



## YOUNG MINDS



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### MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 23rd edition of the Annual Newsletter 'Young Minds'. It gives me immense pleasure to be able to connect with you through the pages of Young Minds.

Today, the role of a school is not only to pursue academic excellence but also to motivate and empower its students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and productive members of an ever-changing global society. Almost a decade ago, Indira National School pledged to transform learning and give the students a top of the line education.

**"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think." - Albert Einstein**

At INS, we believe in the same. We know how important children are and we do all that we can to educate them in a creative, artistic, and nurturing environment where sky is

**Mrs. Vijaya Joshi, Executive Principal**

the limit! We constantly remind ourselves that we are building tomorrow's future. And hence we are focused on being a learning-centered school that is consistently moving forward in preparing students to be successful as modern-day global citizens. Students need to be provided with a platform to think, express and exhibit their skills. Young Minds is one such initiative to set the budding minds free, allow them to wander in the realm of 'imagination and experience' to create a world of beauty in words and colours.

The 2020 year in the grip of COVID has been a year like no other. As we move towards the end of the academic year under very different and atypical circumstances, we want to extend our appreciation to the entire IGI & INS IT team who worked closely and partnered with our staff to provide our students with opportunities to continue their distance learning in the comfort and safety of their homes. We sincerely thank all the staff for their enormous contributions in 2020. A year that in the pages of history will be recorded as COVID -19, the year that required our staff to go above and beyond in all manner of educational matters; a year that has now exposed our students to many unique learning opportunities; the year of distance learning which has instilled in us the importance of valuing learning wherever it takes place.

We recognize and reflect upon the success, achievement and required flexibility and

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### Congratulations !!!



It is a proud feeling to inform you all that the following awards were given by **World Leadership Awards**.

- 1) **Mrs. Preeti Munje** - Education Leadership Award (Information Technology)
- 2) **Indira National School, Pune** - School of the Year.

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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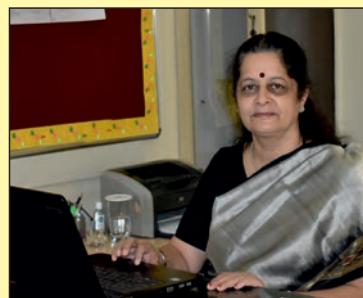
I take the privilege to introduce myself as the Principal of Indira National School. Though I took over the role of the Principal from 1st March 2020, unfortunately I couldn't interact much with the students personally because

of the lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Over the past year we have been going through an unprecedented global predicament. Each one of us and the entire world has been

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Readers,

Hello, I am Madhuri Gokhale. I have taken over charge as a Principal for the morning shift on 02 February 21. Since I am new to the organization it would be too early for me to say anything about the school. However, I am sure

that school days occupy a very special place in each one's heart. Today we may be successful in whatever we do; the foundation of our life has always been our school. The games, examinations,

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patience that our staff, parents and students have had to rely on collectively. As a collaborative team we value the importance of building strong relationships with home and school and appreciate the support that we have received from our INS families as we successfully embarked on a new journey of distance learning!

Dear Parents, we truly could not have accomplished the task without your support and dedication. We sincerely thank you for your understanding , the compassion shown to our staff , your flexibility and assistance in helping us teach your children with new online technology and for always remaining a positive force.

The consistent support of parents empowers us to do more. We welcome your association with our school and look forward to working together to make these early years of education a rewarding experience for your child and you. I also urge the parent community to take active part in what their child is required to do at home and maximize support for the child's independent reading. The road to a successful adulthood starts early. We strive every day to make sure that while the path, at times, may not be easy, what is learnt at INS will inspire a student to do his/her best at every stage.

I heartily wish all the readers my best wishes. Be safe, stay well and always remember that learning continues for a life time. I am confident Indiraites will make themselves stronger every passing day, adding a new leaf to the grandeur of the school.

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affected by the corona virus pandemic. The pandemic brought us closer to technology and the regular classrooms were replaced with Virtual classes. Here I would like to acknowledge the efforts taken by the teachers. Within no time with the help of Indira Group of Institutes and Indira National School IT team, through trainings undergone, the teachers adapted to the change. Dear teachers, I want to congratulate you on everything that you have done to ensure that the students' education is in no way compromised and hampered. Your persistence and perseverance have really paid off. Also would like to appreciate the students for adjusting and adapting so well to the virtual classes. Since our students were at home 24/7 we thought of engaging them in a different way by providing them with co-curricular activities and club activities where the children could do something different other than studies. This was worked out very well in phases.

We have been committed to providing a personalized learning to each student who has come through our doors. At INS, we foster every student's independence and encourage them to explore what drives them.

I am really proud of all the teachers, the Vice Principals and all the heads who have all worked as a team to achieve one goal "Educating our students and helping them in overall development".

I feel incredibly proud to announce that one of our Vice Principals, Mrs Preeti Munje has received the award "Education Leadership Award"(Information Technology) and INDRA NATIONAL SCHOOL has received " Best School of the Year" award in the 19th Global edition of "Business Leader of the Year Awards" presented by World Leadership Congress and Awards at Mumbai. These awards were received for our outstanding performance during the pandemic year with regard to Virtual Schooling. This indeed is a proud moment for INS family.

The school is functioning in two shifts from the A/Y 2020-2021. We have two Principals, Mrs. Madhuri Gokhale for Morning Shift and I will be continuing as the Principal for Afternoon Shift.

Looking forward to seeing, hearing and meeting all students once the school begins. I wish all the students to do their best and be passionate in whatever they want to achieve. I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you dear Parents for your constant support. Wish you all a healthy and safe life.

Till then stay safe.

Warm Regards

**Mrs. Aarti Garampalli**

**Principal - Afternoon Shift**

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success, failures, excursions, debates, arguments and the list goes on... All these memories are like nostalgia. If given a choice I am sure each one of us would like to go back to our school days, would like to sit on the same bench, would like to listen to the same teachers and would like to find traces on the ground or in the library of the days spent together with friends.

As an educationist and having worked in the position of a Principal in various schools for almost 18 years, my efforts would be to create those valuable memories for your children. Every opportunity would be given to them to participate in maximum activities, make them realize that participation and going through the experience of a competition is more important than winning or losing. The experience of going through the process will be learning from them. I want to train the children to accept every challenge that comes their way and face it courageously without thinking about the victory or the defeat. Not only academics but every activity that takes place in the school is equally important because it is taking them towards learning life lessons; which will be in their mind permanently as a guiding force.

It might seem to you that I am expecting a bit too much but all these tasks are possible with a valuable support of the management and active participation of the parents. So let's all work together to build a positive future of our children and in turn the future of our country.

Thank you

**Ms. Madhuri Gokhale**

**Principal - Morning Shift**





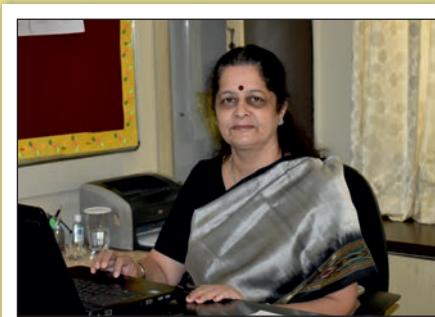
## NEW APPOINTMENTS



**Mrs. Vijaya Joshi** joined as the Executive Principal of Indira National School from October, 2019.



**Mrs. Aarti Garampalli** was appointed as the Principal in March 2020.



**Ms. Madhuri Gokhale** joined as the Principal for Secondary and Primary School (Morning Shift) on 2nd February, 2021.



**Mrs. Uma Pradeep** was appointed as the Principal of the new branch of Indira National School opened in Parandwadi (Grade I to V) in October, 2019.



**Mrs. Preeti Munje** was appointed as the Vice Principal (IT) in December, 2019.



**Mrs. Vrushali Deshmukh** was appointed as the Vice Principal (Admin) in December, 2018



**Mrs. Sneha Sapre** was appointed as the Vice Principal (Academics) along with her current position as Vice Principal (XI- XII) in August, 2020.



**Mrs. Aakanksha Bhangaonkar** was appointed as the Vice Principal (Senior Secondary) in April, 2020.



**Mrs. Jayashree Thorat** was appointed as the Vice Principal (Middle School) in April, 2020



**Mrs. Savita Sonawane** was appointed as the Vice-Principal (Primary) in November, 2019.



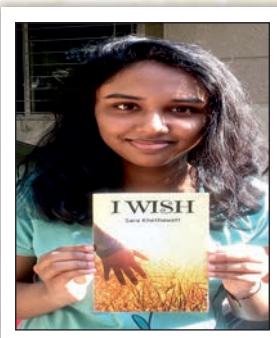
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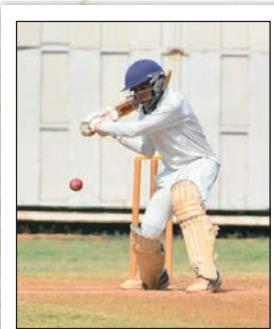
**Sara Tendulkar** : A grade X student, wrote four more books of which two have been published in June 2020 and are available for order from the publisher as well as Amazon, while two more will be available in 2021.



**Atharva Kokate**: A grade VI student, won a consolation prize in 'SCI VID 2020 Competition', conducted by Vigyan Bharati, Pune for his project : Simulate Mystical Appearance of water stream with Siphon concept.



**Advik Tiwary** : A grade VI student, who's also Budding Cricketer, under who's captaincy the team won the 'Rahul Dravid Cup, U12' in which he was awarded Man of the Match for the finals. His team also won 'Varroc Cup U 14', and he was awarded 'Best Batsman of the Series' and was 'Man of the Match' for the Semifinals as well.



**Sara Khetawat** : A grade VIII student, who's first book 'I Wish' was published on 30th Dec 2020. She also designed the book cover herself.



**Javin Kapur** : A grade VII student, won the 25th position in 'Scholastic Writing Awards (SWA) 2020' all India out of 20000+ contestants. His story was titled "ROAD TO A MYSTERIOUS ISLAND!", and is about an adventurous journey of 5 friends.



# ACHIEVEMENTS



**Deeksha Sreenit:** A grade V student, wrote an original short story "Monster of Mayanagari" , which won an award in the 'Learnivity Story Contest' this academic year.

**Aron Raj :** A grade III student, participated in 'JK Rowling - Open Drawing Competition' for a Fairy-Tale book "THE ICKABOG" and he is among the 34 winners globally. He also got the first position in Online National Art Contest 2020 with "Space" as its theme. He has received the Winner's trophy and certificate for the same.



**Oorjha Mhatre :** A grade II student, got the Third position in 'State level Abacus Competition (Level 1)' on 27th Dec, 2020. She has received Trophy and certificate for the same.



**Saiansh Sinha :** A grade II student, got the 'Merit Position in ICC - 2020' which is an 'ISRO Cyber Space Competition 2020'. He has received a certificate from ISRO for his painting for space science.



**Master Adeep Wagh:** A grade IX student, represented Maharashtra and has grabbed a gold in the 'Individual Time Trial Event ( U-14 category)' at the '17th MTB (Mountain Biking) National Championship 2020' held at Gadag, Karnataka. The second event at the Nationals was 'Mass Start in Mountain Biking' where he bagged a silver at the podium at the same event. He has also won the State Championship with a gold at the road races as well as the Mountain Biking race organized by the Cycling Federation of India.



*Success is sweet, but the secret is sweat - INS is proud of you.*



## ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-20 GRADE X & XII RESULT

### SCHOOL TOPPERS - STD. X

Rank	Name of the student	Percentage
1	Kumud Mantri	98.20%
2	Zeal Darshan Gandhi	98.20%
3	Vrishti Deepak Godhwani	98.00%
4	Shravanee Satish Gogulwar	97.80%

### SCHOOL TOPPERS - STD. XII

Rank	Name of the student	Percentage
1	Ritwik Rajesh Mangrulkar	98.00%
2	Muskan Jain	96.20%
3	Nyja Arvind Gowda	96.00%
4	Abhinandan Shrivastava	95.40%
5	Anchal Sharma	95.20%



## SCHOOL EVENTS AND INITIATIVES



### REPUBLIC DAY -

On the occasion of the 72nd Republic Day, our honorable chairperson, Dr. Tarita Shankar spoke about the importance of happiness for the well-being of our health and how the pandemic has taught us that health is more important than money. She also spoke about the importance of unity, never give up attitude in our lives.

An initiative by Dr. Tarita Shankar



**COVID CARE CLUB**

*Celebrating 10 Days..*

- 3087+ Likes**
- 3091+ Followers**
- 229394 + Post Reach**
- 11453 + Video Views**

**WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU**



Covid Care Club is an initiative by Dr. Tarita Shankar to CARE for those affected by #COVID19.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY :

Indira National School celebrated #Independence Day with unprecedented patriotic fervour on 15 August , 2020 amidst the pandemic. We had Virtual Flag hoisting for the students and staff members. After the flag hoisting the National Anthem was sung.



Newspaper bags made by XI and XII students were donated to the vegetable vendors of the weekly organic bazaar.

### WORK EXPERIENCE PROJECTS OF GRADE XI STUDENTS



# VIRTUAL EVENTS

## eMUN 2020



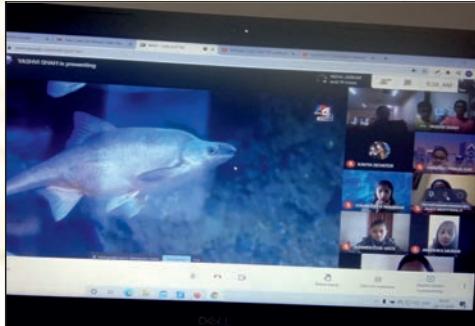
Grade X Students had participated in the 1st Edition of eMUN 2020 organised by Amanora School.

## CLUB ACTIVITY



For overall development of students personality and to give them an opportunity to showcase and hone their talents and also prepare them for Intra school competitions, various Club Activities were conducted throughout the year, for classes I - XII

## VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP



As we could not actually take students to different places due to Pandemic, Virtual Field Trip was arranged for INS Students( Primary & Middle school).

## VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



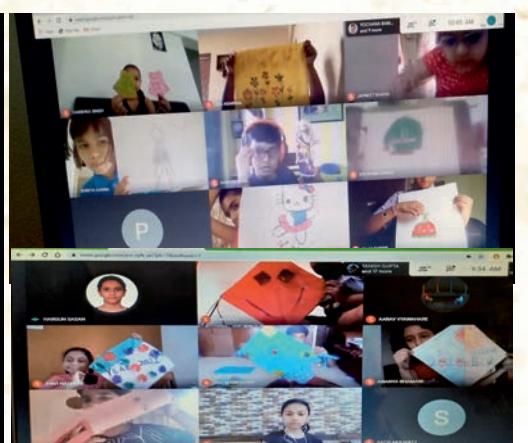
To create the feeling of hope , Indira National School organised a Virtual Christmas Celebration for its students of Primary & Middle School.

## DIWALI AND CHILDREN'S DAY



The students of Grade V to Grade VIII showcased a variety of talent on the occasion of Diwali and Children's Day celebrations.

## VIRTUAL CCA ACTIVITIES (I TO VIII)



**Art Integrated Learning (I to XII):** Art integration uses various art forms for experience-based learning of various concepts in different subjects. The art-integrated approach strengthens the linkages between education and culture. The motives of art integrated learning are to make students aware of the diverse Indian art and culture.



## Battle of Brains

Praket Dixit, Parth Mittal and Prita Shringarpure (and their team) took the roles of the overall Admins for the Battle of Brains event to lead and shape the event. They created a platform for students to express themselves and their not-so contemporary talents of debating and Smart Decision making.



# LITERARY WORKS

## THE RED BEAR

Once there was a bear,  
Who was always fair.  
His color was red,  
And he liked his bed.  
In the morning he would wake,  
And would go to the lake.  
When he would get some load,  
He would like to roam with his friend, the toad.  
The toad's name was lary,  
When he would make any mistake he would always say sorry.  
Once the bear went to a hotel,  
And ordered a glass of cocktail.  
The cocktail was so sour,  
But the bear liked it and ordered some more.  
When he reached his home,  
He checked his mobile phone.  
It was going to be midnight so,  
He changed his clothes and told me "Good Night".



Aarush Sudhir Takke,  
V Sigma

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घुटनों से रेंगते -रेंगते ,  
कब पैरो पर खड़ी हुई ;  
तेरी ममता की छाँव में ,  
जाने कब बड़ी हुई ;  
काला टीका दूध मलाई ,  
आज भी सब कुछ वैसा ही है ;  
मै ही मै हूँ हर जक्षह ,  
प्यार ये तेरा कैसा है ;  
सीधी - साधी, भोली - भाली ,  
मै ही सबसे अच्छी हूँ ;  
कितनी भी हो जाऊ बड़ी ,  
माँ ! मै आज भी तेरी बच्ची हूँ ।



Aarushi Gadkari  
VIII Omega

## "WHO HAS IT NEVER VALUES IT, BUT WHO DOES NOT HAVE IT IS GRATEFUL FOR IT"

In today's world everything has become advanced. People are rich. They have big homes, high quality cars, a lot to eat, money to buy the best things from the stores, etc. Do you think this is how everyone lives? Might be some people are poor and do not even have enough money to fulfill their daily needs.

After I said all this you can say, it is true that some people are poor and do not have enough money, but they are still satisfied and grateful for what they can afford. On the other hand, some rich people like us have a shelter above our heads, food by which we don't need to starve day and night and are still not satisfied. For example, today a rich man bought a Lamborghini but he will not be satisfied and will want a Rolls Royce.

Now let us get to the point why I said "WHO HAS IT NEVER VALUES IT". I said it because the one who has it will always feel it is cheap and will want something more expensive. While the one who does not have it will be very grateful as he has never been greedy for so much and never ever had it.

What I would like to tell all of you is to be grateful with what you have and instead of complaining about what you do not have. Instead, help someone out there who does not have.

Aditi Rajeshirke, VI Alpha

## What the Apple's M1 Mac lineup means for the PC industry?

**S**ince its release on the 10th of November, the M1 has been shocking people with its performance and efficiency. Boasting upto 2.8x faster CPU performance, 11x the neural engine performance and 5x the Graphics performance(YES IT'S AN INTEGRATED GRAPHICS) in the MacBook Pro models all with upto 20 hours of battery life. Not only is the battery life the longest in a MacBook but it even beats the MacBook Air which previously held the record for the battery life king in Apple's MacBook lineup.

People are under the misconception that Apple is the first company to put a silicone chip in a laptop, not to mention its main ones, but Microsoft already experimented with silicon chips, but the response from people was not positive because of two main reasons. Firstly, Silicon chips used by Microsoft were weaker than their x86 counterparts. Secondly, the required emulation to run x86 software was missing. People could only run the apps meant for silicone or the apps that Microsoft translated and provided to them, which, fairly speaking, was VERY less. That was an obvious fail.

What did Apple do to make the M1 popular and so successful? Well, the answer interestingly boils down to the software and not the hardware. Yes, the hardware is good but the emulation used by Apple called Rosetta 2(2 because Apple's shift from PowerPC to Intel used the original Rosetta which was another emulator) is really good. Rosetta 2's small size conjugated with the super fast Flash Storage of the new Macs can read it faster which offers more performance when translating an x86 app.

The x86 Architecture has a long history. But I'm going to shorten it out. X86 is a CPU architecture developed initially by Intel in 1978 then by another company named AMD. X86 was derived from intel's 8086 microprocessor. This particular microprocessor was so famous that this CPU architecture was nicknamed x86. X86 uses an instruction set called the CISC which is much more complex(which makes it inefficient and power hungry) than RISC, which is the instruction set used by the ARM processors. ARM processors weren't exactly as powerful at first, because they were using CISC which was meant for the x86 processors instead. When ARM decided to develop a simpler set of instructions, it named it RISC(Reduced Instructions Set Computer). This provided power efficiency and performance at the same time. The desktop market wasn't exactly dominated by ARM but still a fair amount of computers belonged to ARM. It was safe to say that the desktop market belonged to intel. Where ARM's processors really flourished was in old school gaming consoles such as the ones from Nintendo. They were also the first preference in mobile devices due to their power efficiency.

When Apple shifted to intel from PowerPC chips, they had already planned the iPhone. They asked intel whether they would provide the required chips for their iPhone, but intel denied thinking that the iPhone was going to be an utter failure. Apple turns to ARM and the downfall of intel is now in the brewing. A new and capable x86 pops up(AMD of course), and charts containing the performance levels of Apple A-series CPUs are shown side-to-side with Intel's desktop grade CPU. From this chart, it is evident that Intel has been struggling with its development by showing only a 28% performance improvement, whereas Apple's A-series custom designed ARM chips have shown a 300% performance improvement from the iPhone 6s to the iPhone 12 Pro Max.

As Steve Jobs once quoted, "An architecture remains famous for only about 10 years. It takes 5 years to get developers to make apps for that architecture. Then, it enters a gliding state where no more improvements can be made and it slowly collapses onto itself." This statement is true as x86 has held the CPU crown for the last 42 years. But now, its downfall is imminent due to saturation in its improvement. Currently, AMD holds the x86 crown but even that might be lost to the upcoming ARM chips if AMD too fails to innovate. A blog even said "Apple claims M1 to be the fastest CPU in its wattage ratings and we believe it. It falls short of AMD's Zen 3 CPU's but keeping the next Macs in mind, that's not a long way. However, it'll be incredibly hard for AMD to match the M1's power efficiency. If Apple and other laptop and desktop makers follow suit in adopting ARM, x86 might never regain its crown again."

Manveer Singh, VIII Delta



## SELF LOVE

In life, everyone needs to have self-love. Having self-love does not mean being selfish, mean, or arrogant, but you should not let anyone or anything let you down. Self-love means to keep yourself happy, understand yourself, keep yourself calm and peaceful. It is not difficult to do so if you believe in yourself. You need to love yourself more than anything. Learn how to respect your existence. When you have questions to answer in life, hear what your soul tells you, no one else can listen to it. When you listen to your soul and make a decision, you do not have anything to worry about, you do not regret it. Whenever you keep yourself happy even the world around you is happy and everything seems to be heavenly. In today's world, sometimes people do not understand the importance of self-love and don't realise their potential, they feel alone, they feel as if they are incapable of doing anything and so they start losing their self-esteem. The reason why self-love is important is because self-belief, self-esteem cannot be given to you by someone, only you can offer this present to yourself. Before doing something, pause for a moment and close your eyes, think, "Will I be happy? Will my soul be happy?" If your answer to these questions turns out to be a yes then you know that you are doing is right. When we look at a bird chirruping and flying in the air we get a smile on our face. The bird is happy, it loves the way it is, it loves itself, it does what its heart tells it to do and this makes us happy too. See, it's that easy. Now if you would ask how can I start mission self-love? here's your question- bring a smile on your face, do what makes you happy, talk to people who make you feel good, celebrate even the smallest achievements of your life, find happiness in everything you find, be thankful for the gift of your life, be confident of yourself and at the end of the day give yourself a tight hug and say "thank you" to yourself, to your heart, mind, and soul. At last, but not least, let positive vibes into your mind and heart. Believe me, from that moment onwards you will feel yourself being happy.

Rosanne Therattil, XI Commerce

## THE PRIZE OF KINDNESS

There was a homeless man named Billy, who barely got by. He would hold out a cup and beg people for money, hoping to get enough so he didn't have to sleep on the street at night. Little did he know he was about to meet a lady who was about to change his life forever. "Here is 80\$, hope this helps" said the lady. "Oh my god! Thank you so much, but why did you give me so much?" asked Billy confused. She replied "I have always believed, what goes around, comes around." When Billy asks for her name she says "it's Sarah Clingston. I work across the street, I am sure I will see you around." Later that day when he emptied the cup to see how much money he received that day he found a wedding ring. The wedding ring of Sarah!! He runs after Sarah to give her ring back. He looks all around for her but can't find her anywhere. Just as he was about to give up looking for her finds a pawn shop. And he decides he may as well go inside. When he gives the ring to the shopkeeper, he says that he can give \$4000 for the ring. And then just when he was about to give the ring he remembered what Sarah had said "what goes around, comes around". He says to the shopkeeper that he has changed his mind, takes the ring and rushes out of the shop. Billy decides not to take the money and continues looking for Sarah, as he was walking around he remembers something she told him. SHE TOLD HIM SHE WORKS ACROSS THE STREET! He walks into nearby offices asking for Sarah clington but nobody seems to know who she was. He keeps trying and eventually she finds her. He returns the wedding ring to her. She is very happy but asks him "but I don't understand, you could have gotten a lot of money for this, why did you give it back?" he replied "a wise woman once told me, what goes around comes around." After this act of kindness Sarah starts a fundraiser page for Billy and he ends up getting 935,650\$ in a month.

**Moral - 1]** Never take things which don't belong to you.

**2]** Get a wedding ring that fits you!!

Mrinali Kumar,  
VI Gamma

## THE PROUD ROSE

Once upon a time, in a desert far away, there was a rose who was so proud of her beautiful looks. Her only complaint was growing next to an ugly cactus. Every day, the beautiful rose would insult and mock the cactus on his looks, all while the cactus remained quiet. All the other plants nearby tried to make the rose see sense, but she was to be swayed by her own looks.

One scorching summer, the desert became dry, and there was no water left for the plants. The rose quickly began to wilt. Her beautiful petals dried up, losing their lush color. Looking to the cactus, she saw a sparrow dip his beak into the cactus to drink some water. Though ashamed, the rose asked the cactus if she could have some water. The kind cactus readily agreed, helping them both through the tough summer, as friends.

**MORAL - Never judge anyone by the way they look.**

Saumya Gangamwar, VI Gamma

## KNOW HOWS!!!

We are found in all the racks

To store things and act as sacks

Now-a-days nobody wants me, don't know why?

Can you guess, who am I?

I am a PLASTIC BAG!!

I say PonkPonk, I say PonkPonk

Don't you feel it sounds like a song?

People hate me, don't know why?

Can you guess, who am I?

I am a CAR HORN!!

We are almost at everyone's home

Old wires, CDs and Phones

People throw me, don't know why?

Can you guess, who am I?

I am ELECTRONIC WASTE!!

Plastic, Horn, Electronic Waste

They are my unwanted guests

Keep me clean, you know why

Can you guess, who am I?

I am your Dear MOTHER EARTH!!



Myra Kapadnekar, IV Sigma

## WHERE THE ROSES HAVE NO THORNS

I am on a quest to find a place

Where the people are not torn.

Where all have a smile on their face,

And the roses have no thorns.

For my adventurous and daring quest,

I must find others who possess the strength

To find this place to their abilities' best,

And those, who achieve unity, will go to great lengths.

Many will doubt my zeal and passion.

Many will try to perturb my path.

But to those passersby unwilling to take action,

They will endure the oppressor's pain and wrath.

The journey may take months, years, or decades

But I shall not give up, not even if death undoes me

For I have passed on my message so it does not fade

From the minds of the millions who've truly touched me

It has truly taken a long time,

But I hear that after years of enduring scorns.

The people have finally found a place sublime,

Where they can finally grow,

Large bushes of roses that have no thorns.



Ayush Kumar, X Gamma





## THE MONSTER OF MAYANAGARI

Once upon a time, there was a magical land known as 'Mayanagari'. The land had golden trees full of chocolates instead of leaves! It had a green sky and hills full of toys. Children used to love climbing the trees, eating chocolates, and playing with toys in the hills.

But alas! The land had a curse that a scary monster would rule over it until some clever children set it free. The monster's name was Ugrakumbha. He had pointed horns and big red eyes. He even had long nails with which he would grab and eat people. He often harassed the people.

Out of all children in this land, there were four clever and brave brothers - Ram, Hari, Govind and Gopal. One day, Ugrakumbha created havoc throughout the land and set several houses on fire. The children were furious and asked their parents how to get rid of the monster. The parents told them, "Children, Ugrakumbha can be killed in only one way. A 200 year old man knows the secret but Ugrakumbha has captured him and kept him in a deep dark cave near the forest. Its entrance is guarded by two poisonous snakes." Hearing this, the children thought hard and made a plan.

Next day, they went to a bird-hunter and requested him, "Sir, we need an eagle to help us kill the monster." The bird-hunter promptly captured a huge eagle from the forest, put it in a cage and handed it to the children. They took it to the cave and let it loose on the snakes. The eagle swooped down and quickly gobbled up the snakes. The children rushed into the cave and rescued the old man.

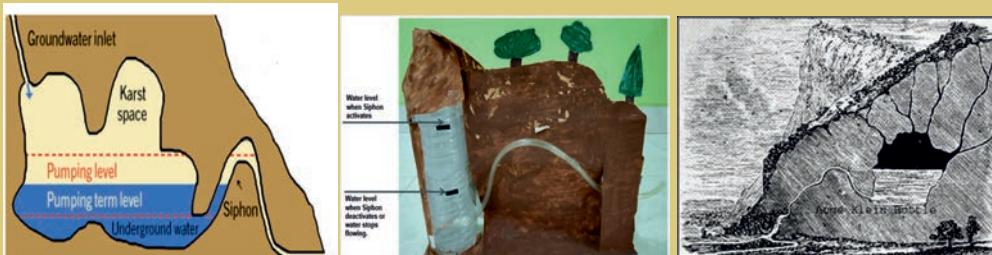
Ram requested him, "Sir, please tell us the secret way to kill Ugrakumbha." The old man replied, "The monster can be killed only when he eats the chocolates from the trees in the north. But those are guarded by his men so that no one can pluck them." The children thanked the old man and proceeded with their mission. They collected some materials and hurried towards the north. They had made a plan.

They waited behind some bushes, prepared some juice and added a magic chemical to it. After some hours, they went up to the guards and said, "You all look very tired. Here is some juice to refresh you." The guards readily drank the juice and all of them fell into a swoon. The four brothers quickly plucked the chocolates and ran back home.

They asked their mother to make sweet porridge and dissolve the chocolates in it. Then, they took it to the castle and said to the monster, "O mighty Ugrakumbha, we have made a special dish for you." Saying this, they handed him the porridge. The monster ate it with relish. After finishing the porridge, he suddenly started melting and soon he was no more! All the people praised the four brothers. Mayanagari was again a land of joy.

Deeksha Srinet, V Beta.

## SCIENCE FACTS BEHIND RHYTHMIC SPRING



In Konkan, there is one place where spring water suddenly appears after monsoon and flows for around 60-90 days and then disappears. One important thing about this spring water is, it only appears every 3 years and not every year. It is true that this spring water is nothing but rain water stored in the under-ground aquifers. But the mystery is, why it is not happening every year and only after 3 years.

In scientific terms, it is known as Rhythmic Springs. Through experiments we can show that as groundwater flows continuously into a cavern, it fills a narrow tube that leads upwards from near the base of the cavern, then downwards to the spring. As the water level reaches the high point of the tube, it creates a siphon effect, sucking water out of the chamber. Eventually air rushes into the tube and breaks the siphon, stopping the flow.

Atharva Kokate, VI Theta

## THE INTERNET: A SAFE SPACE FOR MANY

We experienced the academic Year 2020-21 completely online, due to unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances. The pandemic has had a great impact on our lives, greatly pushing us towards using the internet for almost all our needs. It was then, that I also discovered what a great place the internet could be. We are all told from a young age, to beware of meeting people online as you never know when they might turn out to be a hacker or someone even worse. It is of course very true, and we all should stay aware, but it should not be a reason for us to never talk/interact with new people online.

Over the past year, I have met a lot of people online, of my age, and some older who are incredibly talented and I am extremely glad to be their friend. We talk over various social media platforms; interact with each other, while also setting clear boundaries with each other. We have communities to discuss and talk about our latest projects, and our interests. Sometimes we play games together; sometimes we talk over voice channels and sing together. We have a great time. It's extremely surprising that we can find such awesome people and befriend them online. A lot of these people are so talented. Many are famous/popular artists in the online community, some are gamers, some are writers, and some sing and write songs. It's a beautiful assortment of young talents and they are a constant reminder that the internet can be a great place to meet new people and make new friends. It provides an excellent platform to voice out your thoughts and opinions and interact with people who share the same interests as you.

"Stay safe online with who you talk to" and "The internet is a great place to meet new people" are two statements that can coexist and go hand in hand.

Ananya Bharti, X Gamma

## THE VALUE OF KINDNESS

Once upon a time there was a king. One day, he was hunting in the forest. There, he and his team of hunters made a lot of noise. They destroyed the peaceful forest, interrupted the rituals of the sages and all the animals living there were troubled. They killed many innocent animals. One of them was a pet deer that belonged to a sage who loved it dearly.

The sage was really angry with him. "Oh King! You are not fit to be a king. In your next birth, you will be reborn as a monkey and live a very sad and painful life," cursed the sage. The king was very ashamed of himself. He begged the sage and said, "O Sage! I am so ashamed of myself! Is there any way I can get rid of this curse?"

The king continued to plead until the sage took pity on him and said "In your next birth, you will find a Banana plant which will have silver bananas. Amidst them you will find one golden banana. When you eat that golden banana, you will become a king again."

Days passed. The king died and was reborn as a monkey. All the animals in the jungle were extremely cruel to him, just like he was in his previous birth. None of the other monkeys cared for him. Even his brothers and sisters hated him. He had a very sad and painful life just like the sage had predicted.

One day he was jumping around. He climbed on a banana plant to eat some bananas. Then, he saw that the Banana plant had some white coloured bananas. He climbed a little upwards and saw a very bright, shiny, yellow banana. Interested, he took the banana and realized it was very hard. Being a monkey, a hard banana did not seem to be edible to him. So, he just threw the banana away.

Just then, the sage was passing by the banana plant. Seeing that the monkey had thrown it away, he picked up the golden banana and laughed hard.

Alas! The foolish monkey remained a monkey throughout his entire lifetime and did not transform into a king, simply because he didn't remember anything from his previous birth!

Moral of the story: Always be nice and kind to everyone at present itself. No one knows what will happen in the future or in the next birth.

Devijaa Datta, Std I, Delta



## THE MAN AND THE KING

Once upon a time there lived a kind and generous king named Martin Loomer and a queen named Rosabell Loomer. They had two children, a son, and a daughter. The son's name was Irfan Loomer and the daughter's name was Mary Loomer. They always went to explore new places on Saturdays and loved to help the poor and needy people on their trips. One day as they were on a trip it started raining and the carriage got bumped by a rock. One of the carriage's wheel broke and it stopped moving. The king got surprised and he told Rosabell, "we have nothing to do and how will we go further?" They got worried and started to panic. That moment a man was passing by, he with respect asked the king, "Your Majesty, may I help you." The king thought and said yes. Then he quickly removed the rock and fixed the wheel. They thanked the man, and the king was curious to know what the man was doing in the dense forest. With his face so shiny like a good spirit. The man said that he was a god named Ares, you may ask me for any wish that the king wished to have. The king first fell to his knees and prayed the god. His first wish was to keep him and his whole family blessed and protected. The second wish was that he wanted to reach home safely. As the god listened, he said that all your wishes will be granted. The king and his family reached home safely and stayed blessed and lived happily ever after.

Vidhi Poddar, IV Gamma

## GOA: IN A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE...

When you think about the city of Goa, what do you imagine? Before my visit to Goa, I thought of it as a place with lots of pubs, parties, churches and beaches. But have you ever known Goa from a different perspective? I am writing this from my personal experience of the city of goa. My father's friend has agricultural land in Goa. He is also a native citizen of this state. When we visited Goa, he was kind enough to guide us to various places in Goa. Some of these places are one which we generally do not visit. This helped us to understand a unique perspective about the beautiful state.

From the multiple places we visited, a few which I would like to mention are as follows.

**Usgadimal Rock carving :** Here you can see ancient ruins on the bed of river Kushavati. These carvings are 20-30 thousand years old. One can make out around 100 distinct carvings making it one of the most important sites in Western India. You get thrilled while standing among these ancient carvings.

**Parshuram Bhumi :** Goa is also called as the Parshuram Bhumi because it has many temples like Mangeshi temple, Nageshi temple, Mahalaxmi temple, Mahadeva temple etc. It is said that any worship offered to god over the Parshuram Bhumi gives you three times the returns.

When you visit these temples, you not only get amused by the beauty of these structures but it also gives you peace of mind.

In 1510, Portuguese occupied Goa and ruled over it for over 450 years. Even though Goa was ruled for so long by different cultures, it retained its tradition and culture. Portuguese surrendered Goa in 1961 after ruling over it for 450 years.

There are many places in Goa which may not be famous as tourist spots but makes you feel out of the world when you visit those. I experienced many such moments during my visit, one of my favorites was crossing a shallow river bare footed to reach a temple beneath the trees. As the water rushed upon our feet and we could feel the pebbles on the surface and cold water. Another moment was when we walked in the caves where I felt really calm and composed as we walked through the same. I was fortunate as I got a chance to feel a true sense of culture and history as we visited traditional cuisines to widespread plantations & farms and we left nothing unexplored.

To conclude, I feel we all have formed a certain picture of Goa but I can assure you this city exceeds our assumptions & expectations beyond our imagination and you all should explore other sides of Goa.

Grishma Shringarpure, IV Sigma

## THE SOUL AND THE DINOSAUR

I was living on the High parts of the beautiful Windward Mountain. Hey, my name is Wills, Buck Wills. I am a small Corythosaurus or a Dinosaur you guys can say. So here is my story.

Everyone in the Village hated me, even my family. Everyone thought that I was just skin and bones so they used to mock me for my weakness. Whenever I used to do my chores the other breeds used to laugh at me and at night I used to feel nearly 10,000 different pranks from all 4 directions. "You are completely useless, get lost." Kevin the T - Rex said to me. One day, I wanted to show I was not useless and I was something. I was on my way to climb Windward Mountain or do some hard obstacle like going across Sandclaw Dessert but I decided to do it later as it was pretty far from my location. I started climbing it.

5 - 6 weeks later I reached the summit and I realized that to reach the summit, I should climb the mountain with no fear but fear was my enemy. I spent hours wondering which side should I take but then a thunderstorm came in a flash of an eye. It was my spitting image! I talked with it but it didn't respond. I tried to talk with it 1,000,000 times and it didn't respond. I talked with it for the last time and it spoke. It just said "Believe in me that believes in you!!" and left the mountain. I quite understood what it said but a Pterodactyl crashed into me just for a prank. I lost balance and fell down to my dark domain of death but I was not dead. I fell into a very mild coma or something. A few weeks later, I woke up and actually the fall gave me a revelation.

In a nearby field, I saw some T - Rex's even Kevin were torturing an old triceratops waiting for an opportunity to kill him and turn him into prey. As the group of T - Rex came near to the triceratops, I ran as fast as I could to rescue the old dinosaur. The leader t - rex knocked me down and I was at my 2nd dark domain of death. I thought I couldn't do it but I remembered my soul's wise words "Believe in me that believes in you" and when the T - Rex Boss tried to slap me hard with his tail, I used my teeth to grab his tail and used it as a primary weapon. I swung it hard and then left it and he hit his head hard on the 3rd mountain range. The rest 9 T - Rex's were distracted to save their boss while I helped the old triceratops to lead to a cave and block the entrance so he would be completely fine as the stones would blend in with the mountain rocks.

The t - Rexes couldn't save their boss so they turned back to kill me as a revenge as I was also one of their prey. They ran and I roared loudly which shook the entire ground. The t - rexes admitted defeat and I helped the triceratops to come out. "Thank you, young man," said the Dino. "No problem" I said. My work for the next week made me popular and I deserved the respect I needed. I lived happily ever after.

Advait Mukesh Joshi, V Alpha

## JUST A SMALL SMILE .....

*There are many reasons for which we smile,  
It always takes us ahead, mile by mile  
If beauty is power, smile is its sword  
Its allure can't be expressed by any word.  
That pretty smile when with a loved one  
Or a goofy grin when your best friend cracks a bad pun,  
When a mother greets her adorable kid,  
Or the bliss that even warms a heart gelid.  
After helping someone emerges a twinkle,  
A smile to wipe out all of the wrinkles.  
So, why not lend out a hand,  
Wipe sweat off some old man.  
Say some caring words and a few encouraging ones too,  
If you want someone to smile too ...*

Srijan Mukhopadhyay,  
X Alpha



What is dance to me?

It gives me a chance to be free,

It brings out a different world for me to see,

It defines the future I want to be...

It won't be easy,

Get that straight,

It'll be worth today's patience and wait,

Don't give up, remember to stay strong,

It'll give you pride and happiness lifelong...

What seems hard today, will tomorrow be your warmup,

Keep working hard and you'll get home every golden cup,

Observe today and learn from your mistakes tomorrow,

Your techniques and passion will slowly grow...

Express yourself with all your heart,

It is a beautiful form of art,

Your feet will now follow this expressive body,

And that, to success is the only key...

Blood and blisters are a part of the journey,

Everyday they'll give you a new energy,

Surrender yourself to dance entirely,

And that will lead you to victory...

You might not win every game,

That's a step to getting more fame,

Chase it, it is your only dream,

And one day, with pride and shine you'll gleam...



Rujvee Shrotri, X Gamma

### कोरोना वायरस से बचने के लिए सावधानियां

कोरोना से डरे ना  
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लेकिन लापरवाही मत करना  
सब को मिलकर इसे है हराना॥  
घर से बाहर कही नहीं जाना  
किसी से हाथ भी नहीं मिलाना।  
बार बार चेहरे को नहीं छूना  
सबको मिलकर इसे है हराना॥  
साबुन लगाकर अच्छे से हाथ धोना  
सैनिटाइज़र का इस्तेमाल करना।  
सामाजिक अंतर का पालन करना  
सबको मिलकर इसे है हराना॥  
हमेशा मास्क पहनना  
छींकते वक्त मुँह को ढकना।  
बुखार, खांसी या सर्दी हो  
तो डॉक्टर के पास जाना  
सबको मिलकर इसे है हराना॥  
सरकारी नियमोंका  
पालन है करना  
डॉक्टर और पुलिस का  
कहना है मानना।  
सावधानी ही है इलाज  
ये है समझना  
सबको मिलकर  
इसे है हराना॥

-सिद्धार्थ गाडेकर  
सातवीं, थीटा

### जवान

हैं कहने को बहुत कुछ,  
इस विषय में पर कहकर,  
लोग मुँह मोड़ लेते हैं।  
जवान कहते ही रगों में आतिशबाज़ी,  
सी हो उठती हैं, और पूछने पर,  
क्या तुम जवान बनना चाहते हो?  
ना ना कहकर रास्ता नाप लेते हैं।  
देशभक्ति को अपना धर्म नहीं,  
अपना सर्वस्व मान लेते हैं ये जवान।  
बिना डरे मैदान-ए-जंग में,  
शरीर त्याग देने वाले होते हैं ये जवान।  
दूर रहते अपनों से,  
ताकि सो सके हम नींद चैन की,  
वीरता और सहिष्णुता का परिचय देते हैं,  
जान अपनी हथेली पर रख,  
दुश्मनों को ढेर करते हैं ये जवान।  
मात्रभूमि को ये अपनी,  
माँ समान हैं मानते।  
जंग जीत, जश्न मनाते हैं ये,  
पर अगली ही सुबह।  
अपने कर्तव्य का पालन कर,  
ढीठ खड़े हो जाते हैं ये जवान।  
शहीदी के बाद हो जाते हैं ये,  
धरती की कोक में जाने को विलीन।  
भले ही हो ना वो आपका परिवार,  
पर छोड़ आपके भरोसे अपना परिवार,  
चले जाते हैं वो रखवाला बन, बारंबार ॥  
उनकी शहादत वर्यथ ना जाने देंगे,  
हैं ये हमारा वादा।  
लेकिन इस घड़ी लेना होगा, धैर्य से काम।  
उकसा रहे वो भेदी,  
हमें अपनी बर्बादी के लिए।  
पर भूलकर भी समझ ना लेना कि,  
सहम गए हैं हम,  
बस कर रहे हैं इंतज़ार, सही पल का हम ।  
लाज अपनी माँ की रखना, है आपका धर्म।  
लिखने को तो पन्ने रंग दे,  
पर आप के लिए हैं सब कम ॥

Piyush Kinekar, XI SCI

### THIS IS WHAT LIFE ACTUALLY IS...

LIFE is something TRULY precious, while some may not realize it but of course, it's something very true. There is a way of living every moment of it. Let's be one of those people who know the value of every moment... It's long, very long, but too short to realize its importance. Life has a different way of understanding. And of course, there are many principles of life. Many. We have dreams, we have goals, and many other things yet to achieve. But setting them is more important than anything else... If in life you don't have any goals, i.e. nothing to ACHIEVE, do you still think there is something left for you to do? Well, you need to ask such questions to yourself NOW. Goals were simply meant to be achieved, but not being able to do so isn't important, it's about how you TRIED to reach there and WHETHER YOU GAVE YOUR BEST OR NOT. The fact is that "goals direct you to a particular path..." Which is very true. Another big factor is to learn to Sacrifice and compromise. Simply giving up the things to get what you have always wanted. There are many more topics other than this which play a big role in life. They are a small part of life but play a big role. So let's find our passion, set goals, and live life to the fullest.

Ever thought about how you can reach your destination? Yeah well, I thought about it a lot of times. We all have different goals, problems, situations...But handling them with care matters...We all know that our lives were each made in a different way, for a different motive. No one, literally no one knows the story of our lives, only we ourselves know the story behind us...We were all given different problems in life. But there has always been a way to live in every situation. So what is a success for you? Living your life in such a way that you are satisfied? or... to achieve something you've always wanted? For me, it's a GOAL. I also have a goal, and I definitely have a plan. No matter what u wanna achieve you need a plan. It can be anything. But you should know how to reach there. Whenever you think about your path, you may think of the problems and the things which may stop you. I think of them as my barriers. Once I face them, I try to think of a way through which I can destroy them. Some of your barriers may stay for long but as you proceed they slowly start to disappear...Think of yourself as your own power...Show yourself the world and show the world yourself...

Life will be full of challenges, but that doesn't mean how difficult it gets, you can't make it. Think. What do you want to do? What will be the best for you? After you are clear with your goal, just run behind it . "There will be humble beginnings, but prosperous endings." Remember this. The one I want to become in the future is also something which is really different from the others. I become scared at times, and that's because I have to go a TOTALLY DIFFERENT PATH to achieve it. Something someone never did. Well, that's fine, because the journey will be interesting, and when I look back at my journey, the way I'll be proud is a great feeling. I am just like you, and you are just like me. We all have different goals, paths, problems, situations, highs, and lows but we all need the same amount of hard as well as smart work. You may be stopped by someone or multiple people but ah, it's up to you how passionate you are to make the person stopping you proud someday. Just don't stop, you never know how big you would do. Be yourself, find out a way to overcome it, calmly. Start the work now, RIGHT NOW.

Anushka Chaudhari , VIII Beta

### MY SISTER

*My sister is great,  
She is always there as a room-mate!  
When she frowns I don't like her looks,  
But she really loves reading books!  
We love playing with toy guns,  
Being a little sister is always fun!  
Every night she tells me stories,  
In which there are fairies!  
I can't thank enough for having my sister  
We will have life long memories together.*



Ananya Lahoti, II Kappa





## THE DAY I STOLE MY SISTER'S CANDY

My cousin and I went on vacation in Mahabaleshwar. Both of us had been given a Dairy Milk and a candy each. We both ate our Dairy milk while we sat in a bus. We were staring at the view when, by accident my candy flew out of my hand, out of the window. I got upset and stared at my cousin who still had the candy. I told her how my candy flew out of my window, and asked her if she would share her candy with me. She told me that it was a hard candy and could not be broken in two, and started laughing. I got annoyed with her and decided that I would steal her candy. When we reached our resort my cousin left her candy on a table and ran into her room. I quickly took her candy, ate it and rushed after her. After some time my cousin started searching for her candy. When she could not find it, she started getting upset. Finally, after an hour of searching, she gave up and sat sadly in front of the television. I felt bad for her. It was not her fault that my candy flew out of my hand. I didn't know what to do. Suddenly, I thought of an idea. I took a packet of chips, and gave it to her, telling her all that happened and why I took her candy. She grinned and said "it's okay, I forgive you, now let's eat these chips together". After that I never stole a thing.

Ishanvi Shringarpure, V Gamma

## MONSOON

It is going to be Monsoon  
It will rain every noon.  
It's a rainy day  
As rain has made its way.  
Splash in rain  
Water is flowing through the drain  
In the garden let's make some room,  
For the new flowers that will bloom.  
Puddles are here and there.  
Monsoon monsoon everywhere.  
I don't need to give any more reason  
Monsoon is my favorite season!



Anaya Lahoti, Kappa II

## LESSON LEARNED

A little man lazy,  
Liked it very cosy.  
He woke up late,  
And so his fate.  
He loved to procrastinate,  
Leaving all to wait.  
Tip-toed back home,  
When on streets  
none roamed.  
Soon, lost his wealth  
And lost his name.  
His family he loved,  
But brought them shame.  
He woke up now,  
He worked.  
Didn't turn back,  
Didn't give up.  
Ignored those who teased,  
Gave his best shot.  
He got back everything  
That once he had lost.

Vivaan Majumdar, IV Delta



## STRIVE



Millions alive  
But no one arrived.  
The rivers dried,  
A lot of children cried.  
No water anywhere,  
But people tried to keep it fair.  
The grains dried,  
A lot of children cried.  
No grain had grown  
But people were food-prone  
But no one arrived  
Many of them strived.  
Children need to live more days  
People need to find a lot of ways  
We need to cooperate  
And try new trades  
To have at least one bread.

Ishika Sinha, XI-Alpha

## DELHI - A CITY OF WONDERS

Steeped in history yet overflowing with modern life, colorful, cacophonous Delhi pulsates with the relentless rhythms of humanity like few other cities on Earth. According to the legend, the city was named after Raja Dhilu, a king who reigned in the region in the first century. The capital, New Delhi is often said to be "Dilwaalon ki Dilli", a place wherein people have contented hearts and lively nature.

### Tourist attractions of Delhi

The city plan of Delhi is a mixture of old and new patterns. Old Delhi streets tend to be irregular in direction, taking travelers and people to known and unknown but wonderful destinations. Conversely, New Delhi seems to be more organized, characterized by properly planned roads, green grass, trees, fountains, and parks.

One can't talk about Delhi without remembering its greatest attraction: Connaught Place. Those mesmerizing tall, white buildings that run around in two circles and that are full of life, shops, food stalls, famous bookstores, and immeasurably more.

With its long history of empire successions and stories galore, tales and so much more, Delhi never ceases to amaze me. I love to spend my vacation days visiting historical places such as India Gate, Humayun's Tomb, Safdarjung Tomb, Qutub Minar, Red Fort, Jantar Mantar, etc.

A few of the other tourist attractions and shopping areas that I never skip during my Delhi visits are Dilli Haat, Lajpat Nagar Market, Mughal Gardens, and Dolls Museum.

### A fabulous feast

As the capital city of one of the best countries in terms of food, Delhi tantalizes your taste buds. Breakfast on scrumptious Kulchas and Bhaturas; lunch on some delightful Kadhi - Chawal or Rajma - Chawal and loads of Paneer and then come evening, I dine on rich Mughlai curries or Delhi specials. But I never forget to leave Delhi without Dilli-di-Chaat; Delhi's famously delicious street-food snacks. I love sizzling kebabs for starters, then munch on Aloo Tikki and some spicy golgappe and tangy momos or chaap and whatnot.

I take with me memories so sweet and beautiful that leaves me thinking about my relationship with Delhi; just a travel lover trying to have an authentic experience in a city that welcomes everyone with open arms. I do all this while snacking on some popcorn or cookies nodding my head with the beats of some famous pop song, somewhere 38,000 feet high up in the sky, giving me another perspective to the city I just left to come back once more.....

Srijan Mukhopadhyay, X Alpha

## MEET ME LATER ALLIGATOR

Verse 1: Meet me tomorrow alligator

Turn into something new

But never eat me alligator (why not?)

Because it is, it is you!

Chores: Meet me later alligator

Turn into something new!

Verse 2: Okay the deal is done

I'll never ever eat you

But you will have to give me something in return

Or else I'll beat you!

Chores: Meet me later alligator

Turn into something new!

Verse 3: Oh no! What should I do???

I have nothing to give you

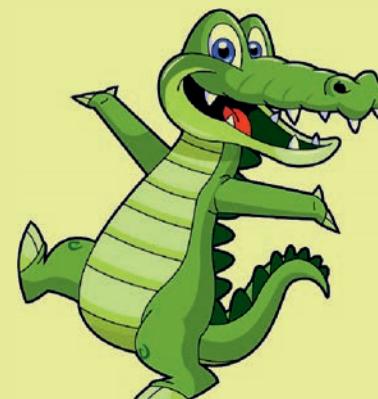
Okay I promise to keep our

Friendship is always true!!!

Chores: Meet me later alligator

Turn into something new!

Arohee Patel, IV Delta



## I LOVE MY TEACHER

*I Want to go to My School...*

Oh! How I wish I could go to my school,  
And swim in its amazing pool!  
Travelling everyday in my school bus,  
Enjoying with my friends without a fuss!  
Our hardworking teachers teaching us on the blackboard,  
Instead of educating us from their abode!  
Sharing our delectable lunch during the break,  
Especially if it's a yummy cake!  
Doing yoga, drawing and studying with my classmates,  
Wondering when I can enter my school gates!  
**INS IS THE BEST SCHOOL, I MUST SAY...**  
**AND I AM HOPING TO GO TO MY SCHOOL ONE DAY!**

- DIVYANKA MAYEKAR  
II-BETA

Divyanka Mayekar, II Beta

## NEVER GIVE UP

### NEVER GIVE UP

**AVNEESH NAYAK**  
STD - IV (ALPHA)

INDIRA NATIONAL SCHOOL

A young man was about to jump into a well. Birbal said, "Stop! What's the matter?" The man said, "I wanted to be a farmer but it didn't rain. The crops died. I tried to be a shepherd, but a wolf killed my sheep. I am fed up!" Birbal said, "Come with me!" He took the man to a mahout's house. There, they saw some elephant tied with thin ropes. Birbal told the mahout, "Tie this elephants with a strong chain or they will run away." The mahout said, "When these

elephants were babies, I tied their legs with the same ropes and they could not break them. As they grew they believed these ropes couldn't be broken. So they stopped trying!" Birbal told the young man, "Did you hear? The elephants have stopped trying. They don't know their strength. The man said, "Thank you, sir! I will never stop trying!"

## THE APPLE TREE

Once upon a time there was a huge apple tree. A little boy used to come to play near the tree. He would search for juicy apples. He would play alongside the tree and rest under the shade. The tree was overjoyed after meeting this little bundle of joy. One day, the tree was surprised to see that the boy was approaching it with a sad face.

"Come on little boy! Play with me," the tree asked the boy.

"I am no longer a kid to play around with a tree like you," the boy scowled at the tree. "I need toys. I need money to buy toys of various designs and sizes," the boy told the tree.

"Sorry my dear boy! I do not have money to give you. But you can pick all my apples and sell them. That will give you adequate money to buy toys of your choice," replied the tree in a soothing voice.

The boy grabbed all the apples and left happily. He sold the apples and got money. He bought toys of his liking.

Spring and autumn came by but there was no sign of the boy.

One morning, the tree saw its friend. That little boy had grown up into a big man.

"Come and play with me," the tree said.

"I cannot play. I have a family now. We need a house for shelter. Can you help me?" the man replied.

"Sorry! I do not have any house. But you can chop off my branches to build your house," the tree told the man.

The man cut all the branches of the tree and left happily. The tree was glad to see its friend smiling again.

The man returned one evening to the apple tree.

"Come and play with me," the tree asked the man.

"I am getting old. I want to go sailing to relax myself. Can you give me a boat," the man asked the apple tree.

"Use my trunk to build your boat," the tree told the man.

He cut off the trunk and made a boat out of it.

He went sailing and never showed up for a long time.

The man returned after many years.

"Sorry my boy! But now I do not have anything to offer to you. I have nothing for you anymore. No more apples....No more branches...no more trunks for you to climb on" the tree said with a pain in its voice.

"No problem....I too do not have any teeth to bite and I am too old to climb trees," the man replied.

"I just need a place to rest after all these days," the man replied.

"Old tree roots are the best place to lean on. Come on and sit down with me and rest," the apple tree replied with a concern in its voice.

The old man sat down. The apple tree was glad and smiled with tears.

This is the story of every person. The tree is like our parents. When we were young, we could not have imagined our life without them. But as we grow up, we leave them. Although in the end, no matter what, parents will always be there and give us everything to make us happy.

Anusha Gupta, V Zeta

## I WANT FREEDOM

"I Want Freedom" That was your only thought,  
Even though you were in pain and struggled a lot,  
You fought and hunted for the prey,  
Even if it is night or even if it is day,  
You protected the nation,  
And handled the situation,  
You gave your life for the people of the nation,  
And took the responsibility of the administration,  
You are Mother India's Golden Daughters and Sons,  
And You will always be the missed ones.

~Sarthak Bhalekar



Sarthak Bhalekar, VII Alpha





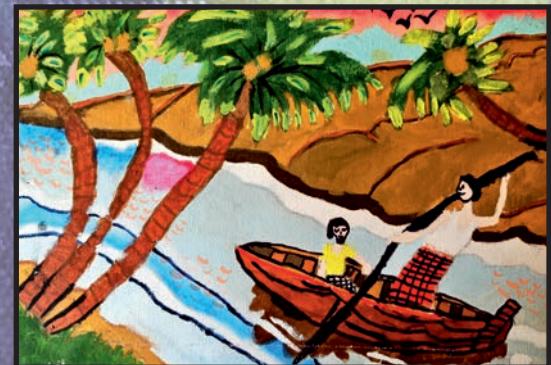
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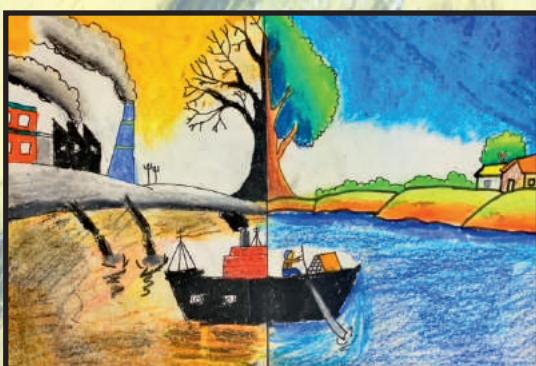
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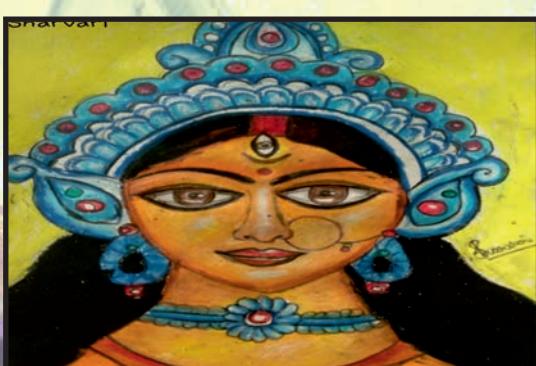
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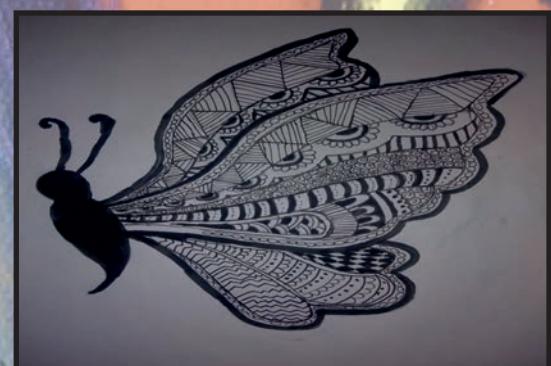
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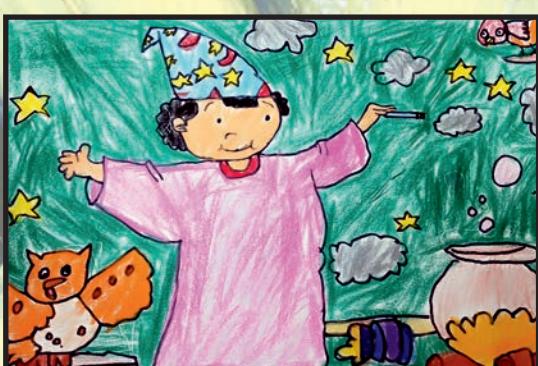
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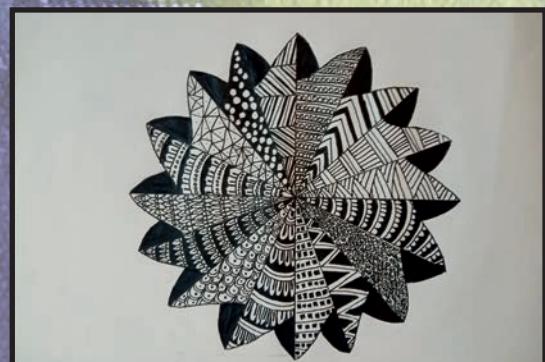
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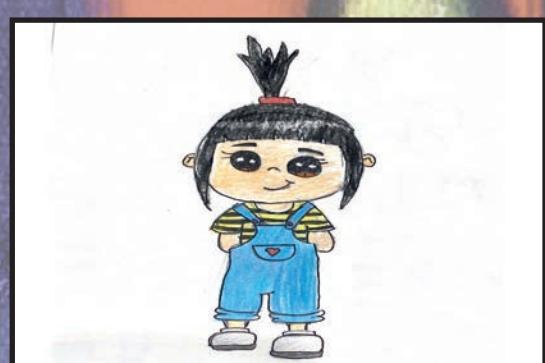
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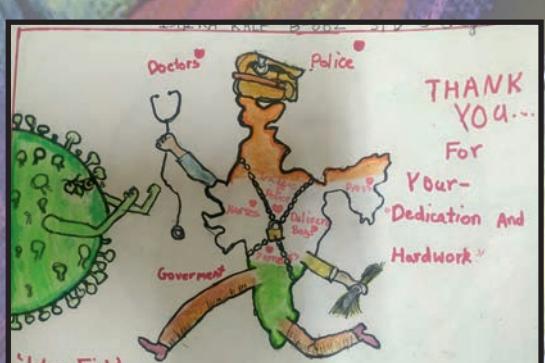
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**RIDDLES**

- 1) What is always in front of you but can't be seen?
- 2) I am tall when I am young, and short when I am old. What am I ?
- 3) What has many keys, but can't open a single lock ?
- 4) What is black when it's clean and, white when it's dirty ?
- 5) If you've got me, you want to share me: if you share me, you haven't kept me. What am I ?

Answers: 1) Future 2) Candle 3) Piano 4) Chalkboard 5) Secret

Akshaya Vijayaragavan, VI Alpha

**TEST YOUR BRAIN**

- 1) Prehistoric Creatures - The long , curved , canine teeth of this fearsome predator were used to kill large prey . ( The upper canines could grow up to 18 cm ( 7 inches ) long ).
- 2) Know your cats - The biggest of all cats , weighing up to 363 kg ( 800 lb ) has giant paws for swiping prey .
- 3) Primate Party - One of the best climbers , this primate , found in Southeast Asia , has arms longer than its legs - its arm span can be around 2.25 m ( 7 ½ ft ) .
- 4) Aquatic Mammals - Also known as the " Killer Whale " , this mammal is actually a big dolphin . ( The fin in adult males can be as long as 1.8 m ( 6 ft ) ).
- 5) Get cracking - This egg looks in very bad shape - but it is 75 million years old !
- 6) Cool Constructions - Stretching for more than 21,000 km ( 13,048 miles ) across Asia , this is the longest human - made structure on the planet .
- 7) Guess The Gods - The goddess of wisdom , crafts and war is usually shown wearing a helmet and armed with a spear .
- 8) Mythical Creatures - A bird which never dies , this creature has the ability to be reborn out of fire .
- 9) Famous Faces - Ancient Egypt's last pharaoh was a famous queen who killed herself - possibly by allowing a snake to bite her - after being defeated in a war against Rome .
- 10) Gallery Of The Greats - This painting by Dutch artist Johannes Vermeer glows with light , bringing out the detail of his subject .

10) Girl With A Pearl Earring .

Answers: 1) Smilodon 2) Tiger 3) orangutan 4) Orcas 5) Dinosaur  
6) The Great Wall 7) Minerva 8) Phoenix 9) Cleopatra

Ananya Gorecha, V Gamma

**RIDDLES**

There was a day when a man was walking in the jungle and fell into a cave. There were three doors to escape. Behind first door, there were arrows that can kill you, behind 2nd door there were solar panel that can burn you and behind 3rd door there were zombies that eat you.

Choose the correct door to escape from the cave.

Answer - Second door

Ansh Vahile, III Omega

**WORD PLAY**

- 1) What happens to the frog's car when it breaks down? - It gets toad.
- 2) Why was a scarecrow getting promotions? - because he was outstanding in his field
- 3) Teacher- "can you tell me two pronouns"  
Me - who? Me?  
Teacher- very good!!!
- 4) What do u call a bull sleeping? - A bulldozer
- 5) What do you call an alligator in a vest? - An investigator
- 6) Why did the two boys eat their homework?  
- Because their teacher said it was a piece of cake.
- 7) Why do eggs never tell jokes? - Because they crack up.

Atharva Krishnan,  
VI Gamma

**On a lighter note**

- ☺ Sam : Hey, Can you Please call me a taxi.  
Mohan : Yes Sir, you are a taxi.
- ☺ Doctor : Sorry, but you are facing some terminal illness. You have 10 to live.  
Patient : 10 what? Months ? Weeks ?  
Doctor : Nine
- ☺ Sir : India's population is 1.3 billion. All the students have to remember this. I will ask you tomorrow.  
Next day....  
Sir : What is the population of India?  
Ram : Sir, 1.3 billion and one.  
Sir : How come?  
Ram : Yesterday my mother delivered a baby boy ...

Anvi Kudchadker, IV Gamma

**FACTS ABOUT OUR SOLAR SYSTEM & SPACE**

1. The temperature on Mercury during the day can reach up to 450 degree Celsius but at night can get as low as minus 170 degree Celsius.
2. Venus rotates in the opposite direction so that on Venus the Sun rises in the west.
3. Earth is the only planet to support life.
4. Mars has the largest volcano in the solar system and its name is "Olympus Mons".
5. Jupiter has a giant red spot which is actually a Hurricane going on for centuries.
6. Saturn is so light that it could float on water. It is made up of Hydrogen and Helium.
7. Uranus is unique since it spins sideways or horizontally.
8. Neptune is the windiest planet in the solar system because storms have been raging across its surface and strong wind too that are four times faster than Hurricanes on earth.
9. When a dying star is bigger than the Sun but is not big enough to turn into a black hole, it will turn into a Supernova.
10. Largest sea on Saturn's moon Titan could be more than 1000 feet deep.
11. A black hole is formed when a huge star is dying and can be found at the center of the galaxy.

Ark Sonawane, I Delta

**FUN FACTS ABOUT MARS**

1. Mars is named after the Roman God of war.
2. Mars is the fourth planet from the sun in our solar system.
3. Mars is the second smallest planet in the solar system after Mercury. It's roughly half the size of Earth.
4. Mars is also known as the 'Red Planet' because, well, it's red! This signature color comes from the large amount of a chemical called iron oxide
5. A day on Mars is 24 hours and 37 minutes -- only a little bit longer than a day on our own planet.
6. A year on Mars, however, is almost twice as long, lasting 687 Earth days! This is because it takes a lot longer than Earth to complete its orbit around the Sun.
7. Do you like to look at the moon at night? Well, check this out -- Mars has two moons! One is called Phobos and the other Deimos.
8. Mars is home to the highest mountain in our solar system -- a volcano called Olympus Mons. It's about three times the height of Mount Everest!

Atharv Jawalkar, II Omega

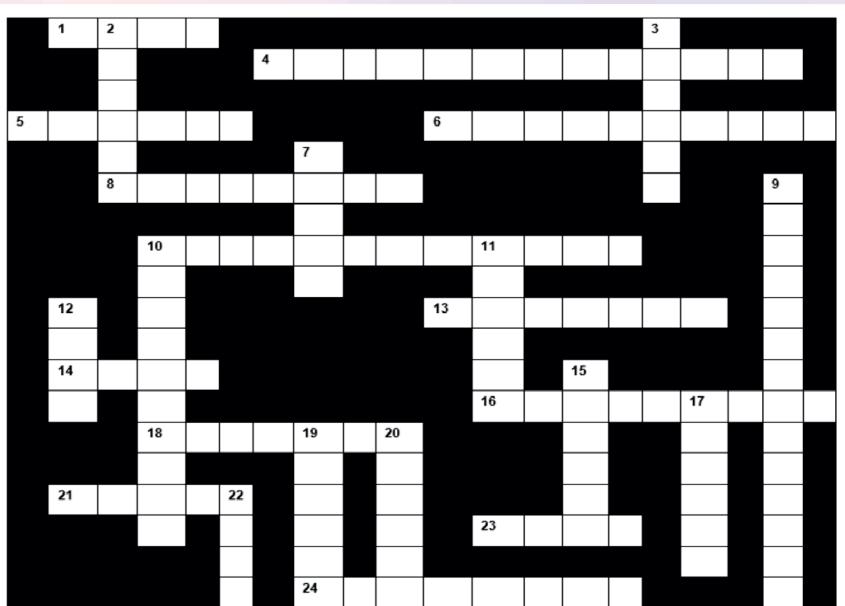


# AMAZING FACTS ABOUT ANIMALS

- Ghost crabs growl using teeth in their stomachs.
  - The mantis shrimp has the world's fastest punch.
  - Puffins use twigs to scratch their bodies.
  - There is a kind of ant that only lives in a small area of Manhattan.
  - Some sharks glow in the dark.
  - Cowbirds use secret passwords to teach their young.
  - Humpback whales use bubbles to hunt.
  - Frogs can freeze without dying.
  - Koalas sleep up to 22 hours a day.

## **Arnav Madurwar, IV Sigma**

# MARVEL AVENGERS CROSSWORD



## Across

- 1 I Fly With Insectoid Wings
  - 4 Keeper Of The Time Stone
  - 5 The Adopted Daughter Of The Supervillian
  - 6 Armored Human In The Form Of Weapon Of SHIELD
  - 8 Head Of SHIELD
  - 10 King Of Wakanda
  - 13 Master Of Trick Arrows
  - 14 Son Of Frost Giant
  - 16 Friendly Neighborhood
  - 18 Powered Armor Suited Superhero
  - 21 Grows Up Under The Care Of The Guardians
  - 23 From A Family Of Monks Living In Kamar-Taj
  - 24 In The Galaxy With His Element Gun



Down

- 2 Born Out Of Pym's Shrinking Technology
  - 3 Has Mechanical Wings To Fly
  - 7 A Friend With Cybernetic Left Arm
  - 9 First Avenger
  - 10 Black Secret Agent
  - 11 A Ruthless Supervillain
  - 12 Smash
  - 15 A Gem In His Mind
  - 17 Animal In The Galaxy
  - 19 Communicate With Me Telepathically
  - 20 A Daughter In The Quest For Revenge
  - 22 God Of Thunder



## ANSWER

# RIDDLES

1. Which two things we don't eat for breakfast?
  2. Who was the first lady abroad?

- 1. Lunch and Dinner
- 2. Sita Devi

Charu Phirke, IV sigma

# AMAZING FACTS



- 1. Space is completely silent.**  
There is no atmosphere in space, which means that sound has no medium or way to travel to be heard. Astronauts use radios to stay in communication while in space, since radio waves can still be sent and received.
  - 2. The hottest planet in our solar system is 450° C.**  
Venus is the hottest planet in the solar system and has an average surface temperature of around 450° C. Interestingly, Venus is not the closest planet to the Sun - Mercury is closer but because Mercury has no atmosphere to regulate temperature it has a very large temperature fluctuation.
  - 3. There may be life on Mars.**  
Of all the planets in our solar system (apart from Earth), Mars is the one most likely to be hospitable to life. In 1986, NASA found what they thought may be fossils of microscopic living things in a rock recovered from Mars.
  - 4. Nobody knows how many stars are in space.**  
The sheer size of space makes it impossible to accurately predict just how many stars we have. Right now, scientists and astronomers use the number of stars only within our galaxy, The Milky Way, to estimate. That number is between 200-400 billion stars and there are estimated to be billions of galaxies so the stars in space really are completely uncountable.
  - 5. Halley's Comet won't orbit past Earth again until 2061.**  
Discovered in 1705 by Edmond Halley, the famous comet was last seen in 1986 and is only seen once every 75 to 76 years.
  - 6. A full NASA space suit costs \$12,000,000.**  
While the entire suit costs a cool \$12m, 70% of that cost is for the backpack and control module.

Yajat Trivedi, VI Sigma

# 11 UNKNOWN HARRY POTTER FACTS

Of course Harry Potter is a very famous fantasy series made into 8 blockbuster films. In this article we will discover 11 mind blowing facts about this vast fantasy. (Special article for Potterheads).

- 1) The Resurrection Stone, the second deathly hallow is still lost somewhere in the Forbidden forest, waiting for someone else to possess it.
  - 2) Harry can no longer speak Parseltounge.
  - 3) Nagini was actually a person.
  - 4) Harry saw Voldemort again after 19 years when he was at platform 9 ¾ with his kids, Ginny, Ron and Hermione.
  - 5) Ron is directly related to Sirius Black, Nymphadora Tonks, Bellatrix Lestrange and the Malfoys of course.
  - 6) Delphi Diggory the new antagonist of Cursed Child is actually the daughter of Voldemort and Bellatrix Lestrange and the last living heir of Salazar Slytherin.
  - 7) Gellert Grindelwald's name is derived from storm or destruction thus defining his power.
  - 8) It was Gellert Grindelwald who caused the legendary Global Wizarding War.
  - 9) The top 3 most powerful wizards are- Dumbledore, Voldemort and Grindelwald.
  - 10) Luna Lovegood becomes directly related to our hero Newt Scamander and by marrying his grandson, Rolf Scamander. Luna's children are twins Lorcan and Lysander Scamander our very own new generation.
  - 11) Harry named his children our very own new generation- James Sirius Potter after his father and godfather, Albus Severus Potter after Dumbledore and Snape, Lily Luna Potter after Harry's mother and Ginny's Bff the oddball Luna Lovegood.  
Hope you like my facts!!!



Girijaa Nawale, VII Theta

