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Tiny tales

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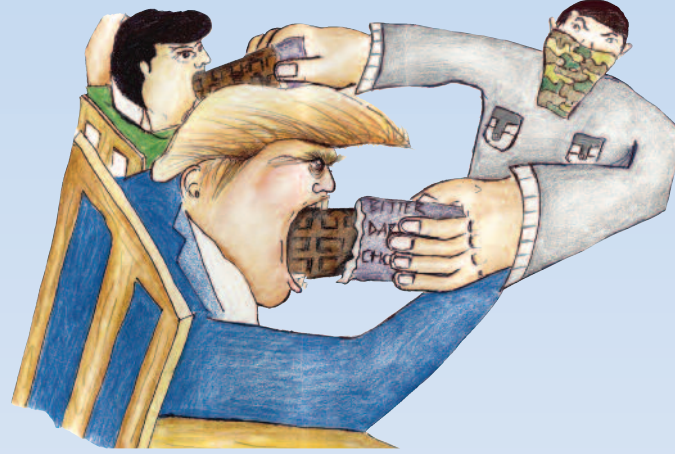
During my summer vacations, I traveled to Pudukottai, a tiny town in South India, where I saw kids of all ages playing outdoor games. Young ones played hopscotch, kho-kho and kabaddi. Little boys and girls ran around wheeling tubeless tyres with a stick, while few played with colourful marbles. Seeing the glee on their faces, I felt like joining in. Amazingly, they included Didi and me without thinking twice and we hardly felt like outsiders in

Revisit Rewind Relive

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Pudukottai! We ate tamarinds and juicy mangoes that were robbed off from neighborhood trees. At dinner time, we dug into a variety of local delicacies. At night, the elders narrated old tales till we drifted off to sleep. After few days, when it was time to return to the mundane city life, I realised that all we did was spend mindless hours hopping from one electronic gadget to another. Today though, I go out to play with my friends everyday. I still think about my trip. I would do anything to live in those simple ways and not be plagued with ruinous technology and the rush of the city life. Now, all that echoes inside me is, "God, give me back my childhood!"

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Sweet revenge

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It all started when I saw Donald Trump in my backyard. As I stood clueless, he greeted me and told me that terrorists were after his life for his tasty chocolates. Unable to understand, I fainted. Back to my senses, I saw a terrorist firing bitter chocolates at us. I instinctly ran away as I hate bitter chocolates. I hurled marbles onto the floor and the terrorists slipped and fell flat. Meanwhile, we rushed into the secret chamber in my house, where we called Barack Obama. Following his smart

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advice, we mixed sleeping powder in cocoa and fired them into the mouths of the terrorists, which slipped them into deep sleep. Soon, hefty bodyguards from White House arrived and caught the terrorists. Peace and harmony was restored and since then, Donald and I have been the best of friends.

How eye-ronic

Mitali Bhargava
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Once a wealthy man's eye was troubling him. He consulted many doctors but nothing worked. Instead, the pain persisted for days. One day, he found a monk who was known for his wisdom. When he met the monk, the monk understood the problem and advised him to concentrate only on the colour green and not to focus on any other colour. The man found the advice strange but decided to give it a try. He ordered all his servants to paint everything green. Within a few days, everything around the wealthy man was painted green. After a week, the monk visited the man, but was taken aback. As soon as he entered the house, a

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servant ran with a bucket of green paint and poured it all over the monk. The servant innocently explained his act, saying that his master ordered him to paint everything green. The monk laughed and said, "If only the wealthy man had bought a pair of green glasses worth just a small amount, everything around him could have been saved." He said, "It was impossible for the man to paint the world green because it would be unwise to change the whole world just to please oneself. So, the first attempt should be to bring a change in yourself. A change in our vision will make the whole world appear the way we want it to appear."

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...And like that, we were reminded that change begins at home.

Riddle Fiddle

Manya Arora
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1. I am first on earth, and second in heaven. I appear twice in a week, but you can only see me once in a year. What am I?

2. I have many keys, but can't open a single door. Who am I?

3. Many have heard me, no one has seen me, and I will not speak back until spoken to. Who am I?

4. We hurt without moving, we poison without touching, we bear the truth and lies, we

are not to be judged by our size.

5. Two mothers and two daughters went to a market, but in total there were three people. How is this possible?



6. What is heavy and a seven letter word. When you take two letters away it is left with 'eight'.

7. Sana is the daughter of Kunal. Then, Kunal is the ___ of Sana's father?

8. What brings you down but never up? Can you guess?



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Your secrets, mine!

Anushree Bhargava, AISN, VIII I

Tell me, what is inside you
 The secret you gravely hide
 You tell me yours
 I'll tell you mine

A secret not yet told
 Everyone has one of those
 Cause it'll be a shame to let it out
 So, you keep it a little too close

Every secret that you have

Is a story in my heart
 A story that will remain close
 Until the time my eyes close

Let's share a spicy secret
 To add spice to our boring life
 It is really not that bad
 But neither is it too nice

So come on share it now
 It's a secret only yours to own
 So never tell a unknown soul
 Your secret cannot be known.

POEMS

Our not-so-secret superstar

Riya Jain, AIS Noida, VII I

How honestly she plays her part

Our lovely mother
 What would we be without her

We all say, that she is the best
 Certainly better than the rest!

Oh! She is such a wise soul
 Preparing us for the future

Braces with encouraging words
 Voice sweet like chirping birds

Pushes us to show our skills
 Never lets us go downhill

She teaches us to pray
 Helps when we forget our way

Drives us to utilise our potential
 Instills values as an essential

Holds a special spot in our heart



It's Me

I dream

To become: A doctor
 To feature in GT
 because: It's trendy and cool!



Know me better

Name: Adith Gorle
 School: AIS Noida
 Class: KG E
 Birthday: December 27
 Hobby: Drawing

Love n hate

I like: Going on a holiday
 I dislike: Milk

Favourites

Cricketer: Virat Kohli
 Friend: My elder sister, Akshara
 Book: The very hungry caterpillar
 Game: Skating
 Mall: Logix City Center, Noida
 Food: Curd rice
 Teacher: Gagan Ma'am
 Poem: Wheels on the bus
 Subject: Mathematics

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Multi-use Holder

- Artificial flowers
- Glue gun
- Scissors
- Clay

Procedure

- Stick green paper rope around the square glass holder.
- Now, take a cardboard and draw the outline for two dolls and cut them out.
- Form shapes of doll with clay, according to the cardboard doll cut outs.
- Use toothpick to make details such as eyes, nose and lips.
- When the clay is hard enough,



- Once dry, spray clear varnish to give it shine, and let it dry.
- Highlight the details using golden glitter and stick googly eyes on both the dolls.
- With glue gun stick dolls on opposite side of the holder.
- Decorate them with artificial flowers. (Refer image)



Ananya Tandon
 AIS Noida, VIII H

Material required

- Square glass holder
- Green paper rope
- Cardboard
- Acrylic and varnish paint
- Toothpick
- Golden glitter
- Googly eyes