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*I Will
Offer this book to
my Teachers.*



Preface

The primary goal of the current educational system is to mould a productive citizen and a caring family member who is equipped with knowledge and skills. The main responsibility of the school is to identify and recognize children's talents, as well as to sharpen their skills to meet the needs of the nation and the world.

Our Alma Mater is constantly guiding and assisting children who are creative. This project has been an ongoing process at our school for many years, particularly in terms of writing books. Many skilled and enthusiastic young writers participated in this exercise for years, producing novice writers to field of literature. We regard this as a great victory and a national need at this hour.

To continue this effort, we have adopted digital technologies and an e-book project this year. I am confident that this unique event provided youngsters with valuable experience and challenges that will benefit them in the future.

The Ministry of Education has hailed the project as an important step toward motivating young authors in schools. As principal of Mahamaya Girls' College, I am grateful to all of the students throughout the country who contributed to this endeavor. I commend and applaud all of the young authors of these books for their perseverance and devotion in this difficult task.

I would like to thank our school management committee, employees, parents, for my students, administrators, and teachers from other schools who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.

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**I am so lonely as there is
no one to play with me.
But one day that all changed,
we brought a puppy home.
It had big cute eyes like
blue marbles and a fluffy tail.**



**He was so small and soft like
a feather quilt.**

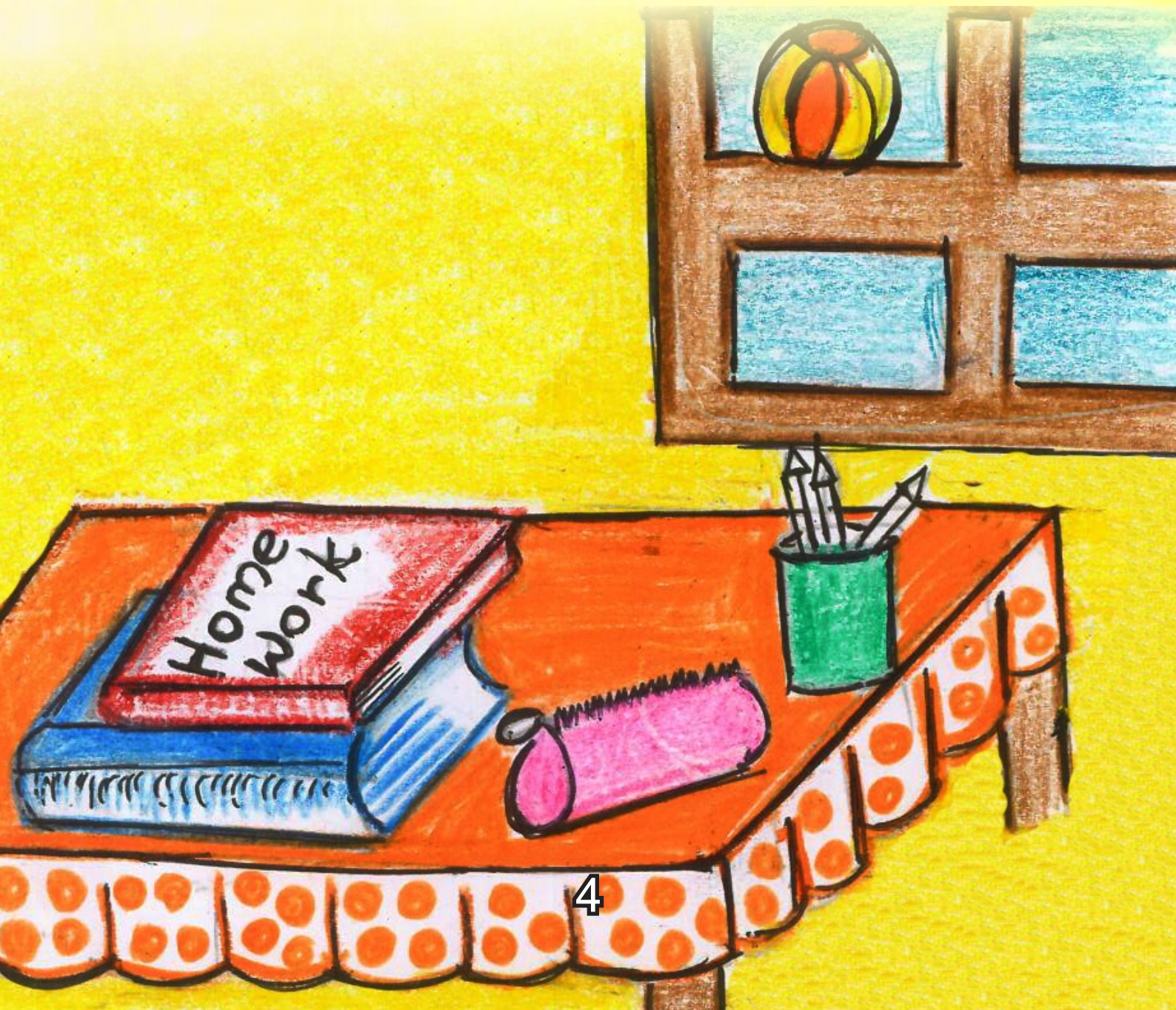
**When I saw him,
I carried him and cuddled
him. I felt like I was
cuddling a little cloud.**



**Oh ! I almost forgot to
tell his name.
His Name is "Buddy" !
I loved playing with him.**



**After coming home from school, I pleyed with him all the time.
Maybe a little too much.....**



**I forgot to do my home work.
But when I remembered, it
was bedtime.**

**I was so scared that the
teacher will see that, I
have not finished my home
work.**



**But the teacher did not
check the books. But my
mother did. She scolded me
very much.
She put Buddy out !
I was so sad.**



**Then my mother took a
promise from me.
She said if I do my home
work as promised we can
take buddy in.**



**As I loved Buddy a lot,
I wanted to keep him
with me all the time.**



**So, I kept my promise.
I did my home work first.**



**Then I played with
Buddy lot.....**

The End





Afterword

As modern technology permeates the social and economic arenas, students tend to distance themselves from the creative process, relying more and more on technological tools. To reduce this risk and help aspiring young writers produce their own books, I sought and presented a research proposal to the Ministry of Education in 2014. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their enthusiasm and knowledge. The students of Mahamaya Girls' College achieved a record for the most books written, paving the way for a new level of innovation.

The e-book project will enable the students to reach international readers, and I am confident that they have gained new experiences and challenges that will enable them to face the future with resolve.

I wish all of the young writers the best of luck in their future endeavors

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