



Status of the week
Interesting people have their own personal flaws. They may not sleep well, but they dance better.
Tanya Singh, XI D, AIS Gur 43

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a) Everyday

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70%	27% Yes
56%	
42%	
28%	
14%	
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When God protected His Creation

It's not just the conservationists who are on a quest to save Nature, it's someone even greater... the Gods themselves

Saksham Agarwal
AIS Gurgaon 43, X D

Since the dawn of civilization, religion has been a significant influence in guiding the cradle of humanity towards progress. Today, as major environmental challenges confront us, our conservation movement needs to explore and tap the power of faith. The time has arrived to revive the knowledge of religions on how we can make this earth a better place. Religions may be diverse, yet they speak in a single and strong voice of conservation and stand united - to protect God's Creation...

Buddhism

Buddha meditating under a tree with serene skies and joyful birds represents the symbolic association of this monastic tradition with nature. Be it through stories or paintings like the Tanghka Paintings, Buddhism has always sought to conserve nature and promote love and compassion for all life forms. One of its most remarkable achievements in conservation was when the Dalai Lama called upon Tibetans not to wear fur and animal skin. The movement spread and people burnt their furs, even if they were poor! If the poor who can't even afford this newspaper can do it ...*why can't we with luxuries do so?*

Hinduism

"Humanity does not have the right to destroy what it cannot create."

— Bhagavad Gita

Whether it is tales about mischievous Krishna herding cows or *mantras* dedicated to the five elements –Earth, Air, Fire, Water and Sky; Hinduism has always been in sync with nature. Conservation is a

Illustration: Kallol Chatterjee, X C, AIS Gur 43

close companion as the religion sees polluting rivers, cutting trees and killing of animals as a sin. This religion has given us a unique way to protect nature – to see Her as our own Mother and bestows upon us our utmost duty to protect Her. When we can have *mantras* to worship them all...*why can't we be 'mitras' (friends) with them and protect them all?*

Islam

Beautiful and mystical is His Creation; even more are his ways of protecting it... All the mosques, Mughal forts and even the great Taj Mahal has exquisite floral and nature patterns to spread awareness and make people realise the beauty and importance of Allah's creation!

What's more; a style of calligraphy, known as 'Tohra Kari' involves drawing beautiful designs of various animals and birds and a message from the Qur'an, thereby creating awareness! Gods and Nature hath their hands forth...*can't we step forward and embrace them?*

Christianity

"If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation."

— Pope Benedict XVI

Churches have always been associated with two trees: the oak tree and the olive tree, the branch of the latter came in to symbolize peace and harmony between humanity and nature, thereby protecting both. An integral belief of the Christians is, we, human beings are also a part of this 'Creation', so caring for this creation is actually caring for ourselves...*do we really want to be the reason for our end?*

Whichever religion you believe in, whichever God you have faith in, there's always something in it that compels you to realise your potential, to understand the value of your effort and above all, inspires you to act to protect 'His Creation', for we are also a part of it. *So, let's act now!*

Educate afresh



Apurva Chandra with students of AIS Gur 43 (L-R) Shekhar Rana, Aashna Agarwal, Shruti Malik & S Bhuvaneshwari

While the education system has come a long way, it still is far from generating a youth that is "literate in the functional sense," says Apurva Chandra, Joint Secretary, Secondary & Higher Education. Emphasizing the need to reform the old patterns of learning; he talks about the changing face of education, the need to participate in the learning process and more...

S. Bhuvaneshwari, XII A,
Shruti Malik, XII A &
Shekhar Rana, X B, AIS Gurgaon 43

On functional illiteracy

The main objective of Right to Education Act is the education of every child. For that purpose RMSA (Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan) has also been instituted. Expenditure worth Rs 35,000 - 40,000 per annum is devoted to infrastructure, employing teachers, etc under *Sarva Shiksha Abhyaan*. The final outcome is not the physical parameters but the quality of education. The objective of education is that, a child becomes

employable and finally, a good citizen. India's future depends on the youth but since, they at times, use rote learning to pass exams, they are illiterate in the functional sense.

On rote learning VS independent thinking

India recently participated in PISA for students of X & XI. There were 59 schools which participated and India ranked 57th & 58th. So, definitely independent thinking needs to be encouraged. The education system is criticized for rote learning and it is a fact that the system should test the student's ability

to assimilate. CCE has been implemented with an aim to encourage independent thinking. It is for this reason that more emphasis is being laid on projects and worksheets and HOTs have also been introduced. Moreover, question papers are set for a wide variety of students.

On knowledge, not marks

While CBSE gives an option to students to opt for Board exams in class X, I would advise them not to bother about competing for marks. The objective of students had become to only pass exams without participating in the process of education. A child does get 2 years (Class XI & XII) to prepare for compet-

itive exams and according to the monitoring done by CBSE, performance of the students who took CCE last year has improved in first term exams of class XI. Besides, in India as far as the steep difference in the syllabus of X and XI is concerned, we need to keep in mind that 52% of the students drop out of school education after class X.

On flexible education

Quite contrary to popular belief, CBSE does offer a flexible education system, as it allows any five subjects with one language, but it is the schools that find it difficult to implement the same because of reasons like time table and teacher avail-

ability. University entrances and competitive exams also have a role to play.

On merger of boards

There are several boards in India, which includes ICSE and CBSE, along with each state having its own board. Merger of boards is not an option as India has a federal structure of government and education is a subject close to people's heart. However, a common core curriculum is being prepared for Science and Commerce and has been adopted by 16 states. It is difficult to have a core curriculum for Humanities as states would not be willing to part with subjects like languages, history, etc.



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Grammy high

V Adele stole the show by winning the Best Album, Best Record Artist, Best Song, Best Pop Solo Performance and enthralled the audience with her performance at the Grammy's 2012. Other winners were Bon Iver for Best New Artist, Otis by Kanye West and Jay-Z for Best Rap Performance.

2012 Wonder

PM Manmohan Singh declares 2012 'The National Year of Mathematics' in a bid to encourage competition in the field of Mathematics and Science and to mark the 125th birth anniversary of the mathematical prodigy, S Ramanujan.

Edu tales

CBSE proposes common engineering entrance with effect from 2013. The exam will be jointly conducted by leading engineering institutes like NIT, IIT and CBSE. It is further proposed that 50% weightage will be given to the entrance exam and the remaining, to Class XII Board results.

Sporting Feats

- India earned a much needed win against Australia at the fourth ODI of the CB Tri-series on February 12.
- Yuvraj Singh, diagnosed with lung cancer and undergoing chemotherapy in the US, is expected to resume play by May.

World tour

5 ministers resign as the Greek Cabinet approves the Austerity Bill, which cuts down public sector investment and hints on a tax hike, inciting civilians to protest.

Anchor: Gurkiran Kaur

BREAKING NEWS: Whitney, we look to you.

On February 12, the 'Golden girl of the 80s, died an untimely death at the age of 48, leaving a deep void in the musical firmament.

LIVE

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After all the hardwork The edit team of AIS Gur 43

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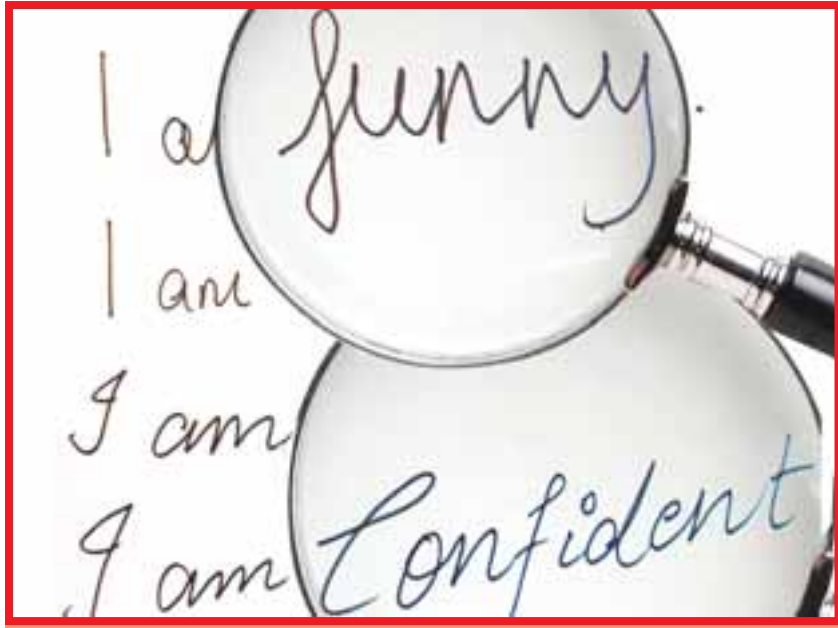
Work in progress Read, edit, read, edit...

Of googl-ies If making GT was as easy



This was my very first experience with GT and I learnt a lot. It was fun and I had an amazing time being part of this great team.
Saumya Mittal, IX D, AIS Gur 43, Page Editor

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The Write personality

Want to know your personality type?
 Read your handwriting that reveals it all

R Aparna Shankar
 AIS Gurgaon 43, X B

Funny? Arrogant? Confident? Well, here's yet another way of knowing more about yourself: your handwriting! Graphology, the study of handwriting is becoming very popular these days. The style of writing varies from person to person and is surprisingly unique to every individual. This uniqueness when analyzed scientifically can help interpret one's personality type. Besides one's personality, the handwriting also reveals many other things such as health issues, morality, emotions, intellect, desires, creativity, weaknesses and strengths.

The thoughts and feelings in the human mind have an immediate impact on the formation of handwriting. If we compare our own writing samples in various moods, we would be able to spot differences in our own handwriting. There will be noticeable differences in pen stroke usage, even though our handwriting style remains the same.

So do you want to know what your handwriting says about you?

Dum maaro dum: People who write with heavy pressure on the pen are usually highly successful. They have a lot of vitality and their emotional experi-

ences last for a long time. Writers who write with average pressure are usually moderately successful and usually have enough energy to make it through the day. Those with light pressure try to avoid energy draining situations.

Size does matter: Handwriting size is an indicator of an individual's ability to concentrate. For example, small writing indicates the ability to concentrate on the minor details of a task for long periods of time. Bookkeepers, scientists and researchers, usually have such handwritings. People with a small handwriting like to work alone and are usually conservative and thrifty.

Tedha hai par mera hai: The slant is also an indicator to look for. The slant indicates the writer's emotional response to external forces. A right slant (///) signals one who responds strongly to emotional situations. Such people are caring, warm and outgoing—their heart rules their mind. A vertical slant (|||) writer tries to keep emotions in check—mind rules the heart. Left slant (\\) writers will conceal their emotions and are observed as cold and indifferent.

Well, here's hoping that now you realize why over the years your teachers have been pushing you towards improving your handwriting. 🇮🇳

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Looking for a career that's comfortable and makes a lot of money and sounds cool too? eCommerce is just the perfect thing for you!

Shivangi Mittal
 AIS Gur 43, XI D

It's one of those things which is growing like young children do, you just didn't see it coming! The eCommerce industry in India is huge today. So what does that mean for us - Gen Y? One more career option! Here's why eCommerce and Gen Y are a match made in heaven.

More for less: All you need to start an eCommerce firm is a big idea and a computer! An eCommerce firm does not require much investment in terms of money because costs such as rent are overcome easily. Looking at the general atmosphere of "Yaar paise hain?" that surrounds us all the time, this one's a great opportunity!

Tech savvy: If there is one thing where they identify with us, apart from our 'attitude', it's the fact that we have too much of PSP and Facebook in our lives. Come on, don't we all know at least one person who did something really cool



Illustration: Kallol Chatterjee, X C, AIS Gur 43

with a dotcom? So, when we have the advantage, why not use it?

Makes Money: An eCommerce enterprise earns slowly, but steadily. However, as more and more people become comfortable with the idea of buying online, the gestation period might reduce significantly. Flipkart, which started with an investment of Rs 4 lakh only by the owners, is now set to cross the Rs 500 Crore mark, in about 5 years.

Future: "Guess what? The world changes," said Meg Whitman about

eBay, when it started. In times when we want things to be quick, eco friendly, *sasta, sundar* and *tikaoo*, eCommerce is definitely the future. Also, it has the backing of the future generation. What more do we want?

Before you fall for this very rosy picture, seek caution: Not every eCommerce firm succeeds. You've got to earn trust and good reputation, which is a tough job. But that's just one more challenge we'd like to take up, isn't it? 🇮🇳

Mission Admission

What's the winning mantra to crack admission in foreign universities? Simply get creative and head Westwards...

Saumya Mittal
 AIS Gur 43, IX D

Sample Question 1:

While working at the Raytheon Company, Percy Spencer noticed that standing in front of a magnetron (used to generate microwave radio signals) caused a chocolate bar in his pocket to melt. He then placed a bowl of corn in front of the device, and soon it was popping all over the room. A couple of years later, Raytheon was selling the first commercial microwave oven. Write about a time you found something you weren't looking for.

Sample Question 2:

1. What would you do with a free afternoon tomorrow?
2. Recall a compliment you received that you especially value. What was it? From whom did it come?
3. If you could witness one moment in history, what would it be and why?
4. What do you wish you were better at being or doing?

What would be your reaction if you come face to face with such questions? Baffled... right? Well, be prepared as a majority of foreign universities are waiting to bowl you out with such googlies. Applying for foreign university was never a piece of cake, and in today's times, well, the process has just got tougher.

Innovation, creativity and originality is what these institutions are basically looking for and clichéd tips from the internet won't help. Get set to wrack your brains to make the cut. It is not actually possible to become creative overnight but here are



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some tips which might help you out.

Great creative thinkers use their imagination, and then try to make links and associations between things. Finding unusual connections between things is a way of creating something new. Training the brain to think faster can help improve creative thinking. Exercise the brain with things like sudoku, crosswords, puzzles and chess, and try to do them as fast as possible. Try to think about things in as many different ways as possible. Seek inspiration from your surroundings. Reading more books, watching movies and even surfing the web adds to your idea box. So, just think *hatke* and rest assured that you shall be in your dream college abroad. 🇮🇳

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Let $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 + x + 1$, $g(x) = \begin{cases} \max, \{f(t); 0 \leq t \leq x\} & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 3 - x & 1 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$

Then in $[0, 2]$ the point/s where $g(x)$ is not differentiable is/are

- (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 1 & 2 (d) None of these

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Mind Thy Myths

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Flying in the air with hot air balloons or rocketing to the moon with salamis...sounds too good to be true? Well, it might just be right!

Eesha Tripathy
AIS Gurgaon 43, IX C

Ever seen some weird movie or heard someone narrate a bizarre incident which makes you want to disregard it as impossible the first time and yet, it lingered in your mind, making you wonder if it could be really true? Facts, when not confirmed become myths and myths, when confirmed become facts. Here are some myths that are confirmed as facts and well-busted, to drive off the shadows of deception...

Myth 1 –FAIRGROUND BALLOONS CAN MAKE YOU FLY
Status – Kaput!

What if...a child eagerly looks at a bunch of balloons and the next thing you know, he is off to the sky in his balloonly delight? Well, a child can grow wings, provided he has a modest number, say 3,500 balloons, to overcome the damned downward pull of gravity. Hence, the disappointing conclusion – a few fair-ground balloons cannot make a child fly. If you could bloat the child up into a balloon, well, then that's a different story.

Myth 2 – SALAMI CAN BE USED AS A ROCKET FUEL
Status – Confirmed!

Who would have thought rocket science is nothing but a packet of salami? Joke...not really! The most unconven-

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Although the slick underside of banana skin has friction reducing properties, it would take a team of peels to knock you off!



tional alternative fuel 'luncheon meat' has been stumbled upon. Salami is rich in nitrate, which is a key ingredient in many explosives and originally the fuel of rockets. Certain experiments prove that salami can certainly send a rocket into flight! However, this is not a free ticket to meat slaughter.


Myth 3 – YOU SLIP ON A BANANA PEEL EVERY TIME YOU STEP ON IT
Status – Kaput!

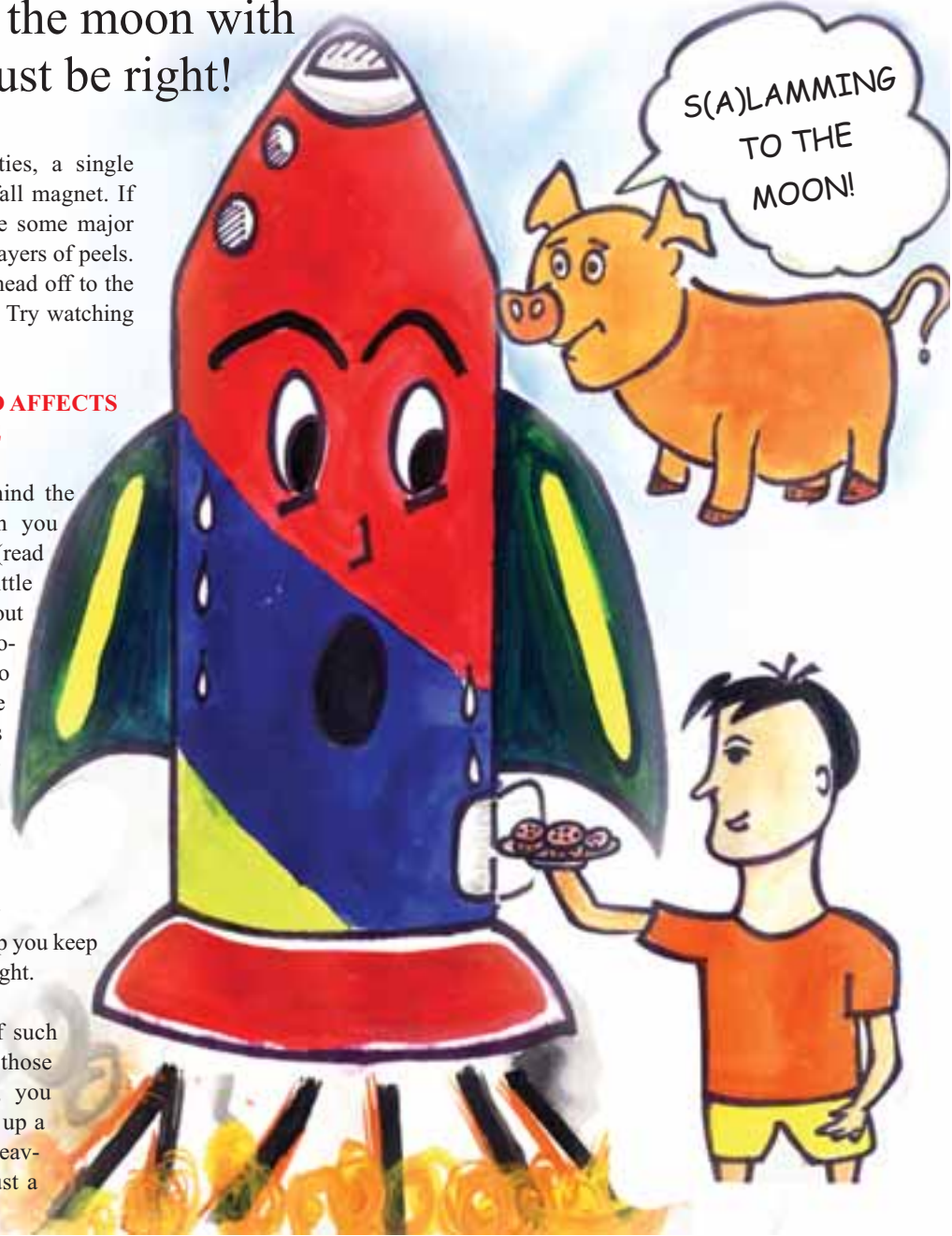
How many times have we seen Charlie Chaplin slip and glide down a banana peel that makes our insides burst with laughter? Although the slick underside of a fresh banana skin does have some

friction-reducing properties, a single peel isn't a guaranteed fall magnet. If you're determined to see some major slippage, try running on layers of peels. Still want to laugh your head off to the banana fall magnet joke? Try watching Chaplin again!

Myth 4 – YOUR MOOD AFFECTS YOUR GAS MILEAGE
Status – Confirmed!

If you have jumped behind the wheel in a mood when you would find Satan angelic (read disgruntled), here's a little note – driving like a bat out of hell can 'cost' you. Emotionally tense drivers who tend to stop and start more abruptly burn more gas and cash than calm drivers who are traveling the same distance. So, maybe to spend less at the pump, it's time to take your driving cues from your Grandma. This would help you keep cool and your pockets - light.

There are many more of such myth busters, but if all those were to be bared here, you would feel we've stirred up a Hornet's nest! So, here's leaving you in peace with just a few revelations...



Who's second(s)?

Scientists applaud the new winner of the 'fastest speed' race.
Light stands lagging behind by a few seconds - **BROKEN!**

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C Shekhar Rana
AIS Gurgaon 43, X B

Here's something smaller than Newton's apple or thinner than Einstein's hair that'll probably make classical physicists frown. It's time to transfer the title of 'fastest speed' that light has long held on, to Neutrinos.

The present scenario

Our current understanding of the universe and classical physics is based on the fact that the fastest speed ever is that


of light and which cannot be achieved by any other object. This forms the basis for the Einstein's 'Theory of Relativity.'

Here's the breakthrough...

The world of science was left in shock when the world record for speed in a vacuum, previously held by light, was broken by the subatomic particles called neutrinos. Neutrinos, the 'Usain Bolt' of subatomic particles were pumped over three years ago from CERN to the Gran Sasso Underground Laboratory near Rome. Scientists discovered that neutri-

nos were traveling 60 billionths of a second faster than light – a small number for most people, but the greatest discovery of the century in the field of particle physics! It must be heartbreaking for light to be beaten after setting the record at 299,792 kilometers per second...


Time travel... possible?

This discovery might turn science fiction into reality i.e. the possibility to travel back in time! This is because neutrinos can travel back through ordinary matter unaffected.

Afraid? LOL!

Aashna Agarwal, AIS Gur 43, X A

Get over the done-to-death phobias. It is time to know some new (read funny) ones.

you're bombarded with accusations of being filthy, you know what excuse to give!

With inputs from Anubha Mishra, X B, AIS Gurgaon 43

Anadaephiobia: Old McDonald had a farm, and on his farms he had some ducks....uh oh! Scared...are you? Fear of being watched by a duck; yes, you read that right! Our little duck conscious friend here, is constantly under the impression that somewhere, somehow, a duck is watching him. Makes you think deeply about the wonders of life or what?

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia: Those of you who have finally made it through that word (yes, you can really stop trying to pronounce it now), congratulations! Ironically, a person suffering from Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia, is afraid of long words! It would be a wonder if people did not suffer from this phobia after having encountered this word.

Ablutophobia: Fear of Bathing - a fear, which surely, many teenagers suffer from. Here we FINALLY have an answer to our parents' consistent questioning on our ability to live like pigs. This is the answer to a majority of teenagers prayers: no bath! So the next time



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Working with GT since the past three years has been a rollercoaster ride. I have learnt a lot and it's an experience I won't trade for the world.
Sakshi Goel, X C, AIS Gur 43, Page Editor

Celebrity wars Best of the worst

Graphic: Karan Dwivedi, X C, AIS Gur 43

Have social networking sites become the new grounds for catfights and sling campaigns of celebrities?

Pallavi V, X D & Shilpa Nair, IX C, AIS Gur 43

The recent spat between Kingfisher scion Sidhartha Malhotra and actor Ayesha Takia on social networking site Twitter has brought to fore the ugly side of glitterati, who no longer hesitate in locking horns with each other in cyber space. Popular social networking sites have become the new arena for celebs to fight-it-out...

Wicked witch from the luv stories

It all started with tongue-in-cheek author Shobha De writing a column for the TOI where she went on a rampage to insult damsel Sonam Kapoor's then released movie 'I Hate Luv Stories'. Now our won't-take-a-backseat Sonam Kapoor could not bear this loss of face and took to twitter to display her displeasure.

The End: This melancholic story ends with Sonam Kapoor tagging Shobha De as a wicked witch!

Lamba is a Lane Duck!

Poor Minissha Lamba had a harrowing time at the customs for carrying jewelry worth Rs 50 Lakh. Shobha De embarrassed her further by tweeting, "Poor Minissha: Lamba *race ki ghodi* or lame duck? Warning to other Bollywood wannabes to leave those borrowed rocks at home. Dazzle with your talent." Obviously Minissha didn't find it flattering and retaliated with her



The verbal spat triggered by Bhagat's comment against Rushdie's book - The Satanic Verses

tweet, "Real writers write books. Slandering on Twitter is a job of the less gifted."

The End: A new celebrity added to the list of those displeased with Ms De.

Spat of literary titans

The spat between controversial writers Salman Rushdie and Taslima Nasreen turned nasty, with the Bangladeshi writer accusing him of "begging" for followers and

chasing women. Now, it was Rushdie's turn to fire a salvo saying, "Somewhere in the distance I hear the envious miaow of #Taslima-Nasreen being catty about me. Tut, tut, Taslima. #Shame #Lajja," he wrote, using several hashtags to show he is a fast learner.

The End: You don't have to resort to cheap publicity to stay in news.

So, sit back and enjoy yourselves, as celebs take to some very entertaining mud slinging! 🇮🇳

URBAN DICTIONARY

Sakshi Goel

AIS Gurgaon 43, X C

Earworm: A tune that keeps playing over and over in your head.

Sentence: I just can't get the song 'Waving Flag' out of my head. It's become an earworm.

Eye broccoli: This one is the opposite of eye candy and refers to someone very unappealing.

Sentence: Look at the way he dresses. He is such an eye broccoli.

Trashion: Trash + Fashion

The new concept of producing fashionable attire out of recycled material.

Sentence: Did you look at her skirt? Absolute trashion!

Glamping: Glamour + camping

A new form of camping, wherein one camps with all luxurious comforts.

Sentence: Both my cousins are going glamping this weekend.

Quintastic: Fantastic with the prefix "Quin" that stands for five. Refers to a person who's above fifty but very energetic and good-looking.

Sentence: Nigella Lawson is one of the most quintastic chefs I have ever seen in my life. 🇮🇳

Of Ladies & Gentlemen

Welcome to a beauty parlour, where there is a lot more happening than just waxing beautiful. Shivangi Mittal, XI, AIS Gur 43, brings you some of the myriad species of the beauty-land, replete with all Bollywoodish traits



She is the kind of lady that exudes a vibe - "You're not even worth being in front of my eyes, so deem it a pleasure that you get to sit in a room stinking of my

French eau-de-cologne and look at me while I get my toes scrubbed." She behaves as if she is way too stressed, and all that partying has really got to her.

The Snob Lady

God save the queen:

As soon as she closes her eyes, her iPhone rings and she talks in all sophisticated English, only to lament about how her driver's left her stranded, that too on the weekend. Seriously, would you like one of us to drive you around this weekend?



They're so in love, they even visit the beauty parlour together. They decide each other's hairstyles. And suddenly, they realise that one of them doesn't need a

haircut at all! So, while one gets a haircut/facial (the husband, mind you, not his wife), the other sits in the chair beside, and keep the others waiting.

The Couple

Gumshuda gharwali:

Uncle enters the parlour and asks, "Where's Gita?" "Sir, I'm sorry, but who Gita?" It's great that you're married, but expecting people to know your wife's name... you're not exactly married to Katrina Kaif!

Made in Punjab

She talks to everybody in Punjabi-Hindi, complete with all her 'Oye' and 'Haaye' remarks. Of course, she wants her daughter to get the latest haircut, just like 'that' Anushka in 'that' *Ainviyi* movie.

Dialogue: "The world has changed; simple girls don't stand a chance only. You have to be a 'fashionista' to be noticed."



The Shadi ka ghar

It is her daughter's wedding, and you dare think that people only care about the bride, groom and caterer? Her eight year-old nieces must get their makeup done properly, and all *Bhabhis* and *Chachis* should have the right number of pleats in their saris, please.

Hadh-kar-di-aapne: Dadiji wants more bounce in her thin strands. Beautician convinces her that they are okay. Phew!



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Nature is God

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God."
-Gerard Manley Hopkins



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Human beings have always been smitten by the beauty and majesty of nature; tempted to look deeper. God appears to us in many ways, yet nature seems to be his favourite.

God is omnipresent, hiding behind every tree, under every rock, over every hill, across

every meadow, through every cloud and in the eyes of every animal. Our scriptures from times immemorial have revered rivers, mountains and forests as sacred and prescribe staying close to nature to experience eternal bliss. According to Mahabharata, "Even if there is only one tree full of flowers and fruits in a village, that place becomes worthy of worship and respect."

The failure to pay heed to our religions' call for preserving nature has made the survival of human beings more difficult. The arrogant and ignorant man has destroyed the harmonious relation which nature and human beings once shared. Floods, earthquakes and drought that rock the world are an indicator of the havoc that we have played with nature. If we disrupt this beautiful symbiotic relationship, then we should be ready to pay a hefty price for our follies and bear the wrath of mother nature. If man continues with his destructive mechanism, the day is not far when nature will retaliate.

At Amity, strong emphasis is laid on protecting the environment. Whether it is rejoicing in the beauty of mother nature with Earth Day celebrations or contributing towards conserving nature via water and waste treatment plants, Amity is constantly doing its bit for the environment. ARE YOU? 🇺🇦

Roots run deep



Vishakha Chitnis,
Vice Principal, AIS G 43

In this strife torn world, where winds of change engulf us, nothing but the legacies that we have inherited keep us rooted and enable us to combat all travails...

I firmly believe that our children are our legacies, our responsibilities and our

destinies. As we strive to inculcate in each one of them the spirit of resilience, honing them to win for humanity, it is important for us to instill in each one of them a sense of pride and an understanding of their roots.

As our children chart the course of their lives, let them draw inspiration from the very makers of legacies that have set precedents for humanity- Abraham Lincoln, who defended liberty, Gandhiji who bequeathed us with the greatest weapon of all- Non Violence and Martin Luther King Jr who left us the legacy to pursue the dream of racial equality...

With such foundations of life, each Amitian should live life with absolute altruism, cultivate human virtues and metamorphose into ethical individuals. Here are Woodrow Wilson's words for your reflection,

"You are not here merely to make a living.

You are here to enable the world to live more amply,

With greater vision and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement,

You are here to enrich the world.

You impoverish yourself,

if you forget this errand." 🇺🇦

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Rainbow Family

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Love can change strangers into family.

The diary entry of a girl reveals that blood relations are certainly not the strongest

Mahi Jain, IX B & Akankshya Bhuyan, IX
AIS Gurgaon 43

I cried in school today, I cried because I was surrounded by a group of people who were asking me something I didn't know, something that never crossed my mind as another girl asked me again, "Tell us! Tell us why are you so different from all your brothers and sisters? You don't have the same skin colour as they do." And I was drenched in my pain. The tears wouldn't stop nor would the pinching questions.

Suddenly, I felt a tender touch on my back, someone held my hand and took me away from everyone. For a moment, I thought it must be God himself but when I heard my mother's voice, I realised it was someone whom I respected much more than Him. Then she told me, that she and dad always wanted a lovely little daughter like me but since God loved me a bit too much, he didn't give me to them. So, they went and took me from him. Yes, they found their daughter in me.

My mother then showed me a picture of my orphan-



age. In the picture, mom and dad were standing in front of an old building, holding a tiny baby girl, with their faces blazing with love. My parents adopted me when I was just a tiny baby like my other siblings. My elder brother Matt is from Australia, younger sister, Tamara, is from India and two twin brothers, Malcolm and Michael, are from Vietnam. These differences have however never affected the bond I share with my siblings. In fact, I feel that they have just made our relationship stronger. It is only with them that I feel safe and secure. I feel at home with them. I remember when I was younger; I was puzzled as to why my complexion and features were

different from Matt, Tamara, Malcolm and Michael until I discovered that I come from a small village in Rwanda. My country was torn apart by a civil war and several children ended up in an orphanage.

I sometimes look at the pictures of malnourished children in torn rags and then take a look at my room, my school books my loving parents; and feel so lucky. The bond I share with members of my family is like the seven colors of the rainbow. We may represent varied hues but together we shine bright. Now I know the bond that links our family together is not that of blood, but of respect and love. 🇺🇦

(This is a fictional dairy entry)

The Mountain is within



Pragya Ghildiyal
An inspiration

Gurkiran Kaur, AIS Gur 43, XI D

May 2, 2005, 6:30 am – the time everything changed for Pragya Ghildiyal. Her Activa was hit by a car being driven by a learner. What followed the accident that lasted barely ten seconds was a change of a lifetime. Enroute the journey from a fully bodied to a physically challenged person, Pragya discovered the mountain within.

The turning point: My life changed 360 degrees after the accident. From a Yoga instructor, I became a Yoga Therapist. After my accident, I could perceive the difference in the attitude of people and the way they interacted with me. This change in attitude towards the physically chal-

Overcoming physical challenges is a possibility; just tap the power within

lenged is due to lack of social education about physical challenges. People suffering from any physical challenge are treated as belonging to a different community. Even if they do venture out, the stares from people drives them back in their isolated world.

My ray of hope: I was hospitalized for 3 months, and one week before discharge, on my doctor's advice, I went out to a mall. I was very happy to be out again. However, when I reached the mall, I found everybody staring at me. Embarrassed, I just wanted to go home. My friends persuaded me to go to a restaurant. I sat with my eyes downcast, when suddenly an elderly gentleman came and patted me on the back and told me that he was very proud to see my courage to face the world. That one person gave me the courage to go out again and the hope that the world is full of many good people. Of course, family support remains my biggest strength.

I-m-possible



JESSICA COX Born in Tucson, Arizona, USA, Jessica Cox, suffered a rare birth defect and was born without any arms. She learnt to be positive and is now able to write 25 words per minute, put on her makeup and wear her contact lenses with the same ease as anyone else. She is the first lady in history to pilot a plane without arms.



STEVIE WONDER Blind from infancy, Wonder is an American singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and record producer. He has recorded more than 30 US Top 10 hits and has 22 Grammy awards to his credit, the maximum ever awarded to any solo artist. In 2009, he was named the UN Messenger of Peace.

Mentor Musings



Shalini Agarwal (L), Nandini Mukherji
Teacher Coordinator, AIS Gur 43

Our fledgling writers have spread their wings and soared to greater heights for our prestigious GT contest issue. Not only did they compose, illustrate and come up with novel ideas, (some albeit crazy), they single mindedly guided young minds along the right track, tweaking a word here, a para there; always with a hint of something fresh.

Like every year, even though the first edit meet was held way back in October, the flurry of writing activity reached its peak towards end of December, while the feverish pitch reached its crescendo only last week. It has been an exhilarating literary sojourn to see skeleton ideas take shape and blossom right before our eyes. Since every writer fell in love with their own creation, it took assiduous coaxing to edit it.

But what became a major challenge and eventually an immense reason of joy was churning out a 100% self designed issue. Clicking every single picture, drawing every single illustration and making every single graphic that you see in this edition was not easy for sure. But, it certainly was worth the effort!

From science to fiction; nostalgic moments to humour, there is something for everybody to savour in the AIS Gurgaon 43 contest issue. 🇺🇦



The Global Times has been a learning opportunity for me. It has taught me the significance of cooperation along with giving me an experience worth a lifetime.
Shekhar Rana, X B, AIS Gur 43, Page Editor

What went around came around



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Discovery...Time...Rediscovery...And so life comes a full circle, bringing back the heritage of our ancestors, which we cherish today as our 'legacy'. The unending travel through time continues...

Aashna Agarwal, X A &
Saksham Agarwal, X D, AIS Gur 43

Man has really got it going for himself, hasn't he? Well, sorry to prick that bubble of yours, but our ancestors beat us to the punch long back. Surprised? We have put in endless efforts and energy in 'inventing' something that existed all along. Well, there are some who would be viewing this with a raised eyebrow, so now, it's time to elaborate.

Crazy cats Ever wondered why black cats are hated so much? What

could they have possibly done? The answer goes way back. Apparently, cats were held in high esteem, especially in the Egyptian civilization. However, with an increase in their population and their somewhat scary looks, the poor things were accused of being witches in disguise! The trials and tribulations of the cat parallels the unending judicial process and awaits its verdict.

Matters of the heart 'His heart is in the right place.' 'His heart is pure.' 'These are matters of the heart.' Wait! Why bother the heart so much after all? Well, the

next time someone accuses you of being 'bad at heart', the Egyptians are to blame. According to them, after death, the deceased would undertake a perilous journey through the underworld and face his judgment at the Hall of the Two Truths. The deceased would then stand in front of a scale, where his heart, containing the deeds of his lifetime, was weighed against the feather of truth. If the heart was 'pure', the feather would stay in level with the heart and the deceased would pass on into the underworld; if not, the heart would weigh down and the deceased would be sent to the Devourer of the Dead.

Bingo lingo 'Do' is pronounced as 'doo', then why isn't 'go' pronounced as 'goo'? This question asked by Dharmendra in *Chupke Chupke* still remains a mystery, perhaps never to be solved. So, the next time you're banging your head against the wall, battling with French verbs and the 'wonders' of the English language, just point your finger at the Babylonians. Legend has it that the Babylonians were trying to build a tower high enough to reach the heavens - The Tower of Babel. It was built not for the worship and praise of God, but for the glory of Man. The Gods infuriated with jealousy and insecurity, punished 'Man' for his arrogance by making each builder speak a different language, and so created the world's languages. Oh God! Hath mercy upon us!

Head-y tale Ever wondered why we bow down our heads? Why just the head? Let's travel back to the Mayan civilization to know the answer. It is believed that the Mayans had a unique form of football, called 'Pok-a-tok', where the captain of the winner's team got his head chopped off as a prize! Strange as it may sound, but it was considered as a direct ticket to heaven! Well, let's hope it was, because it would certainly be a bummer if the person who after winning, gets his head chopped

off, and is then barred from heaven too! Tough luck or what? This practice continues today. And before you get alarmed, the practice has been 'modified' to an extent. We do bow our heads, but instead of the 'ticket to heaven' aka head-chop, we have to make do with just trophies and medals.

Dear Dragon Seismograph is today's earthquake predicting device. Our scientists spend half their time sitting in front of this extremely dull instrument and the other half in calculations. Well, our ancestors chose the glamorous way and went with dragons and frogs instead. Stranger than fiction, yet true. The Chinese built an exquisite seismograph, which had a six foot wide bronze caldron with eight majestic dragons at the top and eight frogs circling at the bottom. Whenever an earthquake struck, a ball dropped from a dragon and fell into the mouth of one of the frogs, showing the direction from which the quake arrived. Now that's called innovation!

Worth the salt

Are you worth your salt? Ever wondered why not sugar? Or even one of the exotic herbs for that matter? The word 'salary' comes from the Roman word 'salarium'! Roman soldiers and civil servants were paid with rations of salt, since salt was a very valuable commodity and the word 'salarium' refers to these rations. So, are you worth your salt?

The kite might

The name is Bond, James Bond. The Bond concept isn't really new you know. Our ancestors had the whole concept of "007" wrapped up long long ago. It all started with kites... Yes! Contrary to anyone's wildest imagination, this was the beginning of intelligence gathering and spy services. It is believed that the Chinese used brightly coloured kites as military signaling devices, carrying coded messages.

Indians, not being far behind, had their own methods. Indian forts like the Golconda Fort had a unique engineering marvel through which the kings could hear anything from any corner of the palace. Well, now you know why 'Walls have ears'.

As the clock turns and civilizations evolve, new truths, discoveries and legends are unraveled while others are lost in loops of time, maybe to be rediscovered later. Yet amidst it all, each civilization speaks to us of innovative ideas, glorious achievements and above all, a set of values, culture and heritage. They have left their glory and wisdom for us. And, we must keep in mind, that we 'owe' this modern advancement to them. Now, it's all upon us. Go ahead! Leave a legacy for the generations to come, so that someday, just like this piece, they might write about you in their BIG STORY... 🇮🇳

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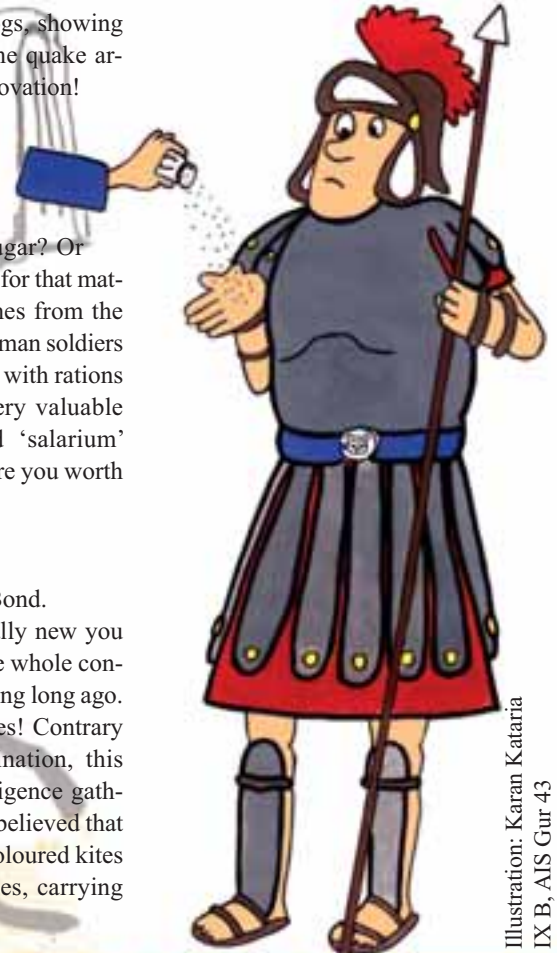


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The brave teacher

STORY WALA

Aashna Agarwal
AIS Gur 43, X A

It was the day of exams and as luck would have it, the two teachers invigilating were very careful; so we were all staring gloomily at each other, when we suddenly heard a loud cry. A chameleon had entered the classroom and had undertaken the mission to bully and terrify the children. Needless to say, the chameleon succeeded with honours in its mission and within two minutes, the entire class was standing on the chairs. We looked around at our teachers for support but found the two male teachers whimpering in their respective corners of the classroom. The chameleon proceeded to snarl, glare and gnash its teeth with venom, frightening everyone out of their wits. Very soon, the caretaker came in with a carton in his hand, apparently with the intention of trying to capture the chameleon in the box. The chameleon turned his head around and looked with scorn at its new opponent. It obviously had ‘other plans’. The caretaker also looked grim, while the children held their breath in silence.

THE BATTLE BEGAN...

The chameleon ran helter skelter, awaiting a chance to attack. The caretaker lost some of his confidence in the process and the battle raged on. We did not fail in our roles and cheered the caretaker, while some of us backed the chameleon. We even started betting on it. After a long battle, just as the caretaker relaxed his defence, in a flash the reptile bit him! All of us cheered the victor and the chameleon gloried in its triumph and awaited the next competitor. The caretaker in the meanwhile, ignominiously ran away from the arena (the two male



All of us cheered the victor and the chameleon gloried in his triumph and awaited its next competitor.

teachers were still whimpering away in their respective corners).

THEN CAME OUR YOUNG ENGLISH TEACHER!

The teacher came in asking us why we were shouting. The male teachers and the class tried to tell her in a chorus about the situation. She looked casually around for the bally chameleon and we confidently expected her to fulfil her role - screaming and leaping onto a vacant seat. She marched forward sternly and even the chameleon started quivering. She then proceeded to sympathise with the chameleon and began to tell us what

beasts we were as we were trying to frighten the poor wee little thing. We all looked mutinous as the chameleon smirked at us behind the teacher. This was the limit. First, a chameleon scares the wit out of us and then has the audacity to grin cheekily! We waited for it to do its last moves, in frightening the teacher but to our shock; instead of leaping on a chair, the teacher calmly walked up to it, picked it up by its tail and put it outside the window. In the stunned silence that followed, she ordered us to our seats and we obeyed instantly (the male teachers finally came out of their corners). This incident made us realise the bravery of our teachers. We doubted if James Bond could have done what she had done!

POEM

For my best friends

Harshita Roy, AIS Gur 43, VII D

In a world full of sorrow,
in a world so shallow.
In this dark world,
I hopelessly wander around.
I sat down frowning at myself,
when I heard someone say...
just believe in yourself!
I looked up and saw a day,
full of light,
without a sign of night!
You won't believe,
it was such a relief,
when I saw two crazy people,
just like me!
They helped me,
climb the rope of hope,
They brought the belief,
which I thought had gone for a leave.
They taught me the meaning



of a ‘friend’,
they said that they were
my best friends!
They stood beside me,
in every up and down of life.
And here we stand,
hand in hand,
to face a life, full of light.
For my dearest friends...
Vanshica and Janvi.



French Chocolate toast



Nikita enjoys the chocolatey delicacy

Nikita Sondhi, AIS Gur 43, IX D

Ingredients

Eggs3
Milk1 cup
Sugar1 tsp
Vanilla extract1 tsp
Salt¼ tsp
Bread (crusts removed)12
Chocolate bars (1.55 oz)3
Butter or margarine2 tbsp
Confectioners’ sugarAs required

Method

- In a bowl, beat eggs, milk, sugar, vanilla extract and salt.
- Pour half the batter into a 13” x 9” x 2” baking dish.
- Arrange six slices of bread in the

- dish.
- Place one piece of chocolate in the center of each piece of bread.
- Top each slice with another bread; pour remaining egg batter over it. Let it stand for 5 minutes.
- In a large nonstick skillet, melt butter over medium heat.
- Shallow fry sandwiches until golden brown on both sides. Dust with confectioners’ sugar.
- Cut sandwiches diagonally.

Doctored humour

Illustration: Kallol, X C, AIS Gur 43



Kallol Chaterjee
AIS Gurgaon 43, X C

3 things you must not hear a doctor speak in an operation theater.
1) Now if this is the kidney, and that is the liver, what the heck is this?
2) Now where is page 5 of this operation manual ?
3) Shoo black dog, come back with that piece, that’s NOT your dinner!

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Joie de vivre



She looks at the lights as if they were stars



L to R: U & I



The most harmless page turned out to be the most troublesome! Jokes apart, it was fun working with kids again. They mirror the joy I feel to work for GT.
Pallavi Vemuganti, X D, AIS Gur 43, Page Editor

The Backyard

Short Story

Aditi Vemuganti
AIS Gurgaon 43, V D

One sunny morning, backyard neighbours, Mrs Joe and Mrs Haggerty, set out to do their laundry. After their clothes had been set out to dry, Mrs Joe said, “Look Mrs Haggerty! My purple dress is so much prettier than yours!” Mrs Haggerty retorted, “Of course, not! My white trousers with silver stars is way better.” “If you say so... but nothing beats my red jacket which is so snug!” This went on for a long time and finally both of

them stormed back into their houses. That evening, a big red balloon came and touched all the clothes on the clothes line. Voila! All the clothes came to life! Despite their owners discord, they played happily and enjoyed a lot. They confided in each other how badly their owners treated them. That night, there was a fierce storm and all the clothes fell down to the ground. Mrs Joe’s clothes fell

into Mrs Haggerty’s backyard and Mrs Haggerty’s clothes fell into Mrs Joe’s backyard. The next morning, both the ladies came to collect their clothes and were shocked to find them all strewn about. They then set out collecting them. They helped each other to sort out the clothes. One of them cracked a joke and they laughed a lot. After all the clothes were collected, they sat down and had a long chat. And after that, they parted as friends!



Illustration: Aditi Vemuganti, V D, AIS Gur 43

Decode the Joke

Illustration: Alekhya Sattegiri, V B, AIS Gur 43

Step 1: Decode the Morse code* by replacing each symbol with the corresponding letter.
Step 2: Remember ‘/’ is used for gap between letters, not words.

Ques _ _ / / . _ _ _ _ . / . _ .
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_ . / . !

Joke by: Saksham Manaktala, AIS Gur 43, V C

Answer: Why did the frog say meaw?
Because he was learning a foreign language!

*The Morse Code was used for long distance transmission of sounds. Would you like to learn the Morse Code? Here's the code list...	A = . _ B = _ . . . C = _ . . D = _ . E = F = . _ .	G = _ _ H = I = . . J = _ _ _ K = _ . L = _ . .	M = _ _ N = _ . O = _ _ _ P = _ . . Q = _ . . . R = _ .	S = . . . T = _ U = . . V = . . . W = _ _ X = _ . .	Y = . _ . Z = _ . . .
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Poems

I love winter!

Nandini Ramesh, AIS Gur 43, V D

On the earth
when there's a blanket of white,
and when the sun isn't too bright.
The only season
which comes to my mind,
is WINTER of every kind!
The blankets are all around,
to my sweaters I am bound.
Drinking lots of hot soup
even hens stay in their coop!
When there's a lot of fog,
my only wish is to hog.
Sunny days is when I bask,
getting up is surely a task!
Cozy clothes and snacks are yummy,

they also fill my big tummy.
Winter is a season I cherish,
I hope it will always flourish!

A Better World

Sanya Goel, AIS Gurgaon 43, V D

Walking on the road,
avoiding the violence.
Deafened by the roars of guns,
craving for some silence.
Peace will bring faith and hope,
with battles and wars none can cope
Join your hands towards a future
that's stronger,
which would ensure that your
descendants live longer.
Eliminate the ego and jealousy,

and join hands towards peace
and harmony.
The wars and bloodshed is fruitless,
you're God's gift, feel blessed.

It's a toony world!

Navya Paliwal, AIS Gur 43, V A

Nobita and Action Kamen
are the new toon heroes,
film stars in front of them are all zeroes.
Cartoon artists are fast earning fame
and in terms as Monterey,
growing large everyday in this
3D animation industry.
It's sad that they are so addictive,
because kids are better at doing
something more creative.



Illustration: Aditi Vemuganti V D, AIS Gur 43

Don't disturb us much,
our mothers don't like you as such.
For when we see our cartoons talk,
we even refuse a wonderful walk!
They distract us a lot,
many even teach us things as rot.



Illustration: Komal Patel, V B, AIS G-43

Crossword: Aashrey Agarwal AIS Gurgaon 43, IV C

ACROSS

2. Brought Automobile revolution in India

6. An Italian luxury car

8. Michael Schumacher drives this

9. First Italian car in India

12. An animal is its mascot

13. Massa races this

DOWN

1. A Russian car

3. Quality revolution

4. India's people's car

5. German's people's car

7. Is it a car or an insect?

9. What a car, O Henry

10. The first Indian car

11. Fastest car in the world

Answers: Across 2. Maruti 6. Lamborghini 8. Mercedes 9. Fiat 12. Jaguar 13. Ferrari

Down 1. Lada 3. Toyota 4. Nano 5. Volkswagen 7. Beetle 9. Ford 10. Ambassador 11. Bugatti

Illustration: Aditi Vemuganti, V D, AIS Gur 43

Chocolate Cheesecake

Samriddhi Agarwal, AIS G-43, V B

Looking for a yummy chocolaty dessert, but mummy says no oven! Worry not; we have a no bake chocolate cheese cake just for you...

Ingredients

Chocolate biscuits.....1 packet
Melted butter60g
Cream cheese.....250g
Caster sugar40g
Pouring cream.....120ml
Dark chocolate.....200g
Cocoa2 tbsp
Boiling water2 tbsp

Method

- Take a pan with baking paper.
- Crush the biscuits evenly and mix well in melted butter.
- Press this mixture into the base of the pan. Place it in the freezer.
- Slowly and finely mix the cream cheese and sugar.
- Take some cocoa and add boiling water to it. Set aside.
- In a separate bowl, mix the cream



Samriddhi with her 'No Bake' cheesecake

- until soft peaks form and combine the chocolate and cocoa mixture evenly.
- Gently add the cream cheese mixture to the chocolate mixture and fold together softly.
- Put this into the pan and smooth the top until even. Place in freezer.
- Take it out 10 minutes before serving and garnish with chocolate shavings. You are ready to soak in the chocolaty world!

Amiown & ACERT practices, inspired by MI theory



The ground breaking theory of MI enriches the education pedagogy practiced and implemented at AMIOWN/ACERT

Every child is different: A typical classroom is an assortment of diverse individuals, where children speaking different languages, belonging to different cultures, class, religion and background come together. Hence, the challenge lies in developing an education style that caters to varied needs.

Every child learns differently: Responsive to the society's needs, Amity Centre for Educational Research & Training (ACERT)/Amiown apply Multiple Intelligences (MI) theory introduced by renowned Professor Howard Gardner that caters to eight different type of intelligences, which people possess in varying degrees. It focuses on the uniqueness of each individual to actively seek, understand, think, reason and embrace knowledge.

Customized training/teaching module: The trainees/teachers therefore, are nurtured to identify the intelligences through different modules and skill development workshops like music and movement, art and craft etc. They are equipped with strategies, which help them to design the curriculum and materials in a style that engages most or all of the intelligences. The training module at

ACERT sensitizes and empowers them to rise above conventional beliefs and thinking patterns and celebrate each and every child.

Curriculum development: The teaching methodology at Amiown follows MI theory in its curriculum planning that encourages children to develop competencies across all intelligences. It has an interdisciplinary curriculum to facilitate the interconnections between various intelligences. It's enriching and conducive environment facilitates the child's learning in all domains.

Assessment planning: Amiown/ACERT has been a forerunner in developing authentic, alternate and interesting assessments like portfolios, project-work and work samples of children. This year Amiown developed e-portfolios for each child displaying their growth in all aspects like physical, social-emotional, cognitive, interpersonal and intrapersonal.

The teachers are trained to present their lessons in a wide variety of ways using music, cooperative learning, art activities, role play, multimedia, inner reflection and more.

The integration of Gardner's theory into the classrooms ensures that every child is proud of his/her intelligence. 🇮🇳

Father of MI

Popularly known as the father of 'Multiple Intelligence', **Dr Howard Gardner**, is a living legend. A professor of Cognitive Psychology in Harvard Graduate School of Education; he is named as one of the top 100 leading public intellectuals by Foreign Policy and Prospect magazine and as top five influential business thinkers by Wall Street Journal in 2008. Dr Gardner has been bestowed with the 2011 Prince of Asturias Award in Social sciences that rewards scientific, technical, cultural, social and humanistic work.

The Indian Connect: He has a deep interest in India. According to him, India has been the seat of great civilizations, important ideas, practices, art and most significantly a country where Mahatma Gandhi was born. He believes that Gandhian practices and ideas are some-

thing that will be viewed and understood in a better light and will have a much greater impact on people and civilizations in years to come.

Dr Gardner shows keen interest in Gandhi because he was tremendously creative, very effective leader and thought more than anybody else about what it meant to be a citizen, not just of his state or his nation or his religion but of the entire planet.

Educational Goals: MI theory validates educators' everyday experience i.e. students think and learn in many different ways. According to him, the education that is imparted should be **Individualized** i.e. each child should be taught and assessed at the child's pace in a way that child internalizes the concept being taught and **Pluralized** i.e. teach the same concept in more than one way. 🇮🇳



BOOKS BY GARDNER

- Five minds for the future
- M.I. New Horizons
- Changing minds
- Intelligence reframed

Face to Face with Dr Gardner

On February 7, 2012, the ACERT and Amiown team had the rare privilege to attend Howard Gardner's Workshop in India on Multiple Intelligences. Familiar with the concept of MI that constitutes an integral part of the ACERT curriculum and Amiown methodology for early child care and education, every participant had something to take away at the end of the workshop.

ACERT trainer **Rachna Jain** took home an important lesson from the workshop - character is more important than the intellect. She shares, "It is imperative that educators and parents help the child to develop an ethical mind besides different intelligences."

For **Nandini Juneja** (ACERT trainer) who has been practicing Dr Gardner's educational philosophy, the workshop was a dream come true. Says Nandini, "At ACERT we have incorporated his multimodal delivery for teaching. The course has music and movement for kids with kinesthetic and music intelligence, workshops of art and craft for kids with spatial and kinesthetic intelligence. Story-telling, news sessions and rhymes enhance linguistic intelligence." For **Dr. Bindu**, Amiown counselor, "The workshop reiterated the need to give importance to a child's several intelligences and the understanding that educators must allow the child to shine, both at home and school." 🇮🇳

Theory of Multiple Intelligences, proposes eight different intelligences that account for a broader range of human potential. These intelligences are as follows...

Linguistic intelligence involves sensitivity to spoken and written language, the ability to learn languages and the capacity to use language to accomplish certain goals. This intelligence includes the ability to effectively use language to express oneself rhetorically or poetically; and using language as a means to remember information. The learning style is through words and languages. Writers, poets, lawyers and speakers are among those that Howard Gardner sees as having high linguistic intelligence.

Theory of Multiple Intelligences

Logical-mathematical intelligence envisages the capacity to analyse problems logically, carry out mathematical operations and investigate issues scientifically. In Dr Gardner's words, it entails the ability to detect patterns, reason deductively and think logically. This intelligence is most often associated with scientific and mathematical thinking.

Musical intelligence involves skill in performance, composition and appreciation of musical patterns. It encompasses the capacity to recognise and compose musical pitches, tones, and rhythms. Musical intelligence runs almost parallel to linguistic intelligence.

Bodily-kinesthetic intelligence entails the potential of using one's whole body

or parts of the body to solve problems. It is the ability to use mental abilities to coordinate bodily movements. All mental and physical activities are related to it.

Spatial intelligence involves the potential to recognise and use the patterns of wide space and more confined areas.

Interpersonal intelligence is concerned with the capacity to understand

the intentions, motivations and desires of other people. It allows people to work effectively with others. Educators, political leaders etc need this intelligence.

Intrapersonal intelligence entails the capacity to understand oneself, to appreciate one's feelings, fears and motivations. It involves having an effective working model of ourselves and to use such information to regulate our lives.

Naturalistic Intelligence recognizes nurturing and relating information to natural phenomenon. Careers which suit those with this intelligence include naturalists, farmers and gardeners. 🇮🇳

Check out your Multiple Intelligence profile @ www.literacyworks.org/mi/assessment/findyourstrengths.html



Linguistic intelligence



Logical-mathematical intelligence



Interpersonal intelligence



Bodily-kinesthetic intelligence



Working with GT was an insightful, exciting and memorable experience. Three-cheers for the GT team.

Souparnika Krishnan, X D, AIS Gur 43, Page Editor

Amity's hat-trick @ Space set

The young achievers of AIS Saket have just scored a hat-trick by winning the Asian Regional Space Settlement Design Competition for the 3rd time- in 2007, 2010 and now in 2012. The team will travel to NASA, Houston in July for the finals to compete with teams from all over the world, and will be judged by NASA engineers.



Ecstatic The winning team from AIS Saket

AIS Saket

THE SELECTION: Amity along with 19 other schools, participated in the second round of the Asian Regional Space Settlement Design Competition, where Amity was grouped with Lahore Grammar School from Pakistan in the company Grumbo Aerospace. AIS Saket qualified for the second round out of 50 teams, travelling to the Om Shanti Retreat Centre, Gurgaon to participate in the mega event from January 24 - 27, 2012.

THE AIM: The competition, organised by Anita Gale and Abhishek Agarwal of Atlantis, required groups of 12 or more students to create a proposal for a settlement on planet Mercury. Following this, four groups were combined to form 5 companies: Dougledyne Astrosystems, Grumbo Aerospace, Rockdonnell Aerospace, Vereinigten Flugfahrten

and Vulture Aviation.

THE CHALLENGE: After arrival, the students were engaged in a multitude of activities before they were trained on their work to create a new proposal for a settlement (Anconioh) on Mercury. Anconioh is a space settlement community on Mercury which provides a safe and pleasant environment for a capacity of 10,000 residents, plus an additional transient population of 500 at any time. Anconioh needs development plans to maintain the community and fulfil its business objectives. To avoid the extreme environmental conditions on Mercury, the settlement moves around the planet, staying within 2 degree of longitude from the terminator (line between day and night). Given 20 hours to create a proposal, the participants worked around the clock as the deadline drew relentlessly closer, stretching their innovation to meet the

fiendishly complicated requirements. Finally, on January 27, all groups presented their proposals before a panel of judges, comprising Heather Paul, spacesuit designer for Extravehicular Activities and Dr Archana Sharma, particle physicist from CERN Geneva. Judges plied the eager young engineers and designers with questions, testing their knowledge to evaluate their endeavour.

THE CONQUEST: Nerve wracking hours followed, as the judges retired to discuss. Participants awaited the results eagerly, their thirst for the announcement only intensified by the organisers' active attempts to delay them. Finally, a red loop appeared around the name Grumbo Aerospace on the projection screen, to shrieks of delight from ecstatic students!

THE PRIZE: The award trophy includes a 500-

year-old meteorite which will stay with each winning school for two months. However, the real prize, where the students are concerned, is the chance to go to Houston, Texas, to participate in the International Space Settlement Design Competition. These students will represent Asia at the global level. Akshat Boobna, President of Grumbo Aerospace avers, "Not only is this competition about science and design, but also about teamwork and cooperation. A number of people come back second time for an experience no other high school competition offers."

THE TEAM: Akshat Boobna, Samarth Singal, Varun Shridhar, Shresth Garg, Kirn Hans, Aakash Sahai, Shantanu Jain, Anant Jain, Sahir Sharma, Ayush Agarwal, Jalendu Dhamija, Nikhil Nayar, Yash Chaudhary & Karandeep Singh (AIS Saket). Advisors: Mr BK Pandey & Dr AK Jha

AIS Noida



Ramanujan spells Math Fun

AIS Noida held the 11th Ramanujan Inter-School Math Competition over three days from Dec 20-22, 2011 under the aegis of Amity Centre for Excellence in Maths. The competition, held at the National level, aimed to increase the appreciation of Math among students. It saw the participation of 33 teams comprising over 750 students. Diverse mathematical activities including Problem-Solving, Math Fun to Math Quiz, Poster Making and Project Presentation for classes IV-XII, engaged the students. 'Amity Math Trail' based on exploring Math in our immediate environment was a major highlight.

OVERALL RESULTS Math Fun Activity (IV -V)

GOLD	: AIS Vasundhara 6
SILVER	: DPS Faridabad
BRONZE	: AIS Saket

Math Fun Activity (VI-VIII)

GOLD	: AIS Noida
SILVER	: Manavsthal School, Delhi
BRONZE	: Shaheed Rajpal D.A.V. School

Maths Quiz (IX-XII)

GOLD	: DPS Noida
SILVER	: AIS Saket
BRONZE	: DPS Faridabad

Problem Solving (IX-X)

GOLD	: AIS Gurgaon 43, AIS Noida, Khaitan Public School, Noida
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Problem Solving (XI-XII)

GOLD	: AIS Gurgaon 43, Vishwa Bharti School, Noida, AIS Gurgaon 46
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Math Project Competition

FIRST:	Bluebells School, Delhi
SECOND:	Shiv Jyoti Convent School, Kota, Rajasthan
THIRD:	AIS Vasundhara 6

Yeh dil mange more numbers

Jairaj Gambhir
AIS Vasundhara-6

"Math is a bore" is the opinion of most students who shy away from it. But for me, it's my cup of tea- yeh dil mange more! Mathcovery, an umbrella organisation of Asset Ambassador, provides a platform for budding mathematicians who enjoy playing with numbers. Mathcovery hosted a poem competition on Maths. Out of the many entries, ten poems were shortlisted, out of which top three poems were to be awarded. The winning poem was to be chosen by votes. It was really a tough job to get more votes than anyone else. I'm grateful to the efforts put in by my school Principal, Vice Principal and Coordinator, who supported me by all means. They published it on Amitranet which helped me secure the second position, with 216 votes, all thanks to the valuable efforts of my fellow Amitians.



First Person

Popular choice Jairaj takes away the second prize for the best poem

Winning the same event for the second time was indeed one of the most memorable moments of my life. (Last year, Mathcovery hosted a national level model making competition - Maths in unobvious, where mathematical proj-

ects related to everyday life were presented. The first two rounds were online, where 10,000 entries were shortlisted which were reduced to hundred and finally, top eleven entries were chosen. I had bagged the Second Runner Up award in that contest.)



Dairy fun Students enjoy the trip to Mother Dairy

AIS Vasundhara 6

Fun N' Learn

Pranjal Singh
AIS Vasundhara 6, VII C

AIS Vasundhara 6 organised an educational trip to Mother Dairy on December 9, 2011. During our trip, we had a lot of fun while we learnt many new things. Before the visit, there seemed no difference between Mother Dairy and any other dairy brands.

But the trip opened our eyes and we now wonder if any other brand can offer the same purity. We learnt that milk passes through 25 tests before reaching our glass each morning. The trip revealed how advanced technology was being used in dairy development. After the tour of the premises, there was a question-answer session, where we were apprised on how to test the purity of milk. Later, we

were treated with flavoured milk and ice-cream which was super delicious! Mother Dairy awarded students who answered the questions well. After the wonderful day, we made our way back to the school quite reluctantly. While returning, everyone answered MCQ worksheets on the trip, which tested our power of observation and recapitulation. All in all, it was a great trip!



Fleeing ~~from~~^{to} flea markets

Bye-bye swanky malls, hello flea markets! Thanks to their old world charm and game for bargain, flea markets are GenY's new paradise

Sakshi Goel, X C
& Pallavi Vemuganti, X D,
AIS Gurgaon 43

Shopping on the street with its old world charm, experiencing the delight of a dripping *chuski* and bargaining stubbornly. You can be nowhere other than an off-treaded flea market. Although it goes easy on your pocket, it isn't devoid of any trend up on the ramp from a jumpsuit to a LBD. And what further adds to the charisma is the vivacity of the market- the colours, the noise, the people and how it offers something for everyone. We list out some of the best from different corners of the Capital for you to choose from...

The Flea@Nite: The flea market held at Select Citywalk, Saket every Wednesday between 4 pm to 10 pm offers home linen, half-priced books, handbags and more.

USP: Each week has its own theme. 'Adopt a Puppy' stall right at the entrance that encourages visitors to adopt stray dogs is adorable. The caricature and tarot stall are also hot favourites. And if the flea market tires you out, the malls are close by, so you can always step in and have a cup of coffee at a comfortable café.

Bargaining quotient: The bargain quotient is not very high, since these stalls are more of an exhibition giving support to artisans and designers.

Janpath: One of the most popular shopping destinations in Delhi, Janpath's got it all, from Banana Republic to Old Navy. Located in the centre of the capital, it's easily accessible, courtesy - the Delhi Metro.

USP: Find fake versions of even the most expensive brands here. You can afford that Gucci, after all! Just-on-the-ramp trends can also be spotted. One can sight several foreign tourists ambling.

Bargaining quotient: Wear your worldly-wise expression, haggle like a seasoned shopper and snatch the best bargains.

Chandni Chowk: Literally meaning the Moonlit Square, the famous market has been in existence for hundreds of years. Wading through its narrow alleyways, exploring the old world charm and cultural richness is certainly an experience of its own.

USP: The different lanes of the market are divided into bazaars, each offering something different. For example, the *Paranthe Wali Gali* which specializes in sumptuous Paranthas. There are separate lanes for spectacles, for spices (*Khari Baoli*), for fabrics (*Katra Neel*) and many more.

Bargaining quotient: Get anything at half prices, if you have the knack to bargain.

So what are you waiting for? It's time to get set for a shopping spree. Do we see shopping bags already? 🛍️



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Jaane kahan daadi ka sweater gaya ji?

Missing hand knit woollens! Where have all the knitting needles vanished?

Souparnika Krishnan
AIS Gurgaon 43, X D

Agreed, we have been seeing less of hand knit woollens in the past couple of years. But no-one expected them to vanish completely, yet they have. What's more, no one seems to miss them much. At least, those at the fashion industry don't! All of us today have an entire wardrobe full of hoodies, pullovers and jackets; each from a different brand, but somehow, hand knit woollens have run out of our closet. What happened to all the grandmas who welcomed winter with their knitting basket and a hot cup of tea? Well, the plethora of malls with winter season sales have killed the need.

"Autumn was always a time to buy wool strings, yarn and needles for the annual ritual of knitting sweaters for children. Today, apparently, the grandma running

Monte Carlo gets the business," says Padmini Kumar, 68, who has long lost the sweater-race to Benetton and other brands. "Time is the essence these days; one really can't abandon the business of running a house and office and sit knitting sweaters," explains Kanchan, a working mother of two.

The loss is really regretful, now that a Christmas party with the family wearing home-made sweaters ceases to be a memory. "Woven sweaters? Please! Do you want me to look as ridiculous as Ron in his yearly-knit-but-somehow-18th-century-sweater? I'm quite happy with my pullovers," says Pushkar, a class XI student.

Here's hoping that the cottage industry takes advantage of the absence of competition and brings hand woven woollens to the forefront of fashion next winter! Till then, it's the same old hoodies and jackets for us. 🧶

From pakoras to pizzas!

Ever wondered what canteens used to be like when your parents or grandparents were in school? We bring to you, canteens through the ages...

Gurkiran & Meghna Ganesh, XI, AIS Gur 43

There are some who 'eat to live' and there are others who 'live to eat'. And it is for the latter, that canteens are no less than places of worship. Canteens have always been one of the major attractions of any institution. Foodies swear by canteen food for those mid-class hunger pangs, or never ending cravings for something or the other! But have canteens changed much over the years? Let's find out!

Bade budhe sab khaaye

In our grandparents' times, there never used to be a special place allocated as canteen. "We used to have our *chalta-firta* canteens. Besides the regular *ghar ka khana* or the *dabbas*, we used to get delicious snacks, such as *golgappas*, *chat*, etc. right outside our school! The best part is that we never got bored. If our gang ever wished for something new, we would step into our neighbour's house and have



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shahi pakwan there. That used to be our canteen," reminisces Rashmi Gupta, Grandmother of Suhani Gupta, Class XI, AIS Gur 43. Life without different cuisines could be so much fun, is a little difficult to imagine for sure!

Mummy-papa ka 'restaurant' style khaana

Our parents too have loved the canteens of their respective schools and colleges. They had to manage their books and the snacks too with a meagre pocket money of Rs.100. Sangeeta, Mother of Apoorva,

Class XI B, AIS Gur 43 recalls, "We had a group of four girls and everyday, one of us would treat the rest to 50 p *samosas* and Rs 2 cola bottles." Wish we were born then!

Hum bhi canteen ke deewane hain

Birthday? Test went well? In a good mood? Lost a bet? The canteen awaits! Today, it is difficult to imagine a lunch break which doesn't include a visit to the canteen! Welcome the canteen menu with applause - pizzas, chowmein, burgers, *kulchas*, pastries, sandwiches, chocolates, chips, biscuits...how can one resist the temptation? "There are days when I come to school just because I was missing the canteen food and I know that after this month, I probably would never get a chance to eat this lip smacking food ever again," says Bhuvaneshwari, a class XII student. Did we just hear an awwwww?

Times have changed, people have changed, menus have changed, but what hasn't changed is the love for food and all the fun that surrounds it. It isn't just about the food, canteen is the most happening place in the school, always has been, and always will be.

The canteen moments are the ones remembered most fondly, whether it is a food fight or the gossips, or the crazy bets, or trying to get everybody to contribute enough money to share a burger! Want to visit the canteen already? 🍔