

# Wasant Valley

February, 2013

T O D A Y

## Letters from Cupid

Valentines Day. That one day when boys spend money on girls who will probably break their hearts, and girls get all dressed up for boys who will laugh about it later with their friends. The 14th of february is often a stressful day, full of anticipation, joy and sometimes rejection. On this Valentines Day, my heart goes out to all the single boys and girls who have tried to make it happen for themselves but havent succeeded. Don't give up just yet. All I can offer you are my condolences, and some advice for next time.



my powers to help you. This girl is most likely popular, beautiful and very clearly out of your league. If you're wondering why you can't get her attention, hate to say it but look in the mirror. I'm nothing if not honest! As for advice, study hard, become the owner of a multi-billion dollar company and maybe she'll look your way. Maybe. Good luck!

Tarini Sardesai, 11

*"The 14th of February is often a stressful day, full of anticipation, joy and sometimes rejection. Don't give up just yet."*

Dear Cupid,  
Valentine's Day is here and everyone seems to be in love except me. Do you think you can fly and point your love arrow at me this time? - Forever Alone

Dear Forever Alone,  
Seriously? Allow me to educate you: there is no arrow and I am not a naked baby with wings. Just to clarify: you know that the Easter bunny and Santa are fake too right? As for Valentine's Day, it's a sham. It's the one day couples get to act like love sick puppies and pretend they don't secretly hate each other and have a million problems. Don't let it fool you. I'm sure you will find someone who will love you soon. It just won't be for your intellect. But don't worry dumb can be attractive too. Anyway, enjoy sitting at home alone, crying at how sad your life is on Valentine's Day.

P.S: "Forever alone"? Lose the drama, maybe then you won't be FOREVER ALONE.

Dear Cupid,  
I'm in love with a girl in my class and she doesn't know I exist. I've tried getting her attention but it doesn't seem to work. What should I do? - Desperate and Invisible

Dear Desperate and Invisible,  
Ah, young love. A beautiful thing isn't it? A good thing to give, but even better to receive. But don't get too happy as in your case, that's not happening. While I'm sure your love is true, your unattractiveness is too strong for even

## SCHOOL WATCH

### Inter Section Elocution Competition

Class 6: 1st - Dhruv Rattan and Devaki Divan, 2nd - Sehaj Kaur, 3rd - Saiesha Gupta

Class 7: 1st - Mahin Bharadwaj, 2nd - Kabir Singh, 3rd - Sia Diwar

Class 8: 1st - Asees Kaur, 2nd - Ishita Malhotra, 3rd - Adeti Salooja and Zoya Hassan

**Bipasha Mukherjee, Class 8** has won a Gold medal in the 25m Speed Skating Event and a Silver Medal in the 55m Speed Skating at The Special Olympics, 10th World Winter Games in Pyeong Chang, South Korea- 4th February, 2013

### Class 7 Kavita Vaachan Pratiyogita

1st - Priyam Deka, 2nd- Kabir Singh, 3rd - Sia Dawar & Ashutosh Trivedi

CONGRATULATIONS!!



# PREFECTS

Every year Vasant Valley School appoints new prefects and every year these prefects make, well... interesting? contributions. Here are their ideas for 2013.



**Shreyas Kadaba - Head Boy**

"Vasant Valley is currently like a sieve, some children tend to fall through the cracks. As head boy I want to turn that sieve into a web, so that every student feels special."



**Sharanya Thakur - Head Girl**

"I don't just want to lead as head girl, I want to be the type of person who everyone can rely on and trust in every single way."

**Aditya Srinivasan - Yellow House Captain**

"Hopefully both my house and I will do much better this year than before. By the end of 2013 no one should call Yellow the 'looser' house ever again."



**Anjani Gupta - Blue House Captain**

"I really want to revive our house spirit. I want to motivate all my house members because winning is important, but it's believing in your house and working as a team that makes us unique."



**Tejasvini Puri - Red House Captain**

"The best thing about Red House is its spirit. I want to do everything I can to keep that up, nobody in red should ever feel bullied or sad while I'm captain."



**Mrudang Mathur - Green House Captain**

"The post doesn't define the prefect, the prefect defines the post. I just want to make sure Green House wins on Sports Day for the fourth year in a row."



**Namrata Narula - Editor**

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## WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM YOUR PREFECTS THIS YEAR?

"NO CHUTNEY SANDWICHES!!" – Chinmayi  
 "No boys and girls together." – Kabir Sharma  
 "Adventure camp that's out of India" – Rishad Pilgrim  
 "Make it a little more fun!" – Aadil Anand  
 "Give us more responsibility and a wider range of competitions." – Ransher Manhas  
 "Shouldn't be too bossy" – Serena Bhullar  
 "We should be allowed to play in the Jhula Badi and we should have longer PE lessons." – Palak Jain  
 "I expect them to do more than last year's prefects because every year the current prefects do more than the one's before them. Also they may seem scary, but once you get to know them they are really nice"- Inayat Gill  
 "I don't expect anything from them. All they do is tell people to keep quiet during class act"- Anonymous (for obvious reasons)  
 "I think the prefects this year should work towards bettering the PE department and introduce more events

and games"-Mallika Kishore  
 "They should have less attitude then they do now." – Paras Marya  
 "I deserve it more than them"-Armaan Anand  
 "To behave maturely with their juniors" –Aarushi Madan  
 "To make me more awesome" –Aadit Raj Gupta  
 "Want them to interact with us more" –Sonam Vashisth  
 "They should be single, and just stand there and look hot."- Anonymous



*'The Prefect Council'*

**Namrata Narula - Editor**

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**Abhishek Dhawan - Games Captain**

"A sport is played not for victory but for pleasure. I want to encourage people to experience the excitement and adrenaline rush I and many others do while playing sports and not to refrain from participation due to fear of losing."





### That's Me



Hi! (whoever is reading this) My name is Devaki Lucette Jayal. This story that I'm going to tell you is about me. So... I hope you enjoy it! It was in 2002, 28<sup>th</sup> December 6:00am when a bundle of joy was brought to earth... lights flashed and cold air whipped at me. "It's a girl!" someone cried. Well yeah, I thought to myself. What do you think? I grew up in Garden Estate and its where I live to this day. My mother writes and paints while my father works for Winzler & Kelly. My sister and I both share a passion for horse-riding. I have 5 friends who are very close to me: Anoushka, Aaliya, Layla, Leela, Yashoda and, of course, Toffee and Cookie, my whiskey dog friends. I have a soft spot for desserts and ponies, and I absolutely hate messy areas. I'm scared of car accidents and natural disasters. I spend my free time painting, drawing or reading. I also play basketball and I do a bit of gymnastics. I've won 2 bronze pins, one silver medal and earned a badge for skiing. I go to France every year to our house by the sea where I can frolic around on the beach the whole day. I visit Thailand too and love to go to Goa. Luckily nothing very bad has happened to me in my life. I have so many joys that I cannot list them down. One of my sorrows was when my old dog Tara died. My dream is to have a singing and acting career as well as own a pony club. When a girl was attacked on a bus it left a huge impact on me. I want the world to be peaceful with no wars and no fights for land. If you ever meet a girl with black hair that frames a caramel brown face with a diary which has this story written in it well then...

*Deviki Jayal V- A*

**Class I - B "Budding Readers"**



### Trip To Surjivan Farm

We went for a trip to Surjivan Farm on 24<sup>th</sup> January. I went with my friends and teachers in the school bus. I had fun in the tractor ride. We saw the hook of



the tractor. There were mud huts. I had fun churning butter. It was my favourite activity. I had great fun on the Trip to Surjivan farm.

*Jia Noor II - A*

We went for a trip to Surjivan Farm on 24<sup>th</sup> January. I went with my friends and teachers in the school bus. I liked many things like the tractor ride and yummy food. We saw vegetables growing, parrot holes, fruit trees, flower plants, mud huts, earthworms and swings.



*Devnanda R Satish II - A*

### मेरा भारत महान

मेरा भारत महान! यह हर हिन्दुस्तानी के दिल की आवाज़ है। भारत एक विशाल देश है। इसके उत्तर में पर्वत राज हिमालय खड़ा है तो दक्षिण में समुद्र है। भारत की पहचान उसकी संस्कृति, सभ्यता, रीति-रिवाज़ और उसका अमूल्य इतिहास है। हमारे भारत में महात्मा गाँधी, लाल बहादुर शास्त्री, जवाहरलाल नेहरूजी जैसे महापुरुषों का जन्म हुआ था। संसार की सबसे ऊँची चोटी भी भारत में है। भारत में विभिन्न भाषाएँ हैं। भारत की एकता में विविध पावन स्थल हैं। भारत में विभिन्नता में एकता के दर्शन होते हैं। हमारे देश के जवान हमारे देश की शान हैं। हमारे देश के जवान बहुत महान हैं वह हमारे देश की शान है। मुझे अपने देश पर बहुत गर्व है।

“सारे जहाँ से अच्छा हिन्दुस्ता हमारा हम बुलबुले हैं इसके ये गुलिस्ता हमारा”।

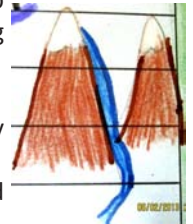
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**Budding Picasso's - "Self Potraits" by Cass 1**

### Rivers

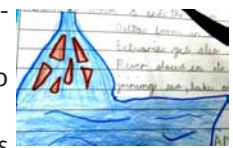
I am a little tiny river starting from a glacier which is my only source. Flowing through steep mountains, I'm widening my course by course. Many streams join me. I found another tributary to join me forever. I go helter skelter and meander around cities. Now I form a delta leading to my mouth. And finally reach the sea where I'll always be.



*Kavin Bhatia IV - A*

### The Glorious River

Rivers start their early course, with springs, glaciers, snow as source, Cold water flowing with force, Crystal clear and changing course. Smaller tributaries join the flow. Making baby rivers grow, Meandering in S- shaped lanes, Rivers widen in the plains. Silt and rocks make it slow. Tributaries spread the flow. Crossing village, towns and more. Mouth is where it ends the show. Deltas form in triangle shape. Estuaries get also made. River slows in its motion joining sea, lake or ocean.



*Aditya Garg IV - C*

### Myself

My name is Rohan and I am eight years old. I study in Vasant Valley School, in class - 3. My favourite sport is soccer. I want to be a soccer player when I grow up. My best friend is Arnav. My favourite hobbies are 'Technology and Filmmaking' and Calligraphy. I am also in the Delhi Youth League which is a football club. Some of my friends in the league are Arnav, Krish and Armaan. Our teams' name is 'The Dream Team'. Our coach is Varun Chopra. I want to play for my school team.



*Rohan Pahwa III - B*

**"This Racist party is against the idea of immigrants, and promotes racial intolerance through violence against children and smashing the stalls of immigrant vendors."**



'The Official Party Flag of Golden Dawn'

## Are the Nazi's Back?

In the wake of Greece's economic meltdown, several factions have jockeyed for power amid social unrest, soaring debts and austerity measures both complicated and controversial. Perhaps the most notorious of these groups is the increasingly popular far-right, anti-immigrant Chrysi Avgi (Golden Dawn) Party, which won 18 seats in the country's Parliament back in June 2012, despite (or because of) their neo-Nazi imagery, fascist nationalism, and links to attacks on Asian and African migrants.

This xenophobic, nationalistic, and racist party is against the idea of immigrants, and promotes this racial intolerance through violence against children, smashing the stalls of immigrant vendors who failed to provide the necessary permits for selling goods at street markets, and racist attacks in general. The widespread anger that Greeks have experienced since the beginning of the economic crisis has been channelled to children and is shaping their psyche, experts say. Child psychologist Amalia Louizou explains that in such an environment, children are the easiest recipients of extremist messages. These culture clashes appear to be spreading into the playground. Graffiti of Greek flags, nationalist slogans, and signs that bear a resemblance to swastikas have started appearing around schools.

Golden Dawn denies that it is a neo-Nazi party, preferring to call itself nationalist. But its members are accused of acts of violence against immigrants and ethnic minorities. The party's flag is an ancient Greek symbol similar to the swastika and its leader, Nikolaos Mihaloliakos, gave a Nazi salute at an Athens city council meeting in 2011. The members might believe that this is the 'Dawn' of a new Greece, but what's really sad is that fascist ideology could ever be accepted in a country famous for being the birthplace of democracy.

Noor Dhingra, 10

## SHOP SMART (PHONES)

2012 has seen a massive frenzy of breakthroughs in the consumer electronics arena, particularly in the smartphone sector. Many new mobile phones have been released, and as you would probably know, the main competitors are Android and iOS, with Windows Phone growing rapidly.

We believe that the iPhone used to be the leader in this segment, however by simply upgrading their phone incrementally, Apple has fallen behind. We know that their sales figures are still off the charts, however that is due to their enormous head start in the arena. The iPhone has lost its 'it' Factor.



**Samsung Galaxy S3:** The highest selling phone in the world. The funny part is, the Galaxy S3's main negative was its cheap plastic build which is exactly where the iPhone wins, build and design. I think this change portrays the emotion of the consumer and the fact that they are now marginally less design oriented.

**Nokia Lumia 920:** This device is ONLY suitable if you prefer the UI of Windows Phone to Android or iOS, and if you don't mind its tremendously sparse app collection. It is a great phone but has limited potential. Its limited amounts of apps and weight are a huge disadvantage. However, it is very sturdy and will not break as easily as the iPhone or the S3.



The iPhone 5 was released 5 months after the S3, which in technological terms is a fair bit. That is why we feel, that when the Galaxy S4 finally releases in April, Apple will be in big trouble. The iPhone is still the best phone out there but it has not really improved drastically from its previous updates. It is also priced at Rs 43000, which is very expensive. We feel that its only saving grace would be if iPhone 6 releases soon with revolutionary features. iOS is also falling short of the Android Operating Systems.



**Watch out for Sony Xperia Z:** To be released in India in March and its great design and fast processor will be something to watch out for. We expect it to challenge the iPhone and the Samsung Galaxy S4.

Arman Puri and Anav Sawhney, 10

## वसंत ऋतु

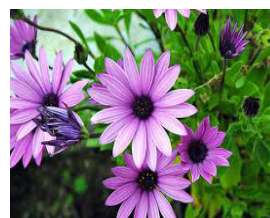


भारत ऐसा देश है जिसमें 6 प्रकार की ऋतुएं आती हैं। इसे ऋतुओं का देश भी कहा गया है। हेमंत ऋतु के जाते ही वसंत का आगमन होता है। वसंत ऋतु को ऋतुओं का राजा कहा जाता है।

वसंत के आते ही हवाओं में खुशबू फैल जाती है। वदियों रंगीन हो जाती हैं। चारों ओर मस्ती का आलम हो जाता है। फालगुन यैका का महीना ऋतुराज के स्वागत में धरती को फूलों से सजा देती है, भँवरे गुनगुनाने लगते हैं। लोगों में आलस और खुशियाँ भर देता है।

वसंत ऋतु ऐसी ऋतु है, जिसमें धरती अपनी अपूर्व सुंदरता दर्शाती है। चारों तरफ व्यापत हरियाली फूलों से भरे पेड़ पौधे मन में प्रसन्नता भर देते हैं। पेड़, पौधे जो पतझड़ में प्राणहीन नजर आते हैं वसंत ऋतु के आते ही उनमें नई नई कोपले आने लगती हैं। आम के पेड़ मँजरियाँ देने लगती हैं, पौधों में हर रंग के फूल नजर आने लगते हैं। भँवरे फूलों के भीतर का रस पान करने के लिए रहते हैं। प्रकृति को देखकर लगता है कि मानो प्रकृति ने नए वस्त्र पहन लिए हैं। आकाश में हर तरफ पक्षी उड़ते दिखते हैं, मानो ऋतु का स्वागत कर रहे हों। सबके मन में नया उत्साह और उमंग जागृत हो जाता है।

वसंत के विभिन्न रूप कवियों की रचनाओं में देखने को मिलती हैं। कवि देवू ने वसंत ऋतु को राजा का शिशु कहा है। जिसे प्रकृति खेल खिला रही है। इस ऋतु में मौसम सुहावना और मनभावन होता है। इस ऋतु में होली बैसाखी और वसंत पंचमी जैसे पर्व आते हैं। सच में एसा सुखद और आनन्द देने वाली ऋतु और कोई नहीं है। इसलिए तो कहा गया है



आया वसंत, हँसता, खेलता और गाता, रंग बिरंगे फूल खिलाता। झूम रही हे डाली डाली, कूक रही है कोयल मतवाली।।

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# PLAYLIST

It's time once again for you music loving, beat hungry, house music wannabees to throw your hands in the air and GET YOUR GRAMMY ON. Here are some of our favorite nominees from 2013:

- 1. We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together - Taylor Swift** Peppy, and full of playful attitude, this song was nominated for Record of the Year.
- 2. I Will Wait - Mumford and Sons** Waiting is boring... But this song makes it fun! It's a personal favourite.
- 3. Wrong Side of a Love Song - Melanie Fiona** Great vocals and lots of soul, nominated for Best Traditional R&B Performance.
- 4. The A Team - Ed Sheeran** Unbearably addictive, it has been nominated for Song of the Year. We're not surprised!
- 5. Lonely Boy - The Black Keys** The most amazing thing about this song is its music video (it's a one take shot, check it out).
- 6. Thinkin' 'Bout You - Frank Ocean** Perfectly ordinary (we wonder how stuff like this gets nominated in the first place) but if you like hip hop give it a listen.
- 7. Somebody That I Used to Know - Gotye** The classic break up song- Taylor Swift and Adele better watch out!
- 8. Hold On - Alabama Shakes** A refreshing diversion from the typical derivative music we're getting right now. She's got a marvellous voice and has rightfully been nominated for Best New Artist.
- 9. We Are Young - Fun** The anthem of our lives, and an especially fun song to belt out (no matter how tone deaf you think you are).
- 10. We Take Care of Our Own - Bruce Springsteen** Though impossible to understand without subtitles, this legend has outdone himself and the song has been nominated for Best Rock Song.

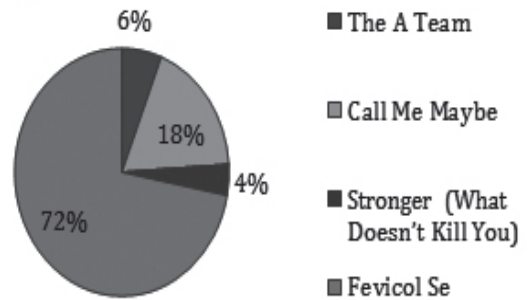
*Kaamya Sharma & Riya Kothari, 9*



## 55 TH GRAMMY AWARDS

### The Vasant Valley Song of the Year

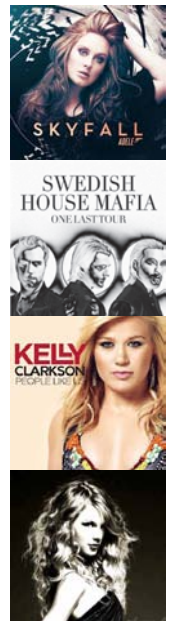
Why should the Grammys have all the fun?



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### FIND THE ARTIST

- Record of the year for 'Lonely Boy'.
- Record of the year for 'What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Stronger'
- Best pop vocal album for 'The Truth about Love'
- Record of the year for 'We are Young'
- Record of the year for 'Somebody that I Used to Know'
- Best Rock Performance for 'Charlie Brown'
- Best Hard Rock/ Metal performance for 'I'm Alive'
- Best Pop Duo performance track for 'Sorry for Party Rocking'
- Record of the year for 'We are Never Ever Getting Back Together'
- Best Pop Solo performance for 'Set Fire to the Rain'
- Best Hard Rock/ Metal performance for 'Blood Brothers'
- Best Dance/ Electronica album for 'Wonderland'
- Best Dance Recording for 'Don't You Worry Child'
- Best Dance/ Electronica album for 'Bangarang'
- Song of the Year for 'The A Team'



# #THE WORLD IS LISTENING



## Syria

On a battlefield, surrounded by death and pain,  
They don't know if they'll see their families again.  
Gun shots are fired, and bombs explode,  
Their tolerance and courage begin to erode.

They pray, protest and scream, but it all goes to waste.  
Bloodshed and hatred is all they ever taste.  
They have never done anything so wrong,  
To deserve a punishment so strong.  
Syria, a land with so much potential and promise,  
Has got lost in a tyrannous red mist.

14 months, no mercy, no relief.  
From a world completely oblivious to their grief.  
Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide,  
They pray for relief every night.

When will it all end? When will President Asad see  
That killing innocent civilians will never bring peace  
These deaths will make them fight stronger  
And prolong this struggle for freedom longer.



Ridhima Wahi, 10



Nothing in this world comes for free. –Sherrilyn Kenyon. An adage that might come true for Youtube  
Youtube, the free online world of movies, songs and television shows, is maybe coming to an end. You may still see all the channels and videos you enjoy on YouTube, the catch maybe that it might not be for free anymore. Youtube has reached out to some channel producers ( individuals who upload their content on youtube) and asked them to send in applications to produce channels for which viewers will have to pay to watch. Yes' that means that it could be anything from 'Gangnam Style' to your daily episode of 'How I Met Your Mother'. The word is that Youtube maybe charging \$1 to anywhere between \$5 per month for the initial paid channel. The good news is that not everything will have to be paid for, though there is a slight catch even to that statement. The channels that are going to be paid for will be the ones that are the most popular and have the highest number of hits which implies that Gangnam Style video with 1,253,075,141 views. Big number, right? So this is one of those channels that will probably have to be paid for to gain access.

As I write this talks are in progress to discuss the future of YouTube. So guys catch some of the top hits on YouTube before you have to pay:

- How Lady Gaga Writes a Song- Jenna Marbles
- The Annoying Orange – daneboe
- The Fail Compilation - failarmy



Zoya Hassan, 8



## TEACHER OF THE WEEK



### Mr. V. K. Sharma

Q: What is your favorite movie?



*I am eager to see 'Amaya'. I enjoy historical movies. My favorite is Mughl-e-Azam.*

Q: When do you think the world will end?  
*World will never end, our greed will make it uninhabitable.*

Q: Can you tell us something about the Schrödinger's cat?

*It is an imaginary experiment of the duality of particles and waves. It is the basis of quantum physics. It is interesting because how can something be there and not be there at the same time.*

Q: Which student's physics exam has been the best you have ever corrected?

*Varun Dutta and Shiv Mohan Dutt.*

Q: We've heard you love writing; could you recite a small stanza of your poem?

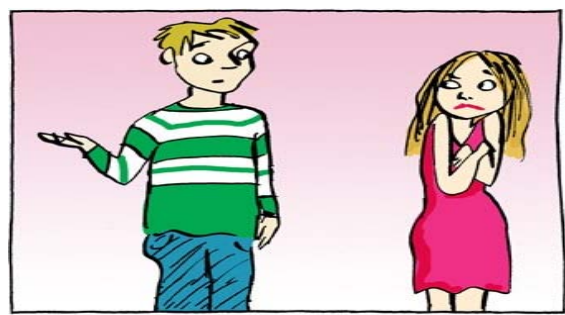
*जिन्दगी यूँ ही उज़र जाती गर राह वर खुदा नही होता  
हम जो चाहें तो कुछ नही होता वो जो चाहें तो क्या नही होता*

Q: What kind of music do you listen to?  
*Ghazals, especially those by Jagjit Singh.*

Q: Which scientists do you idolize?  
*Einstein, who else? Also Hopkins!*

Q: What other subjects do you enjoy apart from physics?  
*I enjoyed doing law, but I did not want to be a lawyer because I do not like lying.*

*As told to Ananya Jain, 11*



*"I didn't forget Valentine's Day, but in these times of economic and environmental crisis... do you REALLY want me to buy you expensive paper products?"*

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