

ECHOES



Empowering Minds, Amplifying Voices.



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome Readers!

As the vibrant spirit of October-November sets in, we unfold the very first pages of a new chapter in 'Echoes'-our school's most loved magazine now with a fresh pulse. This edition, a mosaic of student vision and voice, is a tribute to the collective passion and the unlimited zeal of our school community.

With "Tale Trail," we journey into the heart of storytelling, unwrapping the gift of imagination, page by page. "Lens Lore" reflects the world through our eyes, capturing life and nature in still motion to tell unspoken stories. "Masterstroke" presents a panorama of artistic experiences, from fine arts to digital marvels, all through the lens of youthful exuberance.

"Campus Chronicles" offers a sneak peek into our school life, buzzing with events and milestones that define our days and give us unforgettable memories. As the future unfolds, "Tech Talk" reveals the trends and innovations that awaken our curiosity and may define our tomorrow.

We step into the limelight with "In the Spotlight," where we celebrate the extraordinary talents and journeys of our peers. "Mentor's Muse" opens a dialogue between the wisdom of our mentors and the young minds, reinforcing the bridge between teaching and learning.

This issue is not just a collection of articles and images but a testament to what we, as students, can achieve with freedom and collaboration. We thank our Principal, Ms. Syamali Chowdhury, our Vice-Principal, Ms. Beena Govindraj, and of course, our mentor, Ms. Fauzia Shamim Siddiqui for their guidance and trust in us, and you, our readers, for your eager anticipation and engagement.

Together, we're turning pages, setting stages, and envisioning the endless possibilities that lie ahead.

Happy Reading!

Karthikeya Vankineni Editor-in-Chief Echoes

CAREER COUNSELLOR'S NOTE

A FRUITFUL CAREER REQUIRES GUIDANCE

The future depends on what you do today, and when you do something with passion and purpose, success will pave its pathway. Career guidance and counseling is the key element and plays a pivotal role in helping students in their educational journey to identify and explore career options. It would curate their path by making informed decisions, help in goal setting by fostering the required skill development.

The most integral aspect of nurturing our High School students' learning development is through career guidance support. At school, we firmly believe in providing students with the right information, desired abilities, and self-assurance they need, to make wise career decisions that suits their aptitude and attitude befitting the students' competence.

When younger individuals receive career guidance, it is most beneficial, since it allows them to explore, discover, and investigate new job horizons and vistas. We ensure that the students are well prepared and be future-ready to enter the world full of competition. Through the roads of career guidance and counseling we can empower the students to transit from competition to competence.

The opportunities offered at our school, like internships, participation in different activities to hone different skill sets, along with career guidance help the students self-discover their interests, strengths, identify their Achilles' heel and work on it appropriately. The purpose, passion, attitude, and aptitude enable the students to align their choices and personal preference. The students may be overwhelmed with the diverse plethora of career options, but with the right information, resources, career trends through guidance help them make informed career choices.

To ensure that we organized individual sessions of Plaksha University, KREA University, Mahipal Institute of Technology, Masters' Union. Two University Fairs organized with 34 national and international universities with University of Sydney, Colorado State University, Ohio University, Flame University, Ashoka University to name a few and one exclusive CIALFO Winter International School Tour gave an edge to the exploration of higher education and careers to the students.

Career goals may be achieved with appropriate supervision, not only academics but also through the development of relevant skills and pursuing the appropriate courses to make them competent for the contemporary career options. My ultimate vision, in the journey of guiding and supporting is to empower each of my students to discover their unique assets, overcome challenges with resilience and positively embark on a path of selfdiscovery, academic achievement personal fulfillment of becoming a gogetter.



FAUZIA S SIDDIQUI
CAREER GUIDANCE COORDINATOR







Jaipur, known as the 'Pink City,' stands as who had never faced defeat. the vibrant capital of Rajasthan, a state A breathtaking view of the Jal Mahal, the steeped in rich cultural heritage and breathtaking landscapes. The journey excursion. After commenced with eager anticipation as children gathered at the airport, bidding farewell to their families for exhilarating four-day adventure to Jaipur and Ranthambore. Boarding the AirAsia flight, the two-hour journey to the Pink unforgettable school memories. City set the stage for a memorable exploration. Upon arrival, the groups were formed for a bus ride to the hotel, where the students' responses varied, reflecting a mix of excitement and relaxation.

The second day unfolded with a delightful breakfast, the day promised unforgettable experience. The highlight was the exploration of Jaigarh Fort, home to the world's largest cannon mounted on wheels. Guided by an expert, the students immersed themselves in captivating tales of historical triumphs. The fort, also known as the 'Fort of Victory,' witnessed the legacies of rulers

Water Palace, added to the charm of the Jaigarh Fort. the students recharged for the next adventure, visiting the City Palace, an housing the world's largest sundial. The educational and inspiring tour concluded with a DJ-organized evening, creating









THAMBORE- THE ADVENTURE AV

Day 3 commenced with a 7 a.m. wakeup call for the journey to Ranthambore National Park. Engaging in chit-chat and games on the bus, the students reached the hotel and embarked on an evening safari. encountering the jungle's beauty and wildlife. Some groups had inspiring encounters with the royal cat, the tiger, adding to the uniqueness of the experience.





The final day began at 4:30 a.m. with a morning safari, followed by preparations for Returning to Hyderabad, departure. students carried sweet memories of Ranthambore and Jaipur, a testament to an enriching journey of exploration and discovery.





Sahakari Spice Plantation-Goa



The first term exams had taken a toll on all of us. The Goa trip, organized by our school, was the only thing worth looking forward to. A fun filled four days, with our friends, was the perfect beginning to the Dussera vacations. The itinerary included a visit to the Sahakari spice plant. Although we were not excited about going there, our original perspective changed, once we reached destination. The plantation was spread over 130 acres of land, with a variety of spices growing. We gathered a lot of information about the different spices used in our own homes. I don't think I would have ever known about them without this trip. A tour guide was appointed for our group and the incharge of the group was our beloved Archana ma'am.

The guide explained about the growing techniques, prices, export rate of various spices. We were informed about the normal as well as the medicinal uses of these plants. Spices such as cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, chillies, turmeric, and many others were shown to us. Apart from this, we were also enchanted by the greenery at the plantation. It was also the perfect way for relaxation, right under the forest cover. We also had a traditional Goan meal which added more to this cherishable day. It was a very fun and informative trip to the Sahakari Spice Plantation. I understood why the British were so keen on trading spices with India.



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DECCAN TRAILS

"People don't take trips, trips take people." - John Steinbeck

The facilitators along with our curious vet courageous Grades 4 and 5 students set off on an adventurous trip to a serene retreat - the Deccan Trails, set in the lap of the magnificent, Ananthagiri Hills. It was the most awaited excursion of the academic year. The enthusiastic children could hardly contain their excitement for the upcoming experience of adventure and a break from their routine.

The resort had a myriad variety engaging activities and facilities indulge and invigorate the children.







The fearless ones engaged in bridge walking, hiking, rope walk and climbing, rock climbing while the laid back ones indulged in nature walks or lazed around relaxed the swings and on hammocks. The thrilling zip-lining experience was the first time for most of the children and with safety assured, it turned out to be the blockbuster of all the events.



DECCAN TRAILS

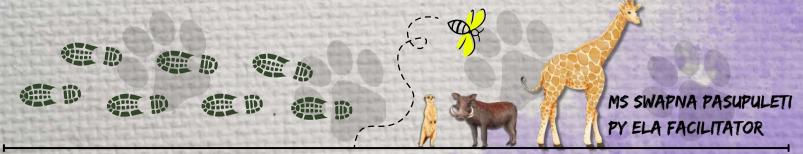


day mellowed down, excitement awaited the children as they danced to beats under the falling water and continued the rhythm to illuminated The camaraderie of the campfire. students and boisterous teachers reverberated in the resort! It drove away the monotony and the stress of the daily routine and made it memorable for everyone.

The children settled down into their respective tents reminiscing their day and unable to contain their excitement for hiking, plan for the next morning. They woke up, with a bubbling anticipation of the early morning jungle trek and bird spotting which definitely lived up to their expectations adding to their never ending fun and excitement.

Travelling and exploring opens up our senses, breaks the tedium and creates a of unforgettable memories. Fortunately, we got the opportunity to do this in the lap of beautiful and charming Mother Nature. Take this advice, go backpacking, travel, explore, solo or in teams and never regret a moment of the wondrous experiences and memoirs that leave a mark! In conclusion, the trip to Trails left Deccan some indelible moments and memories in our hearts. They will forever be tucked in there and we will look forward to more travel experiences!







MODEL UNITED NAT

OM MUN 2023-2024 exceeded all expectations. From day 1, we witnessed our delegates dressed in the finest formals, and fervently committed to giving their contributions throughout the conference. The inaugural ceremony of the conference got off to a wonderful start with Ms. Tazeen Siddiqui, Managing Director of Mansha Educational Society, presiding over it.









Her encouraging remarks, "Your eyes should show passion and your smile should reflect leadership," gave the delegates confidence and enthusiasm as they prepared to have profound discussions on crucial topics and current affairs.



This year the delegates debated on various world pressing issues and agendas like addressing the threat of hybrid warfare, Mobilizing science knowledge and policy for SDGs, Tackling social issues relating to mental health etc. which gave the young minds persepective on how the UN deals with such affairs. The Board also took the decision of introducing the "Council of Magic Law" to the 7th edition on OM MUN, as the younger generation are acquainted with the Harry Potter world it would help them apprise to the proceedings of the MUN in a fun learning space.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

On the second day, the delegates had already distinct into blocks according to their nations' foreign policies. They gave thoughtful, well-moderated arguments for their country's welfare. The discussions were rigorous, and there were some resolution proposals. The intriguing delegates and EB members took a break from the heated argument to unwind with their peers and friends during the delegate dance, which marked the end of the day.









The 17 committees submitted their working papers and draft resolutions on the final day of the OM MUN Conference. These were signed and authorised by the Secretary General, and OM MUN '23 achieved a 100% success rate across all committees. The closing ceremony was honored by the presence of Dr. Mazhar Hussain, founder of COVA. He highlighted the significance of these kinds of events and how they made us future ready for the real world. The Conference President and Secretary General struck their gavels to declare the conference closed.



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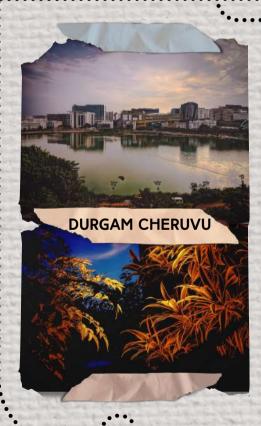














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the psychology of social media: application or connection?

ways we all stay connected across the world. We can ensure that each of us is cherished and loved through conversations that involve Social Media, whether it is Instagram, WhatsApp, Facebook, etc. Social Media can be seen through two very different perspectives: Addiction or Connection.

Addiction refers to the overuse of Social Media, which leads to a negative impact on the person's life. It is the unhealthy obsession with the constant validation through likes, views and comments. In the digital age that we are currently in, it is likely for most of us to get distracted and addicted by constantly scrolling through Social Media, which disrupts our daily than distracting us from the reality. routine. Social Media is one of the most important platforms where people can connect with each other and where we have a safe place in which we can express ourselves and find people who have the same interests as us and interact with them and many others. It is also useful in sharing personal experiences and having people who support you, which has a really positive impact on your mental health, especially during difficult times.

I believe that Social Media is one of the The key to Social Media, or anything in general, is balance. As long as you are not completely immersed in your phones and are with nature and your family, Social Media can have a positive impact on you and how you feel. There are many insightful people on Social Media, and we can learn from them. When we misuse Social Media; it impacts us negatively, and we will miss out on opportunities to connect and grow with each other. It is crucial to set boundaries, such as setting a timer for 30 minutes a day and not allowing yourself to use Social Media more than that. If we do not overuse Social Media, it can be a boon in our lives and it is up to us to ensure that Social Media enhances our daily interactions rather



IN THE SPOTLIGHT (IN NEWS)

TACKLING LONELINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD

What is loneliness? It is not something we can see, nor is it something we can taste or smell; rather, it is a feeling that tucks at the base of your heart, one that overcomes all others and rules us all. Loneliness is now the best friend of many teens, but at what expense? Loss of our spirit, our soul is what we can prevent. As an individual, more importantly as a teen, I had taken loneliness as my best friend too. But not anymore!

A loving family is the best solution to this very concerning adolescent problem. Devoting quality time to your loved ones helps develop our personality and character, be it engaging in fun activities, playing board games or just simply talking and sharing your daily experiences.

Escaping the wretched hold of devices and learning to socialize more is a giant step towards banishing loneliness. The abuse of gadgets by adolescents nowadays gives way to this unabashed feeling to set foundation. Making new friends and enjoying the physical aspect of life is just as important if not more than playing around with these devices.

Banishing loneliness not only makes an individual livelier and more vibrant, but it also sets the founding stone for a long lasting spirit of youth and juvenility in us. It feels as if, a dark brooding cloud has been lifted off your shoulders and a sense of calm and tranquility washes over. Loneliness creates a feeling of being orphaned hence a world without this experience is a world to look forward to. Devoting time to family, friends, relatives and our loved ones is the best way to eliminate loneliness and the only solution to real, raw happiness in today's busy world!

KAIRAVI JALAN 9 A CBSE









HOPE

'HOPE' is more than just a word, to those who believe in it, it's all that exists. It is HOPE that encourages us to keep moving forward in our lives. I would like to share this example which is about a young boy who survived the Gujarat earthquake and says that 'HOPE' is faith. It is HOPE, which when rightly used can do wonders.

There was a little boy who lived with his parents in the city of Gujarat. The unprecedented loss of lives, property, and livelihoods made everything seem bleak. The boy who was living there at time of the incident saw the apartment collasping down. Fortunately, he hid under the table as instructed by his father. His father had assured him that he would come to his aid once the catastrophe had passed. But his father himself was fighting for his life. Now, the boy was stuck and could not escape. Even in such times, he had faith in his father's words. He still hoped that his father would come and rescue him. This hope gave him the energy to be alive. Eventually, as time passed, his father did come and rescue him.

We are able to make meaning out of the word "hope" in light of the above context. We understand that hope is an optimistic state of mind. It helps to cherish a desire with anticipation.



AASHVI DACHEPALLI 9 D CBSE

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PRIDE OF OPEN MINDS





TANAY KARTHIK VARMA - 2ND IN 200M & 3RD IN 500M IN SFA



The sporty athletes leave no stones unturned in achieving victories and bringing laurels to the school as they strongly believe that success is the result of a series of small wins.









CAREER COUNSELLING LEADERS - TELANGANA 1ST RANK & INDIA 5TH RANK

Announcing the Education World India School Ranking 2023-2024!

We are elated to share our school's recent accomplishments in the following categories:

- · Career Counseling Leaders: 5th Rank in India, 1st Rank in Telangana and Hyderabad
- · Co-Ed Day School: 5th Rank in Telangana and Hyderabad

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our students, team members and parents for this incredible achievement!



BIRLA Congratulations





Congratulations





Miss Radhika Ivaturi Grade 8 (CAIE)

for winning the Best Delegate Award in the Summit - Equality & Justice at the Interschool Shri Colloquium - 2023 organized virtually on 26th & 27th August 2023 by Shri Ram Universal School, Hyderabad. The Birla Open Minds Fraternity is proud of your accomplishment.

Great Win!



Miss Aaradhya Gupta Grade 5 (CBSE)

For bagging 6th position for your book 'The Secret of Golden Coins' at the All India National Level Competition

and 2nd position at the Telangana State Level Competition organized as a part of Summer Book Writing Festival by BriBooks. You have made the Birla Open Minds Fraternity proud of your outstanding accomplishment.

Kudos to your success!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT







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4TH TELANGANA STATE DRAWING COMPETITION- PRIZE WINNERS



AVYANA HEDA
STATE LEVEL



ASHVI GUPTA
STATE LEVEL



ANIKA SHARMA
STATE LEVEL



PRISHA SINHA
STATE LEVEL



SANIKA GUPTABHAYA
STATE LEVEL



SREYANSH MOHANTY
STATE LEVEL



SHRIYA PATANKAR
STATE LEVEL



AYUSHMAN KUMAR JHA
DISTRICT LEVEL



SOHINI MOHANTA

DISTRICT LEVEL

IN THE SPOTLIGHT (SPOTLIGHT)

PRIDE OF OPEN MINDS



SAI SRI AISHWARYA - 12 A CBSE TEDx TALK @BOMIS BAHADURGARH, DELHI

We are exhilarated to announce that Sai Sri Aishwarya, of Grade 12 CBSE and Karthikeya Vankineni, of Grade 11 CBSE represented the school as youth speaker at the first-ever TEDx event hosted by BOMIS Bahadurgarh, Delhi. The event featured some of the most prominent names in the industry, including Ms. Sheena Chohan, Dr. Mahima Bakshi, Mr. Sangram Singh, and Mr. Nirvaan Birla.



KARTHIKEYA VANKINENI - 11 B CBSE TEDx TALK @BOMIS BAHADURGARH, DELHI



SAI SRI AISHWARYA & KARTHIKEYA VANKINENI AT TEDx TALK @BOMIS BAHADURGARH, DELHI

TALE TRAIL







THE LEGEND OF WUMMER

Have you ever heard of the legend of Wummer? Legend has it that when an alien from Uranus, the coldest planet in our solar system, finally arrives on Earth during summer, it will suck away the heat of Earth, allowing the people of Earth to have a cold summer.

Gagan was waiting for the alien's arrival ever since he learned about the legend. While the other children were making plans to go swimming in the pool, Gagan was busy preparing his ice skates to go figure skating in the town pool. While the other children asked their mothers to make lemonades for them, Gagan asked his mother to prepare soups for him. Everyone told him that he can never experience a cold summer since aliens don't exist, but this didn't dampen his spirits. One summer day, Gagan was sitting near the window, sweating due to the extreme heat, and he thought about the legend, hoping that this summer would finally be the one. Suddenly, a gust of wind blew the dust right into Gagan's eyes, and he rubbed them to remove the dust.

When he opened his eyes, he saw the ground outside covered with snow. Without missing a beat, he ran outside the house, and

his footsteps crunched

on the snow below. He realised that the alien from Uranus had finally arrived, and he would finally get to experience Wummer. He immediately got his ice skates on and went to the town pool where he had the time of his life skating on the ice under the Sun. When he was exhausted, he returned to his house and drank the soup by the window. As he was looking out the window, he saw a snowman with a glowing, red 'U' on its entering a spaceship. The snowman turned around and waved at Gagan. Gagan smiled and waved back, and the spaceship took off.



TECHTALK







CAN AI REPLACE TEACHERS?

"Teachers must remain in charge, but for that, they too will need to evolve."

As a student currently studying in the 9th grade, the role of a teacher is more important to me now than ever, much more than just a doubt-resolving post. The role of an educator is to cultivate the minds of the youth, instilling curiosity and a vibrant interest in life: something that is much easier said than done. From a student's perspective, I am here to answer a simple question that the rising force of technology in our generation has raised: 'Can Artificial Intelligence really take over the role of a teacher?'

For this, we must understand why an educator is required in the first place. Is it to distribute information? Is it to assign projects and correct test papers? Surely, that does occupy a large part of a teacher's role, doesn't it?

A classmate of mine had once asked a very intriguing question to an English teacher. He wondered why poets used specific words in their poems, when there was sea of other words that meant nearly the same. The teacher responded by reconstructing the poem using bland words and phrases, and as one could imagine, the spice and meaning of it dissolved.

Countless other times, the teacher connects the chapter with a humorous story, leaving the students giddy with laughter and ultimately tying it all back to the main lesson. This, readers, is a skill, but more than that, it is an art.

A machine may possess more knowledge. It may spout facts and leave any scholar speechless. However, teachers evolve and learn as they educate their new and diverse pupils. They share experiences and instill curiosity in the child's mind, whereas a machine would sap all the curiosity straight out of the youth's heart. Teachers create experiences and give wisdom; machines create monotony and provide knowledge.

As I had said in the beginning, the teacher's role is much more expansive than doubt-clearing and discussing chapters. It is understanding the child and their uniqueness, quenching their curiosity, and, more importantly making learning fun and joyous- and that, readers, is something AI is incapable of.



TAVISH GOGNA 9 B CBSE

TECHTALK







Dark Web Dilemmas

exploring things on the internet stumbled across a term known as the "Dark Web", not thinking much of it I moved on but a few days later I saw a story about an old website called the silk road whose owner was jailed for life for running the site. Intrigued, I did some more digging and found out, the so called silk road was the biggest online black market in the world, they managed to stay hidden for years and were caught back in 2015. This contradicts what we are usually taught about the internet in schools, that on the internet anyone with the required skills can find everything about you down to which room you are sitting in and your dog's name, so how could an illegal online business even function. The answer was that in the Dark web it is deep down in the internet iceberg and only makes up 0.01% of the internet. It is a place where everyone maintains complete anonymity which brings up some amazing opportunities. Reading more about it only leads to more curiosity on the dark web. You can find old military equipment like planes and tanks not that I'd be interested in spending millions of dollars in buying one but if you ever saw a movie where they just bought a F-19 online you'll know where they found it.

During one of my usual sessions of Coming down to its ethics the dark web is nothing more than the dark alleys of the people like reporters internet journalists often use, to post opinions without having to deal with bad publicity and risk of exposing their identity but it is also used by sites like the silk road to sell contraband. In conclusion, as all things do the dark web has a never ending list of pros and cons but all that matters in the end is how do you see the dark web as a platform for criminals to roam free and do business? Or the final place in the ever growing world where someone can share opinion while being anonymous.



RISHIT SOOD 11 A CBSE

TECH TALK







HOLOGRAMS IN HEALTHCARE

part of our lives with developing technological developments being made every passing moment.

Education in the healthcare industry has remained relatively stagnant. However, during the Covid 19 outbreak the whole world was tested to its limits.

With the lockdown, physical classrooms that we were accustomed to were impossible, given the situation.

Medical students in the making, with no interaction with patients had a highly negative impact on learning. The same was true for doctors who had done diagnosis without even meeting the patients.

Now, with the advent of hologram technology, medical students doctors can observe and interact with the patients either in real-time recording with the patients.

This gives a near-real experience of interaction with patients which is crucial in diagnosis and understanding a patient. Apart from this, hologram technology allows medical students to learn about the human body without the use of the corpse.

Cadavers are not always available and making a wrong cut makes the cadaver unusable.

Healthcare has always been an ever- In addition, holograms give a deeper view into the organs of the body which would normally be very difficult with a cadaver. It can be a massive help to surgeons to prepare for difficult surgeries by running mock. Addenbrookes Hospital Cambridge was among the first in the world to use hologram technology.

> hologram technology In conclusion, makes the lives of medical students and doctors easier.



SUJAY INDUPURU 12 A CBSE

POETS PALETTE UN WAR IN THE POETS PALETTE



Stars,

They burned as they shone, They hid as they flew, They remained as they died.

Stars
In favour of a few,
Billions of tales they had to tell,
Yet only few knew.

Stars,

The ones who stayed as all left,
Helped only the ones who stayed up at
night,

Wishing upon dwelling meteoroids.

Stars,

The celestial bodies, Orbs of the universe, Containing keys to other voids.

Stars, Furtive they shone.









SRI VAISHNAVI BOPPANA 9 A CBSE

POETS PALETTE WWW.

Unfurling Inferro

Woe betide this story voiced from centuries ago,

Anger and angst amongst the clan, hatred in tons felt,

Love to hate when his crown was snatched, his kids to follow,

Stopping at no lengths to poison a brother not beloved,

This was the inauguration of a war within, the greatest epic to come.

Advancement in age made this boiling anger grow,

A blazing fire to an unfurling inferno,

Duryodhana jealous of Arjuna's flourish through Gurukul,

His training in archery, special to Guru Drona,

Soothing the seething Kaurava was now, a feat unmanageable.

A plan to deceive, one made so intricate and cleverly,

The unsuspecting Pandavas on the brink of death.

A fool Duryodhana was, failure coated his devious strategy,

An alert was sent, a successful escape route conjured,

A bond formed during the isolation, with a princess so pretty.

Return they did to a place not home - hand in hand,

With a bride soon humiliated at a game so unfair,

Through twelve years, a difficult journey to be made,

The thirteenth one Draupadi and Pandavas spent in hiding,

Upon arrival faced with nothing but a palace of lies and deceit.

An invite this was to the beginning of a war destructive,

Fear as it claimed the limbs of a prince so bold,

Time stopped as the sacred Bhagavat Gita was recited,

A lesson to be learnt by those good and evil,

Without Lord Krishna, the end would be inevitable.

His demise approaching now inexorable at the hands of Arjuna,

Bhishma Pitamah laying to rest peaceful, until the end still alive,

Revenge taken, his wrath unleashed upon a child young and brave,

Abhimanyu, a martyr dying at the hands of evil, holding strong,

His unflinching sacrifice paving way for the formation of history.

POETS PALETTE UN WAR IN THE POETS PALETTE

Unfurling Inferro

A news heartbreaking delivered with unease by the candid Yudhisthira,

Dropping his armour, life is snatched from the hands of Guru Drona,

His own fate Karna accepted, a secret he carried which only he knew,

A betrayal not intentional by one of his own, a brother he never understood,

An arrow to his neck, sorrow felt when the true bond Kunti revealed.

Limbs torn, body wrecked Dussasana wept, fate engulfing,

Merciless his demise was promised by none other than Bhima,

Unfolding a promise made within the treacherous walls of the palace.

A blow ever so powerful, yet unlawful struck straight at his thigh,

Duryodhana wailed and flailed as bones cracked beneath his soft flesh,

Revenge he wanted, despite his final breaths - Ashwathama he used,

A pawn in his game, merciless as he unknowingly severed,

The heads of the five kids so bold, a wreck Pandavas were once they found.

Victory was finally theirs, but its worth now nothing but a ray,

Everything lost, loved ones sacrificed, the world now a red swimming pool,

Having to return to rule the futile barren lands of Hastinapur and all over,

Yudhisthir wrecked, this Kurukshetra War, the Great Mahabharata Epic,

Ended in bloodshed and loss, but one mighty figure, a child unborn,

Rose from the dead from within his mother's womb – Parikshit,

Validated the truth within these final words "Anth Hi Aarambh Hai!"

KAIRAVI JALAN 9 A CBSE





SOCIAL JUSTICE IN WORLD OF SPORTS

Sports: An equal playing ground for people of all backgrounds and ethnicities. Or is it?

Being a professional tennis player, this is a very relatable topic for me. So, what does Social Justice in the world of sports mean? Aren't they athletes and not activists? What if I told you, the reader, that with the exception of basketball, people of colour are still looked down upon and are being oppressed continuously? Or that women athletes are paid less than 50% of the prize money that men are paid for the same event? Yes, injustice is everywhere and hence it can be confronted everywhere.

The famous Kaepernick case: in 2016, the San Francisco 49ers Quarterback knelt down when the National Anthem was played. When asked about this, he said "I am not going to stand up to show pride of a flag for a country that oppresses Black people and people of colour". Later, he was sacked and was essentially banned from NFL, but his efforts were not in vain. Lewis Hamilton, the great 7-time world champion in Formula 1, is also very vocal about how he himself and others of colour are oppressed to this day and how much he had struggled to make it to Formula 1.

Billie Jean King, a great tennis player, fought for the equal pay women, who were getting only 35% of the pay men were getting.

These facts are backed up numerically. Overall, more than 75.6% of the players are white and 77% of them are males. Last year, top 10 male tennis players on an average earned \$44.9 Million while women combined earned \$32.9 Million. These numbers are proof that social activism in sports is valid and should be encouraged to promote equality on the field.

Any player with 50% Hardwork, 49% Talent, and the crucial 1% of Luck can make it to the big stage. Why should we let the 1% be stolen just because he/she was "not born right"?



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हे दशानन! नही है अधिकार मुझे, दहन का तुम्हारे क्योकि तुम्हारे हर गुण -अवगुण को सहेज रक्खा है मैनें अपने भीतर तुम्हारा क्रोध, तुम्हारा अहंकार, तुम्हारा छल अब परिचायक हो चले है मेरे जो दिन प्रतिदिन तुम्हारे आकार की तरह बढ़ते ही जाते है हाँ, तुम्हारे गुणों को कदाचित गौण जरूर कर दिया है मैने तुम्हारा ज्ञान तुम्हारी भक्ति तुम्हारा अत्मनियंत्रण अब नगणन्य हो चले है मेरे लिए तुम्हारे पुतले का दहन कर स्वयं को कब तक छलूं अब तुम्ही बताओ अपने भीतर के रावरण का वध कैसे करूँ?

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And the sentiments it breeds...
Playing different tunes
Wearing the cloak of ambiguity

To a class full of ruckus, Silence is Discipline! To a world under Hitler, Silence is autocracy!

To a man who is wise, Silence is a choice For a slave in Africa, He has no voice!

For a woman in love,
Silence might be affirming
But to the doctor on a stethoscope,
Silence is deafening!

To a whole country in isolation, Silence is frustrating. To sage in a wood, Silence is meditating!

Silence speaks volumes!
If only one knows to read.
Silence always speaks louder
And immense power it yields.

ANANNYA DUTTA MIDDLE YEARS ENGLISH FACILITATOR

FEAST FILES







PINWHEEL SANDWICHES

Ingredients:

- 3 slices of your choice of bread (white or brown)
- 3 teaspoons butter
- ¼ cup eggless mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon green chutney
- 3 slices cheese (your preferred type)
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced capsicum
- ½ teaspoon cracked black pepper
- A pinch of salt for seasoning

Instructions:

- 1. Begin by neatly cutting the crusts off the bread slices for a cleaner look and softer edge.
- 2. Next, gently use a rolling pin to flatten the bread slices; this makes them easier to roll later.
- 3. Lightly spread butter on the slices to stick them together. This will help keep your roll-up neatly sealed.
- 4.In a small bowl, whip up a quick spread by mixing together the eggless mayonnaise and green chutney.
- 5. Lay out the bread and evenly apply the zesty sauce you've just prepared.
- 6.Layer on the sliced capsicum and cheese slices on top of the sauce, and sprinkle over with pepper and a touch of salt for an extra flavor kick.

- 7. Carefully roll up the bread with all the fillings inside, making sure everything stays tucked in.
- 8. Wrap your roll-up tightly in cling film to hold its shape.
- 9. Chill in the refrigerator for about 30 minutes to let the roll set and the flavors meld together perfectly.



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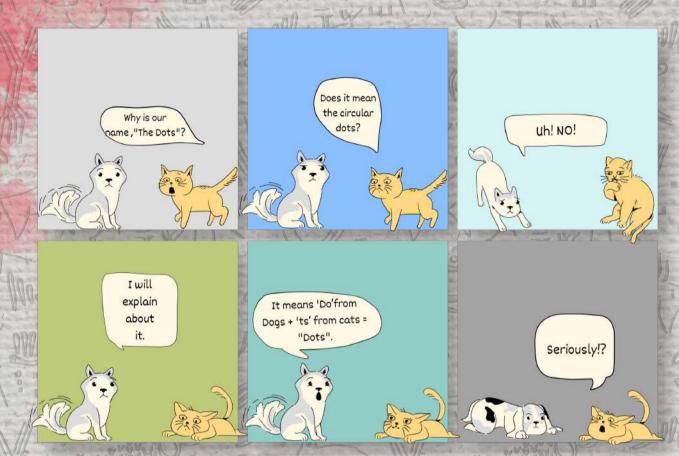








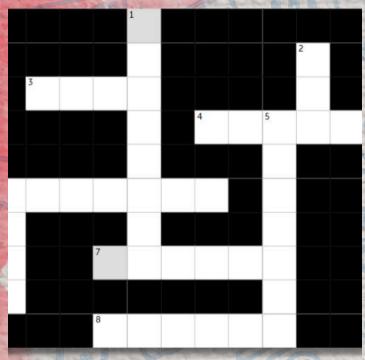






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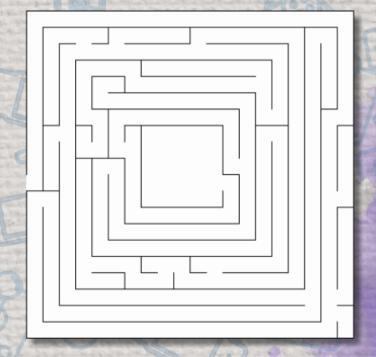
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