



Idhayam Speaks.....

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Vision

To develop and nurture confident and expressive English Language speakers who can express their ideas and thoughts confidently in the public.

Mission

To develop the interest and love for the English Language through the Art of Public Speaking, Listening, Newspaper Reading, Report writing and Performing

Objectives

- * To develop the English communicative skill among the students.
- * To increase the English Vocabulary among the students.
- * Working as a team and act as a News reporter of the school.

A few words from the editor....

“Our vision, our mission and the values we stand for”

Dear Readers,

You have in your hand “Idhayam Speaks”; Idhayam Rajendran School's pioneer official journal. It captures the momentous moments of Idhayamites journey from the month of January to February. We have tried to make sure this memoir of IRS helps you in recapitulating your eventful journey in Idhayam. This journal is not the outcome of the effort put in by an individual, but the immense effort put forward by the Editorial Board and dear Idhayamites. This is just a small tribute to our Alma Mater.

- The Editorial Board



May your exam be a great one and may you obtain the highest marks!

All The Best For Your Exams



Days to Remember

- 16 January** - National Startup Day
- 20 January** - Penguin Awareness Day
- 21 January** - Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya Foundation Day
- 24 January** - National Girl Child Day, International Day of Education
- 25 January** - National Voters Day
- 26 January** - Republic Day, International Customs Day
- 27 January** - National Geographic Day
- 29 January** - Indian Newspaper Day
- 30 January** - World Leprosy Day, Martyrs Day
- 31 January** - International Zebra Day
- 1 February** - Indian Coast Guard Day
- 2 February** - World Wetlands Day
- 3 February** - National Women Physicians Day
- 4 February** - World Cancer Day
- 8 February** - Safer Internet Day
- 10 February** - World Pulses Day, National Deworming Day
- 11 February** - World Unani Day, World Sick Day, International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 12 February** - Darwin Day, National Productivity Day
- 13 February** - World Radio Day, International Epilepsy Day
- 14 February** - Saint Valentine's Day
- 15 February** - International Childhood Cancer Day

In and around Idhayam

- On 19th January 2023, our students of grade 6 and 7 went to Kochi and returned back on 22nd January.
- On 21st January 2023, our blooming kids of LKG and UKG celebrated Pink Day.
- On 22nd January 2023, a newly constructed Administrative Block was inaugurated in the premises of our school.
- On 26th January 2023, Republic Day was celebrated in our school with great eclat.
- On 28th and 29th January 2023, our school celebrated Kids Utsav and Annual Day with great grandeur.
- On 1st and 2nd February 2023, the students of grade 8, 9 and 11 were taken to Thiyagaraja College to watch the play 'The Twelfth Night'.
- On 3rd February 2023, our school has conducted a prayer meeting for the students of grade 10 and 12.
- On 8th February 2023, our school buddies have celebrated Marine Day.
- On 10th February 2023, our school kindergarteners have celebrated Purple Day.
- On 15th February 2023, Transport Day was celebrated in KG block to learn about the different modes of transport.

Most Valued Possession - Memories

We spend all our lives,
Collecting things,
Making things,
Making money,
Wasting little time, we have.

When in the end,
All that money, and possessions, go away.
Ahead you are unable to bring them with,
When it is your time to go.
They are left behind,
Unlike the memories you gave to others.



K. Thiya , Std III

Book Review

Book Name: 'Where the Red Fern Grows'

Author: **Wilson Rawls**

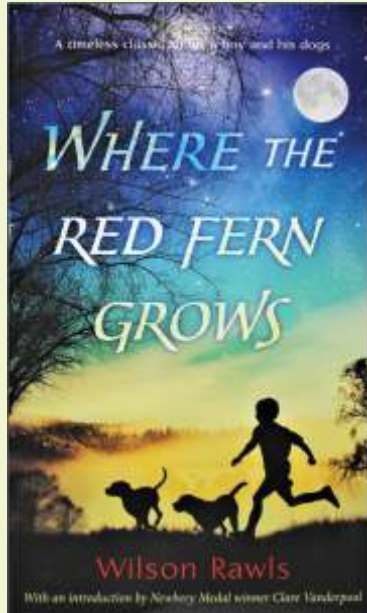
Genre: **Fiction (Children's Novel)**

Publisher: **Double Day**

Publication Year: **1916**

Pages: **245**

'Where the Red Fern Grows' is the classic story of the bond between a boy and his dogs. It's been making readers hearts skip beats since 1961 and now it has a special edition cover to celebrate the 50+ years it has been in print. If you are new to this beloved tale, get ready to be seriously moved!



Billy, who lives in Oklahoma's Ozark Mountains, desperately wants a dog specifically 'Redbone Coonhound'. When his parents tell him that they can't afford this breed, Billy, with his strong sense of right and wrong, works hard for two years to earn his own money. Once he has saved \$50 and can afford to buy his puppies, he hikes sixty miles with no shoes through Cherokee Country to retrieve them and bring them home. He names them Old Dan and Little Ann, and trains them to be champion hunting dogs. The three of them freely explore the woods and mountains having all kinds of amazing adventures, until a tragic and heartbreaking battle with a mountain lion takes place. Billy is a brave character and his bond with his loyal dogs is incredible to experience.

Billy absolutely adores his new dogs. His hard work and dedication gave him the ability to buy his dream pet. He ultimately creates a strong bond with his dogs and they become a great trio together. Billy embarks on many adventures with his pups. They allow him to have more happiness in his life. With these dogs he now has a new perspective on life as well as a new sense of joy that he has never felt before. With these dogs his life definitely turns around and together the trio experiences many new adventures and creates many memories. Through every adventure and obstacle, they all stay determined and dedicated as they work together.

And when we read this book, we could remember a statement: "A dog is a man's best friend". This book is a great example of love, friendship and hard work. It also proves that love, friendship and hard work can also be in relationship with our pets as well.

I highly recommend this book to everyone despite age. From young readers around age 10 to adult readers of all ages, this book teaches great lessons that are appropriate for every audience to learn and these are lessons that never go out of style. Whether it may be your first time reading this book or your hundredth time you will still feel the emotion and connection that every word in this book provides. The love in this book and the lessons are crucial for every age to learn about it and read. I love this book and would definitely recommend to read it!!!

I would rate this book 4.5 out of 5.0

R.N. Dhanudhara, Std VIII

A Change in My Life

There are many changes that can happen in a person's life. Some changes are diminutive and would not affect our life. However, a few events could be very important and could change a person's whole life, like choosing a good school or choosing a better environment. The important event that changed my life is, to join into our school.

After joining in this institute, I felt a tremendous transformation in both my physical and mental health. After spending more than two months in our school, I firmly believed that joining in this school is a beneficial change in my life. Our school provides me a change to lead a healthy lifestyle as well as a new way of thinking that are significant for me.

To sum up, choosing this school to join was an important change in my life because our school is giving me the proper guidance in studies and a new way of thinking. Meanwhile, I can understand every subject. Thus, this change is vital and beneficial for me.

S. Prithika Shree, Std VI

Identify the Personality

He is a Russian novelist, short story writer, essayist and journalist. He is best known for his novella 'Notes from the Underground' and for four long novels, 'Crime and Punishment', 'The Idiot', 'The Possessed' and 'The Brothers Karamazov'.



Fyodor Dostoevsky

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Witticism

Why are fish so smart?

They live in schools.



Interview - If I Get a Chance to Meet the Prime Minister...

It is a pleasure to meet the Prime Minister of the largest democracy in the world. If I get a chance to meet our Prime Minister, I will ask the following questions:

- 1) Sir, after taking oath as PM and swearing-in of your cabinet, you met the PM of Pakistan. Do you feel our relations with the neighbouring country will be good?
- 2) Why SAARC has failed to achieve its objectives?
- 3) What will be your action plan for bringing back the black money stashed abroad?
- 4) What is your view about the minorities of our country? Will they ever get their due and humble share in employment opportunities?
- 5) What is your view about upliftment and employment opportunities for the youth, who either flees Indian shores or remains disappointed due to the present scenario?
- 6) How will you tackle inflation?
- 7) As you are aware of insecurity, terrorism and corruption eating into the strong fabric of our country, do you feel strong action and reforms in legal system must be taken to curb this?
- 8) Which areas of growth will be your immediate preferences?
- 9) Do you believe the youth of the country has inbuilt potential to join you and your endeavours in redevelopment and growth of the country? How will you bring them to your mainstream ideology?
- 10) Which means of communication is the best, the fastest and the cheapest to connect with a common man? What is your view about social networking sites like twitter?

P. Mohana Chandran, Std XI

Did You Know?

- The comedy of errors is Shakespeare's shortest play. It is only 1770 lines long.
- The longest word used in Shakespeare's play is honorificabilitudinitatibus.
- The longest words with no repeated letters are dermatoglyphics and uncopyrightable.
- Twyndyllyngs is the longest word in English that doesn't contain one of the five vowels (a,e,i,o,u).
- The most commonly used letter in the English language is 'e'.

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Answer:

Annual Day Report

Music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart opens.



With this grace of almighty from music, our Idhayam Rajendran School celebrated the Kids Utsav and the 24th Annual Day in a glorious way on the 28th and 29th of January, 2023. It was a show solely conceptualized with music as the theme, designed and executed by the Idhayamites and the faculty of the school.

The enthusiastic and zealous occasion of the Kids Utsav was graced by Mrs. Anuja Chandramouli, an Indian Mythological author. In her vitalizing speech she emphasized a moral story which attracted our students and the audience about their responsibility of growing along with the nation.

The impeccable function of the 24th Annual Day was brightened up by the guest of honour, Mr. Balarama Govind Das, the Chairman of Thangamayil Jewellery. His inspirational speech created an immense impact on the minds of the youth to find oneself.

Both the events started off with a devotional prayer song followed by welcome address, speeches given by our correspondent, chairman, leaders of the school and especially the chief guests. We honoured them with pleasantries as a token of love.

The prize distribution ceremony was conducted on both the days to facilitate and recognise the talent of the students in various fields like academics, sports, art, culture etc.,

The evening progressed witnessing the mesmerizing theatrical production of the school with lighting and music prevailing all around.

The cultural events set rolling through elegant classical dances with the background screen showing the evolution of music throughout the ages. On the other hand, there was the substage where we came across the bedazzling and magnificent voices of 11th and 12th students performing interlude with various instruments.

The stage was satiety and rocked on by all the Idhayamites with their spectacular dances, skits, mimes and songs which relished the journey of the audience into the world of music. Altogether, the fluent anchoring by the students on the substage was appreciable.

Finally, the tale of both events was accomplished successfully with heart-warming vote of thanks by our beloved principal and vice principal followed by a blockbuster finale dance.

The show of both the days not only enchanted all, but it also brought forth the latent talent of the blossoming flowers of Idhayam which have been unlocked in this attempt and which left the audience spellbound and craving for more.

Hats off to all the teaching, non-teaching staff, kiddies and buddies for making both the events a memorable one.

J. Yogini, Std IX

Word Scramble

A person who pretends to have moral standards or opinions that he/she does not actually have.

They say one thing and do another.

**Unscramble:
RYCEHPTOI**

ANSWER: HYPOCRITE

My Dream Destination

Everyone has their own dream destination to visit. I too have a dream destination. My dream destination where I would love to travel once in my lifetime is South Korea. Korea is divided into two parts namely, North Korea and South Korea. Before I knew about South Korea, I decided to have North Korea as my dream destination because North Korea is famous for its culture. But the rules and regulations followed by them is just hurting. They have no connections with the outer world. I may not follow these and that's why I discarded North Korea from my dream destination list.

Now, back to my dream destination South Korea, I chose South Korea because I am a foodie and I want to taste Korean food. This is the first reason why South Korea is my dream destination.

The next reason is K-pop. I love K-pop. My favourite K-pop group is Black pink. I wish to go to Black pink concert so that I can meet black pink members. It is really a great thing. Also, I wish to learn Korean. These are the reasons why South Korea became my dream destination.

A. Hasini, Std VII

The Things That I Would Like to Change in My School

If I could change something about our school, it would be to increase the time spent on teaching social -emotional skills to the children to show compassion on others. Every child should be taught to look after trees and animals. Practical class duration should be increased. Then only the students will understand the concepts soon and clearly. Every Saturday should have activity classes to improve the student's skill.

R. Srinithi, Std V

Jest

How do you make an octopus laugh?

With ten tickles (tentacles).

Style of Poetry

The style of a poem can be varied, depending on the form and the poet's intention. However, a common style for many poems includes the following elements:

- ★ **Title:** Title of the poem should be brief and should give the readers a hint about the poem's subject or tone.
- ★ **Stanzas:** Stanza is a group of lines that form the basic metrical unit in a poem. The number of lines in each stanza and the number of stanzas in a poem can vary, depending on the form and style of the poem.
- ★ **Rhyme Scheme:** A rhyme scheme is the pattern of rhymes at the end of each line of a poem or song. This can range from simple rhyming patterns to complex ones, and it is used to create musicality and unity in a poem.
- ★ **Meter:** The rhythmical pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables in verse of a poem. Different types of meters, such as iambic pentameter or trochaic meter can create different moods and effects in a poem.
- ★ **Line Length:** Line length can be varied, but it is often determined by meter and poet's intention. Short lines can create a sense of calm and contemplation.
- ★ **Figures of Speech:** Figures of speech, such as simile, metaphor and personification are used to add flavour to the writing and makes it so much more enjoyable for the readers. These literary devices can also help to create vivid images and emotions in the reader's mind.
- ★ **Conclusion:** The conclusion of a poem should bring the poem to a close, wrapping up the subject matter and leaving the reader with a sense of completion. This can be done through a final stanza, a resolution of the poem's central theme or final image of a poem.

This is a general style that many poems follow, but there are many forms and styles of poetry that may differ from this format. The structure of a poem will serve the poem's purpose and will be used to enhance the poem's meaning and impact.

C. Ziegan Samraj, Std XI

Joke

Why did the Oreo go to the dentist?

He lost his filling.

An Indelible Tour - Kochi

For the first time, I went without my parents and stayed with my friends for two days. I never imagined this in my life. The Kochi tour was a wonderful experience in my life. We started our journey from our school by 10.00pm with two AC buses. Our teachers allowed us to dance in the bus. We enjoyed it a lot.

On the next morning, we reached the hotel. The rooms were nice. We refreshed ourselves with breakfast and started our travel for sightseeing. The first day, we went boating in the backwaters on a cruise ship. We saw different cargo ships and military ships. We visited some islands, museums, and so on. They arranged lunch for us in that ship. We sat on the deck of the ship and ate it. It was a wonderful experience. Our tummy filled with joy as well as yummy food. They played DJ, and everyone started dancing to the rhythms since they played all upbeat songs. After boating, we went to a beach where they

allowed shopping. I bought some things for my siblings and my parents. My friends also did the same. Then we went to Asia's biggest mall, 'Lulu Mall'. We tried some snacks there. We went on some rides in the fun city. It was amazing and thrilling. We had our dinner and took rest in our rooms.

Next day, we got up earlier and started moving to our dream place 'Wonderla'. They gave T-shirts, we were asked to wear the T- shirts. We got our tickets and entered into the amusement park. First, we went to a wave pool, where they artificially generated the waves in the pool. It was a fun-filled time. We tried rain disco, waterfalls and many rides. It was too good and full of enjoyment. We literally enjoyed it a lot. In dry games, we went to a 3D scary show. We had our lunch and evening refreshment in Wonderla. Finally, our wonderful and unforgettable trip came to an end with our return journey to Madurai.

V. Isai Iniya, Std IV