

### Identify the proverbs



- Falisha Banu K, Hemavarshni M, X – D

### Travel on Paper

I had just finished my fifth grade and I was looking forward to my annual holidays. But I hadn't expected it to be so boring! So my parents suggested I should try reading books. I had always wondered why some people loved reading books so much? What could possibly be interesting in that white sheet filled with black letters that my sister spent hours reading? It didn't take long for me to find out why. At first I wasn't thrilled by the idea of sitting in a corner and flipping through the pages for hours but my curiosity won me over.

The first novel I read was about a little girl named Sayuri, who was trained to be a Geisha as she grew up. The book was based on Japanese society and culture. The beginning was dull and the book was thick. I wondered whether a lifetime would be enough to finish it. I kept on reading to know what would happen next and the story started getting interesting. The 400 pages flew fast, I should have read slowly.

Eventually, I finished reading the book only to realize I was back on Earth and it felt as if cold water had been dumped on my head. It was at that moment I realized that "reading" was neither spelling each and every word nor connecting words to make a sentence which gives us meaning. While reading I felt the emotions Sayuri felt - laughed when she laughed, an ache in the heart when she cried. I was travelling with her, I was Sayuri!! As Jhumpa Lahiri said, "That's the thing about books, they let you travel without moving your feet".

While reading, I thought I was travelling with the character and the flow of the book. When I delved deep inside, I realized it is always books that have been travelling alongside us down history. As I travelled through different genera, I realized some truths and changes in myself. My imagination had improved and is at best wild. I know now that the library is a citadel of power. If a library is destroyed, a very big part of civilization is destroyed. It is the birth place of knowledge, wisdom, invention, renaissance, cultural and information revolution. Almost all great leaders have been voracious readers. Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.

Reading gives peace of mind, and that's what I seek. It has improved my vocabulary, writing skill, speaking skill and comprehension skill. You don't feel alone, if you have books. They are the best companions. An ideal book in the shelf is dead weight. Books should be read and enjoyed. Then it is worth its weight in gold. Books are stepping stones to success. I would like to conclude with my favourite quote, "A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies...the man who never reads lives only one". - George R.R.Martin.

- Devadarsshini.A, IX – B

### LEAVES OF GOLD

#### January 2023

- Jan – 05 Pooja I of Std. VII participated in the drawing competition conducted by Kuzhandaigal Kalai Elakuya Valarchi Kazhagam and was awarded the "Siruvar Kalai Sudar Virudhu" (Puducherry) and was also awarded Best Achiever Award and Budding Artist Award by Oviyalaya Trust , Chennai.
- Jan – 06 Our School was awarded the First Rank in 'Sanitation and Cleanliness in our premises' as part of Swachh Survekshan 2023 by Oulgaret Municipality, Puducherry.
- Harshika C of Std. X participated in the Sub Junior Asian Championship held at Tashkent, Uzbekistan and secured fourth place in 64 kg category with total weight of 160 kg. She also participated in Khelo India National Women's Ranking held at Uttar Pradesh and secured second place in 64 kg category with total weight of 169 kg.
- Jan – 11 2341 students of Our School set a Word Record displaying Sustainable Energy motifs. The school chose to showcase Goal 7 (Affordable Clean Energy) of UN's Sustainable Development Goals as it synced with the Institution's Educational Goals, and would also be helpful in sending out a planet preservation message to the nation and the world. Students formed symbols of alternative, affordable energy – Wind Power, Solar Power and Hydro power. The students used LED lights fixed on panels to create the image. Dr. Muthamma IAS, Secretary to Government was the Chief Guest, Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail, Soil Biologist and Alumnus was the Guest of Honour and Mr. Christopher Taylor, Florida, USA, was the Official Record Manager.
- Jan – 13 Students of Std. VII celebrated Pongal – the Harvest Festival infusing seasonal cheer and zest in all.
- Jan – 25 Republic Day Celebration was organized by the students of Std. VIII
- Jan – 26 On Republic Day the Principal received Trophies from the Governor for having achieved 100% result in the Hr. Sec and SSLC Public Exams 2022 awarded by the Government of Puducherry, Directorate of School Education.

- Our School team was adjudged the Best March Past Contingent (Private Schools) in the Republic Day parade. The shield was received by the Principal.
- Jan – 28 'CAPS Meet 2023' was attended by a large number of Past Pupils.
- Jan – 30 Students of Std. XII attended a session on "Career Guidance" by Mr. Yogi, Director, Locus
- February 2023**
- Feb – 03 A Medical Camp was organized by CAPT for the students of Std. VI – XII. A team of doctors from Mahatma Gandhi Medical College administered medical check- up for the students.
- Feb – 06 A debate on "Library vs Internet" and "Face Fear Vs Avoid Fear" was conducted for Std. VI to IX. Students participated in the Bosco Fest 2023 held at Don Bosco School, Tagore Nagar and won prizes in English elocution, drawing, group dance and group singing.
- Feb – 07 General Councillor, Rev. Sr. Luciana from France visited our school. To mark the occasion a short program was organized by the students. Later she addressed the students and the staff.
- The students of Std. VIII and X attended a session on 'Infatuation' by Dr. BanuPriya and Dr. Melbin, Psychiatrists.
- A Medical Camp was organized by CAPT for the students of Primary and Montessori with a visiting team of doctors from Mahatma Gandhi Medical College.
- Feb – 08 Students of Std. VII visited the Hospice as a part of their reach out programme.
- Feb – 09 Fabiola J of Std. XII participated in the State School Games Championship organised by the Government of Puducherry, Directorate of School Education and secured the first prize in High Jump and third prize in 100 meters in the under 19 category.
- Feb – 11 Farewell Party was organised for the students of Std. XII.
- Feb – 13 Our School Band performed nonstop for more than 20 minutes for the March Past and received a memento on the 38<sup>th</sup> National Taekwondo Championship 2023 held at Rajiv Gandhi Indoor Stadium, Uppalam.
- Our School participated in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Flower Show conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Puducherry and won the following prizes: Ornamental Garden - second prize, Japanese Style Floral Arrangement - first prize.
- Feb – 15 Toppers in the Catechism Diocese Exam 2022 – 2023 were given prizes. Vandana Reddy of Std. X, Josephine Priya and Angeline Mary Remy of Std. XI received the prizes.
- Feb – 20 Haasini S of Std. VIII won the first prize in Painting Competition organised by the People for Pondicherry's Heritage, INTACH at Alliance Française, Pondicherry.
- Mrs. Vimala and Mrs. Binu attended a workshop on Eco-Pedagogy conducted by the Centre for Environment Education, Centre for Science and Environment and Department of Science and Technology and Environment.
- Feb – 22 AmirthaVarshini V was elected as the school pupil leader along with JosephinePriya S and Shruthi S as Assistant School Pupil Leaders for the Academic year 2023 – 2024.
- Vishnu Vardhini N P of Std. VI participated in the State Level Silabam Tournament in the single stick mini sub junior category and won the Gold medal.
- Feb – 24 Students of Std. XI D and E section had a week long NSS Camp. Mr. Satish Kumar, State NSS Officer inaugurated the camp. Students participated in various activities over a span of seven days and gained value lessons and life skills.
- Feb – 28 Students of Std. VII attended a session on "Influence of Media" conducted by doctors from Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences
- March 2023**
- Mar – 01 Students of Std. VIII visited "Mother Teresa Anbu Illam", Reddiarpalayam, as a part of their reach out programme.
- Mar – 03 Students participated in the 36<sup>th</sup> State Athletics Championship conducted by the Amateur Athletics Association and secured the following prizes: Aneeshka S of Std. VII won silver medal in long jump and gold medal in 4 x 100 meters relay, Anvitha Sarah Johnson of Std. VIII won gold medal in 4 x 100 meters relay, Guhapriya A of Std. VIII won bronze medal in 60 meters and gold medal in 4 x 100 meters relay, under 14 category, Fabiola J of Std. XII won gold medal in medley relay, under 19 category
- Mar – 05 The department of Medical Oncology, Jipmer conducted International Childhood Cancer Day programme at Gandhi Thidal, Puducherry. Our students participated and won prizes in drawing and letter writing.
- Mar – 06 Vanishree of Std. VIII created a new Kalam's World Record by creating a 52,000 sq.ft. G-20 logo 2023 in 20 hours using Rangoli Powder.
- Mar – 17 Mrs. Sindhu and Miss. Ambili attended a workshop on Green School Programme organised by Waterfest 2023.
- Mar – 22 & Mar – 23 Teachers from Montessori, Primary and Higher Secondary School attended the Interactive Intelligent Panel Board training session by Mr. Vinnarasu, Chennai.
- Mar – 29 The school celebrated St. Joseph's Feast with the students of Std. VI putting up a vibrant and colourful programme.
- Students from Std.VI to XII participated in the Zonal School Games Championship 2022 – 2023 and won many prizes. In Athletics students from U-17 and U-19 category won many prizes and the school won the overall championship in the U-19 category.

**"Success comes in cans, not can'ts"**  
**School closes for summer vacation and re-opens on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.**



2022 - 2023

APRIL 2023

BLOSSOM LXXIV

***I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. - Psalms 86:12***

Dear Parents and Teachers,

As we draw close to the end of the school year 2022-2023 we are so thankful for the hard work, determination and resilience that the parents, students and staff have shown this year despite it being an exceptionally challenging one due to the post pandemic demands.

My deep appreciation and gratitude to each one of you for working together with the Management to achieve the World Record Event that sent out the message 'Together WE CAN'. This achievement would not have been possible without the commitment and support from the teachers and parents. Yes, dear teachers, you have gone way beyond expectation and your dedication has been one of the reasons we have been so successful in the accomplishment of many big and small events during the Platinum Jubilee of the school.

Congratulations and best wishes to the 278 twelfth students who will be leaving the portals of Cluny after spending 14 years, to step into a new world ready to face the challenges of the future. Fourteen years have gone by in the making of you, young ladies, but the investment the school has made in you will last a lifetime. Go! Make a difference. Be righteous in your actions, dignified in your ways, believe in yourself and hold on to God who is the same yesterday, today and forever. And some time in the future, you are most welcome to come back to tell us the stories of your success, for in your success lies our life's fulfillment.

My dear students, as you begin your summer vacation make your vacation an opportunity to gain knowledge and experiences. Vacations are a time when you can catch up with plenty of reading which you might have otherwise been unable to do. Read great books that will broaden your vision and lead you to dream big. Choose activities that will help you to gain more knowledge and relaxation.

The following story will help you understand the importance of acquiring good habits in your younger days that will help you to become a successful and contented person in the future...

A gentleman was walking through an elephant camp, and he noticed that the elephants weren't being kept in cages or held by the use of chains. All that was HOLDING THEM BACK from escaping the camp was a small piece of rope tied to one of their legs.

As the man gazed upon the elephants, he was completely confused as to why the elephants didn't just use their strength to break the rope and escape the camp. They could easily have done so, but instead, they didn't try to at all. Curious and wanting to know the answer, he asked a trainer nearby why the elephants were just standing there and never tried to escape.

The trainer replied, "When they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free". The only reason why the elephants weren't breaking free and escaping from the camp was that over time they adopted the belief that it just wasn't possible.

The truth behind this anecdote is appropriate to human beings as well. Habits formed at a tender and flexible age can have a permanent, lifelong effect on a person. Good habits produce strong, disciplined, optimistic adults who can impact the world positively. Negative habits produce unhealthy, weak-minded people who can do no good for themselves or for others.

***"Your FUTURE is created by what you do TODAY."***  
 Have a restful summer and return with fabulous memories.

**-Sr. Rosily, Principal.**



**EDITOR'S MESSAGE**

SUMMER HOLIDAYS finally. After months of assignments, exams and all the hard work that we have put in, we deserve this long break, don't we? So shall we spend the entire break binging on junk and TV, glued to the screens, lying on the bed all day or shall we make use of this break to become a better version of us? If we are going to choose the second option, then there are a number of ways to make this summer break a productive one.

- ✓ First, create a schedule. It will help you to stay more organised and accomplish your tasks.
- ✓ Allocate some time in your aforesaid schedule for self-care. Take up any physical activity that is suitable for your body like walking, skipping rope, aerobics, yoga etc. Exercise is a very important part of everyone's everyday health. Enjoying your holiday meals is okay but take care to make it balanced and healthy. Always stay hydrated to beat the heat. Meditate.
- ✓ Declutter your room
- ✓ Lend a hand in household chores
- ✓ READ. It is the most effective means of relaxation and improves your brain function as well. Set a goal to read a certain number of books based on your interest and the duration of the break.
- ✓ Summer holidays are the best time to develop new skills. Enrol in a class or a workshop, online or offline, and learn something new like a language, playing a musical instrument, sports, craft, coding etc.
- ✓ Spend time with family and friends. Let us all try and take a step towards making use of the holidays safely and effectively to recharge, rejuvenate and upgrade ourselves and give our best shot in the upcoming year.

- Mrs. Kaviya Rajendran, Parent

**COUNSELLOR'S CORNER**

**The Menace of Mobile Phones**

Summer vacation is the happiest time of the year in the life of a student. It is a time to relax after a long year of school, homework and exams. Sadly, both parents and children alike assume that smartphones are the best way to relax. I'm sure most of the students have planned to enjoy their holidays with mobile phones. Before you reach out to grab your smartphone it is wise to consider the hazards of excessive use of mobile phones.

Studies have proven that teens who spend too much of their time with their mobiles are prone to stress, anxiety and depression. Research has also found that excessive use of smartphones may result in an increased risk of mental health problems.

The skills and cognitive abilities students need for academic success are negatively affected by excessive use of mobiles.

Most often, this technology can bring forth negative interaction or zero interaction between siblings and parent-child. It weakens the dependency of children on parents and the bond that parents share with their children. Children share their emotions, feelings and problems with their friends on social media without letting their parents know anything about their problems. This could be dangerous.

Exposure to high level of blue light from phones can disturb sleep. It restrains the production of melatonin, the hormone that controls the sleep-wake cycle. The electromagnetic radiation emitted by mobile phones causes headache, dizziness, fatigue, neck pain and eye strain.

**Dear children,** instead of wasting your precious vacation time on smartphones, try these fruitful alternatives:

- Learn to cook.
- Pick up a new language.
- Read something new.
- Grow indoor plants/ Set up a terrace garden.
- Join a new sport.
- Spend time talking to your grandparents about their childhood.

**Dear parents,** give your children your time instead of smartphones. Play with them, take them out for a nature walk, teach them simple recipes, arrange a tour and tell/read them stories. Vacation is a crucial time to create a strong parent-child bond.

**Children, your success or failure as a student largely depends on how/how much you use the smartphone!!**

- Mrs. Nirmala Edward, Counsellor

**DOWN MEMORY LANE**

*I will give thanks to the Lord because of His righteousness;  
I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord most High. – Psalm 7:17*

As I sit back to reminisce ... about my association of 50 years with my Alma Mater... fond memories fill my mind. I joined the very reputed institution, Cluny, as a 3 year old toddler and since then I never looked back. I am indebted to my father (a Cluny past student himself) and my mother, who together decided to admit me in Cluny School. My heartfelt thanks to my parents. My days as a student in Cluny were carefree, fun filled days. It was during these formative years that I imbibed the values of our beloved Foundress, Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey, which helped me face and overcome life's challenges with grace and dignity. Every Cluny student will understand that being educated at Cluny is a unique opportunity, a special gift and a great privilege.

I entered the Cluny portals a second time to join the family as a teacher – a History teacher. History was a subject I dearly loved and I put my heart and soul into teaching students about the glorious past of our Motherland and the World. 36 years as a teacher was indeed enriching, enlivening and extremely satisfying. Every day was a new and exciting venture with the students and my co-teachers who were very loving, caring and co-operative. It was a great gift to work with my teachers who had taught me. They played a big role in moulding me into becoming a perfect Cluny teacher. Thank you my dear super senior teachers.

The Congregation founded by Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey needs a special applause and appreciation for the service in the field of Education of the girl child. All our pioneers and our dear Principals and Sisters have to be looked up to and lauded for their selfless service during these 77 years.

My profound thanks to my family, my husband and my two daughters who stood by me and supported me in my vocation as a teacher during these 36 years. Our supporting staff were always very helpful and came forward to help and assist whenever I needed it. Above everything, I thank the Almighty for having planted me in the Cluny Garden to grow and flourish. May God be glorified. I salute you Cluny for what I am today (a proud Clunian). Long Live Cluny.

- Mrs. Mary Grace F X, Retiring Teacher.

**SET YOUR GOAL**

*Without dreams and goals there is no living, only merely existing and that is not why we are here – Mark Twain*

Goal setting is a formal process for personal planning and is a form of motivation. It is useful to reach a target that a person works for, so they can remain focused on being successful. It helps to stay away from distractions and is an excellent motivation. Goal setting is a very powerful technique that can yield strong returns in all areas of your life. Setting goals allow you to decide what you want to do with your life. By setting goals you are able to see what you have done and what you are capable of doing.

If you do not achieve your goals, then this does not mean that you are a failure as long as you learn something from your mistakes. You must find where you went wrong and then fix them.

*If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things - Albert Einstein*

Achieving any goals requires self-discipline. **GREAT THINGS NEVER CAME FROM COMFORT ZONES.** It involves a conscious awareness of our actions and the ability to overcome some of the bad habits that might be holding us. Instilling self-discipline into our lives is not an easy task. It requires steady attention to actions and determination to achieve something big. Your goal must be clear and well defined. Remember, you need goals to show you the way. Once you set your goal, be more specific. It empowers you to move from a dream to reality.

**Make it happen! Dream it, plan it, work it.**

- Ananya Madhuvanti , X – D

**Farewell, Second Home**

Farewell Party, the most awaited occasion came, and with mixed feelings we stood on the brink of our school life. 14 years of life in Cluny was coming to an end. It was time to leave this fortress that had protected us all along, given us strong wings of wisdom to fly into the world of promises. We thank God Almighty for blessing us with a wonderful school life.

Life at Cluny is just not academics; our self- confidence and integrity were constantly nurtured and groomed over the years in every possible way. The spectacle we experienced while bagging the world record was one of its kind. Our Principal shepherded us with wisdom and prayers and has enlightened us about how to overcome all the tugs and turns of life. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts.

In Montessori we were treated like princesses or even more like angels. Our dear teachers allowed us to explore many things in a play way. The cognitive skills in our formative brain were kindled and our little hands were made to work wonders. Primary education forms the bedrock of development in a child. Our primary school shaped us into what we are today. Our primary teachers tamed and transformed the little monsters inside each one of us into responsible social beings to confront adolescence with ease.

Then when we walked into high school with the "I know everything" attitude, our teachers with their expertise and patience led us into the vast world of knowledge and taught us all the ethics of life. Your encouragement made us discover our talents. Your uncompromising efforts to educate us, especially during the pandemic, can never be repaid in mere words. Be it big or small, the enthusiasm and dedication you put in towards perfection while organizing various school events have always left us awestruck. Any achievement we will be credited with in future is going to be built on the foundation you have laid in us. We are grateful and proud to have such selfless teachers in our lives.

Each and every moment we spent in our school will remain in our hearts forever. Today, we are able to learn, read, write and talk confidently only because of Cluny. We take immense pride in saying, 'Once a Clunian, always a Clunian'. As we step forward to face new challenges we also move away from the protective environment of

our school. With a rich heritage of 75 years, our school has taught us fluency in English, trained us to be morally upright, dress modestly and to be compassionate to others. We have the confidence that this Cluny family has empowered us with courage and determination to strive towards the greatest possible accomplishments and that we the batch of 2022 – 2023 will be the change that we wish to see in the world.

- Ritika S, XII – A, Angeline Kaavya, XII – C, Sanchita, XII – D, Arthya , XII – E, Pooja S, XII – B

**MEMORIES**

What are memories?  
Do they really last?  
Memories are always the best things in our life,  
But for all I know  
It may be happy or sad,  
But for all I know  
It made me go mad!!  
Not all memories last forever,  
But the most important ones,  
The ones which run  
Through the air,  
Through our heart and soul,  
Remain forever, to the end of our life.

The longing to get those days back,  
The longing to cherish those memories  
Is the worst feeling ever,  
Because memories can never be created nor be deleted,  
The best memories can never be replaced and cannot be seen.  
The only place where you can see them,  
Is in your heart,  
And when you see them in your heart,  
The feel of warmth in your heart,  
Is the best pleasure forever!!!

- Sasmitha R, X – C

**தன்னபிக்கை**

வீழ்வது தவறல்ல — வீழ்ந்து  
அப்படியே கிடப்பதுதான் தவறு....  
போராடும் வரை வீண்முயற்சி என்பார்கள்!  
வென்றபின் விடாமுயற்சி என்பார்கள்!  
பேச்சில் நம்பிக்கையும் முச்சில்  
நாணயமும் வைத்தால்  
என்றும் வெற்றி நிச்சயம்!  
நம்மை மதிக்காதவர்களை எண்ணி  
நாம் மனம் வருத்தக்கூடாது!

நம்மை நாம் உணர்ந்தால் தான்  
தன்னபிக்கை வளரும்!  
இறந்தது எதுவானாலும்  
சிறந்தது கிடைக்கும் என்பது — நம்பிக்கை  
கிடைத்தது எதுவானாலும்  
சிறந்தது எனநினைப்பது — தன்னம்பிக்கை  
தரணியிலே தலைநிமிர்ந்து வாழ  
தன்னபிக்கையை உன்னுள் என்றென்றும்  
வளர்த்துக்கொள் !

மாலதி. ச , ஆசிரியை

**Ethics, Values, and Morality**

I V X E L B A T I R A H C F C O U R A G E N T H  
Y N C N Y T I L I B A I L E R H J C R I B J W M  
I H E X C E L L E N C E R M S T N A Y H M E S Q  
I T W O M W R J E C I O C E Y T L A Y O L L A D  
N B N K Y S O G N C F P R D C L O T Z A G B W M  
T C G K P J L X C O W V V W P I H S R E D A E L  
E P A K Z Q A K X F I C X R B V M Y W D L E U A  
G N T V V Y V J D C V T U J N E H J S F Z G L W  
R D Y F E E U Z E W R O A O B T Y X R T F D S K  
I K L U F T C E P S E R D T R Q H Y N E N E E L  
T L N O I T A C I D E D O U B O E V C O L Y X  
Y U D J I T X G N Z H N W G H P M V J N I W T D  
V F C S O D H L G J W T W O Q E E B I E T O I C  
Q E O E G Z D I T X S K N D V J T R I D A N L S  
O C J K V D X C S U Y E E E H Y Y K B I N K I W  
C R D U J F C G R W S K I M Y G J T X F I F B R  
G U D Y K S A T P T I H S W P Y N X U N M R A L  
O O M J K R A I Y L C E U C G A Z D X O R Y D G  
Q S U U Y G Z P R A M A S Z N T T F N C E W N M  
V E U C H H I J M N W Z J U A W J H Z F T O E P  
F R H Y L P X T U J E Z R Y M W X X Y L E G P X  
Y G F Z N F B Q K I X S K L J N B C U E D Z E W  
B P Z X V V X U F B L H S H C N I N C S R P D F  
F T P A T R I O T I S M P K I N D N E S S X M F

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|----------------|---------------|-------------|------------|
| ACHIEVEMENT    | CHARITABLE    | COURAGE     | DEDICATION |
| DEPENDABILITY  | DETERMINATION | EMPATHY     | EXCELLENCE |
| FAIRNESS       | HONESTY       | INTEGRITY   | KINDNESS   |
| KNOWLEDGEABLE  | LEADERSHIP    | LOYALTY     | PATRIOTISM |
| RELIABILITY    | REPUTATION    | RESOURCEFUL | RESPECTFUL |
| SELFCONFIDENCE | SERVICE       | TRUSTWORTHY | VALOR      |

**Mixed Operations: Math Crossword Puzzle**

Fill in the blanks of the crossword puzzle to make the equations true.

12 +	=	36		
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	-	=	4	23
x	=	=	÷	=
	6	x	5	=
=		=		
56	20 -	=	11	3
	+	x		x
84 ÷	=			13
=	=	=	=	
	63 -	=		