

# SCRIBBLE

# HARD WORK

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# SAINT JOSEPH PATRON AND GUIDE OF OUR SCHOOL

St. Joseph is the foster father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. Jesus, the Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary, was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Christians all over the world believe this divine intervention.

St. Joseph, who was already engaged to Mary, realizing that she had conceived, wanted to break-off the relationship. But, in a dream, he was instructed to take Mary as his wife and care for the child Jesus. And this is what St. Joseph did. He married Mary and was the earthly father of Jesus.

During the time of Jesus' birth, for the purpose of the Census, an edict was passed that every family should be registered at the place of their fore-fathers. Since St. Joseph belonged to the lineage of King David, he had to take Mary his wife who was pregnant and travel all the way to Bethlehem. It was at Bethlehem that Jesus was born. Since St. Joseph could find no place, Mary gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God, in a lowly stable. His cradle was a manger made warm with hay, in the company of the animals in the stable.

The birth of Jesus made King Herod very nervous. He was afraid that he might lose his throne. So he ordered his soldiers to kill every male child two years and under, in and around the area of Bethlehem. This was a terrible tragedy. But here again, an angel appeared to St. Joseph and asked him to take Mary and the child Jesus and flee to Egypt. In this way, Jesus was saved from being brutally murdered. It was only after the death of Herod, that St. Joseph brought his family back and they settled in the town of Nazareth.

As caretaker of the Holy Family, St. Joseph took his responsibility very seriously. He worked as a carpenter and took care of every need of Mary and Jesus. The scriptures tell us that "Jesus grew up in age and wisdom." It was St. Joseph who guided Jesus and instructed him in the Jewish faith, taught him the carpenter's trade and encouraged him to grow into a mature person.

St. Joseph is renowned for his obedience to God in carrying out His will in every situation. He is also known for his humility, hard work, diligence and sense of responsibility. Because he was the model caretaker of the Holy Family, he is now the guide of the Universal Church and the Patron of numerous Religious Congregations all over the world.

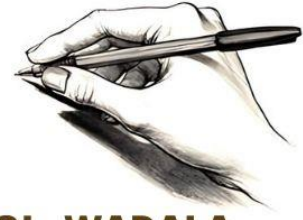
Our school is privileged to bear the name of St. Joseph. He guides us, inspires us and leads us on. His powerful patronage has protected us all through the many years of the existence of our school. Under his patronage we pray that our school may be protected always from all harm and that through his inspiration and grace, we keep excelling in all we do.

St. Joseph - pray for us!





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## HARD WORK ALWAYS PAYS.

Hard work is the effort we put into our day to day activities, our studies, work etc. In short, whatever we do, hard work is needed to achieve results or success.

For students, studies are always on their mind. The unit tests, terminals, Detailed Assessment, etc are always going on. Each one, especially the parents keep on egging the children to study, study and only study. Hard work in studies is not only studying for long hours, it is studying hard, but smartly. I know of some students who keep studying throughout the year, yet do not get the expected results. There are others, who are engaged in sports, and yet, they manage to get good marks.

In that case, what do we mean by hard work? Hard work is not putting in many hours of work. It is the quality that you put into your work that will give you good results. Today, students are stressed out, not because of the school studies, but because of the schedule that they have. School, tuitions and other classes of extracurricular activities. This is not hard work, but it is just the quantity of work that the child is putting in daily. This leads to tiredness, fatigue and mental and physical stress.

*I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have. – Thomas Jefferson.* This quote sums it all up. We are expected to continue working hard. We will encounter failure and less success in our exams or any ventures, but we should not give up, because if we continue to persevere and work harder, we will always have the chance to achieve our goals. Hard work and diligence go hand in hand.

Friends, a prime example of a hard working person is the basketball legend, Michael Jordan. He was known to wake up early and work towards perfection. When he entered the league, his jump shot wasn't good enough and so he spent his off season taking hundreds of jumps a day, until it was perfect. Jordan's defining characteristic wasn't his talent, but the humility to work continuously to be the best. We all need to be humble enough to accept our limitations and work hard, taking all our limitations into account.

I will end with a quote from the greatest football player of all time - Pele. "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

So friends, work hard and you will always end up successful and happy in life.



*Fr. James Nigrel sdb  
Rector and Manager*

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Principal & Asst. Parish Priest*

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Benjamin  
Disraeli*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

For some, work has been synonymous with oppressive drudgery. Philip Larkin asked, “Why should I let the toad work squat on my life? Bertrand Russell warned against over absorption in one's chosen life: One of the symptoms of approaching a nervous breakdown is the belief that one's work is terribly important. If I were a medical man, I should prescribe a holiday to any patient who considered his work important’.

There are, however, many for whom work is seen in a very different light. Blessed is he who has found his work let him ask no other blessedness, wrote Thomas Carlyle. It was Theodore Roosevelt's view that 'No man needs sympathy because he has to work ... Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing? (He would presumably have deplored the approach of George, one of Jerome K. Jerome's Three Men in a Boat, to his chosen employment: 'George goes to sleep at a bank from ten to four each day, except Saturdays, when they wake him up and put him outside.) The approach of the New Zealand writer Frank Sargeson would have been more to his taste. Sargeson reputedly kept a notice pinned to his front door to discourage callers: Frank Sargeson works in the morning. Do you?

For the upwardly mobile, a verse in the Bible offers the rather disheartening view that 'Promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south', and the question of how best to advance your own interests has been considered over many centuries. Such advance may of course bring more than one kind of risk. Francis Bacon wrote in the seventeenth century that 'All rising to great place is by a winding stair.' And success may breed resentment: the Sun King, Louis XIV of France, is reported as saying, 'Every time I make an appointment, I make a hundred men discontented and one ungrateful.' Self-interest is likely to colour your approach: as Harry Truman said, 'It's a recession when your neighbour loses his job; it's a depression when you lose your own.'

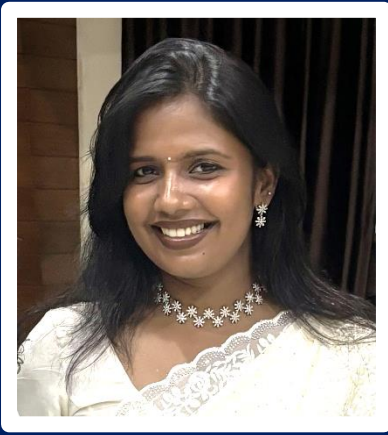
It was in the 1930s that the American lecturer and public speaker Dale Carnegie published his book *How to Win Friends and Influence People*, and thus added a phrase to the language. However, there has never been any shortage of advice for those wanting to follow what George Bernard Shaw called *The Gospel of Getting On*'. Sometimes, whether you have what are seen as the key qualities may be a matter of luck: Joan Bakewell in the 1990s observed that 'The BBC is full of men appointing men who remind them of themselves when young’.

There is also the possibility of good fortune in timing. In October 2007, reporting on the death of the writer and broadcaster Ned Sherrin, *The Times* quoted from his autobiography: 'In a long career of happy accidents, perhaps the most useful was to have been born in 1931 and to complete National Service, Oxford and bar exams precisely in time for the opening of commercial television.'

But as Benjamin Disraeli says “To do nothing and get something, formed a boy’s ideal of a manly career.”







*Ms. Flavia Vishwanathan  
Chief Editor  
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## MOTHERHOOD THE PERFECT FACE OF HARDWORK

Being a mom is hard work - in the words of Jane Sellman, the phrase "working mother" is redundant because every mom is a working mom! The poet and novelist Maya Angelou describes her mother in one of the most beautiful ways we've ever seen - the power of a hurricane and the beauty of a rainbow. To be a mom can feel like a constant balancing act. You feel like you must be the powerful, fearless mother that gets everything done, and yet you must also be a sanctuary for your kids. Whether you are a working mom, stay-at-home mom or child-free, you are a strong woman. This quote from Serena Williams helps us remember that being a mom is just like any other job: some days it's easy and some days it's hard. Some days your family sings your praises and other days they just scream at you! All mothers are working mothers because being a mom is one of the hardest jobs in the world! Not only that, the pay is terrible and the hours are super long! In the past decade, people have started to shine more light on the "invisible work" that women do, but don't ever forget that the hard-working mother rarely gets a sick day.

Lana Del Rey nailed it when she said this. Every mother knows that there is no such thing as a perfect mother! There are a million ways to be a mom and no one way is the 'right' way. Hard-working moms don't get it right all the time, but the wonderful thing about mothers is that they get to try a new way of doing it every day. Maybe that's why working moms who are raising successful human beings are also some of the most resourceful employees - they know how to multitask and they aren't afraid of hard work.

A hard-working mom who loves her work is a wonderful thing, but it's not always easy to love the job. This quote from Sharon Meers and Joanna Strober reminds us that it's important for a hard-working mom to find fulfillment outside the family too. Every hard-working mom knows how to roll up her sleeves and get stuff done. When you're a mom, hard work never ends! You have no choice but to show up for your kids, and you are constantly forced to problem solve!

The world would be a messy place without the hard-working mom to make it go 'round! Remember: there's no such thing as a "working mom" because every mom is a working mom. And if you are a hard-working mom, take a minute to thank yourself!

Mom, you are the glue that holds the world together and even though it may not always feel like it, you are doing an amazing job!

**“A woman is  
the full circle  
within her is  
the power to  
create,  
nurture and  
transform.” –  
Diane  
Mariechild**



# 107<sup>th</sup> School Annual Report 2023-2024



Respected Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Diego Nunes, Members of the Management, esteemed guests, Parents and my dear friends; with great pleasure I present to you Our 107<sup>th</sup> Annual School Report for the Academic Year 2023-2024.

On the occasion of Annual Thanksgiving Day along with our Patron Saint Joseph and our guide Don Bosco, I take pride when saying, we have held high our motto “AD MAJORA NATUS SUM” I am born for greater things.

## **A Glance of the Happenings at St. Joseph's**

### **Welcome and Adieu**

We extend a very warm welcome to Rev Fr. Arul Nicholas among us as the Assistant Parish Priest

We welcome Ms. Urmi Chhappia, the New Counsellor for the Secondary Section, Mr. Richard D'Souza as a clerk in the Primary Section and Mrs. Emelia Lacerda as a KG teacher.

We say Adieu to Mrs. Chaitra Gangan Counsellor of the Secondary Section.

### **Retired Staff**

We bid adieu to Tr. Chitra Sharma, Sir Jesus Antonio De Sa and Sir Lionel D'Souza

**Forever in our hearts** We regret to announce the sad demise of our ex-student mentor, Rev. Fr. Lawrence D'souza Sdb.



## Proud of Our Achievements

### Academics Results

Success comes to those who persevere and follow their dreams. Of the 119 students who appeared for the SSC Exams in the Academic Year 2022-2023 all the 119 students passed with flying colours.

#### **Summary of SSC Results:**

We had a cent percent result.

Distinction	86
1 <sup>st</sup> Class	26
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	7
Total	119

#### **Our Toppers:**

1.	Jedhe Soham	97.40%
1.	Tambe Saksham	97.40%
2.	Sarang Sarthak	96%
3.	Chavan Smith	95.20%

Fr. James Nigrel Our Rector felicitated the Toppers with a floral bouquet and appreciated their hardwork.

### Teacher's Achievements

1. Unwavering Commitment: Sir Rajashekar Reddy received an appreciation award for completing 25 years of selfless and dedicated service in the field of Sports in Mumbai. A hearty Congratulations to you sir.
2. Tr. Marilyn Dias won an award for the All Rounder Secondary Teacher at the national level from The Teachers Foundation, an NGO with the headquarters in Japan.
3. Tr. Anjula Rai received an award from The Governor of Himachal Pradesh for 25 years of dedicated service in the field of Education and her contribution to Social work.
4. Three teachers, Tr. Seema D'souza, Tr. Daisy Sharma and Tr. Anjula Rai received SHIKSHAK BHARTI'S SAVITRIBAI PHULE - FATIMA SHAIKH AADARSH SHIKSHAK PURUSKAR – for their contribution in the field of education!
5. Teacher Manjiri Chavan successfully completed her M.Ed. with “O” Grade.

### Students Achievements

1. At the **International Art Competition** A Cradle in Bethlehem in the Eyes of Children and Teenagers. The First place was shared by 1) Master Mayank Patkar and Master Vignesh Kadam and the Second place was secured by Master Hunain Dongri.



## 2. **Drawing Intermediate Grade Exams 2023-2024**

6 Students Vedant Bhuvad, Dhruv Sukale, Hunain Dongri, Vignesh Kadam, Ameya Kamble, and Mayank Patkar secured the 'A' Grade, 2 students a 'B' Grade and 14 were in the 'C' Grade.

## 3. **In Homi Bhabha young scientists exam 2023-2024**

Master Atharva Sawant and Master Shravil Mohite of 9B qualified for practicals

Master Neel Shevare 6B and Master Devang Ambre 9B received a certificate of appreciation.

4. **At the Maths Concept Exam 2022-2023** Conducted by Brihan Mumbai Ganit Adhyapak Mandal for Std V & VIII – 44 students registered, of which 2 students secured an A grade and 20 students secured B grade.

5. 185 Students participated in **All India Mathematics & Science talent search Exam** conducted by the **Center for Excellence**. Master Aditya Shinde of Std VII achieved “**free Entry for the next AIMS Exams**”, Samiq Siddique of Std II received a Merit certificate and Master Devansh Badade of Std I received a consolation prize.

6. 35 Students participated in **ALL INDIA OPEN MATHS SCHOLARSHIP EXAMS 2022-23** conducted by the “Institute for Promotion of Mathematics”, Master Swayam Jain of Std IX received a Merit Certificate and Master Sachit Shetty of Std VI secured a distinction.

7. Master Sanurag Tripathi of Std IV B has done our school proud by securing the 63<sup>rd</sup> rank in the **National Maths Olympiad** Competition 2022-2023.

8. **At the Maharashtra state scholarship exams:** 36 students of Std VIII and 33 students of Std V appeared for the exam, six boys of Std VIII and two boys of Std V received scholarship.

9. **At the Silverzone International Olympiads Students** from Std VI to Std X enrolled themselves for the Indian talent Olympiads, Mathematics, Science, English, Reasoning & Aptitude, Hindi, Gen Knowledge and STEM olympiads. The Exams were in an online mode.

### **In the Informatics Olympiad:**

1. Master Shashank Srivastava received Gold Medal
2. Master Swayam Jain received Silver Medal

### **At the Mathematics Olympiad:** 11 Students of Std VI to X enrolled for the Level 1 Exams:

- 1) Master Arnav Bhilare, Sharvil Mohite, Arub Khan, Shaksham Tambe received Gold Medals
- 2) Dhruv Sukhale received Silver Medal and
- 3) Swayam Jain received Bronze Medal

**At the Science Olympiad:** 9 Students from Stds V to IX enrolled for the level 1 Exams, 6 students won gold silver and bronze medals.



- 1) Master Arnav Bhilare, Sharvil Mohite, Dhruv Sukale were awarded **Gold Medals**
- 2) Master Aaradhya Khanvilkar was awarded **Silver Medal** and
- 3) Master Swayam Jain a **Bronze Medal**.

**At the English Olympiad:** 8 Students of Std V to VIII appeared for the Level 1, 7 students were Meritorious and 4 Students qualified for the Level 2.

### **LEVEL 1:**

- 1) Master Brendon Monteiro, Sharvil Mohite, Shashank Shrivastava won the Gold Medal
- 2) Master Harshvardhan Sangare, Dhruv Sukale won the Silver and
- 3) Master Arub Khan won the Bronze.

Master Shashank Shrivastava of Std IX B secured the 11<sup>th</sup> Rank at the State Level 1.

Master Sharvil Mohite of Std VIII B secured the 14<sup>th</sup> Rank at the State Level 1.

### **General Knowledge:**

2 Students of Std IX enrolled for the level 1 Exams

- 1) Master Arub Khan received Gold Medal and
- 2) Master Shashank Shrivastava received Silver Medal.

### **At the Hindi Olympiad**

- 1) Master Saksham Tambe was awarded Gold Medal and
- 2) Master Dhruv Sukale was awarded Bronze Medal securing the 12<sup>th</sup> rank at the State level.

### **At the Reasoning & Aptitude Olympiad**

- 1) Master Arub Khan of Std IX B and Master Sharvil Mohite of Std VIII won the Gold Medals

### **At the STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) Olympiads**

Master Sharvil Mohite and Master Swayan Jain, won the Gold Medals

1. Master Harshvardhan Sangare and Shashank Shrivastava won the Silver medals.

Sharvil Mohite Std VIII B was placed at the 13<sup>th</sup> Rank, Swayam Jain IX A secured the 15<sup>th</sup> Rank and Harshvardhan Sangare the 22<sup>nd</sup> Rank

### **LEVEL 2**

Sharvil Mohite and Master Harshvardhan VIII B secured 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> rank respectively at the state level in the second level

At the **Scholastic Challenge Examinations** 151 Students of Primary section participated. 21 Students qualified Level 1. Master Onish Bane of Std IV secured 2<sup>nd</sup> rank in English at Level 2.

Master Swayam Jain, Arub Khan, Abinav Rai, Shashank Srivastava and Dhruv Sukale were adjudged Student of the Year by “**Times of India**” for the academic performance and the contribution to various school activities.



## **WorkShops & Seminars**

The new Academic Year 2023-24 began with a well-being workshop for the teachers conducted by Prafula.

‘A read’ aloud Programme was also conducted for all the language teachers of KG to Std X by Adhyayaan.

Mrs. Nagaprabha Supervisor of the Secondary Section and Mrs. Matilda Fernandes Head Teacher of the Primary Section attended **Lay Salesian Colloboration Diploma Course 2023-24**.

Teacher Placida and Tr. Nivetha participated in the Media Education & Digital Addiction Training.

In the month of April School Leaders participated in an extensive leadership training program conducted by the Universal Solidarity Movement at Indore.

Guidance Seminar was organized for the Std X students of our school and also for neighbouring schools. The seminar was conducted by Dr. Shailaja Mulay and Dr. Fabian Almeida.

For the emotional wellbeing of the Students from academic stress, regular emotional workshops were conducted by Prafula.

**The Management** of the St. Joseph’s High School Wadala took an initiative of organizing life’s skills sessions which included Education to Life conducted by Dr. Neil Sequeira.

The Lions Club of King Circle organized a motivating Maths Seminar on “**Tips and Tricks**” for SSC board. Mr Narayan Gavhane with lots of humour, explaining the complex concepts in a simple manner.

**Through We Excellence** a life skill program, The Students of Std IV to Std VIII are trained on Saturdays to incorporate 21<sup>st</sup> Century life skills like Critical thinking, problem solving and financial management. **DCCE**

### **Training**

**Departmental Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation** training was attended by Secondary Teachers. The training was aimed at

- 1) New Scheme for evaluation for Stds V to VIII
- 2) New ways of teaching-learning process where, students could be motivated to self-learning.

**A Vision without Strategy remains an illusion:** Seven teachers namely Ms. Benzi, Ms Razia, Ms. Manjusha, Ms. Melissa, Ms. Marina, Ms. Sadira and Mr. Lionel D’souza attended a training session namely “**Joy Fuellers**” conducted by The Archdiocesan Board of Education at St. Andrews High School, Bandra.

**Important Days of Celebration like** International Yoga Day, Investiture Ceremony, Independence Day, Teachers Day, Christmas Symposium and Republic Day were celebrated with meticulous planning.

## **Co-curricular activities**

### **Josephite Football premier league**

St. Joseph's Wadala formed our own football premier league called "Josephite Football Premier League i.e. JFPL.

Two categories were formed: the Juniors Std V to Std VII and the Seniors Std VIII to Std X comprising of six teams in all with 120 players.

In the Finals of Juniors and Seniors **Minerva Punjab** emerged as winners.

### **HANDBALL**

St. Josephs under 14 Handball team won the Mumbai city finals in the DSO tournament defeating Gopi Birla high school and Qualified for the Zonal Finals.

#### **U-17 Handball Team**

St. Joseph's High qualified for the divisional level of Mumbai city finals. Secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Divisional Finals and were runners up at the MSSA tournament.

Master Hunain Dongri, Samendran Sandilayan, Zenovian Jeff, Daivya Ambekar and Safwaan Babu from our school in the under 16 age group have been selected in the Mumbai District Handball team to play at the National level.

Master Sudeep Samant has been selected in the Mumbai team for the State level Handball tournament.

### **Football**

#### **U 12 Football Team**

U 12 Football Team were the winners in 5 A side interschool Football Tournament organised by the SIWS Sports Academy

#### **U 14 Football Team**

Under 14 Football team won the 3rd place in the Mumbai City finals organised By DSO

Master Domnic Francis of Std X while Playing for MSSA Academy won back to back STAR OF THE MATCH award.

#### **UNDER-14 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BY MSSA**

Our under-14 football team were the champions in division II organised by MSSA

#### **U 16 Football Team**

U 16 Football Team were the runners up in 5 A side interschool Football Tournament organised by the SIWS Sports Academy.



## **Basketball**

Four of our Students Master Zeon Velekhaili, Kevin Nadar, Aryan Kamble and Krishnakant Jadhav represented the Mumbai City Team in Under 13 State level Basketball Championship.

**Our U13 Basketball A Team** stood runner's up at the MSSA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.

**Master Arnav Mali** received the Most Valuable Player of the finals.

U14 Basketball team won Borivali YMCA Basketball tournament. **Master Mahruf Shaikh** Won the Best Player Award.

U16 Basketball team won Borivali YMCA Basketball tournament. **Mst. Samendran Sandilyan** won the Best Player Award.

At St. Stanislaus basketball tournament U16 Basketball Team were declared the winners.

**Master Kevin Nadar has made us proud by being selected to play the Basketball Nationals.**

Masters Aaron Serrao, Shardul Mandave, Kunal Chonkar, Momin Iftekhar and Samendran Sandilyan represented Mumbai City in the U16 State Level Basketball tournament held at Aurangabad.

## **Chess**

**Master Sachit Shetty** of Class VII stood 11<sup>th</sup> in the DSO U-14 Chess Competition

## **Gymnastics**

**Master Krishang Gorivale** of Std IV won the Gold medal in Gymnastics Mallakham organised By MSSA

## **Archery**

**Master Advey Sawant** of Std IV participated in the State level competition in Archery held at Hingoli, Nanded. He won the gold medal for Mumbai and was selected for the nationals. In the mixed event he won the bronze medal.

## **Lagori**

Under 17 boys Team were the winners in Lagori for the Mumbai district organised by Maharashtra Governement.

## **Athletics**

### **Our School U 14 Relay Team**

Master Faiz Shaikh, Azaan Shaikh, Rugved Parab and Rudra Kulaye, won the Bronze medal in Mumbai City, 4 X 100-meter Relay organized by DSO.

### **Our School U 17 Relay Team**

Master Laksh Mishra, Jordan Swamy, Aryan Kolte and Raj Anavkar, won the Bronze medal in Mumbai City, 4 X 100 meter Relay organized by DSO.

1. Mukit Rangari received the Star of the Match while taking part in the Mumbai Football Association.
2. Mihit Chordekar won the 3rd place in a running race held by Mumbai Port Trust
3. Vedant Salunkhe won a consolation prize for 'Best Out Of Waste' Competition held at the SIWS English Primary School

## **Greenline**

Josephites Green Brigadiers bagged the second place among 40 schools connected with the Theme “Natural Resort” 2022–23. The theme for this Year 23-24 is “Saving Blue” which is inspired by Urban Flooding and Water Management.

Our school won a Cheque of Rs. 50,000/- from Maschio Memorial Foundation Society.

The Green Champ of the year was awarded to Master Sachit Shetty.

Apart from the monthly tasks our Green Brigadiers also took various initiatives, like Educational Tour with issues of scarcity of water in drought prone regions of Ahmednagar, Beach Clean-Up Drive at Dadar Chowpatty Beach, preparing Bio-Enzymes, Compost making in School, growing plants on terrace. The exhibits of discarded plastic bottles were modelled in a net as a Fish and a Christmas tree made of plastic bottles was kept on public display in the School corridor.

## **Josephite Festival**

The Josephite Festival was the Talk of the Town where 7000 plus students from 81 different schools across Mumbai took part in 70 plus events to showcase their various talents. The Gala Interschool Festival was conducted for 3 days which included competitions for the new generation of students.

## **Picnics**

Kids outdoor play time mitigates effects of indoor studies and screen time. Picnics encourage more outdoor play time which help in keeping the children healthy and developing appropriately. The School Students went out for their annual picnics to Paradise Fun Land, Water Kingdom and Pinewood resorts.

## **Field Trip**

Std I visited Jijamata Udyan.

Std II visited Post office, Wadala.

Std III visited Citizen Co-operative Bank in Wadala.

Std IV visited Sahakari Bhandar.

Std V visited the Cotton Institute to learn many new things about the cotton.

Std VI visited the Chhatrapati Vastu Sangrahalaya to learn the historical background of India right from the prehistoric times to the modern times.

Std VII also made their trip to the Cotton Institute.

Std VIII had their field trip to the Institute of Chemical Technology, Matunga

Std IX visited the Don Bosco Technical Institute Kurla.



## Exhibitions

The Students of the Std V to X displayed their innovative talents in preparing creative projects in Maths, Science and Social studies. The exhibitions were conducted to boost the confidence of the students and give them the firsthand experience in learning by doing on their own.

## Infrastructure

Our School Management have undertaken some developmental projects like repairing, renovation and painting. Installation of New cameras for the safety and security of the Students.

For Revolutionizing teaching methodology Interactive intelligent panels (SENSES) were installed in classes.

In order to inculcate scientific temper our science lab is equipped with electron microscopes.

To sharpen the creativity, problem solving and mechanical thinking “**ability hands on puzzles**” were provided for Maths and Science.

## NEW VENTURES

Future of Information Technology and **cyber security** depends on the application of Artificial Intelligent (AI). Our Std IX students are being trained in the use of AI Tools. They are trained in collaboration with St. Xavier’s Technical Institute, Mahim.

## Alumni Projects

We are very proud of our Alumni for having carried out various activities / programs during the academic year 2023-24. They undertook the following activities:

1. For Revolutionizing Teaching with Interactive intelligent panels (SENSES) which were sponsored by Alumni.
2. Fully funding the “special boys mid-day meals scheme” for around 80 students
3. Free dental check-up for 600 students from Std V to Std IX. Many thanks to our Alumni Doctors Jay Matani, Jeet Dalal and Dr Sanjana Dalal.
4. Fully funding of Dental treatment of 40 students Std V to Std IX
5. Under the scheme, the Boys of St. Joseph (BOJ), Alumni are financially supporting three to five bright and needy students to pursue coaching and admission into professional courses.
6. Our Alumni Nimesh Grover and Nimesh Kenia are the active participants of the School Education Council.

Thank you, dear Alumni,

**THE FINAL WORD:**

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT said “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams”.  
As we celebrate the Bicentenary Celebration of Don Bosco’s great dream: let us hope and pray that 2024 will be a year to remember, a year that will realize our dreams and a year that will remain etched in our memories forever.

## Thank you





## EMBRACING THE POWER OF HARD WORK



**Mrs. Billuru Nagaprabha Rao**  
(Secondary Supervisor)

Keeping aside the debate of working smart instead of working hard to achieve goals, let's rethink for a moment why hard work is important in its own place.

In recent times when people speak about smart work and see it with great regard, one can't neglect the power that lies in working hard and going about a task tirelessly.

One of the key features of hard work is it believes in the principle of consistency – practice makes a man perfect. It's a case of hard work where a student who

consistently attends lectures, diligently studies for exams, completes assignments on time, and clears doubts with teachers, comes meritorious.

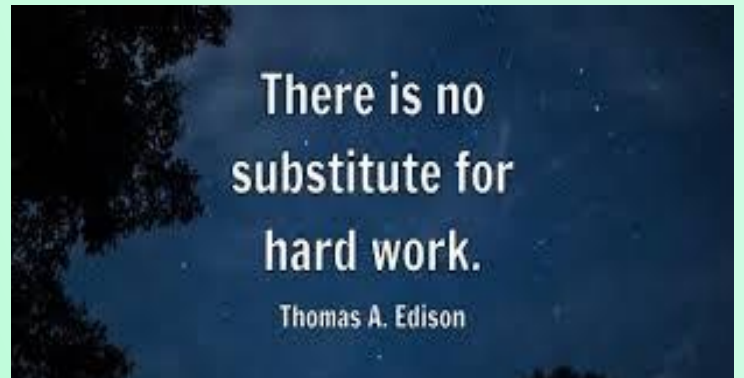
Despite facing challenges, they persevere and continue to put in the effort

without any compromise or excuse. Dedication and commitment exemplify the value of hard work.

Similarly, hard work can significantly help a student excel in learning a game. Whether it's a video game, a sport, or a strategic board game, regular practice, dedication, and effort contribute to skill development, understanding game mechanics, and enhancing overall performance. This approach is fundamental in achieving excellence in various aspects of not just gaming, but life as well.

Time is the deciding factor for choosing between hard work or smart work. Hard work is often used when people need a significant amount of time to accomplish tasks, while smart work is when you use less time by focusing on completing the essential tasks.

Both hard work and smart work are valuable. Hard work involves putting in effort and dedication, while smart work focuses on efficiency and strategic thinking. A combination of both often leads to optimal results in whatever one desires.



### HOW CAN HARD WORK LEAD TO SUCCESS?

Success often requires hard work as it builds crucial traits such as focus, resilience, and consistency. Hard work also develops skills and knowledge for long-term success and provides a sense of accomplishment that boosts self-confidence. Hard work is crucial for attaining goals and fostering discipline, perseverance, and

determination. It can enhance skills and expertise in a specific area, leading to personal growth and satisfaction. However, it's important to balance hard work with rest and self-care to avoid burnout. Hard work must not be limited to work but must be followed in personal life. It determines our value in life. Procrastination harms an individual, but hard work is always a boon.

**Ms. Fahmida Khwaja**  
Assistant Teacher  
(Secondary Section)



## HARD WORK BEARS GOOD FRUIT

One farmer had a son who was getting lazier day by day. His father told him to earn hundred rupees. For the two days he borrowed money every day. His mother told him to go on the neighbor's farm and earn some money. On his mother's advice, he went to the farm and worked hard in the sun and earned money. He showed to his father who was very happy.

**Rudra Magar**

**IV A**



## HARD WORK IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS

In life, we all have dreams and goals. We all want to achieve something special, something great in our life. The secret of making those dreams come true is just hard work. Hard work is the act of dedicating oneself to achieving a goal through persistence, determination, discipline and consistency. It involves both physical and mental effort. Just take an example of a garden. If you have planted a seed, you can't expect flowers to bloom overnight. It takes watering, care and patience. Similarly, our dreams are like those seeds. Hard work is the water and care that make them grow. Remember, there is no short cut to success. It demands continuous efforts. Winning is not about being the best, but striving to be the best. It's about pushing yourself beyond limits and overcoming challenges that come your way.

So, my dear friends, let us imbibe this virtue of hard work. Let us strive to be the best we can be, not just in our chosen fields, but in every aspect of our life. Success will then surely be ours.

**Hammad Bamne**

**VB**



## HARD WORK AND SUCCESS WALK TOGETHER

It is technically right that 'Hard work and success walk together', because if you will do hard work, you will be successful in life and if you will not do hard work, you will be unsuccessful.



I want to share a story of mine with you. I was very weak in chess and my favourite

game is chess. So I practised on YouTube because it was free. After three months, I played my first competition of chess and I stood third. I am still improving my technique of playing, because my father scolded me as I didn't get the 1<sup>st</sup> place. But I will try to come 1<sup>st</sup> in the competition. You see, I tried and I got success!

**Ishan M. Bhogale**

**VA**

## WORK IS WORSHIP

Yesterday, my dad asked me to clean my bookshelf. I did it half-heartedly. He said, "Work is Worship". I asked how? He explained that both are different terms but are connected, because it teaches us to worship our work as we worship God. Any work must be done with utmost importance and respect.

It's like how my teachers are grooming us with full devotion without any injustice. When we worship our work, we will be able to perform well and attain satisfaction.

Finally, I understood there is no small or big work. Every work must be done with full

dedication and devotion.

**Sashiv Ramesh**

**VI A**





## A MAN'S BEST WEAPON IS HIS WORK



Once upon a time in a bustling town, there lived a little dreamer named Benny. Benny believed in a magical power that made everything better – it was called "work." His grandpa always said, "A person's best weapon is his work, my dear." Benny, was ready with crayons and a vivid imagination, decided to put this magical weapon to the test. Every day, he went on epic adventures on paper, creating worlds with his drawings. His friends joined in, and together they realized that hard work wasn't just for grown-ups—it was their secret weapon to turn dreams into reality. In their little world, work was the key to making wonders happen!

**Mohd. Ali Thakur**  
**VI B**

## WORK HARD IN SILENCE, LET SUCCESS BE YOUR VOICE

Every human being aspires to be successful, but only those with high aims, will power and optimum strategies succeed in real life. This means you will have to do a lot of hard work in order to become big someday in future. If your plans are right and you are working in the right direction, know that nothing can come as a barrier between you and your success. In the journey



towards success, you will meet many people who are good in criticising and will do what it takes to you down. All you need to do in such a situation is keep working hard in silence, no matter how much you want to shut them up. There is a much better way than just shouting and taking out your anger; shut them up with your success story. Not paying attention to bad criticism is important as it can demotivate you instantly. Create an environment around you that doesn't let any negative voice reach your heart or mind.

**Aryan Mandavkar**  
**VIII A**

## HARD WORK IS THE ROOT OF EVERY SUCCESS



Hard work is essential for every journey. It is the relentless effort, the unwavering commitment, and the persistent dedication that creates the path to success. Through hard work, individuals overcome obstacles, and reach new heights. Success is not merely a stroke of luck but a product of diligent toil. Whether in academics or career pursuit, hard work fuels progress. It increases flexibility, builds discipline, takes individuals towards their goals and helps to take down the concept of laziness. In essence, success is the harvest reaped from the seeds of hard work sown with determination and perseverance. Team Work makes the Dream Work and so Does Hard Work.

**Arnav Mali**  
**VII A**

## WORK HARD BUT BE SMART

"Working hard is good, but working smart is great! It's like when you clean your room. Instead of just throwing things everywhere, think where each toy goes. This way, your room gets tidy quickly and easily. So, always remember work hard, but also think about the best way to do it!"

**Gladian Nadar**  
**IV B**







## **WORK** *Meets Commitment*

Once there lived a young man named **WORK**. He devoted his days and nights to labouring tirelessly. Despite meeting his basic needs through his efforts, he found little joy in his endeavours. Then, on a fortuitous day, he crossed paths with a maiden named **COMMITMENT**, and they fell deeply in love. Their shared affection inspired them to pledge themselves to each other. Life blossomed into a beautiful journey for them, filled with happiness. In due course, **Work** and **Commitment** were blessed with twins whom they named **SACRIFICE** and **HARD WORK**. With these new additions to their family, they discovered purpose and prosperity.

The underlying message resonates: No one can truly embody hard work without a sense of commitment in their life. Every successful individual has achieved greatness because they wholeheartedly dedicated themselves to a cause. Let us, too, embrace commitment and diligence, for therein lies the essence of hard work.

FR. ARUL NICHOLAS SDB



## PREPARATION FOR TOMORROW IS HARD WORK FOR TODAY

Getting set for the journey ahead means putting in the effort right now. It's like nurturing the seeds of success, be it in your personal goals or academic pursuits. Imagine someone honing their skills today to shine in an upcoming event or focusing just on their studies for a crucial exam. It involves making sacrifices and sticking to a well-thought-out plan. Yes, it's a bit demanding, but the hard work you put in today forms a strong base for the journey ahead. Think of it as forging something special; today's hard work is like laying the foundation. The more robust the start, the more resilient the path forward. By giving your best now, you're gearing up for whatever unfolds in the future.

This idea transforms today's challenges into tomorrow's victories, opening the door to a future filled with exciting possibilities and achievements.

**Vedant Waje**  
**VIII B**



## WAYS TO MAKE YOUR EACH DAY YOUR MASTERPIECE



To make each day your masterpiece, list things you can do that will improve yourself every day, by adding them to your schedule, one each day for the next few weeks. We can focus only on what is under our control. Write what you can control and what you can't control. Now write items below each side and commit to only what you can control. Start and end your day being

happy, just check on simple things you can think, say, or do to start and end your day that will make you happy. Keep these in front of you by writing them on your desk board, adding them to your calendar or where it works for you. Then do them daily and notice what happens. Ask yourself throughout the day, am I doing my best? Don't be very attached to the outcome. Be kind and true to yourself. Imagine not just each day, but your life, as your masterpiece. This is the path you are creating, by doing your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming. Well, I'm sure you can think of all sorts of masterpieces you can create in your days of life. How you interact with people during your day, the reports you write at work, the cookies you bake at home, etc. The important thing is to give it some thought and with your awareness, so discipline yourself and focus completely without allowing yourself to become distracted on what was done yesterday.

**Shaun Fernandes**  
**IX A**

## OPPORTUNITIES DO NOT HAPPEN - CREATE IT!

In the journey of life, it's easy to believe that opportunities are elusive and happen only by chance. However, the truth lies in our ability to create opportunities rather than passively waiting for them to appear. Life is a canvas, and success is painted by those who seize the moment. Creating opportunities requires initiative, determination, hardwork and a proactive mindset. Whether it's pursuing a passion, starting a project, or taking on new challenges, we students are in a prime position to mould our futures.

Education is a powerful tool that opens doors, but true success

comes from actively seeking and forging paths that align with personal goals.

By instilling the belief that opportunities are not handed out but crafted, we empower ourselves to shape a future filled with success, fulfilment, and endless possibilities.

Remember, opportunities do not merely happen—they are the result of our determination to create them.

**Atharva Kesarkar**  
**IX B**



## HARDWORK BEATS TALENT WHEN TALENT DOESN'T WORK HARD

There is no sure ticket to success. There is no secret mantra. There is only a path, and to follow the path, you should be ready to work hard. Talent helps you, but hard work is actually what helps you succeed. Consider the countless stories of individuals who, lacking in natural aptitude, soared to remarkable heights through unwavering commitment. Ask any successful person, and they will tell you the importance of practice and hard work. It is the relentless pursuit of improvement, the commitment to continuous learning, and the ability to overcome setbacks that elevate hardworking individuals beyond their more naturally gifted counterparts. Take any scientific discovery and research its process of discovery. You will find thousands of trials and more than enough errors. Penicillin wasn't thought of in a day, and vaccinations weren't caught out of thin air. Any lifesaving drug is the result of years of hard work by intelligent students. The quote "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard" was attributed to Tim Notke, a high school basketball coach. This quote conveys the importance of hard work and makes everyone realize that if we work hard, we will achieve greater heights.



*Justin Swami*

*X A*

## THE BEST VIEW COMES AFTER THE HARDEST CLIMB



Life is a journey filled with challenges and obstacles. Sometimes, it may feel like we are climbing a steep and treacherous mountain. However, it is important to remember that the best view comes after the hardest climb. When we face difficult situations or encounter setbacks, it can be easy to become discouraged and lose hope. However, it is during these challenging times that our character is truly tested and our resilience is built. Like a climber scaling a mountain, we must push through the fatigue, fear, and doubt in order to reach the summit. And when we finally reach the top, the

view is breathtaking. The journey to success is rarely easy. It requires determination, perseverance, and a willingness to face adversity head-on. The best view in life is not handed to us on a silver platter; it is earned through hard work. So, when you find yourself facing a difficult challenge or going through a tough time, remember that this is just a stepping stone on the path to your ultimate goal. Keep climbing, knowing that the reward at the top will be worth every step. Always remember, "You should climb mountains not for the world to see you, but for you to see the world".

*Arub Khan*

*X B*

## THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR HARD WORK

These are the words of Thomas Edison. Had he been alive today, and conscious of the prevailing trends in our society, he would have revised his original words and added many substitutes, putting hard work at the bottom of the list. Hard work requires discipline, focus and a willingness to put in the time and effort necessary to reach our goals. By committing to hard work, we demonstrate our determination to achieve what we want, and set ourselves on the path to success.

*Zidan Shaikh*

*VII B*





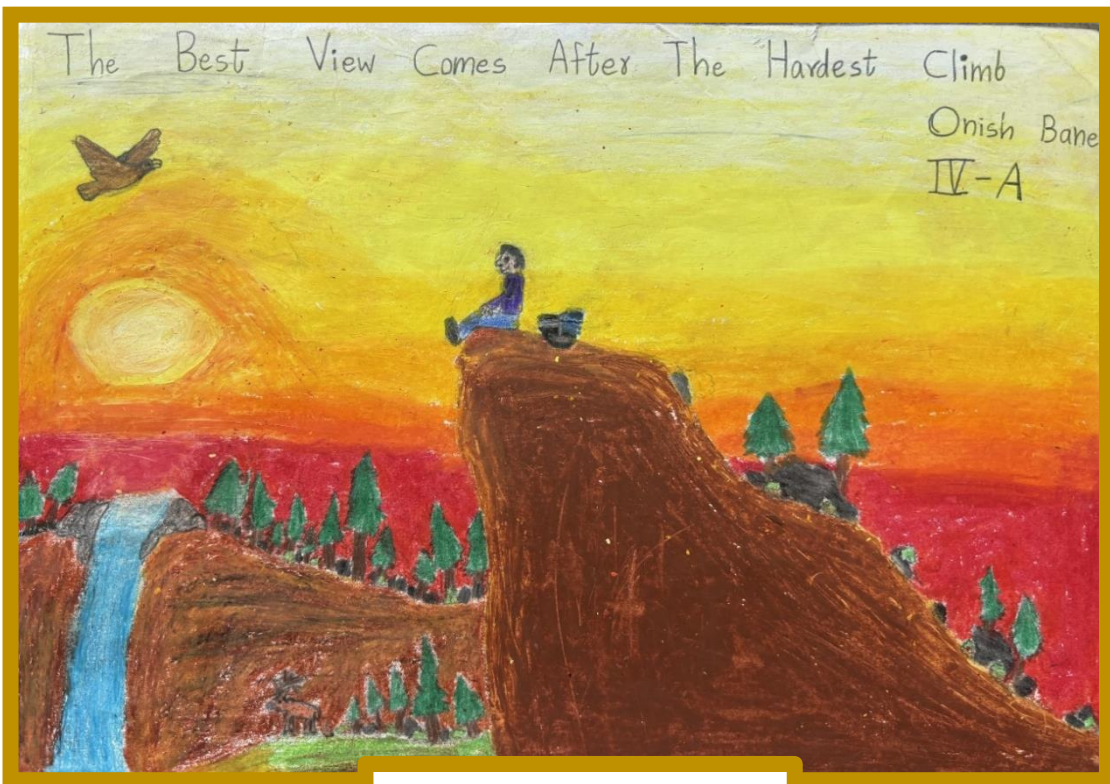


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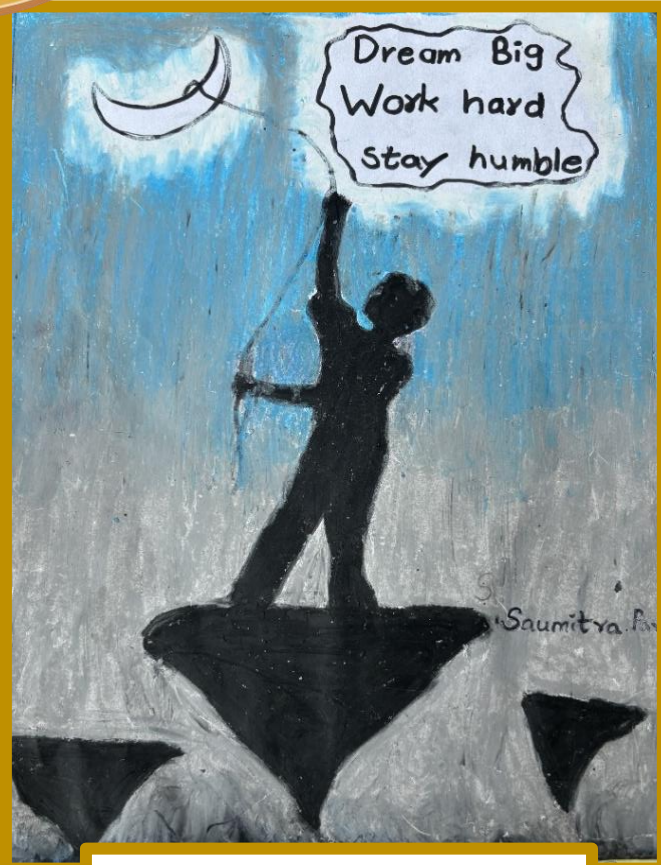
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Master Onish Bane – IV A

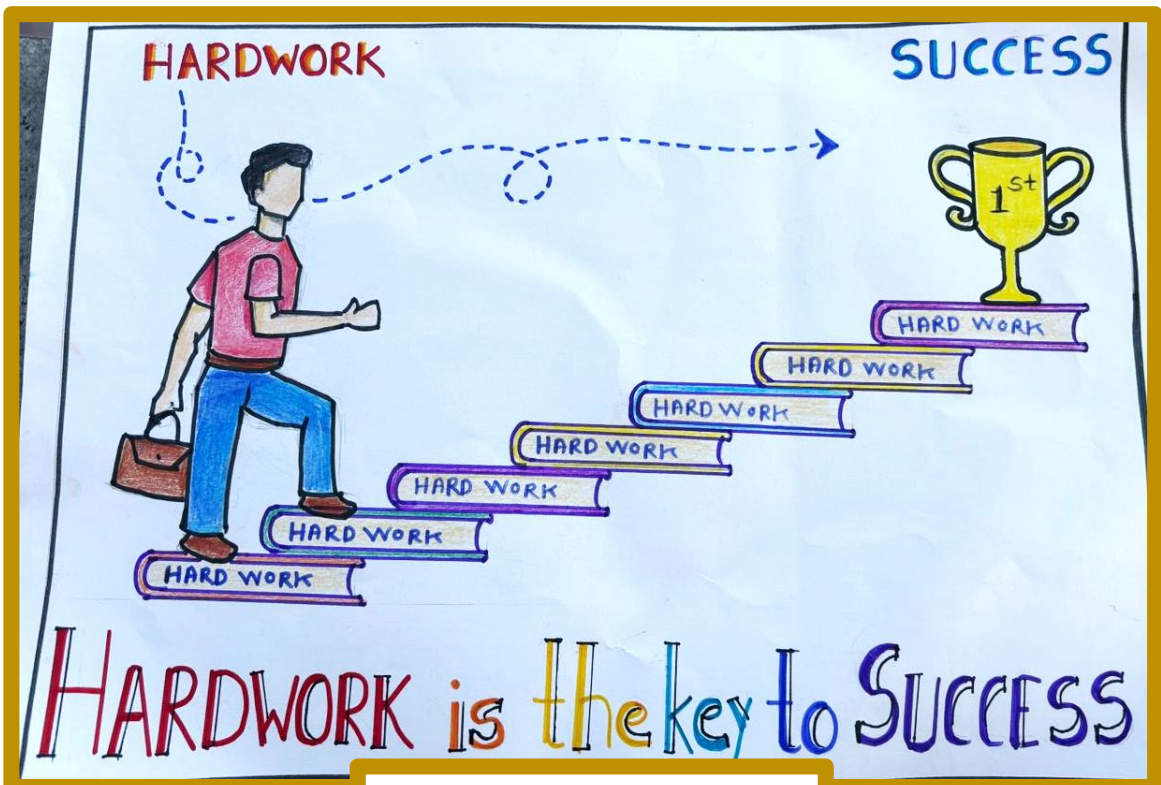


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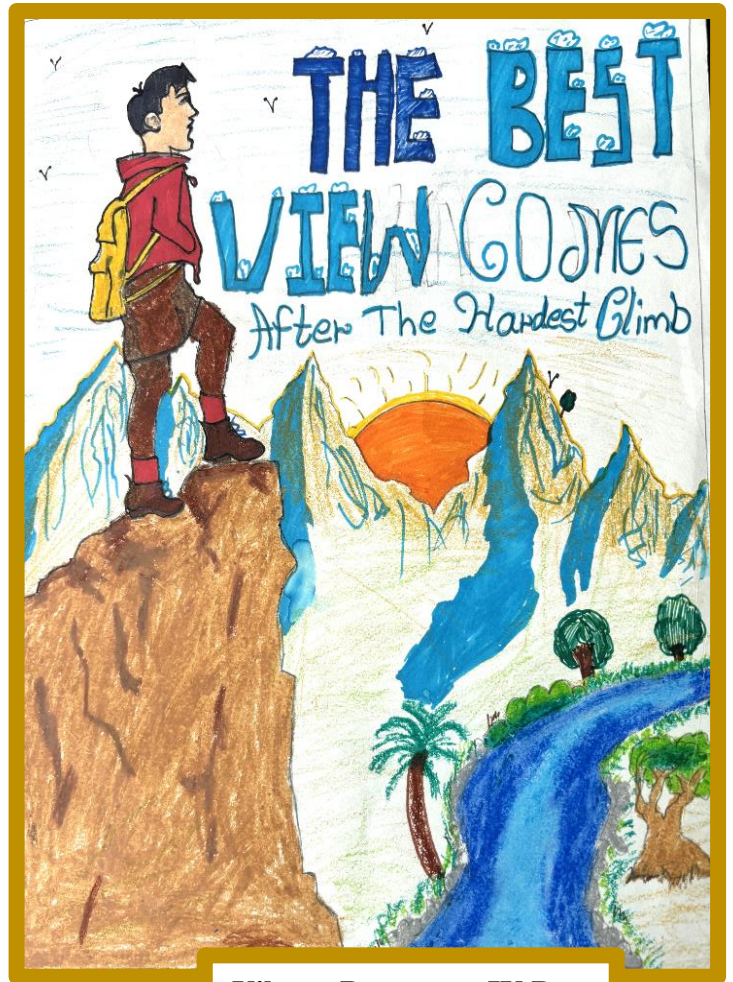
*"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see"*



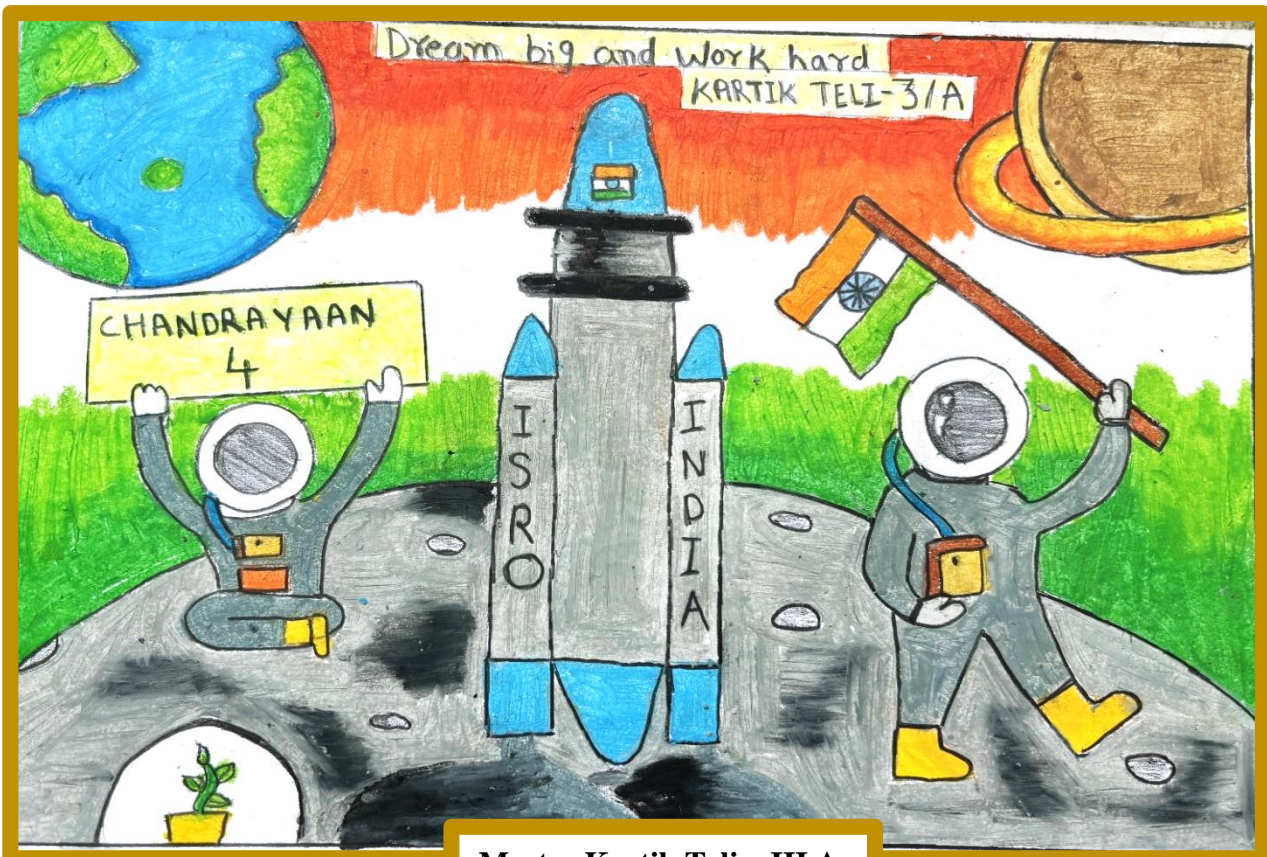
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**A true artist is not one who is inspired but one who inspires others**

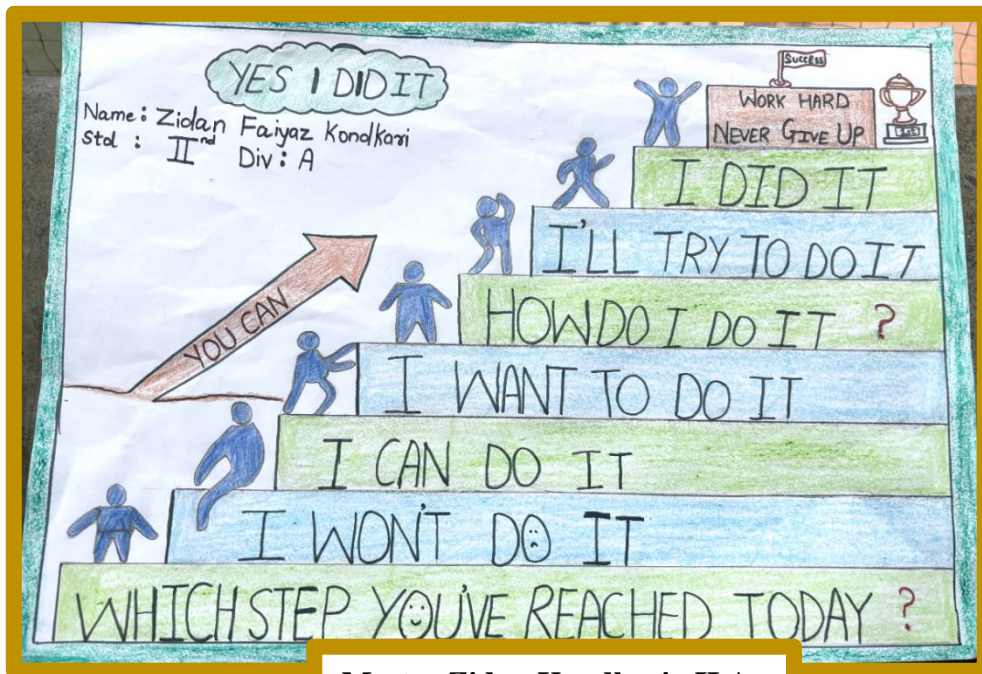


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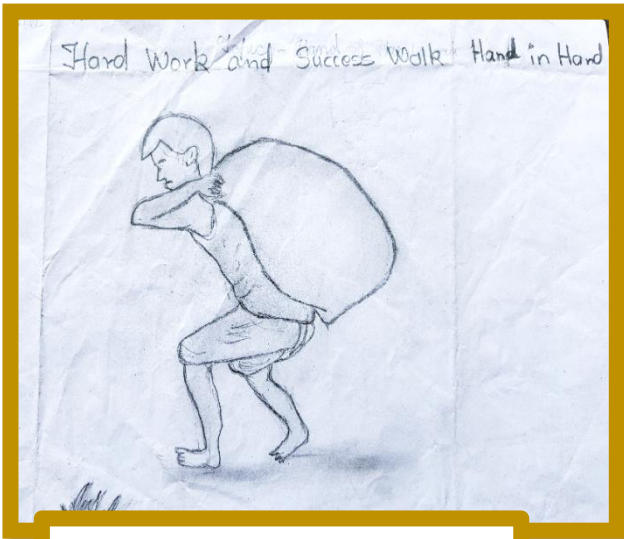


Master Kartik Teli – III A





**Master Zidan Kondkari- II A**



**Master Nachiket Gawade - II B**

**"Art is in every  
Corner Just You  
need A  
Creative mind"**



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