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**SivaSanta is a non-profit service oriented tuition centre offering quality and wholesome education to all aspiring students of primary and secondary levels (PSLE and GCE O, N Levels)**

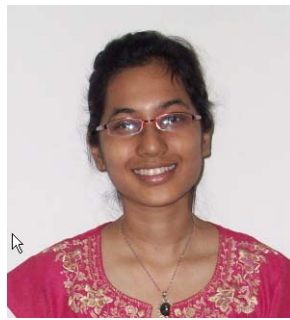


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## Silent Performer — Milashini tops in 2008 'A' Level exam



*Milashini Nambiar,  
TFA student*

Punctuality is a virtue many wish to have. A tall, slim, Ms. Milashini Nambiar, 19, was spot on for the mini-interview appointment. She was simple, serene, smiling, very unassuming; no symptoms of someone who topped in 2008 'A' Level exam with a stellar performance.

Just visualize the national scene: A mammoth number of 14,463 students sat for 2008 'A' Level exam. A sizable 1,292 students were from Raffles JC. Milashini was least troubled. Rather, she stayed focused on her performance. With precise self-assessment, she was confident to make it to the top elite few, bringing laurels to her parents, teachers and the school.

She, along with 3 more students, offered 13 Academic Units (AUs) of subjects and received perfect scores in all of them with 9 distinctions. This is the heaviest workload that MOE allows any A-level student to take. The norm is 10~12 AUs. She is the top Indian student to have scored 9 As. Her main subjects were Phy, Chem & Maths and she took Higher Tamil & French for languages. She is a recipient of 2008 award from French Alumni Singapore.

How did she prepare herself for the exam? She first intensely digested the teacher's notes. Then she put them away and tried recalling and summarizing the whole chapter; finally she cross verified with the teacher's notes. She also practised other schools prelim papers and 10 year series. Many reputed universities, here and abroad, are offering a warm welcome to her. However, she wants to take some time to evaluate her options.

What could be the secret of her success? Here is her message to all students. "Have faith in yourself. You can do better if you try hard. Choose subjects which you are generally interested in. This will be motivating. Stay focused on the goal." Who were those behind her success? She wanted to thank her parents first (Mr. Raguvaran Nambiar and Mrs. Anosia Theyy) and then all her school teachers for their support. They must be very proud of her today. What can be more satisfying to a teacher or a parent than seeing their child doing exemplarily well yet with all the humility only a rare few possess?

Going by the results, we may imagine her to be a book-worm. Not at all, she claims. Arts is her passion. She is an ardent student of Vocal Carnatic and Bharatanatyam dance in our TFA. If you happen to catch a glimpse of her along the TFA corridor, feel free to chitchat with her. She has incredible patience to share her tips with each one of us. Felicitations, Milashini.

- SivaSanta School of Knowledge

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## Our Founder



*Swami Shantanand Saraswati*

**Swamiji, as we lovingly call Him, has been, is and will be our inspiration in all our activities. It is His wish that we should offer quality wholesome education, in addition to arts. Thus SivaSanta School was born. We dedicate all our activities unto Him as we celebrate His 75th birthday on 7th April 2009.**

### Limerick

There was a man named Olly  
He had a sister named Polly  
He wrestled with a man  
Who fought with a pan  
Whose face was nice and jolly  
- Hemanth H (TFA Tabla student)

### Did you know?

*Limerick is a 5-line witty poem with 1st, 2nd and 5th line having nearly 9 syllables and rhyming with each other, the 3rd & 4th line with 5*

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# Campus Potpourri

from SivaSanta School of Knowledge & TFA

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## From small beginnings, come great things

Our school's maiden newsletter is in your hands. It is a small and humble beginning; nevertheless, we are proud and happy as history has shown us all great things always have had small beginnings. From a small seed, sprouts a giant banyan tree, isn't it?

Our primary objective of launching this newsletter is to provide a medium, a space for any creativity to manifest, just like a painter requiring a canvas. This newsletter is our canvas to be shared with all students, parents and teachers of SivaSanta School & TFA, who have latent desire or longing within to express anything creative, anything good to share. Life is all about expression of emotions, sharing of knowledge & experiences, isn't it?

Also, this gives an opportunity to paint a lighter outlook of education by presenting academic materials in a fun, creative way. Free of academic stress, we hope the newsletter will inspire and motivate students and teachers alike whatever their heart wishes to outpour.

We fervently hope soon this becomes a magazine that is run primarily by the students for the students, with guidance & help from seniors. We thank all the budding & talented writers who have given us their wonderful contributions to this first newsletter.

We hope the first issue would attract other creative writers to jump on the bandwagon and become our very own resident writers. If you are one of them, what are you waiting for? Just, jump on and unleash your creativity....

- Editorial Team

## My Loved One, This is for You

My loved one, I wonder where you are,  
When I come home and do not find you there,  
It is as if you have gone for a walk,  
But I realize that your walk is endless.  
You never seem to turn and come back.  
When I work, I wish you were there,  
If you were, I would have done it with flair,  
But you are not here.  
People say you are here always,  
But what do they know?

Why are you not there for me?  
It is just that the one person,  
The one person with whom I want to spend my entire life,  
The one person with whom I want to be always,  
Is not there in this world anymore...

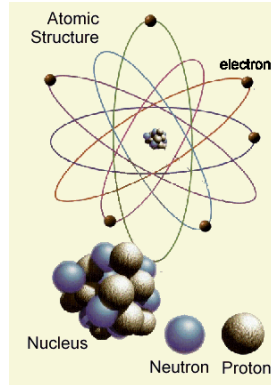


- Sandhya Sriram (TFA dance student)  
(Dedicated to my father Late G. Sriram)

## Atom & Solar System

An atom is the tiniest particle of matter which has three sub-atomic particles in it. They are called protons, electrons and neutrons. The structure of an atom is quite analogous to the solar system. In a solar system, the Sun is in the centre with all planets orbiting around it in an elliptical orbit. In an atom, the neutron & proton is in the center called nucleus which can be compared to the Sun and electrons are orbiting around the nucleus in a circular orbit.

There are few supportive facts for this analogy. In solar system, the mass of Sun is huge compared to



are orbiting around it.

Secondly, the planets are attracted to the Sun by force of gravity. In atom, electrons are attracted to the

planets e.g. it is 1000 times heavier than Jupiter the largest planet. In atom, nucleus containing protons and neutrons are thousand times heavier than the electrons which

**The tiniest particle "atom" and the gigantic solar system has similarities and common patterns forming an interesting analogy.**

nucleus by electric force.

Interesting analogy, isn't it? This is probably why our ancient seers saw similarities and common patterns from microcosm (atom) to macrocosm (universe) at all levels of the cosmos. What is in macrocosm is also in the microcosm.

- Mrs Sathya (Chemistry Teacher)

Chem Corner

## காற்று (Wind or Air)

கண்ணில் தெரியாத காற்றே!

கையில் வசப்படாத காற்றே!

புத்துணர்ச்சி தரும் பூங்காற்றே!

நீ இல்லை என்றால்

உயிரே இல்லை என்று தெரிந்தும்,

உன்னை மாசுபடுத்துபவர்களை

ஊ, ஊ என்று நீ உன்

கோபத்தை காட்டும் பொழுதும்,

உனக்குத் துரோகம் செய்ய

நினைப்பவர்களுக்கு நீ

அமைதியாக இருக்கிறாய்.



உன் பொறுமையை எப்படி பாராட்டுவது? எனக்கும் உன் பொறுமையை கொஞ்சம் கொடுத்து

உதவுவாயா காற்றே!

என் சுவாசக் காற்றே!

-சௌந்தர்யா மகேந்திரன்

Soundarya Mahendran, P5, Loyalty Fuhua

**Do you wish to write in our next magazine?**

**Give a chance to the writer in you waiting to be born. Please send in your poems, stories, quiz, puzzles, anything creative or good to share.**

Email to [sivasanta@gmail.com](mailto:sivasanta@gmail.com) or give it to our office in an envelope marked "SivaSanta NewsLetter".

## Friendship

There might have been times when you feel let down

You feel as though the whole world is against you

There will be a point where you regard life as pointless

All your sorrows look endless

No one can bring you happiness

You might have thought

That is only the start...

Don't put yourself down

As a friend is always there

Waiting for your call

And he will not stall

He will not hesitate to share your burden

That makes your life lighter

And that is what matters to a friend like him...

G. Vighneshwari, SivaSanta Student  
O-Level Physics, Chem



## Global Warming

Global warming is such a bane,  
We humans are very insane.

Melting icebergs, rising sea levels,  
Making our Earth a terrible hell.

We all rampage Earth everyday,

But when it comes to an apology, we have nothing to say.

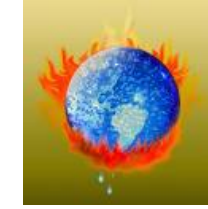
We are causing lot of pollution,

But recycling is a solution.

Global warming is such a bane

Can we humans be more sane?

Hemanth H - TFA Flute Student



Earth Hour 2009  
Saturday, Mar 28,  
8:30 to 9:30pm

Switching off lights,  
aircons etc is a vote  
for Earth. Keeping  
them on is a vote  
for global warming.  
Earth Hour started  
in Sydney in 2007  
now aims to reach  
more than one billion  
people in nearly  
1000 cities in 2009.

## Honeydrops

*Where there is  
sincere motive,  
effort, attempt, Help  
and Guidance  
comes from within.*

Swami Shantanand Saraswati

## Is the villager right and the King wrong?

Once upon a time, a great King was traveling in his chariot. He saw a poor villager, an old man, carrying a big heavy sack over his head. The King in his compassion told him, "Please come with me. We will drop you at your home." The old man initially hesitated, but finally accepted the royal invitation and boarded the chariot. The King offered a seat next to him. The old man was too shy to sit. He also continued to carry the

sack on his head. The King said "Are you mad? Why can't you put your burden down?" The old man said, "I am myself a burden to the chariot and the horses. Thank you for getting me in. Atleast, I can carry this sack and help the horses."

The villager has a point, right? Since the villager is using his energy lifting part of the total weight, the horses or chariot have only lesser weight to lift.

Who do you think is right, the villager or the King?

- Hariharan S,  
Physics Teacher

This is a parable to convey: Once we allow Life to carry itself, we can simply be a passenger enjoying the ride sans worries as Life itself carries all burdens on our behalf.

## Physics Fun

**Carrying a sleeping child seems to be more heavier than when the child is awake? Is it true? If yes, why? The weight of the child (mass x gravity) is the same anyway!**

## My mischievous brother

My brother likes blowing bubbles

But he gets into a lot of trouble

He blows it here he blows it there

And he blows it everywhere

Soon Mummy marches in and grumbles

"Why are you blowing the bubbles?"

Then he makes some weird noise

While playing with his toys

Soon Mummy marches in and growls

"Why have you not done your chores?"

With a long face, he drags his feet to his room

Tidies his bed and sweeps his room with a broom

Soon Mummy marches in and smiles

"Great job, soldier!" she exclaims

With a twinkle in her eyes

By Vidyaroopini Nair, TFA Piano and dance student

