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With the promise of a better tomorrow

Happy First day at School

With love in our hearts and hope in our eyes, we welcomed our munchkins to the campus. Their excited happy faces boosted our energy levels too. To add to their happiness and excitement, a welcome party was organized for our happy souls. It was a delight to watch them enter the new academic session with smiles on their face and freshness in their soul.



I liked the way my classroom was decorated on the first day and the new activities that were introduced this year like the Happiness Curriculum.
Harshil IV-A

I got the opportunity to play in the swings area with my friends.
Sanchi IV A

When I got 17/20 marks in English PA and the whole class clapped for me.
Divyam Jain IV A

I enjoyed meeting my old friends and also made some new ones on the first day of my school.
Tanisha IV B



MY First day at School



My first day as a teacher in Dikshant International School had me feeling excited and nervous in equal manner because I was about to meet the new faces of this school and that too after a long span of 2 years. However, I tried not to worry too much and told myself that even the most experienced teachers feel nervous about meeting new students at the beginning of each school year.

For me, preparation is important. I spent 2-3 days before the start of the new session decorating my classroom, developing resources, and planning lesson plans of first month.

- Reached school little early to welcome my kids with all the things prepared beforehand and with a smiling face. They too were nervous about starting a new school year after 2 years and seeing a happy face really made them feel more

comfortable about their new experience.

- Welcomed kids into my classroom and asked them to take a seat wherever they wanted to sit with their friends.
- We played games like Expression Box, Secret Santa, Balancing Hula Hoop, and Category Writing Game. These activities helped students to forget about their nervousness and to get familiar with me in a very short span of time.

My first day of school as a teacher at Dikshant was one to remember. That sense of excitement and nervous apprehension raised my adrenaline and got my heart racing. It was the start of an amazing journey. I received a very warm welcome by the school administration. The students were equally welcoming. I remember how everyone was guiding me throughout with the policies and framework of the school curriculum. Looking forward to a fruitful year and proud being a member of Dikshant family.



Cheena Gupta
Maths Educator

- Explained classroom discipline they needed to maintain and emphasised on to make their own classroom rules which they would follow every time and everywhere.
- Explored their interest and areas of enthusiasm by hinting about exciting new topics of Mathematics I had planned to cover in the coming weeks.
- Lastly, what I've learnt from my first day at school is to be compassionate towards my subjects and what you think! Let your passion and enthusiasm for your subject shine through. Don't be afraid to try new things to promote students learning and experience.



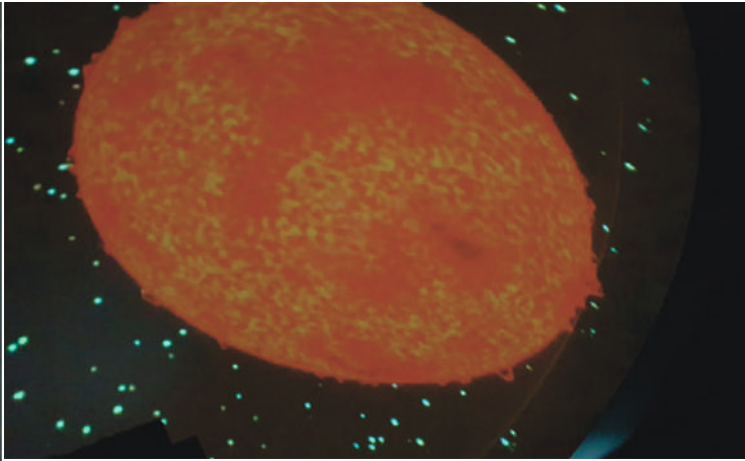
Daljeet Kaur
Social Science
Educator

Window to our Happy Classrooms



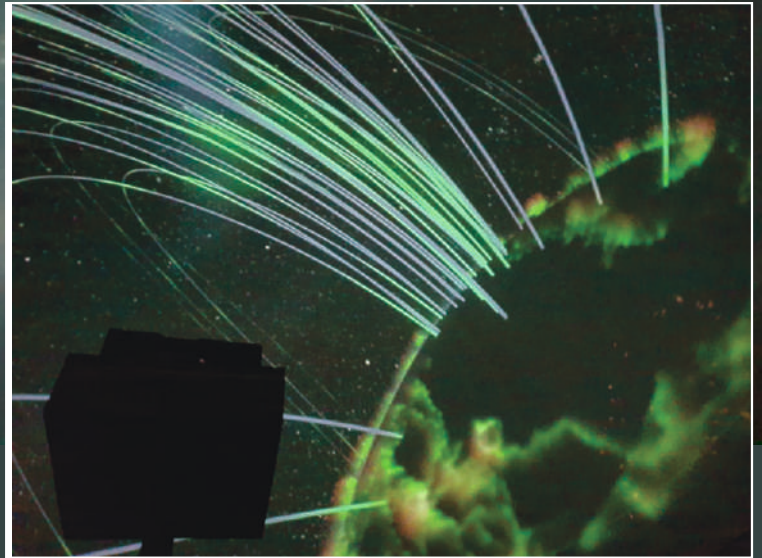
With the introduction of the Happiness Curriculum this year, we aimed at creating happy classrooms for our dear students. The activities were designed in a way that students feel happy being in the classroom, enjoy doing things, and learn with a smile on their face. The activities include playing games that promote problem-solving and critical thinking in students. We also added an element of creativity under the Happiness Curriculum, namely- pebble painting and my emoji face of the day. Overall, the students shared better relationships with teachers and peers and increased class participation with the implementation of the Happiness Curriculum.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS



Planetarium Show for Our Young Explorers

Having an in-house planetarium is truly a blessing for our young learners as it impresses them with the wonders of the cosmos and inspires their minds to explore more. It was a pleasure to see them enjoy the planetarium show designed as per their age level.



Glimpses from our Pottery Club

Moulding the Earth into art, watch our little artists enjoy their pottery class. Under expert guidance, they learned to handle and give shape to the potter's clay.

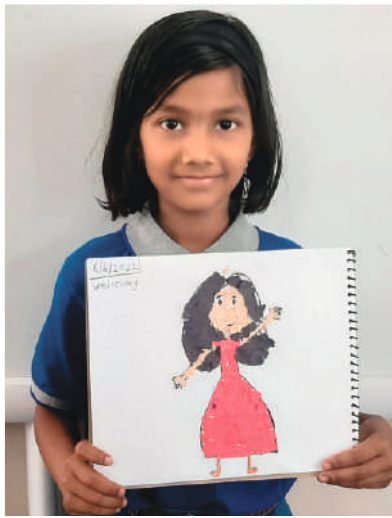




Creative Expression (Paper Art)

For the Month April - May

Creative expression is the ability to use our minds and imagination to create something that represents ourselves. There are countless ways to do so, whether through music, visual art, writing, photography & drama. In order to ensure that our students enhance their creative skills and celebrate creativity, elements that can be used are spread over the session. For the months gone by, they were supposed to use the element paper in their creativity. Here's a glimpse of some beautiful things created by them.



UPDATE From SPORTS ACTIVITY

by Harshit Mittal
(IX-B)

I was a new student in school and I didn't know much about the activities and surroundings of the school. Since 2022 I have been attending school offline, and it is fun. I came to know that we have zero period activities for students and we can opt for any activity of our choice. I found this concept really great. I opted for Basketball because it is one of my favorite games and I had also taken coaching from my previous school. I have been enjoying it since three months in school. My coach paid extra attention, that helped me enhance my skill and flexibility. Now I am confident to participate in any inter school competition. I want to become the best player in Tricity and I simply LOVE BASKETBALL !!!



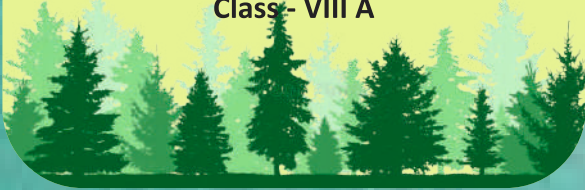
Self Composed Poetries

Trees



Majestic Deeply Rooted
Standing Tall, Bearing
Storms, Giving Oxygen
Trunk, Shelter, Branches,
Anchor
Blooming, Growing,
Climbing
Flowering Giant
Trees

By - Vinpreet Kaur
Class - VIII A



Happiest Day



One day my cousin sister,
Told me about Dikshant
Same day I talked to mommy
About Dikshant
Next day, I asked my dad
To take me to Dikshant
Another day we came to see,
Infra and staff of Dikshant
On that day my younger brother said
Ah, what a beautiful place is Dikshant
Mom dad asked what you decided
"Yes, I want to be in Dikshant", I said
Hurray, I took admission
Now dreaming of Dikshant
Finally, the day arrived
Dressed up and stepped in Dikshant
Little nervous and thrilled
Met new teachers and friends
Day by day, I am learning new things
Studies, games, activities all such things
I express my gratitude for all,
Who made me comfortable in Dikshant
Very proudly I can say
The day I became a Dikshantian
was my happiest day.

-Anika Jain (Class:4A)

आज़ादी अपनी जान से प्यारी

(स्वचित कविता)
वृंदा भारद्वाज (आठवीं 'अ')



हरा - भरा ये देश है मेरा, नदियाँ इसकी जान हैं ।
नील गगन में लहराता तिरंगा, मेरे देश की शान है ॥
तिरंगे की आज़ादी के लिए, भारी कीमत चुकाई है ।
लाखों बेटे शहीद हो गए, अपनी जान गँवाई है ॥
इस आज़ादी को सहेज कर रखना, ये जिम्मेदारी हमारी है ।
मुझको अपनी आज़ादी, जान से ज़्यादा प्यारी है ॥

व्यापारी बन अंग्रेजों ने, धोखा हमारे साथ किया ।
हमको आपस में लड़वाकर, हम पर उसने राज किया ॥
जिस दिन बात समझ में आई, झाँसी में छिड़ गई लड़ाई ।
मंगल पांडे, तात्या टोपे, अड़ी खड़ी थी लक्ष्मीबाई ॥
ये बलिदान व्यर्थ न जाए, जिम्मेदारी हमारी है ।
मुझको अपनी आज़ादी जान से ज़्यादा प्यारी है ॥

अंग्रेजों तुम 'भारत छोड़ो' अब ये देश हमारा है ।
गाँधी जी, सुखदेव, भगत सिंह सबका एक ही नारा है ॥
इन्कलाब की इस आँधी का, फिर ऐसा तूफान उठा
दुम दबाकर गोरे भागे, रोके से तूफान न रुका ॥
हे जन्मभूमि ! हे कर्मभूमि ! तू ही पहचान हमारी है
मुझको अपनी आज़ादी जान से ज़्यादा प्यारी है ॥

Solution for Pollution

The Earth is full of pollution,
We certainly need a solution.
Our planet needs more trees
Everyone should be on a planting spree
The environment is on the edge of blast,
But I am sure this pollution will not long last

Vedansh (III- A)



पर्यावरण

डरी सहमी सी सोच रही, एक छोटी-सी कली फूल की
क्या मैं भी निशानी एक बनूँगी, इंसान की हर भूल की
मेरी किस्मत में भी क्या एक फूल बनना नहीं लिखा है
क्या दुष्ट मानव ने मुझे भी पेड़ों की भाँति खत्म करने का सोचा है
हमें यह सब को समझाना है, इस सुंदर पर्यावरण को बचाना है
पेड़ों पर ही सांसे निर्भर, निर्भर हमारा भोजन है
एक भी वृक्ष कट न पाए, आओ मिलकर कसम यह खाँटें

सान्वी (कक्षा – पाँचवी 'ब')



Art Corner

Cartoons are drawings,
intended to be read



Aashvi (Grade-I)



Viraj Jain (Grade-I)

Better Environment, Better Tomorrow



Krishiv (Grade-I)



Tanish (Grade-I)

Appreciate
The Miracles
of a Sunrise



Mankanwar (Grade-I)

THE SHY SUPERGIRL

Shabnam Minwalla



This book is about a girl named Nina who is very shy, but she had a secret superpower that she can see whether a person is good, nasty or a mix of two. When the silver owl disappears from the neighbors' house, it's Nina along with her friend Juggy who found the culprit. I like the story because it's a girl-centric story that also possesses a superpower. The storyline of the book is very interesting, having a good blend of the vocabulary of simple and complex words. My favorite character from the book is Nina, as she has powers that I always wish to have, I recommend this book to everyone, even adults will enjoy reading this story book.



- Drishti IV A

Travelogue

AGRA



The silhouette of the Taj Mahal was visible to us, although I, along with my family was a few kilometers away. Excitement hit me like a gust of wind. Of course, I was excited from the start of our trip but looking at the ever-wondrous monument for myself just added more to the thrill.

It was noon on a sunny day of the fall when we finally reached the parking lot. As at in any tourist destination anywhere in India, we were immediately swarmed by vendors trying to sell their marble works and pethas, and guides arguing among themselves about who'd guide us the best on the history of the Taj. "It's absolutely pure marble," a seller explained. "Would you like me to reduce the price?" We politely refused but realized it was no use as the

vendors were really, really adamant about selling their products that day. It was a Saturday that day and to nobody's surprise, there was a long queue for entry to the monument. We waited patiently, as the merciless Sun flared overhead. It took its toll after all. All of our throats were parched by the time we finally entered at around 1:30 PM.

It felt like walking home after having a long, tiring day. We managed to buy a bottle of water which was enough to quench our thirst. My spirits rose naturally as I saw the first sandstone monument.

It was a huge dome-shaped gate, another part of our rich architecture. Although the sandstone gate limited the view, we could still see the white marble of the Taj Mahal. All the

patience and waiting were worth it. One of the Seven Wonders of the World reflected the broad noon light, glowing ethereally, much like the irregular beauty of the Moon. I was wholly mesmerized.

Photos from different textbooks went through my head, as I saw the famous reflecting pool of water in front of the Taj. The print could never do enough justice. The most fascinating thing, apart from the ultimate beauty of this ivory-white marbled monument was that it was perfectly symmetrical. I was appalled at the achievement of such perfection without much technology and equipment. The Taj Mahal acts as proof of our rich architecture and also reflects our country's past.

Srishty Sharma (X-A)

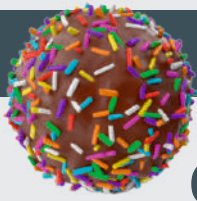
KASAULI

During my summer vacations, one fine morning we set off for the tourist magnet, Himachal Pradesh's Solan district. On our way, we enjoyed the snacks and delicious aloo parathas that mom made with refreshing ginger tea. After reaching Kasauli we took some rest at Kasauli Resort and enjoyed yummy Maggi with hot corn soup. Then we visited Baptist Church to seek the blessing of Lord Jesus Christ by lighting candles and offering prayers. After that, we walked on



Mall Road having small colorful shops, and Tibetan food stalls offering mouth-watering dishes like dumplings, hot jalebis, samosa, etc. Everything at the marketplace was pocket friendly. On the same day, we visited Monkey point and Hanuman temple located in an Air Force Area. We felt amazing amidst scenic beauty, alluring and peaceful atmosphere. I really enjoyed spending quality time with my parents and grandparents.

KABIR PAUL (X B)



My Favourite Recipe

Colourful CHOCOLATE BALLS

Ingredients Required

- Cake 90 gm
- Melted chocolate
- Milk (half cup)
- Chocolate syrup for garnishing
- Gems or Sprinkles



Garry Sharma V-A

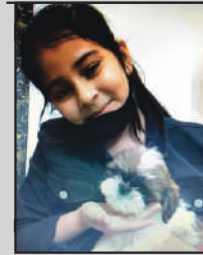
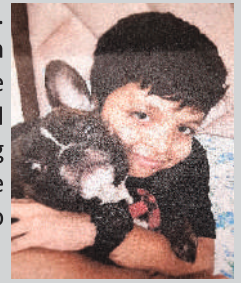
Recipe

First, you need to put 90 gm of cake in a bowl and mash it with your hands. Then gradually add milk, and chocolate syrup and make a dough. Roll out small balls from the dough and keep them in the freezer for 10-15 minutes. Dip the balls in melted chocolate, add gems on the top and keep them in the freezer for 30 minutes. Your chocolate balls are ready to be served.



ME & MY PET

I have a pet named Shooter. He is my buddy. When I reach home after school, he welcomes me with love and affection. I like taking him for walks and cuddling with him. He taught me how to love someone unconditionally and be true to the ones we love. **Parth Chawla VI-A**



My pet dog's name is Robby. He is a Pomeranian. He is my best friend. I remember, my father had put him in a box and gifted it to us as a gift on New Year's Day. We thought that it was a cake but when the box started to move on its own, mother opened the box and Robby came out running, and now, he is family. He is a foodie who likes biscuits, and rice. He sleeps whenever or wherever he wants because he gets tired of playing all the time. He is a loving family member but at night he acts as a guardian of the house. I haven't met him in the last two years as we got shifted, but I love him and miss him. **-Aahana VI B**

SELF COMPOSED STORY



Once, there existed, in Greece a culture known as "Poko." People lived in communities and were contented with their surroundings. A well-known mountain that "Poko" was known for was Mount Hedwig. People were visiting mining areas inside Mount Hedwig's cave one day. Strange noises were emanating from the cave, and there was a huge earthquake. People fled as a huge hand appeared out of the cave suddenly. They became alarmed and began spreading this information throughout the adjacent villages. Muzzafar, one of the strongest man in civilization, arrived in the cave soon after the news began to spread like wildfire, but even he was unable to defeat the monster lurking there. A wise man named Sintus resided in nearby village and knew the answer to this issue. On the day, he learned of the rumour, he sent his student Lucas to Poko. Lucas was aware of the monster's vulnerability. He left for Mount Hedwig the day after arriving in Poko. He encountered the beast. He hissed and gawled, trying to grab Lucas, but Lucas sat down on the ground and began reciting "Agso Batrioh Zintos." The creature came rolling down the Mount Hedwig and then vanished abruptly. Lucas went around the villages and told everyone the good news, and they all celebrated.

Parv Kapoor (V-A)



EMERGING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Career Options as a Web Designer

In the upcoming age of new career trends, web designing is something that is gaining popularity among the youth as a potential career plan in recent years. Due to the increasing use of technology and internet, designers are currently in high demand by employers, so much that the field is expected to grow by 27 percent by the year 2024. Web designing is an integral part of IT sector today. It is used for creating and planning of websites.

There is no educational qualification required for the same. You can become a web designer through any stream but interest in computer sciences is an important aspect to be considered before you decide to get into web designing. You may pursue the following courses to be a web designer:

- Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Web Design
- B.Sc in Multimedia and Web Design

- M.Sc in E-commerce and Web Design

You must have a strong command over your communication and analytical skills to enter the field. You must have character traits like being patient, imaginative and creative along with excellent IT skills.



As a web designer, you can do freelance, which gives you lots of freedom to work and flexible working hours. They are not restricted to a particular industry and have a great demand in the market with excellent packages.

Web designing is a very exciting and challenging career option for all those who are interested in designing. It is an excellent potential career option for today's tec-savvy youth.

Muskan Dharwal – XI

MY GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT

“Believe in yourself. You are braver than you think, more talented than you know, and capable of more than you imagine.” When you think of your greatest achievements, many things come to your mind e.g good percentage, awards received in different categories like sports or any other co-curricular activities. When I think of my greatest achievement, there are many things that come to my mind, but an achievement that is close to my heart is my Platinum Reader Award. If you have a great passion for reading books, this award is made for you. If you get a Gold Reader Award continuously for 3 years, you become eligible for The Platinum Reader Award. This is the highest-ranked reading award in our school. But, this wasn't easy, you need to earn a gold reader for three years. I never thought that I will ever earn this award. At one point, I even thought of giving up on it. But today, I have it beautifully decorated in my room. If you want to achieve something, give it your 100%, and don't ever stop thinking about it.

Nilakshi 7-A



My Favourite **YouTuber**

BENNY PRODUCTIONS



Benny Productions, also known as Benny or Benjamin is one of the best digital artists on this planet. His channel is all about photo editing, creative ideas, and fantasy. He is 20 years old and is from Germany. His content revolves around photoshop editing, tips, and tricks for those who have just started their journey to become a digital designer. It's amazing how he involves his audience in his craft and comes up with new and creative ideas.

-Avineet Singh Sethi (VIII - A)

My favorite YouTuber is 'Singh in USA'. His real name is Harnoor Singh and he is born and brought up in Amritsar, Punjab. He is currently employed as a software engineer at NCR Corporation in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. He started making YouTube videos in November 2017 and at present his channel has almost 750k subscribers along with 70k followers on Instagram and lakhs of followers on many other social media platforms. In his videos, he takes you on a virtual tour to different university campuses abroad, fee structures, courses they had to offer, and other minute information.

In one of his videos, he talks about the University of British Columbia, Canada. He has beautifully captured the whole campus and explained student life. He has also drawn meaningful comparisons between UBC with Harvard and talked about the scholarships available at both places. The video is informative and provides proper insight into life at UBC, Canada. I would also recommend everyone, especially those aiming to study abroad, to watch his videos and procure information.

Manvi Longia (XI)



SINGH IN USA



CABINET ELECTIONS-2022



We believe that the spirit of democracy and inclusive leadership, which have always been the strongest pillars of a progressive society, must be nurtured in young minds from the beginning. To foster the spirit of democracy and inculcate good citizenship, we conducted elections for the School cabinet based on our country's model of general

elections. Students participated with full enthusiasm from filling up the nomination forms to campaigning for the same. Each house conducted the polling procedure under the guidance of its house mistress. Students of Grade IV to XII voted with full discretion to select the candidate who can lead them in the best way.

Experiences of our Voters & Candidates

CANDIDATES

The voting day for the election of our school's cabinet was held on 27 July 2022. Though in the past two years I've casted my vote twice but this time being a former house captain my experience was entirely different. In the morning we all gathered for the assembly as normal and settled with our house mates. By the end all housemasters and captains were allocated a table each, for documenting and maintaing the responses. My duty was to maintain the record of the students who has casted their votes and to make sure that they don't repeat. It still fascinates me that we managed to keep record of all of them. I'll conclude by saying that I think the voting system and the cabinet is a great initiative taken by the school to give us a simulation of the real world politics and teach us about it.

Manya - XI

I always wanted to be part of the school cabinet and this year I got the opportunity to try for it. In the whole process, campaigning was the best part as I get to interact with my juniors and seniors.

- Shreya Srivastav (X-A)

The election process is a great opportunity, especially for juniors as it gives them the exposure to select the right representative in real life.

- Arav Dhiman (X-B)

VOTERS

I feel that being an integral part of the voting process is a great opportunity in itself. it helped me choose the right candidate who can lead our house in the right way.- **Chehaq (IX)**

I voted for the first time and really enjoyed the process. It was smooth and transparent. I enjoyed the part when candidates started campaigning and shared their plans for their respective houses. - **Harsheen, Navya Gupta, Navya Aggarwal and Soumya**



TEACHER'S INTERVIEW



ANUSHREE

What made you choose teaching as a profession?

Anushree Ma'am: I chose teaching as a profession as during low time of my life, my teachers were a great support. They showed me light in darkness. I owe them, what I am today.

Shallu Ma'am: Teaching provides me job satisfaction. It is a respectful job. As we all know teaching and learning all go hand in hand. As a teacher, I am around young, curious minds all the day so I am also able to push myself and get better everyday. Most important is that I love to teach Maths.



SHALLU

What is your greatest professional accomplishment?

Anushree Ma'am: To motivate village kids to join school, especially girls, when I was teaching at a primary school in Jharkhand. The strength of the school rose from 25 to 270. And they gave me such wonderful emotional farewell that I still remember. They started studying and that was so satisfying.

Shallu Ma'am: My greatest professional accomplishment is to see a child growing well in every aspect of life. I feel proud when I teach some concept and the students grasp quickly, I get a rush of joy like no other.

How do you deal with pressures or stressful situations that come with your profession?

Anushree Ma'am: I just put all my emotions in this and all stress vanishes, when my kids are motivated to do better.

Shallu Ma'am: Firstly I look calmly at the matter and solve it patiently. Professionally Garima mam is a big support and domestically my in-laws do.

Please give some inspiring message for all the students.

Anushree Ma'am: For inspiration, I would just say, believe in yourself, at the end of this journey called life, we will be asked a question. At that time, we should be able to answer that.

How do you manage to take out time for your non-professional hobbies and interests?

Anushree Ma'am: That's a secret. I love reading and I do that almost daily in morning. For writing, anytime is good. These gives me my space and expression to my feelings. For movies too, I do take out some time as I love watching theatre and movies.

Interviewer:



Sonakshi (VII A)



Yashna Gupta (VII- A)

An inspiring message from Ms. Anushree for all our students

We are Light



I am the light,
Your curious eyes.
Makes me bright,

You say, I am the star,
But you make me shine.
Here or there, near or far,
I own you, you are mine.

You are my fuel, my hydrogen,
Between you and me,

It's great, energetic fusion,
Let's touch the sky,
Let's shine bright,
Not only me, but...

we together, are the light.
we together, are the light.

Anushree Anand
(Science Educator)

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