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It doesn't matter how strong, intelligent, brave and big we are, all of us are scared of some or the other animal or insect. And sometimes even common day-to-day animals turn us white and yellow! Here we share with you, some insights to real life incidents, where humans encountered animals.

► **There's a monkey on my table!**

It was midnight. My cousins and I were having a late night feast. Being the youngest, I was asked to get the snacks. Half asleep I walked up to the kitchen and picked up the snacks. I didn't notice the open window and the ajar refrigerator door. On my way back, someone offered me a banana. Too tired to think who it was, I took the banana and was about to take a bite, when I noticed a monkey on the table. I screamed so hard that even the neighbours rushed into our house.

(As told by Radhika*, AIS ED)

► **The whirlpool kitty**

It was Sunday. Mom asked me to shift some clothes from the washing section to the drying section of the washing machine. When I opened the drying compartment (which is like a hollow tube), a wild cat popped out and made me jump on the bed. In the next five minutes, the nasty cat played havoc in the bath room and living room and then escaped through the main door. That day I saw my Whirlpool washing machine, turning my house



Imaging:
Pankj Mallik

into a whirlpool!(As told by Saarthak Tanvar*, AIS ED)

► **Dogs stay away!**

I was never too fond of dogs. One day I was playing in the park when suddenly an uncle came with his black bull dog, which completely freaked me out. Other kids went to the dog and cuddled him, while I stood alone on the other end of the park. Uncle thought that I was shy, so he came to me with the dog. Seeing the dog so near, I got so scared that I fell on the ground and started howling like a little baby!

(As told by Mona*, AIS ED)

► **Home sweet home!**

Our balcony is a store room for us. One fine day, we decided to clean it. While cleaning the top-shelf of the cupboard we spotted some twigs. On taking a closer look, we realized there was a nest with two yellowish eggs lying in it! We didn't have the heart to throw the nest along with the eggs. So, we waited for the eggs to hatch and then planned to throw the nest. But till the time the eggs hatched the pigeons had become a part of our life. Though we did throw the nest, we also built a small bird house for our little feathered friends. Today, I proudly tell my friends that there are two homes in my house!

(As told by Guncha Dwivedi, AIS ED) • (* Names changed)

More than a pretty face

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John Abraham became the new poster boy for PETA (People for Ethical Treatment of Animals). Keen to make a difference, he took up the cause of 30 elephants in Manthralaya who had been stranded without a home. His effort earned him a reward as the 'Eco Warrior' from the Vice President. For once, it was an act not done to gain mileage as there was no film release or any similar event accompanying it. Actors are finally using star power to raise awareness and really give back to the people. For example the UN managed to rope in Amitabh Bachchan, Akshay Kumar, Nana Patekar and Katrina Kaif for a two minute clip that helped raise awareness on modern forms of slavery. This clip was shown before the start of the movie 'Welcome' in theatres across India. The Bollywood human chain has also created quite a stir with cinema veterans like Amitabh Bachchan and Aamir Khan participating to raise their voice against terrorism. In this way, they succeeded in passing the baton of awareness to millions of fans. Kudos to Bollywood! •



Actors are finally using star power to raise awareness

The Musical Link Linkin Park

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"In this farewell,
There's no blood,
There's no alibi.
'Cause I've drawn regret,
From the truth,
Of a thousand lies."

High on energy music, deep meaning lyrics, and Chester's signature style - what else can it be but Linkin Park? Three high school friends - Mike, Brad and Rob after graduating began to take their music interests seriously and thus was formed 'Xero,' the band we know now as Linkin Park (a wry variation of Lincoln Park in Santa Monica). In 2000, the band debuted with its hit album 'Hybrid Theory' carrying half a decade's work, topping charts and becoming the best selling album of 2001. It bagged the Grammy for Best Hard Rock Performance for 'Crawling'. In 2002 the band came up with ' Meteora', another best-

seller with songs like 'Numb and Somewhere I belong' making the crowd go crazy. Then arrived their latest bestseller 'Minutes to Midnight', an album in which the band has experimented with their established sound.

Who can forget the oh-so popular 'In the end'? The band has youngsters from all over the world literally worshipping them and why shouldn't they? Each song is detailed beautifully and the chemistry between the band's lead vocalists Mike Shinoda and Chester Bennington is like a cherry on the cake. Linkin Park unleashes a whole new experience of rap, rock and metal. It not only creates songs like 'What I've Done' and 'Run-away' that give you goose pimples but also soft and soul stirring songs like 'Shadow of the day' and 'Leave out all the rest' that you can enjoy anytime. From heavy guitars and the complicated amalgamation of instruments in 'Bleed it out' to the simple and sweet 'In Between', this band carries all kinds of moods in its music, providing the ultimate energy pill. •

The Band

- Chester Bennington:** Vocals, back up guitar
- Mike Shinoda:** Vocals, guitar, keyboard
- Rob Bourdon:** Drums, piano, percussion
- Brad Delson:** Lead Guitar
- Dave 'Phoenix' Farrell:** Bass guitar, back up vocals
- Joe Hahn:** Turntables, programming

Top Five Songs
In the end | Given up | Saints | What I have done | Somewhere



With sister Nejevi,
(Pic: Tulika Banerji)

Award Kitty

- Filmfare Critics Award for Best Performance
- Star Screen Award for Best Child Artist
- Star Screen Special Jury Award
- Zee Cine Award - Critics' Choice Best Actor
- Zee Cine Awards' Most Promising Debut



Safar(y) with Darsheel

The rabbit teeth intact, Darsheel Safary is quite like the VIth grader that he depicts in the Taare Zameen Par, but for one difference. Darsheel, by his own admission, loves school and is a good student in real life. The eleven year old, whose name means 'one who can pray', has not let all the fame and glory go to his head and believes that, "One should never be arrogant and respect elders always." He is like any other kid his age, bright and active, teases his kid sister Nejevi but hates chocolates! He is also multilingual, knows Gujarati and Marathi, besides English and Hindi and is now learning German. A little chit-chat with Asst Editor Tulika Banerji...

Your performance in TZP was extraordinary; from where did you

learn acting?
I am natural. I loved working in TZP. Of course, Amol (Gupte) Sir was there through out to guide me.
What do you do in your free time?
I love playing on my PSP and XBOX. They are so convenient to use as there are no wires! I specially enjoy Hotwheels.
Which school do you study in?
I study in Green Lawns High School, Mumbai and I love going to school!
Loved your Horlicks ad-'Apne bachpan ke size badlo!' How do you manage your time, acting, academics, et al?
I only take up assignments during holidays. These days I have no assignments, so I enjoy going to school.
What is your ambition in life?
I am still young and quite undecided about what I want to do in life. But I definitely want to be a good human

These are a few of my favourite things

- Subject** All
- Hobby** Dancing
- Music** All kinds of music
- Book** Panchtantra
- Food** Dosa
- Actor** Hrithik Roshan
- Actress** Kareena Kapoor
- Sport** Football
- Holiday destination:** I've visited Ahemadabad, Chandigarh, Nasik, Dubai, Switzerland and loved all of them.

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What do you like about being an Indian?
Actually everything. There are so many beautiful places to visit. Plus, despite everything, people are united with each other. Unity in diversity is the best thing about India.
Your message for Amity students...
Every child is special. •