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“Worlds don’t last, and stars and galaxies are transient, fleeting things that twinkle like fireflies and vanish into cold and dust. As the last echoes of the sun dawn upon the Ironwoods, the sighs depict the universal longings that say we belong even when we are borne ceaselessly into the past.”

-Anoushka S. Rabha, Associate Editor 2020

Reprise of Fleeting Time

-Jeremy Jahau, Editor-In-Chief 2020

As the ink drops down from a weathered chest
Fallen on to a newer crest
Just as the hat tips on to another head
And another story begins to be said

The sands of time just scatter by
Bringing me down from a flowing high
And a desert is where I managed to go
How’d I get here I don’t know

Is it a lack of purpose or reason I see?
Is the land blank or does it have opportunity?
And do the clear skies mean clearer vision too?
Or is the silence deafening the view?

Passing it on is our sanctioned song
Yet the same sometimes feels wrong
It’s been three years, five without post
Yet somehow I’m not ready to toast

So what do I blame? Time or me
Time for being so fast to flee
Or looking to self, for not preparing
A pent up madness without sharing

But I digress for its time to move on
On the last tile and promoting the pawn
So many options yet I’m still blind
For there is no net to fall behind

So fare thee well, my leap of faith
The high is done and it can’t wait
I bid adieu to things big and small
To the things that meant to me my all

Wave goodbye to the crazed MBTI
To the Lego House where I often cry
And the echo of hello gone like the breeze
My farewell to you all, who gave my life ease

Twenty Twenty Won

-Ojas Krish, X

I still remember the day school closed down due to the pandemic. It was 5: 20, and the sky was beautiful; cumulonimbus clouds absorbed the light from the sun, forming golden pieces of popcorn that wafted about in the sky, when Param N now ex-School Captain announced what had happened and what to follow next. The House celebrated; people cried as they parted early with the Batch of 2020, others rejoiced as they left the school in a hurry, and some were unperturbed, resolving to just pack their bags. This had an ominous feel about it. The Batch of 2021 was truly a legendary one. From the Captains, to each of the Houses, talent was brimming as was enthusiasm. However, because of the pandemic, they got a short amount of time to truly take the School forward. Bygones now lay in bygones, and what was remembered and celebrated was their effort as everyone seated themselves in the WMH on 11th February 2021. The four candidates came up and gave amazing speeches as they always do, and as the students voted and the Headmaster took his time to announce the names, the

audience held their breaths- Naviya Chamariya, School Captain of the Batch of 2022.

Whether you liked it or not, this moment is historic. After a dry spell of thirteen years, the students voted irrespective of gender, color or appearances, and chose the second female School Captain of AVS. This moment is like the rain that seeps into parched lands, making people sing poems about it. The previous batch now is just that; legend. It's all in the past now. The Batch of 2022, is a whole different ball game, and the election proves how true this very fact is. The WMH roared as the name was announced, each perhaps for a different reason all caught nonetheless in the thrill of the moment. The thunderous cheer that broke the still of the afternoon seems to have sounded the clarion call for what is to follow. That this is the start of another chapter in the history of the School is apparent that it will be historic, one way or the other, is certain. The rest, are merely details that will fall into place when it does. For now, AVS rejoices while the time begins the stopwatch.

Change Of Guard

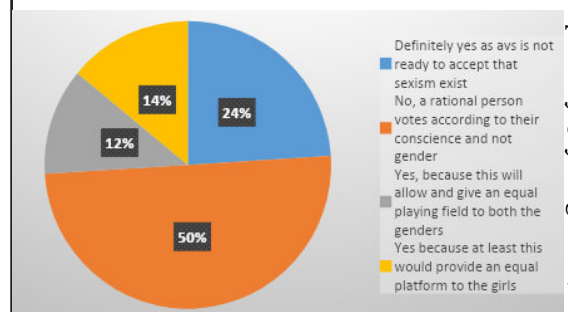
-Letminlun Haokip, Deputy Editor 2020

They say change is inevitable, and as the old guard gives way to the new, The Assam Valley School for the second time since its inception 25 years ago and the first time in a decade welcomes into the seat of School Captain, its second democratically elected girl School Captain. This one moment in time proves to be a remarkable point of history. Not only does it signal a change of guard, but also shows that the School has transcended to vote beyond colour and gender, choosing sagacity over personal preference.

Now that the euphoria of finally having a girl School Captain in years somewhat settles down, the Badge of legacy makes ready to take on yet another character. A character who this time comes bearing the trademark strength, forbearance, aspirations and skill-set of Tsuki; perhaps bringing along an outlook different from the static Murong. The School in the next leg of its journey is ready to be in hands that balance sensitivity with ambition and is unapologetic for who they are and what they stand for.

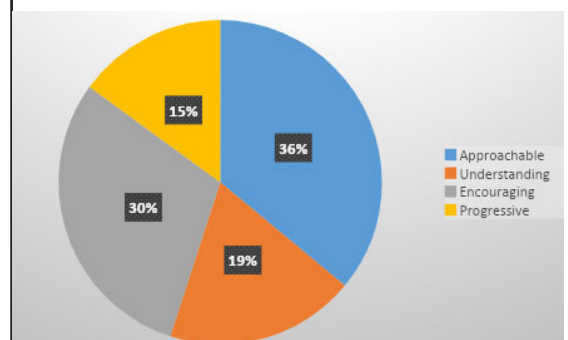
For so long has the phrase "The school is not ready for a girl School Captain" echoed down the corridors of the MSB. Thus, when the outgoing School Captain Param Singh Nongmaithem pinned the iconic badge on the newly elected School Captain Naviya Chamariya's blazer on the 11th of March, 2021, The Assam Valley School rightly so transitioned into a completely new era. An era of uncharted waters, waters that will quite possibly be filled with turmoil and uncertainty. However, as we head out onto new horizons, one thing is certain - The Assam Valley School is more than ready for the oncoming challenge. With the School Captain at the helm of affairs, and her team of House Captains and Prefects backing her, AVS looks forward to a very productive and influential year ahead.

AVS has more boys in comparison to girls. Do you think this disparity could be equated by an appreciation of girls' votes?



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What qualities do you wish to see in your prefects?



What are your expectations from the new Prefectorial Body?

I. Zaheen Rafia Shah, VII
II. Aanya P. Sarkar, VII
III. Natasha Billimoria, VII

I. I may not be allowed to vote but as soon as I decided to write about it, ideas and opinions came rushing to me.

Whatever I've seen of the outgoing Batch, what stood out to me was the unity the whole batch had in almost everything and I hope the upcoming Batch to keep that up. I want to see the same happy faces I saw in 2021 Batch when the entire school had won the R.B. Major trophy. I want and need them to create awareness about the things that are often labelled as "embarrassing" and "private". To talk about things such as abuse, homophobia, transphobia, sexism etc. I expect them to create a comfortable space for juniors to open up and ask for help. I expect them

to allow juniors to make mistakes. I expect this Batch to be different, yet similar.

II. *"The problem is not the problem. The problem is your attitude about the problem. Do you Understand"* -Jack Sparrow. Leadership they say is an action, not merely a position. Expectations are usually broken. What I wish from the upcoming Prefectorial body is to not tell us to run but instead, to run along with us so that we can keep pace. To inspire us to be our best. After all, a leader is not the one who says 'go' but the one who says 'let's go'. I wish for them to lead by example. I wish for them to be the leaders they would want to follow. I hope our Seniors can treat us all with a sense of fairness.

I would wish for them to actually implement what they say and not merely leave promises to the wind. I hope they turn their vision for School into a reality and to lead us on with the motto 'Truth is Strength' in their minds and pride in their hearts. As a leader should. As an Aviator should. III. What do I expect from the Prefectorial Batch of 2021? I am in class 7 and cannot vote however these are my opinions. Perhaps the new senior most batch could be more approachable. For a junior to feel more comfortable telling a senior if something was wrong. For a junior to not feel scared or judged or feel that their problem was irrelevant and therefore need not be told. For the Batch to work together as "the Batch of 2021" despite the different colours they wear and the beyond the limits of their individual Houses. The Batch of 2020 earned our respect because they stood united and worked as one to make a change. I expect, or you could say, want, this Batch to keep to a similar path. For them to talk about important things that are not spoken about enough like racism, sexism, homophobia, discrimination, gender biases and gender "boundaries" or "limits" so on and so forth. I expect the Prefectorial batch of 2021 to outshine the previous batches and be the best that they can be.

Defining the Roles

-Shrutashman Baruah, XI H

Leadership is a ten-letter word, you can pen it down on paper, but it holds more weight than you can ever imagine. "What's a leader?" Every time I hear this question all those cliché thoughts come to my mind. For example, motivational quotes or old sayings like "A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves. —Lao Tzu." Or this old proverb, "Where there is no vision, the people perish. —Proverbs 29:18". Today if you search in Google, you'll get a million quotes or definition of leadership, but let me ask you this. What is your meaning of leadership or what do you think about it? For me, Leadership has a totally different meaning. A leader is a person who walks among us and yet is different, sits with us every day and yet inspires us. The School has appointed a new Prefectorial Batch on the 11th of March and expectations are in the air. A

new aura surrounds us bringing new hopes in and a new set of aspirations after a year that has been more than just difficult. I'm certain that every new appointee would feel the responsibility weigh on their shoulders but it is only those who seek to stand up to the need of the hour who stay remembered in time. It changes everything in an individual. A leader should not have any room for hypocrisy in his life, if he is asking someone not to do something that he or she should make sure he is not doing it in the first place.

I hope that with the new council, the school reaches new heights. We have a better year and it carries on. Stan Lee's character Ben Parker said "with great power comes great responsibilities" and I feel this is true, because a true leader will not run from his or her responsibility. There are a lot of things that can be said about leadership different people have different views and these are mine.

The Avengers

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School Captain: Naviya Chamariya
Head Boy: Areeq Imran
Head Girl: Saumya Jindal
Editor-In-Chief: Tanisha Bhadra
Cultural Captains: Anushka Baruah and Kaustav B. Arya
Sports Captains: Anushcka Joshi and Peter Seth
Academic Captains: Adrija Das and Aarav Jain
Event Management Heads: Trinabrita Baruah and Aadish Jain

House Captains

Bhoroli: Kashvi Bhartia
Lohit: Rotozo Tetseo
Jinari: Sanjana Baruah
Manas: Kaustav Garg
Kopili: Adrija Mahanta
Dhansiri: Sourav Khodal
Subansiri: Aditi B. Thekedath
Namdang: Karma Kalden

House Prefects

Bhoroli: Dristi Rathi and Manlee Angh
Lohit: Kavya Bagrodia and Mayukh Jain
Jinari: Jiya Agarwal and Dimpal Deori
Manas: Niraj Sharma and Gora Gungte
Kopili: Bipasha Haloi and Alka Jhawar
Dhansiri: Sparsh Agarwal and Shriyansh Sharma
Subansiri: Mahi Agarwal and Angree Killingpi
Namdang: Vasumann Lohia and Shrutashman Baruah

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CAMPUS NEWS

Science Fest



On the 27th of February, Science Fest-2021 was organized at The Assam Valley School to commemorate the National Science Day. The theme for this year's National Science Day celebration was Future of STI: Impacts on Education, Skills and Work. The objective of this event was to spread the message about the importance of science used in our daily life. It intended also to encourage and give an opportunity to the scientific minded students to explore science, innovate and popularize science and technology amongst the community at large.

The Fest included many activities, such as "Brain Gym", "Rocket Centre" and "Rapid Fire" "Environment corner" to name a few activities where students learnt the many amusing applications of the sciences they learnt in their classrooms.

Wit And Wars

Vasuman Lohia and Aarav Jain have received National positions in the Mind Wars Olympiad. They qualify for prizes of Rs 11000 each. Our heartiest congratulations to them and may they continue with greater success in their quizzing pursuits.

All Smiles!

Tihu House Picnic was celebrated for girls of Class-5 to 8 on the 6th of March from 11:00am -3:00pm. All the students of Tihu House along with their Housemistresses and Tutors gathered together at the field near Sessa, AVS to spend some quality time together. The Housemistresses along with the tutors with a meele of hands prepared lunch an activity that is much looked forward to. A day under the weak winter sun in the company of friends and laughter was another happy chapter of this Term.

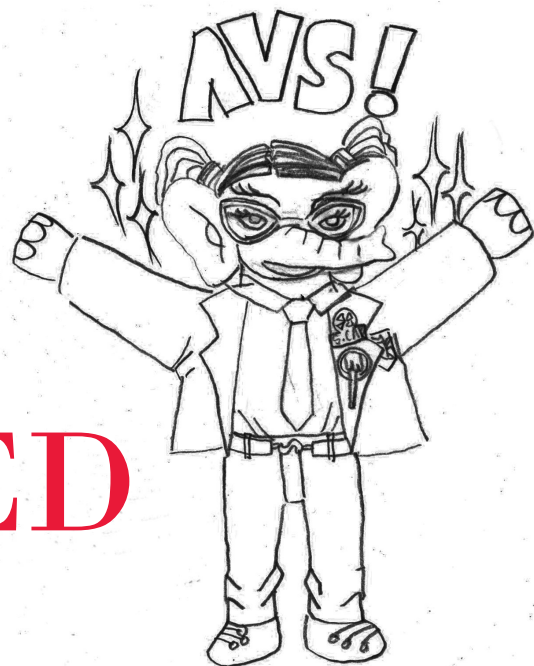
A Blessing

Mrs. Chiranjita Bora and Mr. Lakhyajit Bora were blessed with a baby girl they have decided to name Himaja, a beautiful addition to the AVS family. We wish the happy family many congratulations on the new arrival.

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-Karun Thapa, XI H



Ripple #155

-Moom Lego, Deputy Editor

The winds of change
brushed through her hair
A new identity rested on
her lapels
She defied the nerves for
they stood with her
Yet she remained first
among the equals

Tongue Of Slip!!

1. "I can hear the smoke" -Dikshita Bhuyan, XI (*Stop studying cartoon biology*)
2. "It come backs to you" -Neelabh Kashyap, XI (*What a comeback!*)
3. "I got neck in my cramps" -Tatiana Lakiang, XI (*And now you are neck-less*)
4. "Are you watching the Man United vs Man United match today?" -Doyin Padung, XI (*I wonder who won.*)
5. "I will slap mouth of his face" -Ma'am Priyankoo K. Das (*Interesting faceoff ma'am*)

Keep It Reel!

PASSING IT ON

-Yash Raj Agarwal, X



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