

Ashoka Global Academy Newsletter - February 2021

From the Vice-Principal's desk...

Dear grade 9 learners,

We are delighted that you are a part of the remarkable ASHOKA school community. This year has been a test year for all of us due to the outbreak of the pandemic. The COVID-19 has resulted in schools shut all across the world. Globally, over 1.2 billion students like you are out of the classroom. As a result, education has changed dramatically, where the teaching is undertaken remotely through digital means. On this platform I would like to appreciate you and your families for being our strongest pillars who have supported us to execute and improvise the teaching learning process even in the pandemic.



Ms Anuttama Pandit

Upcoming time is challenging for you dear learners as you are stepping towards an important milestone of IGCSE. You must think about your goals, think about more than just being a student. You're also a person with individual needs and desires, hopes and dreams, plans as well as schemes. So your long-term goals not only should include your future path, but also involve social relationships with others, family, balancing your hobbies or other activities. Remember, we never grow when things are easy, we grow when we face challenges. My advice to you all will be just believe in yourself and all that you are. Never give up. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle. There may be tough times, but the difficulties which you face will make you more determined to achieve your objectives and to win against all odds because there is no elevator to success so you have to take the stairs hence push yourself, because no one else is going to do it for you.

WE BELIEVE IN YOU!

Events and Activities

REPUBLIC DAY

Republic day was celebrated with zeal and zest as it was the first celebration in the school post pandemic.

Sir Shukla, the secretary of the school and the chief guest for the day gave a rip-roaring speech to raise the spirits. This was followed by virtual tribute given by the students.



Pedagogical development at AGA

LIBRARY- TRANSITION TO CURRICULUM INTEGRATION

As rightly said by everyone, library is a place where the doors of possibilities open for every child. Library plays a vital role in enhancing the reading skills of students which allow students to interact directly with library materials and acquire research skills for future academic pursuits. Keeping this in mind, Ashoka Global Academy promotes the use of librarians in students' learning thereby developing the quality of education.

The role of library in Ashoka Global Academy is increasingly being recognized as essential in education as we provide information and ideas that are fundamental to the educational needs of the students, and enable students to function fully in today's society. We provide students with the opportunity to acquire life-long learning skills so they may develop their imagination as well as critical thinking skills. As students use the school library, they develop a habit of reading which helps them to evaluate and implement the information appropriately.

To inculcate the habit of learning as well as to keep the young minds engaged throughout the year, Ashoka Global Academy came up with a pilot project 'Library on Wheels'. The sole purpose of 'Library on Wheels' was to engage students and get rid of the boredom during pandemic situation. It gave the students a chance to broaden their thinking, increase their understanding and explore their creative aspect. 'Library on Wheels' could cater to the requirements of reading from home, in a fun way. Mobile Library van was an innovative way of providing access of library reading resources to students at their doorstep thereby creating thirst and curiosity for reading among students.

Our aim in the future to incorporate library lessons and its resources in the mainstream curriculum so as to foster a holistic approach towards learning and acquisition of knowledge.

"READING FOR ME IS TO EXPAND MY MIND, OPEN MY EYES AND FILL UP MY HEART"


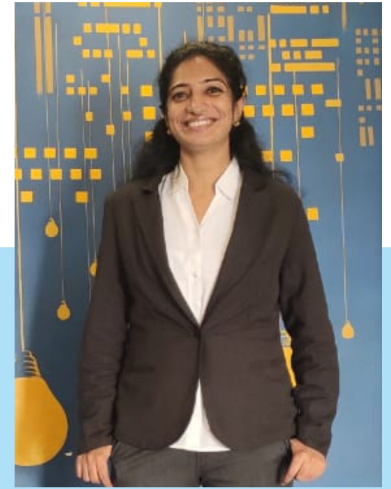


Pooja Nandgaonkar
Librarian

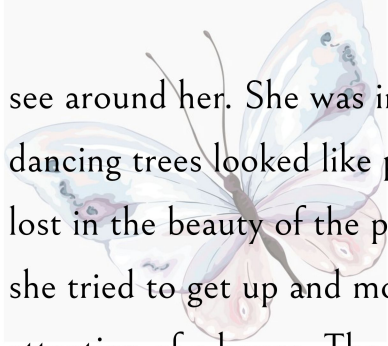
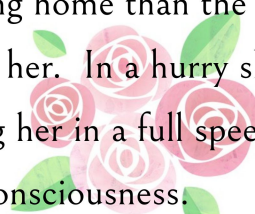
Teacher's corner

The Bridge

Ms. Meenakshi Salian, our English educator, wrote a heartfelt story and we are pleased to share it with you.

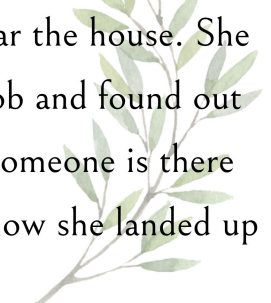


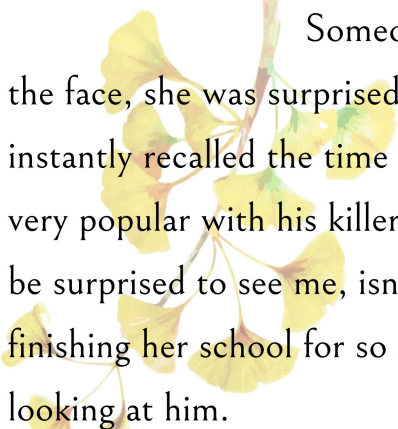
As usual Sarah was late to leave her office as it was month ending. Sarah was not different than an average looking girl. Though her curls and beautiful deep eyes made her at times look extraordinary but she was never focused on her looks. It was very common for her to go home late on a weekend. Finishing her work, she walked towards the parking area and rushed inside her car. She was aware that she was driving home than the average speed as she had promised her mother that she will have dinner with her. In a hurry she tried to overtake a car and didn't realize that a giant truck was approaching her in a full speed. Before she could understand anything, her car crashed and she lost her consciousness.



The moment she opened her eyes she was surprised to see around her. She was in a beautiful world with greenery everywhere. The shadow of the dancing trees looked like painting drawn in the blue and green background. She was completely lost in the beauty of the place when she realised that she has never been to that place. Confused, she tried to get up and move around. Moving around in the deserted area, her eyes caught the attention of a house. The house looked as if it was renovated recently. Stunning architecture with great landscape made it stand extraordinarily beautifully in the deserted area.

Hoping of meeting someone, Sarah just rushed near the house. She tried knocking but to her amaze no one responded. She tried unlatching the knob and found out that the door was already open. She went inside and tried calling to find out if someone is there but there was no response. Sitting on the couch bewildered, she kept thinking how she landed up in a place like this whereas she should have been in a hospital.




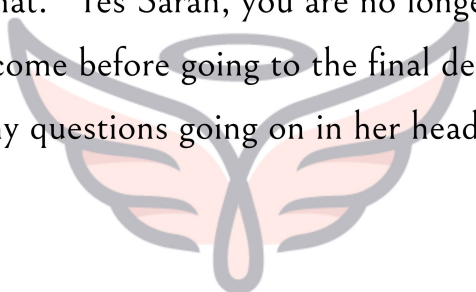


Someone knocked the door and entered the house. As she tried looking at the face, she was surprised to see that her school crush Sameer was standing in front of her. She instantly recalled the time when she was in her school and was totally crazy for this guy who was very popular with his killer looks and dark skin. He looked at her and smiled gently. “You must be surprised to see me, isn’t it?” Sarah just nodded her head unable to utter anything. After finishing her school for so many years she still could feel the butterflies in her stomach just looking at him.

He was as handsome as ever and the glasses he wore made him more attractive. She barely managed to smile back to him when he continued, “I was waiting for you.” She was awestruck when she heard him saying that. “Yes Sarah, you are no longer alive and you have come to the place where every soul has to come before going to the final destination.” Sarah couldn’t believe what she heard. She had so many questions going on in her head. “Do you mean I am dead?”

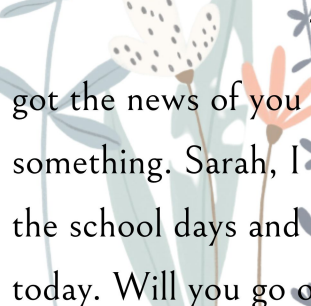
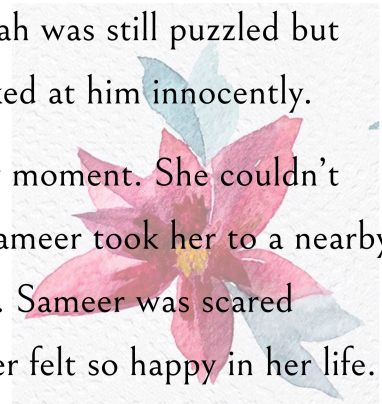
“Yes Sarah, You are dead.”

“Then am I not suppose to be in heaven or hell? How come you are here? Does that mean you are dead too?”



He smirked, “Surely you are heading towards your destination but before going there every soul needs to wait in this area which is also called as the “bridge”. This is the time when you can reflect on your life and yourself as a soul. Sarah was still puzzled but the thought of being with Sameer made her forget everything. She looked at him innocently.

Sarah’s heart was pounding as if it will burst any moment. She couldn’t imagine that Sameer is actually asking her out. She agreed instantly. Sameer took her to a nearby theme park. They tried all different types of rides and had fun together. Sameer was scared initially but Sarah managed to pull him on all the rides. Sarah had never felt so happy in her life. While walking towards the house, Sameer held Sarah’s hand. “Sarah, you are the most beautiful lady I have ever met and I wish I could be with you in my next life.” He pulled Sarah close to him and kissed her passionately.




To answer your second question, “Yes, I died a day prior than you. When I got the news of you coming here I was desperately waiting for you as I always wanted to confess something. Sarah, I always had an attraction towards you. I tried very hard to talk to you during the school days and ask you out for a date but couldn’t do that but I am glad that I could do it today. Will you go on a date with me?”

Student's Corner

A beautiful song written by Ms Aadya Gokhale, Grade 8

DON'T WORRY ...



*Each time you think
You can't make it
You aren't just the perfect one
You should be.*

*I'll be there to help you
Take it easy*

*Every time you feel
You aren't glad
And they don't understand*


*You're sad
I'll be there for you
We'll make it through.*

*Don't worry
We'll search our way out
Don't worry
I'll be there for you
When you shout*

*Don't worry
We'll find a path to get out
(Don't worry, Don't worry)*

*When you can't find anyone to talk to
I'll be the one you can count on all the time
It'll all be fine*

*When it seems like the spirit goes down
And everybody around makes you frown
I'll be there for you
We'll make it through.*





*Don't worry
We'll search our way out*

*Don't worry
I'll be there for you*

When you shout

*Don't worry
We'll find a path to get out
(Don't worry, Don't worry)*

*I know it's hard
To speak up your feelings
To be thinking to yourself
Feels like nothing is healing*

*The way it should
But I'll always be there
When you need me to be
You'll find me by your side
Trying to get your heart free.*

*So don't worry
We'll search our way out*

*Don't worry
I'll be there for you*

When you shout

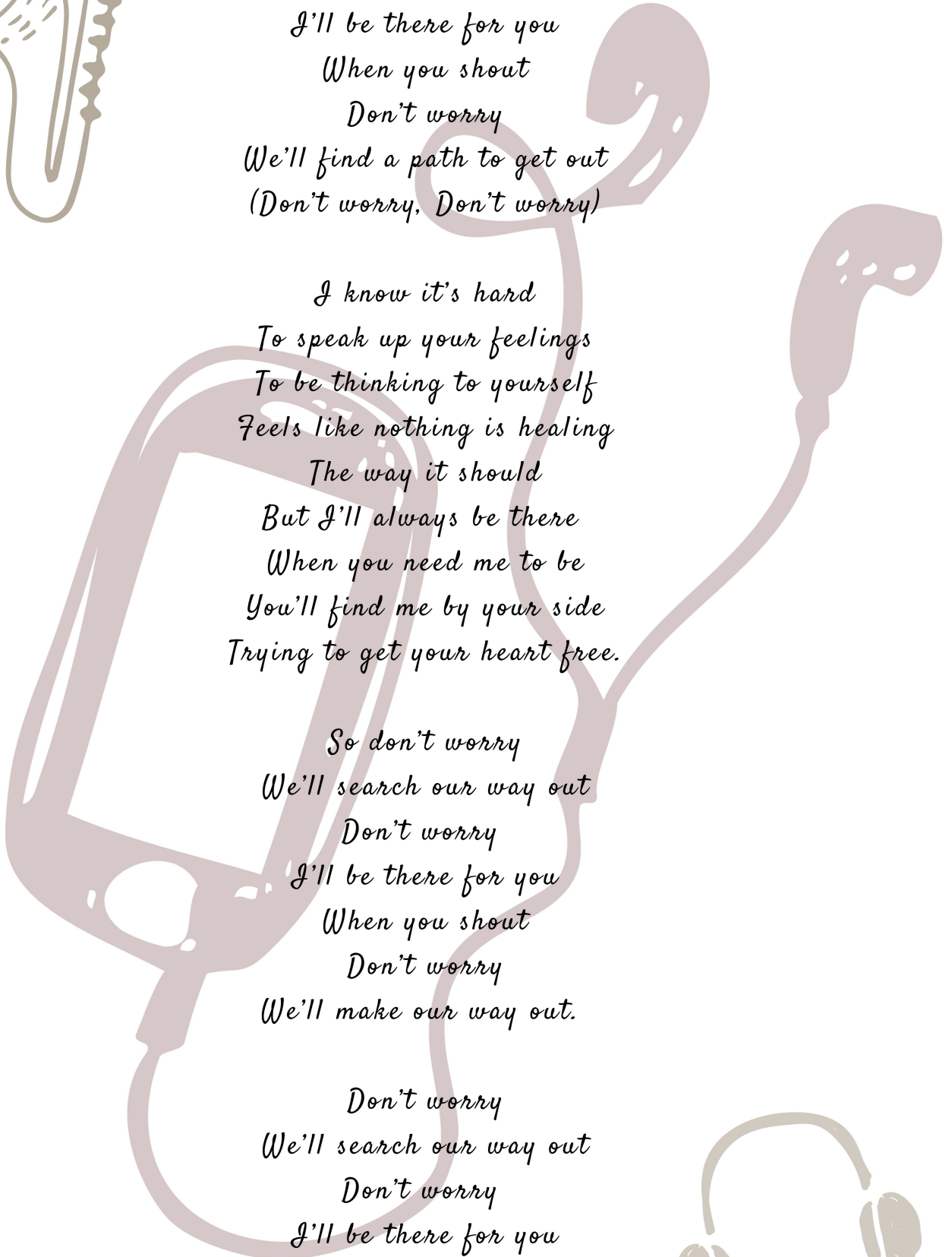
*Don't worry
We'll make our way out.*

*Don't worry
We'll search our way out*

*Don't worry
I'll be there for you*

When you shout

*Don't worry
We'll make it our way out.
(Don't worry, Don't worry)*





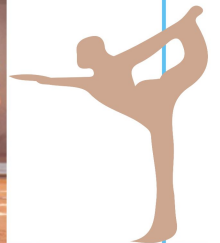
Throwback of Sports Day 2017-2018



The times we had....



House winners



Hashtag Holiday



“ Raise your hand assertively and show that you choose to challenge inequity this **#InternationalWomen’sDay** and Strike the **#ChooseToChallenge** pose on March 8. ”

“ On March 20, celebrate **#InternationalDayofHappiness** by donating to a charity of your choice that promotes good deeds ”



“ On March 27 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., turn the lights off and light the candles to be a part of the **#EarthHourDay** ”



We would really like to see how you decide to celebrate these days. Share what you do with us at aga.events@ashokaglobalacademy.com



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