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INVESTITURE CEREMONY



Dun-Dun! Students of the Rockwell Student council marched into a straight line waiting to be the new leaders of our school. Independence Day celebrations brought a lot of new beginnings and excitement to students. Students of grade 5 to 9 took part in the Investiture Ceremony where they were awarded badges; marking them as the new leaders of our school. Samir Mehdi and Haripriya Gali our Head Boy and Head Girl marched to Subash Sir, Veena Ma'am and J.P sir to receive their flags, badges and sashes. Next, the Cultural Secretary and Sports Secretary received their badges followed by the four house captains and four deputy house captains of Ganga, Volga, Nile

and Amazon. Students marched to Subash Boda Sir to receive the house flags, then to J.P Sir to receive their sashes and lastly to Veena Mam to receive their badges. Later the Head girl and the Head boy took an oath of commitment to our school and the student council members repeated the same after them. Apart from the



investiture ceremony, kids enjoyed watching the performances of various other dances, dramas and a play, which had an underlying message to stop water wastage and pollution.

This was truly an event one would have felt sorry to have missed out. ■



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EDITORIAL

The editorial board of Rockwell International School has worked hard to put up this magazine. We would like to thank the principal, vice principal, and our director for giving us this opportunity to publicize our wonderful school. We'd also like to thank the honorable members of the editorial board for their hard work and dedication towards this magazine. This was a very interesting and enlightening experience for us all. We are very happy that this venture was a great success.

Thank you,

Regards,

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Vardhan Aleti

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Shria Bucha

Sneha Boda

Sreya Kumpatla

Tanishka Diwakar

Saran Satya

Dhanalakshmi Bade

message PRINCIPAL

I would like to congratulate the Editorial Board for coming up with ROCKS chronicling a part of Rockwell's history. Most of it is an interesting read with supporting pics. Capturing the events and putting it in an interesting manner is a very tricky job. The editorial board has done a commendable job.

Also, it is not always possible to publish individual work to everybody's satisfaction. Those who do not find their articles published in this edition can try again for the next edition.

I wish the next Edition comes soon and with a lot more articles, many pictures and other art work. Editorial Board, once again, congratulations!

message VICE PRINCIPAL

It takes immense pleasure to share the first edition of newsletter this year. It unleashes a wide spectrum of creative skills ranging from writing to editing and even in designing the magazine. I congratulate the entire editorial team for their hard work and dedication in making the first edition of newsletter as creative piece of work.

In each one of us has a marvellous creative potential that need to be discovered and used for a happier and more productive life. As students your success in life will depend on your outlook to life. If you have the right attitude, no matter how difficult or tedious the task, however big the hurdles on our way may be, you shall surpass them. We are here to groom and guide you for the same.

Together, the vision, mission and values represent our collective passion and aspirations .guide us in how we work with our parents, community and partners to realise the full potential of our students.

As we continue our journey towards excellence in 2015, it is my hope and desire that each of us in the Rockwell community will be a gift and contribution to others. It is when we truly empower ourselves that we can transform our future of our school. Editorial Board, once again, congratulations!

message
STUDENT COUNCIL

Dear Rockwellers & Parents,
We are very proud to convey that this school year has been so far a very prosperous and a successful year for the students here at Rockwell International School. We, the Student Council, have been a part of the school since a long time and are extremely happy to see how far this school has come since it first started. Being a part of the Student Council is indeed an honour for us. When we first joined the school we were just a bunch of regular students with various aspirationsbut as Rockwell's motto is to help students nurture their potentials, it gave us the opportunity to prove ourselves worthy leaders.

The Student Council has promised to bring about a change in our school and is trying their best to keep it. "When better is possible then good is not good enough" and we will try making the school better. We are trying to get the BEST out of the students. Then we also have our auspicious Annual day, Sports day, healthy inter-house competitions and so much more to bring out various talents hidden in students.

At the end of the day, the students are seen cheerful and smiling and this is what we aim for - Happiness through a good day's work.

message
PARENT

Two years ago, when we came from US, we were looking for a school for my son. I enrolled him at Rockwell International School on his insistence, as he was saying he liked it more than any other school we had seen. When that decision proved to be right, our older daughter demanded that she be put in the same school. Now, I doubt that my children wouldn't come home if the teachers didn't make them! For that, hats off Rockwell!

message
TEACHER

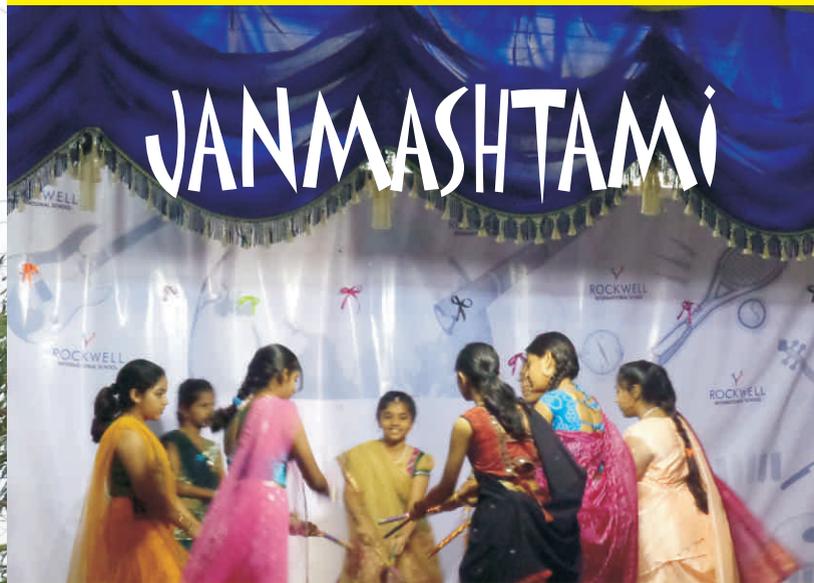
A Teacher's challenge is to work alongside students, to know their interests and goals, and to develop trusting relationships that help students connect their learning to their goals in a way that motivates them from within. It was truly a pleasure for us teachers to collaborate with our Rockwellers so as to get the best out of them.

By placing this e-newspaper online, you dear rockwellers have truly proven your mettle.

The ultimate responsibility for learning is yours dear students. No one can do it for you. Learning is like breathing – you've got to do it on your own! Thinking is not something that you should ever rely on anyone else to do for you. At Rockwell, we are living by what can be called the principle of habeas mentem, the right of each individual to his own mind.

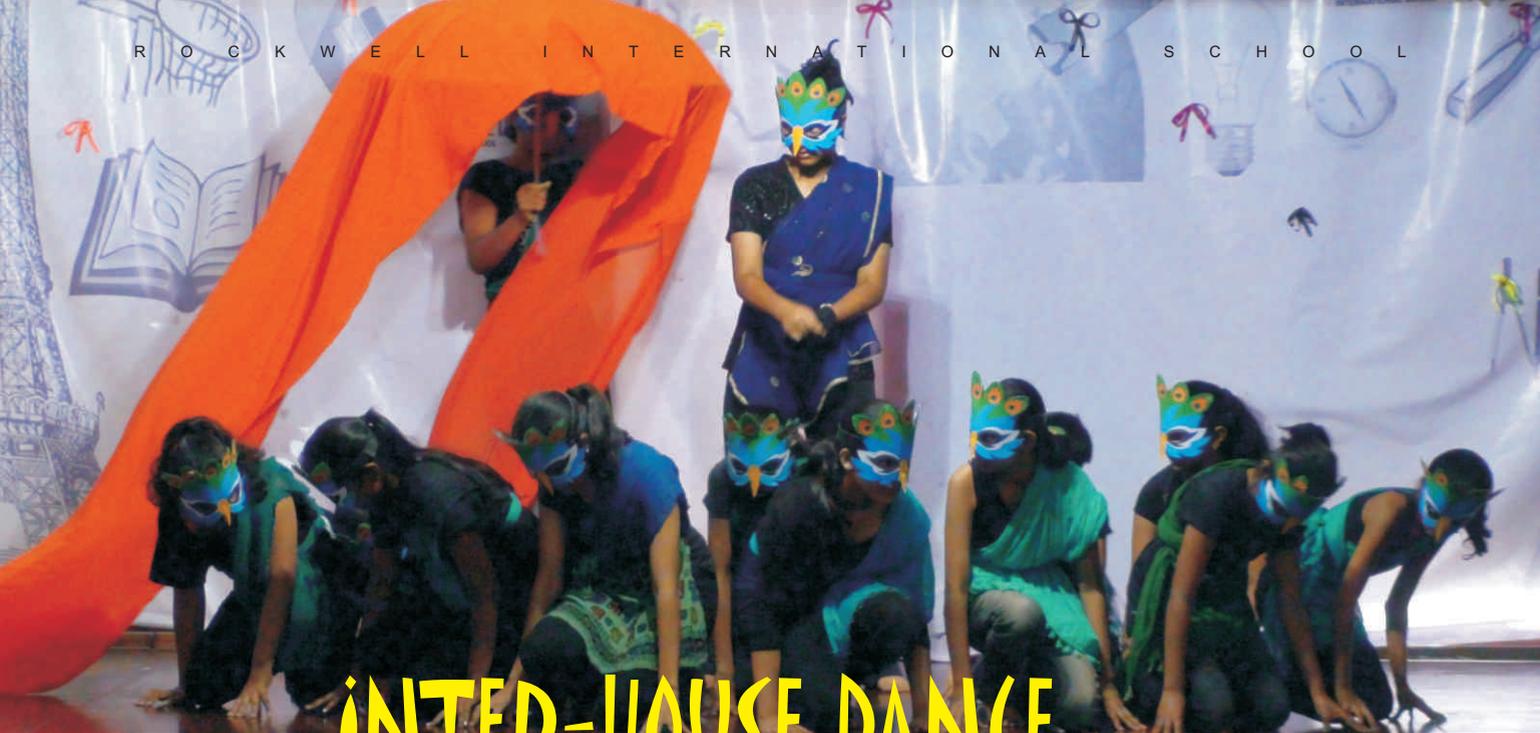


Janmashtami is the day when we celebrate Lord Krishna's birthday. Every year at school we grandly celebrate the occasion expressing our devotion to Lord Krishna by enacting his stories and performing dances.

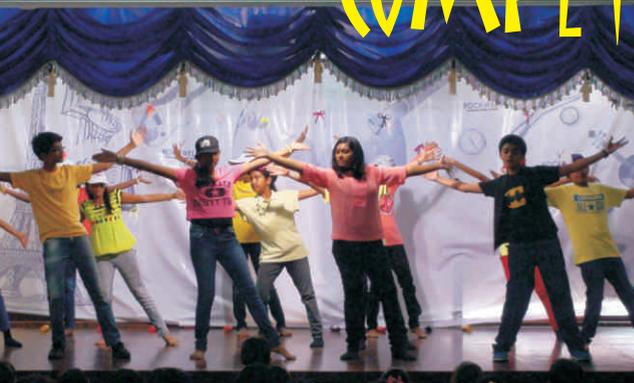


The girls of grades 8 and 9 performed a small dance with the famous song Mukunda Mukunda all in traditional dresses. These girls choreographed this dance by themselves. A skit was performed about Little Krishna's birth by students of grade 7.

We usually break the pots house-wise just as how Lord Krishna broke it for butter. Instead we did it for jellies! First, Nile house broke the pot by executing their plan of building a pyramid. Next, Volga and Amazon broke the pot also by forming a pyramid. Last, Ganga house tried breaking the pot with no actual technique but broke the pot. Volga house won the pot-breaking competition as they broke their pot faster than the other houses. This competition was held in the parking lot. ■



INTER-HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION



birthday. The masks and beautiful peacock feathers certainly brightened up the place. This dance was a mix of classical and robotic moves. After that, Volga performed a modern hip-hop dance in complete western attire. They danced to a song called "Earthquake" by Labrynth. Last but not the least was

For the Janmashtami celebrations, our school hosted an inter-house dance competition amongst the four houses – Ganga , Nile , Amazon and Volga.

All houses gave outstanding performances which the dancers themselves had choreographed. The Ganga house did a beautiful Garbha dance in long flowing Ghagras. This traditional Rajasthani dance was quite a spectacle. Next up was Nile with an amazing fusion dance to celebrate Lord Krishna's



Amazon with a spectacular hip-hop performance with a song that caught everyone's attention, "That Power" by Justin Beiber. Their perfect synchronization, colourful neon costumes and light effects secured them the first place. It was such a joy to watch! ■





HALLOWEEN

Boo! was the word of the day on Halloween. Children came dressed up as different characters and the student council set up an awesome, mind blowing



assembly. In the assembly, 5A performed a funny Halloween skit, and Sneha Boda and Tanishka Diwakar told the students some scary stories. Next, a documentary was shown about Halloween by Prisha, Gr.9 IGCSE and Sreya, Gr.8. Lastly, every class in Gr 3-9 came up on and took pictures, some people even talked about what they were dressed up as. Overall the kids enjoyed a spooky Halloween very much! ■



HINDI DIWAS



Our school celebrated Hindi Diwas on 14th September 2014. There were many items that were presented. Firstly, we had a song by the 7th and 8th graders, which was about standing up for our nation. Then, we had some poems recited by the second language Hindi students.



After that, we had some dances by the students of grades 3 and 4. There was a funny drama about a woman who killed a cat and suffered ridicule from her friends and family. We finished our program by singing the national anthem. That was our Hindi Diwas celebration. ■



INTRA-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS 2014-2015

AMAY NETI | Grade 8

Competitions in games were held on 28th and 29th October 2014. The indoor games were held on 28th October 2014, they included:

Taekwondo - This was an exciting event and the students enjoyed the competition a lot. There were kicks and punches everywhere. The games held were extremely intense.



Shooting- The event was fun-filled and the scores were good. The competition was all

about getting the target right and the students did well.



Table Tennis (T-T)- The games were really intense. Table Tennis is the only racquet game at our school. It was an enthusiastic event. The competition was all about patience and the people with most patience won the game. This was the end of the indoor games.



The outdoor games were held on 29th October 2014; they are:
Cricket - Cricket was one of the tensest of games

as it is also the most popular sport in India. The matches were high scoring and the second match was a nail biter as it went into a super over.



Basketball - The basketball games were very close with a lot of suspense. The games were low scoring but they were still very intense.



Soccer: The soccer games were nerve-racking and exhausting and both teams played equally well. Just a small mistake by the opponents helped the winners. The senior boys soccer was the most serious as it led to a penalty shoot-out, after the scores got tied 3-3.



The most exciting happening was, while the senior girl's game was going on, a stray bull charged into the field and started running around. Luckily no one was injured.

This is how the intra school competitions of Term 1 went by. ■



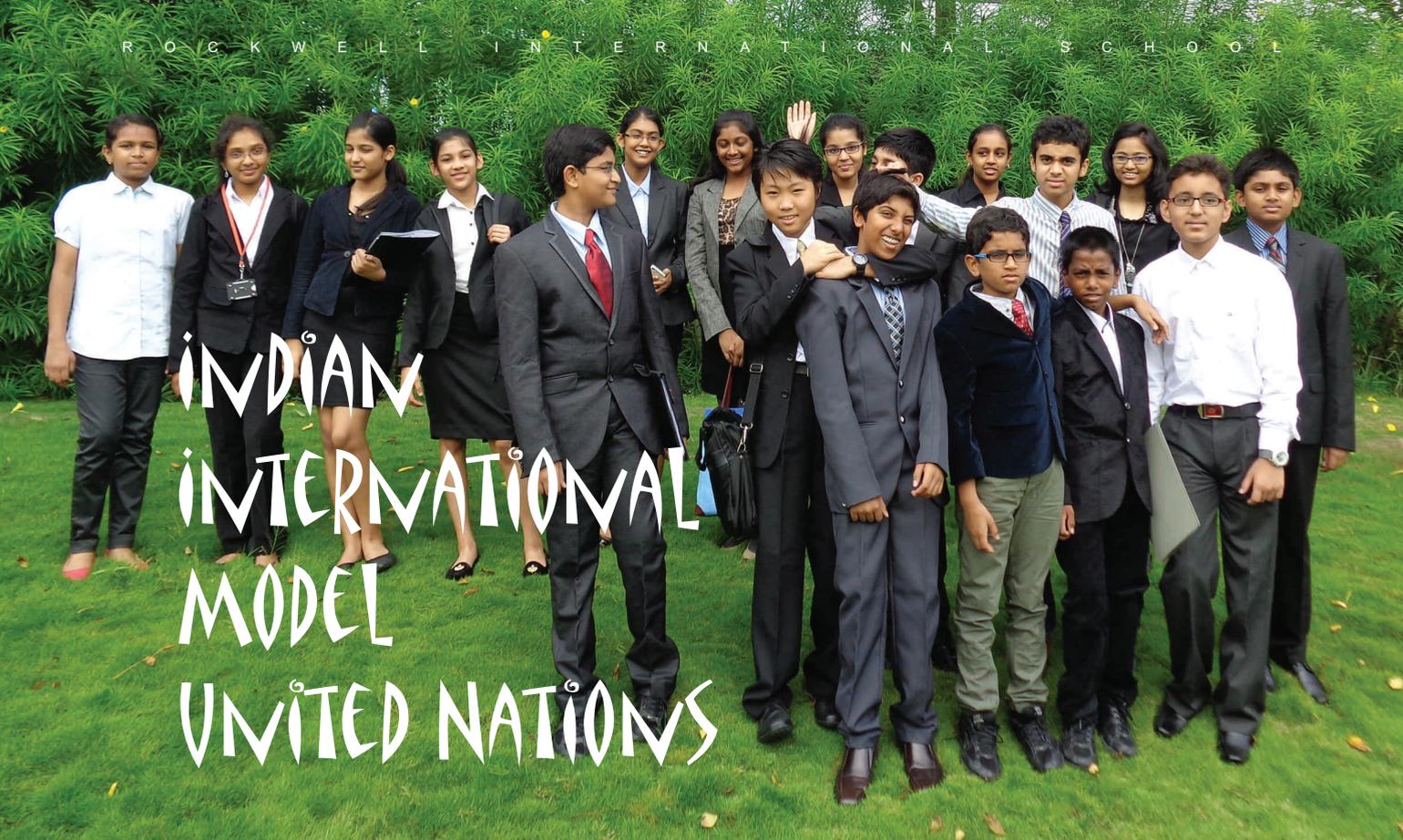
WITH BREAKFAST MOM AND DAD

One more specialty about our school is that the school ensures that we do not lose our virtues and that we continue to respect our parents.



They do this by making sure we have breakfast with our parents. This is because, now-a-days, though it is the bitter truth, families almost all the time, miss meals together. Every class at Rockwell from Nursery to 9th grade has this opportunity. We at Rockwell feel that the bond between a parent and a child can only build by spending time together. The parents can meet their children's friends and also converse with the children. ■





SREYA KUMPATLA | Grade 8

The first time Rockwell International School participated in such an event, the students of 7, 8 and 9 had a chance to sign up for the Indian International Model United Nations or IIMUN for short. On the 25th and 26th of July, the participants of the IIMUN had temporarily become delegates of their assigned countries, and were part of a specific committee. The three committees for this session were DISEC, HRC and SC. The first day, July 25th, 2014, I arrived at 7:30 AM. Slowly, the rest of my fellow delegates arrived, too. At last, at 8:00 sharp, we boarded the bus to head to Indus International School which was where the IIMUN was being held in Hyderabad for 2014.

The road trip was one of the best of my life-I loved it! We had a lot of fun. We got there at 9:00 and the sight took our breaths away. The campus was very vast; the grounds were green with grass, and the buildings pearl white. We were boiling with excitement as we entered a secondary block and headed towards the audio-visual room. There, there was the general assembly, welcoming us to

the IIMUN session and to Indus International School. After that, we dispersed to our different committee rooms. We had agendas to discuss and important decisions to make over the next two days. My committee was DISE, and I was representing Egypt. Our agenda in DISEC had changed, leaving us with almost no valid information.



Meanwhile in SC and HRC, the delegates were learning to participate. We met up at lunch and

shared our experiences. I was determined to do this right.



The next day, we came to school again, but in formals. We arrived at INDUS at 9:00, and took a group picture on the grounds. When the session started, I was feeling really nervous, but that didn't stop me from doing well. My friends were doing great too! They looked so professional, making several speeches, participate in debates, and draft

the working papers, which would later become a resolution. We all felt like this day went by much faster, and much better than the previous day. At the end of the day, we had the closing ceremony. The General Secretary formally thanked Indus International School for hosting the event, and then came the awards. Shria Bucha and Rutva Lingapuri of Grade 7 both got Verbal Mentions for their work in HRC. Sneha Boda of grade 8 also got a Verbal Mention for her work in DISEC. The real surprise was when I, Sreya Kumpatla of Grade 8, got second place in DISEC! I was psyched! All in all, it was educational, informative, and plain old amazing. I will never, in my life, forget this trip, that changed the way I look at the world. ■

GLOBAL WARMING

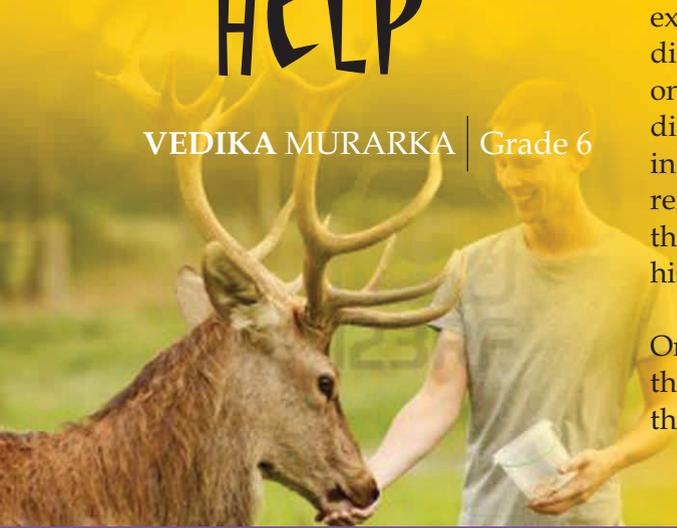
ASHWIN DARA | Grade 6

The earth is our mother,
 $\frac{3}{4}$ of it covered in water.
 She sheltered us for many years,
 She gave us a nose, mouth and ears.
 But now she's in a sticky situation,
 We need to have a solution.
 To save her from desolation
 So, right now we need to save her from further pollution. ■



HELP

VEDIKA MURARKA | Grade 6



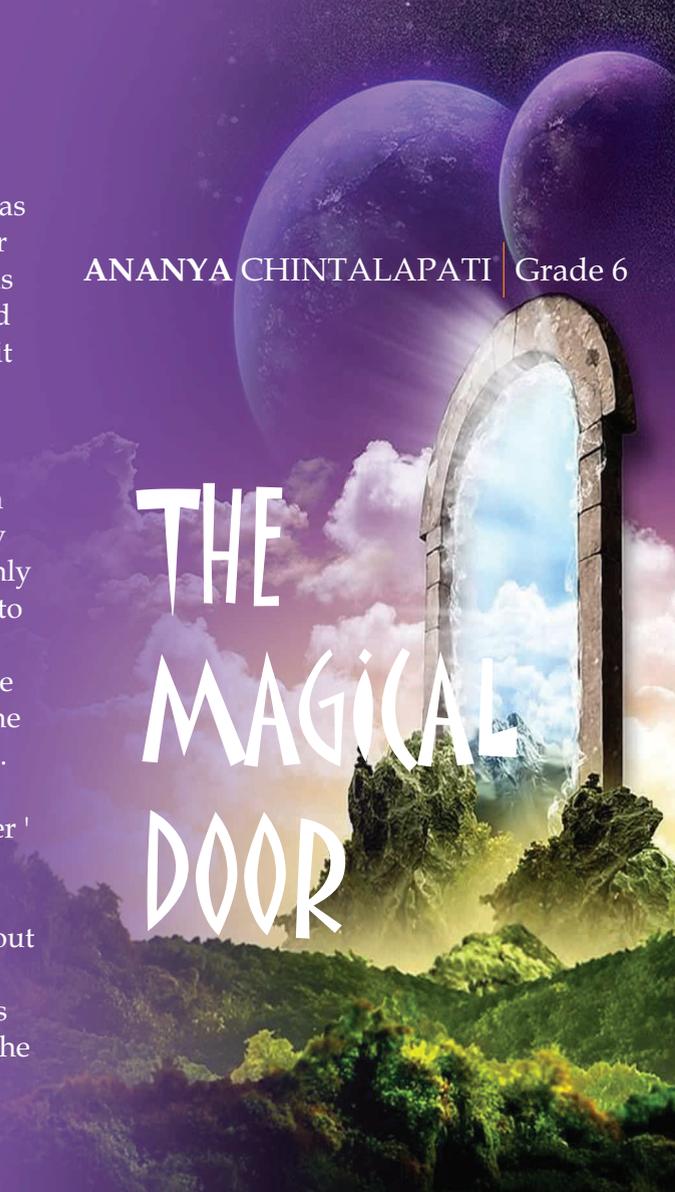
Once there was a poor boy named Help. One day he was walking through a forest carrying some wood. He saw an old man while he walking in the forest, who was very hungry. He wanted to give him some food, but he didn't have any. So, he walked past him and continued his journey. Further, Help walked into the forest, he saw a deer who was extremely thirsty. He wanted to give him some water but he didn't have any water. So he walked past the deer too. Later on, he saw a man who wanted to make a camp. But that man didn't have any wood. Help gave him some of his wood and in return the man gave him some food and water. Help then remembered the deer and the other man and went back to them to give them food and the water. After this, Help went his way.

One fine day, Help fell down a hill. He was in pain. But, there was no one to help him. To his surprise, the deer and the man came to help him. ■

Once, longtime ago, there lived a princess in Spain, Portugal. The name of the princess was Grace. Grace was interested in reading books. But, as a princess she never liked to give speeches or behave like a princess. She was a little childish. However her grandmother was worried about her future. So, she searched for a book and gave it to Grace. Grace saw the title of the book and said, "The Magical door? What is the book about grandma?" Grandma said, "Sorry I can't tell that. But you'll love reading the book." Grace goes to the garden and sits on the wooden chair and starts reading. It says 'A butterfly flying in the sky around the white cloud.' Grace suddenly sees a small butterfly around the white cloud and tries to follow it. She follows for a minute and hits something saying 'oww! What is this! Then she realizes that it's the magical door that was drawn on the book. She enters the door and sees plenty of butterflies. She sees a real pony. She enjoys a lot and she goes back to her grandmother. She tells her about all this. But her grandmother tells her ' Grace there is big secret in there. 'And so on she finds a secret. She finds a small flower which leads to another door. Grace is worried that she will get lost! Suddenly out of the flower a witch comes out and tells her about this book. She understands her responsibilities and she goes to her grandmother and tells her. After a few minutes she starts to become and behave like a princess... ■

ANANYA CHINTALAPATI | Grade 6

THE MAGICAL DOOR





Once upon a time there lived a girl named Emma. She was very kind. She was playing in the rain with her cute pet Totto in a basket. After a while she saw a small hole; inside the hole she saw some light coming out, so she went inside. She headed towards the light to see what it was. When she reached she saw a shining door; she opened it to see what was there. She walked a little and she saw another door on the other side of the tunnel.

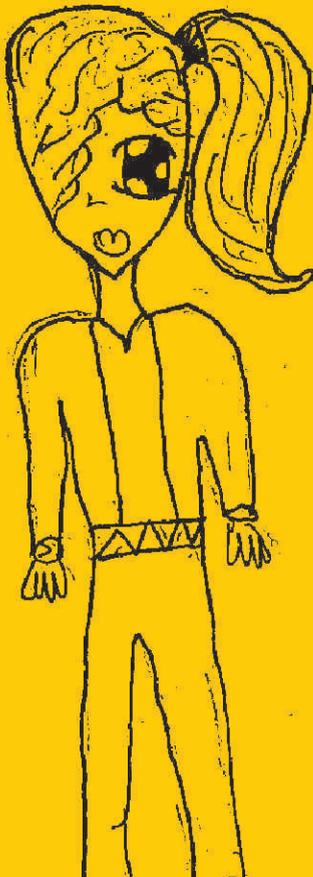
CANDY LAND

SAI MANMITA SINGARI,
ZAINAB MAHBOOB SHAREEF
& AATHIRA SAJEEV | Grade 6



When she opened the door, she was amazed and she saw a Candy Land. Then she went with Totto in her basket to explore. After walking a while she found a girl who was stuck so she ran to save her. The girl said her name was Sasha and thanked Emma for saving her. They decided to have fun and rode on the tic-tac train, drank lemonade from the lemonade lake, they jumped up and down on the giant jelly and also plucked lollipop from trees. Just then Sasha had to go and they said goodbyes and Emma continued her journey. After a while she saw an evil witch.

The witch said that the Candy Land belongs to her and she will punish Emma for plucking lollipops from the trees. She started chasing Emma. Emma ran as fast as she could. Just then Sasha appeared from nowhere and threw a bucket of water on the witch. The witch just became dust. Emma was relieved and from then the Candy Land was open to everyone. ■



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