

Foreword from our Principal:

The richness of diversity is one of India's key strengths that manifests itself in every walk of life.

-Ms. Hemlata Pande, Principal, Deens Academy, GJ Campus

SECTION 1 : UNITY IN DIVERSITY

1.1. KANNADA RAJYOTSAVA

Kannada Rajyotsava is celebrated every year on November 1st. This brings us back to 1956. Karnataka was previously known as Mysore. Karnataka is one of those 2 states in India that has its own flag. The state flag depicts Arishina – turmeric as yellow and kunkuma as red. The Karnataka Rajyotsava is celebrated with profound respect to Karnataka and the culture it beholds. This celebration includes flag hoisting, dancing, singing and speeches; Kannada language being the medium of communication. The state pays respect to the state's tradition and culture; it also connects to the country's roots through this celebration on November 1st every year.

By – Rachana 7A

1.2. DIVERSE STILL UNITED

UNITY IN DIVERSITY



- Aashwika 7C

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT STATES,
WHERE PEOPLE EAT IN DIFFERENT PLATES.

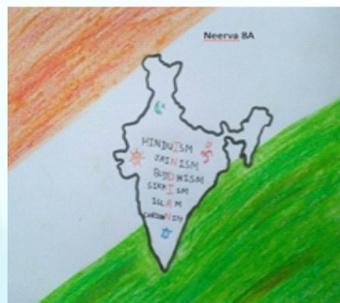
THEY EAT DIFFERENT FOOD,
THEY WORSHIP AS THEY CHOOSE.

THEY WEAR DIFFERENT DRESSES,
THEIR BEAUTY LIES IN THEIR INNATE FACES.

THOUGH PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT STYLES
ALL THROUGH THEY HAVE SIMILAR SMILES.

ALL THE STATES AND ITS PEOPLE ARE GOOD,
AND PEOPLE EAT DIFFERENT FOOD.

ALL THE STATES ARE BEAUTIFUL,
TO KEEP THEM CLEAN WE MUST BE CAREFUL.



By – Smriti 4A

1.3 UNITY REFLECTED IN A MASTERPIECE

This beautiful picture reminds us of the different living beings that exist in complete unity of nature, before humans intervened. Many of us, talk about Unity in Diversity, limiting it to the human world. Let us extend this concept, through a far superior idea stated in the Gita. 'Sarva- Buteshu' symbolizing - all living beings. All living beings, both from the human and non-human worlds are linked to a common spiritual existence and are therefore, all one. This beautiful butterfly is not a human, yet has a soul, which unifies its existence with the human world. This is true unity in diversity.

Writeup by: Adyaa Pandey - 8A



1.4. OUR COUNTRY - INDIA



India is diverse in many ways. Each state of India has its typical food, dance form, different language, clothing, etc. All this together shows the unity in diversity in our country.

Credits to: Shanaya Garg

1.5. UNITY IN DIVERSITY

The first thing that comes to my mind when someone says "Unity is Diversity" is that people may have different religion, caste, skin tone, culture etc. but all thoughts are one. Everybody wants the best for the country and upliftment of people. When I was young, my dad told me a story about unity. Where, a father teaches his four sons to be united, by giving them an example of a stick. When there is only one stick alone it's easy to break, but when we tie them in a knot with a bundle of sticks it's hard to break. We need unity to remain strong at the societal, communal, and national level. Here is another thought in Hindi that comes to my mind, which is 'Mile sur mera tumhara, to sur bane hamara'. This means that when my thoughts match with yours, it becomes our thought. It's another way of telling if we stay together and do not think about how different we are from each other, we can make the world a better place.

Today, India is home to many cultures, religions, and castes. The same moon that the Hindu women see to break their fasts on Karva Chauth, is also seen by the Muslims to break their fasts on the last day of Ramzan. We eat Bengal's Rasgullas after finishing Hyderabad Biryani. We dance to Punjabi foot-tapping tunes wherever we may live. India is progressing scientifically, culturally, and spiritually because of this unity. India is strong because of the combined ideas of people belonging to different cultures, religions, and regions. If one part of India gets wounded, there are other's parts to provide bandage.

This is the true meaning of "Unity in Diversity". We should not look back and see the difference between us. We should get united and make the world a better place to live in.

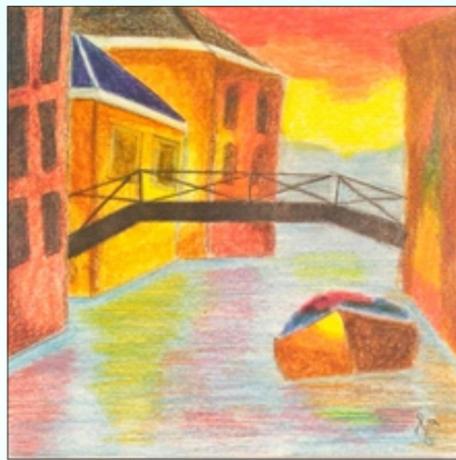
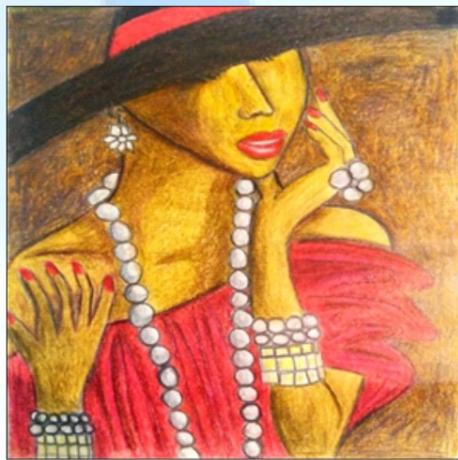
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**1.6 TOGETHER WE COALESCE
- COME TOGETHER TO FORM ONE MASS**



It's a pleasure to live in such a world,
So vast and boundless as we're told,
But what's more colossal than our distinct
Styles and food and tongues to be succinct.
The swish of a Japanese fan,
Or the taste of Mexico's sweet pecan,
and the wonders of land of our,
And the delight of the French cheese's sours,
And if all these together coalesce,
That determines our world's true address
We're all varicolored flowers in a garden
Enhancing each other's beauty
So, let's enjoy it together in its entirety.

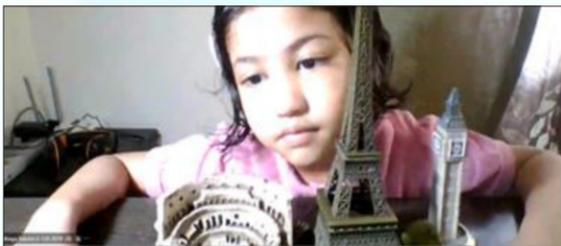
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Credits: Art work done by Jyotsana R. - 8B

**SECTION 2: KIDEENS CORNER
TALENTS OF OUR YOUNG STUDENTS**

2.1 - Miraya Rakshit of UKG-A, is showing the beautiful archaeological structure and she beautifully explained each of them.



2.2 - Trishika Jain of UKG- A, became a Master chef and showed how to make sandwiches and eat healthy food.



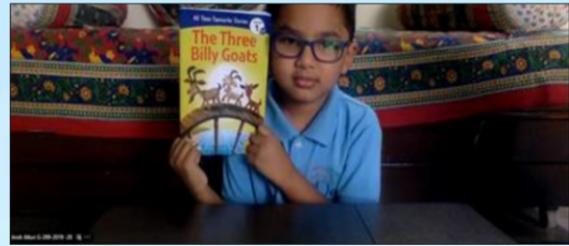
2.3 - Rozzane Philip of UKG-A, was so proud to show her birds and she spoke about what they eat and when they sleep.



2.4 - Aishwarya J of UKG-A, does a beautiful kannada song Banadi chitti with the help of these colourful butterflies' picture.



2.5 - Ansh Atluri from UKG-A, does wonderful storytelling from the book - The Three Billy Goats.



2.6 - Sai Sarvesh, talks about our Mother Earth and about the continents with the help of a globe.



2.7 - Vidura Bhumireddy of UKG- A, has drawn a picture of Coronavirus and told us about the safety measures to be taken.



2.8 - Advay of UKG B shared information about solar eclipse and about the usage of telescopes.



2.9 - Hiranmayee explained how to use clock and read time.



2.10 - Carol Lakra of UKG-A, is so overwhelmed, washing her clothes.



2.11 - Ansh Atluri of UKG- A, is so engrossed in making chapati.



2.12 - Activity on Healthy and fun food

Miraya, Advik, Aadhya, Aaradhya of UKG, enjoyed doing this activity with full Zeal and enjoyment.



SECTION 3: A STUDENT'S OWN CORNER

3.1 THE KID THAT CAME FROM SPACE

Recently I read a book which sent a thrill down my spine. And I wondered if aliens would ever visit me in real life. That book is a sci-fi one with a bit of adventure. It is "The kid who came from space" by Ross Wilford. Let me not keep you in suspense and share a brief review. It takes place in a village, a small one. It is about a 12-year-old girl called Tammy. She and her twin brother, Ethan, have mixed feelings about each other, until now. This adventure changes their life forever. It all started on Christmas Eve, after having a bitter quarrel with Ethan, Tammy rushes out of the house. When Ethan follows, he finds her bike near the lake. He searches for her everywhere, only to hear an out of the world sound. He couldn't find his sister alone. So, he goes to his parents and tells them everything. Then one day at the lake, with a friend, named Iggy, they find the truth. It was a very painful one. Tammy was captured by aliens and was light years away. They also met Hellyan. She was a good Alien from where Tammy was captured. It was a secret to keep or to never see her again, said Hellyan. Together this trio of unusuals, dodge two alien hunters, save Tammy and set fire to an alien auditorium. But, does this mean they might die? To find out more, dig in and explore this adventurous story by Ross Wilford. The story gripped me and pulled me in. By this, I mean, I felt like a part of it. I have 3 favorite characters. They are Ethan, Iggy and Hellyan. I like:

Ethan because of his loyalty and determination.

Iggy as for his way to cheer all up and for his confidence.

Hellyan (the most) for her ways to differentiate between right and wrong.

Not to mention that it was her loyalty to her friends that made her sacrifice her life. When Hellyan dies, I felt a bulge of sorrow deep in me. This part was more sorrowful than expected.

The story was remarkable (great and remarkable!) I think all readers should read it, especially dreamers who dream about aliens and adventures. It is a beautiful piece by Ross Wilford.

Credits to: MRINALINI BISWAS G-4A (Original work – Later edited with technical inputs)

3.2 RISING WITH COURAGE

I roam around in a maze,
Remembering those spritely blissful days.
My mood is all pensive,
I think those beautiful days were expensive.

I make a wish to get rid of solitude,
From this world's multitude.
To seem strong, I hold a plastic smile,
Hoping this will do for a while.

With lots of hope, I gallop to move.
But my mind would disapprove.
Now with all my will I shatter my minds crystal clear full stop,
And I would not let myself drop.

I crawl, I hop but I won't stop,
And at last, I feel that triumphant breeze.
I realize I am out of this coop,
And it all felt like it's life's soup.

I reach the end and feel happiness,
And I knew I was done with this bitterness.
The rays of topaz sunlight cloak me,
I realize I have a lot more to see.

By- Rachana 7A

SECTION 4: OUR CREATIVE AND ENGAGING CLASSROOMS

4.1. DESIGN THINKING CLASSES

India is a democracy country, that is the common people directly or indirectly participate as the law-making body of the country. The leaders of tomorrow are we the students of today. Our civics teacher, Zarina ma'am, hosted an activity where we list problems, shortlist one from that to find solutions for that shortlisted issue. This activity teaches us as the future leaders, to learn how to make and implement laws. We are almost done with shortlisting our solutions. Looks like we will have to implement the solutions next and further start again with a different set of problems. I am happy with the activity, as it not only makes me learn - what are the qualities of a leader but also teaches me teamwork, teaches me to listen to other's viewpoints, adds to my understanding of pros and cons of the discussed topics. To conclude, this is one of the best opportunities, as through this activity we are getting prepared to lead, to understand, to plan, to empathize etc.

Credits to: Dhruva Vetsa 7C

4.2. GUEST LECTURE GRADE 7

Our guest, Mr. Dutta, an engineer, passionate about technology, works at Accenture. He thought us many things and they were interesting to listen to and understand. He first started by telling us about the different means through which hackers try and hack our system. Every click on our computer/laptop gets saved somewhere and can be harmful to us later, that is why we should use password managers and put trustable antiviruses in our systems. One of the methods hackers used were phishing, in this hacker had to take appropriate gears, find suitable places from where they can phish then bait the hook, be quiet and then wait for the person to respond. If the user responds, then the user has been hacked. The second method hackers used were the MITM (man in the middle). In this when two people are communicating with each other the man in the middle receives messages from one side see's it and responds to the other. Thank you for this wonderful lecture, Mr. Dutta. We thoroughly enjoyed the session and it helped us learn new things.

Avoid Phishing	Think before you click on a link or file of unknown origin. DO NOT share information on unsolicited communications without verifying authenticity.
Use Strong Passwords	Use different user ID / password combinations for different accounts and avoid writing them down. Make the passwords more complicated by combining letters, numbers, special characters (minimum 10 characters in total) and change them on a regular basis.
Secure your computer	Activate your firewall - Firewalls are the first line of cyber defense; they block connections to unknown or rogue sites and will keep out some types of viruses and hackers. Use anti-virus/malware software Prevent viruses from infecting your computer by installing and regularly updating anti-virus software. Do not visit or download "free" content from untrustworthy sites.
Be Social Media Savvy	Make sure your social networking profiles (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, MSN, etc.) are set to private. Don't share identifiable information.
Secure your Mobile Devices	Be aware that your mobile device is vulnerable to viruses and hackers. Download applications from trusted sources. Install the latest operating system updates. Keep your applications and operating system (e.g. Windows, Mac, Linux) current with the latest system updates. Turn on automatic updates to prevent potential attacks on older software.
Protect your Data	Encrypt sensitive files.
Protect your e-identity	Be cautious when giving out personal information such as your name, address, phone number or financial information on the Internet. Make sure that websites are secure (e.g. when making online purchases) or that you've enabled privacy settings (e.g. when accessing social networking sites).
Call the right person for help	Don't panic! If you are a victim, if you encounter illegal Internet content or if you suspect a computer crime, identify theft or a scam, inform your parents or teachers.

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