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The Department of English

The Secretary's Message



Nazareth with all its past achievements has emerged as one of the most premier centers for tertiary education in the outskirts of Chennai. Our institution has made a shift away from imparting knowledge as the

core of syllabus to conceive different set of skills applied in all sorts and levels of learning. We have formulated a teaching methodology that attracts students of sundry interests to explore all opportunities of learning while they are yet in the stream of academic learning. I earnestly appreciate the maiden attempt of the Department of English. Their endeavours in bringing out this Newsletter have been more than they could take. The objectives of this Newsletter are to encourage student's leaning for learning novel things and creativity so as to be successful in future. I am pleased to learn that the issue of this Newsletter would make a difference in young literaties perspective, of learning literature.

Mr.A.N Henry Maris The Secretary

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The Principal's Message



It gives me immense pleasure to pen a few words as a prologue to the in-house magazine of the English Department. The magazine is an attempt to balance academics with practice. People

say amazing things and think differently and the department has channelized these to their magazine. The clear vision of the department, the commitment and dedication of the teaching faculty is commendable. The department always brings in new insights and encourages students to work towards the innovative ideas from these insights. One such attempt is the department Newsletter. The communique publishes comprehensive articles contributed by students, faculty and also guest. I appreciate the efforts of the English Department in the release of the English Newsletter.

Wish the readers a happy treat of the English language that will inspire them to write in the upcoming issues. Let the reflections of the English Language spread excellence in the readers mind.

Happy Reading!!

From the Editor's Desk



The revolutionary change of education with all its highly nourished and cherished values in Information Age has its own impact. In view of these changes, our college that has been adapting some strategies

in transmitting those cherished values to the next generation has made its own way in converting the classrooms that were transactional space to transitional space. This attempt has made students realize the full gamut of their disciplines they major and methodologies practiced in the departments concerned. Our thanks are due to the Secretary and the Principal who are tireless in implementing novel ideas for the betterment of the learning community. We hope that we teach all members of well learned, Nazareth community through issue every time.

Ms. Hema. V The Editor-in-Chief

A New Horizon

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE



The Post-Graduation Students were sent to The New Century Book House, Ambattur, Chennai (A Publishing Company) for a one-month Internship Programme in the month of May 2018. The aim of this Internship Programmed is to expose the students to novel leanings for learning new things. The students learnt the process of publishing and the procedures involved in it. This Internship Programme helps students to equip themselves with more employability skills. It also provides them enough hope to prepare themselves for any challenges in any field.

The Second Year students were also sent to Connemara Public Library and Anna Centinary Library for Internship Programme.

A Blast from the Past



Miss Priyadharshini is a former student of this institution. She is one of the brightest students when she was doing her B.A. English. Now she works as a teacher in a reputed school in Chennai. Here she has got something to say...

What did you go on to study after completing UG? I joined M.A. English in Anna Adharsh College, to widen my horizon in pursuit of Literature.

What are you doing now?

I am working as a teacher in Velammal Group of Educational Institutions. I teach English to the Class X students.

What do you most like about your job?

Sowing the seeds of discipline and integrity in young minds is all I like about my job. As an English teacher, I enjoy this challenging job.

What do you want to do in the future?

I have planned to become an IAS officer, and make my contribution in making a difference towards restructuring conscience of our institutions.

TreatiseCOMMUNICATION GAP -A LACUNA IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING



Communication plays a vital role in our day- to- day life. Communication becomes spontaneous when it is done through our Mother tongue. But, in our work place of a multi-lingual ambience, a common language like English plays a

major role. Even after completing the degree, our students who will be scattered all over the world in different careers will have to necessarily have the proficiency in handling English Language in formal and informal situations. There should be no communication gap in such situations. Therefore the language teachers have to focus on the areas where communication needs to be improved. As communication is the essential part of our life, it is necessary to learn English language well and speak it effectively. Already English Language is unphonetic where the spelling and pronounciation do not match all the

time and it is highly ambiguous. Even the tone used ,leads to difference in understanding.

In the present system, the language learning process in the classroom poses many challenges. Communication gap begins at the very entry of the student into College. Students are of heterogeneous backgrounds. They should be made to understand that they are learning English not only to pass in the semester but for their whole life. English proficiency definitely helps unto one's last wherever he or she goes for personal or professional purpose.

The students should be encouraged to have regular communication with their teachers as well as friends freely in English. Initially they will have lots of difficulties but over a period of time, they will overcome their communication gaps. Consistently, the teachers of English have to encourage them to participate in various activities ,so that they will have good exposure in maintaining fluency and accuracy in their communication with others.

Dr. L.R. S. Kalanithi.

BUTTERFLIES, A SYMBOL OF LIFE AND HOPE.



No moment in life is so beautiful than when surrounded by a Kaleidoscope/ swarm of butterflies/ a flutter who are colourful, conspicuous and magical. Butterflies remind us of God's beautiful and colourful creation. His master hand created each butterfly that is unique. Very peaceful insect that

loves to hang around sip on nectar of other beautiful flowers. Butterflies have always been associated in English Literature. Sir John Tenniel, an English Illustrator drew a famous illustration of Alice in Wonderland in 1865. The novel draw the meeting of Alice as she meets a caterpillar and describes as Caterpillar is seated on a toadstool and smoking Hookah. Butterflies in literature are symbols of beauty and transformation.

Vladimir Nabahov quotes literature and butterflies are the sweetest passion known to man. Love is like a butterfly. It goes where it pleases and it pleases where it goes. As the caterpillar calls the leader of the master created the butterfly. When we delight in the beauty of the butterfly, we rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve the beauty.

Butterflies represent fantasy, freedom and flight. It also means transformation. They also symbolize faith and new life.

In the year 1951 Disney movies 'Alice in Wonderland', the butterfly was illustrated on with wings of bread with butter spread on it called bread and butterfly. It is further found in Chapter 3 of the book through the looking glass. Butterflies according to me are sensitive, fragile creatures that can spread love and happiness to the people around them. This fluttering of their wings brings a flutter in your heart with a joy that is immeasurable. Conserve butterflies as they bring sweetness and peace by their presence. Spread hope and give life to all.

Dr. Mary Angeline

A Bouquet of Buds

DREAM

When I gaze at the stars
Shining bright in the sky,
Wishing I could hold it
or just fly up so high.
"Insane", says a part of me
You won't make it there.



There's no wrong in trying says another You'll never regret if you dare.

So I'm starting to chase my dream
Perturbed by fears yet stern;
Life is a twisting kaleidoscope
That moves us along its turn.
Should darkness fall my way?
Should shadows fill my day?
I'm unsure of the path I tread
Yet unwilling to follow someone's track instead.

Ebenezer Jerry Asirvatham. C

MY MOTHER

Mom you are not a word,
But my world
You made my happiness possible.
My painful birth is your only mirth;
Vanity is all your wrath.
Your overwhelming love is my path,
Serving love is your way of life
Your life is the only way for selfless love.

Miss Mary Siniya, M.V

SCOOP

KILLING NERVOUSNESS LEADS TO GROWTH

When I found that I got admission in Nazareth College, I was inhibited by shyness to do anything. I thought that this college was nothing than what I had hoped for but the miracle started happening when I mingled in the stream of learning channelized by the department. The supportive senior faculties, quality education, real world experiences, and amazing friends in college delighted me. The growth I witnessed was the result of my constant association with my Professors. They conduct various literary quizzes and events to boost up my Knowledge and a spirit of inquiry. And I can say with absolute certainty that as a result of everything I have been able to restructure myself into a more confident individual. So make yourself unique, and stay away from the people who make you unhappy, to reach heights. Stay calm to kill nervousness, so that you can achieve more in your life. I have learnt "Quality of Life" in literature. I focused and delivered, finally I got appointed in my college as an Assistant Professor, where I studied. Now I am cheerful to work with my Professors who groomed me in Literature.

> Mr. Spurgeon Ben .B Asst. Prof. of English

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A NEW BEGINNING

The dirge of darkening death
Decried my tingling mirth;
But that hope for new dawn,
Sent rays of new morn
I would fare forward morrow
Believe me! That never beckons a single sorrow.
Join me! It is a new beginning!
Where happiness is never ending

Mr. Rajesh .D Asst. Prof. of English

The Unsung Poet...

"A royal heart is often hidden under a tattered cloak."

-A Danish Proverb

Today's world had totally become a slave to the gadgets. We don't have time to stand and stare. Though we have time, money and people to rely on, still we lack peace of mind. Do you know that there are unsung heroes in Literature? Those are the stalwarts whose early goodbyes hurt the most when their



stories are not finished. It always aches to see the death of a young person. One of those unsung heroes whose life small shoot in the tree of Romanticism, his short life was but the brilliance of a shooting star. He is none other than Thomas

Chatterton.

Thomas Chatterton (b. 20th Nov. 1752) was an English Poet, born in Bristol, England. He was a posthumous child. As he was an exceptionally studious child, he started publishing matured works by the age of 11. He lacked talents at the age of six as he learnt nothing and refused to play with others children. He spent most of his time brooding in silence; he was also expelled from his first school as dullard. There came a drastic change and he went a considerable transformation in his seventh year. Soon his mother recognised his undying interest in medieval art and started teaching him to read with the aid of the manuscripts. One fine secret of his progression was 'a black-letter Bible.' When he wrote his first poem he was only 10 yrs old! To quote a few lines from his poem On the Last Epiphany:

Behold! Just coming from above, The judge, with majesty and love! The sky divides, and rolls away,

T' admit him through the realms of day! In 1790, he began attending Golston's Hospital and a Bristol Charity School. In 1767, when he was nearly fifteen, he left the school and was apprenticed to John Lambert, an attorney. Though he was not a satisfactory apprentice, he still read enormously. Once it happened that he turned to Horace Walpole, who offered to print his works, but scornfully sent him away just because he was only 16 years old and thought that his works might have been forgeries.

Chatterton was extraordinarily intelligent and genius who was unique in his own style and regarded as the precursor of the Romantic Movement. In 1769, there came a decision in his mind to leave the attorney's office and to become a professional. After setting himself free, he set out to England in the year 1770 a popular destination, with the hope of surviving through his writings. Fate had its chance by refusing his wish; he met many editors of several magazines, by this time he seems to have written and

and published a great deal of satirical verses and prose in few months. But his payments were not regular and he felt exhausted, in June he moved to cheaper lodgings and does not want himself to be seen by anyone who knew him. He was all alone and starving, and couldn't return to Bristol, his home town. While walking along St. Pancras Churchyard, Chatterton was very much absorbed in deep thought, took no notice of an open grave, newly dug in his path, and subsequently tumbled into it. His friend, upon observing this event, helped Chatterton and humorously remarked that he was happy in assisting at the resurrection of genius. Chatterton replied, "My dear friend, I have been at war with the grave for some time now." Exactly three days after this incident, on August 24, 1770, he poisoned himself by drinking arsenic in water. The room was opened the next day, Chatterton's body lay on the bed, severely convulsed. The floor was littered with fragments of the manuscripts. He was 17 years and nine months old when he died. Had he survived longer, he would have written invaluable piece of Literature that lasts forever. This unsung hero is one of the young Pre-Romantic Poets who opened the gates for Romanticism. His life tells us that 'Art is long but Life is short' yet better contributions can be made within that short spell of time.

> -Ms. Princy John Asst. Prof. of English

A BLESSING



Being a mother is like no other job in the world, And her job is endless.

Motherhood is a career, often motivated by pure unwavering love.

While she is responsible for so much, often it feels as if she goes unappreciated,

Or at least under-appreciated

She is the one, who knows you deeply and loves you dearly,

All the while instilling the importance of faith in god

And a love for others, she takes her role seriously, praying for you,

Guiding you and serving you as a beautiful reflection of god's unfailing love. It is time to let her know she has made a difference in your life.

Show her how much you truly appreciate her Thoughtfulness, kindness, generosity, and love.

-Mr. RAJAN.S Asst. Prof. of English

Laughter is the best medicine

FUNTASTIC BLUNDERS

- 1. An employee applies for leave "Since I have to go to my village to sell my land along with my wife, please sanction me one-week leave."
- 2. From an employee who was performing the 'mundane' ceremony of his 10 year old son "As I want to shave my son's head, please leaves me for two days."
- 3. Leave-letter from an employee who was performing his daughter's wedding: "As I am marrying my daughter, please grant a week's leave."
- 4. From H.A.L. Administration Dept. "As my mother-in-law has expired and I am only one responsible for it, please grant me 10 days leave."
- 5. Another employee applied for half day leave as follows: "Since I've to go to the cremation ground at 10 o'clock and I may not return, please grant me half day casual leave."
- 6. An incident of a leave letter: "I am suffering from fever, please declare one-day holiday."
- 7. Another leave letter written to the headmaster: "As my headache is paining, please grant me leave for the day."
- 8. Actual letter written for application of leave: "My wife is suffering from sickness and as I am her only husband at home I may be granted leave."
- 9. Letter writing: "I am well here and hope you are also in the same well."
- 10. A candidates Job application: "This has reference to your advertisement calling for a 'Typist and an Accountant male/female...' As I am both for the past several years and I can handle both with good experience, I am applying for the post".

-Miss P. Ruth
II M.A. English

KNOW YOUR ENGLISH

Indians have contributed their best to the English Language which is not accepted in Standard English. The following are a few of them:

Eve-Teasing, Time pass, Bus Stand, Pin drop Silence, Backside, Arrack, Juggernaut, Hangout, Fast-food, Hill Station.

MISPRONUNCIATION

Here are a number of words you've probably been saying wrong your whole life. Time to sharpen up...

1. Mischievous

You thought this one has four syllables when it really has only three. It's not "mis-CHEEV-ee-us"- it's just "MIS-chiv-us."

2. Kilometer

What you thought was "kill-OM-it-er" is actually "kill-Omeet-er". You pronounce "meter" like this: "MEET-er." The same goes for kilometer.

3. Prerogative

If you're anything like me, this one will blow your mind. It's not "PER-aw-gah-tive," as so aptly captured by Britney Spears. It's "PRErog-ah-tive," like precognition.

4. Nuclear

Despite George W. Bush' efforts to normalize the pronunciation "noo-CUL-ur," the correct pronunciation is and will forever remind "noo-KLEE-ur."

5. Asterisk

This one you really want to get right, because it can, in fact, make you look ignorant if you get it wrong. There's no "x" at the end of this word – it's true to its "k." Thus, THE CORRECT Pronunciation is "ASS-ter-ISK" – NOT "ASS-ter-IX,"

6. Larvae

Chances are, your science teacher got it wrong, but your Latin teacher got it right, since Latin is where it comes from. It's not "LAR-vay." It's "LAR-vee".

7. Zoology

The correct pronunciation here is going to sound crazy, but it's true: It's not "zoo-OLL-oh -gee." It's just "ZOO-loh-gee" (rhymes with "eulogy").

8. Often

In English, there are many words that contain silent letters. This is one. It's supposed to be "OFF-en." The "t" is completely silent.

9. Forte

The technically correct way to say this sounds so wrong that it may not be worth doing. The word, which refers to one's strong point, is actually pronounced "fort," not the commonly used "for- TAY."

10. Liable

When you say "liability," you probably include all the right syllables. The same goes

for the adjective form of it: it's pronounced "li-AH-bull," not"LIE-bull."

TONGUE TWISTERS



How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

He would chuck, he

would, as much as he could, and chuck as much wood

As a woodchuck would if a woodchuck could chuck wood

A tutor who tooted the flute
Tried to teach two young tooters to toot.
Said the two to the tutor,
"Is it harder to toot, or
To tutor two tooters to toot?"

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