

# SM TEAM

Newsletter for the year 2019 -  
2020



## WHAT IS INSPIRATION?

The year 2019 - 2020 was  
a very inspiring year. We  
inspired and got inspired  
by celebrities, a movie and  
within ourselves. We have  
put together this  
newsletter as a house full  
of our inspirations.





We got inspired by a few quotes by authors, political leaders and people who took great steps in life

However small the chance might be of striking lucky, the chance was always there.

-Roald Dahl

A person who has never made a mistake, has never tried anything new.

-Albert Einstein

It is our choices that show what we really are more than our abilities. Never give up.

-J.K Rowling

I never lose. I either win or learn.

-Nelson Mandela

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can ever take it from you.

-B.B King

The way to get started, is to quit talking and get started.

-Walt Disney

You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.

-A.A Milne

There is no substitute for hard work.

-Thomas Edison

Success is walking from failure to failure without the loss of enthusiasm.

-Winston Churchill

Live as if you are going to die tomorrow, but learn as if you're going to live forever.

-Gandhi Ji

Fear doesn't shut you down; it wakes you up to be brave.

-Veronica Roth

With great power comes great responsibility.

-Stan Lee



# A few more inspirational quotes

**Allyson Felix** 18 November 1985  
In 2019, track star Allyson Felix broke Usain Bolt's record for the most-ever gold medals won at the world championships. (She has 13).

**Amandla Stenberg** October 23, 1998  
Amandla Stenberg is an American actress and singer, who was included in Time's list of Most Influential Teens in both 2015 and 2016. In 2016, she was included in Oprah Winfrey's SuperSoul 100 list of visionaries and influential leaders.

**Audrey Geraldine Lorde** February 18, 1934 – November 17, 1992  
Audre Lorde was an American writer, feminist, womanist, librarian, and civil rights activist. She was a self-described “black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet,” who dedicated both her life and her creative talent to confronting and addressing injustices of racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia.

“Your silence will not protect you” Audre Lorde

**Lilly Singh** September 26, 1988  
Lilly Singh is a Canadian YouTuber, comedian, talk show host, writer, and actress, who initially gained fame on social media under the pseudonym **ISuperwomanII**. She has also created a girl love campaign that raises awareness and money for undereducated girls in Kenya. In February 2019, Lilly came out as bisexual to the public via social media.



This year as a school we chose to get inspired by an African leader named Nelson Mandela. Our annual day theme is inspired by the movie Invictus. Invictus is about When Nelson Mandela came out of jail and was elected as the president and how he used a simple game such as rugby to stop racial discrimination and give the blacks equal rights.

I am inspired by Nelson Mandela because he is kind - Advika

I am inspired by Nelson Mandela because of the way he leads - Prudencia

I am inspired by Nelson Mandela because of the way he takes perspective and his patience - Mahathi

I am inspired by Nelson Mandela because of how smart he is.  
- Siddhart

I am inspired by Nelson Mandela because of his courage.  
- Malhar and Siddhart

I am inspired by Nelson Mandela because of his awareness  
- Reyhan

I am inspired by Nelson Mandela because he is empathetic - Avner



## SPARKLING MINDZ GLOBAL

‘As within, So without’ it is!

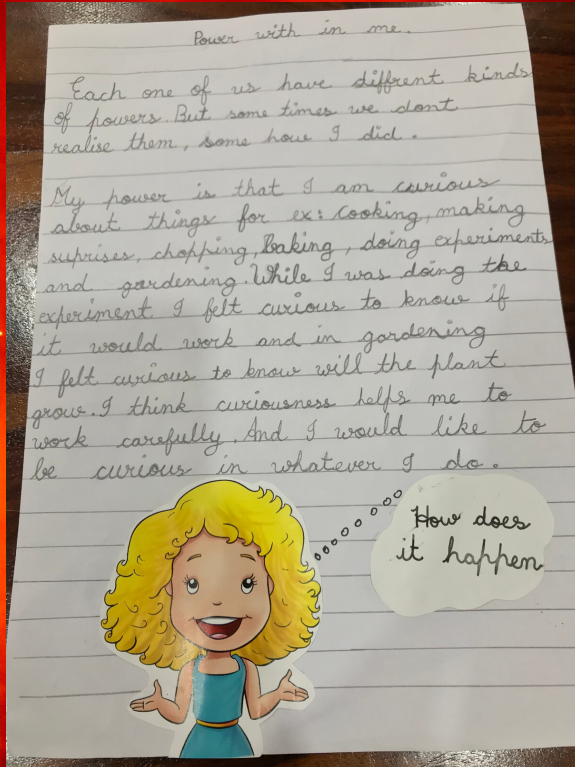
Sometime in March last year, I remember sitting with Sreeja ma'am at school. "When does someone find the power within themselves?", she asked me while also pondering over it herself. Little did we know that one year down the road, the majority of the world would be pushed to their limit to find their resilience and power in combat with a tiny being, the Coronavirus. However, I am not here to talk about Coronavirus or how I am dealing with its effects. I am here to share with you an experience from the past that opened my eyes to my own power. I was born to parents who love me dearly but are also very protective of me. Another addition to this protective coop is my overprotective brother! I often jokingly would tell my friends that I had three parents at home and not two. "What were they so protective about?" you may ask. Good question! Just like any parent, they worried about my safety. But their worries were amplified, especially because I was a girl. Now, they had their beliefs about how girls should be - things they can and cannot do. I, on the other hand, wanted to do everything (okay, most things) that they believed was not ideal for a girl to do - ride bikes, climb mountains, go on adventures, travel and so on. So I kept dreaming the dreams of a caged bird, only to be weighed down by the fact that I would not be allowed to explore. I understood my parent's perspective too but I would feel sad when I had to keep pushing my dreams away. I felt helpless.

You see? My power was never with me at that point. I felt powerless, and every request or argument about me wanting to travel or explore would fail and leave me feeling hurt and disheartened. I had chosen to be the victim... Until one day, I understood what had been happening. By this time, I had read a lot of books and watched videos that helped me gain perspective. I realized that my power did not lie in fighting and arguing, but in BELIEVING that I had the power within me; the power to express myself, the power to manage my emotions better, the power of responsibility and most importantly the power to stay calm. I was then able to sit my parents down and express my longing to travel and explore. My stance had shifted. My parents saw me as a calm, confident and responsible individual. What was even more magical was that I could urge them to reach out to their inner power to trust me. In shifting myself, I was able to shift them too! I have travelled to a lot of places ever since and have been quenching my thirst to explore every now and then.

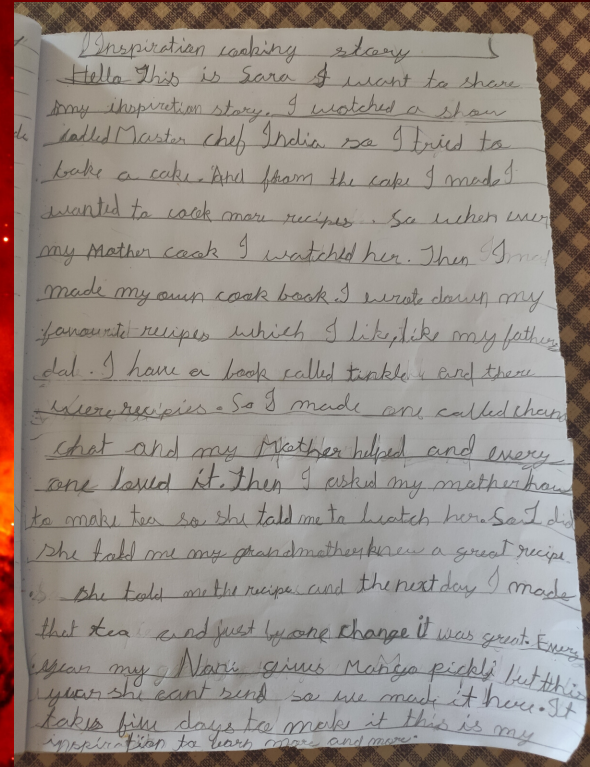
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Sparkling Mindz Global School



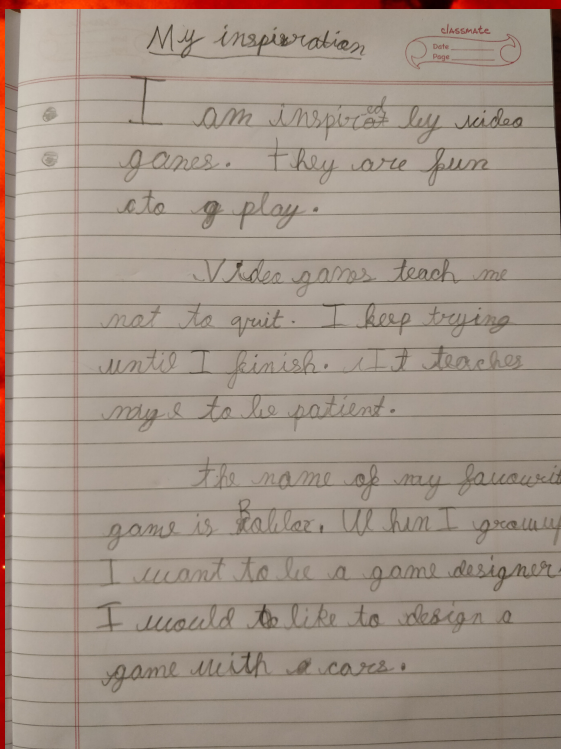
We have a theme for every year and this years theme was power within me. So the dolphins (1, 2, 3 grade) wrote their inspirations about this years theme



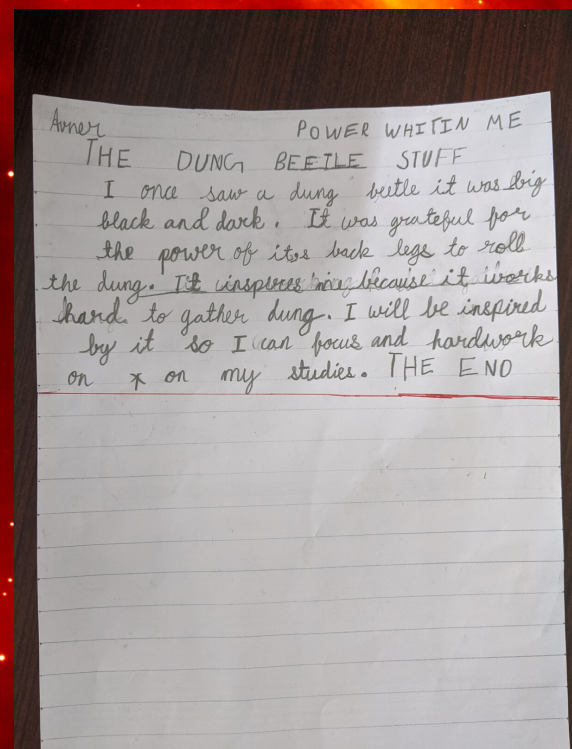
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- SARA



- EDAN



- AVNER



**Within our house we have something called circle time it is where we discuss our strategies, reflections and inspiration.**

**I have been in the house Sphinx in my first academic year at Sparkling Mindz. I am inspired by a few members who have (unknowingly) taught me different things and have always supported me. These are the people who have inspired me**

**:Simran : I admire her because she is confident and at the same time, she isn't shedding any ego. She is always up and running as well.**

**Samriddhi : Very kind and fun to be around with. She is free spirited and likes to try new things. She never dumps emotions on anyone.**

**Mahati : Is a calm individual who, under whatever circumstance keeps cool which helps the people who lead. She shows excellent amount of ownership and uses her strategies to achieve whatever she can with the time given.**

**Prudencia : Adjusts a lot. Whatever work is given to help the house grow, she intently dedicates her time and gets the work back sincerely. She holds space very well too.**

**Karthik : He helps people a lot and is a good listener. He takes challenges openly sometimes and has the will to finish the work.**

**- Sohsvi**

**This was my first year in sphinx and people in sphinx have inspired me in different ways. Prudencia – She has an amazing skill of cooking and in cooking she is my most inspirations, I have learnt a lot of ways of cutting vegetables and most of the ways I have learnt from Prudencia.**

**Mahathi - I got inspired by her for the way she led the sphinx members when none of the Falcons were there and took the opportunity in a very well manner.**

**Siddharth – the way he contributes and gives different kinds of ideas.  
- Moksh**



# Let's have some fun

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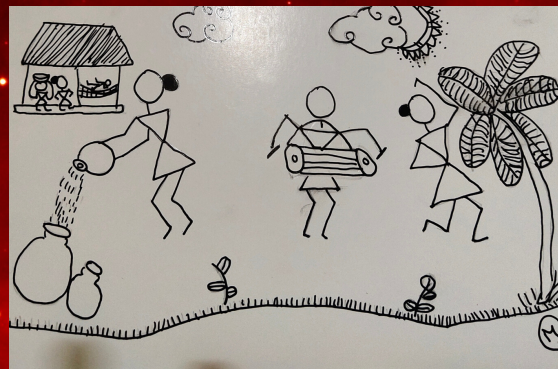
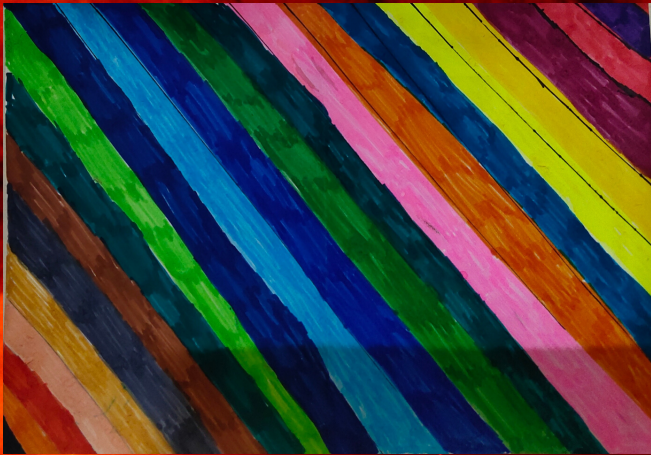
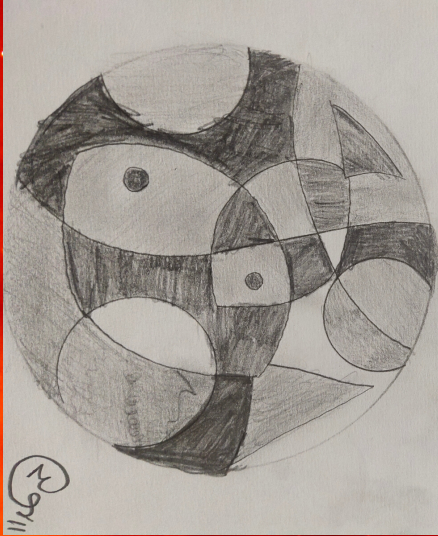
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# WE WANT TO BE CREATIVE





# CONTRIBUTIONS

**Designed by Simran**

**Inspirations by: Siddhath, Sohsvi,  
Samriddhi, Moksh, Reyhan, Karthik,  
Simran, Prudencia and Mahathi**

**Art by Mahathi, Sohsvi, Samriddhi and  
Prudencia**

**Games by Moksh**