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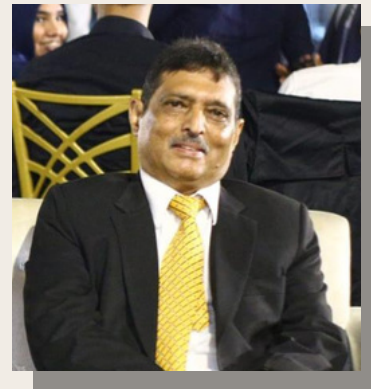
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Words from the Principal



Dear Paulians,

The SPELL newsletter has now completed its Inaugural year of service to us Paulians. This newsletter not only showcases the numerous awards won by our students in Model United Nations (MUNs) but also encourages the development of writing skills among the students featured.

I congratulate Faheem Frederick, Rosario Fernandes, and the SPELL newsletter team on launching this initiative, which shines a spotlight on the wide-ranging talents of our students. Keep up the great work you have initiated.

I encourage you to continue to develop your skills and harness our young Paulians to do the same. I wish you and your team all success in your future endeavors.

Proud of You Paulians.

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

J.R.R. TOLKIEN



*John Ronald Reuel Tolkien, better known as J.R.R. Tolkien, was born on January 3, 1892. He was a prominent scholar of the English language and a renowned author, best known for writing the critically acclaimed *'The Lord of the Rings'* book series.*

FAMOUS WORKS

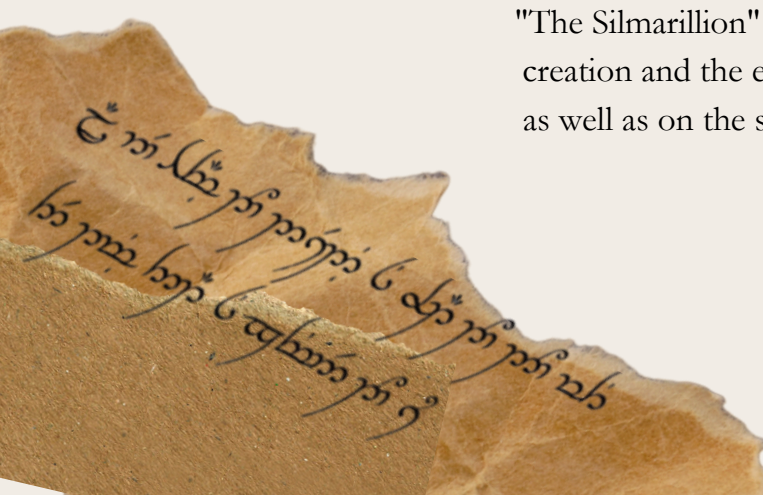


'The Hobbit' (1937) is a fantasy novel for children that tells the story of Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit who embarks on an adventure beyond his wildest dreams with a group of dwarves on a quest to reclaim their treasure from the dragon Smaug. This book introduces readers to the world of Middle-earth.



'The Lord of the Rings' Trilogy: This trilogy of fantasy novels by J.R.R. Tolkien tells the story of Frodo Baggins as he embarks on a journey to destroy the One Ring, an evil artifact threatening to overthrow Middle-earth. The three books in the trilogy, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, *The Two Towers*, and *The Return of the King*, explore the ideas of friendship and sacrifice in face of power.

'The Silmarillion' (1977): It is a collection of mythological stories about the creation and the early chronology of Middle-earth, mainly on the First Age as well as on the struggle with Morgoth, the dark lord. This is imbued with deep lore on Tolkien's world



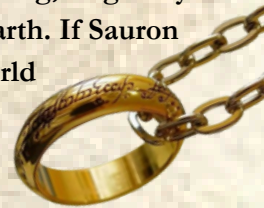


A JOURNEY THROUGH MIDDLE-EARTH: WHERE EVERY CHOICE HAS ITS CONSEQUENCE

In J.R.R. Tolkien's novel, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, a simple hobbit embarks on an epic journey that will determine the fate of Middle-earth, the following is the summary of it:



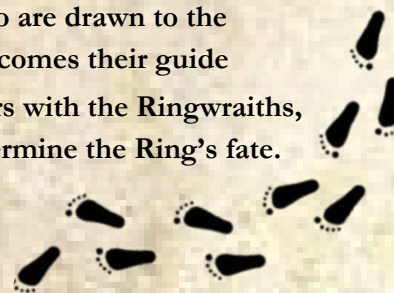
In *The Fellowship of the Ring*, Frodo Baggins, a quiet hobbit from the idyllic Shire, inherits a mysterious ring from his uncle, Bilbo. His friend and mentor, Gandalf the Grey, soon reveals the ring's dark nature: it is the One Ring, forged by the Dark Lord Sauron thousands of years ago to control all of Middle-earth. If Sauron recovers the Ring, he will regain his full strength and plunge the world into darkness and tyranny. To protect the Shire and Middle-earth, Gandalf urges Frodo to leave his home and take the Ring to Rivendell, where wise leaders can decide its fate.



Joined by his loyal friend Sam and fellow hobbits Merry and Pippin, Frodo embarks on a perilous journey. The group is relentlessly pursued by the Ringwraiths, terrifying spectral servants of Sauron who are drawn to the Ring's power. At the town of Bree, they meet a mysterious ranger named Aragorn, who becomes their guide

and protector. After many dangers, including close encounters with the Ringwraiths, they finally reach Rivendell, where a council is called to determine the Ring's fate.

The council, led by the elf lord Elrond, decides the only way to defeat Sauron is to destroy the Ring by casting it into the fires of Mount Doom, deep within Sauron's realm of



Mordor. Frodo volunteers to carry the Ring, and a Fellowship is formed to protect and guide him. The group includes Gandalf, Aragorn (revealed to be the heir to Gondor's throne), Legolas the elf, Gimli the dwarf, Boromir of Gondor, and the four hobbits.

Did you know?

J.R.R. Tolkien was a passionate philologist who constructed two major Elvish languages: Quenya and Sindarin. Each language features its own grammar, vocabulary, and history. Tolkien even created unique writing systems for these languages.

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-Quenya

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-Elvish

Their journey is fraught with danger and temptation. In the Mines of Moria, the Fellowship battles orcs and a fearsome creature called the Balrog. Gandalf sacrifices himself to save the others, leaving them devastated. They press on to Lothlórien, where the elf queen Galadriel offers guidance but warns of the Ring's growing influence. The Ring's power creates conflict when Boromir tries to take it from Frodo. Fearing for his friends' safety, Frodo decides to go on alone, but Sam insists on staying with him. Together, they head for Mordor, while the rest of the Fellowship scatters to confront Sauron's forces.



A Map of Middle Earth

If you could change something in the story, what would it be? Would you keep the Fellowship together, change Gandalf's fate, or give the Ring to another character? Imagine how your changes might affect the journey and its outcome. We would love to hear your take on the story! Send us your take at our email, submissions.spell@gmail.com, for a chance to get featured in the next issue of SPELL.



Poet of the month

T.S. Eliot

T.S. Eliot (Thomas Stearns Eliot) was one of the most important poets, playwrights, and literary critics of the 20th century. Born on September 26, 1888, in St. Louis, Missouri, and later becoming a British citizen in 1927, Eliot's work is marked by his deep engagement with modernist themes, religious concerns, and his exploration of the fractured and alienated human experience.



FAMOUS WORKS



"The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" (1915) – A landmark modernist poem.

"The Waste Land" (1922) – Often considered his masterpiece, reflecting post-war disillusionment.

"The Hollow Men" (1925) – A poem exploring themes of emptiness and despair

"Ash Wednesday" (1930) – A work that marks Eliot's conversion to Christianity and his exploration of spiritual themes.

"Murder in the Cathedral" (1935) – A play about the assassination of Thomas Becket.

"Four Quartets" (1943) – A set of four poems reflecting on time, perspective, and spirituality.

The Hollow Men

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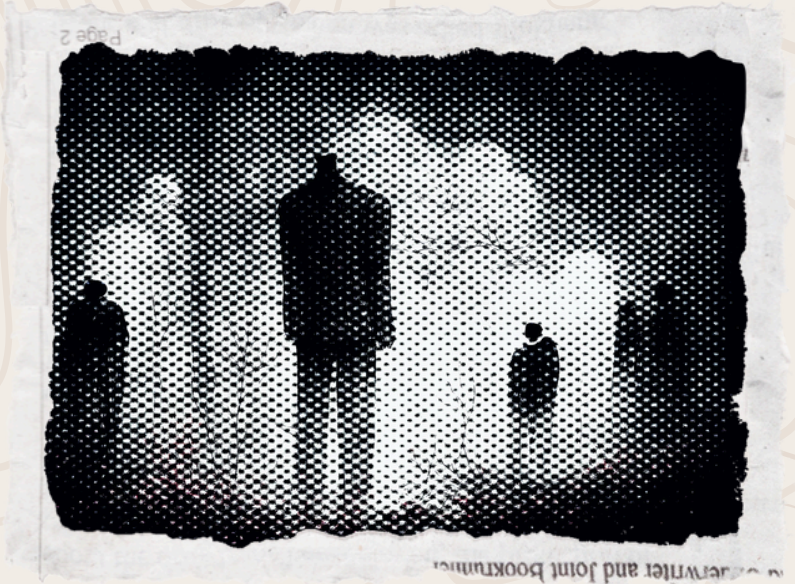
T.S Eliot

I

WE ARE THE HOLLOW MEN
WE ARE THE STUFFED MEN
LEANING TOGETHER
HEADPIECE FILLED WITH STRAW. ALAS!
OUR DRIED VOICES, WHEN
WE WHISPER TOGETHER
ARE QUIET AND MEANINGLESS
AS WIND IN DRY GRASS
OR RATS' FEET OVER BROKEN GLASS
IN OUR DRY CELLAR

SHAPE WITHOUT FORM, SHADE WITHOUT COLOUR,
PARALYSSED FORCE, GESTURE WITHOUT MOTION;

THOSE WHO HAVE CROSSED
WITH DIRECT EYES, TO DEATH'S OTHER KINGDOM
REMEMBER US-IF AT ALL-NOT AS LOST
VIOLENT SOULS, BUT ONLY
AS THE HOLLOW MEN
THE STUFFED MEN.



II

EYES I DARE NOT MEET IN DREAMS
IN DEATH'S DREAM KINGDOM
THESE DO NOT APPEAR:
THERE, THE EYES ARE
SUNLIGHT ON A BROKEN COLUMN
THERE, IS A TREE SWINGING
AND VOICES ARE
IN THE WIND'S SINGING
MORE DISTANT AND MORE SOLEMN
THAN A FADING STAR.

LET ME BE NO NEARER
IN DEATH'S DREAM KINGDOM
LET ME ALSO WEAR
SUCH DELIBERATE DISGUISES
RAT'S COAT, CROSKIN, CROSSED STAVES
IN A FIELD
BEHAVING AS THE WIND BEHAVES
NO NEARER-

NOT THAT FINAL MEETING
IN THE TWILIGHT KINGDOM



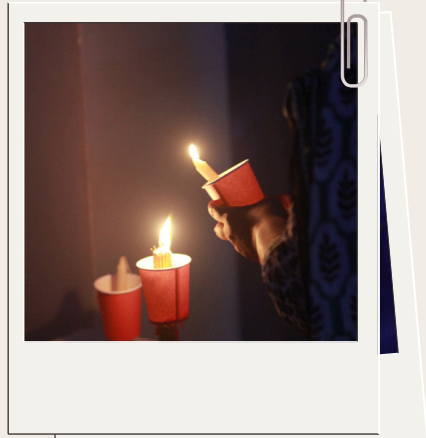
Illuminating Minds:

The initiation ceremony of SLS



As the renowned theoretical physicist and cosmologist Stephen Hawking once said, 'The quietest people have the loudest minds.' Embracing this philosophy, Sir Faheem Fredrick started Societas Lectorum et Scriptorum at St. Paul's English High School as a haven for reflective thinkers, through unwavering dedication, relentless effort, and collective creativity, our members revived and revamped our school's library and have reached a milestone of one year of continuous publication of our newsletter, SPELL. To commemorate these achievements and announce our Society's executive board, the Council of Quills, we hosted an initiation and candlelight ceremony on Tuesday, October 29th at the AV room.

The ceremony began with a commemorative video highlighting notable achievements and cherished moments of Societas Lectorum et Scriptorum since our inception. Following this, Seth Amir graciously welcomed our distinguished guests, calling them by their honorary titles that spoke to their esteemed roles and virtues, Sir Leonard Dias, known as 'The Custodian of Quills', Sir Roman Rodrigues, Mage of Wisdom, Miss Ume Hafsa, Curator of Academics, Sir Augustine, Regent of Verses, Miss Starina, Minister of Minds, and Miss Pearl, Scholar of Scrolls. As the candle-lighting ceremony commenced, these honored guests were invited to pass the torch to the Council of Quills, and the responsibilities that come with it.



Continuing the timeless tradition, the esteemed guests entrusted our office bearers with flames. As the flames were passed, the office bearers pledged to uphold the values and responsibilities entrusted to them. Sir Roman Rodrigue presented the Beacon of Authority to President Zack Amir, while Miss Ume Hafsa bestowed the Glow of Guardianship upon General Secretary Albern Arif. Sir Augustine handed over the Flame of Support to Vice-President Rajiv Kumar Chandwani, Miss Starina passed the Flame of Unity to Joint Secretary Seth Amir, and Miss Pearl transferred



the Light of Resilience to the Event Manager Mirza Ali Baig. These sacred flames represented their respective roles and served as powerful emblems of unity and dedication that will Societas Lectorum et Scriptorum lead to greater heights.

The investiture ceremony commenced, wherein Sir Leonard Dias conferred knighthood upon the members, formally inducting them into the noble order of Societas Lectorum et Scriptorum. With our society's ceremonial sword in hand, Sir Leonard Dais individually invested each member with the esteemed virtues of 'Discipline, Innovation, and Faith,' entrusting them with the sacred duty of upholding the school's literary and cultural traditions. This historic ceremony marked a pivotal moment in the Society's journey, as the members pledged to uphold the school's traditions



After this, all the school leaders gathered for a cake-cutting ceremony to mark the first anniversary of SPELL and celebrate its impressive achievements. Sir Faheem Frederick, founder of Societas Lectorum et Scriptorum, came to conclude the event. He reflected on the Society's journey, noting how a shared passion for literature led to the flourishing of this vibrant community. Sir Faheem proudly highlighted the rejuvenation of the school library and the successful launch of the Newsletter, while hinting at exciting future endeavors on the horizon.



In the end, the host thanked everyone for attending the event by saying, "We are truly thankful to you, our honored guests for gracing this event and making this day truly unforgettable." The event concluded with the guests being served refreshments and the guests were escorted out, ending the event.



Societas Lectorum Et Scriptorum
Lectio Hortatur Et Permissum Scripto

Chris Luke 9-E



A Day of Religious Commemorations at St. Paul's

Religious programs are not just a set of performances; most significantly, they reflect devotion, harmony, serenity, and spiritual values. In the shadow of a cloudy dawn on the 6th of September, a spectacular and harmonious event was held at St. Paul's English hosted by Nirmal Ramnani and Raveen Kumar for Hindu staff and teachers, which comprised stunning performances by primary and secondary children, demonstrating the historical events of Hinduism.



The event commenced with a speech by our very Parshtom uncle explaining the doctrines of Hinduism and their significance to our daily lives. Subsequently, there was a prayer ceremony where everybody thanked Lord Krishna for the triumphant initiation of this religious program and the perpetual prosperity of our nation as a whole. Following the prayer ceremony, a series of breathtaking performances beautifully showcasing the rich and diverse heritage of Hinduism. The programs should not be seen as a source of entertainment, but rather as a form of learning that should be integrated into our daily lives. Especially, the performance that showcased and displayed the incarnation of Lord Krishna mesmerized and electrified the entire audience, and on the special request and demand of the spectators, this particular performance was repeated twice. Lastly, our distinguished

principal, Mr. Leonard Dias, concluded the event with remarkable words that reminded us of our identities as Pakistanis above all else.

Milad, meaning "Birth" in Arabic, is a sacred juncture for Muslims to reflect on their faith and commemorate the Holy Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) life. On Friday, September 6th, our school observed the Annual Milad celebration, which featured numerous activities from the Qirat of the Holy Quran to the recitation of various exalted poetries highlighting the divine attributes of Allah and the Holy Prophet P.B.U.H.



The successful event was the result of meticulous planning by the dedicated organizers, including Mr. Muhammad Arif, Ms. Sidra Kamran, Ms. Shabana Zubair, Ms. Madiha, Ms. Asma Tariq, Ms. Ayesha, and Ms. Rahila, who devoted a significant amount of time to prepare for the occasion. Their efforts paid off, as the celebration served as an opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of Islamic principles and values.



On the 6th of September, the students of St. Paul's English High School gathered to commemorate the Feast of our Blessed Mother Mary. The day began with a solemn and uplifting Mass held by Rev. Benjamin Shezad, who dedicated his sermon to honoring Mother Mary's role in the Christian faith and highlighting her virtues and deep faith.



Following the Mass, the principals of Campus A and B, the priest, and Christian Teachers, participated in a cake-cutting ceremony. The school's religious teachers organized a small event to deepen the student's understanding of Mother Mary's significance. The event included a Q&A session about her life prepared by Ms. Angeline, where participants received small gifts for their correct answers. A presentation prepared by Ms. Shazia Tellis illustrated Mary's importance in the Christian faith. The event also featured the joyful mysteries performed by the matric section students under Sir Denzil's guidance. Sir Roman Rodriguez also spoke on the importance of honoring both Mother Mary and our mothers. The newly organized school band performed hymns in remembrance of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Sir Faheem provided historical insights into Mary's significance, and the senior teachers concluded the event by sharing their knowledge and reflections.



Kendrick Joseph 11-E

Gaurav Kumar Haryani 9-E

Mirza Ali Baig 9-F



Inauguration of Upgraded Computer Labs at St. Paul's School

We are living in the computer age. It has become imperative for all of us, especially for students to be computer literate. Our future depends on how skillfully and efficiently our students when they grow up, will be using the computer. A group comprising of the president of the Alumni Association, members of the Catholic Board of Education, Rev. Fr. Mario Rodrigues, Principal of the morning shift, Mr. Leonard Dias, Principal of the Afternoon shift, Ms. Mona Rose D'Silva, guests, and teachers visited the computer labs, ribbon cutting ceremony was held and Rev Fr. Mario Rodrigues blessed the computers.



On reaching the late Mrs. Sylvia Pinto's Audio Visual Room, the rest of the program was held. The emcee for the day, Mr. Augustine Massey, welcomed everyone with his opening remarks and thanked the Alumni Association for upgrading the Computer Labs, he added that by their kindness and dedication, we can enhance the learning experience of our students and provide them with the - art technology that will benefit them for years to come.

Next, bouquets were exchanged with grace and delight to bring smiles and warmth to each other's sight. Mr. Ken Marshall presented the bouquet to Mr. Mazhar Valjee, President of the Alumni Association, and Mr. Mazhar Valjee presented to Mr. Ken Marshall. Mr. Leonard Dias, in his speech, said that the image of St. Paul's is growing with the continued support of the Alumni Association, especially during the COVID-19 period, and he advised everyone to join the Alumni Association. Mr. Najam Malik, former president of the Alumni Association, thanked Rev. Fr. Mario Rodrigues, Mr. Ken Marshall, and Mr. Lenny Dias, and he further added that the goal of the control population growth, and donate computers to other schools.



Mr. Ken Marshall thanked Mr. Leonard Dias, the Alumni Association, and the Paulian from the batch of 1954 who visited them. Mr. Leonard Dias then gave a certificate to Mr. Najam Malik, former president of the Alumni Association, and all the members of the Alumni Association, Mr. Leonard Dias also awarded certificates to the staff members for their hard work and dedication to any tasks assigned to them. The following staff members were awarded certificates. Mr. Alan Fernandes, Mr. Faisal Younus, Mr. Ashley Furtado, Mr. Alfred Rehmat, Mr. Asif Salamat and Mr. Shahbaz. Heraclitus, born in Ephesus, once said "There is nothing permanent except change To bring some change." The emcee, Mr. Augustine Massey, then gave a rendition of the patriotic song Aye Meray Pyare Watan, and all the Alumni members participated in the singing, showing their patriotism. Group pictures were taken, and the program ended with a high tea in the school library.

Rosario V. Fernandes



PAULMUN X: A DECADE OF DIPLOMACY

Model United Nations, or Model UN or MUNs, provides an educational simulation of United Nations proceedings. These events teach students about diplomacy and international relations. They are also great ways to increase public speaking skills and socialize.

A MUN is also hosted annually by our school, St. Paul's Model United Nations. The conference was the tenth anniversary of this magnificent event, and our school hosted more than 350 delegates from various schools like St. Patrick's, Intellect, St. Joseph's, and more. The main force that made this event happen was the executive board.

This year, the board comprised of students from class 10, and it included the President, Muhammed Shahneel Butt. Director General, Shayan John Shehzada, Conference Manager, Nirmal Ramnani, and Secretary General, Umer Furqan. The students could not have pulled this off without the efforts of our Principal, Sir Leonard Dias, our deputy principal, Sir Roman Rodrigues, Miss Ume Hafsa, Miss Sidra Kamran, Miss Summaiya, and Sir Zaem ul Hassan.

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The event also would not have been possible without the support of the patron of the MUN, Miss Pushparani Manatunga, who has been here since the beginning and has taught the students how to do this event. The conference had seven committees, and all of the committees debated on different topics throughout the three-day event. PaulMUN culminated in a formal dinner on the third day. During this time, delegates who excelled in their committees received awards. Countless executive board members of previous PaulMUNs also came to the dinner. The founder of Paul Mun also graced us with his presence. The principal of Sceptre College also came to this dinner, as her College was sponsoring this MUN.

Overall, the MUN was a roaring success. There were some minor management issues, but they were insignificant and did not cause any concern. PaulMUN X marked a decade of diplomacy.



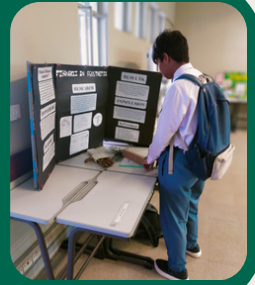
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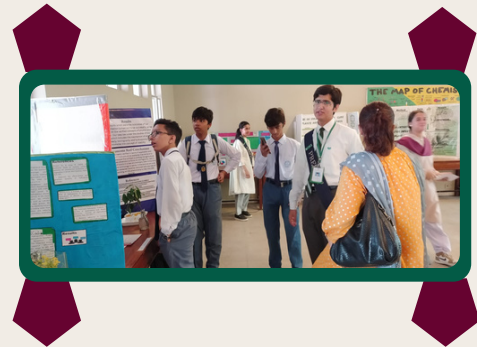
St. Paul's English High School at Researchathon 2024: A Celebration of Innovation



On Saturday, September 21st, St. Paul's English High School had the honor of participating in Researchathon 2024, hosted by the esteemed Agha Khan Higher Secondary School. Despite the challenge of concurrent assessments, the students were thrilled to engage in this enriching experience alongside two of their peers.



The delegation received invaluable guidance from Syed Ali Arish, an alumnus. He assisted them with registration and offered expert insights throughout the impressive exhibits. However, their attendance at Researchathon 2024 nearly fell through. On the morning of the event, they were to provide a school representative for entry. Fortunately, their Cambridge Coordinator, Miss Umme Hafsa, stepped in at the last minute, ensuring their participation.

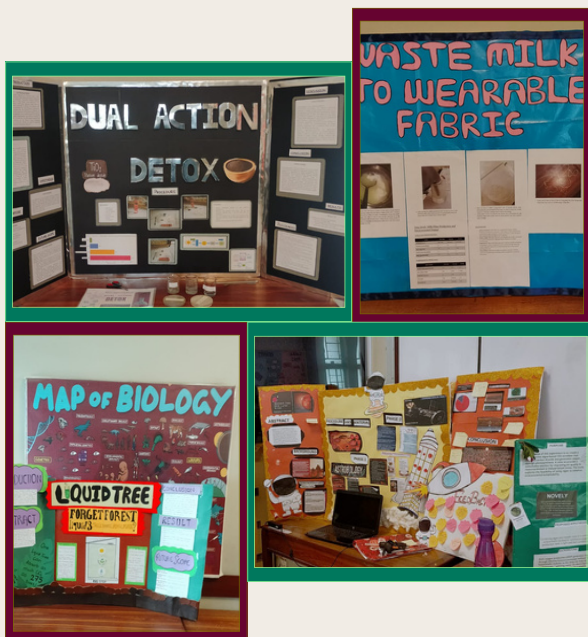


As the students explored the various projects, they were amazed by the wide range of disciplines represented, such as computer science, biology, chemistry, mathematics, and more. Several exhibits captured their attention, such as a sophisticated legal chatbot trained in Pakistan's constitution, offering precise legal counsel. They were also impressed by innovative digital spectacles designed to recognize individuals and assist visually impaired people. Other remarkable projects included power generators harnessing wasted energy, recycling initiatives, and an ozone-repairing drone.

The event culminated in a heartening gesture: the gracious hosts presented a token of appreciation.

Researchathon 2024 ignited the students' passion for STEM (Science, Technology,

Engineering, Mathematics), broadened their perspectives, and expanded their knowledge of the natural world.



Mirza Ali Baig 9-F

Day of Admiration: Teachers' Day



October 5 is an adoration day to pay tribute to those who give their time and energy to teaching others. On this day, celebrated around the world as Teachers' Day, we pay tribute to teachers and, to those who might be unaware, this was a tradition first officially declared by UNESCO on October 5, 1966. So, what exactly is a teacher? The word "teacher" comes from the Old English *tæcan*, meaning "to show, point out, or demonstrate." This verb developed into Middle English as *techen*, which gradually changed in meaning to the act of instructing or guiding. Related to the Old High German word *tacjan* ("to show") and the Greek root *deiknynai* ("to explain"), the word "teacher" suggests someone who transmits knowledge through showing, demonstrating, or explaining. A teacher is more than just a teacher.

Being a teacher goes beyond delivering knowledge or grading exams; it involves shaping lives and fostering personal growth. Teachers play a profound role in character development, instilling values such as honesty, resilience, and empathy, which often stay with students long after they leave the classroom. They create safe spaces for students to question, explore, and understand themselves and the world around them. When teachers support students struggling with failure, they not only help academically but also strengthen the students' confidence and determination. This sense of



personal encouragement is often a turning point for students who may feel like giving up.

A teacher's influence sparks curiosity and fosters a lifelong love of learning that goes beyond the classroom. Through patient guidance and support, teachers can help students discover strengths they were unaware of and can make even reluctant learners engage with passion. In this way, teachers are mentors, role models, and guides who provide invaluable life lessons beyond the textbook—no wonder some students feel compelled to express their admiration and gratitude.



For many students, a teacher is the person who first believes in their abilities when they may not yet see it themselves. This belief can fuel self-confidence, allowing students to take on challenges with courage and optimism. The life lessons imparted by teachers—whether about honesty, resilience, or responsibility—are often the ones students carry forward, influencing not only their careers but their relationships, perspectives, and decisions long after their school years have ended.

Giving a gift reflects students' respect for their teachers, honoring them not just as educators but as mentors who leave a lasting impression. Teachers often serve as pivotal figures, inspiring students to see their potential and guiding them through academic and personal challenges. Their influence can steer students toward new interests, help them navigate rigorous situations, and encourage them to set meaningful goals.



One impressive example of this influence is Sir Ahmed Saya, one of the only Pakistani teachers awarded "The World's Most Dedicated Teacher" by Cambridge. In addition to his commitment to classroom teaching, he has written a book for Cambridge in Mathematics. He has even had a road named after him in Karachi's Gulshan-e-Iqbal, known as "Ahmed Saya Road."



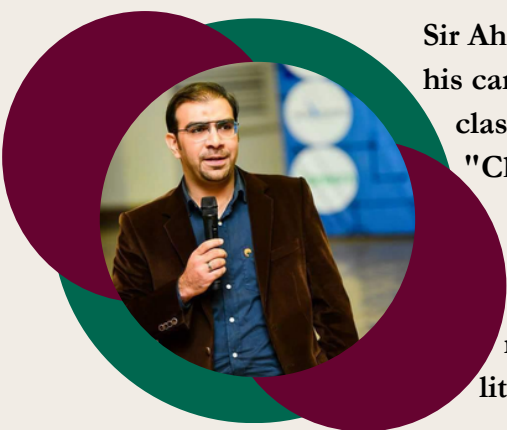
He is also president of the Bridge Foundation, which operates The Bridge School in Karachi. It charges a nominal fee of Rs. 400 per month, which is used to give the students their books, uniforms, shoes, etc. Sir Ahmed Saya is the COO of Reveal Pakistan, where he guides and supports thousands of students in pursuing career paths that align with their strengths.



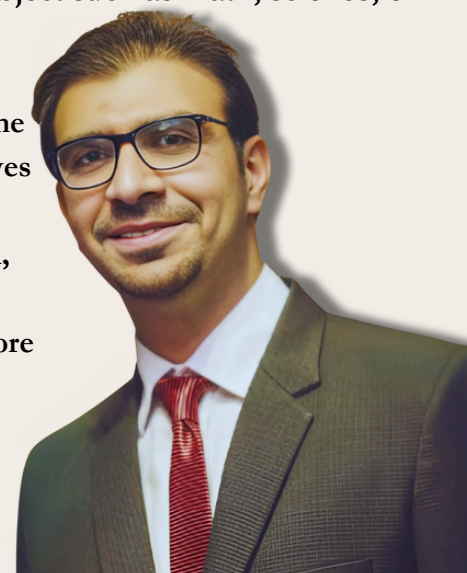
Additionally, he serves as the CEO of ASTC an O/A-level institution, and works as a career counselor, life coach, teacher trainer, education consultant, and teacher at Pakistan's top colleges, such as Nixor College, Cedar College, Alpha College, etc.



Sir Ahmed Saya does not treat his students as mere learners but as pupils put in his care; he believes that tarbiyah (character-building) must be a part of the classes. He is known to motivate students to push themselves. He often quotes, "Chand marks ke liye apna imaan na bechna" ("Don't sacrifice your integrity for a few marks") to promote honesty; sometimes he also quotes George Herbert's "Where there is a will, there is a way," quote, instilling values of integrity and perseverance and promoting dedication. In conclusion, the role of a teacher is not simply to teach a subject such as math, science, or literature.



A good teacher develops character, gives strength, and can alter the direction of the teachers can be examples of this through their kind work and dedication to the lives of students; Sir Ahmed Saya is among them, the quality instructor, inspiring students' minds towards academic success but also fostering them into respectful, kind, and very resilient students. Such a textbook cannot bring out each student's potential when it merely goes with 'what I read, thus what you do,' leaving the more significant part to imagine and live. Teachers like him know that education is not only passing exams and getting good grades but teaching students to be brave enough to take up challenges, wise enough to make ethical decisions, and selfless enough to help others. And the confidence to pursue their paths.



Teachers' Day celebrates those who have touched our lives with patience, kindness, and tireless dedication. Teachers are the unsung heroes who nourish young minds and mold future generations, planting seeds of knowledge, compassion, and integrity that will grow and flourish long after they leave the classroom. We celebrate this Day for our precious teachers on Teachers' Day, acknowledging the colossal difference they make in our lives and the world around us. We grow, learn, and become kinder, smarter, and better because of our teachers.

Albern Arif 11-E

Featuring: Mr. Ahmed Saya

Voices of Debate: St. Paul's at the 22nd Annual Inter-School Competition

Rotary International was formed approximately 111 years ago with the mission of serving humanity across the globe through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Under this same mandate, the foundation of the Rotary and Inner Wheel Club of Karachi Metropolitan was laid out. Both organizations are firmly committed to their mission to ameliorate human lives in every possible way.



On Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 4:00 pm, the Rotary and Inner Wheel Club of Karachi Metropolitan organized the 22nd Annual Inter School Debate competition. It is one of the most prestigious and reputable debating competitions in Karachi where only a few privileged institutions receive the invitations and St Paul's English High School was honored to send two of their most eloquent speakers to debate upon the agenda "With Advancement in Ai, traditional college degrees

do not hold any value." Gaurav Haryani from Class 9-E (Cambridge) and Aoun Gazipura from Class 11-E (Cambridge) achieved the honor of representing their institution at this debating competition. Gaurav was set to argue against the motion, while Aoun was to advocate in support of the motion.



At 4:00 pm sharp, the debate contest commenced and, representatives from various schools such as Karachi Grammar School, Mama Parsi, St Joseph Covenant School, and representatives from many other institutions argued in favor and against the motion. Teachers, Principals, and coordinators from various institutions were utterly delighted by the phenomenal arguments presented by the students, and the crowd in the audience was thoroughly enthralled by the amicable competition. Upon the completion of the contest, the distinguished judges appreciated the students for their commendable participation and revealed the winners of the contest.



Subsequently, there was an arrangement of some refreshments for the diligent participants and the audience, where we got a unique

opportunity to interact with the students of other institutions and engage in meaningful discussions.

To conclude, this Annual Inter School Debate Competition organized by the Rotary and Inner Wheel Club of Karachi was an exciting and exceptional opportunity for the participants to enhance their public speaking skills. It was a platform where they could present their arguments in favor or against the motion and interact with the students of other institutions.



Gaurav Kumar Haryani 9-E

Honoring Courage and Sacrifice: A Tribute to the Martyrs

Defence Day is celebrated annually on the sixth of September in our beloved country. This day commemorates the sacrifices made by our brave armed forces and their resilience during the War of 1965. It serves as a reminder of the courage, unity, and patriotism that emerged during this harsh and difficult period. Our school went above and beyond to make this day exceptional and memorable. The students of our school showed their growing enthusiasm for this unforgettable day. The students of the primary section made a marvelous show by telling everyone about this day in great detail, demonstrating the creativity of the primary students. Even though they were very young, they still captured the magic of this special day. All the teachers of the primary section, along with our esteemed principal, Mr. Lenoard Dias, were present for this occasion.

Many speeches were given to highlight such an important event. The opening verses were given from each of the three respective religions, including some verses from the Bhagavad Gita, The Holy Bible, and the Holy Quran. The event also featured a distinguished chief guest, Brigadier Zaheer Kadri, an esteemed alumnus of St. Paul's. He also gave a speech, inspiring many who attended the event to work hard and strive for our country. This shows that no matter who you are, you can work hard and work for the betterment of others. When an ex-Paulian such as Brigadier Zaheer can work hard and strive for the betterment of Pakistanis, so can we. Filling us with hope that we can make not only Pakistan but the whole world a much better place. If we stand united in school, we can unite for our country and make it a much better place for everyone.”



These inspiring words are from Ms. Rita, a teacher of the junior section who attended the event.

Most of the teachers who came to the event had many similar inspiring things to say after the event was over. This grand day reminds us all, as the people of our beloved country, that no matter who we are, we must strive for the betterment of our country as the brave soldiers who protected this country from the enemy. Brave warriors who lost their lives in battle give us all courage that because of their sacrifices, we are safe.

Muhammad Ali 9-F

Future Diplomats Of Pakistan: Paulians Shine in Model United Nations



In 2024, St. Paul's English High School reinforced its stature as a paradigmatic exemplar of excellence on the Model United Nations (MUN) circuit, amassing distinguished accolades and laurels. Our debating society secured coveted Best Delegation awards at every event we attended, from local competitions to prestigious city-wide conferences. This phenomenal success served as a testament to our student's unwavering dedication to critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership, marking a seminal and transformative year for our institution. We had cultivated a legacy of excellence in Model United Nations for years, consistently demonstrating our ability to tackle complex global issues with sagacity, and distinction. Past achievements, such as securing Runners-Up Best Delegation at KGSMUN I, laid the groundwork for 2024's triumphs



This year, our team surpassed all expectations and delivered exceptional and superlative performances at every competition we entered, and further exemplified our institution's commitment to academic rigor, and intellectual curiosity. Our journey to excellence commenced with ACUMUN's inaugural training conference in August. As an introductory event held on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th of August, ACUMUN provided an optimal and showcase their skills and helped us to grow as adept and articulate debaters. In addition to it, we earned the coveted Best Delegation title and set the tone for the remainder of the academic year. This year marked a significant milestone for St. Paul's English High School's MUN team. The unwavering dedication and



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Mirza Ali Baig 9-F

"MOONLIGHT SORROW"

SILENT TEARS FALL LIKE THE NIGHT
A LONELY HEART, A FADING LIGHT
THE MOON ABOVE, A GHOSTLY GLOW
ILLUMINATES THE EMPTINESS I KNOW



IN SHADOWS DARK, I SEARCH FOR PEACE
A REFUGE FROM LOVE'S PIERCING
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REFRAIN
ECHOES OF JOY, NOW BUT A STRAIN

THE STARS UP HIGH, A TWINKLING SEA
REFLECT THE TEARS THAT FALL FROM ME
THE WIND WHISPERS SECRETS IN MY EAR
OF LOVE THAT'S LOST, AND SORROW'S
LAIR

IN THIS MOONLIT NIGHT, I FIND MY PAIN
A HEART ONCE WHOLE, NOW BROKEN IN
VAIN
YET STILL I HOLD ON TO LOVE'S PURE
LIGHT
A BEACON IN THE DARKNESS OF NIGHT.

~ ALI RAZA

9A

PAULIAN PUZZLE



HINTS

Down:

1. The season known for leaves changing colors and cooling weather.
2. A group of people appointed to make decisions.
4. The beginning or introduction into a new group.
6. A holiday which was celebrated the previous month

Across:

3. A writing tool made from a feather, and symbolizes the authenticity of our voices.
5. A person who educates and gives knowledge to students.
7. A yearly celebration marking the date of an important event, which we have commemorated this issue.
8. A formal event held to mark a special occasion,
9. a tree known for its leaves and also used in our issue on every page

UPCOMING EVENTS

Iqbal Day

12/ November/ 2024

Quiz

12/ November/ 2024

Tableau

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Elocution/Debate

November/ 2024

Poetry Elocution

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Urdu Debate

December/ 2024

Christmas Play

December/ 2024

Sports day

January/ 2025

Computer Exhibition

January/ 2025

Science Exhibition

January/ 2025

Mini Maila

January/ 2025

Feast day

January/ 2025

Urdu Elocution

January/ 2025

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January/ 2025

English/Urdu play

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Hello Paulians, Alumni and all the beloved readers of SPELL across the globe! SPELL has become something truly special, thanks to the creativity you've all shared with us. From the warm beginnings of Issue 1 to the heartfelt poetry and unique perspectives we've seen in every issue since, it's been incredible to watch our community's talent come to life. Every page has reflected the voices and stories that make St. Paul's so inspiring.

Now, as we get ready for the next issue, we'd love for you to be a part of it. Whether you have a poem you're proud of, a story you've written, or even just a spark of an idea, don't hesitate to send it in! This is your space to be heard and celebrated by your peers.

Let's keep making SPELL something unforgettable together. Share your creativity with us at submissions.spell@gmail.com—your work is what makes our pages come alive!. And

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Regards,
Senior Editorial Board

**Thank you, everyone, for supporting
SPELL in its every step.**



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**We will see you all in the next issue of
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