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THE EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,
Greetings to you!

Very few have fully realised the wealth of sympathy, kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every educator should unleash the treasure and Gateway International School, Neelankarai is an excellent example where everyone strives indefatigably for this. The institution has been nurturing young minds of the nation all these years with the belief that “The heart of the education is the education of the heart”.

We are pleased to present to you the second edition of our monthly school magazine “The Educarnation” presented by the English department. We are really proud and exuberant to acclaim that we are ready with all new hopes and hues. The enthusiastic write ups of our young writers are indubitably sufficient to hold the interest and admiration of the readers. We are sure that the positive attitude, hard work, sustained efforts and innovative ideas exhibited by our young buddies would surely stir the mind of the readers and take them to the surreal world of unalloyed joy and pleasure.

The reflection of the student's creativity and achievements is the epitome of the magazine. Students have put forth their ideas and thoughts that are too deep to be expressed and too strong to be suppressed.

Happy reading!
The Editing Team

HEAD BOY MESSAGE

“Tell me and I will forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I will learn.”

It is indeed a great privilege to be elected as the Head Boy for the academic year 2020-2021. Gateway International school, Neelankarai, has always strived hard to harness the talents of each and every student.

I am grateful to be in this temple of education and its magical ambience has really given all the students a wide range of opportunities to excel themselves in all spheres of education. I am indeed thankful to my Principal Madam, and the teachers who have constantly encouraged me and my friends and extended their fabulous support in helping the students discover the hidden talents.

I would say that sincerity and hard work with full dedication always deliver great results. Once you make a clear decision to work hard and throw your heart wholly in to the work, the success is guaranteed.



Praveen S

(Head Boy)

Grade X

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MayI come in

May is known as a month of transition. It is the month where, the fresh old winds are gone,
and the rays of sun enter. By the time May comes around,
the spring flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, and life is starting to seem a little more joyful day by day!

DO YOU KNOW ?

The month May was named for Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility.



The United Kingdom celebrates May as the National Smile Month



IMPORTANT EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate the gorgeous month of May! The Sun is warming, the birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, and the garden is growing. Take a look at the list of important days and celebrations in GISN.

May - 1 (International Labour Day or May Day)

The first day of the month is among the notable important days in May. This day is celebrated in India and throughout the world as Labour Day.



May - 8 (World Red Cross Day)

It is observed every year on 8 May. This day honours those millions of volunteers, staff, and members across the world who protect human life and health. It is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of the Red Cross and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Henry Dunant.



May - 9 (Mother's Day)

Every year, Mother's Day is celebrated to appreciate mothers, who play an immensely important role in one's life. This special day is celebrated every year on the second Sunday of May.



May - 12 (International Nurses Day)

International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world on 12 May (the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth) of each year, to mark the contributions nurses make to society.



ORIGIN OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

English is a West Germanic language that originated from Anglo-Frisian dialects brought to Britain in the mid 5th to 7th century AD by Anglo-Saxon migrants from what is now northwest Germany, southern Denmark and the Netherlands. The parent tongue, called Proto-Indo-European, was spoken about 5,000 years ago by nomads believed to have roamed the southeast European plains. Germanic, one of the language groups descended from this ancestral speech, is usually divided by scholars into three regional groups: East (Burgundian, Vandal, and Gothic, all extinct), North (Icelandic, Faroese, Norwegian, Swedish and Danish), and West (German, Dutch, Frisian, and English). English is related to most other languages spoken in Europe and western Asia from Iceland to India.

Modern English is analytic (i.e., relatively unchanged), whereas Proto-Indo-European, the ancestral tongue of most of the modern European languages (e.g., German, French, Russian, Greek), was synthetic, or inflected. During the course of thousands of years, English words have been slowly simplified from the inflected variable forms found in Sanskrit, Greek, Latin, Russian, and German, toward invariable forms, as in Chinese and Vietnamese., if the Modern English word ride is compared with the corresponding words in Old English and Modern German, it will be found that English now has only 5 forms (ride, rides, rode, riding, ridden), whereas Old English ridan had 13, and Modern German reiten has 16.

HOW TO MAKE ENGLISH AN INTERESTING SUBJECT :

Have you ever wondered why some children look outside the window, or keep doodling in their notebooks, when the teacher is at her best? The teacher tries to give all the information gathered from the book, but still the children are hesitant to lend their ears. This scenario is prevalent in most of the classrooms, especially during the afternoon sessions. So, how to make it interesting, especially the second language, English. Here are few tips:

1. Don't Take Teaching so Seriously:

What? Is something going wrong? No, effective teaching is mandatory but at times try to loosen up and bring a smile on your face and have some fun. All the children have different learning styles, so if you could bring in little bit of humour into your teaching; the subject would be interesting rather being mundane.

2. Create Classroom Games: Wow! Games, it is liked by all age groups. So start the class, playing a fun game. Games play a very important role to keep lessons interesting. You can play games like 'Simon Says', Complete the proverb, Spell Bee etc., Games make learning fun and also energises the students.

3. Use Technology: Integrate technology and teaching, learning would be fun. Instead of standing in front of the class and lecturing, at times smart board can be used. This can really create magic in the classroom.

4. Make Your Lessons Interactive: The classroom teaching can be traditional way of teaching, where the teacher teaches and the students take notes. But in order to hold the students' interest, interactive sessions should be upheld. Make learning interactive by creating hands-on lessons that involve students every step of the way.

5. Relate Material to Your Students' Lives: Try to relate your students with real life materials needed in one's life. While teaching a topic, tell them where and how it can be used in their day to day conversations. This will surely kindle interest in learning the subject.

These are some techniques to make the subject interesting to learn.

10 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

The English language is as fascinating as it is popular and obviously has its own history and quirks. Instead of only focusing on grammar and other theoretical aspects, don't forget to enjoy its more entertaining side. To help you with this task, we have compiled a list of ten fun and interesting facts about the English language. Continue reading to learn them and get ready to impress your friends with your newly gained knowledge!

Let's get to the fun facts about English language!

1. "I am" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
2. A pangram sentence is one that contains every letter in the language.
3. Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis is the longest word in English.
(it's a type of lung disease caused by inhaling ash and dust. Go ahead and try pronouncing that!)
4. There are "ghost words" that mean nothing.
(There-are-"ghost-words" Believe it or not, there are some words that appeared in the dictionary because of printing errors. The non-existent word "dord" appeared in the dictionary for eight years in the mid-20th century. It became known as a "ghost word.")
5. The shortest, oldest, and most commonly used word is "I".
6. A new word is added to the dictionary every two hours.
7. There's a name for words that we repeat often.
(Words we always use even though they add no meaning or value to a sentence are called crutch words. For example, in the sentence "Then I was like, OMG, then like, he went there, and like..." it is pretty obvious that "like" is the crutch word. "Actually," "honestly," and "basically" are also commonly used as crutch words.)
8. Swims will be swims even when turned upside down.
9. English is the language of the air.
(This means that all pilots have to identify themselves and speak in English while flying, regardless of their origin.)
10. Girl used to mean small boy or girl.
(The word "girl" was not initially used to refer to a specific gender. It used to mean "child" or "young person" regardless of the gender.)

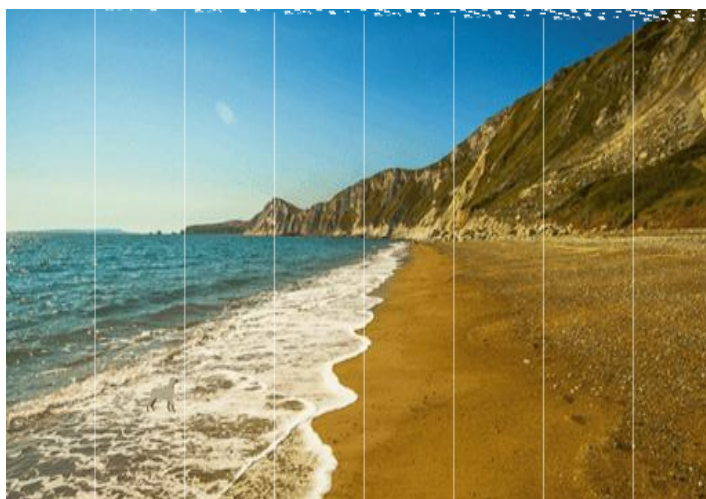
WOW! HOW INTERESTING

- Some English words exist only in plural form. Can you name any?
 - Glasses (spectacles) ▪ Binoculars ▪ Scissors ▪ Shears
 - Tongs ▪ Jeans ▪ Pants ▪ Pajamas
- Bystanders were originally called stander-bys.
- The word to replace "day after tomorrow" is Overmorrow.
- There are people who make a point of learning multiple languages. These people are referred to as 'polyglots'
- Petrichor means the pleasant, earthy smell after rain.

LET'S RIDDLE

IT'S PUZZLING TIME

- I have cities but no houses, forests but no trees, water but no fish. What am I?
.....
- Eva's mother had three children. The first was called April, the second was called May. What was the name of the third?
- Can you see the animal? Name it.....



- A cowboy gallops into town on Monday, stays for two days, and leaves town on Monday. How can this be?
- I cannot talk but will always reply when spoken to. What am I?.....

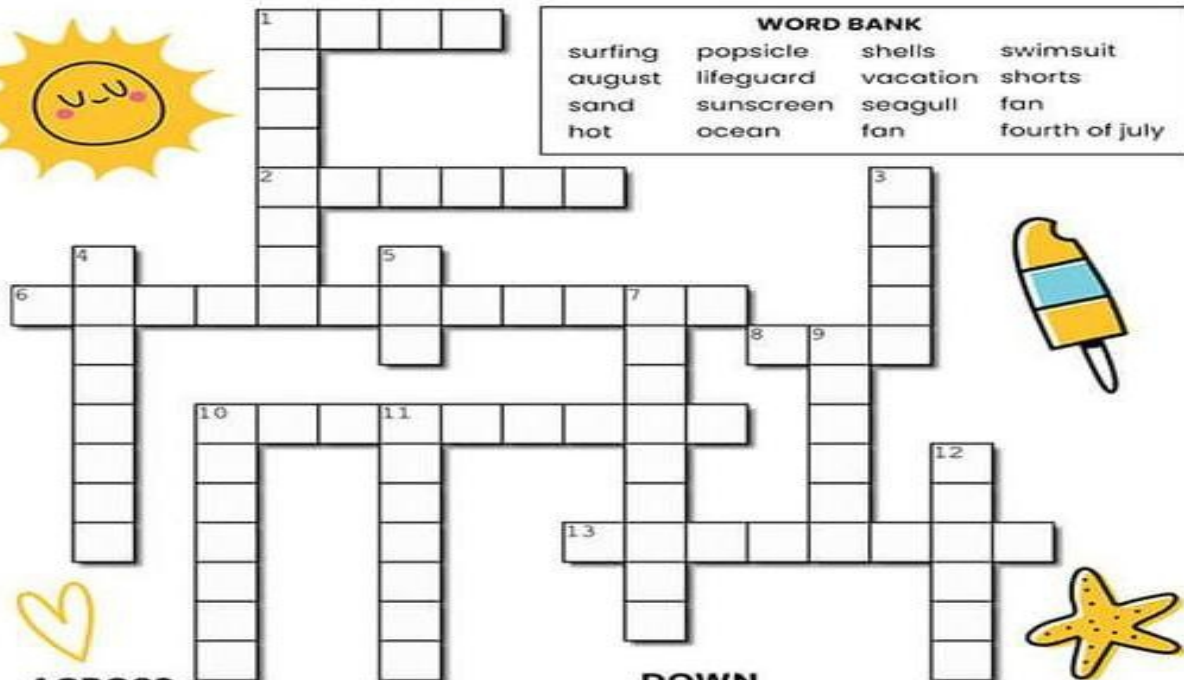


PUZZLEZZZZZ.....LET'S TRY

AT THE BEACH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



WORD BANK			
surfing	popcorn	shells	swimsuit
august	lifeguard	vacation	shorts
sand	sunscreen	seagull	fan
hot	ocean	fan	fourth of july



ACROSS

1. Kids love to dig in this.
2. You can collect these on the beach.
6. An American summer holiday.
8. You turn this on to cool off.
10. We put this on our skin to protect us from the sun.
13. A trip away from home.



DOWN

1. What you wear to go swimming.
3. You swim in this at the beach.
4. A frozen treat on a stick.
5. The weather in summer.
7. Someone whose job is to make sure swimmers are safe.
9. The last month of summer.
10. A bird you see often at the beach.
11. When you ride a wave with a board.
12. Commonly worn in summer.



STUDENTS' CORNER

When it is winter ❄️

I put on my coat

When it is spring 🌸

I plant some seeds

When it is summer ☀️

I go to pool

When it is fall 🍁

I go to school

Pon Veera Ventha

Grade IX

HELPING MIND

Once upon a time, there lived a girl named Radha. She was 30 years old. She was a teacher. One day, in the evening, Radha was resting at her home. She heard a sound. Someone was knocking her door. She opened it and found a small boy standing near the door, with a sorrowful face. Radha asked him, "Who are you?" and "What do you want?". The boy replied, "My name is Rahul, and I am collecting money from everyone for my studies." Radha felt sad for the boy. She called him inside and gave him a glass of milk to drink. The boy thanked her wholeheartedly. Radha admitted the boy in her school, without any fees. The boy was very happy.

Malavikha

Grade IV



Creativity is one of the superpowers that can help you become the best version of yourself and make the world a better place. The great thing is that everyone has the power to be creative in their own way. But it can also take some work. As Mary Lou Cook said, "Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes, and having fun."

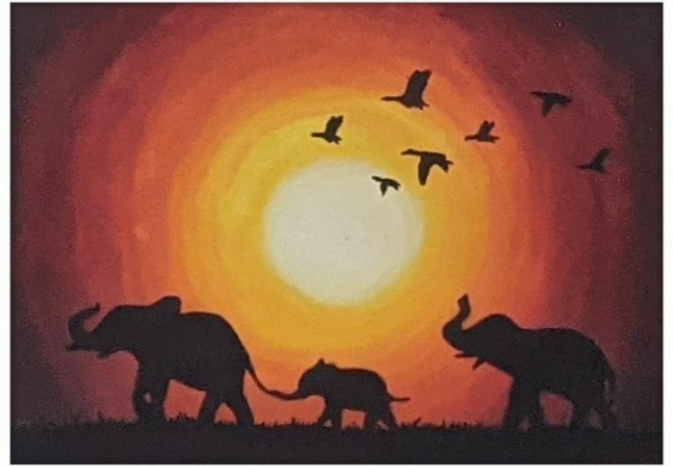
Yash Kumar

Grade VII





Sanju
Grade VIII A



Kavisha
Grade VIII A

IMPRESSIONS

English is spoken world-wide. Most of the people use English in their daily life. This language plays a vital role in my life, as it helps me to communicate better with the people around and also gets me connected with the world outside. English brought me very closer to many writers and poets and helped me to become a better individual.



VaniahJeseeta,
Grade X



Honisha
Grade X

English is a universal language. This is one of the most used languages in the world. English has been used as the medium of instruction in many of the schools. This language gives the students access to a variety of information over the internet. It helps to build a career. English had a great impact on me. I am able to express my inner thoughts in concrete way and also it has enhanced and developed my personality. An in depth knowledge of this language helps me to go abroad for my higher studies. I love English language.

TEACHER'S TERRITORY

Magic of May

But May is the prettiest of all.
Minds are full of happiness and gay.
Months all have pretty names,
Near comes the month may.

Buds seek the sun to bloom,
Small leaves peek out off the branches.
Daisies laugh with their widened eyes
Bluer than the May month skies.

Filled are the parks and sea shores,
With children, adults and old people.
From the branches hang the swing,
Which the elders sit on in a wink.

Bees and insects fly in swarms,
Mangoes and oranges are full.
Children flock in group chirping,
Fighting for the fallen fruits.

May, May, May, May is here,
Let's enjoy it full, dear.

Ms. K. Bindhu

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DELIGHTFUL DAYS OF MY CHILDHOOD

SUMMER!

It was the time I spent more with my Mom.
The swing on our Banyan tree knew all our stories.

SUMMER!

It was the time when raw mangoes with chilly with salt became the
favourite snack of my Childhood.

SUMMER!

It was the most cherished season for a child like me who studied in the
boarding school.

SUMMER!

It was the perfect time to have get together with my friends.

SUMMER!

It was the most enjoyed season when I had dinner with my cousins on
our terrace.

SUMMER!

It is the season which hides most of my childhood secrets, as the Sand
hides the first drop of the Rain in it. Though I can't go back to my
childhood, the memories never fade away. They are in the depth of
my heart like a rain drop in the sand.

Indeed it was the most beautiful season of my childhood.

Ms. Theivanayagi,

Department of English

Awaiting the Dawn

I came wide awake in my bed. I looked at the alarm clock on the side-table. It read 1.15 a.m. I looked all around my bedroom to check what had disturbed my sleep. I then switched on my bedside lamp to see more clearly. At first, I could see nothing untoward. Then slowly as I looked from one end to the other end of the room, I saw a tiny figure crouching in one corner of the room. I stifled a scream as terror gripped me. I adjusted my lamp to look more clearly at the hidden figure.

To my horror, the creature - whatever it was started moving towards me in the dark. I lay frozen on my bed petrified unable to utter a sound this time. As it moved closer to my bed, I could make out that it looked no bigger than a three-year old child. It had a dome for its head and eyes that looked like saucers. Its arms and legs were skinny like an undernourished child. As it moved towards me, its body moved with a swaying motion.

I still looked on, not uttering a word. It stumbled a little and then made a beeline towards me. "Who aaarre... you?", I asked in a quavering voice which sounded frightened even to my own ears. "I am Jasper", it replied in a voice that sounded more like a frog's croak rather than a normal voice. "I come from Mars and I have come to visit the earth". My breathing which had become uneven, now started slowly to return to normal as I clutched at my chest and stared at the strange creature in front of me. He, too, stared back at me with wide, unblinking eyes examining my head, neck and my body which was visible above the bed clothes.

"How did you come here?", I questioned him.

With that same unblinking stare, he replied, "I wanted to visit Earth for a long time to see what life on earth was like. I heard some of our people planning a trip to Earth. So, I hid in the spaceship and landed here." He looked around my room and asked,

"What are you called? Do everyone here look like you?"

I smiled for the first time since he started talking to me. "My name is Michael. Yes! Everyone here looks more or less like me". I pushed my bed clothes away from me and got up from my bed. I padded to the window and looked out. A dimly lit monstrous object rested in our back garden. My eyes widened at the sight. I looked back at Jasper who had now sat down on my bed and looking at me with wide eyes. "Can I ask you some questions? Will you be able to take me around to visit places? I so want to look around Earth. Will you do that, please?"

I managed a wry smile. He had come visiting at a time when looking around or visiting places was becoming almost impossible with the pandemic on the rise. I turned to Jasper and said, "Welcome to Earth, Jasper. I will be more than delighted to answer any of your questions, but I cannot comply with your second request, and that is, to take you around to visit places". He looked puzzled at my answer. I became aware that beings from Mars have no inkling of the corona virus which had caused so much of havoc to humankind on earth.

I decided to be open with him. "Jasper, Earth used to be a beautiful place before the advent of the coronavirus. Due to the carelessness of a few people, the virus had caused a huge devastation to human lives. We have lost millions of people in the last few months. Nothing is the same anymore. We have been forced to stay like fugitives, in our own home. The only redeeming factor is, a bonding among family members has happened in the past few months as a result of staying at home and spending more time with each other." I stopped here, unable to continue.

Jasper touched my hand as a gesture of comfort. He had now come to stand beside me near the

window. I continued, “Children like me, are forced to stay at home in constant isolation. Our schools are trying their best to cater to our academic needs online. Still, it is not the same anymore. We feel like caged birds unable to open our wings and fly out.”

“So many people have lost their livelihoods and struggling to get their basic needs met. We don't even know when this situation will change for the better. We are praying and hoping that everything would return to normal one day. But we are yet to see the dawn.” I fell silent after my speech. Jasper looked at me long and hard and then gave a helpless shrug.

“Here was I thinking that Earth would be a better place to reside than our planet. But what you have told me has made me change my mind about staying here and visiting places”, he mused. “Considering everything you have said, Michael, I think our planet is much better, in every way. We have the freedom to go out wherever we want. We, kids go to school and enjoy ourselves. I have a lot of friends too. Our lives are much simpler than the lives of Earthlings. We don't have too many needs. We are happy with what we have. We only work to fulfil our day-to-day needs. Earth looks so green and beautiful with seas surrounding it, when we look down from Mars, so I wanted to find out if Earthlings are happier than us, Martians. That is why I paid a visit to Earth in the first place, but it seems I am mistaken.”

He looked at me sadly. I looked at Jasper hoping I could change his opinion about Earth. I thought for a moment and suddenly turned to him excitedly. I hated to look at his woebegone face. “Jasper! Jasper!”, I cried, “I will mark this day in my calendar. You will go back to your planet now and return in a year on the same day. By that time, the situation here would have improved. Then, I can take you on many trips over here. Everything here, is beautiful as you said but we are unable to enjoy its

beauty at present.” I saw a new light come into Jasper's eyes as he too, started sharing my excitement. “Yes,” he said, “that is a great idea. I like that.”

“I don't even see my friends anymore because I am unable to go out. Will you be my friend and stay here for a few days? I will introduce you to my parents. We can talk, play, watch T.V., do whatever we want in our house and have a lovely time. What do you say Jasper? Say “Yes” please”, I pleaded with him. He nodded his head vigorously. “My people are leaving for Mars in the morning. I will go and request them to come back here after a few days so that I can spend some time with you. They won't mind, I know. They have been making a lot of trips lately.”

I was overjoyed to have found a companion and a friend in Jasper. He, in turn, seemed happy in my company. I moved to my bed and looked at my alarm clock. It was 3 o'clock. Plenty of time to go till morning. I curled up in bed once again excited and awaited my friend, who had gone out to inform his people about his whereabouts. Sleep eluded me that night. I went over my conversation with Jasper again and again in my mind. What I had told him was true. No one knows when the situation will improve but there is always a silver lining behind every dark cloud. So, I went to bed that night with my hopes high and my heart light.

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