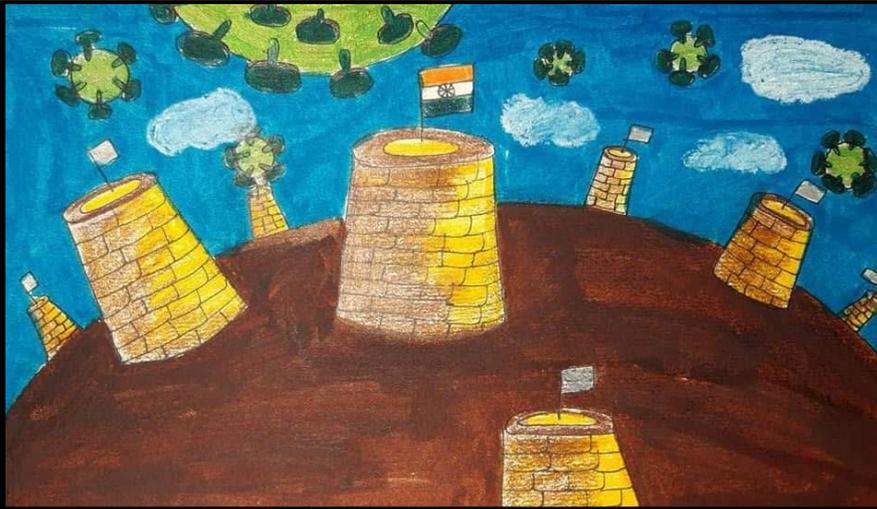
"There is a difference between having your heart broken and your soul shattered..."

Clare's third series, The Dark Artifices is set in the modern age which involves the forbidden love of our two protagonists and their quest to discover themselves. Emma Carstairs has suffered since her childhood, mourning her parents' deaths which happened during the war 5 years ago. Emma lives with the Blackthorn family who run the Los Angeles institute for Shadowhunters. She is the closest with Julian Blackthorn or Jules. The Los Angeles institute is run by Arthur Blackthorn, Jules' estranged uncle. Julian has the sole duty to run the institute and take care of his siblings. Their tutor Diana helps in taking care of the children but what Julian really needs is someone who he could look up to, someone who could take the burden off his shoulders. The Blackthorn's eldest daughter Helen, half faerie and half human, is trapped on an island due to her faerie origins. Julian's brother Mark is at Seelie Court with no hope for escaping. As the story progresses, Emma searches for the cause of her parents' death and the culprit behind all of it. With new developments throughout the series Emma becomes highly fond of Julian but she is too late to realize her feelings are more than just friendship. Due to the prevailing circumstances, Emma chooses to become Jules' parabatai but with the progression of her and Jules' situation she falls in love with him, committing the forbidden. This series involves heart wrenching at the same time overwhelming mix of emotions and fights enough to get you hooked.

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FIT INDIA

The FIT INDIA MGD Staff Fitness Program was conducted on the 8th of January, 2020. It comprised of spirited yoga and stretching exercises, enthusiastic games such as dodge ball, rugby, throw ball and cricket along with cross country marathon.



Clean Campus

MGD Girls' School awarded Second in School Category for performing outstanding work in maintaining cleanliness in their premises.

Eyes of Heaven

The 23rd India Birding Fair hosted by the Tourism & Wildlife Society of India (TWSI) on 7th & 8th February at the Man Sagar lake, Jaipur was attended by the aspiring Nature Club members of MGD Girls' School. There were stands set up by organisations which supported animal welfare and enlightened the students about their works. Quiz sessions, bird watching activities and painting competitions were informative, engaging and helped in increasing awareness.



IPSC YOGA

The All India IPSC Yoga Championship was held at Mody School, Lakshmangarh (Sikar) from 9th September to 11th September, 2019. MGD won the Championship for 9th time in a row. 9 girls were selected to represent IPSC in the SGFI Nationals, 2019 and Ayushi Sharma was awarded the Best Performer Award.

The results were as following:

Under - 14 categories:

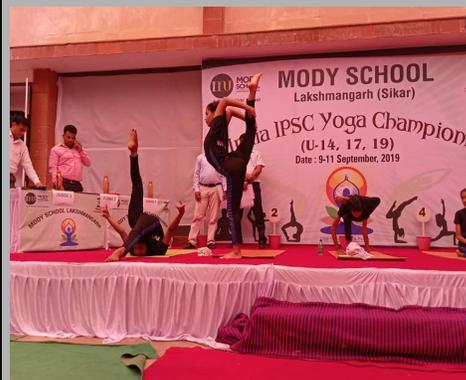
Group Yoga- 1st position
Rhythmic Yoga- 1st position
Artistic Yoga- 2nd position.

Under 17 categories:

Group Yoga - 2nd position
Artistic Yoga - 2nd position

Under 19 categories:

Group Yoga- 1st position
Rhythmic Yoga- 2nd position
Artistic Yoga- 1st position



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