

GOOSEBERRY

JOURNEY FROM
SOUR TO SWEET

EDITION
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A Venture by
St. Mary's School, Nagina



MANAGER'S MESSAGE

I am glad that St. Mary School Nagina is bringing out the second edition of its newsletter 'GOOSEBERRY'. I congratulate the entire team who worked behind to bring out this newsletter. The true meaning of Education is well captured in the title of the Newsletter. Education and schooling are a time when one feels bitterness, soreness, and sourness due to its binding forces like discipline, rules and regulations, practice, homework, and timely corrections. However, the result of such education and schooling is rewarding like the development of good character, healthy personality, promising citizens, and a Productive workforce. This is the same as one feels the sweetness as an aftertaste of gooseberry. I wish all the success to all our teachers, students, and parents who are engaged in such kind of an education process in this school, and let this process of education find its sweetness in our children. God bless them all.

Rev. Fr. Anoop Peter CMI



ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

As we stand at the threshold of a new academic year, it's an opportune moment to reflect on our shared journey and the values that bind us together as a school community. Our school magazine namely "GOOSEBERRY" serves as a mirror, reflecting our collective achievements, diverse talents, and the vibrant tapestry of cultures that enrich our environment. This edition is a testament to the hard work, creativity, and unity that define us. As you turn these pages, I encourage you to engage with the content, appreciate the efforts of your peers, and reflect on how we can continue to foster an environment where diversity is celebrated, and unity is our guiding principle.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all contributors and the editorial team, both outgoing and incoming, for their dedication and effort in bringing this magazine to life. Your enthusiasm and commitment are truly commendable.

Wishing you all a year filled with learning, growth, and harmonious collaboration.

Rev. Fr. Nithin Airukattu CMI

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear readers,

We are celebrating the Journey & cherishing the moments with St. Mary's Family...! As we wrap up another enriching academic year, this second edition of *Gooseberry* captures the vibrant spirit, achievements, and heartfelt moments that defined the concluding phase of the 2024–25 session. From academic milestones to cultural celebrations, competitions and annual day to farewells, this edition is a reflection of the dedication, creativity, and unity that make our school community truly special.

I invite you to relive these cherished memories and celebrate the efforts of our students, staff, and well-wishers who brought the session 2024-25 to life with purpose and passion. I wish you a fruitful and enriching academic session 2025-26 ahead. Happy reading!

Warm regards,

Fr. Shaiju Raphel CMI



VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I'm delighted to see our St. Mary's family showcasing their unique gifts and perspectives through the 2nd edition of Gooseberry. Just as a Gooseberry is rich in nutrients, our school newsletter, Gooseberry, serves as a vibrant platform to celebrate the talents, activities, events, and stories of our students! My heartfelt appreciation goes out to all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes, as well as those who take the initiative to make this newsletter a triumph. May God bless our efforts and inspire us to continue creating and sharing our talents with one another.

Sr. Jismy Njaliyan SJSM



CHIEF EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Students,

Passion is the force that motivates us to do what we love. It is the reason why we wake up every morning and continue to pursue our dreams. Passion is a feeling that comes from an individual's unique perspective on life. It helps us find our purpose in life and enables us to achieve more than what we ever thought possible. Passion is the driving force that pushes you to explore new opportunities, take risks, and keep going when things get tough. It is a key factor in the career building process. Let your passion lead you...

I take this opportunity to thank all, for helping us to publish the two volumes of Gooseberry. As we move from this post, I express my sincere thanks to all who supported and shared their views. I humbly request you to give the same support to the next in charges.

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Gratitude Unfolded

On behalf of the silent hands and steady hearts behind the desks, we, the secretaries, extend our heartfelt thanks to our management and colleagues. Your trust fuels our dedication; your support shapes our service. Together, we don't just run a school—we script harmony, one task at a time. Here's to shared purpose, mutual respect, and the unseen threads that hold it all together.

With gratitude,

School Staff Secretaries



Mr. Sobin Xavier



Mrs. Neetu Verma



**Mehreen Shamshi
VIII-C**

Water scarcity is a pressing concern that holds particularly serious implications for a nation like India. With its variable monsoon patterns and increasing population, the country faces an escalating water crisis. To mitigate this looming threat, a unified and collective endeavour from each individual is indispensable.

Amidst the criticality of the situation, the adoption of practical water-saving measures becomes necessary. Rainwater harvesting, for instance, is a strategy that can substantially increase the available water supply. By capturing rainwater and channelling it into storage systems, we can create a sustainable source of water for various purposes. Additionally, the utilization of water-efficient appliances can play a pivotal role in conserving this invaluable resource. Upgrading to appliances designed to minimize water consumption, such as low-flow toilets and efficient washing machines, can significantly curtail wastage.

Curbing water wastage demands a shift in our mind set and behaviours. Simple yet impactful actions like fixing leaky taps, turning off taps while brushing, and reusing water for secondary purposes can collectively make a significant difference.

More than just a duty, it is our responsibility to safeguard water resources for the sake of future generations. By implementing these measures, we contribute to a more water-resilient society and a sustainable environment.



CELESTIA

ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION

An annual function named **CELESTIA - A Cosmic Voyage** was celebrated in St Mary's School Nagina on 9th December, 2024. It was a grand celebration. The chief guest of this program was sub-District Magistrate of Bijnor Mr. Mange Ram Chauhan and Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan CMI was the guest of honour. Mr. Jai Karan Yadav, DIS Bijnor also graced the occasion. Special guests included Mr. Indrajit Singh Chaudhary BEO, Kotwali Block Nagina and Veer Singh, Nodal officer Kotwali Block Nagina and fathers and sisters from other schools the programme by their presence. Chief guests were honoured by the school management by giving them token of love.



In this programme, senior teacher of the school Mrs. Arti Mishra was honoured for completing 32 years of service and non-teaching staff Mr. Nastaur Kujur and Mrs. Patricia Kujur for 20 years of service by the Sub District Magistrate. Apart from this, the toppers of ISC and ICSE for the year 2022-23 and 2023-24 were awarded with a cheque of Rs. 5001 and a trophy.

Director of this magnificent event was Rev. Fr. Shaiju Raphael CMI, Project Manager was Rev Fr. Anoop CMI and Production coordinator was Rev Sr. Jismy SJSM. About 500 students and all the teachers contributed with full efforts to make the programme successful. Around 3000 parents enriched the occasion with their presence.



The celebration of Republic Day was held on 26th January 2025 in the school ground. The function was presided over by the honourable chief guest Rev. Fr. Gerald, the campus director. After welcoming the chief guest the flag was hoisted and other programs were held. Fr. Gerald told everyone about the importance of Republic Day. Rev. Fr. Shaiju, the principal winded up the programme. Sweets were also distributed to the students and staff.





FAREWELL OF CLASS 12

A farewell for class – XII is a special event organised to bid goodbye to the outgoing students. Class XII was given farewell by class XI and the school authorities. The honourable chief guest of the event was Rev. Fr. Davis Varayilan- the Provincial, Rev. Fr. Anoop- the manager, Rev. Fr. Pauly -Assistant Manager, Rev Sr. Shaiju, the principal, Rev. Fr. Nithin and Rev Sisters were also present in the event. It included speeches, performances and the celebrations to honour the senior's journey. It was an emotional yet joyous event that marked the end of school life and the beginning of a new journey. The gathering ended with an agape.





STAFF PICNIC



A staff picnic was organised by the management. The staff along with the management departed from school Campus in the evening on 6th Feb, 2025 to Jaipur, Ajmer and Pushkar. It was a two days trip that was organised for teachers to relax, bond and take a break from their daily responsibilities. It was a fun trip. Everyone enjoyed a lot and it will be remembered for a life time.





Dear Friends,

"It is the chances we take and the choices we make that make us who we are. "It is with immense pride and gratitude that I introduce you to the second addition of our school magazine, 'Gooseberry'-the journey from sour to sweet. This newsletter is a reflection of the milestones and shared experiences of

Our St. Mary's Family during the session 2024-2025 and it serves as a reminder of the vibrant community

we belong to. As we flip through these pages, let us embrace the efforts of every contributor who made this publication possible and this journey remarkable.

May it inspire us to-strive for excellence, cherish our achievements, and look forward to a brighter future.

May the Universe bless all of us.

Warm regards,

Farheen Shamsi (Head Girl)



Dear Friends,

Being a head boy is an incredible honour and responsibility. It's a role that requires leadership, dedication, and a commitment to the school community. As Head Boy, you are expected to set a positive example for other students through your actions and behaviour. You act as a bridge between the students and the teachers, ensuring that everyone's voice is heard. The role teaches valuable skills such as time management, problem-solving, and decision-making. You'll be involved in organizing school events and fostering school spirit. It's about motivating others and encouraging them to get involved. Despite the challenges, it offers an opportunity for personal growth and development. The position of Head Boy is an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy. It shapes the school's culture and inspires future leaders.

Warm regards,

Charchit Bharti (Head Boy)

Tricky Questions



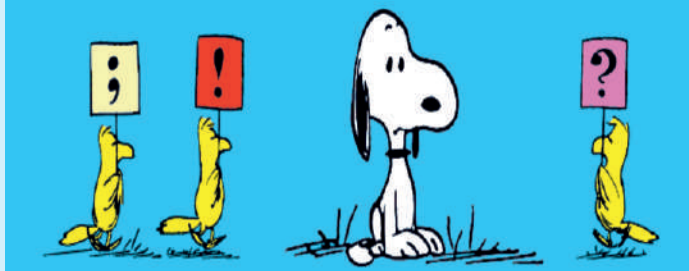
**Ashmeet Kour
VI-C**

1. What gets wetter the more it dries?
2. What word is spelled incorrectly in every dictionary?
3. What never asks a question but gets answered all the time?
4. What goes up and never comes down?
5. What starts with "e" and ends with "e" but only has one letter in it?

Answers : (1) Towel (2) Incorrectly (3) Your Phone
(4) Your Age (5) Envelope



SOCIAL COMMENTARY



Suryanshi Chauhan
XII-B

The Problem Isn't Girls' Clothes— it's the Mentality That Judges Them

In many cases of harassment or assault, the first question often asked is, what was she wearing? Society has conditioned us to believe that a girl's clothes are responsible for how she is treated, but the real issue lies in the mind-set of those who judge her.

Take the example of Nirbhaya in Delhi (2012), who was wearing a sweater and jeans when she became a victim of a brutal attack. Her attire didn't cause the crime—it was the criminals' mentality. Similarly, in the Burdwan case (2020), a woman in a saree was harassed, showing that it's not the clothes, but the perception that needs to change.

In schools and colleges, girls are often reprimanded for wearing sleeveless tops or skirts, while boys rarely face consequences for making girls feel uncomfortable. This demonstrates how society shifts the blame to girls instead of teaching boys to respect others.

The focus should be on educating young minds about respect, consent, and boundaries, not on policing girls' clothing. Women in all types of clothing have faced harassment, proving that it's not about the clothes—it's about how women are perceived. Society needs to stop blaming girls and start holding offenders accountable for their actions.

It's time to stop policing girls' clothes and start changing the way society thinks. A woman's worth is not determined by her outfit, but by the respect she is shown.

Artificial Intelligence



Alshan, XII-A

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming the world at an unprecedented pace, revolutionizing industries, economies, and daily life. From healthcare to finance, AI is enhancing efficiency, reducing costs, and enabling new possibilities.

One of AI's biggest impacts is in healthcare. AI-powered diagnostics help doctors detect diseases like cancer earlier, improving patient outcomes. AI also enables robotic surgeries, personalized treatment plans, and drug discovery, making healthcare more accessible and efficient.

In business, AI automates repetitive tasks, analyses vast amounts of data, and provides insights for better decision-making. Chatbots and virtual assistants enhance customer service; while AI-driven marketing tools help companies personalize advertisements and predict consumer behaviour.

The transportation industry is also experiencing a transformation with self-driving cars and AI-assisted traffic management. Autonomous vehicles have the potential to reduce accidents and make travel more efficient.

AI is revolutionizing education by personalizing learning experiences, automating grading, and providing tutoring through AI-powered platforms. Students now have access to adaptive learning tools that cater to their individual needs.

However, AI also raises concerns about job displacement, privacy, and ethics. As AI continues to evolve, society must ensure its responsible use. With proper regulations and ethical considerations, AI has the potential to create a smarter, safer, and more efficient world.



Humaira Waseem
XII-A

Journey at St. Mary's School, Nagina, from nursery to 12th grade, is filled with countless memories, friendships, and personal growth. Here's a nostalgic reflection of my school life, capturing the essence of those precious years:

Nursery to Primary (LKG - 5th Grade):

The excitement of stepping into school for the first time, dressed in your tiny uniform.

Making your first friends, sharing lunchboxes, and playing in the school playground.

Learning alphabets, rhymes, and basic math—those innocent days of fun-filled learning.

Participating in school assemblies, fancy dress competitions, and annual functions.

The nervousness of writing your first-ever exams and the joy of earning your first "Star" or "Good" remarks from teachers.

Middle School (6th - 8th Grade):

Transitioning to more serious studies while still enjoying games, sports, and school picnics.

The thrill of getting a school diary entry (both good and bad).

Developing crushes, secret notes, and forming best friend groups.

Participating in debates, quizzes, and cultural events.

Starting to understand responsibilities with class monitor duties and extra-curricular activities.

High School (9th - 10th Grade):

The pressure of board exams slowly creeping in.

Late-night studies, group tuitions, and school projects becoming a major part of life.

The fun and excitement of being the new seniors in 10th grade.

Building stronger friendships, sharing notes, and helping each other before exams.

The bittersweet feeling of giving the first board exams (10th boards) and waiting for results.

Choosing your stream (Science, Commerce, or Arts) and dealing with the pressure of 12th boards.

Balancing school, tuitions, and personal time (including moments with your friends).

The last annual function, sports day, and farewell party where emotions run high.

Scribbling memories and goodbye notes on each other uniforms, taking endless pictures, and promising to stay in touch forever.

The last walk through the school corridors, realizing how much you'll miss "your second home"-St. Mary's School, Nagina.

This journey is more than just school—it's the foundation of who you are today. Which part of your school life do you miss the most?

WORDS OF *Gratitude*

Harshita, XII-A



After spending 15 years in this school, it's hard to believe that this is our last time standing here as students of St. Mary's School, Nagina. There was a time when we cried because we didn't want to come to school—waking up early, finishing homework, and worrying about surprise tests. And now, we are crying because we don't want to leave—because this place has become our home, and the people here have become our family.

From running to the ground as soon as the lunch bell rang, to finding new excuses for not doing homework, to those unforgettable moments before an exam when we promised ourselves we'd study earlier next time (but never did)—every little moment has made this journey special.

First, I want to thank our Principal Fr. Shaiju, who has always guided us and made sure we had the best opportunities. To our teachers, who not only taught us math, science, and history but also taught us patience—especially while handling us! Thank you for always supporting and believing in us, even when we didn't believe in ourselves. To the management, thank you for creating such a wonderful environment where we could learn, grow, and create memories for a lifetime.

To our juniors, you guys have a long way to go. Enjoy every bit of school life—because before you know it, you'll be standing here, just like us, wondering where the time went. And yes, please take good care of our teachers; they have already tolerated a lot because of us! And finally, to my dear batch mates—we have been through it all. From fun in the classrooms to stressful exam nights, from silly fights to friendships that will last forever. We may be stepping into different worlds now, but the bond we share will always remain.

As we say goodbye to this beautiful chapter of our lives, let's carry forward the lessons, the friendships, and the memories. Thank you, St. Mary's School, Nagina, for being more than just a school—for being our second home.



Alfisha, XII-A

At night what you fear,
The silence that permeates around or the
monsters you fear,
From falling asleep why are you so scared?
Instead of sweet dreams, do you have
nightmare?
Is it your creeping memories that keep you
awake?
Or the frightening thoughts that in your mind
you make?
Is it the haunting fear that you can't forsake?
Or the ghostly whisper that soul shakes?
Are you afraid of the dark or what lurks in it?
Is it the silhouette that makes your heartbeat
quick?
Why all the night you wait for morning to
come?
Is in it you get haunted by phantom?
But as night fades and dawns break new,
Do you find the strength to face what you once
knew?
For in the light, shadows lose their might,
And fear dissolve in the morning gentle light.

10 Tips to Speak English Fluently

1. **Practice Regularly:** Consistency is key. Dedicate time every day to practice speaking English. Engage in conversations; listen to English media, and read aloud to build your confidence.
2. **Expand Your Vocabulary:** Learn new words daily and use them in sentences. A rich vocabulary allows you to express yourself more clearly and accurately.
3. **Engage in Conversations:** Speaking with native speakers or fluent English speakers can significantly improve your language skills. Join language exchange groups, online forums, or local meetups.
4. **Listen to English Media:** Watch movies, listen to podcasts, and follow English-speaking YouTube channels. This helps you understand different accents and improves your listening skills.
5. **Read Aloud:** Reading aloud helps improve your pronunciation and fluency. Choose materials that interest you to keep the practice enjoyable.
6. **Think in English:** Train your brain to think in English instead of translating from your native language. This habit can improve your response time during conversations.
7. **Use Language Learning Apps:** Apps like Duolingo, Babbel, and Rosetta Stone offer interactive exercises to enhance your speaking skills. These apps provide immediate feedback and track your progress.
8. **Record Yourself:** Record your speech and listen to it. This helps you identify areas for improvement and track your progress over time.
9. **Focus on Pronunciation:** Pay attention to the way words are pronounced. Use online resources and pronunciation guides to perfect your accent.
10. **Be Patient and Persistent:** Learning a language is a gradual process. Stay patient and persistent. Celebrate small victories and keep pushing yourself to improve.



Chris Sobin
V-B



IN THE GARDEN



Kiran Sobin
II-C

In the garden,
Pull the weeds.
Dig a hole,
Plant the seeds!
Cover them up.
Water them, too.
Watch them grow,
In front of you.
Make sure the sprout,
Gets lots of sun,
To grow a plant,
Is tons of fun.



The Peace in Nature

Naba Naseem, XI-A



The noise was too much, it made me tired.
I searched for a place, where I could retire.
Nature called me, with its gentle Breeze.
I found comfort in quite, and started to breathe!!

Home: A shelter of Love and Lasting Memories"

Home is where love shines bright.
With family and cousins everything's alright.
We share laughter and tears and make memories too.
These moments are precious and forever true.

Peace
by Piece



Ayana Siddiqui, IV-B

The world is getting smaller and it's
breaking into bits.
Let's put it back together.
Peace by piece the puzzle fits.
Repairs can all be tended by the tiniest of
friends.
As working all together peace by piece
the puzzle mends.

Make a Step



Yatharth Verma, VIII-C

Those small and calm brains
Are now stuffed with just distressing pains
Those pretty and cute eyes
Are now just covered with dark black lines
All that burden you take
Has made your smiles fake
Now make yourself brave
And take a step you required to take
As you are aware and know
Happiness doesn't last for years
Then why to be sick
With those certain fears
Once you try not to cry
Dreaming those depressing fake scenario
Hit that fire of dedication in you
And break all those rules & stereotypes
You try it now and try it again
Even if you don't succeed and fail
And don't compare yourself with others
Because experience is a hint that you'll gain
Oh, my dear friend it's my soulful prayer
Accept all those realities and the realities
It's a phase of life that will pass by
enhancing qualities.





Aarish Husain, VI-B

Traffic rules are essential for maintaining order and safety on the roads. They ensure that drivers, pedestrians, and other road users follow a standardized set of guidelines to minimize the risk of accidents and congestion.

BASIC TRAFFIC RULES

1. Follow traffic signals: Obey traffic lights, stop signs, and yield signs.
2. Drive on the right side: In most countries, drive on the right-hand side of the road.
3. Maintain speed limits: Adhere to posted speed limits and adjust speed according to road conditions.
4. Use turn signals: Indicate your intentions to turn or change lanes.
5. Respect pedestrian crossings: Yield to pedestrians at designated crossings.
6. Wear seatbelts: Ensure all occupants wear seatbelts while driving.
7. Avoid using mobile phones: Refrain from using mobile phones while driving.

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC RULES

1. Right-of-way rules: Yield to other road users when necessary, such as at intersections or when merging.
2. Lane discipline: Stay within your designated lane and avoid weaving in and out of lanes.
3. Parking regulations: Park your vehicle in designated areas and follow parking signs.
4. Roundabout rules: Yield to traffic already in the roundabout and signal your exit.

Conclusion

Traffic rules are in place to ensure the safety and smooth flow of traffic. By following these rules, drivers can significantly reduce the risk of accidents and congestion, making our roads safer for everyone.

ART GALLERY



Manthan Bishnoi
XI-A



LISTEN, LISTEN O' MY DEAR FRIENDS!!!



Yashi Jingala, XII-A

Listen, listen O' my dear friends!!!
Often, many people go and come in our life.
But some of them respect us, some don't
Knowingly or unknowingly we join the respecting of
those people..
Who have no need or respect for us?
And we forget those who respect us...

Listen, listen O' my dear friends!!!

Later sometimes, we feel or understand that's person's
respects, when it's too late.
And it is mostly felt when there is no way of coming
back..

The same thing comes again (Would you have
regretted it when the birds had pecked at the field?
That's why we should always respect that person....
We should never sad someone who respects us.

Listen, listen O' my dear friends!!!

What's the point of thinking about it now?
Will come back if you don't appreciate it?
And now you expect it to come back to you....

Listen, listen O' my dear friends!!!

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CLASS X-B



CLASS X-C



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CLASS XII

