



# NEW HORIZON SCHOLARS SCHOOL

## From the Editor's Desk

Welcome to the first issue of 'U'- The Gen Next.

Bountiful showers of rain are much awaited after the scorching summer heat.

So, to appreciate this astounding gift of Mother Nature and to enjoy this phenomenal season, we bring to you 'Monsoon Mania' in the form of splendid articles, poems and essays. The magazine also covers the special moments of our Scholarites' journey in school.

It is rightly said, "Each one is just one drop. Together we are an ocean."

This magazine would not have seen the light of day without the guidance and support of our mentors: the Director and the Principal and the English Department; not forgetting the Editorial team for their assistance.

I now invite you to peruse 'U'- The Gen Next at your leisure.

-Sharon D'souza



Ms. Anushka Prajapati - IX

Ms. Khushi Warriar - IX

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Life's not about waiting for the storm to pass.  
It's about learning to dance in the rain.

- Vivian Greene

When it rains on your parade, look up rather than down.

Without the rain, there would be no rainbow.

- Gilbert K. Chesterton

Heavy rains remind us of challenges in life.

Never ask for a lighter rain.

Just pray for a better umbrella. That is attitude.

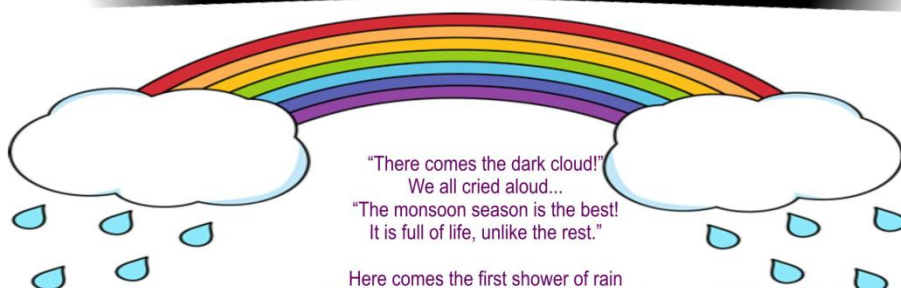
Rain is grace: rain is the sky descending to the earth;  
without rain, there would be no life

- John Updike

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# Expressions

'U' have a way with words



## Rainy Thoughts

Rain, rain pour yourself on me  
Rain, rain just set me free.  
Rain, rain we need you in our fields  
Only then can we get great yields.  
Rain, rain fill all the rivers  
But please don't leave me in shivers.  
Rain, rain don't spread infection  
Let thy showers only spread affection.  
Rain, rain this time you have to be here for long  
In order to make our water supply strong.



## A Raindrop

A drop of rain is like a sudden knock on the door  
Unexpected, yet often welcomed with a smile.  
It can brighten up your day or ruin your plans.  
It can make you laugh or make you sad.  
Whether the raindrop is fast or slow,  
Or it is big or small,  
It always gets everyone's attention.  
  
A raindrop contains many secrets.  
It is a bubble of surprise.  
It cleanses the Earth and feeds the flowers.  
The raindrop is never silent.  
It bangs on the roof and splatters on the window panes  
or splashes in a puddle.



-Ms. Prisha Mehta: 5-E

## My Best Friend- 'Monsoon'

The monsoon is not only my friend but a friend to all.  
It is my best friend because it is a source of fresh water.  
Not only that, since it arrives after the summer season thus  
relieving us from the scorching summer heat. The monsoon  
is also a farmer's friend as farmers depend on it for their  
crops to grow.

Monsoon is a playful friend to children- big and small.  
Children enjoy sailing paper boats in water puddles. All like  
to eat hot pakodas accompanied with a cup of steaming  
chai when it rains. I really love it, whenever it rains!



-Ms. Komal Vaishya: 7- A

"There comes the dark cloud!"  
We all cried aloud...  
"The monsoon season is the best!  
It is full of life, unlike the rest."

Here comes the first shower of rain  
To wash away the pain of the scorching sun  
Now that it's raining,  
Let's have some fun!

Trees and worms prance  
And happy souls dance  
Coz God blesses us with showers  
To rejuvenate our virtuous powers.

A little girl cried, "My umbrella broke!"  
And a heartless frog laughed with a croak.  
Coming out of its hole, the green snake hissed  
Forget the sunburn, it's time to get rain-kissed!

-Ms. Devika Dhapatkar. 10 - B



The rain is dripping,  
Forming puddles big and small,  
One of the wettest yet most beautiful  
Occurrence of all.

A rainbow appears  
In the sky, after the rain  
The sun springs out  
From behind the clouds again.

The sun shines down,  
Brightening the sky so blue  
Beautiful and happy  
Its colour shining true.

-Ms. Disha Thakkar: 8-A



Monsoon, monsoon, where are you?  
In the overbearing clouds, I think.

Don't come too fast or slow, come steady.  
As slow and steady wins the race,  
You could bring a smile to my face.

Before you come the world is full of gloom,  
But as you arrive, I watch everything bloom.

Everybody likes to play in the rain  
Whether it is a pain or a gain.

-Mst. Shivam Tiwari: 7-B



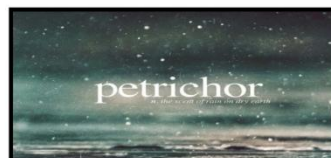
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## Brain Freeze

fascinating facts to enrich 'U'



**The scent of rain on dry earth is called 'petrichor'**



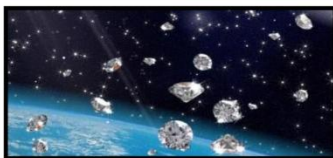
**The least rainy place on the earth isn't the desert, it is in Antarctica. It receives 6.5 inches of snow or rain per year.**

**Rain too varies in speed. The maximum speed of a falling rainfall differ from 18 to 22 miles per hour.... (Ouch! That hurts.)**



**The most rainfall ever recorded in one year is 25.4 metres (1000 inches) in Cherrapunji, India**

**There is no end to rain in Mt. Waialeale, Hawaii. It has up to 350 rainy days per year.**



**Due to extreme pressure and temperature, it literally rains DIAMONDS on Neptune and Urmus.**

**Kottayam region in kerala, encountered the red precipitation most as compared to any part in the world (Rain has colours too!)**



**Ms. Siddhika Rai**

**9 B**



## Water is Life

Scarcity of water is the most appalling problem of the world. In highly populated countries like India and China, water sources are limited. The way we are constructing new roads, new factories, new housing complexes, slowly, the water reservoirs, ponds, lakes and rivers are exhausting their water content. Water scarcity results in loss of drinking water. Plants die, thus, food production reduces and leads to a number of cascading effects. One best measure to get rid of this problem is rainwater harvesting. Artificial ponds and tanks can be built to store water. Artificial clouding or cloud seeding is also a good technique to bring rain. Water fountain shows be banned and water parks should not be built in cities to avoid wastage. Surveys have said that water scarcity affects a continent at least once a year, and around 2.8 billion people suffer due to it. In India, many government and non-government organizations like 'Tarun Bharat Sangh' work for the welfare of thirsty people. So do your part to save water

Ms. Shivani M.: 7-B.

## RAINS: 'Revive And Intensify Nature's Soul'

Rain satisfies the requirement of water. But humans are trying to kill the little drops of rain. Global warming is leading to the end of rain which in turn will lead to the end of our lives. Deforestation at a high rate leads to no rainfall or droughts in some parts of the world. Whereas, uncontrolled rainfall in other parts leads to flooding. In both cases, excess or scarcity, destruction is sure to happen. What can be done as a rescue operation of these small, yet vital raindrops?

- Education about protection of trees and ways to keep the environment green should be provided to everyone.
- The number of trees planted should exceed the ones being cut down.
- Just planting saplings is not enough! Caring for them and helping them grow is equally important.
- The law should come down heavily on those responsible for deforestation.
- Forests should be protected and reserved so no one cuts the existing trees.

As you can see, there are lots of things one can do. But it is up to you to implement these measures. Let's start looking at this issue as a whole, and work hard to make a difference. We will certainly be in a much better place if we work now. All this will help rescue the multi-faceted, courageous, small rain drops from difficulty. Coz no rain, no trees, no life!

-Ms. Isha Pathak:9-B

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# Sports Zone

—time for 'U' to move

## Football Mania

"Sports is a universal way of staying fit, and football is one of the finest game ever played." Even though football is played in all seasons, real fun is experienced when the water pours down and its wet all round. The sport is played by many, but it is truly enjoyed only by a few. It is these few who really find playing football in the rain satisfying. Formally played, eleven players make up a team, five referees guide the players; but sheer joy and fun comes when playing with friends. And the best part in playing with one's buddies is that there are no strict rules to follow, and no limitations on the time.



Even though it is fun to play in the slush and mud, one should take necessary precaution as the wet ground tends to be quite slippery. This can be a threat to the players. So one should be careful. Further, the challenge here is to kick the ball in the right direction. So the game is more fun. Some of my favorite players are: Pele, Maradona, Zidane, Messi and Ronaldo (Cr7) Watching them play helps me prepare for my own game. Play football, love football, stay fit!

—Saransh Banerjee: 9 B



## Let's play darts!

**Darts** was a game invented due to rain.

A group of archers were stuck inside a tavern because of a heavy downpour one day and began throwing short arrows at a target (barrel). Maybe rain isn't all that bad!





## Laugh Factory



**Teacher:** Make a sentence using the word 'sugar'.

**Student:** I had a cup of coffee.

**Teacher:** But where is the sugar?

**Student:** the sugar is in the coffee, madam!



**Yash:** Dad, I want to become a dentist not a cardiologist.

**Dad:** Why?

**Yash:** Humans only have one heart and 32 teeth.  
So I will get more money!

Aarya Mahajan: 4-D



## Riddles

1. What goes up when rain comes down?

An umbrella



2. What does a cloud wear inside its raincoat?

Thunderwear

3. When does it rain "money"?

When there is a **CHANGE** in weather!



4. What is a tornado's favourite game?

Twister!!

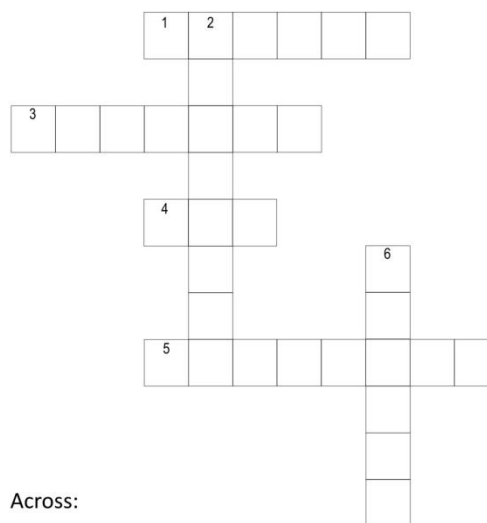
Arnav Kusurkar 7 A

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Shlok Shetty 5 E



## RAINY DAY CROSSWORD



Across:

1. A small pool of water
3. A band of colours
4. Drenched in the rain
5. Protective wear in the monsoon

Down:

2. A protective canopy that is portable
6. A brief fall of rain.

## Spot the differences





The monsoon has finally hit the city. While planning your menu, how about making pakoras healthy this time around?

Here are ways you can make the original pakora 'healthy', without compromising on its taste.

## VEGETABLE PAKORAS

### What you need:

Chana flour -2 cups

Cumin - 1 tsp

Small cauliflower - ½ head

Potato - 1 small, grated

Salt as per taste

Baking powder - 1 tsp

Turmeric ½ tsp

Peas 1/3 cup

Oil- 2-3 tsp

Garam masala-1 ½ tsp

Dried cilantro - 1 ½ tsp

Carrot - 1 medium, grated

Onion - 1 medium, chopped

### Method:

Mix all these in a large bowl.

Add water to make a batter.

Mix the vegetables in it; put the dipped vegetables onto the oiled baking sheet.

Bake for 8 minutes, flip and bake another 10 minutes till they turn light brown.

Eat with chutney garnished with mint leaves.

The health value of such foods increases when consumed with chillies as they contain good digestive enzymes and do not make one lethargic and sleepy after the meal.

SHLOK SHETTY  
5 E

Want something warm on a cool, damp and rainy day? Try this bowl of hot soup!

## VEGETABLE SOUP

### Ingredients

- 1 ½ cup corn kernels (fresh/ frozen)
- ½ to 1 medium potato finely chopped (or 1 tsp corn starch)
- ¼ cup green peas
- ¼ cup finely chopped carrots
- 4 to 6 finely chopped beans
- 2 to 3 sprigs of spring onions chopped
- 2 ½ to 3 cups water
- ½ tsp sugar
- ½ tsp butter/oil
- pepper powder as needed

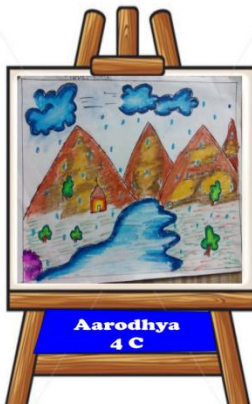
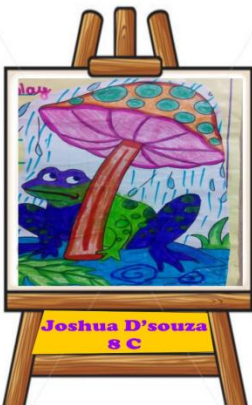
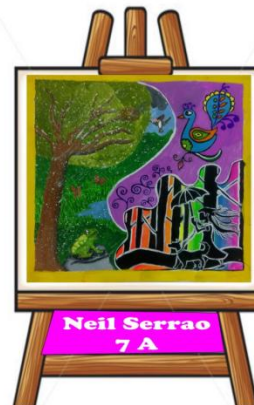
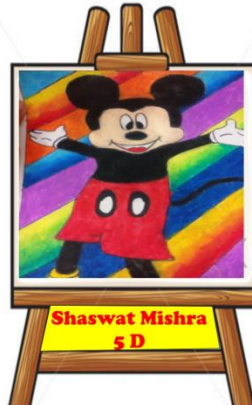
### Method

1. Wash and chop all the veggies finely.
2. Heat butter in a pot, add veggies except spring onions. Saute for 2 minutes.
3. Add water and boil till all the veggies get cooked. Cooking on a low flame makes the soup taste better.
4. While the soup boils, mix corn starch in little water. This is optional. When the veggies are soft cooked, pour this to the pot and stir till it thickens. Add salt and sugar as well.
5. Serve warm with pepper powder.



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# Colour me Beautiful





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## Young Wordsmiths

'U' create magic with words

Monsoon Winds	Rain drops	Rainbow
<p>Monsoon winds are cooling factors Always blow in fixed sectors.</p> <p>High Pressure zone to low pressure Flows tightly with water nectar.</p> <p>Monsoon is God's crown It washes clean, nature's green gown.</p> <p>Gives atmosphere full clarity Admire its graceful charity.</p> <p>Say thanks to this watery device Say, 'How cool! How nice!'</p> <p>Bringing cheer to all around It cleans and clears all grounds.</p> <p>Recharges the subsoil Agricultural machines, act like oil.</p> <p>Monsoon is desired for India's need Very essential for Indians to feed. -Palak Priya: Gr. 6 B</p>	<p>Rain drops, rain drops, Quench the thirst, drench the sand. Thunder and lightening Free the atmosphere from the hot summer The flowing gush washes The dry beds of dust.</p> <p>Rain drops clear its way From beneath the clouds Over the mountains, valleys and peaks Sprout tiny green leaves The little flowers start to bud And grow, and grow, and grow.</p> <p>The sky sings a lullaby when it pours Rain is the love of the sky and the earth They meet each other Through these love drops. -Gargi Sahu: 7-D</p>	<p>I am Ananya When I was in class four, The more I knew science topics, I wanted to learn more and more.</p> <p>That was the time of rainy season, The sky was full of clouds "How does a rainbow appear?" I still had a doubt.</p> <p>I asked my grandma "How is the rainbow formed?" She smiled and replied, "It's the bow of Lord Ram."</p> <p>Even though I respected my grandma, I was not at all happy, Because the answer seemed to me A bit weird and sloppy.</p> <p>I asked my mom, "Please tell me the facts of rainbow," She politely answered, "I will now have to cook, you please go."</p> <p>Wondering what to do, I went to my father's shop, And again, I asked, "Dad, How is a rainbow formed from a raindrop?"</p> <p>My dad started the internet And turned on the Google page, All of a sudden I got my answer To clear my doubt of so many days.</p> <p>Seven colours are hidden in light Even though we see only one, The water drops of clouds break them free To have all the fun</p> <p>I decided to have fun of Science, By learning more and more That day I enriched my knowledge By learning a new word: 'VIBGYOR'. -Ananya Sengupta: 8-B</p>
Pitter-patter	Walk with me, Daddy SHOWERS OF LOVE	
<p>Pitter-patter rain drops On the window sill. Racing down the glass window To be first- is their will.</p> <p>The little sunlight peeps in Forming a rainbow among the clouds Violet, Indigo, Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange and Red in.</p> <p>My taste buds urge and crave For onion pakodas and masala tea, Roasted corn, with salt and lime Make my hunger pangs jump with glee.</p> <p>Colourful umbrellas, windcheaters, gumboots, All are out of the closet Paper boats, puddles and raincoats Make the monsoon most memorable. -Shreyanshi B.:</p>	<p>Walk alongside me, Daddy and hold my little hands I have so many things to learn that I don't understand. Teach me things to keep me safe from dangers every day. Show me how to do my best at home, at school, at play. Every child needs a hand to guide them as they grow. So walk alongside me, Daddy we have a long way to go. Yukti Thakkar I C</p>	
	Monsoon is Here	
	<p>Monsoon is here On the Earth's sphere. All chances to get wet Without breaking into a sweat. The sun isn't glowing Now that the rain is pouring. Raindrops falling down Now I like a king with a crown. Have my paper boats ready to play Oh what fun it will be today! -Ms. Shivani M: 7-B</p>	

### Rain - Gain

There was a girl named Anu. She was six years old. She had no friends. One rainy day Anu was sitting alone in a garden with an umbrella. After sometime, a girl came and sat next to her. Her name was Siv. She too was six years old and had no friends to play with. Suddenly it started raining. Anu pulled Siv under her umbrella. Siv thanked Anu for protecting her from the rain. Siv asked Anu to play with her. Anu agreed and both of them started playing & even enjoyed the showers. Every day they would come to the garden to play with each other. They played Hide-&-Seek, Catch, and many other games. They were very happy to be with each other. They became best friends. The rain had given each of them a friend.

Urvara Anup Nair 1-B

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# SNEEK PEEK

an inside scoop of 'U'



**Yoga Competition**



**Ignite- Elocution Competition**



**Yeor Hills - Field trip**



**Badge Making Competition**



**Ayurmedic - Medicinal Plants Exhibition**



**Earth Day Rally**



**Geet Zankar -Solo Singing Competition**



**Tree Plantation Drive**



**Lokmat Press Field trip**





## **THADIYANDAMOL, KARNATAKA**

This is the highest peak in Coorg. It could be clubbed with a village walk through a spice plantation. If you get lucky, you can see the Arabian Sea from the peak.



## **MALSHEJ GHAT, MAHARASHTRA**

The glaring green pass of Malshej Ghat is famous with hikers, especially during monsoon. Exotic migratory flamingos choose Malshej as their monsoon abode and trekkers stop at the waterfalls to have hot kunji vade.



## **DUDHSAGAR FALLS, GOA**

One of India's tallest waterfalls, Dudhsagar is on the border of Karnataka and Goa. During the monsoon season, you can hear Dudhsagar roar at a distance.



## **CHEMBRA PEAK, WAYANAND**

A heart-shaped mountain lake, nestled between the hills and filled to the brim, this trek is surely a surprise package to enjoy.

**Ms. Bhavya Krup**  
**9 B**



# Calling Young Bards & Wordsmiths

*The next issue of 'U' The Gen Next will be published in the month of November covering the theme: 'Festive Frenzy'. If you are interested - submit your articles, stories, essays, poems, jokes, etc. to [nhseditor@gmail.com](mailto:nhseditor@gmail.com) by 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2016. Mention your name, class and division. Write ups should be original. In choosing the content, the decision of the editors will be final.*

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