

# Indira National School

## Young Minds



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### FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear All,

After a long stint of 13 years at Indira National School, I am stepping out of its portals to take on new challenges. Before I go, I take this opportunity to acknowledge and express my gratitude to all those who contributed towards my growth and success.

Let me begin with saying "Thank you", to the Chairperson, Dr. Tarita Shankar and Group Director, Prof. Chetan Wakalkar. They have always been very supportive of all our endeavours at school and the academic freedom we had was remarkable.

I extend my humble gratitude to all the Directors of Indira Group of Institutes, who were always there for us.

The INS Staff, both Teaching and Non-teaching have been instrumental in transforming the Management's vision into reality. If I were to be asked what is the secret behind the success of Indira National School? My reply would be "The passion and dedication of the staff coupled with the low attrition rate." Due to this we are able to sustain a culture which contributed to the growth and development of our students

My dear students, it is your love and affection that keeps us going despite all odds. The unconditional love that we received from you helps us to stay on course. You are the reason why we are here.

Parents, my sincere request to you is to have faith in the school, support the teachers and the school because our intentions are good. Parents and school have a common goal - 'Success and well-being of our children'. Working collaboratively will ensure the realization of this goal.

Many milestones have been achieved by us at Indira National School.

So, as you read this now my friends, a part of INS will always stay with me. Please smile when you think of me. My best wishes to all.

Thank you

**Geeta Pillai**  
Chief Executive Principal

### THE EDITOR'S NOTE

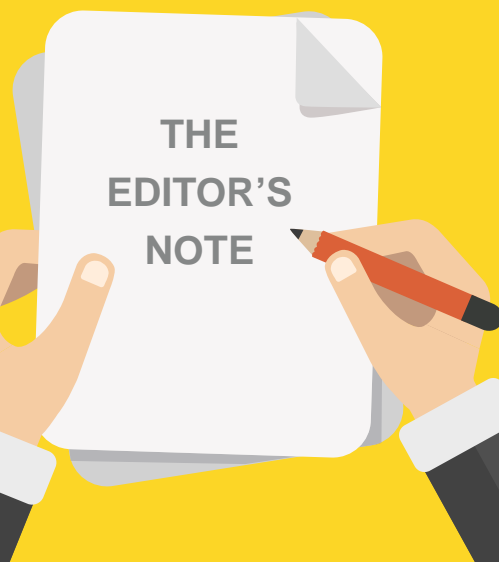
To say that it gladdens my heart immeasurably to be writing to you all for the second time, would be an understatement of monumental proportions!

But editor's notes are always treacherous to write. How do you express your sincere desire to uphold the traditions and nuances that make the publication unique and hopeful? How do you do justice to the entries submitted by students who have given their best in terms of pretty compositions and lively stories and articles with all the joy and gladness of their blessed little hearts? Bless their excitement to see themselves in print!!

Being tough with all my students at times does not mean that I or all of my colleagues love you all any less than the very best, but we prepare you for a greater challenge ahead, to nurture you to build a strong foundation for your next level. Under our guidance, you have attained impressive milestones in your life with great honor and integrity. We can only wish this is the beginning and a great launch pad for all your future dreams. I will sign off by quoting Mahatma Gandhi - "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Please be kind and empathic to all kinds and that includes animals.

Cheers!

**Kavita Dhup Juneja**  
Editor





## News MAKERs

### CBSE CLUSTER IX BASKETBALL EVENT



The opening ceremony for the CBSE Cluster IX Basketball event was held on 9th October, 2017. The Chief Guest was Ms Anjali Bhagwat, International Shooting Champion along with the CBSE Observer, Mr. Sharad Bansode.

The Chief Guests and the Jury members were felicitated by our CEP, Ms. Geeta Pillai which was followed by the March Past and Oath taking by the students of the participating schools. The CBSE Observer, Mr. Bansode highly appreciated all the arrangements made by the school for the event and further said that he was impressed with the dedication and cooperation of the INS team.

With the release of balloons to mark the occasion, the Meet was declared Open by Ms Anjali Bhagwat.

### OUR ENGLISH CHAMPS



Soham Shinde of grade IV received The Zonal Excellence Certificate and a gold medal in the English Olympiad. Ms. Vijaya Borade, our Math teacher was awarded the Best District Teacher Trophy by them.

Congratulations to Soham and Ms. Vijaya Borade !

### THE GIFTED SCHOOL BAND



The band students performed at the Marathon held in Pune on 19th November, 2017. In spite of being a holiday, the students were all ready in the morning and enthusiastically participated in the event. They played the band and cheered the marathon participants. It was a treat to watch their performance and the event.

### THE INS HELPING HANDS



Indira National School organised a collection drive for animals. The objective was to collect woollen wear to help the animals stay warm in winters. Many students and parents wholeheartedly donated shawls, sweaters, bed sheets, blankets etc. We are thankful to everyone for their generosity.

### QUIZ WIZ



On 27th November 2017, INS grade XII students, Khushbu Bhavnani, Sai Kulkarni & Yash Sharma, bagged the first runner's up position in the 'Business Quiz' organised by B.K. Birla.

All in all, it was an enriching experience that enabled the students to look beyond the textbooks.

### STUDENT WORKSHOP - EMOTIONAL WELLBEING



Dr. Ahmed conducted an interactive session with students across grades VI to XII about how they can improve their study patterns and retention skills by improving their Relationship Skills, and their Emotional Quotient.

He explained how it is important to understand our Emotional Quotient and improve our Relationship Skills by doing away with negative emotions such as frustration, anger, laziness, tension, irritation etc. He also spoke about eating not what is good, but what is RIGHT.

Students enjoyed the demonstration given by Dr. Ahmed about the activity about recalling numbers. He asked students to call out about thirty numbers randomly. After three readings, he was able to recall them horizontally and vertically in their correct order.

### INS STAR PERFORMERS



INS graceful dance troupe won the first prize at the Sarala Birla Interschool Cultural Competition and brought laurels to the school. The competition was organised by B.K. Birla Centre for Education on 25th November 2017. The girls from grades VI to VIII participated and performed the Kalbeliya, a traditional folk dance of Rajasthan. They surprised the audience and judges with various moves like carrying the pots over their heads, dancing on plates, picking up the scarf with their mouth while simultaneously balancing pots over their heads. It was a great performance appreciated by one and all. The dance was choreographed by Ms. Gayatri Shirsat and she did a commendable job.



## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY HOUSE WINNERS



We had our 69th Republic Day celebration and Honourable Chairperson, Dr. Tarita Shankar graced the occasion. The Head boy and Head girl of the Secondary Section, Harit Mishra and Nyja Gowda of grade X paid tributes to our soldiers in their speech and also spoke about the radical changes the YOUTH of our nation can bring about.

The school choir presented an energetic 'Powada' led by Vivek Gadkari of grade VII.

Every year several competitions are conducted throughout the year as a part of CCA and the points are awarded to the houses for the same. These points are then added together at the end of the year across all grades to declare the winner.

At the end of the programme the winner of the best house of Co-Curricular Activities was announced and this year it was the TAJ HOUSE. The trophy was awarded by the Chairperson, Dr. Tarita Shankar.

## THE SINGING STARS



Students of Indira National School participated in the Swar Bharati and Swar Vishwa Group Singing Competition organised by Bharti Vidyapeeth Dhankawadi and Erandwane respectively. They bagged the first prize and the consolation prize in the respective categories. INS music teacher, Mr. Nitin Sangme was awarded the Best Composer Award.

## THE BEST ORATOR AWARD

Praket Dixit of grade VI received an award for speaking on the topic 'Whether We Would Like To Live in a World With or Without Social Media'. The honours were done by Mrs, Rajshree Birla in Aditya Birla Hospital, Pune.



## ANNUAL CONCERT - PRIMARY SECTION



Most of us know the story of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin", the legend of a rat catcher from Hamelin, Germany who lured the rats away from the village by using his magical flute. This famous story of Robert Browning is renowned for its humor and vivid wordplay. And this story was presented by our grade I students in their Annual Concert in a wonderful way. They presented the Market Dance and the Rat Dance in a unique way where the enthusiasm of the children was reflected in every scene. The children sang a beautiful song to make the programme more attractive. Overall it was a wonderful performance by the children. The parents thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Grade II presented a concert "In the Land of Matilda". It was based on the book "Matilda" written by Roald Dahl. There was a welcome song, followed by the skit which conveyed the message that children are like wet clay, their surroundings, the love, care and the way they are nurtured plays the real magic in their upbringing. It also showcased the importance of school in a child's life, how yoga plays a crucial role in developing our physical, mental, social and spiritual health. It depicted the influence of "Family" in a child's life. A Ballet dance was also performed and it mesmerized the viewers. The programme was appreciated immensely by the parents.

The concert of grade III, was based on "Shivaji Raje" The Great Maratha King. Through dance, skits, Powada and Gondhal the programme portrayed some important excerpts of Shivaji's life including his early age education, clash with the Mughals, his dedicated followers like Tanaji Malusare and Baji Prabhu Deshpande and also his coronation. Through this the children learnt a lot about the great warrior Shivaji Maharaj and also qualities like loyalty, patriotism, courage, honesty and determination.

The students performed brilliantly and the show was a runaway success.

## CYBER CHAMPS 2018



Yash Singuri of grade X and Shriya Subeerya of grade VIII won the second prize in the IT Quiz in an Inter School Computer Competition sponsored by Persistent Foundation, Pune. It was conducted at City Pride School, Nigdi.

## SPORTS DAY... BEST IN THE FIELD



The Sports Day of grade IV was held on the school ground. The ground was a sight to see, resplendent with flags all set for the grand event. Our school students who excel in sports and represent the school at national level, were invited as special guests for the occasion. They presented the medals and certificates to the winners. The event started off with the March Past to the music played by the school's gifted band. The students marched smartly in unison. This was followed by the track events. The air was filled with excitement and anticipation as our athletes took their place on the tracks. It was thrilling to

watch the students cheering for their respective houses and encouraging their friends to do their best. The students performed spectacular drills housewise in perfect synchronisation. The winners stood tall and proud while our special guests felicitated them. The day was a grand success and enjoyed by all present there.

Grade V Sports Day was also held on the school ground. The students showcased their unity and physical strength in mass drills. It was a great sight indeed to watch the enthusiastic



students of grade V clad in colourful house uniforms marching to the beats of the band and adding to the festive mood on the campus. The oath was taken by our Head Boy and the students solemnly pledged to uphold the spirit of true sportsmanship.

Energized drills set the tone for the rest of the evening. Once the races began, the air was filled with cheering and shouts of encouragement for the young athletes. The students competed housewise in events such as balancing race, three legged race, 50m relay race and 50m flat race. The winners and runners up were felicitated by our special guests who have won national level awards and bought laurels to our school. The wonderful day ended with an inspiring speech by Professor Chetan Wakalkar.





## THE LITTLE GIRL

"Come eat dinner Tanish!" called Mrs Kumar, Tanish's mother had just returned from work 15 minutes ago, exasperated and drained as usual. "Coming Ma!" Tanish shouted inattentively, with one of his eyes glued to his most recent addiction, a novel of the famous author Dan Brown while the other on the stairs he came sliding down the railing and jumped off, with his mind still on the storyline. He had expected greeting of the exotic aroma of the tasty Indian food his mother prepared, but was welcomed with the familiar and catchy ringtone of his phone kept across the hall on the table. He rushed over and had a knowing smile on his face before he even put the receiver to his ear as he had recognised the number. It was his best buddy Max. He was the only person who could call at this unusual hour. "Hey Tanish! Come over I got this really awesome new game!" "Yup, coming right over!" said a thrilled Tanish who knew that Max always brought really expensive and awesome games. Tanish escaped before his mother could object. Usually going to Max's house would be just a five minutes bike ride around the abandoned shopping mall, but today his bike had a puncture and he didn't want to walk that much so he took a short cut through the shopping mall's parking lot. In two minutes he was down halfway across the parking lot when he felt a warm breath down his neck which made his hair on his neck stand. He whirled around but to his relief there was no sign of anybody around. He suddenly heard a girl cry and he turned around to see a little girl in familiar clothing with a small white doll lying on the ground with her back to him. Even though Tanish was sceptical but the girl was tiny and she wasn't scary, so he asked her "Why are you crying? Are you lost?" She replied between sobs "I don't know, my family and I had come here to buy a TV, I was excited .We had decided on taking a big one but in between I got thirsty so my father sent my brother with me to get a bottle of water from the car. We got the bottle and were heading back when 'Miss Cutie Pie', she said holding the doll up 'fell down and I left my brother's hand to get her. I lifted her and looked up to see a face contorted with pain and loss, wide eyes and hands grasping for air then.....then.....' another sob broke out "It's all blank after that". The scene seemed familiar. With hands shaking, I reached out and gently parting her hair that covered almost half her face, a deep and loud scream escaped my throat, followed by a deep adrenaline rush and the world went black. Three days after the horrific incident, Tanish woke up with a high fever as he couldn't rest. He just couldn't close his eyes, the face kept coming back again and again, the face of his younger sister who had died in a car crash five years ago.

Tanish Kumar, IX Alpha

## WHO IS SHE?

*Does her lustrous hair make you feel jealous?  
Do her eyes sparkle when she speaks?  
Does her smile make you go 'wow'?  
Does she have a beautiful voice?  
Or  
Did she just donate six inches of her HAIR to a cancer patient?  
Did her EYES see the poverty on the streets?  
Did she SMILE when she gave her breakfast to a street kid?  
Did she raise her VOICE against injustice?  
"Beauty isn't about having a pretty face....  
It is about having a pretty mind and a pretty soul"*



Samreen Mukherjee, VIII Alpha

## ALWAYS HER

She was there for me when I needed her,  
She was there for me when I cried.  
She was there for me in the hardest times,  
Or when joy arrived.  
When my feet were off the ground,  
She pulled me down to earth.  
When I felt safe and sound,  
It was mostly because of her.  
The sweetness of her voice,  
When she sang me to sleep.  
The lullabies of my choice,  
And the stories of queens.  
The one who has always loved me,  
Without any conditions applied.  
O dear mother of mine,  
Please always be by my side.



Nupur Joshi, IX Gamma

# LITERARY

## FATHER

Father ,Dear Father !  
Help the nation!  
Save us from their brutal dominance,  
To show them our nation's persistence  
They are cruel, they are fiend,  
Oh Father! Help us to defend.  
People's heart are shaking falteringly,  
Oh Father! Help us accomplish our mission steadily.  
Life is like crossing a river, rowing a boat  
Oh Father! Help us cross the dangerous moat.  
Oh Father! You did it, you saved the nation  
Father you deserve the loudest ovation!  
Father, can't you hear the ringing bells?  
People are cheering with bugle trills.  
Oh Father! Suddenly out of the blue  
Your death gave us the deepest despair,  
And wounds which would never repair.  
Everyone's heart is bleeding, nation is crying,  
To come over the sad truth we are trying.  
Oh God! Take the beautiful soul to heaven,  
Father, you made India a haven!



Anchit Deshpande, VIII Gamma

## LESSONS FROM THE SUBLIME TASTE OF CHOCOLATE

How do you like your chocolate? This question bothers me. After all, may it be creamy sweet white chocolate, bitter-sweet dark chocolate, rich powdered mocha, sticky candied praline or a half melted chocolate bar; chocolate is chocolate. Its flavour makes me fantasize. Its distinct flavour never fails to give me a sense of euphoria.

It is next to impossible for my mother to restrain me from bursting into the kitchen, opening the fridge door and gulping down a sizeable chunk of chocolate. But, I keep on correcting her, telling her that she should consider chocolate as a salad, as it's made from cocoa which grows on trees. I believe it justifies my demand to eat chocolates and not make me feel guilty.

One fine evening, after spending an exhausting day at school, I returned home, dropped my backpack carelessly onto the floor, walked towards my fridge, opened the door wide, absentmindedly grabbed a few choco-bars and plummeted down on my couch.

Without a second thought, I tore opened the pack and bit into the bar. Yuck! Why is this not tasting like chocolate at all? I quickly glanced down and saw that I was eating an expired granola bar. "EEKS!" I jumped and shrieked and threw it away. I began to check the different choco-bars in my hand. I couldn't help but notice that amongst others, I had a white and a dark choco-bar. I easily gave into my temptation and gently unwrapped both of them. I ran my hand over its soft texture and several thoughts entered my mind.

I began thinking, white and dark chocolates are both chocolates, right? We don't say that as they are different in colour we won't consider them as chocolates and won't eat them. Do we? We simply savour its sublime taste and not judge its flavour by its colour.

If we can treat chocolates of different colours equally, why can't we treat people of different races equally? Why should we discriminate against people on the basis of their skin colour? I wondered. After all, may it be white or dark chocolate, I believe we all sink our teeth into it with the same relish.

Chocolate holds a special place in my life. It reminds me that it is not how we look that matters, it is what we do. It is how we think and how we feel, and how we make others feel around us. There's more to us, than just what people can see. It reminds me that it is what is inside us that matters. It is the feeling we evoke in others that makes us affable or not, exactly the way chocolate is. It is the taste that soothes our senses, and not merely its colour or shape.

What really matters is who we are.

Namya Mitra, IX Omega



# WORKS

## FAILURE

Most people fail at some point in their lives. It's a necessary and a fundamental part of life. People have to generally fail at something before they find success. But failure is not a means to an end, nor does failure have to give any indication of permanence. What is permanent is not getting started in the first place out of fear of failure.

We are so focused on not failing, that we don't aim for success, settling instead for a life of mediocrity. When we do take missteps, we glance over them, selectively editing out the miscalculations and mistakes. "The quickest road to success is to possess an attitude toward failure" says Ralph Heath. To achieve your personal best, to reach unparalleled heights, to make the impossible possible, you cannot fear failure, you must think big, and you must have to push yourself. Although you might fail incredibly, you might succeed incredibly-and that's why incredible risks and courage are requisite.

Facing failure makes one strong, wiser and more resolute and spurs them on to produce their greatest efforts. The people who have failed at some point in their lives have analyzed the things in real perspective and tried again with more vigor and zeal and got success. Failures should not be allowed to create frustration, desperation or disappointment, instead failure should be taken as a boon, which give you strength to fight back harder than before. If you have failed at something once, the success of overcoming that failure is even sweeter.

Tanvi Devasthali , IX Delta

## CULTURE OF FOOD AROUND THE WORLD

We have such a vast culture of food,  
They taste so refined and good.  
From the lip-smacking Indian dishes,  
There is no end to what we can create in kitchens.  
Japanese cuisine is rather precise,  
For the size of their food is as small as mice.  
Their dishes are sometimes very teeny,  
Like sushi, wasabi and sashimi.  
Italian cuisine is very delicious,  
Their food is so tasty and scrumptious.  
Their pastas and pizzas are widely known,  
That in gourmet restaurants, they are frequently shown  
Mexican cuisine is very funky,  
Their nachos and salsa are good for a party.  
Their quesadillas and tacos are such a tasty snack,  
Not even one tasty ingredient do they lack.  
But my favorite is American food,  
Their pancakes and waffles put you in a good mood,  
Their steaks and cheeseburgers, oh, are so nice,  
They go so well with any type of fries!



Ayush Kumar, VII Gamma

## PLEA OF THE TREES

The most intelligent animal-Man  
If you wish to destroy you can,  
If you wish to create you can.  
It is up to you  
To decide what to do,  
It is time to realise  
Your hunger cannot suffice.  
It is time you think about your need  
And not get carried away with your greed.  
This is not only YOUR planet,  
Please do not forget  
To live , is even our right!  
Oh Man! Please listen to our plight!



Vrishti Godhwani, VIII Alpha



*To the two men  
Who are yet together,  
Who yet manage to fill  
Suspense in the ether.*

*They don't need an introduction  
Not even a word,  
Not only London,  
The whole world has heard.*

*The men worth remark  
The men of note,  
Who seem to be best friends  
Yet very remote,*



*They will grow on you  
In your heart, they will accrete  
As or they solve cases from everywhere  
In 221B Baker Street.*

*For those who know that  
What the eyes see is not the view,  
But what the brain deduces  
Is that what is true.*

*The game is always afoot  
For those who hear,  
For those who start to find  
Instead of to fear.*

*Their friendship plus mystery  
Creates the best tomes,  
The perfect relation between  
Dr. Watson and Sherlock Holmes.*

Sanika Bhangaonkar, IX Delta

## A POET'S STORY

For each and every poet,  
there is yet a story to be told.  
And until that poet finds that story,  
his potential won't ever unfold.

Inside each poet,  
beats a heart made up of lead.  
And until that poet doesn't  
find his story,  
the lead won't mould to gold.

So, how does the poet find such a story?  
The answer, my friend is simple.  
Through pain, love or happiness,  
making the bright from the dull.

The poet's story in the darkest caves,  
waiting to come to its abode.  
For it shall find a poet someday,  
whose heart is waiting  
to be turned from lead to gold.

Vedant Joshi , IX Gamma

## I AM A BOY...

I am a boy  
And I am hurt.  
Why can't I cry?  
Just because I am a boy by birth?

I want a companion to share my feelings,  
An insider for wounds, craving for healing.  
It is easy for me to show my venom,  
But it's hard to let go the depression.

I want to be a homemaker, a cook  
Without my consultation,  
My decisions they took.  
I want to be a dancer and dance it all away,  
But in this world sexism still stay!



Prerana Patil,  
IX Delta



# CHILD LABOUR-AN INSULT TO HUMANITY

We often say that children are gifts of God. Then why is it that we see some children blessed with opportunities and bright future, while some seem to have been cursed with brutalities? Not just in India, the entire world is being posed with the issue of child labour. Indeed, it is nothing but a shame to humanity. Upon reaching this great era of progress, when we have made so many discoveries, made the impossible possible, explored the outer space, then why haven't we been able to do away with child labour? Is it because people still do not have the courage to raise their voice against wrong?

Our constitution too, safeguards the rights of children. Article 21 of the constitution protects the children and others from deprivation of right to life and personal liberty. By this the constitution ensures that no child is made to work forcefully to earn. We often say that children are the future of the nation, by making them work forcefully, are we not destroying the future of our own country? Forced labour not only spoils a child's present but also , kills the potential in a child to shape up his future. We should all realize that the future of our country lies in the hands of these children and in the hands of these children should lie books, notbricks. "Only the worst thief would ever steal someone's childhood...."- Child labour is nothing but stealing a child's childhood.

The issue of child labour is part of human trafficking must be stopped forthwith. Law should be strictly enforced to bring these children to shelter homes for their all-round development. Social reforms should be accelerated to encourage their families to let such children to attend schools, rather than picking rags.

I strongly feel that such children must be brought in the mainstream of society by government and non-governmental agencies, helping them in developing their physical and mental health. This again I feel can be brought about by education. They should also be encouraged to realize that they have the potential to achieve any heights in life only by education and positive attitude, as they are unique in themselves. Children should be imparted physical education, so that they are physically strong and resilient enough to tackle unfavourable situations without falling prey to it.

We must recognize that children are the building blocks of our society and if we want to make our nation strong, we must take into account every child, without discriminating between rich and poor, bestowed or deprived.

Avishi Raj, IX Alpha

# NOSE OFF THE SCREEN!

Do you get addicted to your phone? It has been found that 3 out of 5 smartphone users can't go more than 60 minutes without checking their phones. A 2011 study called "The world Unplugged" surveyed almost 1,000 university students in 10 different countries. The students were asked to avoid their cell phones, laptops and social networking for 24 hours.

A big chunk of them suffered distress and extreme isolation during this withdrawal period. Most of the students failed to keep their word for the full day.

All day long our free time is spent with phones, mobile and T.V. Most people end up thinking they'll chat or play video games on the mobile or watch T.V. for their next break. No one thinks of nice walks in the garden or calling friends over to their house to play board games. Let's have a cell phone diet. Try to reward yourself with your favourite food for keeping yourself away from your phone. Spend your free time reading a good book, cooking or gardening. When you are bored don't just sit comfortably on the sofa and call or text someone. Is it important? Surely it can wait. We can surely go out or do something fun.

Barely getting holidays from work? You can always have a phone or laptop holiday. Let's unplug our devices to reconnect our relationships with each other. Who's in?

Alisha Bhowmick, V Theta

# MY LIFE, MY WAY

It is my life,  
I have my goals,  
Sometimes I end up at a crossroad.  
Cannot figure out which way to go.  
Sometimes I feel like crap  
But that's when you got to believe,  
God guides you with a map,  
You are the host of your show.  
I may be knocked down,  
People may laugh  
But there's a word called 'IGNORE'  
What can I possibly lose?  
I come across haters,  
Wanting to see me fall.  
But even the haters are welcome,  
For they are nothing but confused admirers!

So I chase my passion  
MY obsession,  
Not looking back  
Until I have achieved my best!



Aadish Dubey  
IX Alpha

# REVIVAL

He was walking down the alley when he saw her. Her translucent body reminding him of a ghost but her smile was like that of an angel. 14 year old Kraus wondered if he was dreaming but his thoughts slowly faded into the abyss as he started following the fairy godmother-like illusion. His surroundings took a one-eighty when he reached the end of the lane.

His eyes squinted due to the bright light but what he saw next put him in a magical trance. In front of Kraus was a place like no other. Lush green grass stretched on for miles. Magnificent trees lined a path of fallen autumn leaves. The cool breeze hit his face, carrying the sweet fragrance of fresh air. The mild sun overhead gently touched his skin and filled it with warm kisses. All the noise in his mind was skillfully eliminated by the chirping of birds and the sound of rustling leaves. He unconsciously shut his eyes and took a deep breath. His brain tried framing coherent thoughts; but he was hypnotized by it. As his eyes fluttered open, he saw a shimmering and transparent droplet sliding over the smooth, calming surface of a green leaf. It paused for a minute, as it reached the streamlined end, but then continued its journey as the leaf bounced back looking fresh and clean. This mesmerizing scene, albeit simple, brought a smile on Kraus' face. He realized it was the first he had given, since- since his mother left him to join the world of the unknown, a couple of months ago. Life didn't give him the easy way out, seeing that he had lost interest in almost all activities of life. The nuns in his school did give him an advice to search for his passion and divulge it, with hopes of distracting him. But, alas. No amount of exercising or reading books could divert his mind from thoughts of his mother. So, as he examined his wide smile, a first in months, he knew that this wasn't any ordinary place.

He looked around for the illusion that brought him there as he gently skimmed his hand over the rough wet trunk of a tree. He couldn't find her. Just then, a small droplet hit his face. And as he looked up, more followed. It was only a gentle drizzle, but enough to coerce his mind to get rid of any ability to form thoughts. His face was still looking upwards, but his eyes had failed to stay open. 4,5,6,7. In that moment, he counted each droplet hitting his face and felt them roll down his cheek gently, as if it was his mother's touch. The drops then made their way around his entire body, as if washing all his worries away and seeping them into the percolated ground. The sound of the water hitting the trees and grass made him heave a sigh of content. The smell of wet mud pulled him in a trance, reminding him of all those happy memories of his childhood. He felt as though he was standing there from time immeasurable. Slowly, but steadily, as the last drop descended, he felt a cool breeze take over.

As he felt the cold air nip his face, his lips widened to reveal another smile. When he breathed in the cool natural air, he suddenly got the urge to run. He had no destination in mind, but was running for the journey. The sound of the outside world was left far behind and that is when Kraus got the feeling of rekindled hope. As he ran, he knew that he was only going to go ahead in life. Time wouldn't allow otherwise, hence he must only look ahead. But, he also realized that he wasn't running away from his worries, rather was walking over them, and conquering them. The wind cleared his mind of all fears and replaced it with optimism. This new feeling rekindled his aspirations, but more importantly, gave him inspiration. It had power to carry his soul and transport it to places he had only seen in his dreams. With all his anew individuality, he suddenly realized that he had come to a stop in front of his own house. Still panting from the run, he thought of the mystic landscape that inspired him. He wasn't sure of where exactly he had gone or who it was that lead him there. But all he learnt, was that the subtlest things in life have the mightiest powers to rekindle hope, and revive.

Bhairavi Bakhle,  
XII Beta(Science)

# LAST SIGHT BEFORE THE DAWN

You may look at the dark sky,  
And believe this is your life.  
People around you may be stabbing  
with a knife .  
But remember there is something up  
in the sky ,  
Something that twinkles and is  
bright  
That little light ,  
Will motivate you to fight ,  
Remember not to lose the sight.  
Think to win.  
When it pains , go on with a grin .  
Don't stop, don't fade  
Remember your destiny is in your  
hand and is not yet made  
Soon the pain and worries will be

gone ,  
And the darkness will be last sight- before  
the dawn.



Shriram  
Dhanasekaran,  
IX Alpha



# Think tank

## BRAIN TEASER SUDOKU

Improve your solving skills with this brain teaser Sudoku!

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Aritra Bandyopadhyay, VI Beta

## LAUGH OUT LOUD

- What is that thing that is useful when broken?
- What can you crack but can't break?
- If I have it, I don't share it. If I share it, I don't have it. What it is?
- What has thumb and four fingers, but it's not alive?
- Why are leopards bad at playing hide and seek?
- If Red house is at left, Blue house at right, then where is White House?

Answers : 1- An Egg 2- A Joke 3- A secret  
4- A glove 5- Because they are spotted  
6- In Washington DC

Darsh Kumawat, III Theta

## WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR CITY? READ ON!

- 'Pune' comes from 'Punya', which means the confluence of two rivers, as the city is situated on the confluence of the Mula and Mutha rivers.
- Pune was the headquarters of the Maratha Empire. When the Peshwas of the Maratha Empire rose to power, they moved their base from Saswad to Pune, selecting it as their headquarters.
- Mahatma Gandhi spent several years in the Yerwada Prison in Pune. In 1932, during his imprisonment, he decided to go on an indefinite fast which led to the Poona Pact.
- Pune, originally called Poona, is situated on the Deccan plateau in India, 560 meters above sea level.
- Pune also has the highest number of software companies in India.
- Pune has the highest number of engineering colleges in a city, in the world. It is also known as the 'Oxford of the East' due to the presence of numerous well-known educational institutions.
- The National Defense Academy (NDA) of India is located in Pune.
- Pune is the only city in the world to have commercial and defense airport operating from the same strip.
- Pune food consists of only two main ingredients. The staple food of people from Pune include sorghum and pearl millet. Specialities include Puran Poli and Bakarvadi.
- The Pune-Mumbai Expressway was India's first high-speed expressway, built in 2002.
- Pune hosted the Commonwealth Youth games in 2008, at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi. It was the first city in Asia to host the games.

Palak Juneja , VII Gamma

## CHES RIDDLES

- In the beginning, I move two steps, I kill the piece in my diagonally next. Who am I?
- I am different from the rest, Hopping over others is what I do the best. Who am I?
- I go diagonal in squares, dark and white, Everyone is afraid when they see my sight. Who am I?
- Back and front, straight I go, Tell my name if you know. Who am I?
- I am the mixture of bishop and rook, Second tallest piece is what I look. Who am I?
- Protect me if you are clever, Without me, this game is over. Who am I?



ANSWERS  
i. Pawn, ii. Knight,  
iii. Bishop, iv. Rook  
v. Queen, vi. King

Anuj Nayak, III Theta

## SOME WONDERFUL FACTS



- Q. Why does a newborn baby cry at birth?
- A. At the time of birth the baby breathes for the first time. Its lungs stretch out and dilate to fill up with air in one single movement. This hurts, so the baby cries out. Inside its mother's womb, it lived in a liquid environment and had no contact with air.
- Q. Why do ants walk in a line?
- A. When ants come out of the anthill, they place themselves in a single line so as not to get lost. They follow a scented trail left behind by one of their fellow ants. While walking, they leave behind, in their turn, a smell. By and by the trail becomes easier to follow.
- Q. Why do red ants bite?
- A. All ants produce venom to protect or defend themselves from their predators if they feel threatened. They can inject the venom into their 'attacker's' skin by biting. Generally, we just feel the burning when red ants bite, as their venom is stronger than that of black ants.

Suhani Patni, VI Sigma

## WORD SHUFFLE- EXPLORE THE SEA!

H	W	H	A	L	E	D	U	C	K	R	A
F	I	S	H	L	J	F	U	F	K	D	R
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G	H	E	M	J	K	N	H	N	J	A	H
S	E	A	F	I	S	H	G	D	U	U	S

Answers : 1. Whale 2. Duck 3. Eel 4. Frog 5. Crocodile 6. Penguin  
7. Sea Fish 8. Octopus 9. Dolphin

Mayank More, IV Beta

## SUDOKU

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ANSWER

Kushagra Gupta, VIII Gamma





WONDERFUL FACTS ABOUT ANIMALS

- 1) The monkey has two brains - one controls its body and other its tail.
- 2) A snail can crawl over the cutting edge of a razor blade without hurting itself.
- 3) Dolphins never fully sleep as the two halves of their brain shut down alternately.
- 4) Floating sea snakes often find themselves surrounded by fish which gather at the snake's tail to avoid being eaten. When the snake wants to eat, it swims backwards fooling the unwary fish into mistaking its head for its tail.
- 5) In North America, some frogs build up some chemicals in their blood at the onset of cold weather. These chemicals act as a kind of anti-freeze, allowing the frog to survive temperatures as low as -8 degree Celsius without freezing.
- 6) The favourite food of the insect, giant cricket is human hair.
- 7) Elephant is the only animal with four knees. It can smell water from three miles away.
- 8) The very interesting fact about the animal racoon is that it always washes its food before eating.
- 9) Surprisingly snails can sleep for 3 to 4 years continuously. The ants never sleep.
- 10) The black necked cobra, which lives mostly in Africa, spits its venom into the eyes of its victim to cause blindness.

Tanmay Kumar , V Beta

ENGLISH TEACHING FORUM

Synonyms are words that mean exactly or nearly the same as another word.

1) Ebullient (adjective) – (meaning) over flowing with fervour, enthusiasm, or excitement; boiling  
Example : The award winner was in a ebullient mood at the dinner.  
Synonyms : zestful, effusive ,gushing , vivacious  
The lads conveyed an impression of zestful excitement.  
His praise for the young girl was so effusive that it sounded fake.  
She gushed with pride over her new acquisition.  
The vivacious dancer had many admirers.



2) Exactitude (noun) – (meaning) the quality of being exact; exactness; preciseness; accuracy.  
Example : the exactitude with which the student represented his research was quite impressive  
Synonyms : correctness, accuracy, faultlessness, carefulness  
You need to improve on your correctness of references.  
The accuracy with which he spoke had an impact on the audience.  
Just because his work had faultlessness doesn't mean he had done it all by himself .  
Pranav's presentation lacked carefulness of a meticulous teacher.

Vansh Singhal , VII Beta

IT'S QUIZ TIME!

- Q1: What percent of the Solar System's mass does the Sun hold?
- Q2: How much time do the sun rays take to reach the Earth?
- Q3: What is the Average Surface Temperature of the Moon?
- Q4: At what speed is the Andromeda galaxy approaching the Milky Way galaxy?
- Q5: What type of galaxy is the most common in the Universe?
- Q6: What has a gravitational pull so strong that even light cannot escape through it?
- Q7: Which NASA space flight was the last manned mission to the moon?
- Q8: How many minutes was the shortest space flight?
- Q9: What is the longest time a human has spent in the Space?



Answer : 1: 99.8% 2: 8 minutes 3: Day: 107 degrees Celsius and Night: -153 degrees Celsius.  
4: 100-140 km per second 5: Elliptical Galaxy. 6: Black Hole.  
7: Apollo 17, launched on Dec 7, 1972. 8: 15 minutes, occurred on May 5, 1961 in NASA's Freedom 7.  
9: 437 days, by Valeri Polyakov, who stayed aboard the Mir Space Station.

Spandan Vaidya, IX Gamma

THE MATH QUEST

T	Q	M	F	B	K	S	N	O	I	T	C	A	R	F
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Words to be found  
1. Congruent 2. Frustum 3. Polynomials 4.Theeta  
5. Cosc 6. Geometry 7. Quadrilateral 8. Trigonometry  
9. Euclid 10. Percentage 11. Tangent  
12. Fractions 13. Polygon 14. Thales

Ishan Patil  
VII Delta

CAN YOU FIND ALL 12 HIDDEN ADJECTIVES?

Q	L	M	S	H	E	A	L	T	H	Y	D	H	O
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I	U	G	L	Y	L	C	A	I	K	D	I	N	B
U	V	D	I	V	Q	U	L	C	F	K	N	F	D
B	M	S	S	D	O	H	L	I	J	U	K	J	A
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C	L	A	U	S	M	O	O	T	H	K	I	Q	K
D	M	N	J	K	L	C	D	N	B	C	K	L	D

Answers : 1. HONEST 5. BEAUTIFUL 9. THIN  
2. UGLY 6. CUTE 10. HEALTHY  
3. CLEVER 7. TALL 11. THICK  
4. FOOLISH 8. SHORT 12. SMOOTH

Tanish Jain, II Beta

DID YOU KNOW ?

- Ostriches are faster than horses!
- The human brain weighs less than 2% of the body weight.
- Kangaroos cannot walk backwards.
- Australia is the only continent in the world that has no volcanoes.
- The human eye has the ability to identify and differentiate over ten million colours.
- The Sun can hold 1.3 million earths!
- Giraffe's tongue is 21 inch long, it can clean its own ears!
- Butterflies' eyes contain thousand lenses. Surprisingly, they can see only red, yellow and green colours.
- Owls cannot move their eyes side to side.
- Tokyo is the largest city in the world by land area, followed by New York Metro.
- The most languages are spoken in Asia - over 2,300 languages!!
- Wearing headphones for just an hour could increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.



Yashvi Shah, III Theta





SPORTS SECTION



EVENT	PARTICIPANTS	GRADE	ZP/DISTRICT	ZONAL	STATE	NATIONAL	CBSE SOUTH ZONE	CBSE NATIONAL
BASKETBALL	U-14 Boys Team	VI to XII	4thposition	Shortlisted students participated at Zonal level.				
	U-14 Girls Team U-17 Boys Team U-17 Girls Team U-19 Boys Team U-19 Girls Team U-18 Boys Team U-18 Boys Team U-16 Boys Team	VI to VIII VIII to X VIII to X VIII to XII VIII to XII VIII to XII VIII to XII VIII to XII	4th position 2nd position 3rd position 2nd position 2nd position  1st position (Invitational) 2nd position (Invitational) 2nd position (Invitational) (B.K. Birla School)		1st position (Invitational)		2nd position	
TAEKWONDO	Bhanesh Manoj	XI	Participated	Participated	Participated	Participated	Participated	
	Mabel George Anshika Singh Dyutti Bobby Ravleen Siyan Om Badhane Riya Mahabal Chinmay Ardhalkar Kavin Gupta	VIII X X IX IX VI VI VI	Gold Gold Sliver Silver Silver Silver	Bronze Bronze				
	Rishit Gupta	II				2 Gold (Invitational) 1 Gold/ 1 Bronze(Invitational) 2 Gold/ Bronze(Invitational)		
	Krish Zinzuvadiya	V	Gold, 2 Gold (Invitational)					
JUDO	Atharva Satpute	X	Silver					
TABLE TENNIS	Under-14 Boys Team		1st position	1st position	2nd position	1st position	Participation	
	Under-17 Boys Team Under-17 girls team Under-19 Boys Team Anaiy Kovelamudi Rohan Khinvasara	VIII to X VIII to X X to XII VII XII	3rd position 3rd position 1st position 1st position 1st position	  1st position 1st position 1st position	  1st position 2nd position	  1st position 1st place	  1st position 1st position	3rd position Participation 1st position
THROWBALL	Under-14 girls Team	VI to VIII	4th position					
FOOTBALL	Under-17 Girls Team U-14 Girls Team U-14 Boys Team Raveet Bhatia Shreya Ray Mrunal More Monisha Pandu	VI to X VI to VIII VI to VIII VIII VIII VIII VIII	2nd position 3rd position 4th position Participation Participation Participation Participation	   Participation Participation selected to participate Participation	      Inter district Football state championship. Team secured 2 place Inter district Football State Championship. 2nd position	      	      	      Participation  Participation
	Varda Kannal	VIII	Participation	Participation				
	Boys team participated at the Pune District Football Association League.	VI to XII & Ex- students						
SHOOTING	Abhinandan Shristava	X	1st place	4th place	Participation	Participation		
	Yash Choudhary	IX	1st place	1st place	Participation	Participation		
CHESS	Vedant Anand	X	1st position	Selected to participate				
BADMINTON	14 Boys Team		1st position					
	Joachim Baburaj Arav Achari Srijan Bera	VI VII VI		participate participate participate				
SWIMMING	Rohit Patil (100m/ 200/400m Free Style)	X	Gold	Gold	4th position		Participated	
	Adeep Wagh (50m/ 100m-Back Stroke) & (100m Free Style)	VI	Silver	Selected to participate				
	Diya Ramani (50m Free Style)	VIII	Gold	Selected to participate				
	Janhavi Deshpande (100m Free/ 50m Breast Stroke 50m)	VII	Gold, Silver	Selected to participate				
	Apurwa Phusule (50m Breast Stroke)	VII	Bronze					
	Varun Deshpande (50m Breast Stroke)	VI	Bronze					
	Parth Bhegade (50m Breast Stroke)	X	Silver	Selected to participate				
	Sahil Wikhe (50m/100m free Style,50m Breast Stroke)	IX	Gold	Selected to participate				
SKATING	Shubh Gupta	VII	Gold	Silver	Silver	Silver		
	Jeel Zinzuvadiya	IX	Silver	Silver				
	Aryan Shewale	V	Bronze					
	Aditi Desai	IV	Gold	Silver	Silver		Bronze	
ROLLBALL	Anish Birnale							
	Under 14 Girls TEAM Under 14 Boys TEAM Under 17 Boys TEAM		2nd position 3rd position 1st position	2nd position				
	Siddhant Dubey		Selected to participate					
YOGA	Siddhant Jain	VI	4th position	Selected for Zonals				



# Art Zone



Mishka Uttarwar, I Gamma



Apurva Ghawte, V Sigma



Prithvi Singh, V Beta



Deeksha Srineet, II Alpha



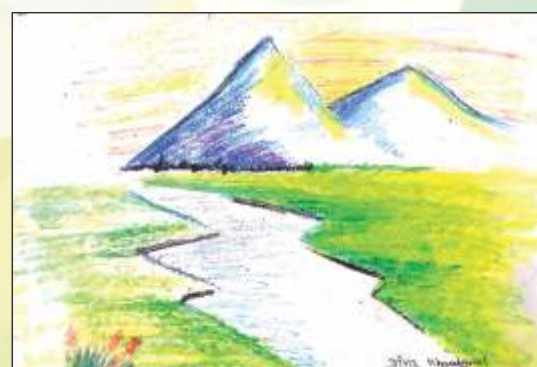
Hardik Kumawat, VIII Delta (Origami)



Aryan Mane, IV Delta



Aarav Bhakta, I Zeta



Diva Khandelwal, IV Beta



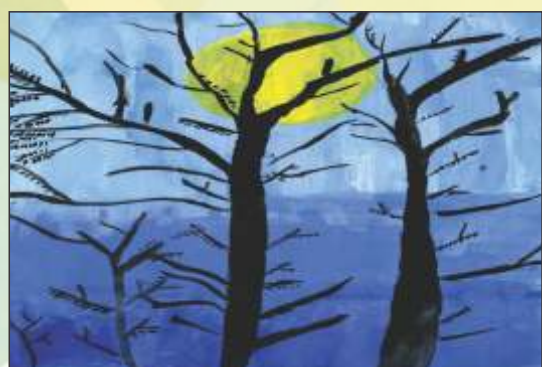
Olima Samanta, II Theta



Sarvesh Salvi, II Gamma



Kinaya Banerjee, I Delta



Advay Patil, II Beta



Aayush Doshi, VIII Delta(Origami)



Arnav Patil, III Beta



Aryan Raj, VIII Delta (Clay Work)



Priyali Namdeo, II Omega



Avishkar Ingle, VIII Gamma





Priya Sharma, XI Beta



Ananya Bharti, VII Omega



Anushka Birelly, IV Omega



Shreya Kadam, V Omega



Santhosh Chinthalapudi, V Beta



Haripriya Krishnakumar, IX Sigma



Ananya Malasane, VII Delta



Heer Randeria, III Delta



Sachi Anikhindi, VII Alpha (Clay art)



Janhavi Singh, VII Alpha



Omkar Jejurkar, VI Omega



Madhushri Wagh, IX Beta



Snigdha Banerjee, IV Omega



Sharika Dhakappa, IX Sigma



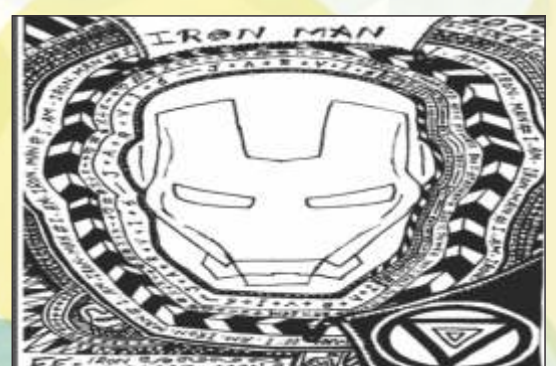
Parth Gharge, IV Alpha



Samridhi Srivastava, IV Beta



Arnav Kesarkar, VIII Gamma



Khushi Tyagi, X Delta



## MESSAGE FROM HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

This is my first school year in India and initially my parents felt getting adjusted to school would be a challenge for me. However, in the very first month itself I was selected as the Head Boy of our school. It helped me immensely to build my self-confidence and infused a sense of responsibility in me. It was a dream come true to don a 'Head Boy' badge. Becoming a Head Boy helped me to push myself towards academic excellence, build the right attitude and inculcate a caring and helping nature towards others. My duties as a Head Boy are to maintain discipline in the school and to make sure that everybody maintains self-hygiene. It also gave me an opportunity to hold the school flag on the sports day which made me very proud. As the Head Boy I will do my best in all the endeavors that come my way. One thing that we should always remember is "Never give up and keep trying until you achieve your goal"

Aadit Patil, V Theta



At last the day had come! I had finally accomplished my childhood dream of becoming the head of the student council. I was on cloud nine, as soon as I was elected as the primary section's head girl. I knew there were going to be responsibilities on my shoulders, but after all it was worth it. The student council members are amazing and enthusiastic team mates as well as friends. They are a bunch of determined students who have helped and supported me in this exciting journey. We are a group of ten dedicated students with similar aims of serving our school to the best of our capacities. My partner, the head boy is also a disciplined and well-mannered leader of our student council league. He is an excellent friend and partner to work with. Solving children's problems and helping them with their difficulties was a big challenge for us, but after a period of time we established a good relationship with our fellow students and it was fun! I hope the expectations set by our principal, teachers and students were fulfilled by us. Thank you!

Preksha Rangnekar  
V Gamma

Being the head girl is not about the title or position but the immense pleasure and honour to be chosen to lead the school. When I was sitting in a line on the day of the investiture ceremony, I couldn't have guessed what was to come next. As the list of prefects poured out, I was astonished to hear the position of head girl followed by my name.

I was honoured to hold the school flag aloft and say the oath. This was all possible because of my hardworking teachers and my parents who kept helping me all the way. They showed me the right path.

I am proud to be head girl. I promise to run the school with devotion, zeal and zest. Thank you for choosing me and believing in me.....

Alisha Bhowmick, V Theta



I have thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to be Head Boy this year. The first thought that comes to my mind is that I had a lot of fun. It was exciting and although it was difficult at times to balance everyday life with the responsibilities of the position, overall the experience helped me learn a lot about myself and boosted my self-confidence. Perhaps, the most challenging aspect of being Head Boy was keeping friends. It was important to find a balance between friendship and discharging my duties. It was important to make sure everyone was on the same page, and to come to a consensus was challenging at times, but my friends were there to support me in my efforts, which was a big help.

The most important thing I learnt was to respect others views. This role taught me the importance of being organized, as I am notoriously famous for being disorganized back at home, but the nature of my duty compelled me to learn how to plan and coordinate a busy life successfully, a skill I'm sure will benefit me in the years to come.

I am grateful to the INS community for helping us grow, both as learners and as individuals. We have had many amazing experiences that will stay with us for the rest of our lives. From musicals to championship victories, from Olympiads to Sports events and moments of insight in the classroom, INS has enriched our lives. None of these moments would have been possible without the unceasing dedication and support from our teachers, the administration and the students of the school. The school encouraged us to take on additional responsibilities and be a part in each other's passion as it helped all of us to grow as a community and make our school proud of having nurtured us.

Abhimanyu Sen,  
V Gamma

## THE MUSICAL MINDS - THE PEACE ELEMENTS



Four young students of grade IX want to make a career in music; Anshu Teli, Shreyas Thorat, Sarah Londhe, Arya Samrit... their aim is to make music which will make people happy and calm their minds. It became a reality in November 2017, when these young minds collaborated together for a cover song sung by popular singing stars "Charlie Puth" & "Selena Gomez" who have also sung the very famous song "We Don't Talk Anymore". They released their song on the Christmas Eve of 2017 on You Tube. Their video has so far received 1000+ views and the number is increasing each day! To enjoy their song please visit the link <https://www.youtube/watch?v=3fneudvbiys>. Don't forget to like and subscribe!



## LEADER IN ME

It has been rightly said by Stephen R Covey "Leadership is communicating to people their worth and potential so clearly that they are inspired to see it in themselves." We all know that we are living in the 21st century where the global playing field has been evened out. We are out of the era where cramming facts into the brain will lead a person to success; we are in the age where the winners of today possess above average creativity and strong analytical skills.

What makes a person successful or great? Greatness can be defined in many ways. Some people may define greatness as fame, achievement or wealth. But that is actually termed as secondary greatness. That leaves the question "What is primary greatness?" Primary greatness can be termed as a person's integrity, work ethic-motives and level of initiative. As crazy as it may sound primary greatness is actually a stepping stone to secondary greatness. These skills are the ones that are required today and there is no better time to teach them than the time in school and that is what the 'Leader in Me' program is all about.

It aims to inculcate in students vital qualities that will help them take on leadership responsibilities. Apart from the traditional student council, students should be given responsibilities in organising events while the teachers supervise. The program uses the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People as the base.

Indira National School is the third school in India to implement this program. The program has been a success and has received positive reviews from both teachers and students.

Arihant Bhradwaj,  
IX Omega, Student Sub-Editor

