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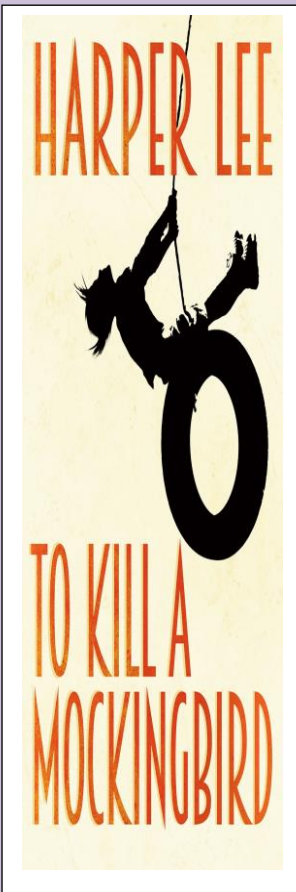
"SPORTS IS THE GREATEST PHYSICAL POETRY."

The Annual School Sports Day and Athletic Meet was celebrated with great enthusiasm, pleasure and joy on 3rd of November this year. As usual an interesting programme was put forward for the day. The Principal invited the parents to witness the children of our school as they put in their level best in the sports field. The chief guests of the programme were Tashi and Nungshi Malik, the aspiring twin sisters who climbed the Mount Everest. The event was declared open by the lighting of the athletic torch by the chief guests. The torch was handed over to the best girl athlete Stuti Kutiyal-- our School Girls' Captain and Alex John from class 12 among the boys. The four prestigious houses: Sanyam(yellow),Sneha(blue),Satya(red) and Sahas(green), took part in the programme with enthusiasm and competitiveness. The students paved their way into the programme by staging a bold opening march past.

Threerafter the sports activities began. The first item was the mind blowing dance by the Juniors. Next were the races. All the athletes gave a tough competition to each other and it was an exhilarating and exciting experience watching them diligently perform to win the prize. The house members and teachers were cheering for their houses. Then came the P.T. display by the Middle School children followed by the parents' spoon and lemon race. It was such a funny sight seeing the moms running and balancing the lemon on their spoon. All the mothers did a great job and were given medals. We had aerobics by the Middle School girls with the formation of the school's initials, GA. It was joyful watching them, as they impressed the people witnessing the programme with such keenness. Meanwhile as the children were getting ready for their relays the alumni of our school were asked to give their names for the race. Many of them volunteered and participated. Aaaaah! They were reminiscing their school days and were happy to receive medals. All was captured by a drone and was relayed on the big screen that was set up on either sides of the field. Then began the relays which were awesome as all the houses were bubbling with excitement to see their house perform.

As we reached the end of the programme everyone was hanging in suspense, looking forward for the results to be announced. Our inspiring chief guests gave a fascinating speech that was loved by all. And then the results were out! The march past trophy was taken home by Sanyam house after their majestic march past. And the athletic trophy was won by the sports loving Sahas house. All the other trophies were also given out along with cakes and medals. And hence, the wonderful evening came to an end with the closing march past. Elation and contentment was clearly visible on every Gracian's face.



Book Review**by Samuel Rajan**

To Kill a Mockingbird is an intriguing book about justice and judging. It is set in a small town in America. A young girl nicknamed Scout is playing in her front garden with her older brother, Jem, when she meets a young boy called Dill, who they befriend. Dill is small scrawny boy, and only temporarily stays in Scout's town with his aunty. The kids play a series of games which involves another neighbour who was accused of stabbing his father with a pair of scissors. The kids are incredibly scared by the very notion of this man, as are the rest on their street, the exception being Scout and Jem's father, Atticus. So they dare each other to go nearer to the house.

Whilst this is going on the children's father is battling a court case, in which a young black man was accused of raping a young white girl. As the story continues the children find a tree and inside find various things, one of them being two wooden children much like themselves and small pocket watch. Then the case of the young black man being two wooden children much like themselves and

small pocket watch. Then the case of the young black man is taken to Atticus Finch (the children's father) who is defending him and almost the entire town gathers in the court building to watch the trial. The black man goes up to speak and so does the young white girl, and it is found out that the young black man was unable to have done what the girl accused him of doing . However, justice is blind and the black man gets sent to prison and was later killed by the guard for trying to escape. The book revolves around the American story of pluralism, inequality, and injustice. The author has presented it in a very poise and humorous manner.

BOARDER'S REPORT –Aditi Soloman

A Boarder's life is exciting from the arrival in the hostel till the departure. Every day is a memorable day and it holds a special meaning to each one of them. Well, hostel is one of the places that people dread but it teaches us the most important lessons of life.

In Grace the Boarders have a very normal life like any other child. They are influenced emotionally, physically, socially, spiritually and mentally.

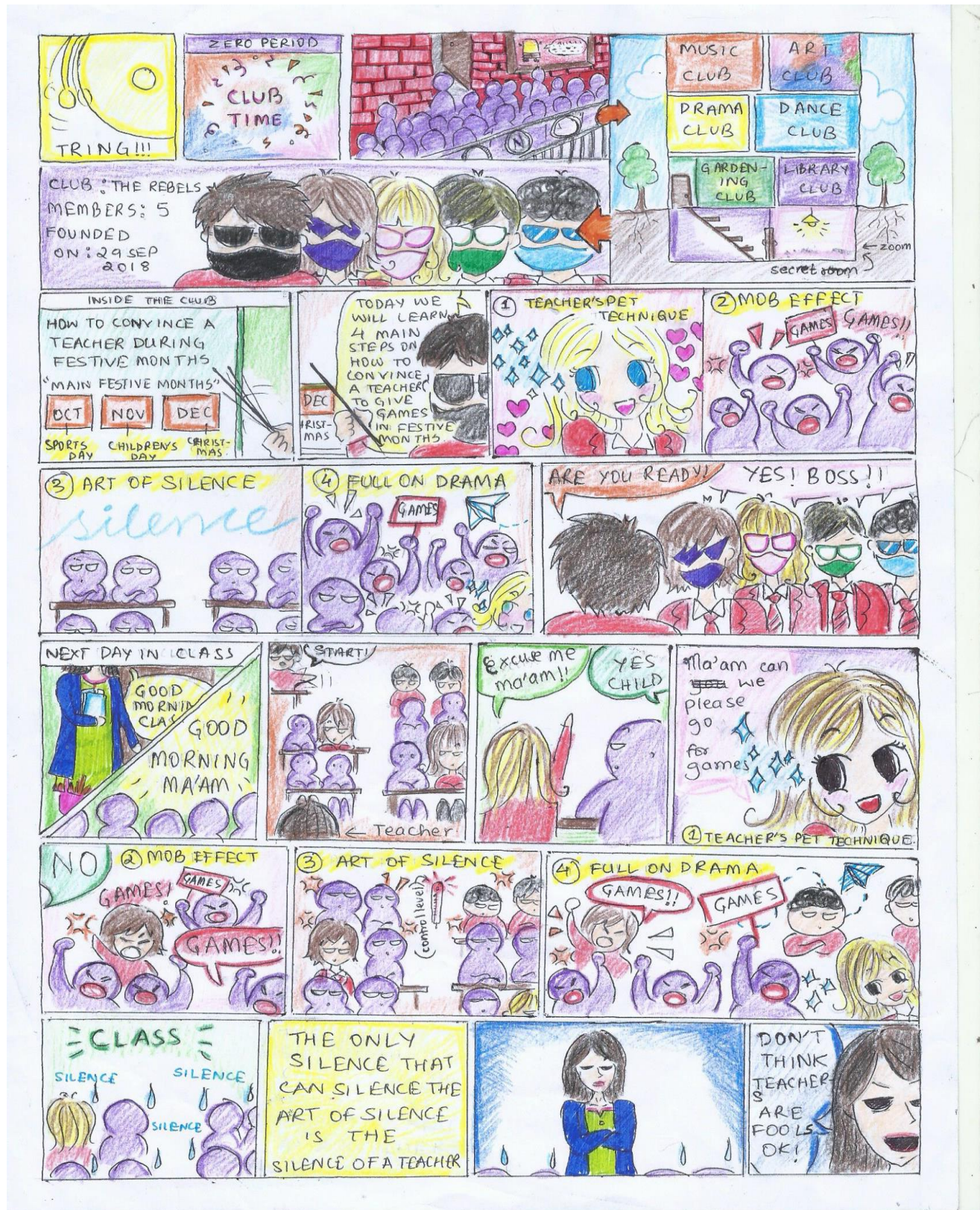
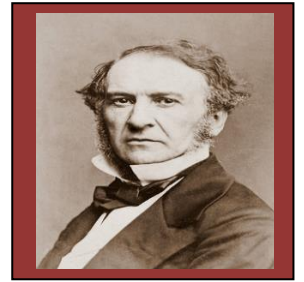
Every passing minute reminds them about their schedule and their time table which keeps them occupied throughout the day. Some highlights are:

- 1. The one-hour period of prayer.**
- 2. The three hours of "Einstein's Phase".**
- 3. The "Let it go" moment.**
- 4. The most enjoyed one is-The time to..... "Dunk like Jordan".**

Most people think that since we have different traditions and cultures, we can't mingle but what they don't know is that all of us are same from the inside. All boarding students are like exotic plants brought to a single nursery where they are nurtured and developed and that NURSERY is "Grace Residential Home".

*"Be happy with what you have and are, be generous with both,
and you won't have to hunt for happiness . "*

- William E. Gladstone





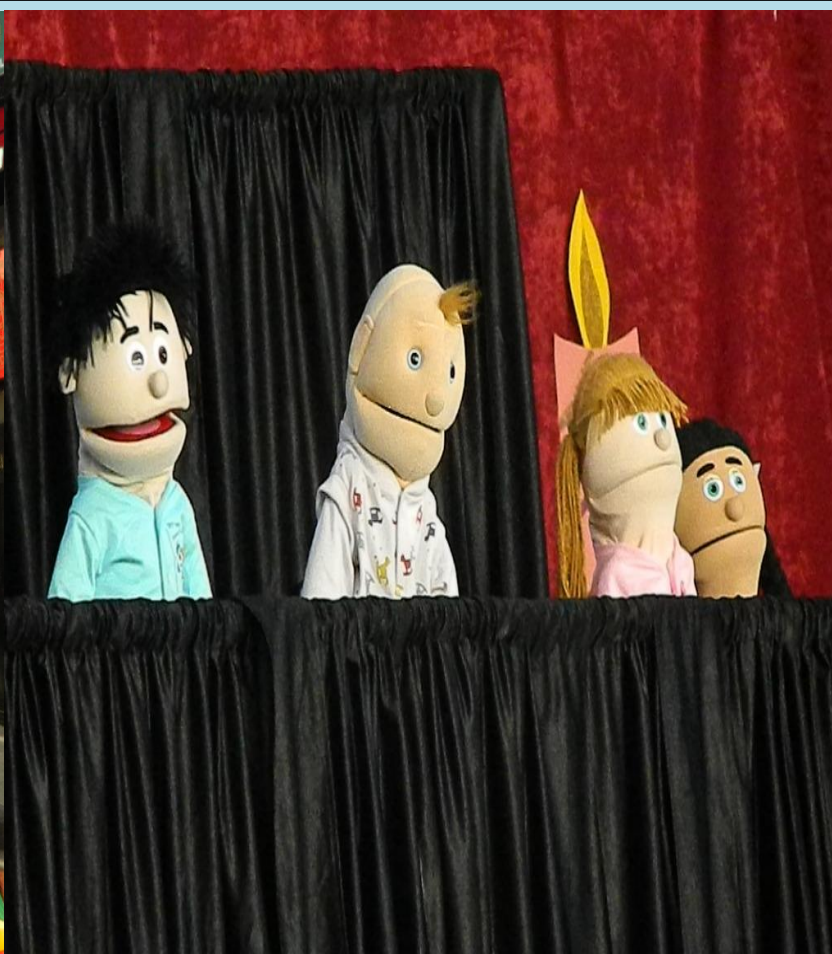
CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME



Christmas was just around the corner and there was a lot of excitement and anticipation in the air as we at Grace Academy prepared for the Annual Christmas Programme. 18th December, 2018 was a day of celebration as we remembered the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Mistresses of Ceremonies for the day were Mrs. Anjana Joel and Miss Shefali Bahadur. The programme started with a word of prayer and further on, a few of our teachers led us in singing some heartwarming carols filled with the message of hope. The Junior school presented a beautiful nativity skit backed up by the junior choir singing in the background. Our special guests, Mr. Ajay Kale and his team presented a lively puppet show reminding us of the importance of speaking the truth, no matter what. After all of this excitement, the drama club presented an interesting skit titled 'The Other Wise Man.' urging every person to seek and desire the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ. The programme ended with a word of prayer and vote of thanks.

The Christmas programme reminded us yet again of the light that dawned on this dark world when Christ was born on earth to redeem mankind.



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