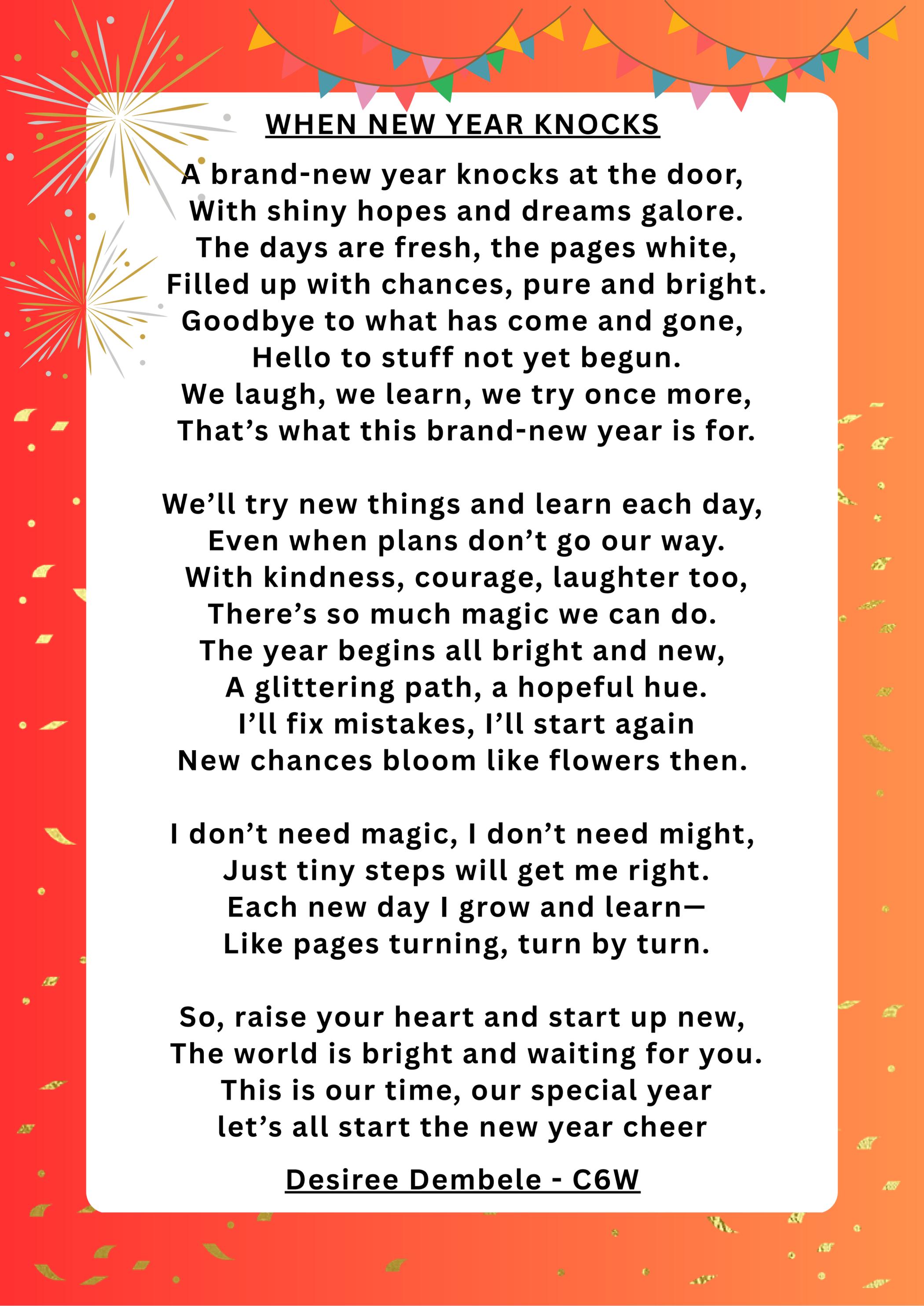




**Learning...**  
**Through the Eyes of**  
**Our Learners**

**MARCH 2026**





## WHEN NEW YEAR KNOCKS

A brand-new year knocks at the door,  
With shiny hopes and dreams galore.  
The days are fresh, the pages white,  
Filled up with chances, pure and bright.  
Goodbye to what has come and gone,  
Hello to stuff not yet begun.  
We laugh, we learn, we try once more,  
That's what this brand-new year is for.

We'll try new things and learn each day,  
Even when plans don't go our way.  
With kindness, courage, laughter too,  
There's so much magic we can do.  
The year begins all bright and new,  
A glittering path, a hopeful hue.  
I'll fix mistakes, I'll start again  
New chances bloom like flowers then.

I don't need magic, I don't need might,  
Just tiny steps will get me right.  
Each new day I grow and learn—  
Like pages turning, turn by turn.

So, raise your heart and start up new,  
The world is bright and waiting for you.  
This is our time, our special year  
let's all start the new year cheer

Desiree Dembele - C6W

## MY THRONE BUILDS THE BRIDGE

Many people want a throne so they can feel powerful alone. I want my “throne” to be different. When I succeed, I want my success to become a bridge that helps others cross into their own opportunities. If others can achieve their goals, it will make my success grow along with theirs. My goals are to put my best effort into all the work I do, be consistent, and put up my best behavior in class and outside class.

This helps me with my academic and overall image. This term, I want to build stronger studying habits and achieve short- and long-term goals of mine. One thing which is important is being respectful and responsible around others.

Controlling my time management wasn't easy before, this time I want to have proper time management, because completing tasks without proper timing could cause me to mess up other activities or work that I do. But I'm not the only one in the school who wants to achieve goals. Everyone wants to achieve their goals and voila! They are done; that's their throne. But mine is different, after I get my throne, I don't stop there, the bridge starts. It's important to think about others, which is respecting others as well. But mine is different, after I get my throne, I don't stop there, the bridge starts. It's important to think about others, which is respecting others as well.

**I want to help others when they struggle, so they can achieve their own goals, and help others correct their own mistakes. Encouraging others to do things they can't do so they can do things by themselves, it also comes with supporting others. It's like no one feels like they are left behind everyone is with each other.**

**But the real question is, does it benefit me? Well, yes, it does. Helping others doesn't only help them, it helps you as well, sometimes you don't even realize it is coming! It's important to appreciate what others do to help yourself rise. Helping creates a strong bond between you and the many people you helped rise; it builds trust and loyalty in you.**

**Sometimes they may not appreciate it or tell you, but because you helped them, they helped others like you did. When you help someone, others see it; they see you as trustworthy, helpful, and generous, making a brighter image of you. of kindness.and care.**

**In conclusion, my goals matter, my rise matters but others also matter. It's all about being kind, learning from your success and helping others with it because you can benefit a lot from helping others and appreciating them. And remember help yourself before you help others. My throne is only complete with a spell of kindness and care.**

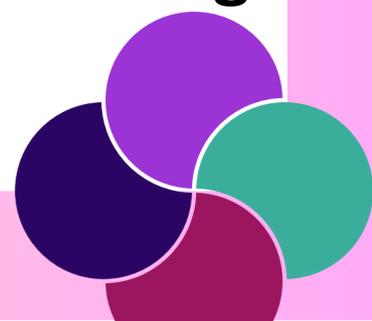
**Manasvi Patel - C6E**

## MY FIRST STEPS INTO THE NEW YEAR

The beginning of a new year always feels like opening a new chapter in a book. It is a time filled with hope, reflection, and determination. As I take my first steps into the new year, I find myself thinking deeply about my journey so far and the important challenges that lie ahead, especially as I prepare to write my Cambridge IGCSE examinations. The past year taught me many lessons about discipline, responsibility, and perseverance.

School has become more demanding as the exams approach, and I have realised that success does not come easily. Every morning, I go to school with a stronger sense of purpose, knowing that each lesson brings me closer to my goals. My teachers constantly encourage us to practise past questions, revise difficult topics, and improve our understanding of key concepts.

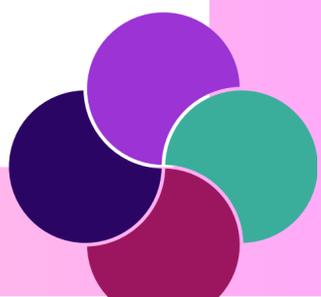
Sometimes, the workload feels overwhelming, but I remind myself that these challenges are part of my growth. Preparing for the IGCSE examinations has changed the way I view learning. I no longer study only to pass tests; I now try to understand topics more deeply. I have started organising my notes, creating revision schedules, and setting small targets for myself.



**For example, I dedicate extra time to subjects I find difficult, while also strengthening my best subjects. Although there are moments when I feel tired or anxious, I try to stay calm and focused because I know that persistence is the key to success. The new year has also inspired me to reflect on the areas of my life that I want to improve. One of my main goals is to become a more disciplined student.**

**I want to avoid distractions and use my time wisely, especially when studying at home. Another important aim is to build my confidence. I sometimes hesitate to speak in class or share my ideas, but this year I want to overcome that fear and express myself more boldly. I also hope to improve my writing skills so that I can communicate my thoughts more clearly and effectively in exams. In addition to academic goals, I want to improve my character and attitude.**

**I want to be more patient with myself and others, more organised in my daily activities, and more positive in difficult situations. I also hope to develop healthier habits, such as getting enough rest, managing stress better, and maintaining a balanced routine. I believe that success is not only about good grades but also about becoming a better and more responsible person.**



As I step into the new year, I feel a mixture of excitement and determination. The road to the IGCSE examinations may be challenging, but I am ready to face it with courage and hard work. I understand that every effort I make today will shape my future, and every small improvement will bring me closer to my dreams. With faith in myself and a strong commitment to my goals, I am confident that my first steps into the new year will lead me towards success and a brighter future.



Gabriella Kermah - F5E



## MY FIRST STEPS INTO THE NEW YEAR

It was December 31st and I was getting ready for the new year. I was in the United States (US) for Christmas vacation, and the weather was extra cold with a bit of snow. We waited until the clock hit 12:00am. The room erupted with cheers, hugs and family members shouting happy New Year, especially my cousins. We exchanged gifts and the excitement of starting a new year was thrilling.

School started on 5th of January 2026, but I left the US on the 6th and got to Ghana on the 7th of January 2026. When I stepped my foot on the school's familiar grounds, a surge of excitement burst out of me. I was happy to be back to school. My first few classes went by so fast, all I remember are new notebooks and super clean whiteboards. My teachers welcomed me back, and I felt a new sense of motivation.

There's something special about new year; it feels like a clean slate where you can decide who you want to be. This year, I want to be more organized and participate more in class activities. During recess, my friends and I talked about our new year resolution. I said that I wanted to improve my writing and learning skills. I also wanted to take on extra curriculum activity to become more active. My friends all agreed that it was a good way to start the new year.

I walked home that afternoon thinking about what I said to myself about my new year resolution. Was I really going to go with my resolution? I thought of the stuff I needed to improve and is that all that I could think of? I questioned myself. I thought of subjects like Math which is my favorite subject, Social Studies and English as subjects to pay attention to this year.

I could study harder to score better grades in the next school examination. By the time the final bell rang, I was prepared for the days ahead because I knew what I was going to do to improve my academic performance in school. Honor Roll achievement is my target. I couldn't wait to get home to record my resolution on to my planner. My planner is an important book that I jot things down and I pay attention to everything I write in it. In conclusion, I am thinking outside the box, and the sky will not limit me.

**Wilma Ewura Abena Nyarkoa Ampem - C6W**

## MY FIRST STEPS INTO THE NEW YEAR

The beginning of a new year often feels like standing at the edge of something unfamiliar, filled with equal parts hope and fear. For me, stepping into Form 4 during the Easter term marked a turning point in my academic journey. It was not just the start of a new year, but the beginning of a more demanding chapter - one that tested my discipline, confidence, and resilience in ways I had never experienced before.

Form 4 came with higher expectations and heavier responsibilities. Subjects that once felt manageable suddenly became more complex, especially Additional Mathematics and Physics. At first, I approached them with confidence, believing that effort alone would be enough. However, as the weeks passed, I realised that these subjects required more than just hard work; they demanded patience, consistency, and a new way of thinking.

Additional Mathematics challenged my logical reasoning, while Physics pushed me to understand concepts beyond memorisation. Each lesson felt like climbing a steep hill, and there were moments when I felt left behind as others seemed to grasp ideas faster than I did. was discouraging.

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There were days when I questioned my abilities and wondered if I was truly capable of handling Form 4. The pressure was not only academic but also emotional. Balancing expectations from teachers, family, and myself became overwhelming at times, and the fear of failure lingered constantly in my mind. Despite these struggles, I slowly learned how to cope. I realised that giving up was not an option.

Instead, I began to change my approach. I started seeking help - from teachers, friends, and extra practice resources. I learned that asking questions was not a sign of weakness but a step toward improvement. I also tried to manage my time better, setting aside specific hours to revise difficult topics instead of avoiding them. Although progress was slow, every small improvement gave me a sense of motivation and hope.

Through this journey, I discovered the importance of perseverance. Form 4 taught me that struggle is a part of growth. The challenges in Additional Mathematics and Physics did not define my failure but shaped my character. I became more disciplined, more patient, and more aware of my strengths and weaknesses.

Entering the new year, I no longer see difficulties as obstacles meant to stop me, but as lessons meant to prepare me for the future. In conclusion, my first steps into the new year has been one of struggle, learning, and self-discovery.

The Easter term of Form 4 was not easy, but it played a crucial role in shaping who I am becoming. Though the journey is far from over, I now move forward with greater determination, knowing that every challenge I face is an opportunity to grow stronger.



Nana Ama Aubynn - F4A



## PROGRESS OVER PERFECTION: WHAT JANUARY TAUGHT ME ABOUT GROWTH

While January symbolises new beginnings and new chances for me, my new beginning in The Roman Ridge School in Ghana may not necessarily be about striving for perfection but about embracing a journey of growth. While there is excitement in joining a new school and a new environment, there is a sense of pressure.

At the beginning of the school term, I had very lofty goals for myself: to perform well in all my subjects, to participate well in all school activities, and to make the most of my time.

However, as the weeks rolled by, I began to comprehend the fact that the relentless drive for perfection might also prove to be quite exhausting as well as demoralizing. I began to comprehend the fact that the sole drive for perfection seemed to leave no room for learning or self-improvement.

Instead of motivating me to do even more or to do even better, I began to feel fearful of failure or of making errors. This led to my shift in perspective from seeking perfection to seeking progress, no matter how minute. Difficult subjects, challenging assignments, and struggles with presentations began to emerge as valuable experiences instead of failures. Moments that were initially perceived as failures began to

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emerge as chances to enhance my comprehension of the subjects. Appreciation of small but significant achievements, like completing a challenging assignment, contributing to a class discussion, asking questions when unsure, and having the courage to do things over when one made a mistake, began to emerge. Each of these experiences represented growth in one way or another.

This new way of thinking was also reinforced by the support and encouragement of all the staff in the company, who always emphasized to us that success was not defined by winning or being the best, but by being willing to try, learn, and improve. It was in this way that I was enabled to be more confident in trying and taking risks academically and personally. At the end of January, I learned that success was not about being perfect; it was about having the strength to continue in life despite challenges, having patience with mistakes, and having determination to learn and grow with each experience.

One of the most valuable things I learned from my experience has been that it was not perfection but progress that mattered. This has been a valuable lesson that I will continue to learn and grow with throughout my time at Roman Ridge and beyond. January was not just a month to welcome a new year; it was a month to welcome a new way of thinking and a stronger me.

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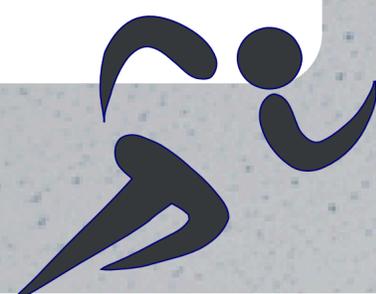
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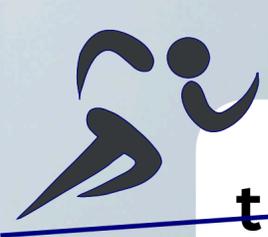


## AN INSPIRING MOMENT FROM THE 2026 WINTER OLYMPICS

This month I was totally inspired by how the women's figure skating final went down at the 2026 Winter Olympics. Watching Alysa Liu, Kaori Sakamoto, and Ami Nakai share that the Olympic podium was so beautiful. They didn't just compete - they celebrated together in a way that really showed what sportsmanship is all about. When the results were announced, Alysa Liu won the gold medal, Kaori Sakamoto took silver, and Ami Nakai earned bronze in the women's singles competition.

At first, I was just hyped because it was an amazing performance. But the part that really stuck with me wasn't just the medals. It was seeing all three of them smile, hug, and celebrate together after the ceremony. Usually, in big competitions you expect the winners to be happy for themselves, which is cool, but these three showed respect for each other. Instead of looking tense or jealous, they genuinely shared the moment. Even though they had just faced each other in one of the biggest competitive events in the world, there was this sense of warmth between them. That kind of connection reminded me that sport can be about community. Seeing them up there together made me think about how important it is to be happy for others when they succeed.





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Their joy was kind of contagious, and it made me want to be more supportive in my own life too. Another thing I took from that moment was how strong all of them were, not just physically but emotionally. Kaori and Ami have worked super hard to be Olympic medalists, and Alysa's comeback story is already iconic. They all brought their best to the ice, and then they lifted each other up afterward.

I feel that that's sportsmanship at its best - competing to be better but still respecting the people you compete with. Overall, watching that final and the celebration afterward inspired me because it reminded me that even in competition, kindness and mutual respect matter. Seeing Alysa Liu, Kaori Sakamoto, and Ami Nakai celebrate together made the Olympics feel less like a battle and more like a community where people push each other to be their best and then share the joy of achievement afterward.

Zaimah Aribah-F2W



## HOW THIS MONTH HAS CHANGED ME

In this month of February, I've experienced a whirlwind of activities from exciting and special assemblies to tough Progress Assessments and everything in between. It's true to say that February wasn't a boring month. Let me share with you how this month has changed me in all the right ways. One of those experiences was when I performed at my class's assembly in Week 6.

I was very nervous, my heart pounding, sweat beads forming, afraid that I would fumble and fail in front of everyone. I went onstage feeling like I would be horrible but soon words started pouring from my mouth, words that I didn't know my mind remembered. It came fluently, suddenly all my doubts and fears left me, and I no longer worried about stumbling over my words. This February experience helped me conquer my fear of stage fright and has made me better in drama and presentations.

Another one was when I entered the Art competition. As soon as I heard about it, I dreamt of my entry for days thinking about how I could make it better and how amazing it would be for them to showcase my artworks.



In that period of time, we were given some time to come up with our masterpieces. My right brain was very active, glad to be in use after such a long down time, while my left brain was bored. In the early days all I could come up with were forms of abstract art, but I always felt something was missing. It was not until the last day that I realised that my left brain would also have to join the party. This experience challenged and enlarged my creativity.

This month I have been especially inspired by my Social Studies teacher, Ms. Prebbie, as she always tells all of us that hard work will help you to succeed. She has been a symbol of hard work for us and even though some of the work she might give us isn't always easy, perseverance shows the way to success. Some of the things I used to dislike before February were groupworks or paired work.

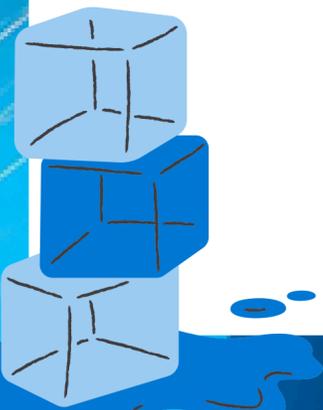
I always thought that I worked better by myself as I had no one opposing my ideas, but this month has shown me that we all need a bit of help sometimes. I was doing group work in Math. We were having a hard time figuring out the last question, which was worth the most marks.



I thought I had the answer and was about to write it down when somebody stopped me. I was annoyed and tried to defend myself, but they explained why my answer was wrong and why theirs was right and, in the end, it made perfect sense. Without teamwork, I would have gotten a bad mark on that assignment. That is what this experience taught me.

All in all, I think I have told you all how amazing this month of February has been for me from finding happiness in things I thought I hated to tricks for figuring out how to boost your memory, this month has been a rollercoaster ride with its ups and downs, but mostly ups. These are the reasons why 2026's February is among some of my sweetest memories.

Sophia Richardson-C6A



## PROGRESS OVER PERFECTION: WHAT JANUARY TAUGHT ME ABOUT GROWTH

As the new year began, I braced myself for all the stress that came with the month of January, including its problems but most importantly its rewards. The greatest reward will have to be my growth and progress throughout the month. Even though this month was seen to be very short and less lengthy, it proved to be more compact with regard to schoolwork, tests, and overall learning.

The amount of work imposed on me was indeed exhausting, not necessarily schoolwork on its own, but additional extracurricular activities and sports added to this tension. During the month I thought all this "labor" was more of a duty or maybe even a form of punishment, but afterwards I realized it was all about adaptation, change, and the ways in which we can develop.

Growth isn't an immediate process, and it doesn't occur as magic or miracles. For growth, obviously expect failures and disappointments or maybe a lack of expectation, but the principal part of growth is overcoming challenges or using these



challenges as fuel for greatness and significance. I only realized how much I grew after a deep reflection of some of my grades. Last term, for instance, I could only dream of getting an A in a subject, namely French, but currently I score A grades in this subject without much thought; only when you think about it will you notice the amount of progress made within a short period of time.

Another thing I personally learned from growth is the importance of aid from friends and family, which deserves to be recognized appropriately, as without them I wouldn't really have grown up to my utmost potential. Sure, I can perform well on my own, but to perform better, needed advice, help, or guidance from them will prove necessary during my growth journey. During the month I realized I had grown socially, as my communication skills and self-esteem had rapidly improved.

In addition, I was able to step out of my comfort zone, which invariably made me a more mature version of myself. My ability to interact with others had been refined, enabling me to build healthy and meaningful relationships with others, whether they were

my superiors or my mates. Before the end of January, I found it difficult to really understand others and their feelings and perhaps their perspectives of different circumstances or scenarios, but as of now in early February, I have grown out of this obstacle and am now able to actively listen, have fluent conversations, and expand my social circle.

Although my social skills may not be entirely perfect, the important thing is how much progress has been made, as progress always triumphs over perfection. January has really taught me much about growth, allowing me to develop adequately and realize my utmost potential. Comparing myself to a month earlier, I see massive improvements and suppose it to stay that way.

I now understand that success isn't about perfection, but it is about growth and adaptation, and the amount of progress made even in short periods. Personally, I am excited to see where I will place in the year, as if with one month this much progress could be made, then I truly wonder about next year.

Albert Hussien - F4A

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EVERYDAY**

# My Exciting Science Lesson

In science I learned about separating mixtures I learnt there are different ways of separating mixtures like, filtration, evaporation and condensation, sieving, distillation, magnetism decanting and many more. I also learnt that separating mixtures or substances is mostly about extracting or removing the two substances combined to see which can be separated easily or not, or which substance/mixture to see which is bigger or smaller or which is heavier or lighter.

In conclusion I learnt that separating mixtures saves time and energy.

I had fun and it also made me look forward to my science lessons and experiments.

Joseph Abalansa  
C4A





# How I Plan To Rise and Help others rise

Awura Abena

C2A

On the first day of school my teacher Ms. Awwah gave me a pink card to write out my goals for the term as a guide to help me improve my grades. I plan to rise by doing the following: 1.) Reading 15 minutes everyday to improve my reading and writing skills.

2.) I will listen in class, ask questions and never give up when I make mistakes.

I will help others to rise by being kind and caring. I will help my friends when they need help. I will use my words to make them happy and not hurt.

When we help each other we rise together.



## Learning Fractions with a Wheel

I made a fraction wheel project, it was a very fun and interesting activity. First I drew a big circle and divided it into equal parts. Then I coloured the parts to show different fractions like  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  while making this project, I learnt that a fraction is a part of a whole. I understood that when we divide something into equal parts, each part is called a fraction. The fraction wheel helps me see and understand fraction better. I felt proud after finishing my project.

This project helped me understand fraction in a fun and easy way.

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**Every expert was  
once a beginner.  
Embrace the  
journey.**

**-Robin Sharma**

