

A Voyage of Voices and Visions

Argosy

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the second edition of ARGOSY, our vibrant school newsletter! We are thrilled to continue this platform as a window into the dynamic life of J V Parekh International School. As the seasons change, our school remains steadfast in its mission to foster learning, growth, and innovation.

As we embrace the month of September, a time often associated with change and renewal, we turn our attention to our theme '**Compassion Catalyst: Igniting Change in Our Communities**' that has the potential to inspire deep transformation.

Throughout this month, we delve into how acts of compassion, no matter how small, create a ripple effect. By putting empathy into action, we strengthen the bonds within our communities, and in doing so, we build a culture of understanding, care, and mutual support. September, reminds us that each of us has the power to be a 'Compassion Catalyst.' Through simple acts—standing up for others, supporting those in need, or spreading kindness—we can spark change that echoes beyond ourselves.

As you read through this edition, we hope to inspire you to lead with compassion and help spark positive change in the community around you. Together, let's make this September a month where compassion ignites transformation, making our world a better place for all.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful journey.

-Editorial Team

A JOURNEY OF LEARNING
& GROWTH





NINJA OF KINDNESS

A ninja of kindness, stealthy and sweet,
Spreading compassion, a heart-warming treat.
They strike with kindness, a silent art,
Healing hearts and playing a part.



A secret agent of compassion's cause,
They sneak around, obeying the laws
Of kindness and empathy, a noble creed,
A superhero in disguise, a helping deed.

With a smile and a nod, they spread the cheer,
Dispelling darkness, banishing fear.
A force for good, a positive vibe,
Compassion Catalyst, forever alive.

So let's be like ninjas, kind and discreet,
Spreading compassion, making life sweet.
With every small act, we can inspire,
And make the world a better place, that's for sure!

DISHITA SHETH - 6A





Nurtured Souls

Water to the plant, a gentle grace,
Compassion to the soul, a warm embrace.

In the garden of hearts, we sow our
seeds,
With kindness and love, we nourish our
needs.

Pollen to a bee, a sugary elixir,
Compassion to the soul, grains of light,
In the song of love, the melody
forevermore,
With fondness and affection, we sweeten
our actions.

Stars to the Night, a whisper of grace,
Compassion to the soul, shining ever
bright,

In the storm of live, a guiding light,
With joy and hope, we nurture our
dreams.

KIYA MORADIYA
IB YEAR 1

Spark of Kindness

In isolated corners where shadows play,
A spark of kindness lights the way.
With every gesture, every touch,
Change begins, mending much.

Through simple acts and caring hands,
Compassion weaves through all the lands.
Together, we fuel this gentle flame,
Igniting hope and changing the game.

In moments shared and hearts that mend,
Bridges form where sorrows blend.
With each small deed, the world aligns,
Transforming lives through acts divine.

From one to many, the ripple spreads,
Building a future where hope is fed.
So let compassion lead the way,
And guide us through life, day by day.

RAVEE VASHIST -6B





THE VIOLIN

In the decaying grandeur of an abandoned concert hall, a violin hung in somber silence. Its once-lustrous wood had faded, and its strings, now worn and frayed, bore witness to years of neglect. Once, this violin had sung with a beauty that enchanted audiences, filling the hall with melodies that touched hearts. Now, it was a relic, its voice silenced, its body scarred by time.


One evening, a man with rough, unfeeling hands entered the hall. His eyes were clouded with a dark intent, and he seized the violin with brutal indifference. He twisted its strings until they screamed in distress, each tug a cruel invasion. The bow, which had once moved gracefully across the violin's surface, was dragged across it with harsh, grating force, producing only a cacophony of tortured sounds. The music it once made was replaced by a distorted, anguished noise. The violin, its spirit torn, was discarded carelessly, left to languish in the cold shadows of the hall.

The days that followed were an endless silence. The violin lay on the floor, its body cracked and strings tangled. It remembered the music it used to make, but now it could only recall the agony of its violation. The grand concert hall, once a place of reverent applause, had become a tomb of forgotten dreams.

One afternoon, as the dust settled like a shroud, a young woman entered the hall. Her presence was a stark contrast to the desolation around her. She moved with gentle reverence, her eyes falling upon the discarded violin. Kneeling beside it, she lifted the instrument with tender care, as if it were a fragile creature in need of healing.

With a soft, methodical touch, she began to restore it. She wiped away the dust that had accumulated like forgotten tears and carefully untangled the strings, each movement infused with empathy. When she finally strung the bow across the strings, it emitted a faint, quivering note—a hesitant whisper of music that stirred the stillness.

Though the violin's body remained scarred and its voice was tinged with the pain of its past, it began to sing again. The melodies were not as bright as they once were but carried a deeper resonance—one of sorrow and resilience. Through the woman's compassion, the violin rediscovered its purpose. It was no longer just an instrument of beauty but a symbol of healing, a testament to the power of gentle care. The violin learned that even in its brokenness, it could still bring light and hope, finding its voice anew in the hands of one who truly listened.



AARUSHI SHAH -IBDP
YEAR 1



* Hello Autumn *

IGNITING CHANGE IN OUR WORLD

MOST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD ARE OFTEN SELFISH AND ONLY THINK AND CARE FOR THEMSELVES. THEREFORE, A FEW INDIVIDUALS WHO GENUINELY CARE FOR OTHERS STARTED "COMPASSION CATALYST - IGNITING CHANGE IN OUR WORLD." THIS INITIATIVE PRIMARILY FOCUSES ON HOW KINDNESS AND COMPASSION CAN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT THE WORLD.

A COMPASSION CATALYST IS A GROUP OF PEOPLE OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO INITIATES POSITIVE CHANGES BY DEMONSTRATING POSITIVITY AND COMPASSION TOWARDS OTHERS. THIS CAN INVOLVE HELPING THOSE IN NEED OR TAKING CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT. WHEN ONE PERSON OR A GROUP SHOWS COMPASSION, IT INSPIRES OTHERS TO DO THE SAME, CREATING A RIPPLE EFFECT OF GOOD DEEDS.

BY WORKING TOGETHER AND CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER, WE CAN ADDRESS GLOBAL CHALLENGES SUCH AS POVERTY, POLLUTION, AND INEQUALITY, MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE.

NIRVAAN BOHRA -6B

Vocabulary

ELEVATE YOUR WRITING
THEME: COMPASSION

Affinity	A natural liking or feeling of connection towards something or someone.
Clemency	Mercy or leniency, especially whilst punishing someone.
Conciliatory	Intended to placate or soothe someone.
Equanimity	A calm and composed state of mind, even in difficult situations.
Expediency	The quality of being convenient and practical, often at the expense of morality.



HRIDAAN GALA-IB
YEAR 1

COMPASSION CATALYST

In the city's pulse, where shadows blend,
A spark of compassion starts to mend.
It breaks through the dark, turns fear to grace,
A gentle warmth that lights every face.

From reaching hands to hearts that mend,
Compassion ignites a change to extend.
With each smile shared and kind-hearted act,
We shape a future, a compassionate pact.

Let's be the flame, the beacon true,
In every gesture, let kindness shine through.
For through each small act and caring embrace,
We build a world where love finds its place.

Let's nurture the flame, let it spread far,
In every corner, no matter how small.
For when hearts unite and hands reach out,
Compassion sparks, erasing doubt.

MAHI KOTHARI -7D



EMPATHY- A SUPER POWER

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WHEN MR POTATO IS UPSET

2



SUPERTATO DOESN'T TRY TO FIX IT. HE FIRST DOES SOME SOLID LISTENING TO FIND OUT THE PROBLEM

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AND TRIES HIS SUPER BEST TO UNDERSTAND FROM MR POTATO'S POV

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SUPERTATO HELPS HIS FRIEND, QUICKLY SOLVES MR POTATO'S PROBLEM AND THEY START DANCING....

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EMPATHY IS A SUPERPOWER & NOT SOMETHING TO BE AFRAID OF. NEVER REFRAIN YOURSELF FROM HELPING SOMEONE.



Idioms & Phrases



on Compassion Catalyst - Igniting Change in Our Communities

01. Lend a hand

To offer help or assistance to someone in need, thus empathizing with their needs.



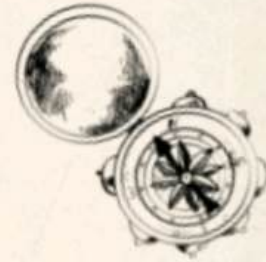
02. Go the extra mile

To make a special effort to help someone or achieve something, and being compassionate towards their goals.



03. Take under your wing

To care for, protect, or guide someone who is less experienced. Therefore, integrating empathy in us as humans



04. Be the change you want to see

It means initiating small efforts or ideas that, over time, grow into something much larger and impactful, much like how a seed grows into a tree.



05. A ripple effect

A small action or change that spreads and creates broader, more significant changes.

SHRUTI GOGRI- IB YEAR 2

An initiative to educate

I'm proud to share this story of compassion and giving back from my previous school, The Winchester School, Jebel Ali, where I studied when I resided in Dubai. The school came together to raise Dh132,000 to support underprivileged children in rural Malawi through Dubai Cares' 'Adopt a School' programme. This initiative, aimed at providing primary education in developing countries, aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 4 - Quality Education for All. The funds raised will help improve school infrastructure and create a safe, sanitary learning environment for children and teachers in Malawi, a country that faces significant educational challenges. The school community, including staff, students, and parents, all worked together to raise the funds through various events like the Annual Fun Fair, bake sales, Garba evenings, and movie nights. A standout contribution came from WINshares, a group of 45 students who sold used books at community events, raising AED 16,100 and promoting sustainability at the same time. This story of compassion and teamwork deeply resonates with me, and I feel privileged to share my contribution in such a remarkable community that consistently strives to give back and make a positive impact on the world selflessly.

Jebel Ali raises Dh132,000 for kids in Malawi

Initiative is part of the adopt a school programme

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FIND THE WORD PUZZLE

USEFUL STEPS TO IGNITE A CHANGE IN YOUR SOCIETY

PERCEIVE

PROMOTE

PREPARE

PREACH

PRACTICE

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SHAURYA PATEL -8B





DROP OF KINDNESS

On a rainy afternoon, Maya stood at the bus stop, her mind wandering as the grey sky loomed overhead. The city felt cold and distant until she noticed an elderly woman struggling to stay dry under a thin, worn raincoat. Without a second thought, Maya walked over, offered her umbrella, and gave the woman a warm smile. She then continued on her way, feeling a surprising sense of happiness.

Inspired by this small act of kindness, Maya decided to be more attentive to those around her. She began performing simple acts of kindness, like carrying groceries for someone, holding doors open, or offering a friendly smile. She shared her experiences with friends and family, explaining how even small gestures could make a big difference in someone's day.

Her friends and neighbours soon noticed her new approach and started adopting their own acts of kindness. Strangers began helping each other more often, and the community started to feel more connected. Local volunteers took to cleaning up parks and sidewalks, and businesses joined the movement by offering discounts to those who performed kind deeds.

What started with Maya's simple gesture of giving her umbrella grew into a citywide wave of goodwill. Her actions showed that even the smallest acts of kindness can spark significant, positive change, transforming the city into a friendlier and more caring place.

KIAAN TAMBEWAGH-7B



COMPASSION: THE OLD MAN'S STRUGGLE



Riya was a girl who stayed in the busy streets of Mumbai, India. One normal day, Riya was told that her apartment lift wasn't working so she would have to climb the steps up. She had reached her building when Riya noticed an elderly man, who seemed to have some health issues, struggling to carry his groceries up the stairs in her building.

The old man seemed to be in pain with all the heavy load so Riya decided to help him. His frail body was bent under the weight, and his eyes were filled with a mix of frustration and despair. Riya rushed to his side and gently took some of the bags from him, with his consent. The old man politely thanked and agreed to her request. He was also relieved that he would finally have less weight to carry due to his precautions that he had to take at such an age. Together, they carried the groceries up the stairs, and she assisted him into his apartment. As they put away the food, she noticed the empty spaces and memories that filled his home. A photo of a loving couple, now separated by loss. Riya helped him prepare a simple meal, and as they sat down to eat, she saw a glimmer of gratitude in his eyes. His posture straightened, and his eyes seemed to brighten. In that moment, compassion had brought hope and comfort to someone in need. As Riya left his apartment, she felt a sense of purpose and connection, knowing that their brief encounter had made a difference in his life. The old man's struggle was a little lighter, and her heart was a little fuller.

IRA KAMAT -7B





Be Compassionate

When we think of the word 'compassion' we think of helping the unfortunate or of giving a tip at the restaurant, however everything has a deeper meaning, and hidden below a bedsheet is always a mattress.

The word compassion has two words hidden in it, secretly waiting to be identified. The first word is in 'com' which is 'company.' The second word is 'passion.' So, compassion is to have a passion to give company to others, through their thick and thin.

Compassion is often confused with empathy. Both have the same blood, but a different body. Empathy is referred to as a feeling for someone and putting yourself in their shoes. Compassion is basically putting yourself in someone's shoes but also acting faithful and helpful towards them. A story by the Dalai Lama defines this difference clearly. In this story, a man is pushing a rock and everybody passing by feels sympathetic. This is empathy. Another man sees the first man and helps him push the rock. This is compassion.

Most examples we hear of compassion are big and difficult to do, however, we all start somewhere. We can start to be compassionate by doing little things like greeting our watchman uncle and thanking our Didi's. But big and difficult ways to show compassion are always possible like the great things Mother Teresa has done.

Overall, compassion is a strong, driving force that is present in every human being. It is what makes us humans with muscles and bones, and not robots with gears and screws. Making big contributions may seem difficult, but there is always a start to everything and remember each drop makes an ocean.

IVAAN SUMAR -7B



Wonder- A Book On Compassion and Friendship

In a world that can be cruel, and harshly judgmental, life can be hard. Especially if you're 10-year-old August, 'Auggie' Pullman, a kid with severe facial deformities, who's been home schooled his whole life, and is suddenly transferred to Beecher Prep.

R.J. Palacio's award-winning debut novel, 'Wonder' navigates school life with a twist; an "extraordinary" protagonist, as his family reassures him. Not disabled or incompetent, "EXTRAORDINARY."

This book is a beautiful tale of compassion, empathy, and acceptance, told in multiple perspectives, allowing readers to connect and empathize with the characters, and their various problems. Today, let's explore how the characters express these various emotions.

August Pullman himself is a beacon of compassion. Despite being bullied and stared at, he is kind, understanding and determined to convince people that he is more than his looks.

His family, older sister Via, and parents Nate and Isabel, are ever present pillars of empathy and support, guiding him, and filling him with confidence and determination. The family dog, Daisy, is the perfect symbol of unconditional love and understanding. Her presence is assuring for Auggie during times of distress, and he dotes on her. Let's not forget the teachers and staff at Beecher Prep, who are very compassionate and empathetic, and make Auggie feel included and normal.

From the understanding principal, Mr Tushman, who immediately welcomes Auggie, to his kind homeroom teacher, Ms. Petosa, and his encouraging science teacher, Ms Rubin. However, Auggie's favourite teacher, the enigmatic English teacher, Mr. Browne, is known for his monthly precepts, or moral guidelines. These help students re-evaluate kindness, empathy, and other important values.

And lastly, his friends. Jack Will, who at first is friendly to him because of a sense of duty, but grows to genuinely care for him, and defend him. As well as Summer Dawson, whose decision of sitting next to Auggie in lunch is driven by compassion, despite the social risks. Additionally, Charlotte Cody also helps him navigate through school life, and supports him.

So, to conclude, 'Wonder' is a beautiful evidence of the transformative power of compassion and friendship. It is a heart touching, and occasionally, heart shattering, novel that will have your eyes glued to the pages.

PARI AJMERA-7B





TO ALL THE VILLAINS OUT THERE

Till the cuts took form of shredded paper,
Self inflicted they were deemed to be.
None were kind, none cared,
Till scars were evident, leaving them scared.
Unkind were the world's words,
Now diamonds trickle her cheeks.
This twisted realm broke her so,
Hurt she was, now revenge would grow.
Tears, no longer humid.
Her wrath became destruction.
Audacious was this world to blame,
Sins by saints, its a wicked game.
Now she is the enemy,
Conveniently are they blind to her history,
We are so quick to judge and hate,
But are the villains really to blame?
All that's needed is love and kindness,
Yet good intentions received blindness.
So to all the villains out there,
It's time for your side of the story to be shared.



**URVI PATEL- IB
YEAR 2**





the heart of compassion

compassion resides in everyone.
whether it's volunteering to clean the beach,
or donating a bone marrow
or just giving your shoulder,
when you see someone in sorrow.



compassion isn't just a kind deed,
it's a savior when someone is in need.
whether it's smiling at a kind stranger,
or forgiving yourself when you failed that test
because tomorrow will be better, and so will you.

compassion cannot be measured,
it's like a mother's love,
or a teacher's patience
that lags deep down in your conscience,
compassion is a hawk, but it's also a dove.



MAHI JAIN - 9B



Bridging Hearts: A Path Beyond Color

Is racism a crime?
Being black or white,
It's their time to shine.
Why steal their limelight?

A mind-set formed
For a few people,
Do not let them be ignored!
Injustice and completely illegal!

Skin color does not matter.
Let the community know
Whatever makes them feel better,
Your beauty always glows.

The way of comparing
Is sharp as a knife.
We should be repairing
The thoughts about this crime!

Blood will remain the same
For each and every one.
This is not a shame game.
The community's thought is overdone!

Being discriminated against
Is the worst feeling.
Being segregated,
Don't stop believing!

Racism is a sensitive topic.
Comparing others is wrong.
Show that inner beauty, which is
ironic.
It is your time to fight!

So stand up for your rights,
Support social actions,
And don't forget we're by your side!
Spread positive reactions!



**Be
Positive**



NAISHA SHAH-6B

MATTER MUCH?

~shanaya 9b

This is a love like no other,
A connect within yourself,
In a world where it matters so little,
A beautiful hope within itself.

Compassion is spread everywhere,
Into every corner of darkness,
It will just be of few seconds.
But will touch you with utmost calmness.

For being compassionate,
You have to compromise,
With getting just 1 for 2,
Sometimes kindness is your only choice.

Extend a smile to someone else,
Give your ego a dare
Or ignite that spark of compassion
That makes this change fair.

Whether it may be the understanding
Or it maybe the care,
Just in the blink of an eye,
You'll fall in loves lair

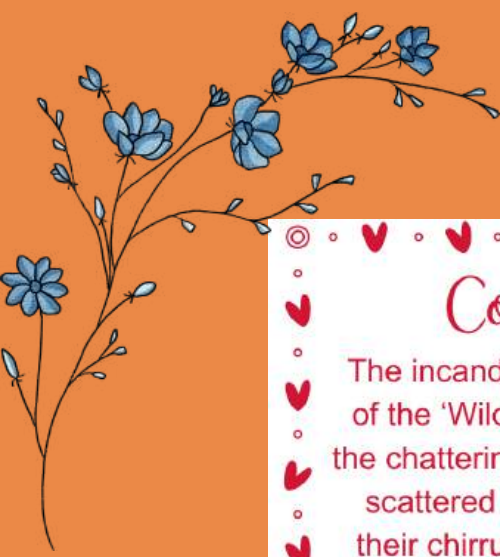
This world is contaminated with negativity
Compassion seems to be the easiest cure,
Amongst our words and actions,
We can make this feeling so pure.

It's about the little moments,
That are special gems in your heart,
The shimmer of those memories,
Give you a complementary start.

So yes, it matters much,
With too many feelings involved,
The social problem of this world,
Is what compassion has solved.

SHANAYA MALKAN - 9B





Connect Through Compassion

The incandescent, early rays of sun spilled across the bustling room of the 'Wildermew Adoption Center', casting a bewitching glow over the chattering children; who were boisterously toying with the figurines scattered around the playground. Each child played indefatigably; their chirruping laughs echoing the entire center and uplifting every passerby's mood with a melting smile.

So when Hannah set foot into the adoption home, she knew in her heart of hearts that she won't return back to her institute without a little bundle of joy in her hands that she would call her daughter.

Upon Hannah's entrance, she enveloped herself in the vibrant hues of the playground, when she noticed something was off-kilter about a girl, about 10 years old, who seated herself apart from the cluster of other children. The girl, entertained herself with some scattered dolls, in a forlorn state which ripped Hannah's heart out.

The center's guardian blabbered about the other children, narrating about their interests and personal details, but it soon turned into a faint whisper as she approached the girl and chatted with her.

"That is my favorite Barbie, you know. She's the kindest of them all!"

The girl simply nodded, not socializing.

However, eventually, Hannah felt a deep sense of connect with the girl, who's name she learnt to be Hailey. As time progressed, Hailey seemed to settle in and conveyed her inner thoughts to Hannah, breaking into a smile every now and then.

"I think she's the one." Hannah declared, which dissatisfied the guardian.

"Ma'am I believe you must reconsider, this girl has lived through an extremely traumatic past and won't talk much-"

"I've made up my mind; I would like to adopt Hailey and would appreciate if the legal process would start right away" Hannah stated, firmly.

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