



# LIGHTHOUSE



BY BCGIANS, FOR BCGIANS

As we come to the end of the academic year 2023-24, and reflect on it in this issue of Lighthouse, being its Editor and working with the talented student council members of the Editorial Team has been an enriching experience. Whether the meeting was held early at 7.30 a.m., or the end of the school day at 12.30 p.m., the students were prepared and eager to contribute ideas to plan an interesting edition every month. Though they represented different BCG schools, they collaborated with a sense of shared purpose which elevated the quality of Lighthouse.

The enthusiasm and talent of our students were evident from the thought-provoking, insightful reflections, and creative submissions we received, in the form of articles, poems, and artwork. Thank you to each student who shared their work with us. Due to the number of submissions and criteria, not all articles could be published. Students whose submissions were not published; we request you keep writing.

Seeing our Alumni successful makes us so happy, and we hope our students draw inspiration from them.

Gratitude to our Chairman – Vikram Patel Sir, and every teacher/admin. who penned down their thoughts for the School Corner section, and expanded our perspective.

The Newsletter would not have been possible without the Student Council Teachers, and their active and wholehearted involvement in planning content, supervising the editorial team, following up with the student body, and ensuring material is submitted on time. Thank you, teachers, for all your efforts.

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On behalf of the Editorial Team, our sincere gratitude to Ms. Upasana Saraf – Head-HRD – for her support, time, and invaluable guidance that made us feel confident, and ensured the task was meaningful and successful. Moving forward, we welcome more contributions and feedback from our students and teachers, to refine our publication further.

Wishing all our readers a happy vacation, and looking forward to seeing you refreshed and rejuvenated for the next academic year.



**Avni Vasavada**  
Editor

## A MEMORABLE YEAR – 2023-24

This academic year was truly memorable. It all started with a group of enthusiastic students who were eagerly waiting for the year to begin. As it was the 25th anniversary of our school, many fun-filled events were conducted, such as the flag-off ceremony and the flash mob. Various student council activities were also conducted, fostering excitement and curiosity among us. Thanks to our teachers and the 100% participation policy, all students could showcase their talents in the Crescendo

and Momentum events. I also cherish the memory of participating in the P-Ward singing competition, as it filled me with immense pride to represent our school.

Time flew by, and this splendid year concluded, leaving us yearning for the next one.

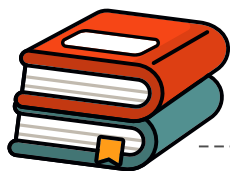
**Submitted by Suzanne Thomas**  
**Std. 7, VBSV**



## MY OVERALL EXPERIENCE IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

In this academic year, moving from the Primary section to the Secondary section was a drastic change. I was a bit worried about how my first day of class 6 will be. When I saw my class teacher, I thought that she was a strict teacher but I was mistaken. I met some of my old friends and made new friends. All the teachers were kind, generous, and humble. The activities related to academics were wonderful and amazing, including break time activities, sports day, annual day, heats, class assembly, projects, and other activities. The most memorable experience this year was spending time with friends during recess. The best memories with the teacher were when they used to talk about their past students and their past school life. In the end, I would like to say that, "The best memories of our lives can never be captured in pictures because they are always captured in our hearts".

Submitted by Ariha Shah  
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## THE FAREWELL -AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

This academic year has been extremely eventful and there have been many moments that will be etched in my memory. But the one event that has by far been one of my favorite is the Class 10 Farewell

As the date of the Farewell drew near, the fun began. Our class teachers began allocating tasks. The first one was preparing the invitation card. Each class was trying to outdo the other, yet at the same time, sharing art supplies, etc. Finally, the day came to present our cards to class 10 students, and they were simply awe-struck, completely in love with our creativity!

Our work however didn't stop there, next was the decorations for the classrooms. Those were the days we truly had fun. Starting with deciding on a theme, exchanging ideas, and deciding what looks good, was truly an amazing experience. We had big plans, but not a lot of time on our hands. For three days straight, we sat together, missing classes the entire day. The open space resounded with our laughter, until some teacher came around checking what was going on.

Finally, the day of the farewell dawned. As the students of class 10 enjoyed the program in the foyer, we were running around, hustling with the final touches. In the end, our efforts were appreciated by both students and teachers. Our hard work was all worthwhile!

Submitted by Kiara Chittilappilly  
Std. 9, DSRVM



## THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

Being an NCC cadet, I always cherished a secret wish to visit NDA (National Defence Academy) which is an iconic institution and hallmark of global excellence in the sphere of military education. This year I got the chance to visit NDA and I grabbed this golden opportunity. 45 cadets including girls and boys visited NDA. The beauty of the campus made us forget the winter morning chill. We saw the world's third largest mess, 'The Cadet Mess'. It was awesome. We saw many things like the Sudan Block, Habibullah Hall, and some real fighter jets. We met a cadet who gave us some information about the academy. It was a fruitful trip and after visiting it I wish to be a cadet of NDA. I would like to extend my deep gratitude to the school authorities for arranging this trip.

Submitted by Pranav Vibhute  
Std. 9, BCSE



## A CINEMATIC JOURNEY: WATCHING "SAM BAHADUR" WITH MY SCHOOL FRIENDS

In the academic year 2023-24, my most top-notch moment was to watch the movie "Sam Bahadur" with my friends. Last month our school organized a memorable trip to watch the much-anticipated movie Sam Bahadur and the experience left an indelible mark on me and my classmates. Sam Bahadur is a riveting tale of courage, resilience, and the triumph of the human spirit set against the background of historical events. As we eagerly boarded the bus, anticipation filled the air. The chatter among my peers was infectious, each of us eagerly anticipating the cinematic journey ahead. Arriving at the theatre we moved into the auditorium, our excitement palpable as the lights dimmed, and the movie began.

Sam Bahadur unfolded before our eyes transporting us to a world of intrigue and adventure. The gripping narrative coupled with stellar performances kept us captivated from start to end. As the story unravelled, we laughed, gasped and even shed a few tears together united by the shared experience of witnessing this cinematic masterpiece. Beyond its entertainment value, Sam Bahadur sparked meaningful discussions among us. Its themes of courage, sacrifice, and the pursuit of justice resonated deeply with our own lives and experiences. We found ourselves reflecting on the importance of standing up for what is right even in the face of adversity. Leaving the theatre, I felt a profound sense of gratitude for the opportunity to share this experience with my school community. Watching the movie together not only entertained us but also enriched us intellectually and emotionally. It reminded us of the power of storytelling to inspire thought and foster a sense of unity.

Submitted by Chinmay Mali  
Grade 8, BCISW



## THE MELODY OF MARATHI

9th std. can be a whirlwind of new subjects and academic pressures. But for me, amidst the textbooks and formulas, there was a subject that resonated like a melody - Marathi. Unlike the rote learning required in some subjects, Marathi offered a vibrant world of language, literature, and cultural expedition. My teacher, Mrs. Rupali Pethe, played a pivotal role in this. Her infectious enthusiasm for the subject turned mundane grammar lessons into charismatic explorations of Marathi's rich heritage. The Marathi period was a gateway to the rich literary heritage of Maharashtra. We delved into the poignant poems of Saint Tukaram and the captivating tales of Sane Guruji. My progress mirrored this newfound passion. From grappling with sentence structures to weaving together coherent narratives, I relished every step. The subject wasn't a burden, but a canvas for me to paint my thoughts and dig into the beauty of my mother tongue.

Submitted by Mysha Memon  
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## MY FAVOURITE BOOK

Step into the enchanting world of 'Pages & Co: Tilly and the Bookwanderers' by Anna James, where the magic of books comes to life. In this captivating tale, we meet eleven-year-old Tilly Page, whose world revolves around her grandparents' bookstore, Pages & Co. But beneath the cozy shelves lies a deeper mystery - the disappearance of Tilly's mother, Beatrice. As Tilly immerses herself in the world of literature, she discovers a remarkable power - the ability to walk into the pages of her favorite books. What unfolds is a delightful adventure, as Tilly embarks on a quest to uncover the truth about her mother's vanishing act.

Anna James weaves a spellbinding narrative filled with wonder, mystery, and the timeless allure of storytelling. This vacation, delve into the magical realms of 'Tilly and the Bookwanderers'.

Submitted by Pragya Ture  
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## CHEMISTRY - FASCINATION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

In the vast landscape of all subjects taught this academic year (2023-24), the phenomenal display of colors like blue and green in the night sky, and the intricate details of how every single thing is made up, is what gave me the utmost elation in learning Chemistry. To me, Chemistry is like a window to an 'invisible' world of atoms, molecules & ions. It's not just about formulae and symbols, but also about how each element and compound tells a story of its own, revealing the role of shaping the world around us.

One of the most miraculous aspects of Chemistry is witnessing the transformation of substances through

chemical reactions, whether it's a flame test giving out captivating colours or an indicator like for instance, methyl orange changing its colour depending on the acid or base, they never fail to mesmerize me. Apart from that, the naturally ostentatious view and phenomena of aurora borealis would make anyone fall head over heels with chemistry. In conclusion, Chemistry has imparted upon me remarkable knowledge; its vibrant complexity fills me with joy.

Submitted by Sharvika Kadam  
Grade 9, DSRISM



## A SUBJECT I ENJOYED STUDYING IN THIS ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

This academic year, my favourite subject is English. It gives me the liberty to express my thoughts and it gives wings to my creativity and imagination. The subject does not require word-to-word answers, rather it gives us a chance to play with words and imagination.

I like the fictional aspect of the English language. The best part is that I got a chance to read many storybooks and comics to enhance my reading and writing skills. I even tried to write a few poems and stories.

Our English teacher, Ms. Priya ensured we completed all worksheets during the class. So, we could balance our homework and playtime better.

This year I cleared Level 1 of English exams like Olympiad and NELTAS, encouraging me to pursue it further.

Submitted by Samanyu Mahetkar  
Grade 6, DSRISB



## A MEMORABLE DAY AT MY SCHOOL

Some days are just ordinary, with little excitement that quickly fades from memory. But then there are those extraordinary days that stay with us forever. I want to share one such memorable day from my school life with my wonderful teachers and classmates.

One unforgettable day for me was Teacher's Day on September 5, 2023, during the academic year 2023-24. Instead of our teachers, students from 10th Grade took charge. It was a day filled with fun and laughter as we played games like Pictionary and participated in quizzes. We learned concepts taught by them and enjoyed the activities simultaneously. For us, it was a blast, but for the 10th graders, it was a bittersweet moment, as it marked their final year of school. Yet, they made it special by creating lasting memories with us. School days are indeed the best as we learn so much, make friends, and create unforgettable moments, free from the worries of work life.

Submitted by Heli Maniar  
Std. 6, DSRVB



## A NINTH GRADER'S ADVENTURE WITH "FOR THE LOVE OF PHYSICS"

In the whirlwind of the academic year 2023-24, one standout experience of mine was delving into "For the Love of Physics" by Walter Lewin. During October and November, this book became my gateway to understanding the mysteries of the universe. Lewin's engaging style made complex concepts accessible, from rainbows to magnetic forces, sparking curiosity with every page.

What sets this book apart is its ability to reveal the magic in everyday phenomena. Questions like "Why do we seem taller when lying down?" took on new meaning, uncovering the beauty of physics in the world around me. From resonating strings to creating rainbows in your backyard, each discovery felt like finding hidden treasure.

As a ninth-grader, "For the Love of Physics" felt like embarking on an adventure of wonder and curiosity. It's not just a physics book; it's a journey into the awe-inspiring intricacies of the universe. Looking back, my time with this book stands out as a highlight—a moment of intellectual discovery that ignited a passion for exploration. With Lewin as my guide, the world of Physics became a thrilling playground of possibility and wonder.

**Submitted by Rutuja Warik**  
**Grade 9, DSRISM**



## MEMORIES OF THE YEAR 2023-2024

The year 2023-2024 has been an awesome year for me. It was the year I discovered more about myself and tried to learn as many things as possible. My school has always played a role in enhancing my thinking capacity, and I became more confident as I explored various aspects. The dedication I had to myself remained constant throughout the year. My teachers, who are my inspiration, encouraged me to move forward to achieve my potential.

I met new people and made many new friends who helped me and boosted my confidence. I also met people who were not my type, but instead of rejecting them, I tried to learn something from them. The most important thing is this year, I tried to explore my talents better and reach my limits. Recollecting this makes me proud. My participation in events such as Sports Heats, Annual Day, Exhibition, and my favorite – Republic Day Celebration and Fun Fiesta; oh, how memorable they were! My experience in the academic year 2023-2024 was something that I can always save in my heart as a beautiful memory. Lastly, I want to share a quote that I wrote: "Keep capturing moments until you conquer the whole day."

**Submitted by Zainab Ansari**  
**Std. 7, VBSV**



## THE BEST HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

This academic year has provided me with an incredibly enriching experience by giving me the chance to explore the best. Starting with my favorites; the Sports Day (Momentum) and the Annual Day (Crescendo). Participating in Sports Day helped me to infuse team spirit in me and encouraged me to take part in a healthy competition. Whereas, the Annual Day was a much-awaited event for me to showcase diverse talents in various forms.

Moreover, this year, a special event was introduced; Effervescence. It was a golden chance for all students, including myself, to demonstrate creativity and present different innovative projects for all subjects, including Science and Math. Beyond these events, regular participation in school activities also molded me into a well-rounded individual. Overall, this year has been an exciting journey for me due to all the special events held in the school.

**Submitted by Riti Bumb**  
**Grade 9, BCISE**

## MY EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR 2023-2024

Reflecting on the past, the academic year 2023-24 has been a rollercoaster of experiences, marked by academic challenges, connections with teachers, and the priceless bonds of friendship.

The curriculum was detailed, demanding a high level of focus. I found myself overcoming obstacles I never thought would be possible, whether it was understanding complex Mathematical equations, developing a love for English as a subject, or transforming myself from an ordinary student to a scientist. Along the way, I discovered a love for learning, filled with happiness that came with each new understanding.

Beyond the textbooks, it was the teachers who truly made the year memorable. Their dedication to our success was unwavering, as they spent countless hours guiding us. Their belief in our potential lights up a sense of confidence. However, it was the friendships built along the way that truly defined my experience. From study lectures or breaktime chatter, my classmates were my support encouraging each other through the ups and downs. I learned the importance of togetherness, discovering that true bonds lie in the connections we share.

As I look back on the memories we created together, I am thankful for the experiences, learnings, and friendships that have shaped me the way I am today. As I grow older, I carry with me invaluable bonds formed and the lessons learned during this academic year.

**Submitted by Anagha Shinde**  
**Grade 8, BCISW**



## BCGIAN ADVENTURES: MEMORABLE CHRONICLES

Well, whether you're happy or not, the school year's ending soon! Everyone will have a different story to tell about this academic year but I'm sure that all of us have had a few select moments that we'll always cherish.

These moments vary depending on your interests, but I as an individual, have a personal few that I think some of you may relate to. First and I think the most relatable, is PE period! This class, single-handedly, makes a school day unmissable. Whether it be playing or watching sports, I always have a good time. Continuing on relatable moments; recess has never failed to amaze me. The recess during school is like a mystery box, you never know what you're going to get! It may be a tale of adventure and courage, or it may be a rib-tickling display of comedy. But one thing in

common is that they are all entertaining. I would lastly like to point out a moment to which students can relate - puzzling and tricky questions during class. This is related to the academic side of the school. I enjoy the discussions that take place in class, and finding answers to some tricky questions. Through these discussions, I get to know a lot more about students' perspectives, and my errors. These questions may also conjure a debate which is exciting to watch!

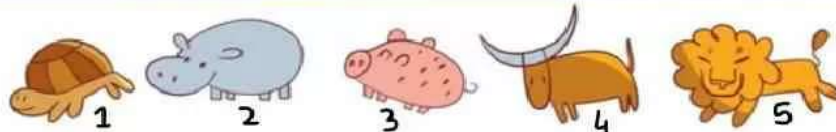
To sign off, I hope this article has reignited your memories and has ignited your playful spirit as these are the memories that will take us through our future life.

Submitted by Pranav Rajkumar  
Grade 9, BCISE



### ACTIVITY

## FIND 5 ANIMALS HIDDEN IN THE PICTURE



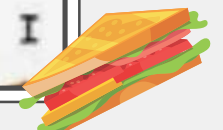
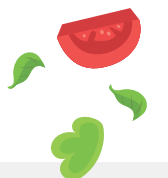
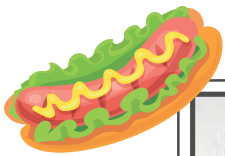
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### FIND WORDS

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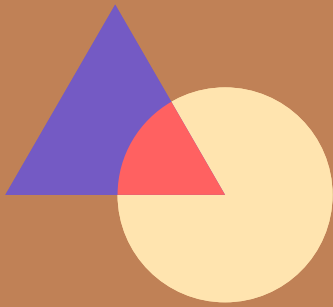
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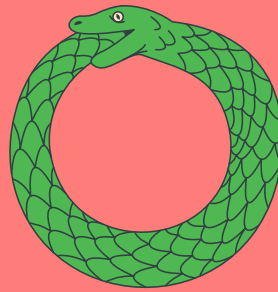
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ARTIST OF THE MONTH



Submitted by Mohammad Munshi  
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## CELEBRATING THE ILLUSTRIOUS BCG ALUMNI

Dream Big – Set Goals – Take Action



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### SCHOOL CORNER

#### Experience of the Editorial Team

As members of the editorial team for Lighthouse, we had the opportunity to refine our writing and editing skills in a familiar setting. Crafting content for our school community has been both fulfilling and educational. Through our newsletters, we've learned to communicate effectively with peers and faculty, ensuring that our messages resonate within our tight-knit community. Attention to detail has been paramount as we strive to uphold the standards of our school's publications, fostering engagement and unity among readers. Meeting deadlines has taught us valuable time management skills, essential for balancing academic and extracurricular responsibilities. Above all, our experience with these newsletters has deepened our appreciation for the power of communication within an educational context. We are excited to carry forward the lessons and skills gained from BCG Lighthouse, and to apply them to new opportunities and endeavors in the future!

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