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### From The Principal's Desk

'Have faith that the
Future will be bright
But don't lose the will
To work for it today.
Appreciate praise as it
Will motivate you
But don't reject criticism
As it will guide you.
Listen to what people have to say
But don't block your ears to your
Own inner voice.'

As the head of the institution, these principles have guided me towards realizing my vision for this school. I have been fortunate enough to see the wonderful results of these beliefs as Podar International School, Shirur achieves great heights. The school was named the #1 Co-ed Day School in Shirur in the Education World India School Rankings 2022-23. I am also proud to announce that recently the most eminent Principal Conclave 'MIMAMSA' has awarded Future Ready School of Pune award to Podar International School, Shirur. This newsletter 'In My Backyard' comprises of the varied thinkings and creativity of our young gems which indeed is the main motto behind publishing it. Education, in its true spirit, cuts across the boundaries of caste, creed, race and religion. As progressive, responsible educationists, we are committed to protecting human rights. Our sensitivity and responsibility in upholding the rights of every human being is the key to global peace. Our community outreach goals reflect this spirit of equality. The school has a dynamic Girls Welfare Committee (GWC) and Boys Welfare Committee (BWC) that aims at generating awareness about gender equality, gender concerns and women empowerment. In addition, the stimulating Cultural Committee encourages the joy of dance, theatre, fashion, music and art in the school.

This e-newsletter brings together the accolades and memories of the events organised during the academic year. I invite you to share this joy with me. It gives me great pleasure to outline the activities carried out during this year, and the achievements of the Podar fraternity.

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# What Type of a Gardener are You?



You already know you're a plant person, but there are different types of gardening enthusiasts on this green Earth. Find out which of these relatable growers you identify with the most.

- If you had to pick JUST
  ONE plant to grow in your
  garden, which would it be?
  - a) rose
  - b) cucumber plant
  - c) money plant
  - Which is your favourite creepy-crawly in the garden?
  - a) butterfly
  - b) earthworm
  - c) grasshopper

- Which of these Indian plants is your favourite?
  - a) mogra / jasmine
  - b) mint
  - c) tomato
  - When is your favourite time in the garden?
    - a) first thing in the morning
    - b) during the rains
    - c) at dusk/night

If you could add one new thing to your garden, what would it be?

- a) wind chime
- b) compost pit
- c) pond

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Which of the following makes you smile the most?

- a) seeing some flowers have bloomed
- b) seeing that there's a fruit growing
- c) seeing an earthworm and a centipede





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Which of these rather special plants would you like to grow?

- a) bird of paradise flower
- b) guava tree
- c) venus fly-trap

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A fairy godmother grants you a week's vacation Where would you like to go?

- a) garden
- b) orchards
- c) jungle

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Your friends and family describe your garden as:

- a) beautiful
- b) organic
- c) unkempt

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When you go to the garden you are first drawn to:

- a) flowers
- b) fruits
- c) trees

Almost finished

Well done, you're nearly there! One last thing: just complete this sentence in less than ten words: "I really love gardening because

OK, now it's time to find out the results!

### Mostly (a)s

You sound like a young
landscape architect
in the making!
It's the sight and 'feel'
of a garden that really
appeals to you.
Your ideal outdoor space
would be full of interesting
shapes, vibrant colours

and wonderful scents.

### Mostly (b)s

You're a bit of a

back-garden farmer.

Nothing appeals to you
about gardening quite
so much as the chance
to 'grow your own.'

Your ideal garden is one
which would give you plenty
of opportunity to grow what
you can eat.

### Mostly (c)s

You're a born nature warden and from your point of view, a garden is all about the wildlife that lives in it, or pops in for a visit.

Your ideal garden will be full of all sorts of wildlife-friendly plants that would allow the birds, bees and other wild friends a place to call home.









- Arya <mark>Sh</mark>inde VII Edison









- Tejashree Zambare VII Edison









- Arya Hinge VI Newton



Dragonflies have been around on Earth since before the dinosaurs.

Cucumber is a fruit and not a vegetable since it has seeds in the centre!

the first living creatures to be sent into space.

Butterflies and caterpillars use their feet to taste. Sunflowers move throughout the day in response to the movement of the sun from east to west.

The average strawberry contains 200 seeds. It is the only fruit that has seeds on the outside.

The fastestgrowing plant in the
world is the Burmese
bamboo. It can grow up
to 91 cm per day. That's
almost 4 cm an hour.
You could actually
watch it grow

The world's largest flower is the Rafflesia. It can grow to be 3.3 feet in diameter and can weigh up to 11 kg.

Some worms have ten hearts.

The typical mature tree can provide enough wood to make 170,100 pencils.

Caterpillars have 12 eyes.

Carrots were originally purple in colour.

The scientific name for spiders is Arachnid.



#### **GREEN WARRIORS**

Trees are a link between the past, present and future. With exponential decrease in forest cover worldwide, the only way we can save trees is by consciously acting towards environment conservation.

Disturbed by the perilous impact that rampant deforestation, fuelled by development and infrastructure projects, has over the environment, many individuals have turned into green crusaders over the years.

Here are 10 extraordinary Indians, who took it upon themselves in caring for the environment and planting as many trees as they could.

A 7-year-old girl travelled all the way to India from New Jersey with her family, with a mission of planting 750 trees – the number being a total of the years each member of the family had spent living on Earth. Worried by the repercussions of climate change and global warming, Isha Blokhra requested her father's birthday be celebrated in a different way!

In 1979, when a young man from Assam noticed a large number of snakes dying due to a lack of tree cover, he set out on a mission with 50 seeds and 25 bamboo plants.

Jadav 'Molai' Payeng, who was 16 at the time, was disturbed by the decline in forest cover and subsequent death of animals.

Ghazal Alagh – Founder of the mamaearth group. Aims to Make Natural Skin care products and plant a tree on every order they receive.



### **Compost @Home**

Composting is nature's way of recycling. Compost can be used on top of your soil. Mixing compost into the soil gives the soil better structure, nutrients and helps it hold in moisture as well.

#### You will need

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- an empty 2 litre bottle (make sure it is transparent)
- raw food scraps (vegetables/fruit peel, tea bags, coffee grounds, raw leftovers)
- soil, scissors and water spray bottle

#### Method

- 1) Remove the label and rinse your soda bottle.
- 2) Cut the top off the bottle (the end with the lid). (Take help of an adult)
- 3) Throw a handful of soil into the bottom of the bottle. Follow this with a handful of food scraps.

  Repeat this process until the bottle is full, finishing with a layer of soil.
- 4) Once your bottle is full, spray the bottle with water (it shouldn't be too wet, but should be damp).

- 5) Place your composter in a sunny spot. When the soil on top dries out, spray with water to maintain a constant level of moisture.
- 6) Watch and wait as your food scraps decompose and turn to soil. You will need some patience as the whole process will take about eight weeks.
- 7) Take photos of the bottle once a week so that you can compare changes that take place from week to week.



#### What can you Compost:

Browns - Leaves, pine needles, sawdust, wood chips, uncoated paper - source of carbon

Greens - Fresh grass clippings, vegetable scraps, weeds - source of nitrogen
Mixed Ingredients - Moss, coffee grounds, tea bags, flower



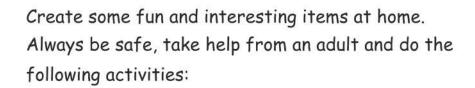
#### What you can't Compost:

Meat scraps, bones, dairy products, pet wastes

Seeds and tuberous plants, diseased plants, waste that attracts pests









### Potpourri



#### YOU WILL NEED

Any type of flower petals, cloves, and orange peels and cinnamon sticks, decorative bowl, essential oils (optional)

#### HOW TO MAKE

- Put all the ingredients in a decorative bowl.
- Give it a good mix and can also add a few drops of essential oils (optional) to the mixer.
- The ingredients together will combine to create a great smelling and looking mixture to perfume your room.

### **Bath Salt**



#### YOU WILL NEED

 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup epsom salt,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sea salt (like the Pink Himalayan salt for the colour, but any sea salt will do), cup baking soda, red food colour (optional), rose petals, any essential oil (tea tree or rose), a mixing bowl, mason jar, whisker and a spoon

#### HOW TO MAKE

- Start by adding epsom salt, sea salt, and baking soda to a mixing bowl.
- Add 2-3 drops of red food colour (optional) and give it a good mix.
- Then add 5-6 drops of the essential oils and rose petals.
- Now whisk everything together using a whisker.
- Using a spoon pour the mixture into the mason jar.
- o Volia! Your salt bath is ready to use.
- You can add 1-2 spoons of the salt bath in the bucket of water and enjoy a calming bath.







### Plantable Seed Paper

#### YOU WILL NEED

1 cup of tiny pieces of used paper, large bowl of warm water, blender, mixing bowl, flat tray, plastic wrap or butter paper, food colour (optional), rough cloth, any plant seeds (coriander, mustard, lemon, flowers and so on.)

#### HOW TO MAKE

- Soak the paper pieces in the bowl of warm water overnight.
- Put the soaked paper into the blender and fill it half with fresh water.
- · Blend until the mixture is pulpy.
- · Add food colour, if desired, and then transfer it to the mixing bowl.
- · Squeeze the water from the pulp, and make sure there aren't any large chunks of paper in it.
- Next, add a handful of seeds to the paper pulp and mix the seeds into the pulp using your hands or a spoon.
- Place the plastic wrap or butter paper on the tray and pour the pulp. Try to spread the pulp fairly thin, as a thick layer will take longer to dry.
- Use a cloth to press as much water as possible from the pulp, and leave the pulp to dry for atleast 24 hours.
- · Decorate or write your message with markers on the unseeded side.
- You have created a seed paper and it is ready to be used or gifted to your relatives or friends.

#### TO PLANT THE PAPER

- · Lay it on the surface of the soil and sprinkle about one-quarter-inch thick layer of soil on top.
- Water the soil lightly and keep the seeds wet until they sprout and have a few days to grow roots.

# Through My Lens





APPLE





BANANA



COCUNUT



MANGO





WATERMELON



## Through My Lens



### Vegetable



CAULIFLOWER



LADYFINGER



CABBAGE



TOMATO



BRINJAL



# Through My Lens









COSMOS

HIBISCUS





LOTUS

ROSE





SNAPDRAGON



# Careers

If you're fascinated by plants or insects, and want to pursue a career around them, the best thing to do is identify your particular interests and strengths. Working with plants or insects can be both creative and scientific. That way, you can choose the appropriate speciality or focus area for you.

If your answer is yes, there are many careers that you can opt to be a part of such as these: Horticulturist (Pomology, Olericulture, Viticulture, Floriculture & so on.)

Farmer

Plant Morphologist

Perfumer/Fragrance Chemist

Plant / Soil Scientist

Microbiologist

Landscaper

Forest Ranger

Plant Biologist

**Ecologist** 

Botanist

Entomologist

Beekeeper



### The Elf man and Backyard Family

"Oh! Help me, please help me" "is anyone here "someone shouted suddenly one talked and said to other plants and walls "have you hear that "grass said to pot. Pot said yes, walls also agreed with that, that they also heard a voice for help. Flowers said"It is a human being's voice", leaves said yes. And the discussion began suddenly they saw a man which was very small in size he was a small boy who was having wing. His wings were broken, the pot which was kept on high self saw him and asked the boy what has happened to you he said "I was flying from my place to on other place with family suddenly a sparrow came and pecked my wings and now I will take time to recover.

Everyone felt sad for him grass invited him to sit on him and rest for some time. While leaves made some medicines fox him. After he woke up the walls asked him why you were flying to another place. The elf man / boy said "the Place where me lived has polluted very much we can't live there" the big trees said I, you can live here until you did not get recovered"

So he lived there for some days and now the backyard family and the elf man/ boy were very good friends So the elf boy Thought that it is a place and I can live with my family here. And now he was ready to fly and now he took permission from aged trees that can he bring his all people here. They agreed I the boy brought all the people there but the trees warned him not I to come in front of their owner otherwise they will be Executed and be known by all.

So, by keeping the instructions with them they all lived very happily with the back yard, very safely and happily family.

Rutuja Phalke
 VII Edison



#### IN MY BACKYARD

In my backyard there are trees With swinging leaves. Some are green some are orange leaves There are flowers that smells good and feel better.

> In my backyard there is mango tree Where I plays with my dog. In my backyard I saw my dog runs behind the cat On the soft grass.

In my backyard there is tree house Which I meats with my friends And play types of games.

> In my backyard the life I love Let the air go by me Give the happy heaven above And the hut to sleep.



Rajveer Zanjad
 VII Edison



### IN MY BACKYARD

In our backyard there is farm With many flora & fauna And a land with many honeybees A tractor with muscular body with.

There are many people waiting with sideway Hands like the Iron Bars
They work day and night for the earning
The living for the end of this week.

In our backyard there is soil With many worm for the luck of it.



- Sarthak Khakal VII Newton





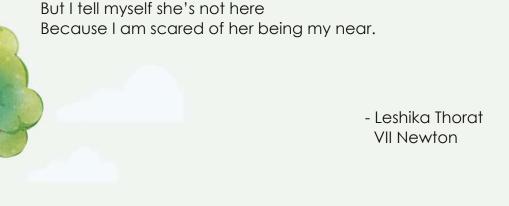
#### The Haunted Backyard

Seeing me from bushes Watching me from hedges. I see her behind the blower Hiding in a flower.

> She is paranormal And the backyard is supernatural. I see her spooky eyes With a terrible voice.

I hear the dogs bark In the backyards dark. I feel her grab my leg In the pool when I bathe.

Whenever I blink
I see her on the swing.
I see her on the bench
Which is placed near the fence.



### IN MY BACKYARD

I'm sapling some plants with fun, Then I keep it in hot Sun. In my backyard, In my backyard.

Here are also some shrubs, And some are herbs. In my backyard, In my backyard.

Here are many trees, With some Honeybees. In my backyard, In my backyard.



When birds are chirping on trees, I feel like singing with them. In my backyard, In my backyard.



- Tejashree Zambare VII Edison



#### IN MY BACKYARD

In My Backyard A Big Tree Lies, It Gives Me Shadow When I Am In Sorrow.

The Wind Comes
The Flowers Merrilly Swings
& The Cheerful Birds Flying
With Their Big Wings.

I Play With My Pet Dog & My Nayghty Monkey With Me. It Seems To Me Like Watering The Green Trees.



Down The Ground I See My Carrot Just Mimicring Me Like A Copycat Parrot.



Devendra Padwal
 VII Edison



### IN MY BACKYARD

In My Backyard Cut The Weeds And Plant The Seeds.

Water The Plant So It Can Grow Let It Grow Infront Of You.

Blowing Of Flowers Is A Wonderful Scene Water The Plant So It Can Grow Little Big.

Let It Grow Until It Grow Fully Now We Have Beautiful Flowers And There Lovely Fragrance.



Water The Plant
So They Can Live
They Give Us Oxygen
So We Can Live.

- Gojiri Bhavsar VII Edison



#### IN MY BACKYARD

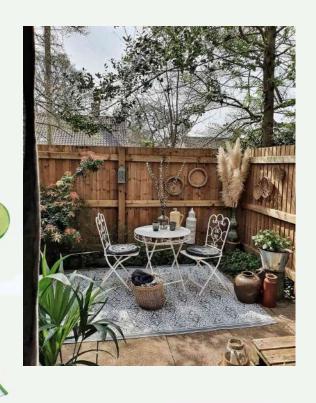
As I found in my room the morning sunrays, I get started moving in my backyard ways.

The birds while playing with me..!

Till then mom is watering the tree.

Oh! Various plants are planted over there, Like shrubs, herbs and many creepers with them. Beside the dog and cat fighting for their meal, After this they had a good deal.

A whole Sunday in backyard with my friends, Finally!! In this way I enjoy my weekends.



- Aastha Galande VII Edison



#### IN MY BACKYARD

In my backyard
The flowers are flowering.
I do the watering to
The shiny flowers.

I do the fun In the Sun. With my cousin In the shiny ray of sun.

My father plant in yard Do the hard work. When I play the card With my sister in the yard.

> There is old tree Survives in the cold. Gives the flower With the full flower.

> > - Sworaj Shitole VII Edison



#### IN MY BACKYARD

Where There Is No Gard
Feeling Of Fresh Trees
Sound Of Bees
Butterflies Flying All Around
Carpets Of Grass On Ground

Where Children's Play
With Mudy Clay
My Backyard Has Windy Nature
All Of Different Shape And Size
Doing There Work With No Nose
Me Watching Them With Wonder In My Eyes
Not Knowing How The Time Flies

Where There Are No Sorrow And Cries All My Family Together Watches Sun Set And Sun Rise......



Mrunmayi Gorde
 VII Einstein



### IN MY BACKYARD

In My Backyard There Are Lots Of Things, Such A Big Heart That Have Always Been.... But There Is No Sign Of It .....

No Sign Of Those Pure And Real Laughs... No Sign Of Those Pure Colours Of Flowers... No Sign Of Those Cute Kids,



Who Were Playing With Me In My Field! They Were Enjoying In My Field .... There Is No Sign....Of My Life..!!



- Virika Barmecha VII Einstein



#### माझ्या घराच्या मागचा बगीचा

माझ्या घराच्या मागचा बगीचा हो ! त्यात हिरवी हिरवी झाड़ी हो !

> काय ते फुलांचे झाड़ , सगळी कड़े वासच वास होई हो !

फुलपाखरे फुलांवर बसी हो !

कैसे इकडे तिकडे फीरी हो !

सर्वाना कौतुक कौतुक होई हो !

माझ्या घराच्या मागचा बगीचा हो !

झाडांच्या सावली खाली ,
हिरवेगार वाऱ्या मधे ,
सर्वजन जेवन करीत बसी हो !
माझ्या घराच्या मागचा बगीचा हो !

Kavish Kailas Godilkar
 VII Edison



### सुन्दर बगीचा

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जेव्हा तुम्ही जाल येथे।।

- Sanvi Lande VII Edison



#### In My Backyard

A backyard is a yard at the back of house, common in local developments in the Western world. My own backyard is my favorite place to visit. I say this because when I walk out my backdoor my senses come alive. I can enjoy the smells , sounds, and touch of nature.

The use of my backyard as a place to escape from the real world and the tension of everyday life. It is like walking into another peace of mind. Night is the time of noises, the crickets chirping along with another insects echo in the darkness as if they are talking to each other, the frogs corking and the whippoorwills with a dull variegated and plumage calling their own nature. The pine trees stay the same color, but the oak change to a tawny gold and dark red color sometimes with a yellow mix in. in my backyard the buildings like barn, chicken cop, garage, gazebo, guest house, out house, play house, sauna, shed and clubhouse is there.

As per my knowledge, since 1600s, combining back and yard, from old English geared 'enclosure, garden or court'. To backyard be called in many words in different-different languages like in Marathi- "GHARA MAGIL AANGAN", Tamil- "KOLLAIPURAN", Sanskrit-"UDYANA", etc.

My backyard provide a relaxing and calm surrounding with fresh air. And give me positive thinking everyday. Everyone should have at least one backyard. It will help a lot in our life.



- Om Dilip Hinge IX Ramanujan



#### Backyard - The Place for Peace Mind

Everyone in this world has opportunities, fear, tension, stress in his/her life. A small kid has tension of securing his chocolate for his elder siblings. And a working man has so much stress of his work and fear of losing job. In this all situations, it is important to keep your mind calm and peaceful. Students are especially guide to be stress free during exams and should be for their difficulties. For achieving this all, the home's backyard is very useful.

Backyard, a place intentionally designed in the premises of our house. Backyard is been used from different purposes such as, for arranging can also be customized for camp fire activities. The best purpose of making a backyard can be used for making a garden, full of different colors of flowers which promotes for 'Green Manure'. Garden is one of the peaceful place and most calm place for stressed person. If there is a garden present in the backyard of a house, will be full of fragenance of natural grown flowers, which enhances the love for the nature.



- Arham Bhalgat IX Ramanujan



#### In My Backyard

Backyard is something which is very much closely related, and we attached to it from our childhood it's something which keeps all our memories be it from childhood till one becomes old in its large stomach. When we would feel down just watch backyard and we fall into a deep, beautiful valley of memories which feels like a web of spider.

Our backyard is the first garden of our life and probably last one too because when we feel just out of nowhere, when we want some peace, our memories backyard is the place where we go. In mine ones backyard, of course I have diversity of plants but what's special is when I was a child I had my special, separate corner in backyard where I used to keep my toys and won't let anybody touch them, I had played in that corner, many a times I have fallen and injured myself in that corner and I called it as mine bureau but mother often said it the origin of your childhood and I firmly believed whatever she says because yes it is true.

Through I have shifted my house but that is my home and its my heaven where my life has started and would like to spend whole there.

By Backyard is still my bureau of my secrets which are just between us...



- Arya Anil Zinjurke IX Ramanujan



#### Uses of Backyard

Backyard.... a place of joy for children. A place of creativity for adults, it's a place that flourishes the beauty of the home.

It's really a nice place to have inn every one's home. There are many advantages of the same. Some of them are, it's a place of fun for children they really do enjoy playing and having fun in backyard where they are equipped with playing tools. Backyard is important for the family who has low income as they grow fruits and vegetables, can consume them and can save bill. Next is that if we plant saplings in backyard the environment which would be surrounding our home would be fresh.

These are some of the many uses of backyard. But as we know everything has two sides same if there are advantages of backyard, disadvantages will follow them. So one of the disadvantages is that if we planted saplings in backyard and make a garden there are chances of snakes approaching towards the backyard and then the home. It is also dangerous for the kids there.

But deeply thinking we should have backyard to our homes as there are more advantages and disadvantages of the same. It would also help in the environmental conditions to be better.



- Riya Padwal IX Ramanujan



#### Different uses of backyard

Backyard is a place nearby to our house or property. It is mainly a back garden, which is normally used to exist earlier, but now due to urbanization we can find very less backyard. They are mostly found in small towns or villages.

My Grandfather used to stay in Pimpalwandi during his childhood. Ours was ancient house, with a very pleasant and open veranda. He used to play with his friends and enjoy his childhood life. They have made the idol of lord Ganesha during Ganesh Jayanti by using shadu clay by sitting in our backyard. He used to make 'Manja' for his kite and fly it from there, and enjoy the kite festival. I have never been to such place like a backyard as I was born in Shirur, after my family shifting over here. I will have this regret always.

I always use to think about the advantages of having our own personal patch. We have a little space from the other world and it's always needed, even though we are much social. Backyard serves as play area, entertainment place, a spot of nature or a gardening place for us. It has endless advantages.

Hence, I always dream of having a backyard and experience all of its uses, which my Grandfather had experienced.



- Meet Rajesh Shingavi IX Ramanujan



#### Information on backyard

Backyard is a place where we sit and gossip. In evening time we can seat there and drink tea, coffee, or eat snacks. We can also walk there like exercise. It is the place of the back of a house. People can also make a open party there.

Birthday parties or many other small functions we make there. The backyard also allows students to study under trees or can do group discussion.

In backward every person feel very nice and happy....



- Pratik Lanjewar VIII Newton



#### In My Backyard

Backyard Is The Yard Behind The Row House Or Bungalow Which Is Used As A Garden, Swimming Pool Or To Keep Extra Unusual Stuff Which Is Not Needed In Day-To-Day Life.

In My Backyard, I Have A Separate Gym Of 450sq.Ft, A Garden Of 1000sq.Ft And A Storage Keeping Area Of 900sq.Ft. My Total Area Of House Including Backyard Is 5000sq.Ft, Where The Backyard Is Of 2350sq.Ft. My Backyard Garden Is Named As 'Chotta Sunderudyan' Which Has Almost All Types Of Rare Roses And Trees. Its Floor Is Grassed Like A Lawn. My Backyard Garden Is My Favorite Place And I And My Family Has A Special Emotion In Our Heart, Because When We Have Free Time We Use To Chit-Chat There And Use To Watch Movies On Projector.

As This House Was Already Owned By Sir James Charles, He Had His Own Creativity In His House As Well As His Backyard. But Later On He Sold This House To Us. And As The Construction Was New, We Were Not Needed To Change The Furniture Or Spend Any Single Penny In Our House. But This Backyard Space Was Too Big To Keep It As A Backyard. At Least Two Row House Would Be Fitted In This As A Side Income. And As Advantage We Our Most Of The Fun In The Garden And Gym. The Storage Area Is Also Good To Store Extra Stuff.

Hence, Having A Backyard In House Is Blessing Nowadays, We Have Fun, Relaxing Time And A Lot More Advantages Of This. That's Why Backyard Is Good For Personal Activities, Functions, Etc. A Backyard Is To Refresh Us From Our Tiring Day. Hence, We Should Have At Least One Backyard. It Will Be A Destiny To Us.....!!





## **Green Narratives**

### In My Backyard

There are a very few places which bring back a lot of memories and backyard is one of those. It is a place where one can sit to go through the old memory lane.

Memories are a very beautiful aspect of one's life. They can be comforting or sometimes can be intriguing. My backyard is quite old but yet very beautiful. It can be an ordinary backyard to others but to me and my family members it holds a very special meaning. We all sat there together almost every day, shared our happiness and sorrows with each other. I and my siblings fought which made our bond stronger. We all shared the problems we were going through and our parents gave us solutions. Sometimes we had big fights which made us stronger. We had gone through all the aspects of our life together. My backyard is decorated with all sorts of decorations. We have decorated the walls with many photos. We had many family gatherings, where all our family members joined us to celebrate.

At last I would say that creating memories is really important. One has to have memories that can comfort him/her on hard days and may be make life a little easier.



- Vaishnavi Pathare IX Ramanujan



## **Green Narratives**

### Information on backyard

#### Intro-

There is vast and big backyard in my house, there are many shrubs, herbs, small trees, there are some old objects kept there, my washing machine also placed there. In my backyard there is small shade for protection from Sun rays, the backyard is important for my house.

### Advantages-

- 1. We sometimes play there if we get bored
- 2. For ventilation it is necessary and important.
- 3. I used to park my vehicles there.
- 4. For washing and drying clothes
- 5. In summer we used to sit there and enjoy holidays
- 6. It is a important store room for us.

At last backyard means the right hand or useful & profitable place in my house, where we use to do different activities.



- Savar Sikchi IX C.V.Raman



## **Green Narratives**

### In My Backyard

Backyard Is The Area Behind Your House, Covered With Grass, Plants Or Decks To Sit And Relax. It Is The Area Where You Live, Or In Area Of Interest Or Activity That You Are Involved In.

Backyard Is A Place Where Beautiful Breeze, A Whistleful Buzz, Mosquitoes Sting, A Chubby Cat Runs And Jumps From One Wall To Another, Geckos Hop, Blades Of Grass Dance, Lined With Planks, It's A Quiet Place Providing Peace To Mind, Where I Can Sit And Wait For The Time To Run Away Without Any Fear. It's A Safest Place After The House. The Place Where We Feel Comfortable, The Pace Which Makes Us Fell Ours, We Feel Our Soul And Enjoying A Peaceful Time Is Actually A Backyard.

Backyard Of Our House Is A Garden To Us, Sometimes It's A Forest Full Of Trees And Darkness During Nights, It Is A Form Where We Grow Our Needful Crops, Sometimes Even It Is A Zoo To Us Where Different Animals Like Cat, Dog Also Snake Could Be Seen, Birds Make Their Nest And Makes A Sound But Still It's A Place Or The Only Place Where At The End Of The Day We Want To Go And Sit.

Backyard Is Not Just A Ground It Is Which Provides Freedom To Enjoy The Tranquillity Of The Outdoors Without Having To Travel A Long To A Busy Public Park. Extends Your Living Space, Also It Can Be A Place For Our Pets, You Can Create A Pet House, Enjoy Gardening, Improve Our Mental Health Is Improved By Providing An Appropriate Opportunity To Get Outside & Enjoy Nature. Also Important Efforts Children Who Often Spend Too Much Time Indoors.



- Vidhi Chhajed IX Ramanujan



# Bites & More

### Easy Monaco Spiders



### Strawberry Ladybugs



### Ingredients

Monaco biscuits
Carrot/Cucumber/Tomato sticks
Cream/Mayonnaise and Choco chip for eyes
Peanut butter/Cheese spread to put in
between two biscuits.

### Ingredients

Strawberry
Grapes
Toothpicks
Chocolate sauce

### Healthy Fruit Bug



### Banana Caterpillar Snack



### Ingredients

Toothpicks
Any fruits/vegetables of your choice
Chocolate sauce & Mint leaves for
decoration

### Ingredients

Banana

Fennel candy(saunf)/Gems/ Rainbow sprinklers (Please Note: You can use different ingredients for decoration of your choice.)



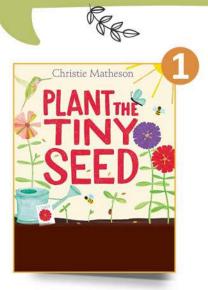


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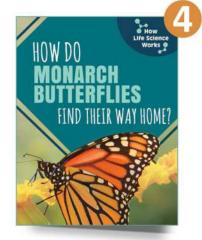




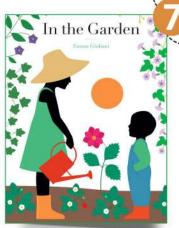




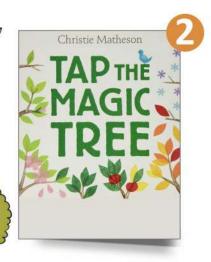
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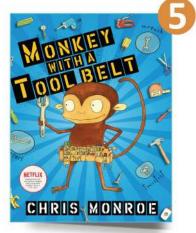
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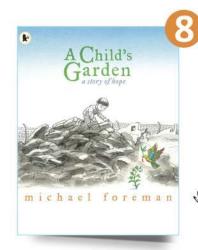
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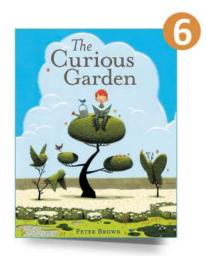
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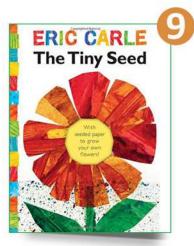
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Top 10 Minibeasts By Jay Dale



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The Tiny Seed By Eric Carle

# Local Nurseries







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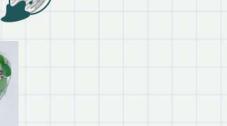






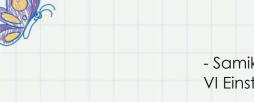


# Nature Artwork





- Ragini Kardile VII Edison



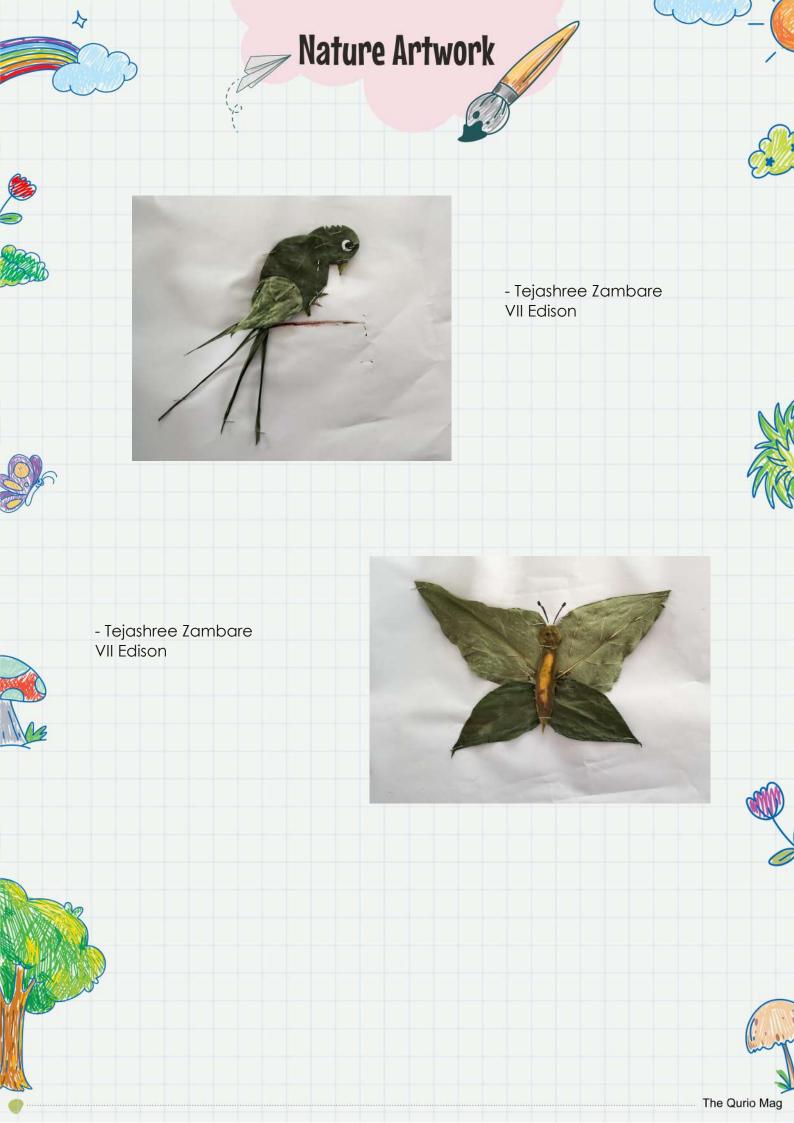
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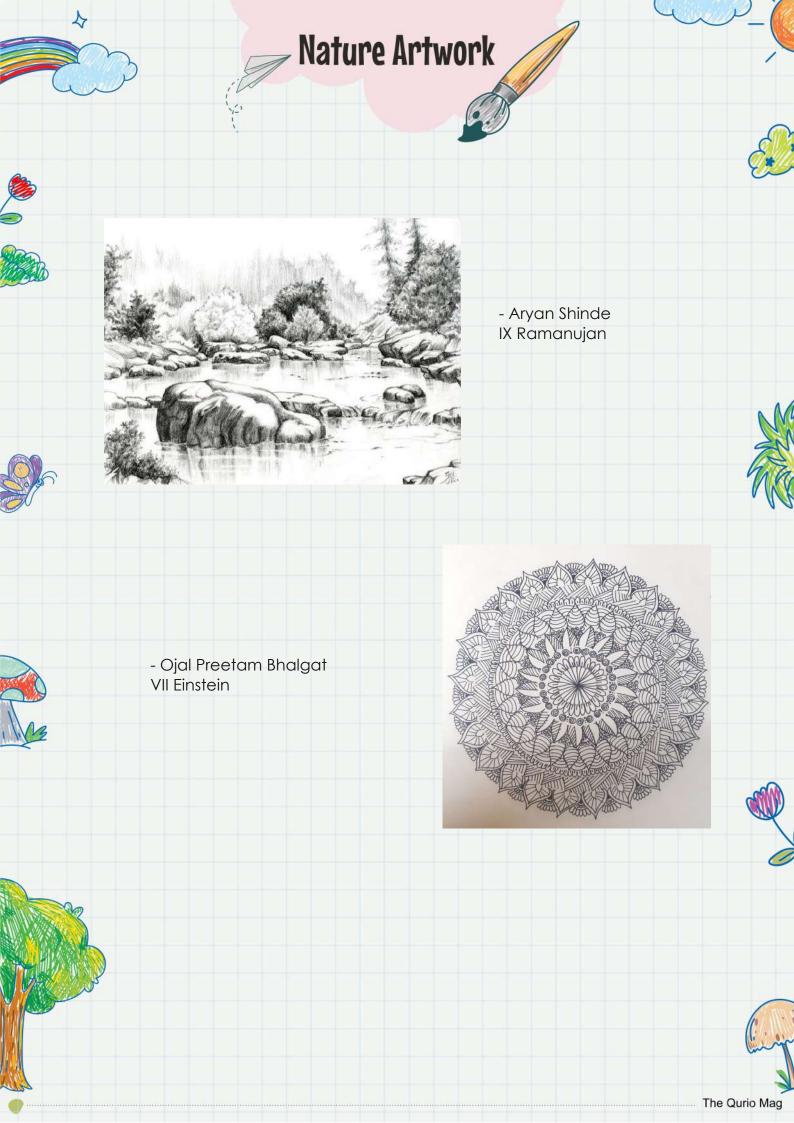




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# **Brain Play**

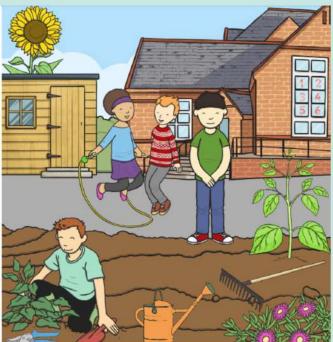




## Spot The Difference

Can you identify 6 differences between the two pictures?







## Word Search

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Solstice Hummingbird Daisy Honeysuckle

Petunia

Verbena Ladybug Hiking Blue Spruce Starlight Serviceberry Creek Robin Watermelon Explore Lavender Sunshine Fox







South Tips or Edges

Dry air or contact bruising. Also possible watering issuescheck for other symptoms



Crisp & brown = underwatering



Calcium in compost of lime-hating plants

Underwatering or waterlogging. Too much light, heat or dry air also possible

# Leaf **OCtor**

What does the leaf say?

Soft & dark brown = overwatering



Over watering or cold draughts



Too little light, too much heat, underwatering

Shock from sudden temperature change or light intensity, or dryness at root



Dull & Lifeless

Too much light, dirty or dusty leaves



Too little heat, over watering or cold draughts



Sometimes due to movement or light shock



## Anti-bullying Workshop











## Aspiring Scientist Worshop











## Children Day













### **Christmas Celebration**











### Diwali Celebration













## Fort Making













## Joy of Giving - Road Show













## Mental Well being Workshop













### One To One Peer Interview













### Podar Volunteer Program













## Sports Day













### Role Play









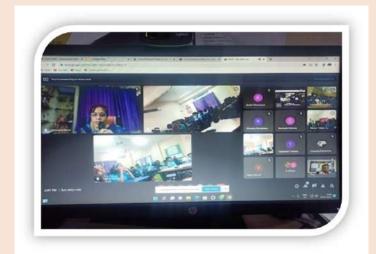




## School Behaviour Policy













### Thematic Unit - Job Jumpstart













### Vijayadashami













## Annual Day











## Shivjayanti







## Spotlight @PIS

# 3D Designing and Printing Interschool Competition



Mast. Piyush Raut and Mast. Pratik Lanjewar has received Winner position in Grade VIII Group.

Miss. Ragini Kardile and Miss. Priyal Kakde has received First Runnerup position in Grade VII Group.





Mast. Sairaj Dhumal and Miss. Jeeya Phulfagar has received First Runnerup position in Grade VI Group.

### Suryanamskar Interschool Competition





From Grade V to IX students has received Second Prize in Suryanamskar Interschool Competition.



