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Will US' new visa policy lead to global conflict?

a) Yes b) No
 c) Can't say

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Does the Union Budget 2017 seem promising enough?

Response	Percentage
Yes	94%
No	2%
Can't say	4%

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Lessons from a nobel laureate

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The truth 'lying' beneath

They say that every new word is the harbinger of a new world. And when Oxford Dictionary established 'post-truth' as its word of the year, there was enough food for thought to feed a new world of ideas. Richa Avtar, X C & Irina Srivastava, IX D, AIS Vas 6 ponder, if truth can be pigeonholed. Because truth, 'they' also said was singular. The rest were versions.

"The beginning of wisdom is the definition of terms." - Socrates
 2016 was a year of words, one could say. While its first half gyrated around 'Brexit', the end was marked with 'Trumpery' and 'Demonetisation' echoing in all corners. 2016 also happened to be a year of demarcating- residents from immigrants, black money from white and truth from popular

belief. Amidst the turmoil of identity crisis, changing political scenarios and contradicting beliefs, the anxious citizen upheld some wisdom by defining the orchestra. Post truth, the word that dates back to 1992 saw an upsurge of 2000% in its usage. And with that it was manifested as Oxford Dictionary's word of the year. Wisdom was sought in definition again, 'an adjective relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief'.

"A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes."- Mark Twain
 And perhaps it were these lies or 'alternative facts' (because terminology is the new justification) that led to the emergence of 'post-truth'. The world is following the 'news at a click' model. With a panoply of sources to gather information from (that may or may not be true), forming and shaping opinions, has become a breeze of a task. Going by facts, the Brexit vote and the US presidential results were unexpected and the RBI did not have enough new currency to carry on demonetisation and yet, today, they stand to be the truth of

the moment. So, there definitely was a force working beyond facts that appealed more to the 'people'. The three nations are the beacons of democracy and so these choices were never forced. About the opinions...well the question remains.

"Man is made by his belief. As he believes, so he is." - Bhagwad Gita
 The fall of Drona was invincible to Pandava's victory, his love for his son Ashwatthama being his only weakness. Ergo, Krishna advises Bhima to name an elephant Ashwatthama and kill it. And so Bhima does, informing his teacher, "Ashwatthama is killed." Drona turns to Yudhishtira who has never lied and asks if it was true. "Aswatthama (the elephant) is dead," replied Yudhisthir, neither lying, nor being true. The incident is exemplary that post truth has been the unspoken truth of societies since their inception. Hitler's chauvinism and his stereotypes against Jews were not facts but beliefs. And although the intellectual awakening with term is a thing of present, there certainly is a pre to 'post truth'. The truth has on occasions been compromised at the hands of manipulation, sometimes for a greater good, sometimes to wreak havoc.

Illustration: Nandini Bharadwaj, AIS Vas 6, X B
The truth is a beautiful and terrible thing, and should therefore be treated with great caution." - Dumbledore
 With so much heat around the new word, what would be the wise thing to do? Do we go by just facts, while emotions and appeals that were and are sacrosanct to mankind shall take a backseat? Maybe not. Because perhaps there is more grey to post truth than there is black and white. For one man can free a nation of billions from the shackles of colonialism was never a fact, but a popular belief. And 'Sava lakh se ek ladava,' (one against 1.25 lakhs) would be far from a practical fact for us but was the truth of Guru Gobind Singh. Dreams are not facts, but beliefs and what will be a world that stops dreaming beyond reality? Whenever the power of truth will be confronted by the truth of power, wisdom shall be the good Samaritan. Wisdom to be able to analyse, to see wrong from right, to keep popular beliefs from ours. And most of all, the wisdom to embrace the 'grey'. Because while Yudhishtira lied, but for the greater good. Hitler did not.
"Without facts, there is no reasoning. And to want to reason is an emotion in itself." - A layman with a mind of his own.

A life worth living

He bears testimony to what can be achieved by one man, one voice, one thought, but overflowing compassion for the nation and society. It is not everyday that millions follow a man's voice

Anna Hazare with GT reporters and School Principal

Pic: Dhruv Raj Kashyap, AIS Vas 6, X B

Arun Singh, X C & Lagan Sethi, X A, AIS Vas 6

One of India's renowned social activists, Anna Hazare is a name synonymous with change. Recipient of the prestigious Padma Bhushan and a former soldier, Anna is respected for upgrading the ecology and economy of his village Ralegan Siddhi. He traces his life journey in an exclusive interview.

Childhood is beautiful
 I still wish that I could go back to my childhood. It has its own charm. When I was a kid, I was very fond of playing. I really enjoyed flying kites and loved watching the pigeons fly.

My biggest lesson
 Once, I went to school without completing my homework and lied about forgetting it at home. My teacher then sent me home to bring it, but back

home, my mother scolded me for not speaking the truth. I did not go back to school that day but the next day, my mother made me confess everything. That incident changed me as a person and I stopped lying after that.

Know your calling
 I was born in an era, when the country was in a turbulent phase and undergoing a major transition. Back then, people were only trying to make ends meet. Nobody was adding any value to the society. That disturbed me. And then one fine day, I happened to stumble upon a book by Swami Vivekananda. The book really inspired me and helped me understand the meaning of life. It helped me realise that helping those in need is as good as serving God. Then, I decided to dedicate my life to social service.

Life mantras
 Power in words and actions and purity of 'character,' 'conduct' and 'thoughts' is of utmost importance. Keep these tenets in mind and you will be able to create a strong reputation for yourself, which is important to achieve life goals.

Love thy country
 Nothing can be more gratifying than serving your own country, which is why I cherish my association with the armed forces. I still remember the afternoon of November 12, 1965. Pakistan had launched air attacks on Indian base. I was posted at the Khemkaran border, where I stood witness to my comrades dying, taking the road to martyrdom. And just then a bullet hit me straight on my forehead. But even as death lurked over me, I realised that I had achieved the purpose of life.

Youth is the power of a nation
 Ever seen a corn plant? In a corn plant, the kernels always stick together. None of them are ready to fall. If a kernel falls down on the soil, it will slowly grow into another plant. That single seed, that dared to take a different path, paved way for a new plant. The youth of the nation, just like corn, should try and aim to not be a part of the herd. Instead, dare to be different, for then you will give birth to a new generation of ideas and bring about a revolution.





Ground Reporting

Dying stories

Once upon a time...

Ground Reporting

There was a story. It lived in its splendid glory as people from lands afar came to witness its magic. And then the magic faded, the story was lost. Thankfully, the story had its superhero 'Kommune' to save the day. **Ramsha Matin, IX D & Mihika Srivastava, X A, AIS Vas 6**, present the complete tale.



GT reporters with Shamir Reuben



Shamir Reuben during a storytelling session

Pics: Naman Sharma, AIS Vas 6, XII

No story lives unless someone listens... ...and so the stories started fading into sunset. Story telling has been an integral part of our culture. From the Rajasthani tradition of storytelling via puppets to Mughal tradition of Dastangoi, each region has its unique style of narration. But slowly folklore and mythological tales are fading into oblivion, simply because they do no find an audience. And with them, so is our culture.

Everyone has a story...

...but only few bother to share it and there are even fewer who bother to listen to other people's stories. "Not many people want to leave the comforts of their own home to listen to other's stories. Think about it. Would you want to go out

and listen to stories of people you haven't ever spoken to," questions Shamir Reuben, a storyteller at Kommune.

You can change your story...

...and 'Kommune' set out to change the story of the art of story telling. A collective venture by Roshan Abbas, Mini Mathur, Gaurav Kapur, Sandhya Mridul, Maria Goretti and others, the platform functions as a virtual space for the creative community to convene. "Kommune is not just about storytelling, it's about performance art. The storytellers was our first project, where people come and share a story, a real story from their lives. The stories are kept short – 5 minutes," says Roshan Abbas, one of the primary forces behind the initiative.

And then it wasn't the same story....

...for it was served in an all-new format. "People don't like the age-old long stories. Folk tales are very elaborate and don't work for the internet generation. People want crisp and concise stories, delivered to their doorstep and that's what we do with the Kommune YouTube page," shares Reuben. With slam poetry and beat poetry peppering the same old stories, they are slowly finding an audience. "Today, it's always about how you approach people. Let's talk about advertisements. You don't want any company to ask you to buy their product. The advertisement tells you a story, which touches you, compelling you to buy a product. Just the same way, the story needs to be told

in a way that appeals to the audience," says Reuben.

Stories were cooked...

...albeit, with new recipes. While the essence of storytelling lies in the story itself, the way the story is told remains the prerogative of the storyteller. Reuben says, "You have the basic recipe. Now, make it your way." "Every story has a beginning, middle and end. So, even though these three are required but that's not the route. You can do end, middle, beginning," quips Abbas. It isn't just the presentation, but the content too has undergone a transformation. Reuben validates, "The themes are more than often focused on issues youngsters face. Their stories revolve around their life struggles,

as they try to figure out where they stand and the journey of their self-discovery."

You can do it. End of story.

They say, it takes two to tango and it takes both the 'story' and the 'telling' for the message to reach out to the audience. "Being a good teller is half the job done. One needs to know how to use the mic, and with their story, create a myriad voices and images in the mind of the audience," shares Abbas. So what about the other side – the story? "There are a lot of stories that have very little to say, but have too much description. Such stories are not able to engage the audience. One needs to get to the heart of the matter. Humour and honesty are also important in a story," he adds. [G](#) [I](#)

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Reading between the lines



AIS Vas 6: The best was saved for the last



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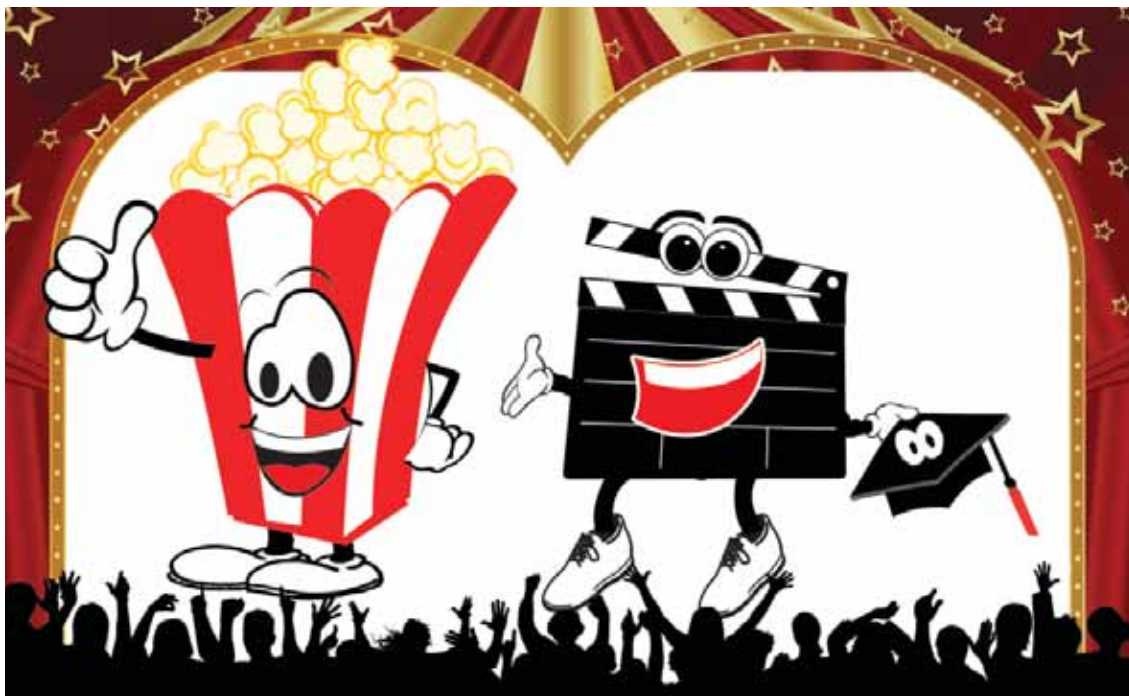
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Careers on reels

As the girl on screen quit her job for social work, the popcorn realised its inner calling. The glam world was too much for him, he wanted to go to the fields now



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“Cinema should make you forget that you are sitting in a theatre,” said Roman Polanski. And so they did, some taking us to the work place instead. Our star studded world of cinema is replete with career movies that have inspired, sustained and given a breather to the ‘workforce’. We bring you some movies that have provided us with deeper insights into a particular career, leaving us with smiles, tears and many a times, a career lesson.

CHEF: The movie tells the story of a chef who is forced to leave his high-profile job at a famous restaurant in Los Angeles to start a food truck business in his

hometown. The movie intricately weaves together the various dynamics of the profession, from the impact of a bad review by a food critic to the challenges of making it on your own and starting from scratch.

Career take away: Entrepreneurship is a journey and the most successful entrepreneurs make the most out of each and every opportunity, while leaving the door open for future possibilities.

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA: Andrea Sachs gets a job at a fashion magazine, the stepping stone to her dream job. Juggling between the demands of the cut-throat industry, its bewitching glamour and a boss who makes people around “nauseous”, she realises that the job was changing her as a person, whilst blurring her

passion every day. She decides to quit and get herself back together.

Career take away: Never lose sight of your goal. Also, get out of ‘there’ before it’s too late.

ROCKET SINGH: Harpreet Singh Bedi is determined to be the best salesman of the year, but finds himself being pulled down and mocked at every step because of his bent towards customer satisfaction. He even gets demoted for being too considerate to a client. To prove his point, he sets up his own sales company. With the sole principle of ‘customer satisfaction’, he soon manages to take his own company to great heights.

Career take away: When it comes to anything to do with sales, ‘The customer is always right!’

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS: Chris Gardner is a man who always struggled to make ends meet. Recognising his talent with numbers, he decides to become a stockbroker. He signs up for an internship with no pay, works meticulously towards getting a permanent job, and ultimately finds ‘happiness’.

Career Take away: It is never too late to change a career and explore new dimensions. Also, never fear decisions, they can be life changing.

BAND BAAJA BARAAT: Shruti Kakkar wants to make it big as a wedding planner. She works towards it every day by working under successful planners to get hands-on experience while she is still in college. She finds a street smart partner in Bittoo Sharma. Together, with their warm way of dealing with their clients and their determination to make it big, they become big names. The two put aside their personal misunderstandings to work on their biggest project ever.

Career take away: Misunderstandings and mess-ups should not affect one’s business. And when it comes to wedding business, a personal touch always counts. 🇮🇳

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Amit ranks 12th from top and Rajesh is 15th from bottom in a class of 35 students. How many students are there between Amit and Rajesh?

- (a) 7 (b) 9
(c) 8 (d) 10

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Startup vs MNC

So, you are straight out of college? Welcome to the world of forging your own path. So, should you dare to step into the competitive but highly lucrative world of startups or go the tried and tested ways of MNCs? **Sanaa Srivastava**, AIS Vas 6, X B helps you choose your future.

TIMINGS

Startups: Expect long hours!

Establishing a new company is hard work. Meeting deadlines, ensuring customer satisfaction, multitasking, helping the juniors and making sure that there is no scope for mistakes, might require you to put in extra effort, which basically translates into extra hours at work.

MNCs: 9-6 is the basic time

Even though the working hours are fixed and not long, you are expected to complete your assigned projects, giving all your efforts and dedication; even if that means staying in office beyond 6. However, some days can be long, some days

short. Also many companies pay extra for the extra time employees put in, so you won’t mind the extra hours!

JOB PROFILE

Startups: Become a multitasker

If you are not sure of your skill set, then startups are the way to go. Since they are in their nascent stages, you will be expected to perform varied roles and multitask. For example, in a startup one might be hired for website designing, but they can be expected to write captions for pictures, ideate content, handle the web page, send a tweet, client service and much more. And as you wade through multiple roles, you might just realise your calling. The sky is the limit in a startup.

MNCs: A structured role

In MNCs, job profiles come with clearly defined responsibilities. There is usually a designated leader who takes charge of the entire team. Expect to work more in your field of expertise in tandem with other members of the team. This means that you will get limited opportunities to explore new avenues and will usually stick to your routine.

SUCCESS RATE

Startups: New, susceptible to failure

Since it’s a new venture, experimenting with the business model is encouraged,



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WORKPLACE CULTURE

Startups: A young workforce

Most of them will be out of college, so expect a laid back attitude with plenty of office parties. So, while you will be working with a similar age group, you might miss out on the expertise that you can only acquire from senior leadership. Expect to work in the cafeteria or the bean bag by the balcony. Most of the departments are informal. And the best thing about a startup is: no dress code. Come in your chappals. Literally! **MNC’s: Expect senior leadership.** Most MNC’s are built over time, with dedicated employees. So expect numerous senior bosses, who have gone up the ranks. Most MNCs have formal environments and a proper dress code. The offices are divided into cubicles and are highly computerised.

REMUNERATION

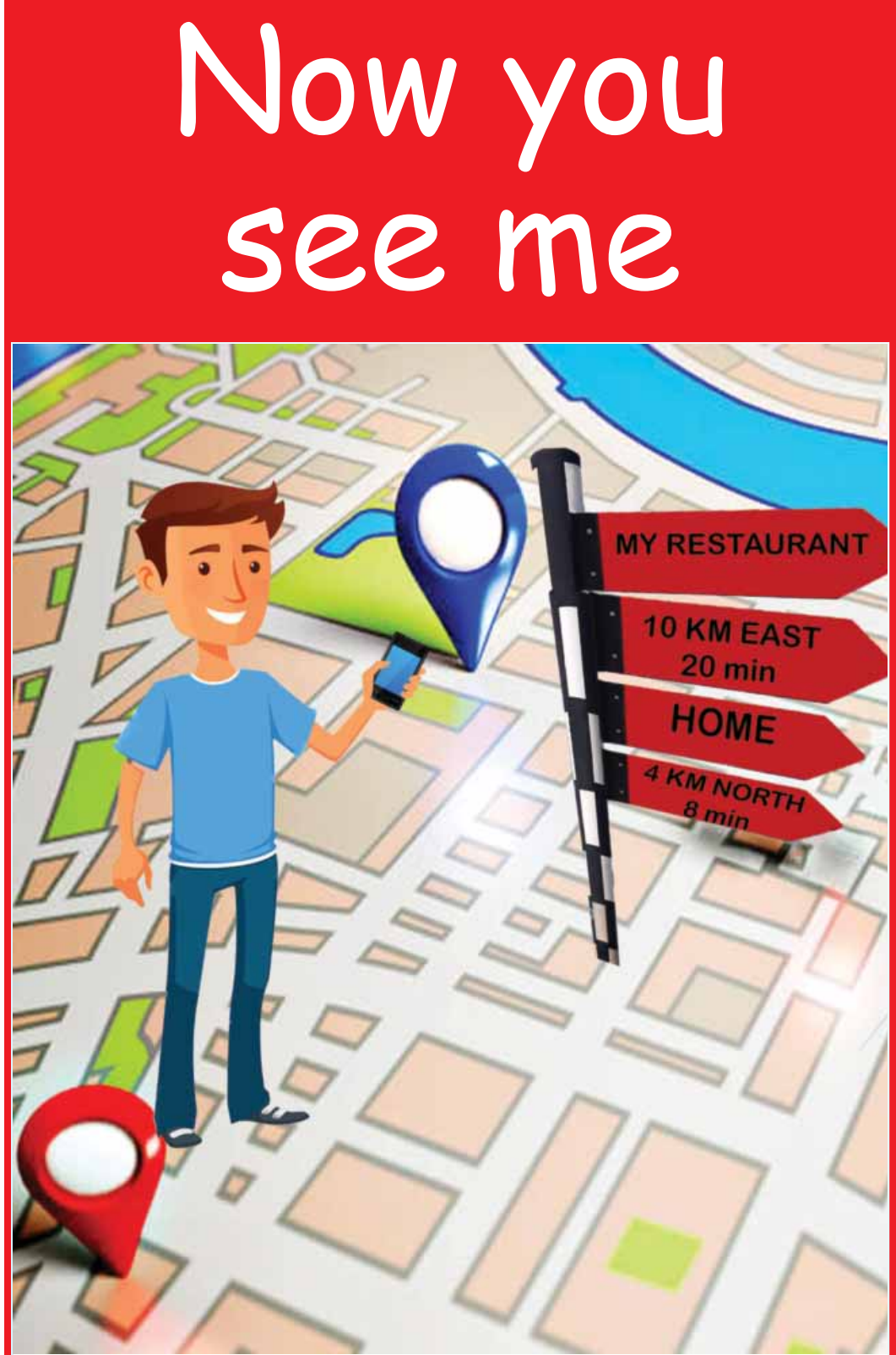
Startups: Initial low salary

It’s a new company. It is yet to break the profit barrier, therefore, cash crunching and paying a decent workable salary, especially for freshers is the norm. Even some company heads pay themselves nominal salaries. Many a times, employees are offered stock options and a chance for rapid growth, something an MNC might not offer.

MNC’s: Hefty packages

Having an international clientele means millions of dollar revenue for MNCs like Unilever, Wipro, HCL etc. Also many of them work round the clock, sometimes on Sundays as well since their clients are from different time zones. Those extra hours and effort then translate into hefty pay packages for the skilled employee. 🇮🇳

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With a device for the magic box and a ‘touch’ for the wand, welcome the magician of the century

Ramsha Matin, AIS Vas 6, IX D

Technology is perhaps the greatest magician we know. One click, and your message reaches billions. One login and you can join a friend on vacation in a country afar. But what do magicians really do? Well, they identify our vulnerabilities and exploit them by using tricks to create illusions that we deem as magic. And technology, indeed, is the greatest magician we know. Here’s how.

Illusion: You are controlling the choices
Trick: They are controlling the menu, and hence the choices
Here’s the truth. As much as we may thank technology for offering us choices galore, in reality we are not even controlling these choices. For instance, you want to catch up with friends over coffee and so you turn to your phone and ask Google about the best coffee places in town. The first to appear in the list will be the ones that have paid a hefty amount for a sponsored ad that may or may not be the best place. So basically, Google offers a carefully designed menu for you to choose the options that it wants you to choose.

Illusion: You don’t want to miss on anything
Trick: They don’t want to miss your presence
Being aware of the realities of time and space, there is always that 1% chance of missing out on something important, and that is inevitable. Technology, on the other hand, is determined to convince us how we can catch up on almost everything. With umpteenth notifications every now and then, we are bound to stay glued to all those apps for we don’t want to miss on a recent picture upload, or a shopping deal (that is somehow always in its last hour). The only party to benefit from this ‘fear of not missing out on any-

thing’ is the app/website that ensures humongous traffic at all times.

Illusion: Urgency of a conversation
Trick: Give them more reasons to talk
Have you ever wondered about the probable reason for the emergence of the ‘blue ticks’? Do we really want to know if a person has read our message or vice versa? In truth, an obligation to reply, knowing that the other person has read the message is created. Technology plays on this feeling and has us living under a constant feeling of obligation. For when LinkedIn and Tinder users receive requests for interaction, they believe them to be the willing choice of the sender. However, they are responding to ‘Suggested Users’ that these apps offer. “Well, you saw my message but didn’t reply, let’s have a conversation about it. I was talking to a friend when suddenly another chat window popped up, well let’s talk to two at a time.” Haven’t we all thought that? The sole idea of these apps is to keep you logged in.

Illusion: There is no end to it
Trick: Don’t offer them an end
How do you get net traffic on a particular website? Well by simply studying the experience and browsing habits of a user and creating an illusion of it seeming eternal. Newsfeeds and social media sites offer auto-refilling options to ensure that the user continues scrolling down, while the updates never seem to end. Similarly, YouTube and Netflix autoplay the next video in line, without waiting for us to make a conscious decision. Clearly, there is no end to technology, unless you put an end to it and technology ensures that it lures you into doing otherwise. Magic can be entertaining for sure, but to be blinded by it, not really. So before your magician takes a bow, identify a trick or two maybe.

Icing is done at last, and reading this you will have a blast.
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Scient(w)ists

There is a hidden sense of humour in everyone (thing). Just hit the right ‘bonds’ and ‘react’ well

Richa Avtar, AIS Vas 6, X C

Explanation: The atomic number of Chromium (Cr) is 24 while Iron (Fe) has 26.

“I did not qualify for HCl. It made me red!” shouted the Litmus paper.
Explanation: Litmus paper turns red in the presence of acids. In this case, HCl (Hydrochloric acid)

“We Ar the agents of peace,” said Argon in his first address as the peace ambassador.
Explanation: Argon is a noble gas and so doesn’t react with anything.

“HeHe, you came third, again”, mocked the smiling Helium to Lithium.
Explanation: The atomic number of Lithium (Li) is three while Helium (He) is two.

“I will die without the ‘PI’e”, said Circle Area.
Explanation: The area of a circle is πr^2 .

Even after having 24 ‘Cr’, he couldn’t afford to study. Because, the ‘Fe’ was 26.
Explanation: Temp. is measured in degrees.

‘Robot’calypse

Superfast CEOs
Preparing a presentation titled “Analyzing the growth of the company in the past ten years” in half a day? A robot CEO will require lesser time than snapping your fingers. Oh, there will probably be lesser mistakes too.

Robots or Journalists?
Recently, China developed a robot journalist that can write 300 character-long article in just a second! The mortal journalists would then have to look for alternative careers. PS: The GT team is on the task already.

Irona or Wicky?
When Irona, a robotic domestic help performed Richie Rich’s chores, we longed to have one. Who knows the fantasy might soon be a reality. Robots who can perform small chores are already in production and duty in many parts of the world.

Captain of the ship
Have you ever pondered about the fate of ‘Titanic’ if its captain was a robot? Most certainly, the robot captain would not have miscalculated the incident and perhaps we would have been booking our next cruise on that iconic ship.

No more comedy of errors
To not err is robot. How will the bosses donate their peace of mind, if all the employees worked just perfectly? These snarky bosses will be left with no option but to look for other avenues to vent out their anger. Stress balls, anyone?

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Every end is another start, but for a while we need to part.
Richa Avtar, AIS Vas 6, X C
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Friendship is primary

First day at primary school, forgot stationery. A pencil was offered and a friend was made. Last day of school, messages were written, one using the same pencil- “That day, I knew that it was forever.”

Nandini Madan, AIS Vas 6, IX B

Almost everything around us has changed ever since we graduated from primary school. The Barbie bag has been replaced by the one with owls. Socks have been getting shorter, our ‘friends for life’ have changed and so has the simplicity of friendship. Back in primary school, friendship was easier. We used to go to school, share our food and get really upset if the friend didn’t. Let us once again delve into the ‘primary’ ingredients of a simple yet amazingly beautiful friendship recipe.

An extra toffee on birthday = Best friends forever

Birthdays have always been the best days of our life. And back when we were kids, the enthusiasm was only double, to be shared with our friends not as party invites, but candies. The average distribution was two toffees per classmate, but that special friend got one more. That one extra bundle of joy was often the beginning of the ‘best friends’ journey. And, of course, the friend had to reciprocate on his/her birthday or else the friendship was over. Chocolates were the only theorem we knew, applicable to every problem, simple or complex.

Your friend sits with someone else = There’s a problem bro

It has happened to all of us. The insecurity

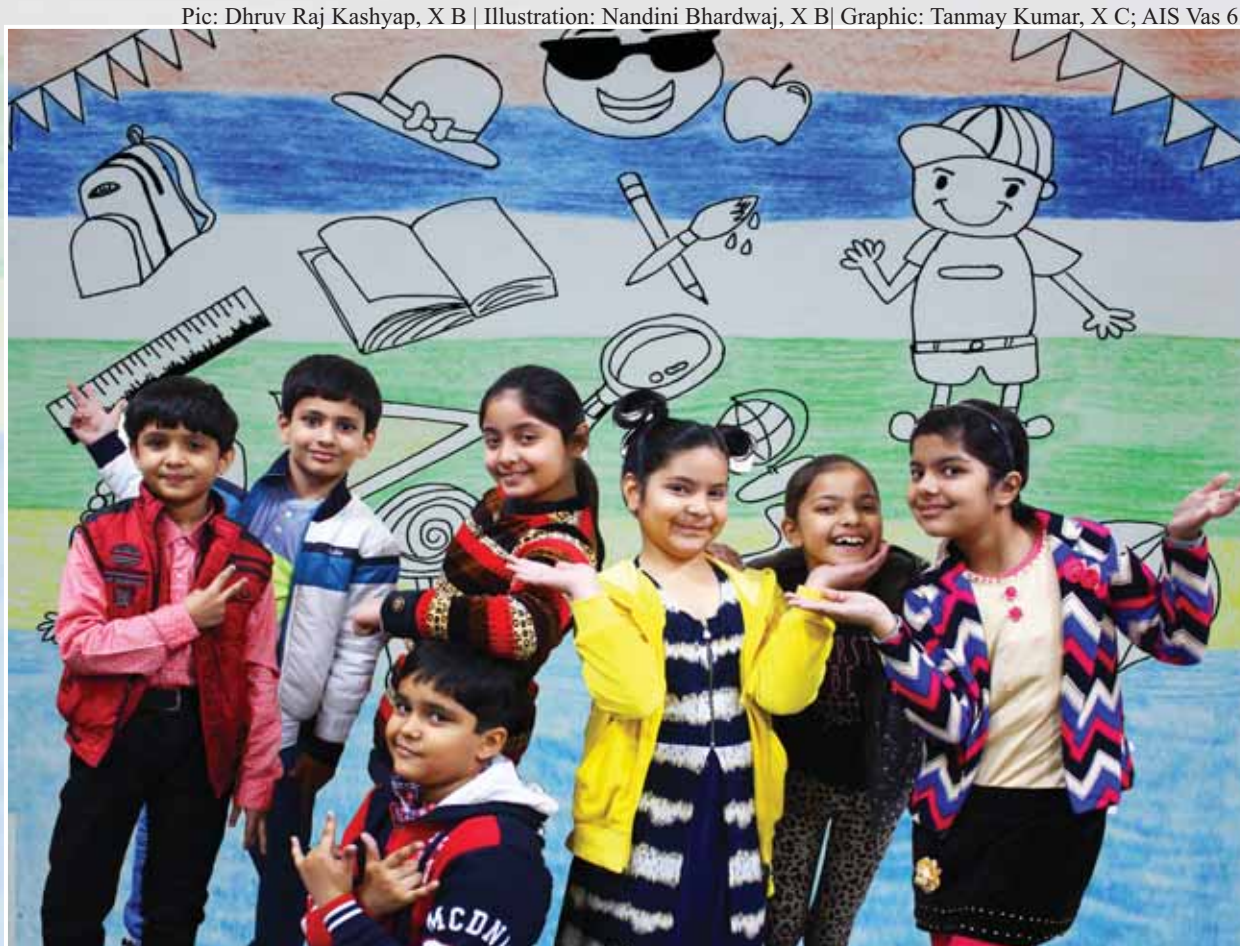
that popped in our head when we saw our friend sitting with someone else. If you didn’t hate that ‘third person’ earlier, you surely did at that moment. Every relationship goes through problems, but your friend sitting with someone else was just not fair! And so it was payback time, not by unfriending them or deleting all your pictures, but by simply sitting with someone else. Ouch!

Sharing stationery = I’ll always be there for you

What was the most important thing in our childhood? Our stationery of course. Sharing stationery meant a lot, like promising your friend that you’ll be there, always. And it was our friend to the rescue when we forgot the pencil box at home. No explanations, no long birthday messages, but just a pencil read the message aloud, “I’ll be there for you.”

I will call you today = The friendship has really grown

When your friend called for the first time, it felt special and it meant that you’ve just found your soulmate. And when it was your turn, after thinking it out for hours, making a blueprint, you finally called your friend’s landline and in a rather too polite manner, asked their mother to make them talk to you. Ten calls that you make today or that first call, which one are you going to remember best?



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It’s okay if you come first in class = Our friendship is beyond numbers

The dreaded exams are an inevitable reality of our teenage. And when the results come out, you hold your breath and hope that you scored more than

your friends. But back then, it didn’t really matter what grade you scored or who topped the class. There was no competition. You and your friend discussed marks and congratulated each other for them. And even if your friend

topped your class, you wouldn’t feel hurt or disheartened, but really happy and hoped that maybe because of your friend’s marks, her mother would be nice and let you guys play for an extra half an hour. 🇧🇩

A land of brothers

India is my country and all Indians are my brothers and...well, brothers.” You read that right. Because if there is any word more popular these days than ‘wi-fi’... it’s gotta be ‘Bhai’. So Bhaiyo aur bhaiyo, **Mann Bankoti**, AIS Vas 6, IX B brings you more bhais.

“Aaj bhai ki taraf se party”: How often do we hear the statement and how much we wish that we could hear it even more often? Well, this particular brother is our favourite, for who doesn’t like a bottomless bank account for a brother. He is sought after during happy days, sad days, broke days, festival days- almost every other day. He is our Zomato offering a treat for all our moods and the best part is- this Zomato even pays for us!

Origin: Bhai either has a rich dad or a #jugaad at every place in the town or just a very kind heart (Makes you go aww?).

“Bhai ko phone laga”: What is young India’s favourite pass time?

Getting into tiffs and brawls. So who is young India’s favourite man? ‘Bhai’ of course. With looks like Salman, driving skills like Ajay Devgan and a *dhai kilo ka haath*, this is the brother who’s vowed to protect us (and everyone else in the vicinity).

The brother is always in the neighbourhood, a phone call away and is usually followed by a brigade of more brothers. With every person calling every other person bhai, the original bhai may get lost somewhere in between, but then you have a constellation to choose from.

Origin: A premium membership at an expensive gym or a playlist full of Raftaar songs and an overflowing supply of protein shakes will always make

sure the Bhais are ready.

“Bhai tu bhai nai hai?”: This one might look fragile and wear oversized glasses, but given a chance, is ready to move mountains for you. Whether it’s getting your homework done or some casual chore, you bank on him for all your work because a *bhai* in need is a *bhai* indeed. Often the emotionally vulnerable brother of the brethren family, the very utterance of the word “bhai” makes him bear all the burden of humanity. Why, you may ask? Because *bhai bhai ko kabhi na nai bolta*.

Origin: We are guessing that he has taken rakhi songs way too seriously. (Gender no bar).

“Bhaiya, Sarojini Chaloge?” Every time the word ‘bhaiya’ is accompanied with an accent and a Louis Vuitton, we know that a bargain is coming. This clan of brothers includes all the auto *walas*, shopkeepers and all other *bhaiyas* who charge money in return of their ‘brotherhood’. Referring them as ‘Bhaiya’ would not only save the day for us, but even a buck or two. “Bhaiya metre se chalo”, “bhaiya na meri na tumhari”; ‘Bhaiya’ is omnipresent (especially in flea markets).

Origin: #ThingsIndiansDoToGetDiscounts. #JanpatSarojini BhaiBhai 🇧🇩

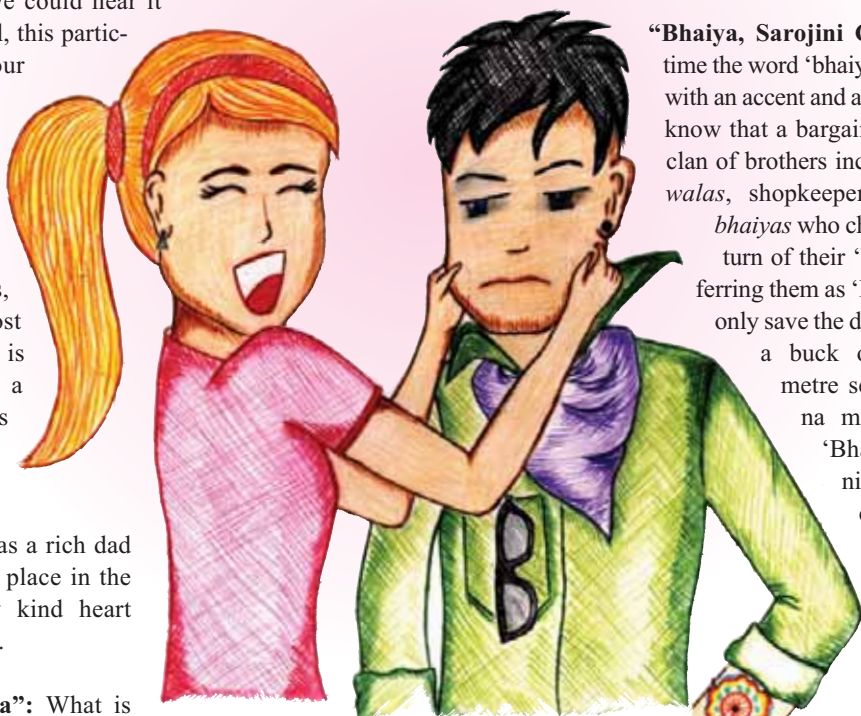


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The super stars

You hailed Batman as the hero. What about the cat that crossed Joker’s path?

Siddhi Mohanty, AIS Vas 6, IX A

Right from saving us from evil eyes, to being the reason behind our promotion, these mantras of luck have ruled our lives, and sometimes even common sense. If superstitions were for real, then things would have been different, a lot different.

Knight in shining armour

Tired of the India-Pakistan *khit khi?* While the governments spend crores in bracing against war, the answer lies in a few cents- *nimbu mirchi*. A *nimbu-mirchi* across all the borders, a day, will keep the negative energies at bay!

Complain against Complan

Snow white’s seven dwarfs were all set to stand tall, literally. Courtesy: Complan. But the evil step mother stepped across them while they were sleeping!

And since then, no Complan ever could help them get back their height.

The ultimate stopper

What could Jaya Bachhan have done to stop Shahrukh Khan from going away in K3G? *Aannchooo* Just this.


The third eye

Have you had enough of ‘Sharma Ji ka beta’? Just give him that ‘buri nazar’ look and see yourself become the big sensation! But do remember to get your *kala teeka* mode on, just in case.

Survival of the fittest

What is the secret behind Usain bolt’s running streak? His shoes? Nah! His training maybe? Of course not! It is one delicious spoon of *dahi-cheeni*. So everyone can run, right? Superstitions, are well superstitions. So, let them remain just that. 🇧🇩


Truth sets you free



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

History is witness to the power of truth. Truth has been the foundation of every act of benevolence, of every revolution that has brought about a change and every society that imbues compassion for humanity. Every great leader of the world has undertaken the path of truth, a path seldom easy to tread, and yet the path that will be followed by others. Because those who abide to live by the truth, come what may, are courageous and strong. No one can question their integrity and hence they become pioneers of change. Just as pressure can turn a stone to either dust or diamond, the moment of truth can change your life, deciding its quality there on. Because while by choosing to stand by the truth you will develop a rock solid character, fearing it might shake the very values and principles that form the essence of a good human being. The power of truth gives the person the power to face the world. And as we move towards a global world where we will interact more, where we will be exploring new ideas everyday and one that will offer us a plethora of perspectives, it is truth that will empower us to choose the best and most importantly, the right. Staying true to our beliefs, our values and the principles we have chosen for ourselves will also help us to keep our boat stable in the ever changing sea of the world. And as they say, the truth shall set you free; and only when a person is free from all baggage he can fly high. So, my dear Amitians, hold the hands of truth and get ready to soar high into the eternal sky!

Change is constant



Sunila Athley
Principal, AIS Vas 6

Life can never be stagnant. Every situation offers a moment of change. A student constantly has to mould him/herself as he/she grows old while the process of change remains inevitable. But many of us tend to refrain ourselves from the change, unaware of how beautifully it can shape us and our future. Maybe it is the solace we find in our comfort zone that keeps us from seeing the bright prospects that these changes bring. Change enables us to modify ourselves according to the situation, making us flexible to the ever dynamic circumstances. The milieu around students keeps changing, they interact with new people and these interactions bring in new additions in the lessons of life. And every new lesson is a new learning. Although change is tough, many a times it brings opportunities for us, to accomplish great things in life that may push us beyond our comfort zones. Indeed, dealing with uninvited surprise in our lives is tough and challenging but we must not forget that it is necessary. Any change that occurs in the life has a greater impact on our future. It not only keeps boredom away from our life but also makes this journey of life interesting and adventurous. Surely, fear of losing happiness does bother everyone but you never know what awaits you at the other side of the road. And this edition is an attempt to bring about a change, by making us all see what's perhaps on the other side of the road, waiting.

No country for immigrants

‘Atithi devo bhavah’ goes the Indian philosophy. If only the world would follow suit. For where do you go when the world closes its doors on you?

Saanvi Wadhwa, AIS Vas 6, VIII C

It all started in 2011, when the world came together to support those who were at the receiving end of terror. The world as one, stepped forward to help Syrian refugees, mostly immigrants who were suffering at the hands of a war torn country. Cut to 2016, in what was one of the most globe shattering moves, Britain quit the European Union; curbing the inflow of immigrants being the primary reason. And here we are in an all-new 2017 as US imposed a temporary ban on immigration. So, has the world shut its doors on immigrants? Man, has been a traveler since the very inception of the world. Mankind, as we know today, is a result of the tendency of man to migrate and settle down at different places. The world was his home, not the structures of brick and mortar built within imaginary boundaries. He developed means of staying and growing, within communities of other travelers. But never in the process, was his integrity towards the community and the place he inhabited, questioned. The recent world affairs have excluded men from the larger community of brotherhood and restricted him to the fallacies of boundaries, beliefs and faiths. To believe that a section of society can work for the interests of a particular place only when he/she is born into the place is pure claptrap. Because, being born in a specific place is a matter of chance, not choice. It is the people, the language and the cultural context that s/he is exposed to that make him/her belong to a particular place. Many reputed organisations boast of prolific growth under CEOs who were once immigrants. Sundar Pichai and Satya Nadella- both hailing from India, serving companies in the US; can anyone

ever doubt their loyalty and integrity towards the place they work and live in? Working for US has in no way lessened their love for India, neither did they

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falter in contributing to the economic development of the country they have been staying in for so long. All one can say is that these immigrants are helping in making global citizenship a reality. They are not the citizens of the stamps on their passports, but of the world. But how are we to achieve the goal of ‘global citizenship’, something that the peace loving bodies continuously talk about, if we stop allowing people in the vicinities of nations other than the ones they belong to? And more importantly, our hearts; have the boundaries been defined for that too? Does creating another country for the citizens of the world provide the solution? For, as far as we can see, there seems to be no country for the immigrants. Has the traveler got no place to go to now?

Step back to leap ahead

She took one step ahead, only to find her past restricting her movement. But wasn't the same past once present, propelling her to always move forward?

Arun Singh, AIS Vas 6, X C

Past. Everybody has one. And it truly determines the actions in the future. Looking back at past memories can be empowering as well as enslaving. How should one deal with the memories lost in the abyss of time?

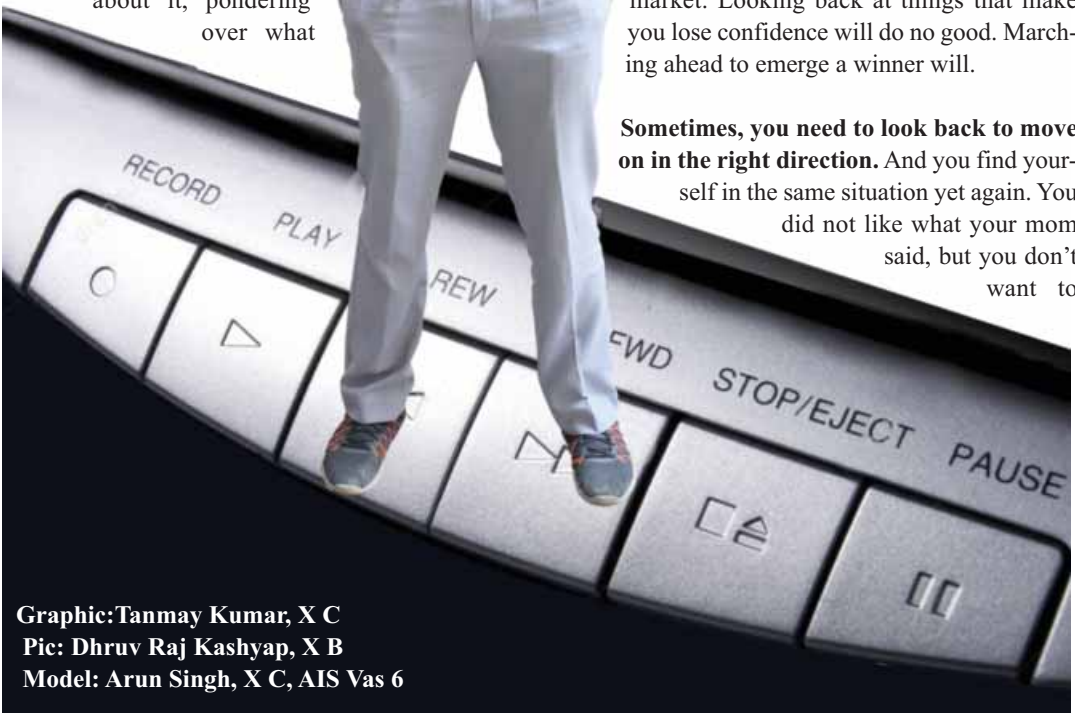
Sometimes, it is alright to not look back when the roads that lay behind are full of bitterness. Probably, the fight you had with your friend was the biggest you ever had. Constantly thinking about it, pondering over what

went wrong won't alter what has happened. If thinking about it simply induces pain and discomfort, such memories are best forgotten.

Sometimes, one needs to look back if the road behind was beautiful. Life is a beautiful journey. Remembering the time spent with loved ones is always a treat. In times of pain, in times of crisis; looking back at those beautiful moments gives all the happiness a person needs to bounce back.


hurt her this time around. You time travel back to the day when you fought with her, only to realise that she meant good, but till then the damage was done. Going over how you messed things back then can help you avoid making the same mistakes.

Past can either equip you with the power to face the future boldly or it can affect your progress. So, rewind only if it can help you move forward.



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Experience dans le



Hina Mukherjee
GT Teacher Co-ordinator

...and well that is French, but you do get the idea, right? Well that's the beauty of language. And this twelve page edition is an attempt to use the empowering tool of language to bring you a world full of ideas and imaginations. Welcome to our world. Working with The Global Times has been a wonderful experience. It is the best opportunity offered to students who have a flair for thinking and imagining and the ability to put them on paper. GT has always helped anyone associated with it enhance their out-of-the box thinking. The journey of GT Making a Newspaper contest always begins with apprehensions and speculations, but ends with a smile of content and a laughter of exuberance to see the final outcome. Yes, we were able to do it all, once again. Because with a team as supportive, no task remains difficult. The students worked brilliantly in unison. And with that, we hope to see you next year as there are many more challenges to be undertaken and many ideas to be conveyed.



Trains, stations and bus stops, our milestone was the GT fullstop.

Amogha GS, AIS Vas 6, XII E
Page Editor

"There are more lessons in the woods than in the books." The saying stands true, especially for architecture. For everyone needs a home and while we depend on others, a large part of the fauna shapes their own adobe, forming architectural marvels that has man amused and inspired



Found in: Africa, Australia & South America

Marvel at: building their homes in the form of domes or tower-like mud structures that can sometimes be taller than a person. These insects build an extensive system of well ventilated tunnels by depositing soil and termite excrement. The workers' (a class of termites) further glue it using the salivary secretions stored in their mouth.

Found in: These insects are found all over the world.

Marvel at: building hives, using wax secreted by worker bees, which have special glands to turn the sugar from nectar into wax. The bees then chew the wax to soften it and then deposit it in the selected location (usually a rock, crevice or a bark) to build the hive.

Baya Weaver

Found in: Indian Subcontinent and Southeast Asia

Marvels at: knitting their nests in Acacia trees and thorny palms. These elegant hanging nests are woven using long strips of paddy leaves, rough grass and long strips torn from palm fronds. Their strong beaks help them to first strip and collect strands of leaves, and then to weave and knot them while building nests.

Cathedral Termites

CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Social Weavers

Found in: Parts of Southern Africa

Marvel at: creating nests big enough to house over a hundred birds! Using their beaks, these birds weave their nests with twigs, while they line the interior with soft feathers, leaves and cotton. The structures are so big, that sometimes they can cause a tree to collapse because of the weight exerted.

Beaver

Found in: North America

Marvel at: constructing 'beaver dams' near water bodies. They use their strong teeth to gnaw and bring down trees and branches. The rodents then stack the wood together and cover it in soft mud, creating a heavily fortified nest. The beaver dams tend to block streams and turn fields and forests into the large ponds.

Bees

The ‘short’ story




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Anushka Gupta, AIS Vas 6, IX C

“You look like a boy,” Chris said, and everyone started laughing. It was recess time, and there were only a few students left in the classroom. I just rolled my eyes, controlling my rage, pretending that his words didn’t hurt me. We were in the middle of a playful banter, before he decided to target my insecurities. With people mocking me for the past few years, I had become prone to people mistaking me for a boy, as they took notice of just my short hair. The last five years of school had been tough. But, today before Chris could say anything further, an unfamiliar voice interrupted the scene, “I think it suits her.” The new Irish girl’s comment turned heads of

I stood in front of the mirror, admiring the new black dress my mother had bought for me for Christmas dinner.

me with low- confidence and made me feel insecure about the way I looked. “Olivia, your friends are supposed to make you feel nice about yourself. I have seen how you just smile when they pass rude remarks on your appearance. You must know when to stand up for yourself. You are beautiful, never let anyone tell you otherwise, Olivia,” she said. *** I stood in front of the mirror, admiring the new black dress my mother had bought for me for Christmas dinner. Even with my short hair, I realised that I did look terrific, nonetheless. “Hello, pretty lady!” Samara said as she barged into my room, looking stunning in her teal dress. Samara and I had been best friends for two years now. The day she said that she believed in me, and that I should stand up for myself, something inside me lit up. I asked Chris to back-off from commenting anymore. Although it took some time, Chris started respecting me more. We still hangout together, but he has been always careful with his words. And with that my ‘short’ story found a happy ending 

Chahak Kawatra, AIS Vas 6, X B

INGREDIENTS

Yoghurt.....200gm


Fine grain sugar100gm

Cinnamon powder1 tbsp

Red apple (diced)1

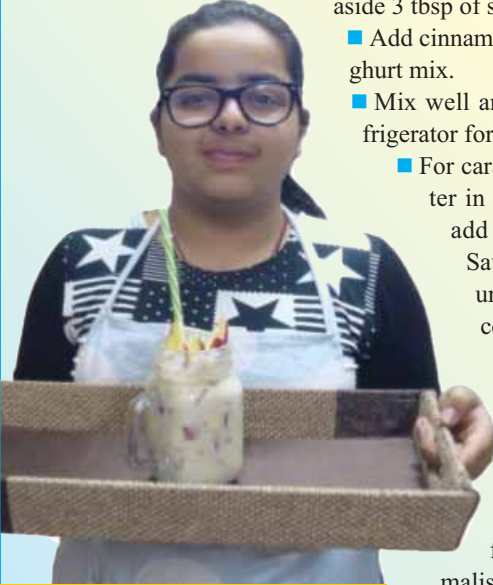
Walnut(chopped)50gm

Butter1 tbsp



Apple Walnut Shrikhand

METHOD



In a bowl, mix the sugar with the yoghurt. Keep aside 3 tbsp of sugar for caramelising walnuts.

Add cinnamon powder and apples to the yoghurt mix.

Mix well and keep the yougurt mix in refrigerator for 20-25 minutes.

For caramelising the walnuts, heat butter in a plan on medium flame. Now add sugar and chopped walnuts. Saute the walnuts for 2-3 minutes, until they turn light brown in colour.

Allow the walnuts to cool down on a plate.

Now, take a mason glass or any other glass and transfer the chilled shrikhand to it.

Garnish the shrikhand with finely sliced red apples and caramalsid walnuts.

Chahak Kawatra with shrikhand

Brain teasers

Parv Pratap Singh
AIS Vas 6, IX D

1. How do you make the number 66 one - and - a- half times bigger without doing any math?

2. Where can you find rivers with no water, cities with no building, and forests with no trees?

3. Three doctors said that Robert was their brother. Robert said that he had no brothers. Who is lying?

4. Which building has the maximum stories?

5. What is easy to lift, but difficult to throw?

6. Feed me, and it will give me life. But, give me a drink, and I will die. Who am I?

4. Library 5. A feather 6. Snowflake


1. Flip it 2. On a map 3. None, Robert has three sisters and they are doctors

Answers:

Words Verse

Strength

Anant Lamba
AIS Vas 6, IX E



Model: Aavya Roy, III D | Pic: Dhruv Raj Kashyap, X B; AIS Vas 6

Life has been too harsh and tough
And many things have been quite rough

Sadness and isolation disappear
When your loved ones are near


The world gave me stiff competition
And I prepared myself for a mission

I took up all the challenges new
The ones to support were very few

Then I closed my eyes in prayer
For I could’nt really find anyone there

You were the only one around
To give me strength, without a sound

At times, the paths of life seem impossible
My heart telling me I’m not capable

But, dear God, your omnipresence
Brings back all my senses.


Nature’s gift

Lagan Sethi
AIS Vas 6, X A

The scorching summer wave
Makes life on earth so dry
There’s nothing that can save
Living beings from heat stroke cry

The cycle of season moves on
To bring in the great monsoon
The heat waves seem to have gone
Water pouring day, night or noon

Smiles on all the faces
Sadness has no traces
Plants and trees in joy are embraced
Living creatures on earth are rejuvenated

Spring flowers then seem to die
And leaves have to fall
Every year nature tends to cry
To be reborn and give rise to all.


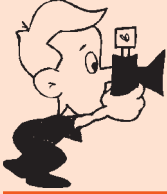



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Dhruv Raj Kashyap, AIS Vas 6, X B






Wrinkles of wisdom




Up and above the shadows



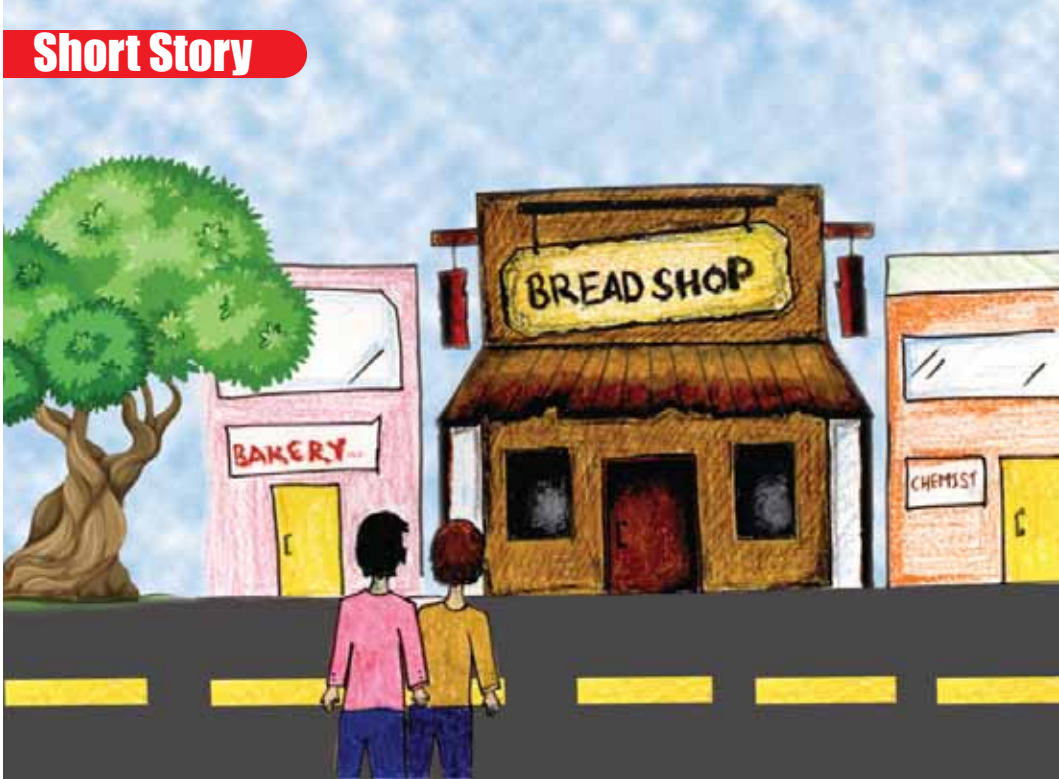
The serene sunset

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The Bread Breaker

Illustration: Merina Davis, AIS Vas 6, X A



Short Story

Trinay Sharma, AIS Vas 6, IV B

Billy Borde and Billy Gade were the best of friends since grade one. To avoid confusion with their names, Billy Borde was called Billy 1 and Billy Gade was called Billy 2. The two lived in a small town ‘Hangelson’ and did everything together, from playing football to eating food. One day, Billy 2 went to Baker Street to buy bread for supper. On his way, he saw a **dilapidated** house, with a signboard that read ‘3 Gate Villa’. Billy 2 felt that something was not right about this place. He smelt something foul in the air, which appeared to be toxic and suffocating. The building appeared very creepy and Billy 2 felt that it was best to get out as soon as possible. As he entered the store to buy bread, he could smell the same pungent smell in the store, which he had

smelt near the creepy house. Billy 2 rushed back home and the minute he did, he informed Billy 1 about everything he had just witnessed. Billy 1, who was the intelligent of the two, immediately said, “If you smelt the same bad smell near the store from where you bought this bread, then I don’t think we should eat this.” Billy 2 agreed. Both of them tried to smell the bread and look for any unwanted substances, when they glanced upon the list of ingredients on the packaging. What immediately caught their attention was ‘Barcelanium’, a toxic metal. Suddenly, Billy 2 noticed a skull symbol on the bread. “This is the same symbol that I saw outside that scary house,” he exclaimed. Both the Billy’s had found a mission. They decided to sneak into the villa at night and investigate. At night, they entered the villa from the backyard and found a broken window big enough for them to

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enter the house. As they entered the house, they found themselves in a huge room which had black walls with the same skull patterns on it. The furniture in that room was old and dusty and some of it was broken. It was very cold in there. They saw many other doors in the huge room, in which they were standing. They walked further towards what appeared to be a cellar, from which the same strong pungent odour was coming out. On entering the cellar, they found tons of bread loaf with the same skull marked on its packaging . Just then they heard the sound of unlocking of the door knob; somebody had entered the house. The two Billy’s quickly hid between the bags of Barcelanium lying in the room. Hiding behind, they saw four masked men mixing the chemical with the bread loafs. They waited for them to leave the house so that both of them could bail out safely. As the masked gang left, the two managed to sneak out of the Villa. The next morning, they found out that two people in the town had died mysteriously after eating bread. Both of them instantly joined the dots and knew what they had to do next. The next morning’s newspaper read “Billy’s save the town.” The two had informed the police. Turned out, the poisonous bread was being made by a gang who would poison people and then rob their houses. Billy’s were now the heroes. 🇮🇳

So what did you learn today?
A new word: Dilapidated
Meaning: In a state of despair or ruin



Paper cup parrot

Khanak Anand, AIS Vas 6, KG C

Material required

- Thermocol cup (1)
- Green Chart Paper (1)
- Red chart paper (1)
- Yellow paper (1)
- Green paint
- Googly eyes (2)
- Fevicol
- Scissors
- Paint Brush



Method

- Paint the thermocol cup with green paint and let it dry.
- Cut the following with green chart paper-two circles for face, a tail and four wings(two large and two small).
- Now, cut two beaks from the red chart paper.
- Take yellow chart paper and cut two feet.
- Put the cup upside down. Paste the circular green face on either side of the cup as shown in the picture.
- Now, paste googly eyes on both the green round face cutouts.
- Next, stick the red beak cutouts on the face as shown in picture.
- For the wings, stick larger wings on both the sides of the cup.
- Place the smaller wings on top of the head on either side.
- Paste feet on the bottom of the cup and tail at the back. Your parrot cup is ready!

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Plead by Taj

Raghavi Sharma, AIS Vas 6, III B

Aadab, Aadab! Remember me? said Mumtaz
For me, my husband Shahjahan made the Taj

The glory of which has surpassed day and night
As it enjoys the prestige of a World Heritage site

But today, its condition makes me feel sad
Looking at my own *Mahal*, I somehow go mad

When I see people spitting, I fail to understand

Why they want to change its colour from white to red?

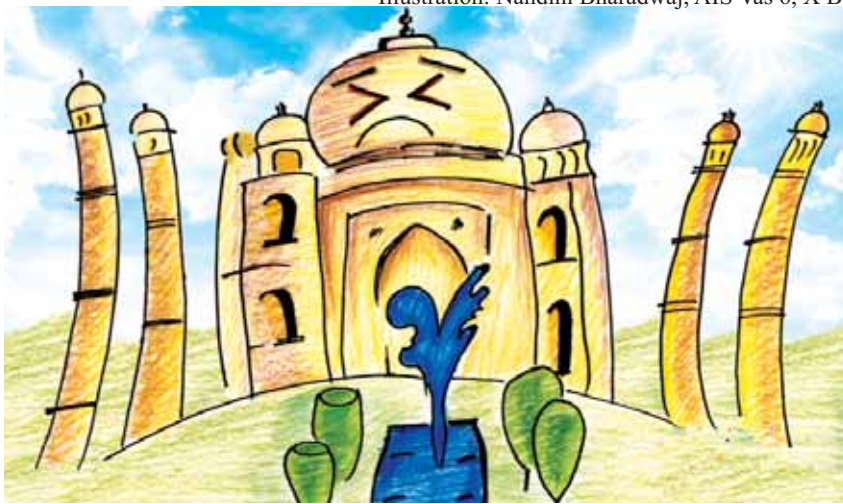
Nowadays, people express writing by making graffiti
And want it to be marked as antiquity

The sight of the once beautiful ‘Yamuna’ is so bitter
That its smell compels me to use ‘mogra-ittar’

With folded hands, I want to make a request
Please do not consider yourself as a guest

Make cleanliness a part of your routine
Admire its beauty, which is old but pristine

Taj has stood against time, unfolding every mystery
Just to make us aware of our own history. 🇮🇳



It's Me

Know me

My name: Shreyan Shrivastava
My school: AIS Vas 6
My Class: KG A
My birthday: Feb 18
I like: Traveling, reading stories and dancing
I dislike: Sleeping
My hobbies: Playing football and cricket
My role model: Pele and Dhoni
My best friend: Ashima
I want to become: A good boy
I want to feature in GT because: I want to share my views with my school friends.

My favourite

Book: Alice in Wonderland
Game: Football and cricket
Mall: Shipra Mall
Food: Soya Malai Tikka
Teachers: Jyoti Makhija, Babara and Deepali ma’am
Subject: Math

Riddle fiddle

Diya Avicot John
AIS Vas 6, III B

- In which game do we have jacks, queens, kings and aces?
- In which game the numbers are called at random?
- Which game is played on a star shaped board?
- Which game is played on a board with 32 black and 32 white squares?

Answers
1. Cards 2. Tambola
3. Chinese checkers
4. Chess

Painting Corner

Avya Roy
AIS Vas 6, III D



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Last but not the least, here's a read worth a feast.

Arun Singh, AIS Vas 6, X C
Page Editor



Winners of Class IV stand proud with their certificates and teachers

Mental Math Magic

Math can become your best friend, if learnt in a fun way.
Amity encourages students to find fun ways to tackle Math

Inter Amity Mental Math Quiz

It has been an endeavour of Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools and RBEF to nurture young mathematicians and foster love for the subject amongst students. The Inter-Amity Mental Math Quiz is an initiative in this direction that began under the aegis of Amity Research and Development Centre headed by Mr B N Bajpai, Advisor, R&D, Amity Group of Schools.

The competition focuses on sharpening the analytical skills of students, conquer their math phobia, enhance proficiency of students, enable calculation without paper and pen, rekindle interest in mathematical tables and develop better reasoning and logical skills.

This year, the quiz conducted from January 19-24, 2017 saw 100 percent participation of students from Class I to X from eight branches of Amity International Schools. The competition was held at three levels i.e intra-class, inter-class and then inter-school for all class levels. Students participated in the competition, which comprised interesting rounds like, 'Audio Stories', 'Practical Application', 'Rapid Fire', etc. The rounds were meticulously designed with an aim to enhance the students' mathematical aptitude. An eminent panel of judges from the field of Mathematics and Technology were invited to judge the prestigious event, including Rishikant Sharma, Scientist-D & Researcher, LASTEC, DRDO, Ministry of Defence; Ra-

RESULT			
Class	Host School	1st Position	2nd Position
I	AIS Vas 6	AIS Gur 46	AIS Gur 46
II	AIS Saket	AIS Noida	AIS Gur 43
III	AIS PV	AIS Noida	AIS Saket
IV	AIS Vas 1	AIS Vas 6	AIS Gur 46
V	AIS MV	AIS Noida	AIS PV
VI	AIS Noida	AIS Gur 46	AIS Vas 6
VII	AIS Saket	AIS PV	AIS Vas 1
VIII	AIS Gur 43	AIS Saket	AIS Noida
IX	AIS Gur 46	AIS Noida	AIS Saket
X	AIS Noida	AIS PV	AIS Saket

jender Kumar, Assistant Prof in Mathematics and Research Scholar in SAU, New Delhi; SN Chibber, Math Expert from CBSE; Khalil Ahmed, Retd. Professor Mathematics, Jamia; Sumedha Goel, PG in Math; TP Sharma, Associate Professor, Mathematics; Hukum Singh, former Dean, Academics & Head DESM & DEK and Manoj Kapoor, MSc in Operational Research, MBA in Finance, Faculty of Management Studies. Overall, AIS Noida bagged the first position in the competition. The second position was shared between AIS Gur 46 and AIS PV, followed by AIS Saket at the third position.

Patriotism in the air

AIS Gwalior

Event: 68th Republic Day
Date: January 26, 2016

The day began with flag hoisting followed by a patriotic dance drama depicting the scenes from August 15, 1947 to January 20, 1950. Arnab Sharma of Class IV anchored the programme. School Principal Seema Thakur laid emphasis on the importance of Republic Day and the Constitution of India.



Kids present a dance



Republic Day celebrations

AIS VYC Lucknow

The national flag was unfurled by Col VBF Mark, Director Administration, AIS Lucknow in the presence of children and teachers. The special assembly commenced with a

speech and video explaining the Constitution and how it came into effect. Little children dressed as freedom fighters presented inspirational speech for the nation. Shubh Gupta (IX A) and Yashasvi Verma (VIII A) bagged first prize for their speech on Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Chandrashekhar Azad.

The highlight of the day was an inter-house dance competition. Pawani House bagged the first position, followed by Bhagirathi House at the second position. The ceremony culminated with words of appreciation for the efforts of the children by school co-ordinator Tanuja Singh.

TEDx Youth Event

AIS Gurgaon 46

The school organised its first ever independent TEDx event in the school premises on December 26, 2016. TEDx was created in the spirit of TEDs mission- 'ideas worth spreading'. This programme is designed to help communities, organisations and individuals to spark conversation and connection through local TED like experiences. The theme of the event was 'Change' and the programme witnessed speakers from diverse fields that got engaged with the audience with interesting and groundbreaking ideas. Famous personalities from various fields such as, Pooja Thakur, Wing Commander,



TEDx participants along with Aditi

IAF; Aditi Arya, Femina Miss India World, 2015, alumnus of AIS Gur 46; Ms Poonam Singh Jamwal, CMO, Extramarks Education India etc, interacted with students and inspired them with their experiences.

Scholastic Alert



Examination: National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test 2017

NEET-UG-2017, to be conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), for admission to MBBS/BDS Courses in India in Medical/ Dental Colleges run with the approval of Medical Council of India/ Dental Council of India under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India except for the institutions established through an Act of Parliament i.e. AIIMS and JIPMER Puducherry.

Course: MBBS / BDS

Eligibility:

■ The candidate must have completed the age of 17 years at the time of admission or will complete the age on or before December 31, 2017 i.e. the year of his/her admission to the 1st year MBBS /BDS Course.

■ The upper age limit for candidates seeking admission in MBBS/BDS seats shall be 25 years as on the date of examination with a relaxation of 5 years for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC category.

■ The number of attempts which a candidate can avail at NEET (UG) shall be limited to 3 (Three) uniformly for all the candidates.

■ The candidate must have passed in the subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Bio-technology and English individually and must have obtained a minimum of 50% marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Bio-technology at the qualifying examination.

■ Those who are appearing in Class XII examination in 2017 can also appear for the entrance test provisionally subject to their fulfilling the conditions later.

Application Process:

Online Registration of Applications starts: 31.01.2017 (Tuesday)

Online Registration of Applications closes: 01.03.2017 (Wednesday) (Till 00.00 midnight)

Entrance Test:

NEET (UG) 2017 Date: 7th May, 2017 (Sunday)

Website: <http://cbseneet.nic.in/>

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Best Innovation Award

AIS Pushp Vihar

Nandini Sharma and Kabir Arora of Class XI won the Best Innovation Award and a cash prize of Rs 30,000 at a Science project- 'Mitigating Air Pollution' in Delhi, organised by the UN Information Centre, NPSC, Sonalika Social Development Society and Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation. The opportunity extended by Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools & RBEF saw the participants clear three rounds to bag the award. It concluded with a grand award ceremony held at IHC on December 21, 2016. The event was graced by Prof Chintanmani Mahapatra, Rector, JNU.



Achievers with Chairperson

Skype Session

AIS Noida

To inculcate respect for other cultures and traditions in students, the school organised an interactive session for Class III students with children of other countries over skype. The first session on the theme 'Skype-a-Thon 2016 sings around the world' was held on November 29, 2016 with students of Hungary Central and Eastern Europe, Balatonbogar. Students discussed native musical instruments like Tabla and Flute, followed by a recital. The Hungarian students also presented songs in their local language.

The second session on the theme 'Ginger Bread Stem Community' was held on December 22, 2016 with students from



Children share information on Skype

Russia and Lithuania. Students learnt about each other's communities, architecture and made models using food items.

Pic: Dhruv Raj Kashyap, X B | Model: Saayansh Ahuja, X C; AIS Vas 6

Sleeping over it

Quite literally, for the poor pillow has no other option. So, while sleeping all day on a sunday might seem like the best thing to do, your fluffy partner has a different story to share. **Vanshika Bhardwaj, AIS Vas 6, IX C** hears out the sob story.



The alarm clock buzzed, waking me out of my thoughts. It was imperative to get out of that bed, however, I felt too heavy to actually move a thing, the weight of a relationship was weighing me down. The alarm buzzed louder, my ears hurt because of the shrill sound that filled up the room. And yet there he was, still lost in his deep slumber and then it dawned upon me that I was in a dormant relationship, my partner sleeping all through it. No, he doesn't love me, I'm just the gateway to his everlasting true love...sleep. After all, I am a mere pillow, a lesser mortal. Maybe I shouldn't wish him good morning, for there is no good morning for him, until the morning starts in the noon. So much so that I once suggested his coffee to have coffee in order to wake him up. Such painstaking efforts just to wake up your partner. Yes, I am done with it and I want him to leave me and go away for once. Well, because I need my space and his 10 hour deep slumber topped up with mid day naps, at least twice a day, and a number of quickies (power nap, he calls them although neither do they give nor require much power) do not really leave any space for me (even breathing space for that matter). And then he doesn't really need me all the time. I am, as piercing as it may sound to my fluffy ears, 'replaceable'. Sometimes it's the metro poles, even a book maybe? He can 'lean on' anyone, be it an actual person or a life sized tree. Whatever brings him close to his deepest desire is just fine. Why on earth should I be with a man who does not even acknowledge the burden I bear for him and goes on to

burden the entire mankind (ask the ones who sit next to him in a movie) with his sleepy head? I do respect his intricate planning though, it's really amazing how he manages to save five minutes from every task to doze off. He never understands why people can't sleep when sitting idle; if given the chance he could pass out in a moment's notice. Don't even get me started on our social life. There's no point inviting him anywhere, he successfully manages to be excused, for apparently 'he has plans' (yes, he wants to one day sleep for more than 24 hours in a day). He's the kind of person who goes for sleepovers only to sleep. What is wrong with him? Has he taken the phrase, "Your future depends on your dreams," way too seriously? Ask him about his favourite shows, coincidentally (ahem ahem) all happen to be aired before 9 pm. And yes, he's never heard the phrase "The nation wants to know." He could never make it till then. Excuse me, if I sound cranky, I've really been sleep deprived, my partner has been kind enough to take that task upon himself (that's how he tries to convince me every time). Will I ever be able to get out of this vicious (sleep) cycle? Or will I continue to stare at the roof of this dark room, his snores forming the only conversation we'll have? Till then, I wish one day I have sweet dreams too.🇧🇩

The Pet Quiz

Illustration: Akshita Gupta, AIS Vas 6, X B

It is true that a pet can make your life better, and less stressful. They make you happy! But you've to make sure that you pick the right pet. But which is the right one? And which one is left? **Bhavya Singh, AIS Vas 6, IX B** helps you to find out.



- 1. Would you like your pet to greet you at the door?**

(A) Definitely. How nice!
(B) Once in a while would be cool.
(C) No need.
- 2. You want a pet that's playful.**

(A) Of course!
(B) Not really...
(C) No no no! I don't have time to be 'playful'.
- 3. Do you want your pet to call you by your name?**

(A) If that is possible, then most certainly.
(B) Not really...
(C) No, so strange it would be.
- 4. Do you want your pet to help you in your homework?**

(A) Of course!
(B) Perhaps, Math homework would be fine.
- 5. Would you like a pet who would can warn you prior to a natural disaster?**

(A) Yes *You know what? The other day my pet saved my life, I am so lucky*
(B) Maybe.
(C) No, there is Aaj Tak for that.
- 6. Do you want a pet who is a member of Avengers?**

(A) YES!! OMG!
(B) Yeah, maybe!
(C) No. How would I enjoy with my pet if it is too busy saving the world.
- 7. Would you share your chocolate with the pet?**

(A) Probably, no.
(C) Maybe, I am not fond of sharing my food.
(D) Yes, I hope my pet would love to share chocolate with me.

Yay!! You have come to the end of this quiz. Now let's see which pet is ideal for you. Dog or Cat?

Well, if you choose **A's**, then you are a nice and kind person, looking forward to spending time with animals. So, you can pick any pet you want – dogs, cats, rabbits, parrots et al.

If you choose **B's**, then you are confused, very confused, and should perhaps be taking care of yourself first before you look for a pet. And if all your answers are **C's**, then you are a pessimist, sadist and even silly. Who shares chocolates with their pets? It will harm them. So, pet yourself and forget the idea of getting a pet!

Disclaimer: This is just a fun quiz and the answers have no relevance whatsoever.

Behind the scene...

...hides the cameramen, makeup artists and stylists. No, we are not talking about the runway models, but food.

Devvrat Tiwari, AIS Vas 6, IX C

A boy licks his ice cream that seems smooth as silk under the open sun. The ad allures you enough for you to run out of the house, laying your hands on the prettiest ice cream that you can find. You sit in the park, trying to savour the same coolness. But nothing like the ad happens, as the ice cream melts and so do your dreams. For the boy in the ad had some tricks up his sleeve, thanks to advertising gimmicks and food stylists.

The 'phuss phuss' of a deodorant: Did you ever wonder why fruits and vegetables always shine in advertisements? All that shine is not natural and comes from deodorants and hairspray. Yes, the deodorant that you use daily to feel fresh all day, also freshens the fruits and veggies.

Maple Syrup? Engine oil would do: You keep on pouring maple syrup over your pancakes in the quest to make them look as glossy. Alas! To no avail. The truth is that engine oil is poured over pancakes instead of maple syrup, because pancakes tend to absorb the syrup, and end up looking dry. Engine oil, on the other hand, cannot be absorbed and the pancakes look as fresh and glossy as ever.

The patty is shoe polished: Take a patty and leave it out for some time to see it turn into a damp

squib. So what makes them look so smoking hot in advertisements? The answer my friend lies in shoe polish. Photographers colour them using shoe polish and then to create a grilled effect, hot skewers are placed on the patty.

The noodles just fainted. Glucose le lo!: Patties are not the only ones to dry up so quickly. Noodles have similar fate. Once cooked, the noodles dry up very quickly. The noodles are coated with a glucose syrup that keeps them looking fresh and moist. So, if sweet noodles happen to be your thing, then this is it.

Oye bubbly, wanna surf?: That frothy glass of coke has often had us drooling all over, often propelling us to 'open happiness'. Advertisers add liquid soap to drinks, beers and coffee, since it creates a stable layer of foam that looks natural and attractive. So, do you still need foam?

It isn't ice-cream. Aaloo hai aaloo: Snap your fingers and the ice cream melts away. So, how is a photographer expected to click it in all its beauty and enamour under the harsh lights? Steps in – aaloo. To give a sturdy creamy look, advertisers replace ice cream with coloured mashed potatoes or a paste of starch, icing sugar, corn syrup, fat, and other components.



Illustration: Anushka Gupta, AIS Vas 6, IX C

Dig in! You will be 'glue'd: Since cereals soak in milk and become soggy, it quite doesn't give a crispy appearance. Well, we have advertisers to take care of that. They replace milk with glue, which keeps the cereal on the surface, crisp and in its original form.

Shaving cream hi theek hai: Just like ice cream melts under the studio lights, so does whipped cream. This is the reason why advertisers use shaving cream in products to give it a constant foamy look. Lesson: Don't pound on the desserts that quick.🇧🇩