



Aravind Venugopal (VI C)



he summer vacation had just begun. The annual examinations were over and I had done every exam well. "Now I can enjoy my vacations without being haunted by thoughts of failing in the exams," I thought. Three uneventful days passed and it was starting to get a little boring. On the fourth day, my father had wonderful news for me. He said, "Aravind, we'll be going to Australia for your vacation and I have a big surprise for you once we reach there. We'll be leaving for Australia next week". I couldn't wait to go to Australia. The days seemed to be passing at a snail's pace and I seemed to be running out of patience. But like the saying 'everything comes to him who waits', the day finally came. At 2 O' clock that day we boarded the plane. Once I was inside the aircraft, I couldn't wait to see father's big surprise.

At last we reached Australia after spending many hours in flight. In Australia, we were to stay at a scientific expedition centre. (My father is a scientist and had come there for this expedition). It was then that father revealed his big surprise.

The expedition centre was like a semi-museum of dinosaur bones (skeletons)! I loved dinosaurs and I had never in my wildest dreams thought that I would be able to see real dinosaur skeletons. At the Centre, we met my father's friend and colleague, Mr. Ramlal. We were treated as special guests. I could visit many places like the laboratory and the DNA testing centre. The experiment was about cloning dinosaurs. To top it all, I also visited a kind of dinosaur sanctuary called the Jurassic park where only herbivorous dinosaurs lived in their natural habitats.

All this was a treat for my eyes. That night, I had a hearty meal and decided to have a good night's sleep.

While I was sleeping I had a dream. It was about a long-necked dinosaur. It picked me up on its gigantic heads and started walking. I was scared out of my wits. The dinosaur was walking towards its home, the Jurassic Park. Once the monster got inside the Jurassic park, I held on to a branch of a huge tree. I climbed up the branch and waited there for some time thinking about what I should do. Suddenly I felt the ground shaking. After a couple of minutes, a huge dinosaur appeared before me. It was a Tyrannosaurus Rex, the

worst flesh-eating dinosaur, and I think it picked up my scent. Suddenly it stared right at me. I tried to escape, but I fell down from the tree branches and landed on hard ground. Now that was the last straw. The monster started chasing me. I ran with all my might. In front of me, I saw a big area covered with quick sand. I had an idea. As soon as I reached the quicksand, I suddenly changed my direction and ran sideways and hid behind a tree. The dinosaur ran right into the quicksand and slowly sank to death. I, on the other hand, was able to find my way home. I woke up sweating and was relieved when I realized that it was only a nightmare.

The next few days went in sightseeing and shopping and after my father completed his work at the Centre, we returned home in time for the new session to begin.

THE DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS





Abraham Raju (VI C)

BLIND EYES



The well groomed city boasts of abundant water harvest. But do your blind eyes

Notice the needy who have not seen clean water as long as they can remember?

Your eyes may notice the rich, glower and sneer, while handing the bribe, to the ruthless rulers whose eyes are more blind than yours. The so called city-dump Is actually a village where people Cannot quench their thirst or feed their young . The water not granted to them

by those who rule.

The city, now ruthless, has no money to spare For the welfare of these poor beings. The brave come forward, With their boiling blood, giving them strength. But the brave can't hold out against them. And soon, they count the bars, in the dungeon deep.

The poor deprived of the brave, their poverty thrives for long. Their sorrowful plight continues, And the city thrives, But justice will be done, A small spark of confidence still glows in their minds, And the ruthless can't take that away for a long time to come.



Rahul Sharma S. (V A)

A FORTNIGHT OF JOY



I packed my bag and made my way to the airport with much joy. I was on my way to Muscat, a place I had heard much about. The view of Muscat from the plane was disappointing. Muscat is the capital of the Sultanate of Oman. It supplies a lot of oil known as 'black gold'.

I stayed at my uncle's house for a month. Every day my uncle took me to different places in and around Muscat. Sur is a place near Muscat. It

is a wonderful port and tourist spot. It was a fun-filled experience. I saw traditional boats on 'Dhaws'. Then we went to Jalal Akhder. Jalal means mountain. Burami is a place near Dubai, which is supposed to be the happiest place in the world.

Have you heard of floods in deserts? They exist. They are called wadis. When it rains, wadis move with great force sparing nothing on the way.

Cars are a part of Oman. All international brands of cars share the roads in Oman. Oman has one of the best roadways in the

world.

The world's tallest street lights are found here. His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Sadi's magnificent palace is an architectural wonder. The Sultan Qaboos mosque is the second largest mosque in the world.

As I boarded my plane back to India, I imagined that I heard the wind whispering: "Come back again".





Mukundan Arunkumar (V B)

here was an old man who foresaw his doom
 Because his lilies started to bloom
 So he said to his lilies
 Don't be such sillies

It's over my grave you lilies should bloom
 There once lived a sailor,
 Who was in need of a tailor.
 He was caught in a cage,
 By a whale in a rage,
 And the same became his jailer.

There lived a man with a hat,
 Who was frightened to see a bat.
 The bat shook its ear,
 And he trembled in fear,
 And this made him faint on a mat.

There was a man who went fishing,
 All day he kept on wishing,
 For a fish to be caught,
 Which he could cook in a pot,
 And enjoy the fish with the garnishing.

There was a king who had no hair,
 No one would tell him his head was bare.
 The prince had no fear,
 And so he made it clear.
 Now the king is left with no heir!

Nithin S. Nair (V C)

here was an old man who wanted rest,
 A coffin made it the very best,
 "Very well then", he said,
 Then lay down in his coffin bed,
 A coffin made his bed the best.

There was a little prince of Persia,
 Who always wanted to circle Asia,
 He did so when he was travelling Persia,
 He secretly went out to circle Persia,
 Which circled that little prince of Persia.

There was a boy who had a yellow cap,
 Who washed it under a beautiful tap.
 Once he washed it with a token,
 Since his tap was really broken,
 And gave it back with some sap.

There was a dragon who couldn't
 breathe fire
 But he was not a very big liar,
 He came down a hill in a small wagon,
 And people saw that he was a
 very big dragon.
 But he was not a very big liar.

Limericks





Vivek Wilkins (IV B)



A trip on a Ship



I would like to share with you my experience on board a ship. I was very excited when my mother informed me that we were joining 'Maersk Algol' captained by my father. My mother and I left India and flew to Malaga in Spain. From there we went by car to Algeiras where the ship we were to board was anchored. The ship's hull was sky blue with the words 'Maersk Line' painted on its side. My father stood near the gangway to receive us.

We had to climb sixty-nine steps to reach the main deck and by the time I reached the top, I was short of breath. I was told it was one of the largest ships in the world. It is a cargo ship. It is more than 330 m. long and 50 m. above sea level and can carry up to 9000 twenty-foot containers. The best part of my voyage was that I could see a lot of places like Malaga and Valencia in Spain, Gioia Tauro in Italy, Port Said in Egypt and Singapore. The ship is controlled from the bridge. It also has an electronic chart where we can see the position of other ships and land. It also has two radars, which track the other ships in order to avoid collision at night. Below the bridge was the cabin where I was staying. The cabin was very big and comfortable. The other crew on board stayed in their own cabins on different levels of the deck.

Other places that interested me on the ship were the café, the play station, the swimming pool, the gymnasium and the library. On most Sundays, we had BBQ parties beside the swimming pool followed by a lot of games. I took part in a fire drill in the galley. The ship went very fast, doing more than twenty-five knots. On the way, we passed through the Suez Canal and Gulf of Aden, where I was told there were pirates. We crossed the Arabian Sea, passed south of south India and reached Singapore after passing the Malacca Straits. We were lucky that we did not have to face any bad weather. Every evening the crew of the ship played table tennis matches. I had a good time on the ship and am looking forward to my next trip.



Ken Sonny (V C)



I take this opportunity to write a short article about my favourite place in the children's park. First, let me introduce you to the children's park. It's a place where the Loyola kids can play. There is a merry-go-round, a few swings, slides, seesaws etc. The walls are painted with beautiful sceneries and the whole place looks very attractive.

My favourite place in the park is the Noah's Ark. According to the Bible, the story goes that once the world was full of wicked people. But the Lord was pleased with Noah who did good things, which made God happy and so, one day, God appeared before him and told him to build a very large boat for himself. He said that He would send continuous rain for 40 days and nights, which would cause a flood and would kill every living being on the Earth. God advised Noah to take his wife and children aboard along with one male and one female of all kinds of birds and animals along

with him. He should also have enough supply of food needed for his family and the animals. That's how Noah was able to save himself, his family and all the animals during the flood.

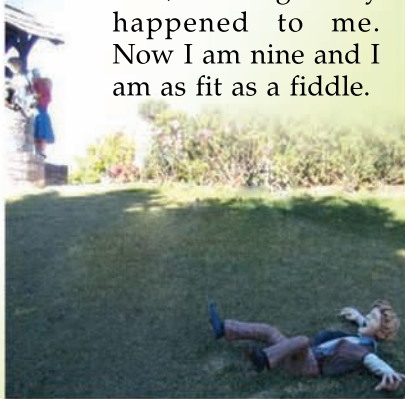
We have a model of Noah's ark in our school, which matches the description of the ark given in the Bible. There is a huge brown boat filled with statues and paintings of many birds and animals. I love going to this place. Now that I am in the fifth standard, we are not allowed to go to the park except on examination days. This has made me wish for exams, believe it or not! You must also visit the children's park and see the ark for yourself. I am sure you will like it very much.

Alex Kurian Varghese IV A



AN UNFORGETTABLE INCIDENT IN MY LIFE

I was seven years old when an unforgettable incident happened in my life. I fell down from the sunshade twenty feet above the ground. I had to take an X-ray to check if anything had happened to my bones. As luck would have it, nothing really happened to me. Now I am nine and I am as fit as a fiddle.



Niranjan B. (IV C)



I am a school bag. I used to sit on a shelf of a department store. Life was boring until a boy came and bought me. He was five years old and well-bred. I hoped he would take me home.

The next thing I remember was my sitting in a plastic bag on the seat of a car, ready to be used by my new master. He was very excited and he took me out of the plastic bag to examine me.

When school started, my master took me to his school. He showed me to his friends and all of them admired me greatly. For the first week he looked after me well. Before putting me on the floor he made sure that the floor was clean. But, after the first week he began tossing me on the floor and benches. He did not care if it hurt me or made me dirty. I suffered bruises and damages. As time went by, he tossed me every where and did not seem to love me. I knew then that the worst time of my life had begun.



THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A SCHOOL BAG



Adithya M. (IV C)



I wish I could be a doctor, Treating patients in a hospital. I wish I could be a teacher, Teaching students in a school. I wish I could be an actor, Acting in cinemas and serials. But, even if I could be none of these, I at least wish to be a good citizen.



MY AMBITION



Abhishek M.R. (IV C)



THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A PEN



My name is Reynolds Gel Racer II. I was born in a factory near Paris in France. I am one and a half years old. My ancestors were not as handsome as I am. They did not even have ink inside them. But I have special waterproof ink, stylish body design and needle point tip for smooth writing. I also have a stylish clip so that I can sit in the pocket of my owner. Now I am in Kerala, the most beautiful part of the world. I am with a boy living in Trivandrum. Here I am not alone because I have my best friends Parker, Lexi and Pilot. We are all very happy because the boy who looks after us is very loving and caring. He takes us to his school. He places me carefully in his box. In school we meet our other friends also. Every day, the boy uses me to write his notes. I make him write fast. I feel that I am useful to him. So I have great satisfaction in my life.





WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY SCHOOL



Aryan Deepak Lal (III B)

What I like about my school is that I can speak English with my friends. I love speaking English. I have immense freedom here. I can study properly and play well. We have a good Principal, Fr. Varghese Anikuzhy. The teachers are excellent. They help us in our studies and hence we turn out to be 'the best'. I love being a Loyolite.



Madhav Ramesh (III C)

What I like most about my school is the playground. It is very vast and there is a lot of open space for us to play and run round. We play many games there. There are goal posts at the sides of the ground. We get bats and balls from a room near the canteen. I like playing in the playground very much.



Rajdeep Jayan (III A)

I like the school campus because it is very beautiful and spacious. It is airy and splashed with sunlight throughout the year. We have a lot of space to play. I am sure that no other school has such a big campus as ours. We are lucky to have such a campus with so much beauty and serenity. I am proud to be a Loyolite.



Jacob J. Puthenveetil (III C)

The best thing I like about my school is the library. I like it because it has so many historical books, novels, and biographies of great people and leaders. It also has encyclopaedias on science, history and general subjects. Our library has a shelf with newspapers and magazines. I spend my free time in the library.



Akash Thomas (III C)

What I like most about my school is the garden. There are many plants and flowers in it. It is very interesting to see the butterflies sucking nectar from the flowers. Near the garden there are some rabbits and lovebirds. A few days back one rabbit gave birth to four little ones. It is very funny to watch them playing. We give them leaves. Sometimes I wish to play with them.



Karthikeyan Dileep (III C)

I like the canteen of my school the most because we get a lot of things to eat. We get nice and tasty snacks and a variety of cool drinks. The uncle and aunt in the canteen are very kind to us. The canteen is very big and has a number of benches to sit. The canteen is near my classroom and so I go there at lunchtime.



Srinandan P. (III C)

What I like most about my school is the swing. The swing is safer than the merry-go-round. I like the swing because it can fly very high and it seems to be nearer the sky. And we can see the flight of birds flying across the sky. And they are so beautiful! "Tweet! Tweet! Tweet!" they cry.

Akash Saji (II A)



MY TRIP TO THAILAND

On 2 November I went with my parents to Thailand. We stayed at Hilton Arcadia

by the sea. My sister and I played on the beach. I went to the coral island. I saw the corals. We went to the Fanta Sea Park. It was a wonderful place. There was a theatre, which was the palace of the elephants. I enjoyed my trip very much.

Anuvind P. (I A)



I love my mother very much. She is very pretty. She looks after me very well. She is everything to me.

Ronith R. Nair (I A)

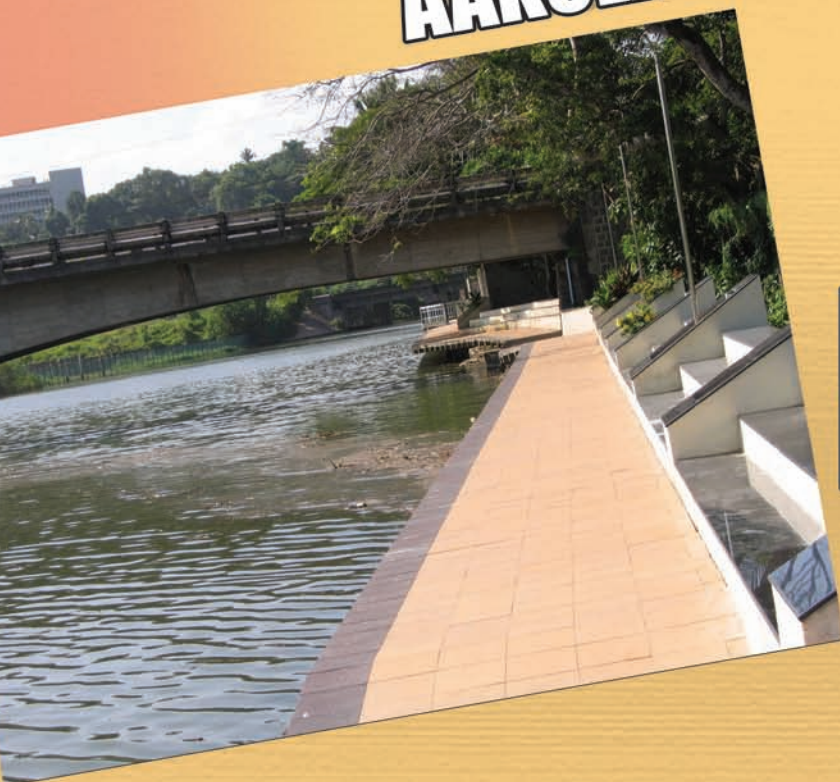


My mother likes me very much. She cooks tasty food for me every day. When she comes back from college, she brings me special things. She plays with me every day. She is my best friend.





Our PICNIC TO AAKULAM



Rohith Anil Kumar (II B)

We went on a picnic to Aakulam. I liked three things the most. They were, the food because it was very tasty, the park and last of all, the dancing fountain. I loved them all.



Farhan Ahmed S. (II B)

During my picnic to Aakulam, I had great fun with my friends in the park. I enjoyed the delicious food. The musical fountain excited me a lot. I am looking forward to my next picnic.



Sriram Ramesh (II A)

My picnic to Aakulam was on 17 October. I had a wonderful time. I enjoyed playing on the rides. I liked the musical fountain very much. Being with my friends was what I liked the most of all.



Rahul B. (II C)

When I went for the school picnic to Aakulam, I liked the park the best because there were many things to play with. I liked the slide because it was twisted. I also liked the musical fountain because there was colourful water rushing out and dancing with the music.

**Sangeeth Suresh (II C)**

When I went for my school picnic, I liked the musical and dancing fountain the best because the water was dancing to my favourite songs. There were colourful lights also. I liked the dragon wheel because it went in circles. I liked the round slide because I could go round and also go up and down.

**Karthik R. (II C)**

When I went for my school picnic to Aakulam, I liked the musical fountain the best because the water was going up like a swing with lights and music. I liked the seesaw because it went up and down and round and round. I also liked the car on wheels because it went very fast like a real car on the road.

**Sreeram Sajith (II C)**

When I went for my school picnic to Aakulam I liked the dragon wheels in the park the best because I went round and round. The see-saw was interesting because it went round and round and also up and down. I liked the musical fountain. It was nice to see the water dancing to the music and the colourful lights.

**Rohan C. (II C)**

When I went for my school picnic, I liked the musical fountain because it was dancing with the music. I liked the park because there were many things to play. I liked the seesaw because it took me round and round and up and down. I could swing up to the sky on the swing.



My Classroom

Neeraj Ajith (I C)



My classroom is the place where I sit and learn. It is situated in the ground floor of a grand building. There is a big blackboard where my teacher writes and teaches us every day. We learn new lessons from our teacher. There are many windows through which fresh air and sunlight come in. I have forty classmates. We study together in the class. We keep the classroom clean. We enjoy learning in our class.

Benedict M. E. (I C)



My class is standard I C. There are forty-one boys in my class. I have a big classroom. There are five rows of benches and desks. There is a chair and table for my teacher. We have many pretty pictures on the wall. There are two shelves and a big cupboard where our books are kept. I like to be in my classroom.

Samuel Alex Koshy (I C)



My class is I C in Loyola School. My classroom is neat and tidy. There are forty-one children in my class. There is a blackboard and a cupboard in my classroom. There are beautiful pictures in my class. There are three windows and a door. I like my classroom very much.

Siddharthan Dileep (I C)



My class is standard I C. It is a big classroom. There is a chair and table for my teacher and five rows of benches and desks for us. There are forty-one boys in my class. There is a blackboard where the teacher writes. There are many pretty pictures on the wall. We keep our books in two shelves and one cupboard. We are happy in the classroom.