The Beauty of Nature

“The human family has received from the Creator a common gift: Nature.”

- Laudato Si

Take the Don Bosco Green Alliance Challenge
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Editorial Team

Our e-magazine now has a name – Bosco Musings, as suggested by our school Principal, Rev. Fr. Chinnappa. We hope that Bosco Musings, will serve as a great forum for students to showcase their skills and talents over the years to come.

Kudos to the hard-working students of our editorial team who, in spite of the challenges of working remotely during the pandemic, have brought together this great issue.

On this joyous occasion of the Feast of Don Bosco, we are proud to present our 3rd e-magazine. Happy Reading!

Bryan Emmanuel Sam, Class 9 Jasmine

Bindu Sai Gunturi, Class 9 Jasmine

Akshara Reddy, Class 9 Jasmine

Ajmal Ahmad, Class 9 Lotus
This theme of this issue is **The Beauty of Nature**. and is based on the message from **Laudato Si** (Praise be to You). The theme was inspired by the words spoken by our Principal, Rev. Fr. Chinnappa, during his speech for Independence Day 2020 when he said:

“Pope Francis, the head of the Universal Catholic Church has declared this year (24th May, 2020 to 24th May 2021) as the year of “Laudato Si” (Environmental protection). He poses a question, “What kind of world do we want to leave to those who will come after us, to the children who are growing up?”

Let us answer this query of the Holy Father earnestly by treating our earth and environment with respect so that it continues to be a healthy habitat for life. As educated world-citizens let us be informed and become implementers of Do’s and Don’ts in environmental care.”

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start, despite their mental and social conditioning. We are able to take an honest look at ourselves, to acknowledge our deep dissatisfaction, and to embark on new paths to authentic freedom.” *(Laudato Si, 205).*
Take the Don Bosco Green Alliance Challenge

Our planet is drowning in trash. Plastics and non-recyclable wastes pollute our land and seas. Our natural resources are getting depleted while air pollution causes many health problems for us.

We, the members of our school’s Don Bosco Green Alliance Team, challenge you to Take this Pledge to Protect Our Environment to make our world a cleaner, greener and better place to live in.

Don Bosco Green Alliance

This Challenge was created by Siri Keerthi, 8 J, Elina Naveen Sah, 9 L & Joshitha Gangam, 9 L.

Students, Teachers and Parents please click on the link below to take the pledge.

Siri Keerthi was in Class 6 when she asked if she could join Don Bosco Green Alliance and now, she is leading the program.

Please support this endeavour.
A Philatelic Tribute to Don Bosco

In celebration of his feast, 31st Jan, here’s a look at stamps from around the world that honour Don Bosco. In the collection below you will find stamps from India (1989 & 2006), Austria, Peru, Brazil, Kenya, Guatemala, Malta, Monaco, Philippine, Poland, Portugal, Uruguay and many more. The life of St. John Bosco has deeply inspired so many people from across the world. His legacy of serving the poor has continued with the Salesian order he founded which works in around 134 countries, especially among marginalized youth.

*philately= study of stamps*
Sources: Stamp Encyclopedia, philamirror.info, istampgallery.com, stampboard.com
Poems for Don Bosco

Two poems, written centuries apart, yet both encapsulate the joy of being a student of Don Bosco.

LIVE YOUR DREAMS

- A tribute to St. John Bosco

Thou graced me with thy views.
A light that you shone.
For the definite, sharp, Dart I’ve thrown.
An artist, a singer, an engineer,
But the goals change every other year.
But O founder, St. John Bosco,
I hold your say in esteem.
I’ll follow what you said:
LIVE YOUR DREAMS.

- Vishnu Vasudevan

Written on 31st Jan, the Feast of Don Bosco, 6 years ago.

Source: Allpoetry.com

Arise, brothers, for on this day
Our grateful hearts
Hail Don Bosco, our good shepherd
For the acts of kindness he has shown us.

Let the trumpets blare
And the bells ring loudly,
Inviting the whole neighbourhood
To rejoice with us this day.

Shout so all can hear: He is the light
Sent to us by the Lord
To illumine the minds and hearts
Of the untutored young.

He is a pillar of strength to the aged,
To children without bread;
He sustains and guides his young charges
Along the path of virtue.

Sound off, therefore,
All young and old,
With loving hymns and shouts of praise
Upon this joyous day.

And bowing before God
Let us implore with all our hearts
That He keep this pious man
In our midst to the fullness of his years.

- The Boys at The Oratory

This poem was written by Don Bosco’s own students at the Oratory in the 19th century, translated from Italian. Most of the boys at the Oratory were illiterate. Don Bosco embarked on a literacy program to educate and teach them life skills.

Source: A Tribute to Don Bosco: A Poem by the Boys of the Oratory by Fr. Marty Macasaet, SDB research.dbcs.edu.ph
School News and Events
Republic Day Celebrations

Don Bosco School celebrated India’s 72nd Republic Day with the hoisting of the National Flag, Patriotic Songs, a narration of the formation of the Constitution and the Preamble. We were honoured to have Rev. Sr. Natalia Vaz as the Chief Guest. Sr. Natalia has dedicated her entire life to education and has been the head of several schools, over the past decades. Rev. Sr. Swarna was the Guest of Honour.

Sr. Natalia gave a very memorable speech. In her words, “Let’s always pray for our country, that we may live in peace and harmony, in love and fraternity, in inclusiveness and integral development for all peoples.

“Into that Heaven of Freedom my Father, let my country awake.”

JAI HIND

We missed having students present for the occasion but the ceremony was recorded especially for the students and the video recording was sent to them.
Class 10 Students Enact a Virtual Nativity Play

Our Class 10 students displayed great talent and ingenuity by enacting a virtual Nativity Play for their online Christmas Celebrations. In the midst of completing assessments and preparing for their Pre-Board Examination, the students had less than a day to work out the logistics of portraying the Nativity characters remotely from home and managed to do so with great success, along with some great costumes and background effects too. Congratulations to all the students involved in putting up this unique performance.

Don Bosco School Selected as Team of the Month by Students Rebuild

Students Rebuild Team of the Month Awarded to Don Bosco School

We are constantly looking to showcase amazing teams contributing meaningful and inspiring works of art and we really appreciate the work that your team put into your submissions.

TEAM OF THE MONTH ... ALL THE WAY FROM TELANGANA

This month’s award goes to the Don Bosco School, Bandlaguda from Telangana, India. Students have already submitted creative and thoughtful awards celebrating family, global heroes, and more.

Congratulations from all of us at Students Rebuild!

Citation by Students Rebuild

Congratulations & Thank You to all the students who contributed.

Students can keep sending in awards for the Changemaker Challenge till 3rd June 2021.
E-Library and Reading Program

To encourage students to continue reading during the lockdown, Don Bosco School launched its E-Library and added a Reading Program for Class 6 to 10 where students can send in Book Reviews using Microsoft Forms. The Best Readers from each class will receive a Certificate of Achievement and a Medal at the end of the Academic Year.

We hope that children make good use of this initiative and read a wide range of story books, audio books and books in Hindi and Telugu too. Students can access the e-library through our school web site. Link: Don Bosco School E-Library

Don Bosco Green Alliance

Students involved in the Don Bosco Green Alliance Recycling Program help manage waste by recycling materials like paper and plastic in school. Students are also requested to donate their used notebooks. Funds raised through this program are used for social work projects.

We are happy to announce this year the funds raised from Recycling was used to buy sports equipment for the boys at Navajeevan, a home for street children and destitute boys. Thank you to the students who donated their old school notebooks for this social service project. Our grateful thanks to parents for their encouragement and support, especially for bringing the old books to school during the lockdown. Our next collection will fund sports equipment for the home for girls.
Before the universe was created by God it was all together nothing but darkness. Earth’s creation is one of the best that God planned for human existence. He created ample water, clean air, fresh plants, trees and beautiful ecology. Once these precious things were designed on the earth’s body, God thought of Human creation and was happy about it that Humans will make the earth a better and beautiful place to live in.

With new generations making headways in different continents of the world, the FREE resource available on mother earth was used sparingly in a limited population, but later with the advancement in various fields of business and human life style solutions these resources became a possession with greed and selfish motives of human beings. Clean water and food are a scarcity in many countries across the world and not forgetting the impure air that humans’ breaths in some country are just narrowing the human life span.

Why is this happening??? Why the FREE resource is not in abundance today? Why is it that we humans are not working towards saving the planet earth? Each day we hear news of man making new strides to reach new planets in the galaxy for future existence, but in reality, they fail to improve or pay attention towards saving the beautiful earth for which we were created. The key to solve the issue of passing a beautiful mother earth to the next generation is to LOVE MOTHER EARTH, take every step possible to save the resources on earth and make sure to pass them to the next generation.

I want to prepare myself to the best in doing simple things that give a good impact in saving the FREE resource by not wasting water, growing more trees and planting saplings, saying no to plastic material, etc. My simple acts in saving nature’s resource should be shared first within family members and friends; this should be a viral thought so that it does not stop in a particular location but extends the boundary of a region, state and countries. All nations should come together and bring in stricter laws to govern the earth resources which are the Creator’s biggest gift to humanity.

- **Bryan Emmanuel Sam, 9 J**
Nature’s Beauty

Nature is so beautiful. Observing nature for some time gives us good ideas. The beauty of nature lies in its freshness, openness, slow breeze and the warm sun – relief for our brains. Nature is made of everything we see around us the trees, flowers, plants, animals, sky, mountains, forests and more. We find many colors in nature which make the Earth beautiful. Every member of the living world obtains its life support from Nature. Nature helps us breathe, gives us food, water, shelter, medicines, and clothes.

Nature is the only reason that makes you stay alive today. Animals, fish and insects also get their food and shelter from nature. We should stop causing harm to the elements of nature for our needs. We should return back what we borrow from nature. Nature is very important to maintain the growth and balance of life on earth. The Government has taken measures to curb the exhaustion of nature and extinction of the life it supports. Some of these include Afforestation, Vanmahotsav, reusing, reducing, recycling, organic farming, etc… Healthy and wealthy nature is very important for the well-being of humans. However, it can also show you its worst negative side. If you want the best from nature, just give it the best you can.

There’s nothing in the world as worthy as nature. Not even artificial intelligence can ever provide what nature can. Nature is just like our mother it does not scold us unless we do anything wrong. Teaching children about nature should be seen as one of the important events in life.

- Written & Illustration by Shiny Kommareddy, 8 J

Drawing by Manya, 3 Tulip
The Beauty of Nature

Nature is very beautiful. It has trees, flowers, fruits, birds, animals, oceans, seas, rivers, beautiful rainbow and many others. It provides the air we breathe, water we drink, provides shelter and even food to eat. We should protect our nature. Nature becomes part of life; without it our life would not be like the bright sun. With improved technology we are forgetting to enjoy and explore our nature. Cars, trucks and other vehicles pollute air, by washing cloths near rivers we pollute these rivers. Rivers flow down to seas and we even pollute them. This pollution can cause harm to animals in water and birds in the air. So, in this way we are polluting our nature. We should protect our nature. The beauty of nature looks very simple but it is complicated. If we just take a simple flower or fruit we can find and explore many things in it like how it grows what parts are present in it, what is the name of flower, what it’s made of or nutrition in it etc. Therefore, the beauty of nature is beyond our thinking level. Nature is an important part of our life we should protect it and even learn to live according to nature.

Thank you

- R: Ektha, 7 L

Nature Essay

Nature is the most beautiful and attractive surrounding around us which makes us happy and provides us with a natural environment to live healthy. Our nature provides us with a variety of beautiful flowers, attractive birds, animals, green plants, blue sky, land, running rivers, sea, forests, air, mountains, valleys, hills and many more things. Our God has created beautiful nature for the healthy living of all of us. All the things we use for our living are the assets of nature which we should not spoil and damage. We should not destroy the originality of nature and should not cause imbalance in the ecosystem cycle.

Our nature provides us with a beautiful environment to live in and enjoy so it is our responsibility to keep it clean and away from all damages. In the modern era, many selfish and bad activities of the human being have disturbed the nature to a great extent. But we all should try to maintain our nature’s beauty.

- Written & Illustrated by V. Lava Niranjan Reddy 7 L
The Beauty of Nature Art Gallery

A. Aashritha, 5 R

G. Sanjana, 4 R
T. Naga Krishna Karthick, 6 T

Syed Afham Haji, 6 L

K. Aneira Shanth, 7 L

T. Naga Krishna Karthick, 6 T
WHY? WHY!
I ask myself
Why birth
Why death
Why happy
Why sad
Why think
Why sink
Why love
Why hate
Why study
Why play
Why settle
Why regret
Then I asked myself
Why? Why!

Eshwar Adithya Gunturi, Class 10 L, has been studying in our school for the past 7 years. He is well known in school for his major achievements in shooting at state and national level championships, but did you know that he is also a talented poet?

We are proud to present the poems of Eshwar Adithya.

CHANGE
Till now, is tilled now
It grows if you water it by eyes
But dies when you leave
We think
What we saw is
What we’ll see
Let’s change like a pine
Which slides its snow

IT
When I say “Yes”
It says “No”
When I say I practiced
It says “But not correctly”
When I say I learnt
It says “But not perfectly”
But when I tried I failed
Then it says “That’s what I said”

LIGHT
We are born with light in our face,
And play in light all our childhood,
We study in light and get light,
But why do we go into dark
all of a sudden just for
one thing that we love.
**FIRE**

Everyone expects me to listen
When they say
People only listen
to the winner not loser.
But they don’t realise
That they are not winners.
But expect me to listen them.

They want to create fire in me
But many never check
If it is a forest fire or a lamp fire.

**BIG THINGS**

We think and think
For small things,
But forget about
Big things,

Small things become
Bricks and cover
Our real big thing
We now struggle and die
Before we find our big thing.

**LOSE**

I do one
I say two
They think three
They expect four
But I still do one
And lose them one by one

**WHO FEEDS**

Match creates fire
But can't feed it.

Many create fire
But who feeds it?

Maybe I for me
And you for you.

Let us see if we can feed our fire.

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A Christmas Card created by Eshwar Adithya with his poem ‘Change’. The card was gifted to a child from Birds of The Air Home.
A very talented student with great time management skills, **Sree Charan Reddy, Class 10 L**, wholeheartedly and enthusiastically participates in many school activities, does well in his academics and also turns in exceptionally creative project assignments throughout the year. Sree Charan was a member of the Editorial Board of our first school e-magazine. He dreams of becoming an astronaut someday and we hope his dreams do come true!

Sree Charan’s **Poetry Art Integration Project** where he used paper cut outs of the characters in the poem, giving it a 3D shadow puppet effect.

**Math Project using Trigonometry**
Sree Charan donating masks and sanitizers to Birds of The Air Home for the destitute where he also volunteered to spend time on Christmas Eve.

The card Sree Charan’s designed for our school’s Christmas Card Competition. He gifted the card to a child at Birds of the Air Home; which brought so much of joy to the child.
Sally here. So, you know there was a letter addressed to me, right? I was thoroughly surprised. A letter for me? Exciting!

I opened the letter and found... NOTHING!!! There wasn’t anything written on it! Why did the diary give me a blank piece of paper? I had no idea. Then a note appeared on the diary in red ink:

“Good morning Sally. This is your mentor Roxanne Brown here for mentoring you and your friends about what you and your friends can and can’t do. I also sent a letter to you to check your intelligence. Well, I expected better of you. Ms. Jones was speaking ever so highly of you. I’ll give you a hint. That amulet is not meant for the showcase. And for goodness sake, please keep up the name of Ms. Jones. If you decipher the letter, the four of you may be fortunate enough to meet me and the head of amulet holders, Mr. Four. Good day to you.”

I was... I don’t know how to express my feelings. After I came through the emotions of confusion, surprise and happiness, I heard Laura laughing her head off. And, I thought I knew why. Ms. Jones was our science teacher and she always punished me because I was mischievous in her class.
Why would she speak highly of me, Sally Baker, known to be the most mischievous? Maybe... maybe she saw my capabilities.

Never mind that now. I needed to concentrate on the letter. Ms. Brown had said that the amulet is not meant for the showcase. I immediately took out my amulet and started to look closely at it. My amulet, as you know, was red, had an ‘X’ and was nothing spectacular. What could the amulet do? I wore it back again. I thought about my amulet. It was given by the diary and gave me the power of fire... and then I knew what to do. I took the amulet near fire. Almost instantly, a message appeared:

“MEET US NEAR WESTMINSTER PALACE.”
And...I'm back! You didn’t think I left, did you? I didn’t. I have been busy with some work, like cleaning, dusting, learning etc., etc., etc. Who knew there were so many chores in this world?! Mila was also busy in her mission “Mia”. The hurricane mission, of course. Well, it turned out that the four members accompanying her- Victoire and Zia Smith and James and Noah Carter- weren’t her assistants. In fact, they had the same power as her.

Ahem...back to the story (I need to give you the background story for you to understand, see?).

I and my friends went to the Westminster Palace. We saw a woman, unusually tall, wearing cat-eye glasses and tight hair bun. Seeing her unusual appearance, we assumed her to be Ms. Roxanne Brown. Our mentor, remember? (Who could forget the shock she gave me when she told me that my science teacher, Ms. Phoebe Jones spoke “ever so highly of me”? We approached her and asked her if she happened to be Ms. Brown.

She replied with a crisp ‘yes’ and asked us to follow her.

We were followed her and on and on we went. After a very long time, we came to halt near a crimson bus which reminded me forcefully of a fire engine.
Ms. Brown asked us to board the bus. Laura replied with a scowl and “we can’t board a strange bus!” look. Ms. Brown actually smiled. It transformed her completely. She no longer looked like a hawk. She transformed into a person you wish you knew. A person with gentle eyes, a pretty smile and a “you wish you knew me” face.

After that completely unexpected moment, we were snapped back to our senses when she showed us her mystic purple amulet. She said that the amulet was an amalgamation of blue and red amulets. That explained the beautiful colour of the amulet. Red and blue combine to give purple, after all. But it was a strange amalgamation. Have you ever seen water and fire together?

After looking at our bewildered faces, Ms. Brown gave a tinkling laughter. She said that the amulet could produce water that couldn’t be evaporated and the fire produced couldn’t be extinguished. Only the water from this amulet could extinguish the fire and the fire could evaporate the water. (Wait a sec...How did the amulet produce water and fire? Did it spray water on the enemy’s face and did it burn the clothes of the enemy? Sounds like a good enough theory to me...)

Not so convinced, we boarded the bus. After a long time after an hour or two, Celine started panicking. Where were they going? How long would it take? Ms. Brown asked us to be patient.

“But Ms. Brown”, said Laura, “how could we possibly not be scared while sitting in a strange bus with a stranger?” Ms. Brown asked us to call her Roxanne or Rox for short because she wasn’t much older than us. She also said that she was no stranger and knew our parents very well. She had our parents’ consent for taking us where we were going.

After a long time, Rox spoke again. And we couldn’t believe what we heard.

WE WEREN’T GOING BACK TO OUR HOME.

... to be continued in our next issue.

The illustrations for this story, which are truly outstanding, were done by P. Neha Evangelia, 10 L. Neha is a talented artist and a dedicated student. She was also a part of our school magazine’s first editorial team.
Meet the Artist

Art & Craft by **Tarun Janaardhan Jakkani, 7 L.**

Tarun created this beautiful angel for the Angel Tree.

Art by **Banka Srihitha Reddy, 8 R**
BEAUTY OF NATURE

Nature is beautiful because it is alive, moving and reproductive. In Nature we observe growth and development in living things. Our nature provides us variety of beautiful flowers, attractive birds, animals, green plants, blue sky, rivers, seas, forests, air, mountains and what not! Nature is very colourful and has both living and non-living things in its lap.

Everything in the nature has their own power and uniqueness provided by God. It has many forms which are changing by season to season and even from minute to minute such as sea looks bright blue in the morning but by noon it looks emerald green color. Our mood also gets changed according to the nature such as happy and hopeful in sunshine.

Therefore, we should not destroy the originality of the nature. It has power to recover patients from diseases. Nature is very essential for our healthy life so we should keep it clean and conserve it for our future generations. To appreciate nature or to protect it we can reduce pollution, plant a tree, make gardens, hug trees, watch sunsets, through our selfish acts should not increase global warming, greenhouse effect etc. The beauty of nature around us is the one of the greatest blessings of God for us. The beauty of Nature has always been and will be the first inspiration for artists, poets and every person around us.

SO, STUDY NATURE, LOVE NATURE, STAY CLOSE TO NATURE, IT WILL NEVER FAIL YOU...

- Written & Illustrated by Pattamatta Nishna, 9 J
Dissolvable Carry Bags

The humble plastic bag has been with us since 1965, when a team of Swedish designers and engineers hit upon an idea for convenient packaging. Just over 50 years later, as many as 4 trillion plastic bags are thought to be used each year. They’re piling up fast, and we’ll be stuck with them littering the planet for hundreds of years because they don’t biodegrade.

Have you read?

Microplastics are spreading to new food chains via insects.

90% of plastic polluting our oceans comes from just 10 rivers.

The Solution

Researchers in Chile have created a bag that looks and behaves just like any other plastic bag, but with a couple of important differences. This bag is not made of plastic, and unlike regular plastic bags it will dissolve in water, leaving no toxic residue behind. This plastic bag is 100% biodegradable.

The material they have created can be used to produce an alternative to a wide range of plastic items, with bags the first target. While a traditional plastic bag will take over 150 years to degrade, the SoluBag can be disposed of safely in water in just minutes. So safely, in fact, that Astete gave a demonstration – placing a bag in a jar of water, stirring it to get it to dissolve, then drinking some of the water. It’s an echo of a development made by a team in Indonesia, who have invented an alternative plastic bag from cassava. These developments could be particularly significant in the fight against marine pollution.

Plastic that ends up in the sea begins to break down into smaller pieces as a result of wave erosion and other environmental effects, such as the action of bacteria. A lot of plastic products are treated with additional chemicals to enhance their longevity – things like UV resistance, antimicrobial qualities, or flame-retardance. These chemical additives can leak into the environment, in addition to the problem of microplastic particles being consumed by marine life and entering the global food chain.

According to the United Nations Environmental Programme, every square kilometre of the sea is likely to contain over 60,000 microplastic particles, and in some parts of the world that number is considerably higher. While the Earth Day Network estimates that “32% of the 78 million tons of plastic packaging produced annually is left to flow into our oceans.

Dissolvable plastic bags will provide a solution to the problem of plastic pollution.

Compiled by: Bindu Sai Gunturi, 9 J

Source: Weforum Image: Solubag
प्रकृति के रोचक तथ्य

उल्लू ही एकमात्र ऐसा पक्षी है जो नीले रंग को देख पाता है।

राजहंस (Flamingo) अपने सर को नीचे करके ही खाना खा सकते हैं।

इंसान ही ऐसा जानवर है जो अपनी पीठ के बल सोता है।

सभी कीड़ों की कम से कम 6 टंगे तो होती है।

कीवी पक्षी अंधे होते हैं।
बारिश की बूंदों में जो खूशबू आती है वो विटामिन बी12 के कारण आती है।

केले हमेशा ऊपर की तरफ ही बढ़ते है।

चमगादड़ (Bat) ही एकमात्र ऐसे स्तनधारी (mammal) है जो उड़ सकते है।

जहर फेकने वाले मेढ़क की चमड़ी भी बहुत ही जहरीली होती है।

बतख अपने सर को हिलाये बिना कभी चल नहीं सकती है।

एक मुर्ग की आजतक की सबसे ऊँची उड़ान 13 सेकंड दर्ज की गई है।

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Source & Images: Wikipedia, Amazing Facts
Art Gallery 1

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SEVEN NATURAL WONDERS OF THE WORLD

Our Earth is a planet of wonders ...it’s filled with Natural Beauty, Mystery and what not. Today I’m going to introduce you to the **SEVEN NATURAL WONDERS OF THE WORLD**.

1. The Northern Lights: Aurora Borealis
The Northern Lights are auroras, or naturally occurring phenomena that consist of mystifying displays of light in the sky. The northern lights dance across the sky and emanate a diffused glow along the northern horizon. The intensity of northern lights increases as you head north towards the magnetic pole in the Arctic. Some of the most popular places to see the northern lights are in the far north of Canada, Alaska, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Finland. The probability of seeing Northern Lights increases during the winter months. They occur throughout the year but the dark skies in winter make them easier to see.

2. The Grand Canyon
You only need to stand on the rim of the Grand Canyon once to know why it’s one of the 7 natural wonders of the world. The Grand Canyon's massive and colorful landscape provides breathtaking views that can't be found anywhere
else in the world. Most visitors head to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon and spend a full day admiring the views from the overlooks that stretch along the top of the canyon.

3. Paricutin

Even avid travelers may not know about Paricutin, mainly because this natural wonder resides in Michoacán, Mexico. This cinder cone volcano was named one of the 7 natural wonders of the world, even over famous volcanoes, such as Yellowstone. Paricutin last erupted in 1952. It was coined one of the natural wonders of the world because mankind witnessed its birth and rapidly growing formation.

4. Victoria Falls

Victoria Falls is located in Africa along the borders of Zambia and Zimbabwe. This spectacular waterfall runs off from the Zambezi River. Visitors can access the falls from Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe and Livingston in Zambia. Cross the border to gain different perspectives of this magnificent natural wonder. The best views are from Zimbabwe, but you can get a closer experience from Zambia. Helicopter tours and microlight tours are another great way to see the falls. The rainy season runs from late November through early April. A good time to visit is immediately after this, when the volume of water coming over the falls is still immense, but the weather is pleasant.
5. Mount Everest

Mount Everest has an approximate elevation of 29,029 feet. Mountaineers consider this mountain the highest spot on Earth; however, it is not the tallest mountain in the world, a title that belongs to Mauna Kea in Hawaii. Everest lies within the Himalayan mountain range on the border of Nepal and Tibet, China.

Adventurous trekkers can hike to base camp to fully experience Mount Everest's landscape. Alternatively, you can capture a distant view of the peak from the comfort of a lodge at a hill station in Nepal.

6. The Great Barrier Reef

As the world's largest coral reef, the Great Barrier Reef includes over nine hundred islands, roughly three thousand separate reefs, and sustains a diverse ecosystem. Boat trips offer visitors a chance to see the reef up close. Snorkeling or dive trips can be arranged and provide opportunities to see colorful fish, coral, and marine life. Tours can be day trips or multi-day excursions.
7. Harbor of Rio De Janerio

The Harbor of Rio de Janeiro is surrounded by granite mountains and pinnacles, including Sugar Loaf Mountain, Corcovada Peak, and the Tijuca hills. It was created by erosion caused by the Atlantic Ocean. Tourists can explore the Harbor of Rio de Janeiro on a helicopter flight to capture a breathtaking aerial view. The traditional way of seeing this natural wonder is to travel to the uppermost region surrounding the granite peaks that overlook the harbor. This will provide spectacular views of the beautiful beaches that lie inside the harbor.

_I hope that you have gained a little knowledge about all these wonderful sights of the world._

_I will be back with more and more articles soon..._ - _AJMAL AHMAD, 9 L_

Source & images: planetware.com
Book Review

The Lorax Project

Hi All! I hope that many of you like cartoons. Then you might also know of Dr. Suess. He is an American children's author, political cartoonist, illustrator, poet, animator, and filmmaker. Dr. Seuss is the author of books like "The Cat and The Hat", "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "The Lorax ", among many others.

This author wrote ‘The Lorax’ to help us imagine what would happen if there were no trees left in this world. The story reminds us not to take things for granted, not to expect everything in nature for free and even if you do this won't sustain us. The story also describes about how people are punished for their greed and mis-deeds.

So, this book inspired The Lorax Project which is all about conserving nature and planting more trees by children. The Lorax Project is conducted all over the world by many schools and organizations. This project includes awareness programs, speeches, poems, quizzes and plays. Also, there are the Earth Day celebrations and the universal Lorax Day which is celebrated on the birthday of Dr Suess.

You can read Dr Suess’s The Lorax at this the link: https://youtu.be/EdWesdMfyd4

You can also watch the movie version in Amazon Prime.

- Bindu Sai Gunturi, 9 J
Community Service at Don Bosco

The Students Rebuild - Changemaker Challenge

The inspiration for this project is the Father of Our Nation, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and his famous quote “Be the Change you want to see in the world”. In this program students from all the classes made awards, trophies, medals etc. for anyone who they think is trying their best to bring change in their community. And all of these beautiful prizes can also be made of recycled materials like: plastic bottles, cans, bottle caps, paper plates, old toys.

For every award sent online $5 (Rs. 365 approximately) will be donated to charities and this can give a poor person the help they need.

Here are some of the pictures of the awards made by our students. Changemaker pictures – Don Bosco School

So far, our school has raised $190 and the project is still continuing as many people need our help so you can still submit your awards until 3 June 2021. This is the live progress of our school donation and art work: Don Bosco School progress. We hope to raise at least $1000 so please create awards for someone who is making a change in your community and send the photos to your class teacher. You can make as many awards as you would like to.

Fr. Thomas, Birds of the Air, receiving his Changemaker Award.
I want to present the changemaker award to the Farmers because they are the members who don’t take rest in any situation. They feed us everyday and their stories: Farmers depend on farming if it is not profitable they don’t change another occupation. Farmers are inspiration for many members because of their hardwork and their love towards farming. This shows that we should love and respect our work or occupation. Farmers are who don’t have any rest during this pandemic because their work found home and have some rest but farmers never rest.

Award for Farmers by C. Alekhy, 10 J
The Angel Tree

Being an angel this Christmas

This program was started last year by Christine Ma’am and Father Chinnappa with the help of Class 9 students and this good deed was continued by the 10th and 9th students this year.

Check this presentation of the excellent work done by last year’s Class 9: [Angel Tree 2019](#)

This year there were 2 trees placed in the school premises and many children donated gifts for the poor. These included stationery (pencils, crayons, sketch pens), personal needs (soap, toothbrushes, combs, slippers, water bottles), story and colouring books, notebooks and toys.

Check this link to see this year’s presentation: [Angel Tree 2020](#)

Then on the 24th of December all these gifts were donated to an ashram and we the Don Bosco School students helped make many people's Christmas a happy one.

This year the need to help was greater since many poor people were left on the roads and they didn't have food as there were no one to give them help.

- Bindu Sai Gunturi, 9 J
Career Path: Chemistry

Becoming A Chemist

I am writing this article because I would love to become a chemist and save people in times when pandemics occur like the Coronavirus. This job actually has a lot of importance in the present world. The work of Chemists is to make medicines, vaccines, forensics tests. etc.

Education Required: A bachelor’s degree in chemistry or a related field is needed for entry-level chemist or materials scientist jobs. Research jobs require a master’s degree or a Ph.D. and also may require significant levels of work experience.

Advancement: Chemists typically receive greater responsibility and independence in their work as they gain experience. Greater responsibility also is gained through further education. Ph.D. chemists usually lead research teams and have control over the direction and content of projects, but even Ph.D. holders have room to advance as they gain experience.

Careers in Chemistry: There are many choices like

- **Agricultural Chemists**: work is to expand the understanding of the causes and effects of biochemical reactions related to plant and animal growth
- **Analytical Chemists**: Assess the chemical structure and nature of substances
- **Food Chemists**: perform research in order to develop and improve food and beverages.
- **Forensic Chemists**: is someone who is called in to analyze non-biological trace evidence found at crime scenes to identify unknown materials and match samples to known substances.
- **Industrial Chemists**: conduct physical and chemical analyses of materials, prepare and execute experimental plans and then deliver data, reporting, and recommend solutions based on analysis outcomes.
- **Inorganic Chemists**: study the structure, properties, and reactions of molecules that do not contain carbon, such as metals. They work to understand the behavior and the characteristics of inorganic substances.
- **Laboratory Chemists**: work in a laboratory setting, test various chemicals, help develop new products
- **Materials Scientists**: involves the use of chemistry for the design and synthesis of materials with interesting or potentially useful physical characteristics, such as magnetic, optical, structural or catalytic properties.
- **Medicinal Chemists**: research and develop chemical compounds that can be used as pharmaceutical drugs.
- **Metal alloy Scientists**: are materials scientists who specialize in metals such as steel, aluminum, iron, and copper. They often work with alloys - metals that are mixed with each other or other elements - to create materials with specific desirable properties.
Nuclear Chemists: conduct research into how radioactive materials alter living organisms and make changes to their biochemistry.

Organic Chemists: study molecules that contain carbon. They may characterize, synthesize or find applications for organic molecules. They perform calculations and chemical reactions to achieve their goals.

Physical Chemists: seek a fundamental understanding of how materials behave and how chemical reactions occur at the molecular and atomic level. Physical chemists research subjects to create materials with new properties and develop pharmaceutical products, among other tasks.

Plastics Scientists: manipulate polymers to cause chemical reactions that may be beneficial to industry and society at large, such as cleaner manufacturing.

Quality Control Chemists: primary duties are to measure and test lab materials and products according to industry-specific standard procedures.

Research and Development Chemists: create and improve processes and products, such as cosmetics, electronics and drugs.

Theoretical Chemists: investigate theoretical methods that can predict the outcomes of chemical experiments.

**Famous Indian Chemists**

**Prafulla Chandra Ray**

*Famous academician and chemist, known for being the founder of Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals, India’s first pharmaceutical company.*

**Amish Chakravarty**

*Animesh Chakraborty FNA, FASc (born 30 June 1935) is a Bengali Indian academic and a professor of chemistry. In 1975, he was awarded the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology in chemistry by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research*

Similarly, there are many more Scientist in Chemistry who have kept up the name of our country through their progress in this field.

- This article is written by Bindu Sai. Gunturi of Class 9 Jasmine.
Green Careers

Environmental science is an interdisciplinary field that includes many scientific disciplines including maths, physics, chemistry, geology, botany, and zoology. As a result, there is a wide range of scientific careers which are connected to environmental science.

**Environmental Scientist**

**Responsibilities:** Informing and supporting businesses, governments and the general public on health risks and environmental hazards
- Choose the best data collection method for research projects
- Analyse samples of soil, water, air, food and other materials to collect environmental data
- Assess threats to the environment through scientific analysis
- Present technical reports on findings, and explaining research and findings
- Develop strategies to prevent, limit or fix environmental problems such as land or water pollution

**Required Skills:** A postgraduate degree in environmental science or a science related field is required.

**Environmental Lawyer**

**Responsibilities:** Analyse and interpret data from case law, literature reviews, research and sample findings
- Convince judges and juries of legal culpability through carefully constructed arguments
- Determine if there is sufficient evidence to proceed with prosecution
- Interpret data through interviews with scientists

**Required Skills:** You will need to qualify as a lawyer and successfully pass the bar examination
Environmental Engineer

**Responsibilities:** Design projects that contribute to environmental protection
Inspect government and private factories and facilities to ensure they comply with environmental standards
Advise governments and businesses on managing and cleaning contaminated sites
Evaluate the significance of an environmental hazard and advise of treating or containing it
Research the environmental impact of construction projects

**Required Skills:** A degree in engineering will be required – some universities offer environmental engineering degrees, but any engineering degree will help provide the skills you need.

Zoologist

**Responsibilities:** Develop and carry out experimental studies with animals
Collect specimens and data for scientific analysis
Utilizing geographic information systems and modelling software to analyse animal behaviour
Analyse the impact of human activity on wildlife and habitats
Develop conservation plans and recommend courses of action on wildlife conservation and management

**Required Skills:** A degree in a biology related subject is necessary

Conservation Scientist

**Responsibilities:** Support governments and landowners to decide the most ecological and prudent use of land
Help manage parks, forests, natural areas and private land
Monitoring forestry and conservation activities to ensure they are complying with government regulations
Creating and implementing plans to manage lands and resources
Create plans taking into consideration disease prevention, harmful insect invasions and the use of fertilizer

**Required Skills:** A degree in an environmental science related area or forestry is typically required.

Hydrologist

**Responsibilities:** Measure volume, stream flow, pH and pollution levels of bodies of water and water samples
Analyse data on how pollution, erosion drought and other problems impact the environment
Research ways to minimize the impact of natural and man-made changes to bodies of water, such as sedimentation, erosion and pollution
Use computer modelling software to forecast water supplies, floods and the spread of pollution
Evaluate whether water related projects such as hydro-electric power plans, irrigation systems and wastewater treatment facilities are feasible

**Required Skills:** A degree is required for this career; very few universities offer a degree in hydrology however, most earth science or geoscience degrees offer an opportunity to concentrate on hydrology.

- Compiled by Bindu Sai Gunturi, 9 J
Meet the Artist – 3

Mukala Naga Venkata Srinidhi, 6 L

Photography & Art by Syeda Sobia Fathima, 8 R
**Nature is Everything That has Life and Supports Life.**

Nature is everything that has life and supports life. Nature is not only humans; humans are just a part of nature. Nature consists of humans, animals, plants, water, landscapes and the nonliving components. Today nature is in danger, it is all because of human beings and their inventions which are harmful to nature.

We human beings are damaging the environment. Humans have become very selfish. Due to our habits, nature is being damaged. Humans are killing animals, causing deforestation, polluting air, water, land which results in global warming. The forests filled with natural resources are now being replaced by buildings, monuments and there is an overuse of natural resources. Humans have been destroying the wildlife habitat. The pollution by humans has been led to pollution of the air, water, the land which has led to global warming which is very bad for the earth.

Global warming has led to the bad atmosphere, sudden climate changes, disasters (flood, tornado, cyclones and earthquake), depletion of the ozone layer and the greenhouse effect. Global warming is a danger for all other living beings. The wildlife is being endangered. The animals cannot talk but we need to understand them. We are destroying their home, families which are also very important for them. Money is not so important for us as nature, we can also live our life in the forest but we want comfort.

Nature has its beauty; the forest is everything. The different trees, plants, shrubs, herbs, flowers and animals that bring a smile to our face. The cute, fierce, slimy and feathery animals are all important for the balance of ecosystems. Humans need to feel nature, the cool breeze, the animals, and people smile. Nature always helps you and you need to help nature to bring back its beauty.

You are just a part of nature, the animal, plants, natural resources are more important. Nature is from you, for you, and needs to be taken care of by you. If nature’s beauty exists the earth exists. The Earth is the only planet with life, our mother Earth is unique, and it’s our responsibility to keep it safe. Life means earth, you are the life of earth if you destroy it you will be destroyed. We human beings, wildlife and the environment are the beauty of nature. And always remember it’s our responsibility to take care of the beauty of nature.

**OUR HOME, OUR NATURE, OUR EARTH, OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

- Written & Illustrated by Elina Naveen Sah, 9 L
ప్రకృతి యొకక ప్ాముఖ్యత్న ఉంటంది, ఎందుకంటే అది సజీవంగా, కదిలే, పునరుత్పతి. ప్రకృతిలో మనం జీవించడానికి పెరుగుదల మరియు అభివృదిని గమనిస్తాము, మానవ నిరిత్మైన వాటిలో చాలావరకు స్థిరమైన లేదా క్షీణిసునన స్థితికి భిననంగా ఉంటంది.

ప్రకృతి మన చుటట ఉనన భగవంత్నియొకక అత్యంత దైవిక సృష్ఠిత, ఇది మానవాళిలో అంతరాగగా ప్రిగణించబడుతుంది. ప్రకృతి చుటకకల అందిసునన పెంటౌంది, ఇది ప్రకృతి ప్రిసరాలను ఆకర్షణీయంగా మరియు జీవించడానికి అనుకులాముగా చేసి ఉంది.

ప్రకృతి మరియుదని వివిధ వరాలు కారణంగా మానవ జీవితాన్ని సాధయమవుతుంది. ప్రకృతి మన చుటట ఉనన మొత్తింభౌతిక ప్రపంచం, ఇది విసిత్కోణంలో ఉంది. ఇదేలో, వాతావరణం, ప్రాయవరణ వయవసి, వృక్షజాలం, జంత్రుజాలం మరియు ప్రకృతి దృశ్యలు ఉన్నానయి. ప్రకృతి మన చుటట ఉనన అందం ఇంకా అంటే ప్రకృతి. ప్రతిచోటా ప్రకృతి ఒక విధంగా లేదా మరో విధంగా అందంగా ఉంటంది. ప్రకృతి సందరించిన మనవారికి పరరరణం మరియు ఆనందానిని కలిగిస్తంది. ఇది అంత్రులేని ఆనందానికి మూలం. ఇది అక్ష రింగ్ కోర్టులను చేసే కిలకిలందకరు ఉన్నాయి. సూరుయడు, నక్షతర రాతిర, చందు రండడ కాంతి, మంచుతో కప్పబడడన ప్రవతాలు, లోత మరియు చీకటి అడవులు, సువాసన మరియు ప్పువుల సువాసన ప్రకృతి అందాలు. చట్టిలో ప్పుమలు చేసే కిలకిలందకరు ఉన్నాయి. వసంత్ ఋతువు, ప్రకృతి ఉత్మమంది. వివిధ రంగులలో వికస్థంచే ప్పువలు గాల్లని సువాసనతో నింపాయి. ప్రకృతి అందాలు మన కళ్ళను ప్రశ్చాంత్ప్రుసా, మన హృదయాలను ఆనందప్రుసా, మన ఆత్రలను ఉతాాహప్రుసా.

- IX- Jasmine
Pre-K: Fun Learning Activities and Celebrations

Our tiny-tots enthusiastically participated in school activities and festive celebrations. Their teachers with great support from parents ensured that the children did not miss out on fun learning activities during the lockdown.
Nature is the Lifeblood of all Living Creatures in the World

Nature is the lifeblood of all living creatures in the world. Nature provides us with everything (like food, water, shelter, etc.), which we need to sustain and survive in the long run. Nature is the most divine creation of god around us; it is considered an integral part of mankind. Nature has bestowed us with water, air, plants and much more to make us survive on this planet. But are we paying back to our mother nature? The answer is no as we have not only failed in paying back but also exploited nature to a great extent.

There are numerous creatures on this planet and every single creature serves a defined purpose in the ecosystem. Humans, on the other hand, are trying to disturb this ecosystem by entering into the places and things they are not supposed to enter. They are creating an imbalance in the ecological cycle of the environment and thus creating havoc all around. Nature is a unique blessing to us, everything created by God on this earth has some purpose and order in life. The radiant rivers, the shining valleys, huge mountains, blue oceans, white sky, the sun, the rain, the moon and the list is non-ending. All these things have some order and serve a purpose in life. Despite all this, we are still doing activities that are not only harmful but can cause real devastation to nature all around.

One can enjoy the beauties of nature in an abundant measure at a hill station. The floating clouds, the dancing springs, the winding rivulets, the all-pervading multicolor flowers, emitting sweet, soothing smell, the trees standing like sentinels with birds singing sweet harmonious songs in their branches, the cool breeze, the humming bees, the delicious fruits- all cater to human senses. Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder on the earth, in the air, in the sky and in the ocean. His heart leaps up when he beholds a rainbow in the sky.

We should not destroy the originality of the nature and should not imbalance the ecosystem cycle. Our nature provides us beautiful environment to live and enjoy so it is our responsibility to keep it clean and away from all the damages. In the modern era, many selfish and bad activities of the human being have disturbed the nature to a great extent. But we all should try to maintain our nature’s beauty.

Nature is like our real mother which never harms us but always nourishes us. Walking in the lap of nature in the early morning makes us healthy and strong as well as keeps us away from many lethal diseases like diabetes, chronic heart diseases, high blood pressure, liver problem, digestive system ailments, infections, brain disease, etc. It is good for our health to hear the soft sound of the birds, rattle of the breeze, sound of running fresh air, sound of running water in the river, etc in the early morning. Most of the poets, writers and people used to of yoga and meditation are seen in the early morning in the garden to re-energize their body, mind and soul.

Now a day, everyone has less time to enjoy nature. In the increasing crowd we forgot to enjoy nature and
improve health. We started using technological instruments for our health fitness. However, it is very true that nature has power to nourish us and fit us forever. Most of the writers have described the real beauty and advantage of the nature in their writings. Nature has ability to make our mind tension free and cure our diseases. Because of technological advancement in the life of human being, our nature is declining gradually which needs a high level of awareness to keep it in balance and to conserve natural assets.

Nature teaches man the lesson of peace, innocence, purity, love, harmony, simplicity, hope and faith in the glory of God. Wordsworth believes that nature is the greatest store-house of wisdom, apart from being a source of eternal happiness.

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Vadime Ashwin

VIII - Rose

“Inner peace is closely related to care for ecology and for the common good because, lived out authentically, it is reflected in a balanced lifestyle together with a capacity for wonder which takes us to a deeper understanding of life.” - Laudato Si, 225
Art Gallery 2

G. Gaurav, 7 J

Kotapally Nipun Wilson, 8 R

G. Ruthvik Kumar, 6 L

G. Varnika Reddy Gundannagari, 6 R
Teachers Corner

The Benefits of Yoga

The word “YOGA” comes from the Sanskrit language, meaning union or merger. It means balancing and harmonizing the body, mind and emotions. “Yoga is the practice of quieting the mind. Persons who practice Yoga asanas are sure to be healthy, peaceful, and blissful always.

These are some asanas done by our students.

1. Asanas makes people look younger and energetic it makes the body strong.
2. If yoga asanas are practiced everyday our blood circulation increases to the lower abdominal region, digestive system, excretory system and other parts of our body.
3. Practicing yoga asanas improves our memory and concentration.
5. Flexibility of the spine is increased, reduces fat around the waist line.

- By Mrs. Saraswathi, Telugu and Yoga Teacher
Behind the Scenes

Thank you to our Support Staff
for all their work in cleaning and sanitizing the school to protect us.
Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you are doing good. You must be so busy with Christmas celebrations. You may be thinking that I am expecting a gift from you by writing this letter to you. It’s true but I am not expecting any gift like chocolates, toys and cakes.

Santa I wanna go to school. I am missing my school. I want to stand for a prayer in ground, and go to the class in a line, I want to meet my friends and chat with them, play with them, I want to see my teachers, I want to listen new stories from them. Even I want to tease my friends and get scolding from my teachers.

Santa please end this Corona and help schools to open. Hope you will complete my wish. One more request dear, please were a mask and use sanitizer when you meet and give gifts to kids.

Yours Shaurya
“Without confidence and love there can be no true education.”

- St. John Bosco