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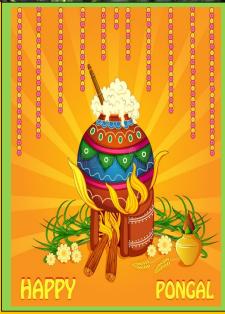
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#### FROM CORRESPONDENT WITH LOVE

My dear students,

#### GREETINGS

As we begin a new year, let us take a moment to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. You have all come so far and accomplished so much, but there is still so much more to achieve. Remember that every day is a new opportunity to learn, grow, and become the best version of yourself.

As you continue on this academic journey in KMR, I encourage you to embrace challenges and see them as opportunities to learn and grow. Don't be afraid to dream big and set ambitious goals for yourself. Believe in yourself and your abilities, and never let anyone tell you that you can't achieve your dreams.

Success is not just about what you achieve, but also about how you achieve it. Always remember to be kind, compassionate, and empathetic towards others. Respect your teachers and elders. Help those in need, and be a positive influence on the lives of those around you.

In conclusion, I want to remind you, especially students of grade XII and Grade X, that you are capable of achieving great things. Believe in yourself, work hard, and never give up on your dreams. The future is yours, and I can't wait to see all the amazing things you will accomplish. I wish all my students, teachers, parents and all well-wishers a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2024. May God Almighty bless you all abundantly with Love, Hope, Peace and Joy now and the years to come. Thank you.

Your Affable Corespondent

Dr. Krishnaveni

2023 KEEP GOING 2024- EDGAR A. GUEST

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,

When the road you're trudging seems on all up hill,

When the funds are low and the debts are high,

And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,

When care is pressing you down a bit,

Rest if you must—but don't quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,

As every one of us sometimes learns,

And many a failure turns out

When he might have won had he stuck it out;

Don't give up, though the pace seems slow—

You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than

It seems to be a faint and faltering man,

Often, the straggler has given up

When he might have captured the victor's cup,

And he learned too late, when the night slipped down,

How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out—

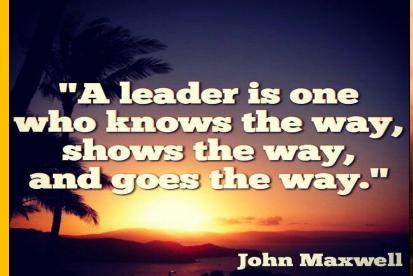
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,

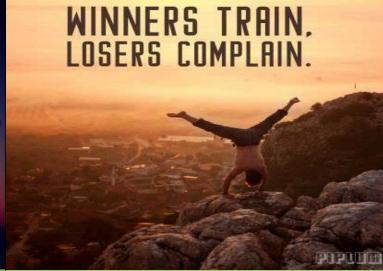
And you never tell how close you are,

It may be near when it seems afar;

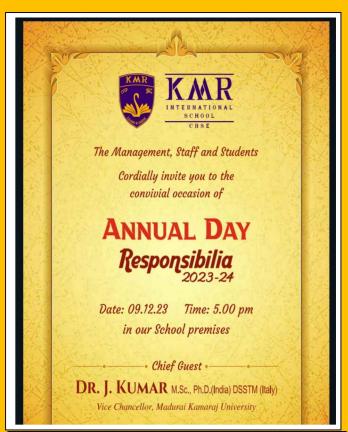
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—

It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.





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### **January AUTHORS**

#### Edgar Allan Poe Born January 19, 1803

Besides being one of the most recognized American writers, Edgar Allan Poe was a literary pioneer during the 19th century. He was one of the first Americans to write short stories primarily, he experimented with science fiction when that genre was new, and he essentially invented the genre of detective fiction. But no matter what style Poe was writing in, he usually included mysterious and macabre elements. Some of his popular short stories include "The Fall of the House of Usher," "The Tell-Tale Heart," and "The Cask of Amontillado"; however, Poe's most famous work is probably his narrative poem "The Raven" (Nevermore!).

#### Anne Brontë Born January 17, 1820

Despite being the youngest and least known of the Brontë sisters, Anne Brontë was still a major figure in British literature. Charlotte, Emily, and Anne Brontë published many of their early poems and short stories together, usually under the pen names Currer, Ellis, and Acton Bell. All three sisters died young—the older two in their thirties and Anne at age 29. Because of this, Anne only published two novels, Agnes Grey in 1847 and The Tenant of Wildfell Hall in 1848. Both works are now classics, and critics cite The Tenant of Wildfell Hall as one of the earliest feminist novels.

#### Zora Neale Hurston Born January 7, 1891

Zora Neale Hurston grew up in Eatonville, Florida, where she would eventually set many of her novels and short stories. While a student at Barnard College and Columbia University, she conducted research on the impact of African-American and Caribbean folklore on community formation. Hurston's research impacted many of her later writings, including her most famous work, Their Eyes Were Watching God. This classic novel cemented her as a major author in African-American literature. She also wrote much short fiction and nonfiction, including the posthumously published historical book Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo."

#### J.D. Salinger Born January 1, 1919

Jerome David Salinger started his writing career in the 1940s by publishing short stories in the New Yorker and other magazines. While Salinger was serving in World War II, he met Ernest Hemingway, who was working as a foreign news correspondent at the time and became a writing mentor to Salinger. Salinger published his most famous work in 1951, the coming-of-age novel The Catcher in the Rye, which gained a major following and became a subject of intense controversy at the same time. This overwhelming attention caused him to become reclusive and write less afterward. However, Salinger did publish several successful short story collections later in life, including Nine Stories and Franny and Zooey.

#### Jack London Born January 12, 1876

At age 21, California native John Griffin London and his brother-inlaw traveled north to join the Klondike Gold Rush. Despite not striking it rich and developing scurvy while in the Yukon Territory, London found the setting for his most famous short stories and adventure novels there. The Call of the Wild, in particular, has remained popular for more than a century, and a successful film adaptation came out in early 2020.

#### A.A. Milne

Although he wrote many poems and plays during his lifetime, Alan Alexander Milne is best remembered as the creator of the beloved children's character Winnie-the-Pooh. During his early writing career, he played cricket recreationally and was on a writers-only team with J.M. Barrie and Arthur Conan Doyle. Milne later served in both World Wars and had one child, Christopher Robin Milne, who inspired the similarly-named character in the Winnie-the-Pooh books. Pooh's popularity grew throughout Milne's lifetime and even more after his death. Disney acquired the rights to the character in 1966, and children around the world still fall in love with the stories of Pooh Bear and his friends in the Hundred-Acre-Wood today.

#### J.R.R. Tolkien Born January 3, 1892

John Ronald Reuel Tolkien is best known for writing the epic fantasy series The Lord of the Rings and its prequel The Hobbit. While these books are popular around the world today, especially because of the six blockbuster movies based on them, they got off to a slow start. Tolkien originally wrote The Hobbit just for his own children, but an editor persuaded Tolkien to publish the manuscript. He then started to work on The Lord of the Rings, which he also planned as a single children's story. However, it turned into a trilogy that was better suited for an older audience. Tolkien was also a university professor for many years and became close friends with fellow British author C.S. Lewis. After Tolkien's death, his son Christopher published his father's translation of Beowulf and a collection of fantasy stories called The Silmarillion, making Tolkien's work even more famous.

#### Diana Gabaldon Born January 11, 1952

Arizona native Diana Gabaldon began her career in science: she completed a Ph.D. in behavioral ecology and served as the founding editor of a scientific journal in the 1970s and 1980s. She eventually decided to work on a novel in her spare time. Inspired by an episode of Doctor Who, Gabaldon chose historical speculative fiction as her genre and Scotland as her setting. The result was a book originally published in Britain under the title Cross Stitch, but U.S. printers changed the name to Outlander. The Outlander series now comprises nine novels (the most recent being 2021's Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone) and has been adapted into a popular television series.

#### Julia Quinn Born January 12, 1970

When Julie Cotler Pottinger was a teenager, her father disapproved of her love of romance novels. But Pottinger continued to read them anyway as she hoped to write one of her own someday. She began writing historical romances in college as a diversion from studying for her pre-med courses, and she dropped out of medical school after just a few months because her first published books were selling well. Using the pen name Julia Quinn, she has published dozens of novels and has appeared on the New York Times Best-seller 19 times.

### THESURREALPEARL'S PAGE- ON NEW BEGINNINGS



In the wake of passing days, in the blink of time's unyielding eye,

I find myself standing at the threshold of this realm so ethereal,

The year that was 2023, a tapestry woven with threads of trials,

Has etched upon my soul a story of strength and resilience unparalleled.

Oh, how I learned to forge my spirit, to become steel within,

For when the backstab of betrayal pierced my heart so tender,

I discovered the power of rising, of shrugging off the weight of deceit,

And in the face of adversity, I found the fortitude to surrender to change.

In this dance with shadows, I was reminded of the importance,

Of spreading seeds of kindness, nurturing the soil of harmonious existence.

For in a world teeming with echoes of negativity and disdain,

One voice, one act of love can awaken dormant hope, and inspire a new refrain.

Within the mirror's gaze, I saw my flaws and my strength intertwined,

A mosaic of imperfections, shattered fragments of who I once was,

Yet from those scattered shards, I witnessed the beauty of redemption,

For it is in embracing brokenness, that our spirit truly heals and blossoms

**And** oh, dear soul, the lessons learned in the arms of adversity,

They dance upon my heart, words scribbled within the book of memories,

With each page turned, my fingers trace tales of both joy and despair,

Yet through it all, the resounding truth emerges—family, a treasure beyond compare.

For in the embrace of loved ones, I found solace, a sanctuary of warmth,

When the world grew cold, their love would ignite and guide me home,

In the faces of kin, I witnessed loyalty, a bond that time cannot erode,

And in the tapestry of shared stories, I discovered the richness of a legacy bestowed.

And so, with hope aglow, I venture forth into new beginnings,

A traveler on this winding path, uncharted lands and faces anew.

For while I have witnessed the sting of deceit, the dance of shattered trust,

I still believe, deep within, that not all souls are cast from shadows, but from hues.

So let us raise our voices, poets, dreamers, seekers of light,

And pen a verse of hope, to ripple across the fabric of 2024.

For in your words, lies the power to unite, to heal, to inspire,

May your ink be a balm for weary hearts, igniting a world adorned with rhyme.



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# **PINK DAY- Kinder Garten**























### PROJECTS AND CLASS ROOM ACTIVITIES













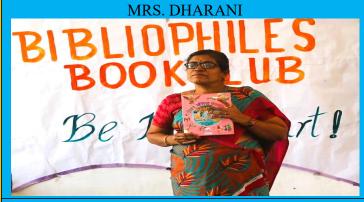




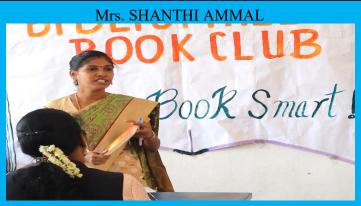


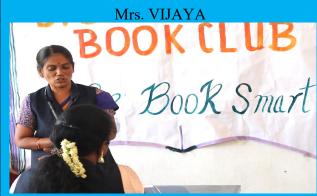
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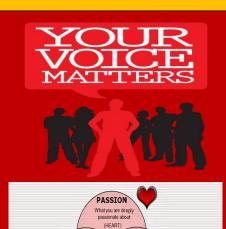
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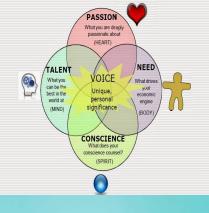










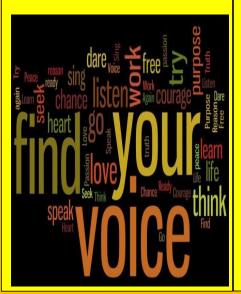




You must strive to find your own voice.
Because the longer you wait to begin, the less likely you are to find it at all.



#### **JANUARY VALUE**



#### IT IS NOT THE SKILL BUT THE WILL



Sultan Rafai is an inspiring entrepreneur and a Loyola College Chennai alumnus. He was born with Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI), a genetic disorder that causes bones to break easily. His bones were so fragile that even a mere sneeze or a cough can cause his bones to break. In these conditions, regular schooling was not possible. So his parents arranged for home schooling. He struggled with this incapacity. Often he was admitted in hospitals. At one time, he fell from the cot and had to be treated for multiple fractures. The treatments were very painful. At times he used to think of committing suicide. But his parents were of immense moral support. His father used to say that continuous education would solve all kinds of problems. He also so strongly believed in it. So he continued with his home schooling without any break in spite of all odds and was able to pass his higher secondary with good marks. But during al these years he was a loner. He did not have any friends due to his disease, except his elder brother and his family. Sonow he wanted to venture out and join a regular college. He wanted to attend Loyola College, Chennai. Though everybody said it was not possible, his parents believed him. The college also believed in him and gave him admission in the Commerce stream.

In college, all his classmates became his close friends and supported him in more ways than one. One friend or the other would take him from home to college every day. And in college, they will support him by carrying him to various classes and floors where they had classes. He says that college days were the finest in his life next only to his family. Through the support from friends, college and family, he got his B.Com. degree with distinction in the year 2013.

After graduation, he went around Chennai looking for job. But that in vein. No one believed in him. They said though his credentials were good, his physical condition would not make him fit enough to do any normal job.Once again he was under stress. Then he decided to start on his own. He invested in hotel business with money he got from his father. Though initially there was some progress, in 10 months the business plunged into heavy losses to the tune of more than Rs. 5 million. Again he was in a dilemma. Then he had a discussion with the family and joined the family's garment business with a new idea and new focus in 2019.

And now he is a successful entrepreneur of more than 9 garment stores in Chennai, with a turnover of Rs. 30 crores. He was recently awarded the Best Alumni award by the college. Mr. Sultan is the winner of the award for the best differently-abled entrepreneur 2021 by DRZYA organisation and the winner of the India's inspiring entrepreneur for the year 2022 by Indian Awards.

He is the Co-founder of SUPERLYFE STORES and Max Trading Co. Superlyfe, a clothing retail in Chennai was started in the year 2019, that employs people with special needs, being a first for a cloth retailer in Chennai. His vision is to provide clothing / fashion accessible and affordable to the economically weaker section as well. The shop sells fashion clothing for children and adults at a low cost from only ₹9 to ₹499. Sultan, now in his early 30s, with around 150 employees working in his outlets, is a great motivational and inspiring speaker in Chennai city.

**Take aways from his life** are understanding the importance of failures in life.

Education can solve life's many problems.

Family support, good caring institutions and a great classroom atmosphere can transform any person's life, especially those with physical disabilities.

Networking can benefit entrepreneurship and also solve life's many problems.

Word of mouth can benefit any business more than social media..

Last but not least, , will to survive against all odds, more than skill will decide your destiny.

**INPUTS FROM KMR RESOURCE CENTRE** 

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