



VIDYARTHI

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THE NEWSLETTER OF VIDYA NIKETAN SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

We are on the verge of stepping into a new academic term.

The year left behind us has been full and satisfying. Our team of teachers have put in their best, in more ways than one. They have been 'gurus', to their students, and also friends, where necessary. Accepting the fact that every child has different needs, they have been encouraging, appreciative, and given that extra care where required. They are naturally overjoyed, when their pupils jump through difficult hurdles and succeed.

There is much excitement in the air because of the coming general elections in our country. We hope that this is a learning experience for our students and they become more knowledgeable in the field of politics.

We were delighted upon getting a very beautiful and moving letter recently from one of our ex students. I would like to share this with our readers:-

To

20th January 2019

Vidya Niketan

You have been of great help to my people. We were refugees and yet we felt at home. We were alone but never lonely. We fled because all we heard was the sounds of bombs and the cries of people. We fled because all we could see was dead bodies and faces of sorrow. We were trapped in our very own houses.

For us, India was our second home and for me Vidya Niketan became my childhood landmark. I remember entering the school with fear of rejection, but I was welcomed. I was part of the first batch of Afghan refugee children who were admitted to this institution. And there was Mrs. Shobha, such a gentle person, my kindergarten teacher. Her voice, like her face, was so soothing. I was too young to remember all the faculty members, but I can never forget my feelings and emotions. The playground of the school was my land of freedom. As a child, I would run and play with my classmates and a feeling of joy would overwhelm me, because I knew I was safe. My teacher became my guardian, my school was my haven and the schoolyard was my playground.

In my quest of finding my first school, my teachers, my playground and the country that I loved so dearly, I decided that it was time I return to this place. I am lucky I found Mrs. Shobha still working at the school and with her usual kindness she showed me pictures of me taken some 20+ years ago.

Lastly, I would like to thank Vidya Niketan for giving us the memories we all cherish today, regardless of our whereabouts. Today I hold my head high, and am proud that I was part of this school and it is part of me.

Tamana Mehri



Headmistress, Junior School,
Mrs. Shobha Rao with Tamana Mehri

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (The World is One Family)

Beautiful words. Signifying the universal nature of human beings.

Yet we have refugees in the world today. Homeless people, the outcome of war and political upheavals. People without an identity.

We, in Vidya Niketan, have been blessed in getting the opportunity to take some children who are classified as “refugees” into our fold.

How wonderful it would be if the world was one family. The barriers and boundaries that we have today are all man made. If there were no divisions in the world there would be no refugees. We would like all those who read these lines to close their eyes for a minute and think how it would feel if your citizenship was taken away from you and you were told that you belong “nowhere”.

We would like our students to be sensitive to refugees in the world today. Attitudes and opinions change the thinking in a nation. You too can make the world a better place if you open your hearts to the suffering that refugees undergo and pass on this important message to others.

यह प्रकृति शायद कुछ कहना चाहती हैं ।

यह प्रकृति शायद कुछ कहना चाहती हैं हमसे,
यह हवाओं की सरसराहट,
यह पेड़ों पर चिड़िया की चहचहाट,
यह समुन्द्र की लहरों का शोर,
यह बरसात में नाचते मोर,
कुछ कहना चाहते हैं हमसे,
यह प्रकृति शायद कुछ कहना चाहती हैं हमसे ।
यह ख़ूबसूरत चांदनी रात,
तारों की सिलसिलाती बरसात,
यह सुन्दर खिलते फूल,
यह उड़ती धूल,
कुछ कहना चाहते हैं हमसे
यह प्रकृति शायद कुछ कहना चाहती हैं हमसे ।
यह नदियों की कलकल,
ये मौसम की हलचल,
यह पर्वत की चोटियां,
यह झिंगुर की सीटीया,
कुछ कहना चाहते हैं हमसे,
यह प्रकृति शायद कुछ कहना चाहती हैं हमसे ।

मेरी माँ

मुझको जग में लाने वाली,
अच्छा बुरा सिखाने वाली,
मेरे लिए जहाँ से लड़जाने वाली,
सबसे प्यारी सबसे न्यारी मेरी माँ,
देती खुशियाँ सारी माँ
हम बच्चों की है जाँ
सब से प्यारी सबसे न्यारी मेरी माँ ।
दिन भर हमारा ध्यान वो रखती,
रात को भी वो हमारे लिए जगती,
चोट कभी जो हमको आ जाये,
आंसू उन के रोक न पाएँ
सारे जहाँ से हैं प्यारी माँ,
सबसे प्यारी, सबसे न्यारी, मेरी माँ ।

**NisthaPriya
IV-A**

**Tushar Singh
Xth-A**

Activities



Village experience at Surajgarh Farms



Vidya Niketan once again reclaimed a chess championship



Creative work brings joy



Mr. and Ms. Vidya Niketan – 2019 With Principal, Mrs. Das



Assembly on Human Rights



Aditi Singh wins first prize at a Math Interschool Competition



The outgoing class students - 2019

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT

Dear Kindergarteners,

In our time together at the Kindergarten, you learnt what it meant to sit in a circle, walk in a line, hold a pencil, use scissors, zip up your coat, and be part of a group. You learnt how to read, become mathematicians, scientists and more. You learnt what it meant to be a friend. You played with others, took turns, worked through problems, and practiced patience.

Our wish for you is that you see the light in this world, in yourself, and in others. Compliment others, and be proud of your own accomplishments. Believe in yourself, try hard, but know your limits. Fill your heart with laughter and smile often. You are unique.



Annual Day Celebrations, Kindergarten Department
Saturday, 16th March 2019

Rakesh Kumar, the school official photographer has migrated to Canada. Our function for which he took such beautiful photographs took place a few hours before he was to leave for the airport and depart from India. The school was very moved that he still managed to find time for us.