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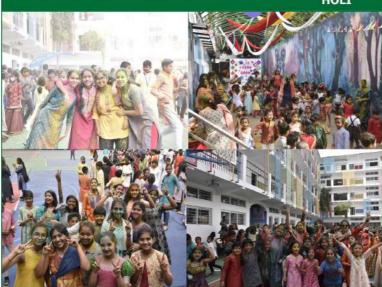


## A MONTHLY NEWSPAPER FOR THE STUDENTS AND BY THE STUDENTS

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### HOLI



The traditional spring festival of Holi is also known as the festival of love. Holi originates from the Sanskrit word *Holikā*. People across India and the world celebrate Holi by smearing vibrant colours and throwing coloured water on one another; the air fills with a joyous spirit.

Holi has mythological, cultural and social significance. According to Hindu legend, King Hiranyakashayap considered himself the ruler of the universe, superior to all gods. Hiranyakashayap's sister was Holika, the female demon. Prahlada, the son of Hiranyakashayap, followed Lord Vishnu against his father's wishes. This action angered Hiranyakashayap, who devised a plan with Holika to kill Prahlada. Prahlada was saved from the burning pyre because of his faith in Vishnu, while Holika died in the flames. Holi celebrates the triumphant victory of good over evil.

On March 7, 2023, the students, teaching and non-teaching staff of the New Horizon Public School celebrated the festival of Holi with great enthusiasm and fervour. Students were allowed to come in ethnic wear. Organic colours were provided for the students, which they applied joyfully and enthusiastically to each other. Scrumptious snacks served were relished by the students.

Everyone enjoyed the festival and danced to the rhythm of invigorating songs, creating beautiful memories to cherish. Students were dispersed early to continue celebrations with family members and friends. The colourful festival of Holi strengthens bonds. It forges unity and brotherhood in the community.

## PRE PRIMARY GRADUATION DAY















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Field visits allow students and teachers to interact outside the classroom, enhancing their bonding and observing a particular environment. The students of Lkg visited the HAL AEROSPACE MUSEUM on the 21st of February. The museum displays various aircraft, helicopters, and aircraft engine models, a mock air Traffic Control Tower, and exhibits Indian aviation history. The students were excited to see the

various models of planes.





## A VISIT TO ISKCON TEMPLE

On February 13, 2023 a group of pre-primary students of New Horizon Public School went on a field trip to the ISKCON temple.

The friendly staff wormly welcomed the children and provided a child-friendly overview of the temple and its various rituals and practices.

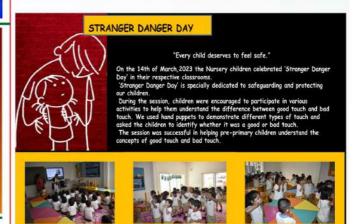
The little ones were taken on a tour of the temple and shown various shrines and alters, where they were introduced to the different deities worshipped by the devotees. The colourful and intricate designs of the temple captivated the young students, who eagerly asked questions and participated in the activities. At the end of the tour, the children were given prasad and souvenirs to take home. Overall, the trip was a wonderful apportunity for the young students to broaden their horizons.



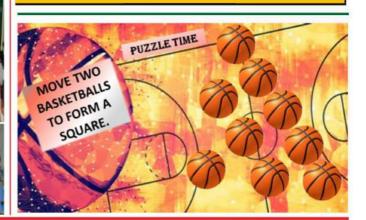












### **Infallible Vedas**

Infallible - Incapable of making mistakes or being wrong

We have understood that only one who hears from authoritative sources can understand the science of God. If one has been an automobile specialist for twenty years or so and knows the science of automobiles, he can judge the condition of a vehicle as soon as he drives it even for a minute. Similarly, one who knows the science of God can immediately see the hand of God in every single aspect of the cosmos from the microscopic to the macroscopic, but one who has no knowledge of the science of God cannot understand the working

Veda means body of knowledge of everything that exists, not only on this earth, but the entire cosmic manifestation, its creation, and its purpose. Vedas are not the monopoly of a few people who know it and say it is geographical. Vedas can't be restricted to a geographical area or to a group of people - They are the absolute truth.

Now, why do we accept the Vedas? Because the Vedas are given by an absolute source. The Vedas are the word of God, revealed at the time of creation. When you buy a motorcycle, you get an instruction manual explaining how to use it. Similarly, at the time of creation, God gave us the Vedic scriptures for direction on how to behave in this world, which is like a complicated machine. If you fail to study the manual, before using the motorcycle, you can expect an accident. In the same way, people who fail to study the Vedas, which are the word of God, and lead lives dictated by their own minds, find themselves in a total mess. Modern man has made the world messy by neglecting the manual supplied by God.

The source of all sources, the Supreme Personality of godhead Sri Krishna, first revealed the Vedic knowledge to Brahma. Brahma passed the Vedas on to Narada Muni, who passed them to Vyasa. Vyasa first divided the Vedas into four parts, then he explained them in the Puranas, and he also wrote the Mahabharata. The Bhagavad Gita is an integral part of the Mahabharata.

All the Vedic literature was summarised in the Vedanta-sutras, and for future guidance. Vyasa gave a natural commentary on the Vedanta-sutras, called the Srimad-Bhagavatam, which is the ripened fruit of all Vedic Knowledge.

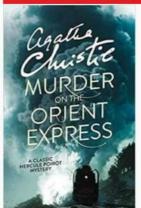


Vedic Knowledge doesn't come from any materially conditioned person but from the Supreme Lord Himself. According to the Vedic tradition, the Vedas are absolute and selfauthoritative. The same is confirmed in the Bhagavad Gita (3.15). "The Vedas are directly manifested from the infallible Supreme Personality of Godhead".

If one wants to be protected from ignorance even in this age of Kali, one may consult the books written by Srila Vyasadeva: the Upanishads, Vedanta-sutras, Mahabharata, Srimad Bhagavatam, and the other seventeen Puranas.

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# MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS



Murder on the Orient Express is a book by the famous author Agatha Christie. She uses her most famous character in this book, which makes it my favourite book by this writer. Hercule Poirot, a Belgian detective, dresses precisely and takes utmost pride in his appearance.

The mystery starts when Poirot boards the Orient Express from Istanbul to Paris. Samuel Ratchet, who sleeps in the next cabin after Poirot, does not open the door for breakfast despite many knocks. Poirot breaks the door open to see Ratchet stabbed a dozen times. The conductor Monsieur Bouc, asks Poirot to take up the case. At first, Poirot declines but accepts it later. Poirot starts his search by looking for clues in the compartment. There are very few clues - a handkerchief with the letter H, a pipe cleaner, a round match different from the one Ratchet used and a random paper with the name

Armstrong on it. These clues help Poirot conclude that Ratchet is a most-wanted criminal. Poirot begins to interview the other passengers one by one. The interview starts with Monsieur Bouc. All the passengers give Poirot a suitable alibi, a lady in a red kimono. None of the women had a red kimono. After a long search for clues and suspects, Poirot finally reveals the names of the criminals one by one. Each passenger confessed to the crime as revenge for an innocent girl's life.

I enjoyed this story because of Agatha Christie's engaging plot and exciting climax. This book is a good read for people who like mysteries. For young readers who love reading Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew book series, this book will keep them flipping through the pages. Vasundhara P. Kumar, 6 E.

### ONAKE OBAVVA



Heroism, Hero - What are the first few words that come to our heads when we hear these words? We recall words like bravery, sacrifice, strength, struggle, etc. The great freedom fighters like Bhagat Singh, Subhash Chandra Bose, and Chandrashekar Azad are associated with the freedom struggle of our country. We have heard of the famous warrior queens - Rani Lakshmibai of Jhansi, Rani Rudrama Devi of Warangal, and Kittur Rani Chennama. We seldom hear about the ordinary citizens of the country who sacrificed their lives.

There are many legends of brave women warriors of ancient India. The one that stands out is the story of Onake Obavva. Obavva was not a queen or a royal, but she defeated the forces of Hyder Ali singlehandedly, with nothing but a pestle that is an 'onake' in Kannada; hence, she is remembered as Onake

Many years ago, Hyder Ali, a fierce Mughal ruler, set his eyes on the mighty Fort of Chitradurga after capturing several forts. When one of his soldiers told him about a secret passage, Hyder Ali sent for a troop of soldiers to attack the Fort of Chitradurga through it.



Kahale Mudda Hanuma, a guard at the Chitradurga Fort, was Obavva's husband. When he returned home one day, Obavva served him food as usual. Then she went out to draw some water from a nearby well. On her way, she saw some soldiers emerging, one by one out of a small opening. Without a second thought, she ran back home to call her husband. Seeing him eating, she did not want to disturb him. So, she crept up behind one of the soldiers and gave him a blow with her onake. The soldier whined in pain before falling dead. Obavva killed all the soldiers single-handedly, in a similar manner.

Later, Kahale Mudda Hanuma found Obavva with the blood-smeared onake. Beside her lay the dead bodies of Hyder Ali's soldiers. Obavva asked her husband to blow his horn to signal that they were under attack. He did what she said, and a fierce battle ensued. Sadly, the people of Chitradurga lost the war and Hyder Ali captured the Fort. The following day, Obavva was found dead under mysterious

Onake Obavva is the epitome of Kannada female pride. The hole through which Hyder Ali's soldiers sneaked through is called Onake Obavva Kindi ("Kindi" means "Hole"). After her heroic act at the Chitradurga Fort, Obavva quietly slipped into the pages of history and is an excellent example of women's power, even today. We should respect and look up to Obavva and all the other great female warriors of our country.



story of Obavva... Kannada Naadina Veera Ramaniya Chariteya Naanu Haaduve (I will tell you that history) (An astonishing land in Karnataka)

I would like to quote a beautiful Kannada song that narrates the

Gandu Bhoomiya Veera Naariya (A daring woman from that land of knights)

Vairi Padeyu Nishaishavaagalu (The enemies were wiped out)

Kaalagadalli Jayavanu Taralu (The victory was the result)

Amaralaadalu Obayya Citradurgada Obayya



# YOUNG ACHIEVERS

Sindhoora R of grade 9 B secured the Gold medal in the Senior Category in Nazariya 2022, a National Level Painting Competition conducted by the Heritage Foundation of Art and Culture. She also won the Bronze medal in the International Mathematics Championship 2022, conducted by Camp Yellow Global.



Agamya P S of grade 2 A participated in Rhyme O Rhyme, a National level Inter School Colouring Competition conducted by the Heritage Foundation, and secured 3rd place.









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