



Status of the week
Just when you sit down to study, everything in the world appears so damn interesting. Even the walls: Aditi, XI B, AIS Vas-6

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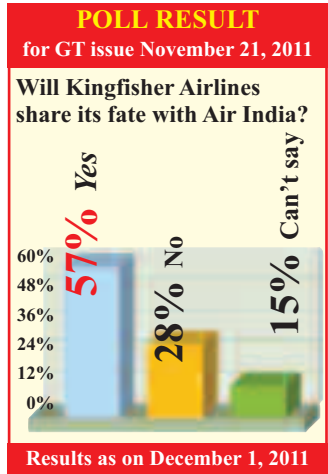
Who is responsible for ensuring peace?

a) Government

b) People

b) Both

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Warriors of PEACE

Aditi Sharma, AIS Vas-6, XI D

*Ground soaked with blood.
The once serene sky pierced with bullets.
The motherland still shivering with the fracas of the blasts.
Atmosphere still drenched with turbulence and tremors.
Graveyard silence encapsulates.
Corpses still looking as if they wanted to live one more time.
A grieving dove, stuck right in the middle of the lamenting torrent.
An aggressive gun, still looking for another victim.*

Gun: This is it.
Dove: Only till the time, you open your eyes and get rid of your ‘violently peaceful’ ideologies.
Gun: World is moving on. Moving on to make peace. Moving on to make it a better place to live in. Moving on to oust the tyrants of mankind. But, it is moving way too slow. World peace cannot wait that long, you see!
Dove: Better late than sorry. At least there would be someone to live in the peaceful world you talk of!
Gun: Peaceful world I talk of? My peaceful world comprises rebellious Libya, Syria and revolutionized Egypt, which could finally breathe freedom because of me! You certainly did not prove to be of much help there. Did you?
Dove: Of course, they did breathe freedom; except for the ones who had to breathe their last because of you. Maybe your violent volumes were deafening you too!
Gun: Sometimes high decibel levels do

What happens when a gun and a dove, set out to achieve the same aim – WORLD PEACE? Who wins? Who fails? Find out



Illustration: Vaishali Jain
XII B, AIS Vas-6

pave way for instant results.
Dove: And instant deaths too! Is uproar the only way to accomplish tranquility? Are blood bath and atrocities necessary for harmony? Look at my peace ambassadors who fought for liberty - the peaceful way. Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa... there are so many. Maybe you didn't learn anything from them. By the way, it's never too late.
Gun: But then, I did trigger the spark for liberty! The domino-effect surely helped the nations to break free the chains of merciless reign.
Dove: Well begun is half done; and the peaceful beginning is 'lot' more than half done! If we want harmony, we must better start in a harmonious way. The 'free world' that you created smells of restlessness, insecurity and fear. How many people in your land wake up to see the dawn of a new day? Maybe a little peaceful beginning, would have let the free people be free of their fears, too.
Gun: It does not happen the same way all the time.
Dove: It does. Who was it that freed the Indians from the ruthless hands of the British? I suppose a man with a *lathi* and a *topi*, and not some nuclear missile- Mahatma Gandhi. Who was it that fought all odds to equate the blacks with the whites, in a country of whites? Nelson Mandela. It has happened in the past and it will happen again.
Gun: But I was just doing my bit to achieve something both of us want- WORLD PEACE.
Dove: But the way we want it is entirely different. Violent peace or peaceful peace – YOU DECIDE!

A constant battle



Social activist Arvind Kejriwal, feels that the fight for an honest living is constant. Join in, as he shares with the GT Reporters of AIS Vas-6 about things gone haywire and the need to reform

It's a passionate voice reverberating through India's contemporary fight against corruption. Arvind Kejriwal, an IIT trained mechanical engineer and Founder, welfare organisation *Parivartan*, is a social activist and recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Emergent Leadership in 2006, which was instrumental in activating India's Right to Information movement at grassroots. Kejriwal is also a fellow of the Association for India's Development, a Global Impact award winning NGO.

Things gone wrong

Human resources and economic resources are not going in tandem. This is because our entire planning process is dictated by a few who have little clue of what goes on in our nation. Planning should be undertaken by us; only then synchronization of human and economic resources can effectively happen.

Time for action

The most important thing we need to do is be a part of the movements initiated for the betterment of the country. Everyone takes time out for movies and family outings but, one should be willing to spend time for the country. We live in a democracy which is by the people, of the people and for the people. If the people do not participate, the democracy won't



Pic: Sanchit Kumar, XI A, AIS Vas-6

GT Reporters (L to R) Sanchit Kumar, Meer Sisodia, Shivani Gupta, Savi Khanna, Utkarsh Singh and teacher Sudhi Bhatia with Arvind Kejriwal

work. You have to give time to your country. Once everyone starts giving time to the country, changes will happen.

Children for change

Quite contrary to what many people believe, these civil society movements are not just for the grown-ups. Children too can and should participate in such movements. Participating in them, will be a great learning experience for young kids like you. It provides them with practical knowledge about what they learn in civics and other subjects in school. Children need to understand that it's their future, which is at stake. So they must take a step forward to improve their own future by contributing to such movements.

What's happening?

Our education system is such that, today, everyone wants to become a doctor or an engineer, but no one wants to be a good human being. My message to the youth is to study hard and to work with sincerity. See what's happening in the nation, whenever there is a movement, participate. At the same time, keep your ears and eyes open. What is happening? Why it is happening? Be curious. Ask questions. Discourage your elders and parents when you see them indulging in any act of corruption. Remember, it's a constant fight if you want to live an honest life. It's not smooth sailing. You need to decide your principles and stick to them come what may.

It has been my first wonderful experience at AKC House. I learned how to work under pressing deadlines. Truly, I had an electrifying time with the team. I can never forget these moments!

Aditi Sharma, XI-D, AIS Vas-6, Page Editor



Shooting WORLD NEWS

Anisha Sharma
AIS Vas -6, XII B

USA

Roving in space: NASA has launched its Mars Curiosity rover on a journey of eight and a half months to the red planet. It is the biggest and the most equipped robot ever sent to explore another planet.

Found Guilty: Dr. Conrad Murray was sentenced to four years in custody for his part in the death of the late pop star Michael Jackson.

Catch the young: Tateuchi Center to be built in Bellevue, Washington, has decided to adopt a policy that allows the audience to use cell phones during the show. The bold decision is a play for a younger, texting generation to take an interest in attending live performances.

Russia

Cold City: Russia is planning to establish a 'city' in the Arctic. The town named Umka will be home to about five thousand residents, who will be placed in areas where people can survive in temperatures as low as minus 30 degree in winter.

UK

Musical Topping: Rihanna became the first artist in 39 years to top UK albums and singles charts twice in the same year.

Tennis Top Tour: Federer wins record sixth ATP World Tour Finals title over France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga. With the victory he moved ahead of Pete Sampras and Ivan Lendl on the list of Tour Finals champions in the 100th final of his majestic career.

Egypt

Long Live democracy: Egyptians turned out in long lines at voting stations in their nation's first parliamentary elections taking a giant step towards establishing a democracy after decades of dictatorship.

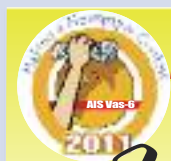
INDIA

Heir Hired: The Tata Sons board on Wednesday appointed 43-year-old Cyrus Pallonji Mistry as the successor to its iconic chairman Ratan Tata.

Tech Talk: Android 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich tablet hits the market. It has dozens of features, changes and improves the interface, and makes much better use of the latest Smartphone hardware.

S Korea

Beware: A prison in South Korea plans to use robots for patrolling to ease the burden on their human counterparts. The robots move on four wheels and are equipped with cameras and other sensors that allow them to detect risky behaviour such as violence and suicide.



News Room

Hulchul



Creative strokes



Keying thoughts



The thinker



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Up on the Editorial Wall



Working for GT was complete fun! I wish I could do it every year, but this year its farewell the Harry way for me...
Savi Khanna, XII B, AIS Vas-6, Page Editor

Money to burn EARN baby EARN!



To say teenagers are cash-strapped is the understatement of the year. Some teenagers, however, have found smart ways to flatter their pockets, and you can too! Read on and find out how

Savi Khanna, AIS Vas 6, XII B

You're walking down the school corridor with a torn note in your pocket and a looming sadness in your heart. 'Sigh, someday I would have to give up begging for money from juniors.' But that day is not today, you're as broke as last week. But you'd promised yourself you'd save up! What happened? LIFE! That's what happened. If you're a teenager in the 21st Century, sustaining your pockets can be hard. But worry not, take these tips and you shall never be broke again.

SELL YOUR OLD STUFF

Admit it. There's more useless stuff lying around your room than in a Museum Of Useless Stuff. There is a market for used stuff out there; you might as well tap into it. Says Chitra Jain, AIS Vas-6, "I had an Apple iPod, but when I got a phone, all my music was transferred to it, so the iPod was tossed in the can. But I sold it online, and made money out of it." Look around your corner for possible buyers or log on to online selling websites. But be sure to verify your buyer's background and do not complete any transactions without consulting an adult.

GET A PART TIME JOB

Teenagers aged 17-19 are earning a buck or two by taking up part time jobs. Speaking exclusively to GT, Australian student Sally Gorman, who works at Falls Food Halls, a local grocery shop, says working while studying has been a blessing, "Along with the money, it allows me to develop customer service skills which I'll need later in life." But how does one juggle



Model and pic by: Priyanka Nagpal, XII B, AIS Vas-6

school and work? Sally adds, "Even though it takes time management skills, I timetable my commitments, so everyone is happy!" While some do it for money, others do it out of passion. Prashansa Taneja of Bal Bharti School, New Delhi, worked at The Full Circle book store, Khan Market, simply for the fun of it. "Bookshops are nice. I like the idea of being in them," she quips.

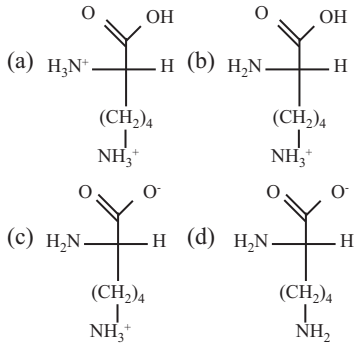
Even though some teenagers are cashing in, others are surviving on pocket money alone. Ayush Vij of Apeejay School, Faridabad laments, "Even when I want to, I can't work. My parents believe it's for my best, and I don't think I'd be able to cope with school and work, but if I could earn, I would probably throw it away on gadgets." Money or not, a teenager's spirit lives on. But when you have money to burn, go ahead, earn baby earn!

Amity Institute for Competitive Examinations



Brainleaks-27 FOR CLASS XI-XII

Which of the following is the major species in a solution of lysine at pH=10.5?



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“Along with the money, the job, also allows me to develop customer service skills which I'll need later in life.”

WATCH Out!

Does a swanky Fastrack or Rolex make your heart 'tick'? How about trying for an offbeat career in watchmaking?

Career Watch

Chhavi Srivastav, AIS Vas 6, XII B

Think watchmaking and the first picture that often comes to one's mind is that of a guy sitting at a local repair shop, struggling to fix a watch. But quite contrary to such visuals, watchmaking is an art and a watchmaker is an artisan who paints his canvas with dazzling

timepieces. Do you see yourself as one such artist? Here's a checklist-

Skill Speak

Watchmaking essentially requires precision and eye for detail. A watch designer must be creative, detail-oriented and must possess good presentation skills. But if you lack that artistic streak, then fret not, as venturing into retail would save you from the design work.

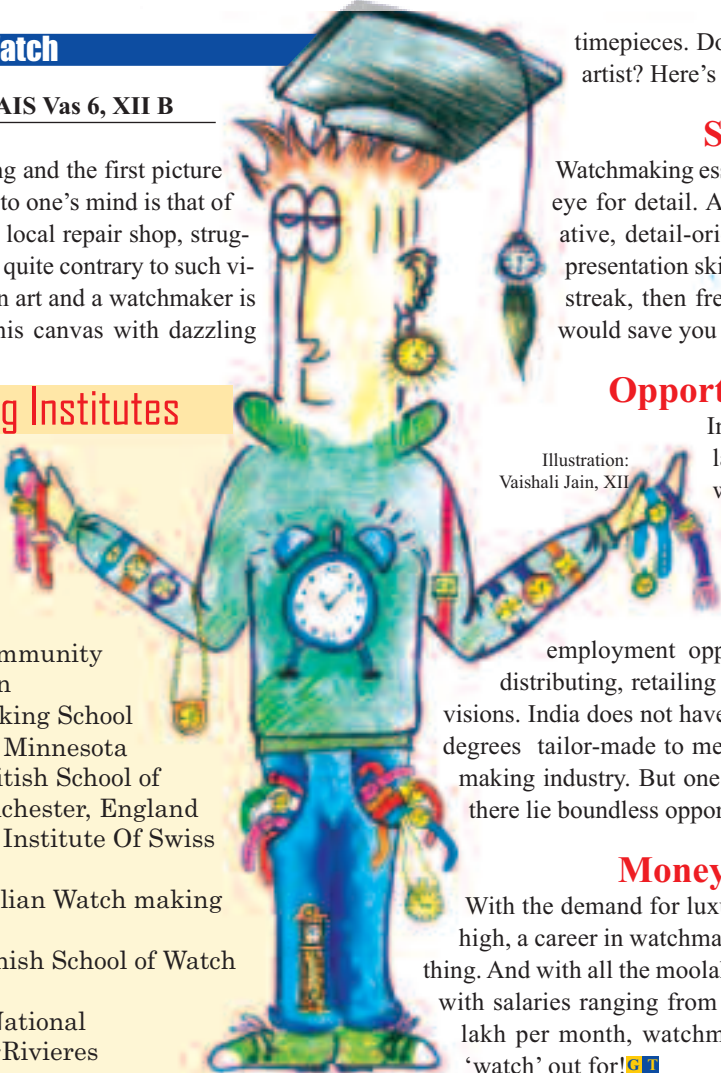
Opportunities Abound

India is not just one of the largest markets of clocks and watches, but one of the largest manufacturing bases as well. Hence, the profession does offer tremendous scope. The watchmaking industry offers employment opportunities in manufacturing, distributing, retailing and repair & maintenance divisions. India does not have exclusive institutes that offer degrees tailor-made to meet the demands of the watchmaking industry. But one can always thank the stars as there lie boundless opportunities abroad.

Money O Honey!

With the demand for luxury and sports watches on the high, a career in watchmaking is becoming the next 'in' thing. And with all the moolah one can rake in as a designer with salaries ranging from Rs 15, 000 to exorbitant one lakh per month, watchmaking sure is one hot job to 'watch' out for!

Illustration: Vaishali Jain, XII



Watchmaking Institutes

- **India**- Rolex training centre, Mumbai
- **US**- Lititz Watch Technicum, Peninsylvania
- ☞ North Seattle Community College, Washington
- ☞ Hayek Watch making School Saint Paul College, Minnesota
- **England**: The British School of Watchmaking, Manchester, England
- **Switzerland**- The Institute Of Swiss Watch making
- **Australia**- Australian Watch making School
- **Finland**- The Finnish School of Watch making
- **Canada** - Ecole National D'Horlogerie, Trois-Rivieres



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Persona meter

Arushi Srivastava AIS Vas-6, XI B

Q2) If you could pick a superhero ability, what would you choose?

- a) X-ray vision
b) Time travel

Q3) Your mom brings out an embarrassing baby photo of you to show your friends. What do you do?

- a) "Mom! How could you?" You stamp your foot and plunk yourself down on the couch.
b) "Oh, wasn't I just so cute!"

Q4) Choose your favourite dessert (you can choose just one!)

- a) Chocolate cake
b) Strawberry sundae

Tired of run-of-the-mill tests that typecast your personality under few generic adjectives (read reserved, extrovert etc)? Well, worry no more-here's a breather; hop on to persona meter and learn your Personality type

Q1) You're chilling in a friend's bedroom. You bend down to play a CD, when to your surprise, you burp loudly. How do you react?

- a) Run all the way back to your house to hide for the rest of your life
b) You join in the laughter with friends

Most a's: You're sensitive, though you may present a tough exterior to the world. You won't settle for anything average in life.

Most b's: You are the most likely type to hog the covers. You solve problems practically. You don't like to give up the remote control!

Disclaimer: This is not a certified test.

Tweakonet

A guide to Customize and Streamline your Windows Desktop

Just a ‘CLICK’ away to CONQUER!



Ankush Jain, AIS Vas-6, XII B

With Steve Jobs’ sad demise, the iCult is paying its tribute and now, Apple sales are off the charts! But all those stuck with good old Windows, worry not, six unbeatable tools are here to your rescue to facelift your boring Windows Desktop!

RE-Theme Windows: If you want to make a dramatic change to the look and feel of your desktop, WindowBlinds is the tool you need. The app comes preloaded with several themes. This tool will provide you with essential changes to taskbar, buttons, windows, etc.

URL: <http://tinyurl.com/3ypwb> [Paid] Alternatives:
▪ Styler Toolbar URL: <http://tinyurl.com/n84ese> [Free]

Ditch the age-old Taskbar for a RocketDock: Mac users have boasted about the utility of the OS X Dock for years. The free Windows application, RocketDock brings the same functionality to your Windows desktop. This App is best to shrink the space occupied by icons and stylizing them.

URL: <http://tinyurl.com/cpv7uz5> [F]

Alternatives: ▪ Objectdock URL: <http://tinyurl.com/26frz>
▪ Winstep Nexus URL: <http://tinyurl.com/35cmcsk> [P]

Organize Your Desktop in 3D: Virtual desktops have been around forever, allowing users to relegate Windows to different desktops, providing a more organized and a jaw-droppingly cool experience for a user. DeskSpace is a 3D virtual desktop that allows you to organize applications and icons on multiple virtual desktops on a three-dimensional cube.

URL: <http://tinyurl.com/2qgenx> [P]
Alternative: ▪ URL: <http://yodm-3d.en.uptodown.com/> [F]

Make Your Desktop Come Alive: With the introduction of Windows Vista, we saw the first effective use of animated wallpapers on the Windows desktop through DreamScenes. But it was excluded in Windows 7 and it was then that Stardock released DeskScapes, which took animated & 3-D wallpapers to another level.

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Fencing the Icons: Next, we have Fences, which is designed to organize your desktop icons to help reduce clutter and allow you to collect icons into boxes, i.e. fences. Users can select attributes for a set of icons as a whole.

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Change the Windows log-on: Bored with the scenic Windows logon? Head over to Logon-Studio and download the free LogonStudio app. You will never be bored again.

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Have ways of your own to revamp a desktop?
Log onto [facebook.com/ShareYourViews](https://www.facebook.com/ShareYourViews)

Harshit Singh, AIS Vas-6, X A

Participants at International Telecommunication Union Telecom (ITU) World Exhibition, Geneva, went into a tizzy when ITU heads concluded cyberspace will host WW III. Cyber experts weighed the possibility of a cyber warfare, describing cyber terrorists as a potent threat. ITU Union Head Hamadoun Toure, was quoted as saying, “The Cyber-space war is a very real possibility, and when it breaks out, it would be out of control. There are no superpowers and netizens can unite as allies anytime, anywhere.”

Waging an Anonymous War:

Group ‘Anonymous’ foresees WW III; Anonymous is a group identity for members of several online communities, who celebrate the freedom granted by the anonymity of the internet and loosely work together to achieve hacking goals. Group member ‘Anon 16387’ says: “*Anonymous* has almost built a cult of equals, where nobody’s concerned about caste or even name.” The ‘hacktivists’ land blows from anywhere, armed with just a LAN connection and a PC.

Feels Samyak Ranjan, alumnus, AISV-6 and Founder of web designing company Grafix Planet, “A cyber war will bring the most powerful nations to their knees. Best hackers are bred in countries like India. A cyber lockdown can do more damage than a World War ever did.” 🇮🇳

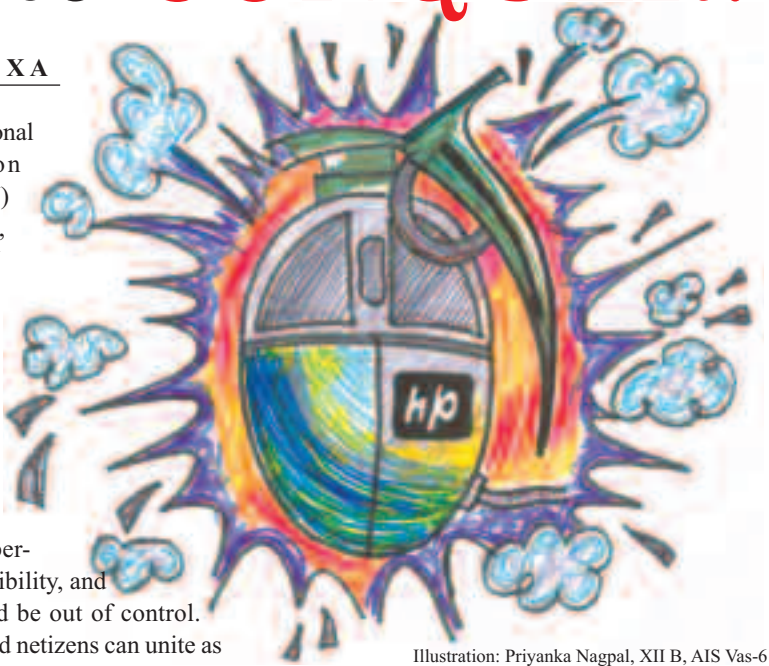


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MODERN WARFARE

- 5 hacktivists (hackers+activists) of the hacking group Anonymous claimed to send spam messages to Facebookers in November 2011.
- In 2009, a group of hackers in London knocked offline a British police website for months.
- In June 2011, hackers LulzSecurity took down US agency CIA’s website for three days before being arrested.
- In October 2011, hackers brought down Sony’s Playstation Network, stealing account information of 93,000 users!

Sports

Howzatt!?!

SKATE ON



Meet Prithish Tayal, National level skating champ from AIS Vas-6. This 9th grader is on his wheels quite literally. With a whopping 72 medals in his kitty, the young boy is already skating his way to success. Join **Debasmita Pal**, X B, AIS Vas-6 as she gets candid with the skating star

Debasmita: 72 medals, participating and winning so many championships. Looks like you have come a long way.

Prithish: Yes, it has been a long journey. I started skating when I was in Class I.

Debasmita: Wow, that’s quite early! So, what triggered the love?

Prithish: When I started skating, I wasn’t really inclined towards the sport. My parents just enrolled me into skating classes. But then I started winning and

Sport star

then there was no looking back.
Debasmita: In that case, you owe it all to your family?

Prithish: Of course, I do. My mom, Dad and my cousin Ayushi really encouraged me throughout. Besides, my school gave me full support too. I would also like to thank Charu Ma’am for her good wishes.

Debasmita: Apart from your family, who has been your inspiration?

Prithish: My coach- Mr Nafiz of course, along with a senior, Abhimanyu *bhaiya*. He was a great skater and got me thinking about it all.

Debasmita: Like every other game, skating too has its set of challenges. What do you think is the most challenging part of the game?

Prithish: Every sport requires hard work and commitment. But skating requires them all the more. Balance and strength are challenging!

Debasmita: How do you deal with these challenges?

Prithish: I don’t mean to brag but I had a natural flair for skating, so challenges were met with ease!

Debasmita: And what about the other challenge - academics? Balancing academics and the game isn’t easy right?

Prithish: Balancing both was tough, and I began loving academics so much that I had to cut down on skating entirely, but I don’t regret that for a moment.

Debasmita: With so much of a balancing act, do we see you as one of the ace skaters in times ahead?

Prithish: Well, not really because I’m planning to be an automobile engineer.

Debasmita: What?

Prithish: I’ve pretty much got everything out of skating, so I’d like to venture into something new! Besides skating, cars interest me a lot.

Debasmita: Skating, cars...what are your other interests?

Prithish: Apart from skating and cars, science really interests me. I just went to France earlier this year for Science Symposium. I also attended the same in Indonesia. I also like the concept of MUN and went to China for one in 2010.

Debasmita: But isn’t that all work and no fun?

Prithish: Oh ! I love having *masti* too you see! I love my friends and I really like spending time with them. 🇮🇳

SPORTS Up!!!

Swapnil Tandon & Debasmita
AIS Vas-6, X B

Bored of the fake reality shows, epic drama and *hungama* flooding all the TV channels? Don’t worry- here is a list of the REAL reality shows from the world of sports to entertain you all December and beyond!

December 2-4 (Tennis): Davis Cup final, Olympic Stadium, Seville, Spain

Dec 6 (Football): Carling Cup quarter finals, England

Dec 8-18 (Football): 2011 FIFA Club World Cup, Japan

Dec 8-11 (Golf): Dubai World Cup

Dec 3-Jan 15 (Darts): World Championships, Alexandra Palace, London

Dec 26 (Racing): William Hill King George VI Chase, Kempton 🇮🇳

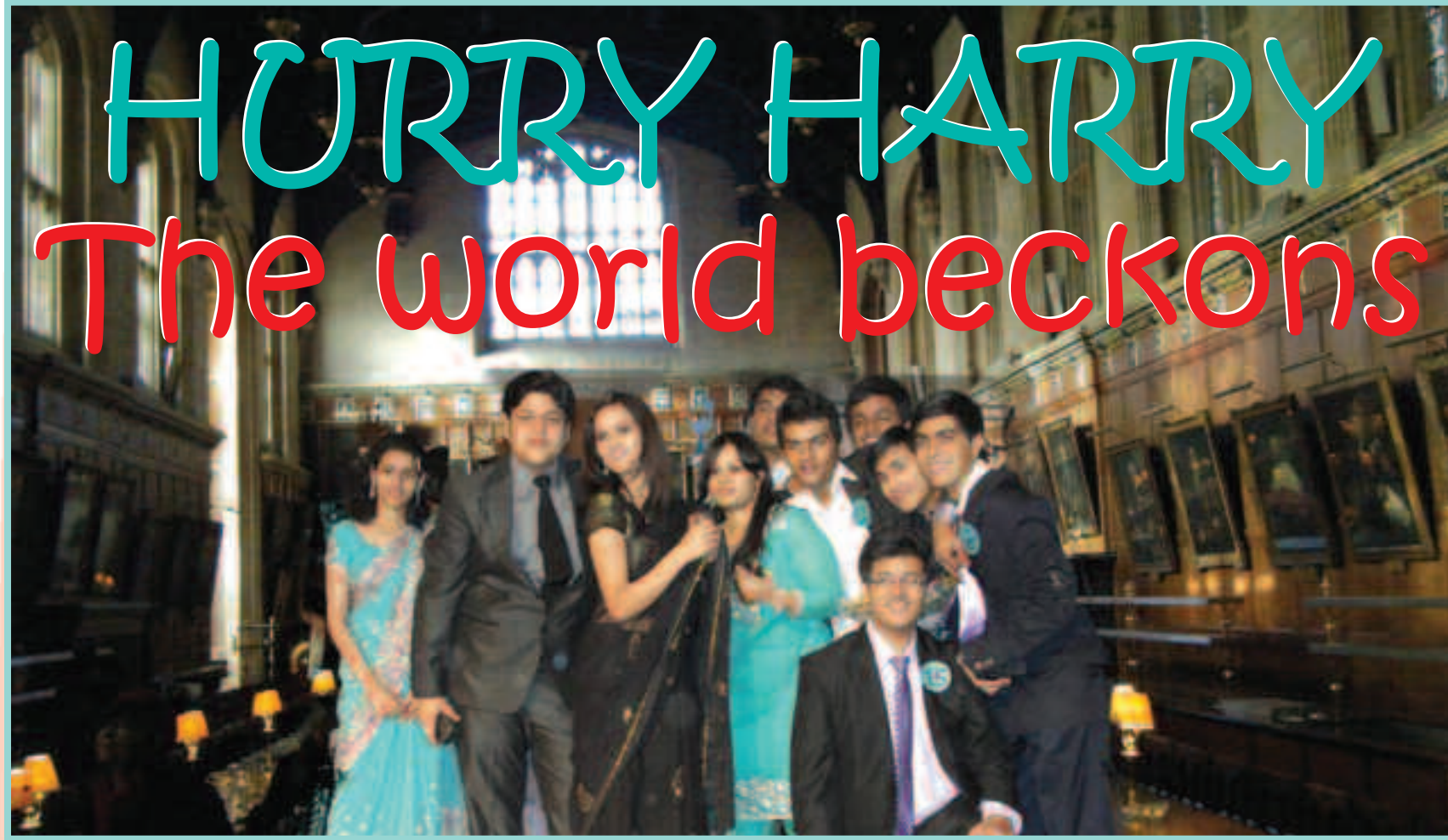
ACHIEVMENT GALORE

- ✓ Medal tally - 72
- ✓ Inter-school Roller Skating Championship - I position
- ✓ CBSE Competitive Sports Programme - I position
- ✓ Roller Skating Federation of India Competition - II position
- ✓ All India Roller Skating Championship- III position



From brainstorming till the point of nervous breakdown, discovering the writing streak in me to having mind blasting fun, the association with GT is worth cherishing.
Chhavi Srivastav, XII B, AIS Vas-6, Page Editor

Imaging: Chitra Jain, AIS Vas-6, XII B



The boy who lived, came to die. And so is my school life. As a 12th Grader, you know you're depressed about leaving school when you wake up howling, 'I don't want to LEAVE!' in the middle of the night, spend all your time on Facebook, bawling over school pictures and any conversation with a school friend ends with a 'Don't you dare forget me.' But even after that, there's something awesome about sharing your farewell with Harry Potter's. Get set for a nostalgic ride as **Chitra Jain**, XII B, AIS Vasundhara-6, brings to you farewell tales and beginning of a new world, a la Harry Potter style

Imaging: Chitra Jain, AIS Vas-6, XII B



Muggle born Wizard: Siddarth Uppal
Wizardry Rank: Graduated from AIS V-6 in 2011
School of Wizardry: VIT Chennai

Philosopher's Bone: Obviously, seeing the past makes anyone gloomy, but I was incredibly sad too! For a successful future, it's necessary to leave the past behind and move on.

No fears when Harry is here: College life is a completely new world; there are new people and new environment. Lots of exciting adventures await you. I had no fears before college! Though, I was a tad bit nervous, I didn't let the nerves get the best of me.

Seriously Black: On our graduation ceremony, I was called for an impromptu speech. Already dizzy from all the nostalgia, I was absolutely blank. I had no idea what was spewing out of my mouth until my friend Mayank Tiku took over, leaving me to catch my breath.

Priori Incantatem, Undo the done: I have absolutely no regrets, but if I could undo one thing, it would be my designation in the Students' Council. I wanted to be the Headboy for once, but that's a past now and I'm absolutely fine.

Passing on the legacy: Believe in your dreams, they define you completely!

Imaging: Chitra Jain, AIS Vas-6, XII B



Muggle born Witch: Meiko Miyazato
Wizardry Rank: Grade 12
School of Wizardry: Naha International High School, Japan

Wailing Widow: I am so sad I'm leaving. I've already begun a countdown of sorts! We will go different ways and meeting up will be kind of difficult after graduation.

Half-Blood Relations: This hometown is a treasure trove of my earliest memories. All my friends are like my brothers and sisters. I may not be related to them by blood, but I definitely love them exactly the way I would love my brothers and sisters. They will be missed!

Slytherin or Gryffindor?: I don't know if I should be excited or nervous about college! I hear monstrous tales of college life, yet it offers adventure and fun. In Japan, kids officially become independent in college, so it is definitely more like Gryffindor. Or else I'm dead.

Heavenly Hallows: I remember we organized a Sayonara (farewell) party for Seniors. We danced, performed a skit, sang and laughed our guts out.

Passing on the legacy: Juniors, remember to just have fun, no matter what! As Steve Jobs said, 'Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish'.

Burst your trouble bubble...

...with Piggy Nags a.k.a. **Priyanka Nagpal**, XII B, AIS Vas-6. The ultimate gyaan guru answers it all...



Graphic: Ankush Jain, XII B, AIS Vas-6

My stomach seems to have a mind of its own and refuses to cooperate. Why won't it work with me and disappear? Help me be a size zero!

- Wannabe Skinny

Katrina, Kareena, Karishma, they say Zero is just a number, better still my friend bribe your stomach with all your favourite food. You are going to reach another number for sure!

I love food, I could eat day and night, but I can't cook even if I am offered the highest prize money! What should I do?

- Hopeless foodie

Sanjeev Kapoor, Tarla Dalal, better still Nigella Lawson. Marry any one! If that doesn't work out legally, go the Bear Grylls way, go raw! Enjoy the bounties of nature my friend, after all man is a social 'animal'.

I love to read books, interesting intellectual books. I really do! But I am also a sleeper. It's a clash of interest. How can I manage it?

- Sleeping Beauty

Here is how you can go about it. Take the book you want to read and put it under your pillow and I am sure

by morning you'll be enlightened.

Sometimes students ask such amazing ingenious questions that I wonder how they even got through 4th Grade. Would it be too much if I sent such students to sit with the nursery kids in colourful chairs and learn the ABCs?

- Prof Xavier

That's a cool idea! How about honouring him in your class by giving him a separate chair in the class. Hey! Why don't you give him your chair?

There is this student who always comments while I teach. It disturbs the momentum of teaching and my concentration. What should I do?

- Agony ma'am

Seriously, you can make him teacher of the day! Sit in his place and comment. He will be wiser the next day!

DISCLAIMER: All questions are imaginary and fictitious. Any resemblance to any real problem/person is purely intentional.

Piggy Nags is waiting for YOUR queries. Log on to [facebook.com/shareyourviews](https://www.facebook.com/shareyourviews) and post to me. I'm waiting to burst your trouble bubble.

URBAN DICTIONARY

Chhavi Srivastav

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Earworm: No, this is not some worm; Earworm translates to a tune that keeps repeating itself over and over again in one's head.

Sentence: Try listening to Rihanna's once, you'll sure end with an earworm.

Helicopter parent: This hilarious term could be used for a parent who is overly involved in the life of his or her child.

Sentence: Why do I have such helicopter parents, who keep hovering over me 24 X 7.

Notspot: It is an area where there is slow Internet access or no connection at all.

Sentence: Even after technological developments, rural India remains a Notspot.

Et tu, friend?

Osheen Srivastava

AIS V-6, XI D

When and how did things change? Lately, I've been pondering about it a lot. Was it my mistake? In my ignorance, I probably hurt you. But come on, if I hurt you, it wasn't done on "intention", it was done "in tension". Our present relationship addles me to the core. I can't comprehend whether our differences are amplifying or dissipating? What was the glitch, anyway? Something I did you didn't approve of or did I break your trust? Does trust needs to be earned? Or is it simply a matter of faith? Either ways, it was lacking between us. I've learned that the cliché about friendship being hard to maintain is true. All along,



I believed that out of everyone, you know me inside out and accept me with all my imperfections but Eureka! Here we are fighting like the biggest nutcases ever. Perhaps it was my fault, or maybe it was just you. For now, it's an impasse. But you know what hurts more, it's the fact that underneath all the anger and hatred, there is pain, which my friend, you never saw.

Friends fight all the time and yet, our's seems like a quirk. The reason behind the fights is unfathomable and inexplicable. Some call it jealousy; others think it's just difference of opinions. We can't start on a fresh slate, can we? You know as they say, if once gone, the person who returns is never the same. In retrospect, I think we could've worked it out, but as a matter of fact, it's a failed relationship.

In this searing agony, I lean against the wall, close my eyes and let the eerie thoughts overpower me. It wasn't supposed to end this way, was it? Why did we..... How could you.... Right now, all I can say is, "Et tu, friend?"

You are your own competition



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

When The Global Times began with its contest editions three years back, little did anyone know that it would become such a prestigious contest. With more than a hundred trophies and certificates rolled out every year, ‘Making a Newspaper Contest’ has really

picked up like never before. Digging into endless resources to let the creative juices flow, students and teachers of each school bring out their best editions month after month. Not that they don’t work as hard for the non-contest editions, but the contest editions are special. These are the culmination of the collective hard work of the entire school, as a team. And that is exactly what brings out the best of editions.

Isn’t that the purpose of competitions-to bring out the best in you? The reason why we have competitions galore at Amity, is we believe that when you are pitted against someone else, you tend to put your best face forward. You may win some, you may lose some; but there is no competition in which there is no learning. Each time you participate in a contest, be it intra school or inter school; you end up adding several stars to your persona. In any contest, on the surface it may appear that you are competing against another person or team; but eventually, you are competing with your own self. Competitions help you to become a better you.

I’m glad, at Amity, we’re able to tell apart the fine line between healthy rivalry and cut throat competition. Here, we salute the competitive spirit that encourages young students to become their best selves. Wherever you are, whatever you do, always remember this golden *mantra*: you are your own competition!

Youth Refresh

“Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire.”

W. B. Yeats



Sunila Athley
Principal, AIS V-6

It’s the techno era with gadgets and gizmos. Times are changing fast and we have to keep pace with it. It’s easy to be didactic and dogmatic, but keeping in mind the fast track on which we are moving steadily, be it Formula One races or the alarming number count to our population, it is to be accepted that change is the only constant. Children today have to be taught about compassion, universal brotherhood, sharing, caring, valuing human life and virtues, also empathising with the less fortunate. Students at Sector 6, Vasundhara worked on issues like - brokering peace with war, terrorism & its impact globally and the world of opportunities for students once they leave the portals of educational institutions. Students zest to envisage a future school for themselves just about summarized the very need for change. The idea of ‘Go Green’, although clichéd, has the urgency to be implemented; a fact well comprehended by today’s youth. Their awareness, that money is not the be – all and end – all and life has many different facets to it, is commendable indeed. Let’s together usher in 2012 with the hope for peaceful world solutions to political unrest and lopsided economic growth and celebrate the refreshing youthful perspective with everyone. May the world change to a better, healthier and greener place to live.

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It has been incredible working for GT the second time. I learnt a lot about acting efficiently under pressure, trying for the best outcomes. Have my fingers crossed!

Arushi Srivastava, XI B, AIS Vas-6, Page Editor



Contest Edition

Are we serious about terrorism?

Illustration: Aditi Sharma, XI D, AIS Vas-6

Is it all about blood-bath and fear? It’s time to wake up from our wonderland and support the government with whatever little we can do



Aditi Sharma, AIS Vas-6, XI D

Again. Again is the word that will repeatedly be in the spotlight, not for the heinous scams and scandals, but now, for the terrorist attacks rattling the country. Delhi bleeding, Mumbai quivering with fear, Kashmir trapped by sepa-

ratists; does the government want anything more as evidence? Many questions yet negligible answers. When the serenity of Mumbai was shaken by terrorists on 26/11 three years ago, it was followed by quick comments from political parties, heated debates on the country’s security, newspapers flushed with pictures

of bloodshed and then? Any concrete action? The answer is NO. We got hold of only one attacker, Ajmal Kasab. But let alone hanging, he was not even penalized! Where is he now? Starving to death? Laden with an expensive bed, a television set, an AC, he’s living in no less than an Ambani-style mansion.

"Three years have passed by. While we have people going on candle marches, we have Kasab enjoying his luxurious jail. What a shame! Not surprising if tomorrow, they mourn over the fact that they ever killed some terrorists!" opines Tanvi Sethi, X, AIS Gur-46. This is how the system works. This is the way it treats its accused, ignoring the security of the common man, who forms the nation’s biggest strength. But Aastha Choudhary, X, Salwan Public School, Delhi, feels otherwise, “Well, I do think that India is serious about tackling the terrorism prevailing in the country. Recently, police authorities successfully traced out a terrorist plan by tracking a car laden with

5kg explosives in Ambala. Efforts are also being made to modernize the Black Commandos.”

The bigger question that remains unanswered is why is India succumbing to the serial blasts, not catching hold of the wrong-doers? Why are such incidents always followed by discussions alone? How much more time will it take to track down the malicious bunch of insanity driven people who kill innocents? Why is India financing the overtly protected terrorists? The need of the hour is that, Indian government should be a little less abstruse and hit the anarchists with a bang! The vigilant citizen demands more transparency; quicker and concrete decisions regarding implementation of existing laws, enhancement of security levels in malls, metro stations and public assemblies to deter states and enterprises from supporting terrorists and to deny terror groups any kind of access to nuclear materials. Let’s just hope that citizens get to see a better future, a better nation.

Counting on the Aam Scientist

Harshit Singh, AIS Vas-6, X A

Year 1: Started with 36 birders and 14 birding trails to cover

Year 2: Had to say ‘No!’ to around 50 people as the seats were full

Year 3: Had to say ‘No!’ to around 400 people as the seats were full

Year 4: Had to say ‘No!’ to around 950 people as the seats were full with 57 birding trails (Transects) this year.

That’s the story of the GHBC (Great Himalayan Bird Count) that takes place every year in the Gharwal Himalayas and covers the birdlife of this area. Today, it’s the country’s biggest and the most famous self-funded birding event, working with the co-operation of the forest department of the state of Uttarakhand. Started 4 years ago by a small organization called ARCH (Action and Research for Conservation in the Himalayas), it was the brainchild of its founder; a former Wildlife Filmmaker, Prateek Panwar.

As a Wildlife Filmmaker, Mr Panwar used to be in long waits to catch a glimpse of his favourite birds. And that is how he developed an interest in birds. At a time when everyone was scouting for elephants, tigers and



Passionate Birder:
Prateek Panwar

other species, he took up to conserving the avians! And that dream led to the birth of ARCH, which in turn has given birth to the annual GHBC. It has also paved way for several other such campaigns like the ‘Rediscovery of the Himalayan Quail’, ‘The Friends of the House Sparrow Campaign’, etc. With GHBC, ARCH aims to bring forward every birder with the aptitude of a scientist, into field research. Mr Panwar believes, “A common birder doesn’t always get a chance to be in a Census for birds due to its complex nature. At GHBC, we do more of a

wet work for the occurrences of species, rather than calculating densities. Volunteers are able to organise base data for scientists around the globe, which is quite valuable.”

ARCH has no age bar for participants. Different survey trails are planned for the elderly and even kids can be a part of the initiative. Rural youth of Gharwal are its part and earn their part time salaries through it. Hats off to Mr Panwar’s mission, to spread knowledge and make it accessible to everyone and enable them to appreciate their lives and surroundings better.

unleashed and it was just fantastic. The Chief Editor was engrossed in gossip. Don’t we all love a healthy bout of gossip wherever we are? It seemed like everyone had loads of fun and the Secretary General really snoozed off! It was more of dressing up for the occasion and having fun while discussing grave situations. More paradoxical and thought provoking!

Savi khanna

AIS Vasundhra-6, XII B



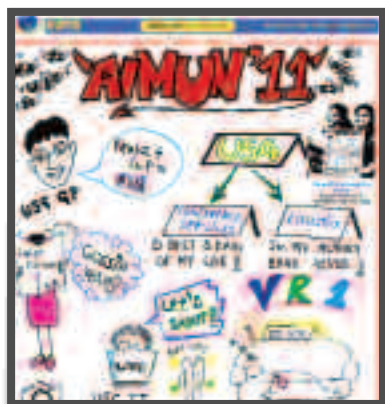
Subhashini Ramakrishnan
GT Coordinator, AIS Vas 6

Make it Large

Let’s do an ‘I’ special issue suggested Chitra softly
The science buff all the time, guffawed Savi smilingly
Tweedledee and Tweedledum for page one chorused
Aditi and Osheen demurely
Maybe Chinese whisper said Chhavi skeptically
No, no politics is out scolded Shreya crossly
Go Green should be the theme, Yashika interjected smartly
Aha! Cookery column, why not? Said Swapnil sniggeringly
Piggy Nags the agony aunt spoke seriously
Shut up all! It’s blue and green for the Mosaic agreed!
Vaishali synched suspiciously
School revolution it is, the illustrious Ankush reasoned
Maybe a personality meter enquired Arushi secretively
What about Camera Capers, Byronic Harshit sagaciously suggested
‘Ishtytle se’ exploded Ishita sleekly
Savi, Chhavi, Chitra, Aditi, Osheen, Ankush, Harshit and Swapnil
Deliberated and debated on the topics and illustrations
The quest for excellence was unquestionably high
Till it reached a cacophonic crescendo.....
Silence if you please! Admonished the strict teacher
The clamoring clatter continued and confused confrontation
Went unabated till, the laborious yet loving edition of
The Global Times saw the light of the day
And breezed gently to the windy cold December ways!

GT M@il

When I read the AIMUN special edition I was mesmerized by the eye catching pictures, amazing visuals and short crisp snazzy write ups. I loved the last page. ‘Last ka blast literally’. The illustrations were amazing and the simplicity startling. The heading seemed like a devil





Writing for The Global Times gives me such a break from a crazy life, it's not even funny. Stories take you away, and to have the power to write one is incredible!
Chitra Jain, XII B, AIS Vas 6, Page Editor

School Story 3011

What's enormously epic, ridiculously advanced, magnanimously awesome and yet completely imaginary? Yes, it's our school of the future! Bid farewell to conventional classrooms and corny corridors (for a while). Hop on for a futuristic ride as we take you to our 'School of The Future: 3011'

Harshit S, Chitra J & Priyanka N, AIS Vas 6

Disclaimer: All objects are fictional and any resemblance to present day objects is intentional. This story might take you away- please hold on to your seats.

DO YOU HAVE THE S.T.U.D.?



Your lovable everyday digital gadgets being allowed in schools? That's a rarity, and rightly so. But wait, won't you still like to have digital prowess handy? How about a customized Digital I.D. Card, a mini PC? The futuristic school calls this imaginary gadget S.T.U.D. or the Student Tri Utility Device! As the name explains already, this cool gadget offers three unique functions. First Utility, this monster of a gadget will have all your social updates along with Wi-Fi access and academic score sheets, which get updated from various sources like the school and social networking sites. For Second Utility, it boasts of a 'task manager' that reminds you of all your classes, meetings and appointments by giving you oral reminders (or minor electrical shocks for the hopelessly indolent!). The third utility is a powerhouse of music, movies and obviously chatting and calling facilities, which the S.T.U.D. activates after your classes, but deactivates during the class. Now that's what teachers call cool! Maybe, there will be a time when you'd be sending Facebook friend requests from your I.D. Cards, and we bet you won't ever forget to bring them to school!

Learning, not Examinations!



In 1998, Kevin Warwick, a cybernetics professor implanted a processor chip on his arm, which lent limited control to a computer to control his arm. Think of

this special processor in your brain which helps you recollect all data learned and heard at lightning speeds. Guess what? That's one thing that just might be possible in the distant future!

"If I could just have a mega-genius memory chip - 1 Zigabyte memory like Rajnikanth Chitti, I wouldn't Mind It! This will spell death of tiring written examinations along with the importance given to rote learning. With memory chips taking care of the learning bit, schools just might evaluate students on application of concepts, like how awesome your space vehicle was that you built to go back to Planet Earth for the summers, or the time machine you built as a hobby," states Aditi Sharma, XI D, AIS Vas 6, matter-of-factly.

THE HISTORY CHANNEL



History is one of those subjects alleged very seriously for disturbing peace of mind and interest in academics of students. Well, imagine a

long corridor where you must study History every day. Quite plaintive if you look at it, but as soon as you step in, it gets activated with what your History teacher has got to teach you today. With 3-D projections and holographic impressions that take Projectors to the next level, you will experience in 4-D what History felt like. I wouldn't be surprising if you come out feeling the pain of Indians subsisting under colonial rule or getting pumped up with the action of Vietnam war, or even 'Rawring' with T-Rexes in Prehistory!

With the Holographic and Motion Technologies in place – this is very close to reality. Wouldn't it be amazing to fake-grab a terrible tyrant by the wrist and watch him squirm like a girl! In our school of the future, past and future will collide and the consequences will be celestial!

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN? NO WAY!

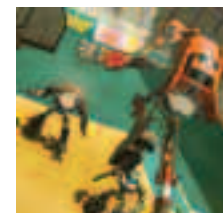
Sample this. "It took too long to get back to class from the ground floor, Ma'am, we're not late!" "Admit it, you're late. Now, get out of my class and stay there!" You drag your body to an embarrassing corner of shame and wonder what



went wrong. You started right on time from the school canteen, but yet, there you were, head plopped in embarrassment. That's the story everyone shares. If you have ever experienced that, join the club. If only there was a quicker way of moving around the massive campus. Voila! Goodbye eternal stairs to nowhere! Hello Teleporters! Our school of the future features world class imaginary Teleporters built for your comfort. These limited range teleporters function like elevators, only they run in any direction possible, and are specially designed to reduce the impact of its powerful magnetic fields on your body. Jumping through space and time - pretty awesome, isn't it?

LOVE THE SPORT, LIVE THE SPORT

Love the sport? Your futuristic school loves it too. "When I'm out on the field and a burning sun beats down on me, I love the adrenaline push but it bogs me down after a while. Better technology will give a sport enthusiast full room to grow," says Gagandeep Singh, XII B, AIS Vas 6. Say the words and you shall have it, my friend. In our school of the future, bad weather will never be a road block. Players will be hooked into a virtual world of sports. With Kinect-like controls plugged onto your body, you will be able to control every movement of your virtual avatar. With a swift back-hand move, your avatar knocks one out of the park. With a smooth swipe of your hands, your avatar plays a bold square cut. Your virtual avatar pounds punches in a virtual boxing ring, while you thump air punches in your school's gymnasium. It's the perfect workout minus the bruises and dehydration. Run-of-the-mill board games will give way to X-Boxes and Playstations in our school arcade. Voice command will control your pawn's every move, while an advanced rifle will shoot lead bullets at your command.



EYES OF STEEL, HEART OF GOLD

They watch with eyes of steel. Their blades of glory gleam as if ablaze. With razor sharp, immobile limbs they slash through a mound of metal. They may sound like terrible machines of malice, but look again, their heart gleams with compassion, just like a teacher's heart. In January 2011, schools in South Korea introduced EngKey bots, designed to teach English to students after a massive dry spell of English teachers. Designed by Korean Institute of Science and Technology and costing a whopping 1.39 million USD each, EngKey with its egg shaped body and limp arms is sure to catch kids' attention. But when the Koreans are in the race, can Japan be far behind? Japan played a decoy and gave the world Humanoid Robots – robots bearing startling (and we MEAN startling) human resemblances. Saya, Japan's first humanoid robotic teacher is programmed to make human-like movements -from eyebrow arching to smiling- her face can emote in six ways. Time to ponder if this is what we want in our future school!

GOODBYE PAPER, HELLO E-PADS!

We all want to save the world, but schools of the world are taking gigantic leaps towards it. Schools in California, New Delhi, London now offer e-Pads instead of run of the mill notebooks. Imagine the magnitude of awesomeness when you pull out a sleek, glossy iPad in place of a drab, half torn book.

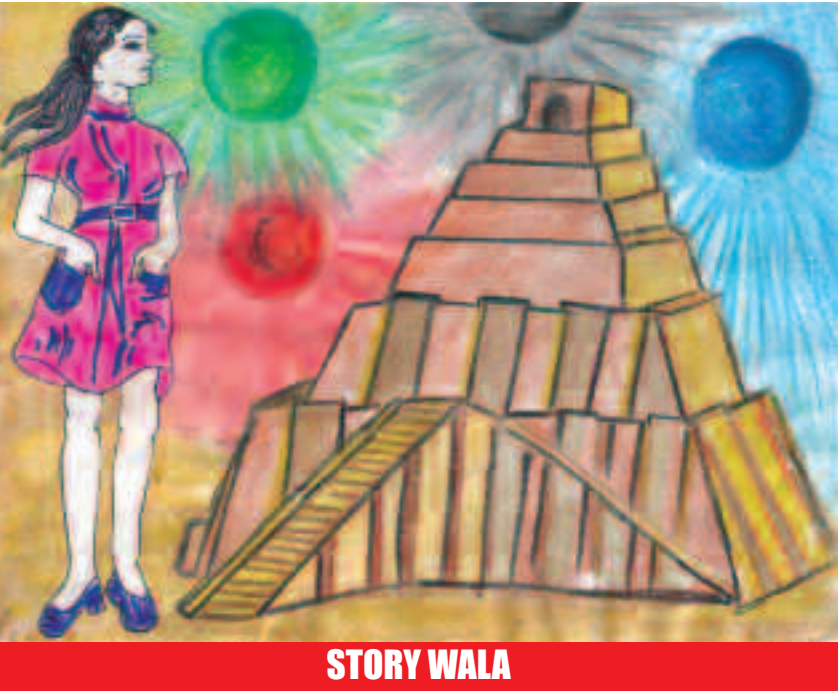
Plus, with touch interface and top notch Operating Systems, the e-Pads offer learning that's smarter, better and faster. "National newspapers have also come out with their digital versions and are selling phenomenally, our own The Global Times is 'e' and it's free!" says Debasmita Pal, X B, AIS Vas 6.

Is it finally time to bid adieu to ink and paper? Only time can tell!

With inputs from *Prapti A, Shraya S & Utkarsh S, AIS Vasundhara-6*

The Quacilix

Illustration: Vaishali Jain, XII-B, AIS Vas 6



STORY WALA

Chhavi Srivastava, AIS Vas-6, XII B

It was only six in the evening and dark clouds seemed to have engulfed the blazing sun, enveloping the whole sky in a black blanket. However, for me, everything was blue as my archaeologist mother was forcefully taking me along on an archaeological expedition to discover the secrets of ancient Mesopotamia. As we set food on the mystical land, the initial few months proved futile for the team as they did not come across anything interesting. But as luck would have it, the machines hit upon old ruins of what seemed like a temple. After 14 months of hard work, the team finally succeeded in bringing the structure up. The temple- a demolished, mud-brick remain had a mysterious aura

surrounding it. A thorough study of the ruins revealed a massive monolithic gate at the fourth level of the temple. Unable to proceed further, the team was forced to halt work. However, I was desperate to somehow get inside the ruined structure. So, while everyone dozed off peacefully, I stuffed my bag with some essentials and a site map and decided to do a recce of the temple site. As soon as I reached the fourth level, the same gate greeted me. Disappointed, I was about to return when I noticed an opening on the side of the wall. The mud and brick structure had given away forming a small hole in the wall over the years. The interiors dazzled like gold. In the centre lay four large boxes, in blue, red, grey and green. They contained the most enticing coloured stones I had ever

Disappointed, I was about to return back to the camp; that was when I noticed an opening on the side of the wall

seen in my life. Mischievously tempted, I was just about to pocket them, that to my utter horror, the stones started shining brightly. The stones soon turned smouldering hot and I slowly started drifting into a different world, where I could see members of an ancient clan, the actual owners and possessors of these stones, popularly known as ‘quacilix’. It suddenly struck me that I had read somewhere that these stones which represent the four elements of fire, water, wind and earth had the power to unleash the power of nature and its possessors were blessed with the power to control the forces of nature. As I sat there recollecting the details about quacilix, the stones stopped shining and a creepy aura engulfed the quarter. In haste, I threw the stones and fled from the chamber. “Amelia!” I heard the familiar voice of my mother. She was trying to wake me from a deep slumber. With the first phase of the excavation complete, it was time for the crew to leave and we decided to return home. While checking-in at the airport, my bag felt unusually heavy; as I opened to check what was making it heavy, to my sheer horror, I saw the quacilix shining from inside my bag! 🇧🇩🇮🇳

Cheesy garlic bread & Vanilla biscuit smoothie



Swapnil smiles his way to yumminess!

Swapnil Tandon
AIS Vas-6, X B

When you are craving for a snack and mummy has hit the shopping track, Chef Yummy is there to serve you a sumptuous platter. Here are a few recipes from chef Yummy to help you fill your tummy without your mummy. And don't worry, they are tried and tested!

Cheesy Garlic Bread

Ingredients

Bread Slices: 2
Garlic cloves: 1
Butter/ Margarine: 1 ½ tsp
Cheddar Cheese: As per your liking
Salt/ pepper: To taste
Mixed Herbs: Optional

Method

- Preheat the oven to 180 C.
- Finely chop or crush the garlic.
- Mix some butter in the crushed garlic using fingertips to get gar-

- lic butter.
- Combine the mixed herbs to the freshly prepared garlic butter.
 - Spread the butter over the bread and top it with cheese.
 - Bake for about 10 minutes or till cheese has melted.
 - Sprinkle salt and pepper and serve piping hot.

Vanilla biscuit smoothie

Ingredients

Digestive biscuits: 3-4
Milk: ½ glass
Vanilla Ice cream: 1 cup
Chocolate buttons: Optional

Method

- Put about a half a glass of milk in a blender.
- Add a scoop or two of ice cream to the milk.
- Add some crushed biscuits and chocolate buttons. Blend it well.
- Serve chilled. 🇧🇩🇮🇳

POEMS

The Haughty Tree

Shreya Gupta
AIS Vas 6, X A

Asked the big-headed upright tree,
“Why thou always bent so low?”
“Winsome is the tree, that stretches its shoots;
You own the charm, move on and show!”
Replied the benign and wise tree,
“My friend, you took amiss way now!
This land has done inevitably for me;
Not an uneasy bending, but it’s a gratitude bow!”
“Worthless is such compliant submis-

siveness”
The snooty said, “Unexplored is your height!
Bear thy fruits, reveal thy richness;
See me, sternly just stand upright!”
“Listen, oh dear,” called out the humble,
“Nothing would I gain from cherishing proud;
Bow, this somehow can offer fruits;
Fruitless is to hide your worth with a shroud!”
Arrived at that moment some forest dwellers,
Ready with their bags to collect some fruits!
Effortlessly they gathered from the bent tree;
And see, they impended then the proud shoots!
Concluding all approachable doors, of getting



fruits;
From that tenacious upright tree were shut!
They took out their prickly spades and axes;
And ultimately the haughty tree was cut!

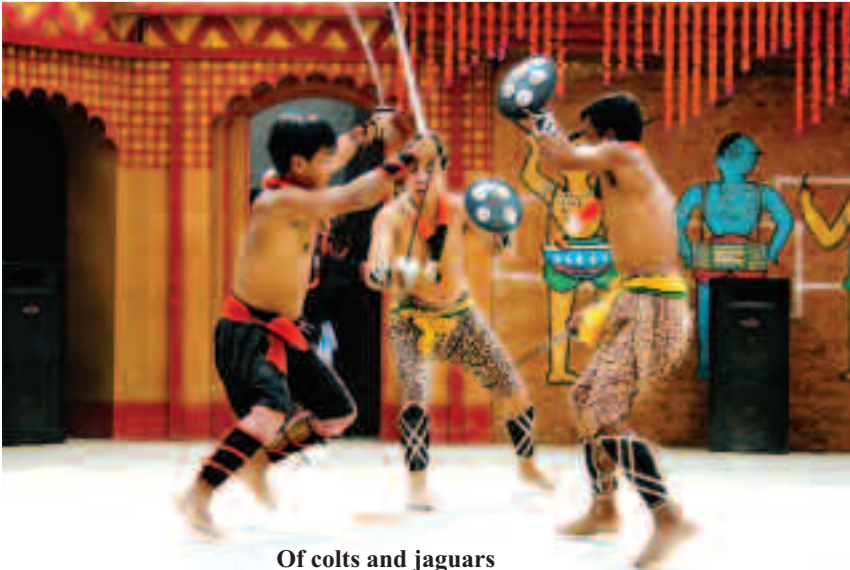
Be The Change

Kristi Verma, AIS Vas-6, XII B

The sunbeams on top of the sea
The rain tapping with glee
The dew drops on prairie
The snowfall on the peak
Grant us the change we desire to see.
If not we sense, until we dream
Then not we act, unless we believe
worth the experience,
The zeal of the change
we fancy and feel.
The gleam following obscurity
like joy cutting short catastrophe
Peace after reconciling enmities
Inspire & furnish in us the propensity
to be the change we want to be. 🇧🇩🇮🇳

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Pics: Harshit Singh, AIS Vas 6, X A



Of colts and jaguars



As it flies



Blade flier



Colours have always fascinated me and The Global Times has given me that opportunity to draw to my heart's fill! I believe in art for art's sake or is it too cliched?
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Tale of crafty crane

Wisdom Tales

Nistha Das, AIS Vas-6, III C

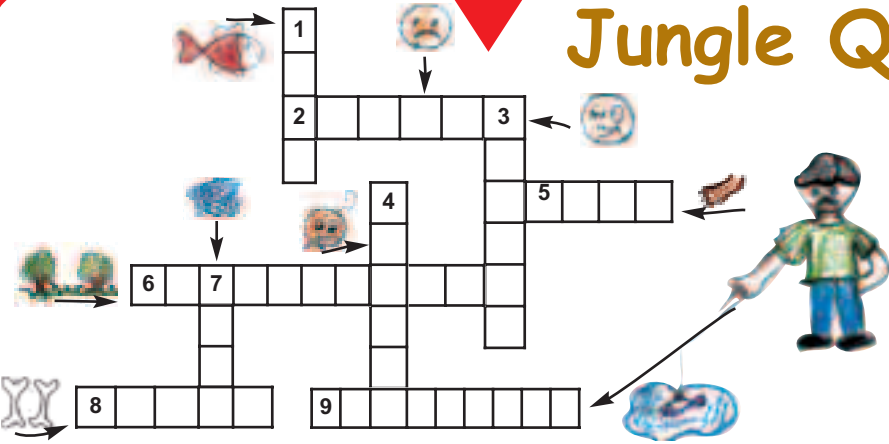
Once upon a time, a wicked crane lived near a big lake in the country of jolly-jungle. He had grown very old and was too weak to catch fish on his own. He thought of a plan to get his food easily. He pretended to be disheartened and stood by the lake with sorrow. The crab asked the grief-stricken crane, "Uncle! why are you not catching any fish?" The crane replied, "My dear nephew, I heard a fierce fisherman is coming tomorrow to catch fish. I am very shocked and so I decided to give up food today." The surprised fish thought cranes are our rivals, but in this hour of crisis, we need their help. "I think, we should go up to uncle for advice," said the fishes. So they went to the crane and said, "Uncle, we are very disheartened to hear the news. Please tell us how we can avert this danger?" Acting as if he was thinking over their problem, the crane replied, "There is a bigger lake at some distance. I can take you there one by one. But you know, I am old, so I'll take a little rest after taking you to the lake." All the fish were relaxed

and agreed to his plan. Everyday, the crane took one fish to a big rock and ate it up. The crane lived happily for sometime because he had enough to eat. Meanwhile, the lake was also home to a small crab. He felt he should also leave the place and save himself. So, he said to the crane, "Uncle, save me also." The crane was getting tired of eating fish and thought of trying a crab for a change. So, the next morning, the crane took the crab to the same place. The crab spotted some bones on the rock. He was frightened. He knew the crane would land on the rock, kill him and eat him, as he had done with all the fish. The crab said to himself, "Oh, what bad luck has befallen me. What should I do?" Suddenly, he thought of an idea. He dug his sharp claws into the crane's neck and strangled it. The crane tried his best to get rid of the crab. The crab was pressing the bird's neck with all his strength. Soon, the crane fell down on the ground, dead. The crab felt very happy to teach the cruel crane a lesson.

So, what did you learn today?
We should not lose our composure when in trouble and keep our senses alive.

Jungle Quiz

Hint:
Look for answers in the story



Dhruv Bhutani, AIS Vas-6, III A

9. Who was coming to catch all the fish ?

Across

- 2. The crane stood with at the lake.
- 5. The crab grabbed the crane by his.....
- 6. All animals lived in the country of.....
- 8. What did the crab notice in the lake?

Down

- 1. The crane ate only.....
- 3. While the crab was wise, the crane was.....
- 4. When in trouble, we must keep our.....alive.
- 7. Where did the crane promise to take fish?

At Amiown, everyday's a Theme Party

Amies interact with PLANTS to stimulate their interest and creativity


Amiown follows a curriculum, which focuses on the holistic development of the child. The different areas of development that it focuses on are communication, language and literacy development, personal & social development, mathematical development, knowledge & understanding of the world, and physical & creative development. The theme for the month is well integrated to enhance development in these areas, so much so that each day seems like one big theme party!

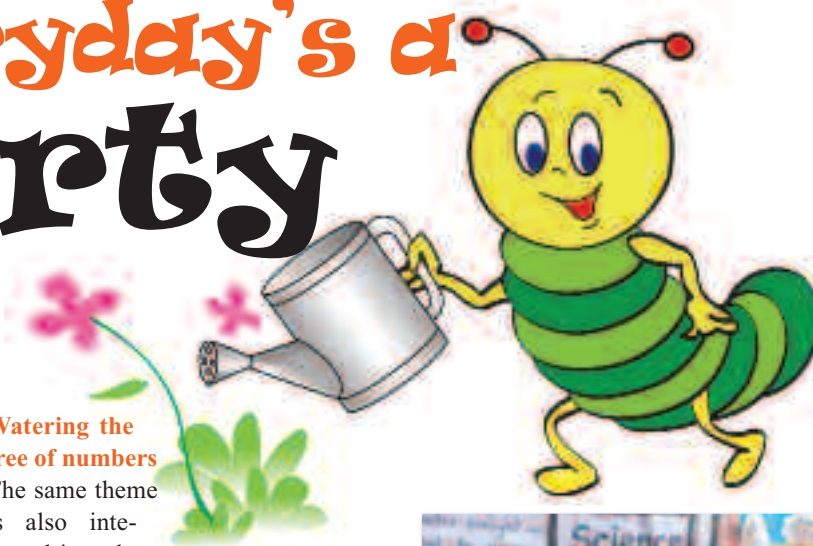
Planting seeds of learning

In the ongoing theme of 'Plants', chil-

dren at Amiown are developing their communication and language skills with the help of rhymes like 'The farmer sows the seed' and stories like 'Tiny Seed' by Eric Carl. They are getting to know about the various parts of a plant by going for regular nature walks and also getting hands-on experience of the various things needed by a plant to grow. They are provided with an environment which stimulates their interest and creativity. They are given various opportunities to explore; for instance, learning how a plant drinks water with an experiment and also what happens if plants do not get sunlight.

Watering the tree of numbers

The same theme is also integrated into the understanding of numbers, with the help of different games. Children enjoy the caterpillar race which helps them to develop their gross motor skills. They are involved in various art and craft activities like flower printing, leaf printing, etc to explore their creative side. They also learn and understand the different stages in the life cycle of a plant by observing the germination process of the seeds sown by them. 



Sowing the seeds of learning: Children interact with the school gardener



We care: Watering the thirsty plants




Let's interact: Talking to plants

Aditya Malhotra, Amiown Gurgaon, Class Nursery F



Walking on wheels

At a time, when most kids are learning how to walk smartly, the little champs of Amiown Gurgaon showed everyone how to walk on wheels and that too, flawlessly. Aditya Malhotra of Amiown Gurgaon, class Nursery F, attained First Position in Skating Competition organized by Sports Wave at Ansal Institute of Technology on November 20, 2011. We are proud of him! 

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Celebrating Gurupurab in a Gurudwara

Learning. Exploring. Discovering.


Best Practices

Learning by doing or experiential Learning is the best way to learn. This is why Amiown supports its classroom learning with field trips. Such trips are essential for strengthening the fundamentals as they enhance the child's understanding of the concepts taught in class. Field trips break the constraints of classrooms by giving the child a chance to take that extra step and take on as much information as he wants. This month, on the occasion of Gurupurab,

Amiown took the children on a trip to the Gurudwara to give them direct knowledge about the sacred festival of the Sikhs. The significance of the festival and the great devotion and dedication with which it is celebrated by the Sikhs, was explained to the children. They were also briefed about the five K's - *Kesh, Kangha, Kara, Kachhera and Kirpan*. The children, along with the guru, chanted verses of Gurunanak ji at the Gurudwara. They thoroughly relished the *khadha prasad* offered to them. The day was a perfect blend of enlightenment and entertainment. 



Bikram Singh plays a charming boy in the play 'Nehru - his inner story'

It was a proud moment for Amiown, Gurgaon, Sector 27, when Bikram Singh, a student of Nursery B, enacted a role in a play on the life of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru titled 'Nehru, his inner story'. The play was staged at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi and Epicentre Gurgaon on the occasion of his 47th death anniversary. The play was a unique journey into Nehru's personal space. It was a monologue with virtual characters depicting Nehru's love for children, irrespective of their caste and creed. Bikram portrayed the role of a charming Sikh boy in the play. 



Working for The Global Times has made me realize my hidden talent of writing. It was a wonderful experience that only an Amitian can get.

Swapnil Tandon, X-B, AIS Vas-6, Page Editor

MUNwalk in Germany

Amity, the youngest delegation at Model United Nations of Germany (MUNOG), commended for adding quality to the conference



Sana Sawney & Venika Menon
AIS Noida, X

A delegation of 8 students from Amity International Schools, accompanied by Ms Jyoti Arora, Headmistress, AIS Noida, visited Goldberg Gymnasium, Sindelfingen Germany to attend the Model United Nations from Oct 20-26, 2011 arranged by AERC. The team of Amitians who visited included Mridali Goel, Mayur Vihar; Satyajyoti Nanda, Gurgaon 46; Abhinav Bhargava, Avni Gupta, Hari Aditya, Kusha Gupta, Sana Sawney &

Highlights

Best Delegates awarded to Hari Aditya & Satyajyoti Nanda

Special Mention conferred to Sana Sawhney, Venika Menon, Kusha Gupta and Mridali Goyal

Venika Menon, AIS Noida. Around 180 delegates from countries like Germany, France, Italy, Luxemburg, Romainia, Russia, United Kingdom, Spain, Cyprus, Slovakia, Holland, etc took part.

Oct 21: As soon as we reached the school, we were welcomed by students and teacher, Ms Agathe Zug, who served us some relishing breakfast. Soon we left for sightseeing to a town called Tubing accompanied by our advisor, Chris and Schirm. They took us to the market place and also for a boat ride.

Oct 22: Everyone dressed in smart formals to attend the much awaited Opening Ceremony. We heard speeches of the town Mayor Bernd Vöhringer; school Headmaster Mr Kase and the Sec Gen, Sophie Penelope Stellmacher. After

Youngest, but the best!

Jyoti Arora
Headmistress, AIS Noida

The two things that we learnt at Germany, were doing all our work ourselves and being disciplined and punctual. It needs a special mention that our Amity delegation was the youngest and yet, they were commended for their excellent communication skills in the English, German

and French languages. Amitians were applauded for adding 'quality' to MUNOG. When we met the Mayor of Sindelfingen, and presented him a memento, he said he was touched by the warmth and humility of Amitians. MUNOG will always be a cherished memory for me. I would like to thank Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity group of Schools, for giving me this wonderful opportunity.

a short introduction of the committees and their respective chairs, the Ambassadors of all the nations gave their speeches. After the Opening Ceremony, we proceeded to see the Mercedes Benz Museum, which was breathtaking!

Oct 23: Today was our first committee session. The day went on eventfully, with each member of our delegation giving their best to the committees. As we went back to our host families, all we could think of was the next day's session!

Oct 24: Most of the day was spent at the respective Committees. Since we had already demonstrated our abilities to the Executive Board, they were watching us closely. Being a part of the Indian education system, we proved to be more competitive than others. Besides,

Amity's emphasis on both written and spoken English from a very early age, gave us a distinct edge over others.

Oct 25: Today was the last day of our sessions. Three days of intense debate and discussions led us to drafting flawless resolutions.

Oct 26: The day proceeded slowly with each resolution being read out and debated. After a short break with the host families, we assembled for the Closing Ceremony. Hari Aditya & Satyajyoti Nanda were declared "Best delegates". Sana Sawhney, Venika Menon, Kusha Gupta and Mridali Goyal were conferred "Special mentions". Avni Gupta and Abhinav Bhargava were also appreciated. We said goodbyes to all who we were not going to meet in the near future! 🇮🇳

Calling future CAs



AIS Pushp Vihar

also explained them the procedure of taking admission to this course and different methods and techniques to study for getting success in this lucrative career option. They were also told about the course structure and various examinations to qualify as a Chartered Accountant. The seminar was very informative for the students as they came to know how to appear for accountancy right after class X. It was a great experience for those students who want to pursue this career as well as it influenced many other students to take up this career option. 🇮🇳

Celebrations galore



AIS Noida

Usha Verma, Teacher AIS Noida

On November 4, 2011, Nursery and KG children of AIS Noida observed both Eid and Gurupurab occasions simultaneously. During the Special Assembly, the little ones colourfully depicted why Eid was celebrated. For the Guru Purab segment, they enacted relevant incidents from the

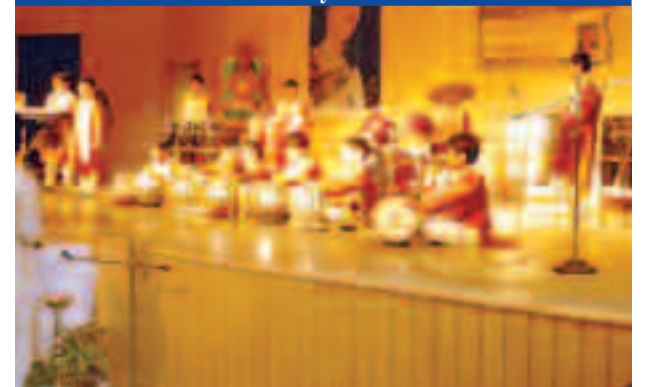
Guru's life and eloquently expressed the meaning of *Ek Onkar*. *Shabads* added melody and sanctity to the day. A devotional song echoed Guru Nanak Dev Ji's primary message to society as 'devotion of thought and excellence of conduct as the first of duties' making Amitians the true embodiments of knowledge and humility.

On November 11, 2011, the Primary students observed Gurupurab. Classes 3 to 5 had two separate special assemblies to mark the auspicious festival. They gave informative news on the life and times of Guru Nanak including a skit on how the Mughal Emperor, Babur realised the greatness of the Guru. The children also imbibed the teachings of the Adi Granth. The Ten Gurus are revered because God spoke through them. Guru Nanak had no other Guru but God. Musical *shabads* and distribution of *Karah Prasad*, added extra enjoyment to the day. 🇮🇳

AIS Vasundhara-6: (L) Founder Sir visits Amitian Pledge tree (R) Children present cultural programme



Musical rendition by AIS Vasundhara-1



Founder's Day celebrations

Amity International School Vasundhara-6 and AIS Vasundhara-1 celebrated the birthday of Founder President, Dr Ashok K Chauhan on November 11, 2011 in the school auditorium. On this auspicious occasion, the meritorious students were felicitated with badges and trophies for their brilliant performance in academics for the academic year 2010-11.

The programme at AIS Vasundhara Sect 6 commenced with a warm welcome extended in the form of a musical rendition *Shat Shat Naman* followed by *Guru Ashtakam*, a Mohiniattam rhythmic tribute to the dynamic educator and philanthropist. Serene celebrations attracted the attention of the audience in the form of the Amitian Pledge Tree which depicted the 101 Attributes which should be possessed by each Amitian to become a good human being. The gold and silver colour leaves of the tree represented the luminous persona of every Amitian.

The programme at AIS Vasundhara-1 commenced with the

lighting of the ceremonial lamp, while an invocation prayer lent auspiciousness to the event. School principal Ms. V Balachandran in her welcome address spoke about the grit, determination and unflagging commitment of Founder President to make India a superpower by 2030. This was followed by a birthday song and a poem by the school head girl. The theme of the function 'The land of the rising sun-Arunachal Pradesh' was presented with a bamboo dance by Class-VI and the song *majhi nago e lage* by class IV students in the regional language of Arunachal Pradesh. An exhibition of the state of Arunachal Pradesh mesmerized the visitors about this north-east state. Senior students presented a skit on the life of Founder President Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan.

The programme in both the schools concluded with the motivating words of Founder President Dr Ashok K Chauhan wherein he extolled the students to dream big, continue with their passion of realizing their dreams and seeing India as a Super Power by 2030. 🇮🇳

Smells like rock spirit: 'Psychic Wave'

Music might be passion for some, but it has become an addiction for the band members of **PSYCHIC WAVE**, who breathe, eat, and sleep music!

Vaibhav Jain, AIS Vas-6, IX D

You can't help but be drawn magnetically towards the school basement from which pounding beats and sounds reverberate. Walk a bit closer, the sound gets monstrously loud, engorging into the mind, numbing chants and astounding arpeggios. It would be an understatement to say PSY-



Pics: Harshit Singh, X, AIS Vas 6

CHIC WAVE, a fresh new band riding high on the popular rock wave, has a unique sound. Drawing heavily from bands such as Green Day, The Eagles, Guns N' Roses and The Beatles, the band describes their music as an ideal cocktail of soft rock and psychedelic rock. GT caught up with the band members to know about their passion for music and more.

HOW IT BEGAN: Describing her unparalleled love for music, Alisha Sharma, the lead singer of Psychic Wave says, "Music is a passion, once ignited, it can become an addiction." It was this common passion for music that brought

Alisha Sharma, Ram Kaushik, Sujay Srivastava and Anmol Baluja together last Christmas and form the band. "As an honour to the legendary Kings of Leon, we wanted to christen our band 'Kings of Legion'. However, fear of plagiarism made us come up with the name 'Psychic Wave'. But seriously, the name best describes our music," says lead drummer Anmol Baluja.

AND WE ARE INSPIRED BY...: The band which looks up to Green Day for inspiration says, "Green Day makes us go green with envy, quite literally. If there's a band whose footprints we would like to follow, then it has to be

Band members (L to R) Shikhar Vardhan, Ram Kaushik, Sujay Srivastava, Anmol Baluja and Alisha Sharma

them," quips Ram Kaushik, the one who creates magic on the keyboard. Just then Sujay Srivastava, lead guitarist, interrupts cheekily, "We don't believe in replicating! We believe in forging our own path." The band created quite a stir with their music at the annual cultural fest of Amity PV and Amity MV. They rocked their school campus umpteen times with breathtaking performances. Though, they are yet to come out with an album, their original track 'Yaadein' received an overwhelming response.

FIGHTING AGAINST TIME: When asked what they will name their first album, the band says they have absolutely no time for cutting an album. "But if we could, it will be called Ruined Passion. We breed so much passion for our music, and yet sometimes, it gets washed down, but in Starship's words, *Nothing's gonna stop us now*. When we play, I just see an enormous crowd cheering for us, chanting our name, so we just play our socks off every day," says Alisha. "If you genuinely love music, don't push it to the background. Give it everything, and never give up," says Sujay in a message to children who want to take up music.🇮🇳



Imaging: Chitra Jain, XII B, AIS Vas-6

Confessions of a Gamer

Ishita Kaushik, X C, AIS V 6, provides you a sneak peek into the life of a gamer and his world of games

Busan, South Korea
Gamer: 16-year-old Ji Hwan Park
"Aww man! The school bus would be here any minute now!"
And then starts the journey of a Korean gamer, hacker and developer teen prodigy, Ji Hwan Park.
"Ji Hwan, you're late, son! Grab your bike and off to school!"
"Sure Mom!"

A way from the drab and monotonous hum drum of life

Meanwhile in the background, pounding music of 'My Chemical Romance' plays out as Park puts on his school uniform when he finds his 'lost' pen drive snuck away in a tiny corner of his pants. His virus-laden pen drive has infected countless computers in cyber cafes, leaving the lanky, clueless owners in the lurch. Six hours later, in a burning afternoon sun, Park is cycling back to his house, lost in the world of his favourite video game character, Alex Mercer from video game legacy Prototype. He's virtually amidst blazing guns and eruptions of shrapnel. In one quick shot, he slams the opponent flat. He wishes to be like him- strong and unique. But Alex is disgustingly violent, he doesn't want that. "Seriously, studies do take a toll on my gaming..." contemplates Park. He finds solace in Parkour or free running, Ai Ki Do and Martial Arts. He loves taking

his mind off of studying and watching movies, after all, eight hours of school everyday takes its toll. He gets philosophical when asked for a message for budding gamers, "Gaming is an art, especially a game like the CoD series. It's no less than any other masterpiece, say the Mona Lisa. But be careful, because appreciating an art needs proper manners attitude. Be nice to other gamers and be nice to yourself. Gaming is a stress buster, but not everyone can follow it. Pick a path and stick to it." By night, there lies Park in his bed. Amazingly, thinking of topics he doesn't care much for- from crushes to watches. Whilst at the same time, there were the usual dreams of imagining himself as a gaming hero. And suddenly, Park looks up at the ceiling, "What a drag?!" says he, and shuts his eyes for another day to come.🇮🇳

Look out for more confessions in the next edition

The Last 'Inheritance'

Name: Inheritance
Author: Christopher Paolini
Released: 8th Nov 2011 (In U.S.A., Canada & India)
Genre: Fantasy
Rating: ★★★★★

Amrithaa Seshadri, AIS Vas-6, X-A

The book is the final installment to the Inheritance Cycle by Christopher Paolini, the widely acclaimed Californian author who debuted with the first part of the Inheritance Cycle, Eragon, at the age of 15. The story begins and follows the life of an abandoned and poor farm boy in the land of Alagesia, who lives with his uncle and cousin to make a living and how he comes across a dragon's egg during one of his hunting trips. What follows is an amazing drama in the intricately woven land of Alagesia (the particular aspect that Paolini's been supremely acclaimed for) filled with love, hatred, forced betrayal, and other emotions, while taking the reader through the journey of a lifetime! The fourth installment abounds in conclusive drama. Though the book may end up failing some expectations on a few of the main characters. But nevertheless, the story runs almost flawlessly; long months of training and war have brought both joy and loss to Alagesia, but the real battle still lies ahead in the land. It's just too bad to break the climax in a review – the book certainly deserves a read.

TIP: If you haven't read the earlier parts of the novel, it isn't advisable for you to directly munch on the fourth installment – lest you find it too harsh a reality that you can't even comprehend the novel!🇮🇳

