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# Editorial

## New Year .... 2023

What was around us till yesterday is still with us. All our relatives, home, friends, family, school, and all are the same as yesterday. After December 31st, nothing has changed, everything remains the same. And what do we see as new in the New Year? It is a hope, a new hope for everyone, which wipes away all the worries and sorrows of yesterday. This hope dreams of a better tomorrow. That is what makes us so happy in the New Year. If we want to maintain this happiness, we must try to embrace the changes ourselves, and that must begin within us. "Let the change you wish to see in the world begin within yourself," says Mahatma Gandhi

Introspect on your attitudes and your views. Analyze whether they were right or wrong. You can embrace change only if you know yourself. Think, if everything you have done so far is right, should you not have behaved like this, did my opinion hurt them, was my stand wrong? No, I need something else that only I can do. I am ready for it. Then we can change, and those around us will change with us.

What we do is our own decision and we should not think about what others around us might think. Things start with what you think about yourself, not what others think. A lot of things we put off because we have to depend on someone else.

Now let us think, I must be able to do all these alone, the means are all around us today, we must find them. What I can do for the community? Nothing big can be done. But we can do many small things like giving a child an early meal, buying a book for a year, buying a dress, and helping to buy medicine for a while.

Take a look around you. We also have a lot of little things to do. We can bring change. It doesn't need to be a new year; it will always happen if you have a mind. Tell yourself and make a decision... 'I start thinking like this and start working for change in myself. Wait and see.'

“Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.”

— Leo Tolstoy

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# The Magic



Once, in a village there lived a king and queen with their child Preea. She was very happy and one day she went out of the kingdom, without informing her parents. She ran away. When she ran, she saw a girl who was crying. She asked, "what is your problem?" The girl said my mom and dad went to the forest for getting some food but they did not come back". "Ok! Come we can find them". They went to the forest. The king and queen was so happy to see their child helping a person. The girl ran into the forest. It was becoming late, so Preea said, "you go to your home; I will find your parents". So the girl went home. She saw a horn with magic power. She asked the horn did you see any person in the forest and the horn said, "I will give you two gifts for your kind heart". The first one is the magic power and the other one is the girl's parents. Preea said thanks and went to the girl's house and dropped her parents. And she went to the kingdom. The king and the queen were proud of their child.

*Ashna G.J*  
V-D

# A Good Friend



There are some characteristics to be a good friend, but in my opinion the three most important characteristics that I would choose in a person to be a good friend are :

First, be honest. I think this is the first thing you may want to find in a good friend because, when you trust in someone, you want that person to be honest and tell the truth all the time.

Another characteristic of being a good friend is having someone on whom you can count all the time, especially, when you feel sad or when you are in a bad situation the or when you are passing through the worst moments in your life. They are always there and try to help you. Finally, appreciation by your friend is what you want. If he / she really loves you and appreciates you, the relationship is going to be long and strong forever, and the friend will never do something to hurt you or hurt your feelings. He / She will always want the best for you.

These three are very important because you can find a good friend in your life. I don't have much friends, but very few friends. They have been my good buddies since I met them.

Sanjay Raj S  
VIII-C

# Spring

Once upon a time, there lived a small girl named Diya. She loves spring but she lives in small village in Siberia which has winter all the time. She has magical powers but she is unaware of it. She had a cute little puppy named Jack. One day when she was feeding her puppy with a cookie. She saw a big stone in the backyard of her house. She was surprised to see it. There in the rock, it was written “Go deep into the forest”. She was excited and the next day she went into the forest. When she entered the forest, she was frightened seeing the appearance of the scary forest. She walked slowly into the forest, before her, the puppy moved into the forest so deep. She ran back of it and the puppy guided her to the God stone there. At once, she touched the God stone, it became very green and was filled with flowers and bushes. Then she released her magical powers. She took her locket which looks so pretty with diamonds and pearls. She fixed it in the centre of the God stone, then, after a sudden magic, the place was removed from snow and become a place full of trees and flowers. She was very happy and she ran to the hill to see the view of the forest she loved it and then she was happy and used her magical powers for useful and exciting things.

Shithika Karthikeya

VIII-D

# **The Friends Found A Strange Old Map Under The Bed .....**

“Yolanda ..... Yolanda..... come down, your friends have arrived”, said mom. When I came down, friend Ali was holding a dog in her hand and Sagariya was having a letter in her hand. She gave it to me and asked me to read it aloud. “Hey there! I’m a magician, due to some reason my dog is leaving me often; if you find a golden map anywhere use it. I’m sure it would help you find me”. “Hmm... mm... the person who wrote this letter, neither wrote her name nor her dog’s name in it” said Ali. “Yep” said Sagariga and Yolanda nodded her head and said, so let’s figure it out together”. Their sleepover became more interesting. They found the map in Yolanda’s bedroom but that was a strange old map. However, they followed the map and reached an old mansion, there their fear got worse, but suddenly the map became gold and so it started flying and the dog barked and followed it and reached it’s owner. Unfortunately, the owner was a vampire waiting for human blood. They all ran out of the mansion without a trace. They all searched the dog for days but there was no trace of it. This has always been a mystery in their life.

*Jobisha E*  
VIII-C

# Facts About Christmas



- 🎅 The story of Jesus Christ's birth is told in the gospel of Saint Luke and Matthew of the New Testament.
- 🎅 Some Christians celebrate Jesus Christ's coming on January 6, that is, the Epiphany, when they believe he was baptized.
- 🎅 The word Christmas comes from the old English Cristses Maesse, which means Christ's Mass.
- 🎅 The German word 'Chris Kindle', which means Christ child, eventually turned into kriss kringe.
- 🎅 Santa Claus generally was depicted as an elf until 1931, then Coca – Cola advertisement portrayed him as human-sized figure.

*Merry Christmas*

*Betsy A*  
VI-B

# A Special Day



Jesus Christ's birthday is celebrated as Christmas. It is a time of joy and happiness. We can exchange gifts and eat plum cakes. Santa Claus presents us gifts. We enjoy with our friends and families. We decorate Christmas trees and decorate our homes with different things.

We decorate our class with stars, balloons, lights, Christmas trees etc.... We enjoy with our friends. We go to buy new clothes, snacks etc. Usually we have Christmas program in our School like dance, dramas, songs and we enjoy those programs and we enjoy with our teachers and friends. As it is winter season we can play with snow. Taking snow balls and throwing on friends is really fun.

We can eat cakes, chocolates, snacks we can watch movies. We can hear the bells chiming in church. Everyone wishes each other and visits their family and friends. We can make new memories on Christmas. All will be waiting for this special day. It is a day of peace, happiness and joy.

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VII-C



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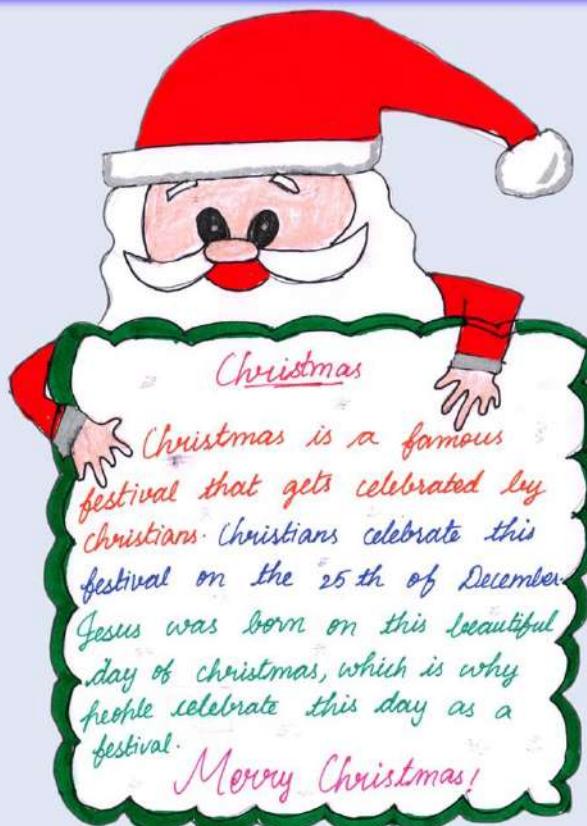
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# *A Pleasant Christmas*

Christmas is the best day in a year. Everyone waits for this beautiful day. There are two special reasons for this. The birth of Jesus and gifts from Santa claus. Christmas means lights, gifts, snow etc. At the starting of December, that is, December 1<sup>st</sup>, all the houses are filled with lights and decoration. All the family members come to meet each other. All the bells chime and ring to melt our hearts with songs. Wearing new dresses for Christmas and seeing each other, is part of the Christmas Day.

Buying Christmas cakes, listening to the music and making new memories in the day of Christmas is also fun. The birth of Jesus Christ is a special moment of that special day. Celebrating the birth of Jesus by going to Church is one of the pleasant moments. Christmas is the day of joy, peace and happiness.



*Alivia D Davis*  
VII-C

# Best Days of 2022

This year is going to finish with Christmas programs. The best days of this year was when we went for JRC camp for three days. It was fun and I enjoyed the three days without any disturbance. I took Rs 530 for buying something useful. I bought ice creams and some fashionable jewels for my sister and my mother. We went marching on the Kanyakumari beach with our JRC heads. We returned to our school after 3 days. It was a very big experience. My mother was very happy after meeting me.

Vishal V.S  
VII-C

# Season of Joy

The season has come – places  
Filled with sounds of Drum.  
The saviour is about to come  
To his own lovely home.

Time to cheer and no tear.  
His coming is very near.  
The words full of cheer;  
His hands cure.

Our happiness is like a fresh new day.  
The Messiah on the hay.  
The Earth is filled with snow  
And nobody feels low.

This is the time when light  
Sparkles everywhere.  
Christmas is here, which is  
Bringing good cheer.

Belenā D  
VIII-A

# *My Best Christmas*

The Christmas that is very clear in my memory was the Christmas of 2020, the pandemic year. I was ready to spent my Christmas only with my parents, but I was surprised when my aunt, uncle and cousins came. They came on the 16th of December and stayed till the 30th of December. The most memorable moment was playing badminton. My dad, uncle, my cousins and I divided into teams and had a match. Luckily, we won I had a wonderful Christmas, we went for a Church mass in the night and after the mass we went to my sister's house at 5 in the morning. The next day we went on a boat trip, which was like a family tradition. We enjoyed the day a lot, especially the boat ride, So, now you can see why it was the most memorable Christmas for me.



*I. Tamanna*  
VII-A

# ***Lighting Candles on Christmas***

We all know that Jesus of Nazareth was born in Bethlehem  
But why do we light candles on Christmas?  
It is not a festival of lights,  
But it is certainly the feast of light

This tradition dates back to a Roman festival which  
was practised long ago. Many Irish people lit candles  
on their windows to invite Santa and the priests.

Lighting candles has a huge importance in Christianity.  
This also symbolizes the birth of Jesus Christ.

After knowing all this. I've planned to light  
Candles on the eve of Christmas. What about you?



*Annne Dharshini K.P*  
VIII-C

# Unique Facts about Christmas

- In Germany and Austria, people believe that animals can talk at midnight between December 24th and 25th.
- “Jingle Bells” was actually written for Thanksgiving.
- Many people abbreviate Christmas “X-mas” which is actually based upon X being the first letter of Jesus Christ’s name in Greek.
- Round glass Christmas ornaments were inspired by the shape of apples, symbolising the Garden of Eden.
- Santa’s name comes from the Dutch version of Saint Nicholaus: Sinter Klaus.
- Evergreen trees such as spruce, cedar, pine or fir are commonly used as Christmas trees because evergreens are symbol of permanence.
- Traditional colours for Christmas is red, green and gold and they have their meanings – green (eternalise), red (blood of Jesus) and gold (royalty)
- Santa’s suit originally was blue, green and purple. Not red!

## About Christmas

- Christmas is celebrated on 25th December every year.
- Christmas is the festival of Christians.
- It is celebrated as birth of Jesus Christ.
- He was born in Bethlehem.
- His mother’s name was Mary and his father’s name was Joseph.
- Most of the people celebrate Christmas with Christmas tree, lights and many other decorations.
- People hang stars in front of their houses.
- People give gifts to their family, friends and neighbors.

*Merry Christmas*

*S.R Gopika Krishna*  
VIII-C