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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR..

Welcome to this year's *Spring-Summer Newsletter*. This time, we have curated a 'Back to Basics' canvas with the hope of identifying the essentials within us. We hope that the 'chalkboard' brings back memories of simplicity, of the past erased and a present experienced, of fun doodles and funnier anecdotes, and of connecting the dots between education and experience. There is strength and beauty in simplicity, and thus is born an expression.

There is also strength in unity. Working on the Vani is a deeply meditative experience - both in vision and in narration. It goes without saying that I have our wonderful EC 2018-2019, Co-Editors Dr Shalini Gadiyar and Mrs. Shambhavi Prabhu, all our readers and contributors, and my wonderful family and friends to be grateful to, for helping me shape your voice and give back something meaningful. **Vani is, because of YOU.**

"Together we are stronger. Together, we shine". Our *Members' Bond* section is an example of how we are all connected, and yet celebrate individual successes. Let us continue to find and nurture that strength. This year's *Diwali edition* is already looking promising, and I urge you all to continue contributing to the cause that is Vani. I hope you enjoy this quick Ed as much as we enjoyed creating it.

Have a lovely summer ahead - we'll see you on the other side!

**Shalini Rao-Nayak | Editor, Saraswathi Vani, GSS UK**

## SECRETARY SPEAKS..

First, I would like to thank our *Executive Committee* members for their continuous support and effort. They are the stars! Our objective is to bring more families together - "connect and unite the community".

What we also want is to encourage youngsters to participate. Through our various activities, we have a fantastic platform for every youth to shine - be it the confident ones or those who are still breaking out of their shell. We want them to take more responsibilities in our Sabha activities. **Youngsters, this is your Sabha.** We want your support, suggestions, ideas and involvement!

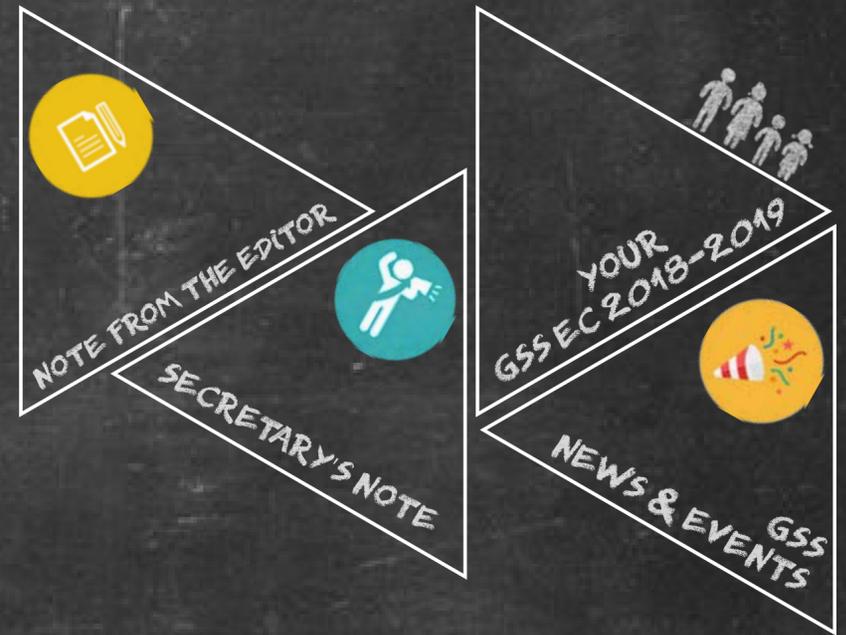
I'd also like to announce that we have plans to introduce an *internship program* in the near future. More details soon.

The Sabha continues to support charitable efforts in the UK and overseas that span across education, health, safety, empowerment, etc.

Thanks to *Team Vani* for their consistently creative efforts. With every issue, we have got to know our members better.

I am happy with the way we are moving forward and on that note, as I always say, **"Express yourself but respect each other"**. Let's make our community stronger!

**Vinayak Prabhu | Secretary, GSS UK**



# EC



2018/2019



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Congratulations to globe trotters Vasudev and Shambhavi Kamath who have now set foot on every continent on planet Earth! Here's wishing you many more expeditions!



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Nikhil Kamath (son of Namita & Vikram Kamath), a year four student, received the Head Teacher's award for successfully completing the Braille Reading Scheme. Congratulations, superstar!



D

Our super singing talent Niki Kini (daughter of Usha & Jayaranth Kini) has now composed her own tunes. You can listen to her gorgeous voice on [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnZ\\_Kif6tRKZIQvupae8ahw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnZ_Kif6tRKZIQvupae8ahw)



Vinayak and Shambhavi Prabhu shared activities of Gowda Saraswath Sabha UK with Srimad Vidyadiraj Teerth and Shrimad Vidyadheesh Teerth at Gokarn Partagali Jeevottam Mutt in Goa. Swamis were very pleased with the activities of the Sabha and the Saraswath Vani.

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Dr Kavitha Mallya, Dr Harish Mallya and Dr Aparna Prabhu completed the Ox5Run on 25 March 2018 in support of Oxford Children's Hospital. Well done to the trio!

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MEMBERS' BOND!



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Aarya Shenoy (daughter of Vinaya & Suraj Shenoy) was among the Top 10 finalists for the auditions at Royal Ballet School (White Lodge). We wish this talented and determined ballerina good luck for many accomplishments that await her!

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A memorable event that engaged audience and participants under the theme **"Weave"**. This event saw our teens and tweens entertain the audience with their fabulous hosting flair. The stage dazzled with talented dancers, singers and actors who made the entertainment a super duper success. The raffle ensured winners went home with a grand selection of prizes. Also for the first time we had a **joint GSS & SS Photography contest**, giving members a chance to explore their imagination and skills. 2017's Diwali program wrapped up with lots of dancing, selfies and smiles.

**SARASWATH VANI PRINT 2017**  
**4 NOVEMBER 2017 | LONDON**  
 The Vani Team released the print edition on 4 November 2017 during the Diwali function. A painting by our member **Mr Vijayendra Kamath** adorned the Cover page. There was a diverse mix of articles ranging from health, short tales and even autographs, which were contributed enthusiastically by our members. The **Editor's Note** sent a message of acceptance, acknowledgement and celebrations. The team also curated a heart warming **FEATURE** on Young Dads and their Babies called **'Pa & Me'**. It was a successful edition and the Vani Team are ever grateful to all members of the EC and Sabha.

**AGM 2018**  
**7 APRIL 2018 | LON**  
 The AGM saw a record total of **99 members attend**, for the first time in the history of the Sabha. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shared their reports with the members, and addressed queries and feedback from the floor. **Trustee elections** were conducted to re-elect existing trustees and bring on board new ones. **Congratulations to Mr Jayanarayan Bhat, Dr Umesh Prabhu, Mr Sadanand Nayak and Mr Sunil Prabhu!**

**KONKANI KARNIVAL 2018**  
**7 APRIL 2018 | LONDON**  
 A mela-esque atmosphere engulfed **Victoria Hall** as members enjoyed the sunny arrival of spring with loads of stalls engaging their playful spirits. Darts and dunks, tosses and pongs, tattoos and looms, gajbaje and kadle, laughter and joy - a **carnival** it was indeed. It was also a culinary carnival with chaat, tangy charmburo upkari and other bites to nibble on as the afternoon went on. The event concluded with gift hampers won and some amazing young talent leaving the audience in awe.



Clockwise from Top:  
 Glimpses of Joint SS & GSS Diwali 2017;  
 Saraswath Vani print edition 2017;  
 SS & GSS Photography competition Winning entries



'Celebration' Winning Entry +16  
 Anand Shenoy; Image © Anand Shenoy

'Celebration' Winning Entry under 16  
 Siddhant Nayak; Image © Siddhant Nayak



Clockwise from Top: Vinayak & Shambhavi Prabhu hosting the AGM 2018; A glimpse of the Konkani Carnival; Talent Showcase participants; Audience in awe



Gargi & Vak Nayak



Arya Maythil



Aradhana Shenoy

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