

Making a Newspaper Contest
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Welcome with applause as AIS Vasundhara 1 makes an entry into the 'GT Making a Newspaper Contest' with this debut contest edition

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In view of strained relations, are Indo-Pak cricket matches really friendly?

(a) Yes (b) No (c) Maybe

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Should the new anti-rape law be named after the Delhi gang-rape victim?

Response	Percentage
Yes	51%
No	38%
can't say	11%

Results as on January 19, 2013

Coming Next
Watch out for the contest edition of AIS Gur 46!

2013The year of... what?

No more rumours, no more Mayan calendars, no more Biblical theories on the world ending; it's been exactly one month since the doomsday was to take place. Here we are, taking our first steps towards an all-new era!

Shreya Tayal, AIS Vas 1, VIII B

International agencies and local governments have been following the convention of dedicating the New Year to a particular cause. Well, this time, it seems they all have digressed to different paths, one more substantial than the other. On one hand, UN has declared 2013 as the International Year of Water Cooperation; on the other, research societies dedicated it as the Year of Mathematics of Planet Earth. If that wasn't enough, according to the Chinese Zodiac, it is the year of snakes!

SAVE WATER, THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH!

The United Nations has identified the problem of water shortage in the world. We see water everywhere, but only 3% of it is fresh and only 1% can be used for drinking, which is rather alarming. Over 880 million people in the world don't have access to drinking water. Various countries are fighting over water sharing. Under such circumstances, United Nations General Assembly has declared 2013 as the International Year of Water Cooperation. Their objective is to raise awareness and manage the demand for water, its allocation and services. The UN has done its part... have you?

MATH- A LESSON

More than a hundred scientific organisations all over the world have banded together to dedicate 2013 as a special year for the Mathematics of Planet Earth (MPE 2013). Now why Math, one would wonder! After all, most of us love to run away from it, right? But the truth is, Math is needed everywhere, straight from our kitchens to multinational companies. It is believed that Math can provide solutions to most problems that are plaguing mankind. MPE 2013 aims to find solutions for pressing issues, whether natural, political or even climate change related. MPE is an ongoing phenomenon; it is sure to continue past 2013.

A SNAKY AFFAIR!

Horoscopes, zodiacs, fortunes: interested? The Chinese zodiac consists of 12 animal signs. 2013 is the year of the snake, the 6th zodiac sign. Chinese wisdom says, a snake in the house is a good omen because it means that your family won't starve. People born in the year of the snake are keen and cunning, intelligent and wise; besides, they are good business people too! You are likely to have excellent luck if you were born in the year of the snake. After all, millionaires don't use astrology, billionaires do! 🇮🇳

What do Amitians favour?

I support MPE 2013 as it's high time that people realise the value of Mathematics as the solution for the world's problems.

Vishrut Shukla, AIS Vas 1, VIII B

Water is very essential for us. If there is no water, there is no life. I am definitely

all for water cooperation.

Ojasvi Sharma, AIS Vas 1, VII A

Water is neither yours nor mine, it's OURS. We should work towards sharing and saving it, together.

Arushi Arora, AIS Vas 1, VI A



If you don't have self respect, you can't respect anyone...

... believes **Brigadier Chitranjan Sawant**, who mesmerized one and all with his golden voice as the commentator at innumerable Republic Day celebrations. Recipient of VSM (Vishisht Seva Medal) by the President of India, he shares his candid views in a conversation with **Nandini Rajput, VIII A, Adithyaa Sunder & Shreya Tayal, VIII B, AIS Vasundhara 1**

You have essayed many roles- army man, advocate, commentator and film maker. Which one is closest to your heart?

Well, I have enjoyed playing all the roles, but as a child, I was always fond of wearing uniforms. When I was in my fifth year of school, I got into the Boy Scouts club. And I've had a passion for the army and my country, so I would say that being a brigadier was the closest to my heart.

Your name is synonymous with the man behind the commentary for Republic Day celebrations for years now. What difference have you observed since your first commentary?



The first Republic Day celebration in 1950 comprised only the military segments and none of the cultural programs that we have today. In the recent parades, many school students have started to participate in the celebrations. And the parade has considerably increased in size.

What difference do you foresee in this year's Republic Day celebrations?

As far as my knowledge goes, even if changes do occur, they probably will be minor. But if major

changes were to be made, I'd say introducing new weapons would be a great idea. Displaying our military might shall alert our enemies across the border. It should be a grand parade, displaying what India is truly capable of.

For a commentary, do you rehearse what you have to speak beforehand? Or is it something you do on the spot?

Well, we get the background of the events on the show and in which order they will come. This is

called the backgrounder. But to be a good commentator, you need to go, see what is in front of you, and describe it. Just reading off some paper isn't going to display your talent.

You are actively associated with the Vedic missionaries. What role do Vedas play in the development of the nation?

The Vedas say: May all live happily... May all enjoy good health and be free of diseases... May all see auspiciousness...May none experience distress...May peace prevail everywhere... Thus Vedas not only help in the development of the nation, but also help in the development of mankind. Vedas guide mankind on to the path of peace, prosperity, health and happiness.

As a true patriot, is there anything about India that bothers you?

Corruption! If corruption is there, the nation will not progress. It is like a termite reeking into the fabric of the nation. If we get rid of corruption, India will become a stronger nation. Our motto should be 'Nation first'. In fact, we should have anti-corruption tableaux in the Republic Day celebrations.

What is your message for Amitians?

Achieve! Be a high achiever and work hard. The most important thing in life is self respect; if you don't respect yourself, you cannot respect anyone else, and you cannot respect the nation. Last but definitely not the least, have faith in the Almighty. 🇮🇳

GT is not just a newspaper, it is much more than that. It is a great journey with twists and turns.

Thanks GT for such a great experience!

Nandini Rajput, AIS Vas 1, VIII A, Page Editor



Celebrating Republic

As India commemorates its 63rd Republic Day, **Nandini Rajput**, AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII A, brings to you a glimpse of the celebratory fervour

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The Constitution of India came into effect on January 26, 1950 marking the onset of India becoming a Republic. Since that day, 26

January is celebrated every year as the Republic Day of the country. To celebrate this occasion, a grand parade is held near Rajpath in New Delhi, the na-

tion's capital, every year. The parade that commences from Raisina Hill near Rashtrapati Bhavan (Presidential Palace), proceeds along the Rajpath, past

India Gate and finally heads towards the historic Red Fort in the old quarter of the city. The parade showcases India's military might and cultural diversity. Beautifully decked tableaux adorn the celebrations. As India rejoices in the fervour of its 63rd Republic day, students of **Class VIII A, AIS Vas 1** revel in the celebrations too.

On this Republic Day, let's salute and remember the soldiers who sacrificed their lives to protect our nation.

Gunjan Sharma

Saffron for courage, white for peace and truth and green for growth and auspiciousness! Happy Republic Day!

Adarsh Agarwal

Let us make our India as Gandhiji wanted it, without corruption and lies. Happy Republic Day!

Pratha Bhatt

Let's pledge to value our nation above everything else.

Raghav Datta

Let's dance to patriotic songs as India steps into its 63rd year as a Republic.

Aayushi Shakya

We can celebrate the spirit of a true democracy by working hard and sincerely towards contributing to our country's progress.

Paridhi Rathi

Between stimulus and response, there is a space. In that space, is our power to choose our response. In our response, lies our growth and freedom.

Divyam Khandelwal

NEWS REEL

Indo-Pak flag meeting

To encourage Indo-Pak peace process following the killing of two Indian soldiers by Pak troops who crossed over the LoC, a brigade level flag meeting was organised between the two countries at Chakan Da Bagh in Poonch, J&K on January 13.

65th Army Day celebrated



The Indian Army celebrated its 65th Army Day on January 15 at Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate by paying homage to the martyred soldiers.

82 lakh take holy dip on first day of Kumbh festival

January 14, the first day of the Kumbh Mela, billed as the world's



largest religious festival, saw 82 lakh pilgrims take the holy dip at the congregation on the banks of Sangam in Allahabad.

*Compiled by Nandini Rajput
AIS Vas 1, VIII A*

What makes India click?

On a positive note, let us find out what makes India proud

Brains: We have the brainiest people to boast of. From Aryabhatta to Amartya Sen, we are a country where scientists, doctors and engineers are held in the highest esteem.

Brawn: India is not just brains since it revels in the courageous spirit of sportsmen like cricketer Yuvraj Singh, badminton ace Saina Nehwal and boxer Mary Com.

Blitz: Bollywood does make us click, cluck and jive! India is known to produce the maximum number of movies every year. B town is even making its presence felt internationally.



News Room

Hulchul

Ideas that click



United we stand



Thinking glasses



Team work



Sea of thoughts



Bizarre scientific mysteries

Ever wondered about the possible causes behind nature’s most bizarre and rarest phenomena? Let’s find out!

Priyansh Shishodia & Shreya Trivedi, AIS Vas 1, VIII B

Nature is very interesting, as it often unleashes strange, bizarre, inexplicable phenomena, which are beyond reasoning and the logic of science. Here’s trying to probe into the what, why and how of such scientific mysteries.

Ball lightning

What it is: Ball lightning (Elmo’s fire) is an atmospheric electrical phenomenon which generally refers to luminous spherical objects that move at a walking speed. They vary in size from that of a pea to several meters in diameter. Just like a plasma ball, it may be nothing more than glowing gas formed by an electric field. It is usually associated with thunderstorms. They last considerably longer than a flash of a lightning bolt, which lasts for a split second but emerges with greater intensity.

Possible cause: It probably happens when two strokes of lightning, one from cloud to ground and the other from ground to cloud, meet each other and if polarized correctly, some of the energy can wrap around itself in a semi-harmonic pattern. About one third of the ball lighting sighting ends in a bang, leaving the odour of sulfur on exploding.

Sighting: In January 1984, ball lightning measuring about 4 inches in diameter entered a Russian passenger aircraft and, according to a Russian news release, “flew above the heads of the stunned passengers. In the tail section of the airliner, it divided into two glowing crescents which then joined together again and left the plane almost noiselessly.”

Fire tornado

What it is: Fire tornado (fire whirls) is a phenomenon in which fire, under certain conditions, acquires a vertical swirl and forms a tornado like column of air. They can consist of a whirlwind of hot air around or within the flames or can simply be a vortex of fire itself. These flames can look almost like a volcanic eruption with flames forming like the flow of lava. They vary in colors from ash to flame red and orange. They tend to be 10-15 meters tall, a few meters wide and last for a few minutes. However, some can be more than half a mile tall,

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persist for more than 20 minutes and contain winds over 160 mph. Fire tornadoes are rare occurrences.

Possible cause: They are generally formed when superheated air near the surface of a large fire zone rises rapidly in an upward motion and pulls along the dry, strong air around in the area in a vertical whirl. Interaction with wind and airmass can sometimes give the fire a strong spin. Much like a dust devil or whirlwind, the rapidly rising air updraft above a wildfire can accelerate and turn the local vorticity (spin in the atmosphere) into a tight vertical vortex, resulting in a tornado composed of fire instead of dust.

Sighting: An example of a fire tornado was spotted in the Hi-fukusho-Ato region of Tokyo, Japan. In 1923, an earthquake in Japan ignited a fire, which later formed an enormous fire tornado. This fire tornado killed a whopping 38,000 people in a mere fifteen minutes. 🇺🇸

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Who’s the alien?

Could the stories of terrestrial beings with an extraterrestrial origin be true?

Priyansh Shishodia, AIS Vas 1, VIII B

We often think of aliens as extraterrestrial beings who are known to travel in UFOs. But what if you are told that human beings are aliens too? Don’t be surprised- Panspermia theory states so. Panspermia theory is a theory that advocates the origin of life in outer space. The theory suggests that comets, asteroids and meteorites hit planets and push living organic matter and microbial life into space. Some of this matter survives and develops into planetary systems over a period of millions of years, seeding life on the newly formed planets. As the living matter gets transferred from

one planet to another, it carries life alongside which further results in the formation of humans and animals. If the theory stands correct, it means that the universe is constantly reproducing and there is life everywhere. Also, the evolution of life to higher forms is dependant on the genetics of original microbes. This signals that human beings are not alone in the universe and there might be others (read aliens) out in the space living on their habitable planet. So, every being is an alien to the living beings from other planets. However, they might share a similar biochemistry, being derived from the same ancestral block. Till the time the theory is proved, reel in the feeling of being a human! 🇺🇸

Can animals predict natural disasters?

Aditya Chanda, VIII A & Shreya Tayal, VIII B
AIS Vasundhara 1

Ever heard of words- animal instinct or animal’s sixth sense? Well, it is a known fact that animals possess a strong sixth sense that helps them survive in the wild. But the question is - is this animal instinct of any help in predicting natural disaster? Let’s delve a little deeper.

Maybe yes

Many scientists believe that animals can predict impending disasters because of their ability to sense earth vibrations, hear low frequency and infra sounds, detect changes in the air gases released by the earth etc. One of the most talked about incidents that highlights the ability of animals to sense danger is the earthquake in Haicheng, China 1975. Taking odd animal behaviour as a precursor, the Chinese evacuated Haicheng, a city of one million, a few days before a 7.3 quake struck and saved many lives. Here are a few examples of behavioural changes in animals that could signal an impending tragedy.

- Increasing voluminous croaking of frogs indicates a storm brewing nearby.
- Migratory birds are known to delay departures at the onset of hurricanes.
- Cats and dogs have been observed to



flee their homes during the days leading to an earthquake.

- Sharks swim to the safety of deep seas when hurricanes threaten to strike.

Maybe no

Researchers are hesitant in using animals to detect natural disasters, as animals are known to change their behaviour for many reasons like mood, ill health etc. Bizarre actions could also indicate something as simple as hunger or mating calls instead of a speculated earthquake alert. Besides, it is very te-

dious to study animals in a controlled environment as different animals respond differently to a new environment.

Conclusion

Whether animals can sense natural disasters before they happen or merely feel the physical effects of these events before humans do, remain undetermined. But no matter how this debate pans out, many animals undeniably possess natural powers of detection and emergency response. So why not put that to use and guard against the natural disasters? 🇺🇸



Making the first ever contest edition for my school was an experience that cannot be expressed in words. The entire team could be seen working very passionately to make this edition a perfect one.

Vritika Chandwani, AIS Vas 1, VIII A, Page Editor

Eat, pray, love... ...according to your blood group

Aayushi Shakya, AIS Vas 1, VIII A

Move over Atkins and South beach diet. Eating according to your blood group is the new age fad. Your blood type reveals a lot about your body requirements. Foods that suit your blood group are easier to digest and can hence aid in weight loss apart from making you feel more energised. In addition, it also helps improve overall health and well being.

TYPE O

People belonging to this blood group are considered to be descendants of hunter-gatherers who relied on animal protein to survive their strenuous lifestyles.

Eat: Go gorging on proteins and feast on chicken, avocado, tofu or fish.

Avoid: Say no to beans and legumes as they can cause retention of fluids. Steer clear of cruciferous (cancer fighting) veggies like cabbage, brussel sprouts and cauliflower as they can inhibit thyroid function. You may also have difficulty digesting dairy, eggs and gluten.

Dinner exotica:

Starters - Lamb and asparagus stew

Main course - Steamed broccoli and sweet potato

Dessert - Mixed fruit like blueberries, kiwi, grapes and peaches

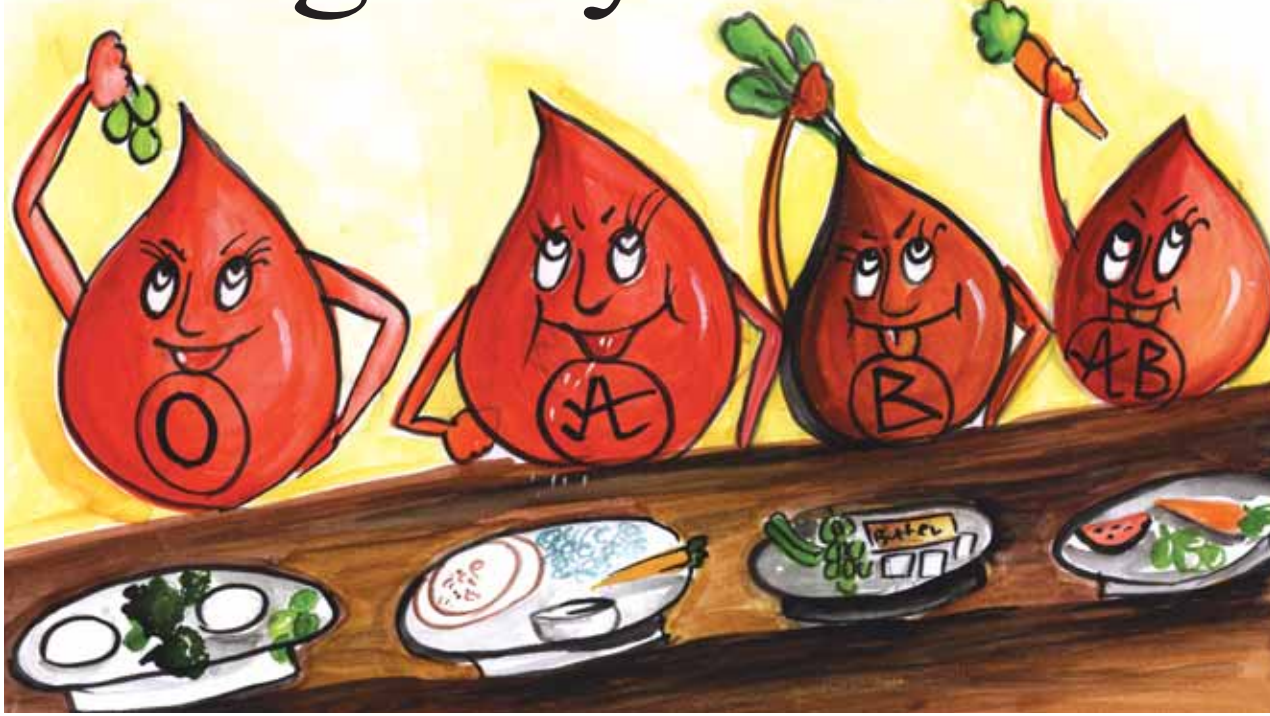


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TYPE A

When hunter-gatherer Os started thinning out, our ancestors started relying on agriculture and expanded their diet to include a semi-vegetarian approach; leading to emergence of type As.

Eat: People with this blood group have digestive enzymes required for digesting grains and plants that other blood types might have a tough time breaking down. So, make grains and carbs your staple

diet. Go in for fruits like berries, figs and peaches. Choose veggies like broccoli, artichokes, carrots and greens.

Avoid: Since the body produces fewer meat digesting enzymes, avoid red meat, fish and poultry. Also limit sugar and caffeine intake as it could lead to high cortisol levels, which in turn may cause disrupted sleep and muscle loss.

Dinner exotica:

Starter - Broccoli salad

Main course - Tofu-pesto lasagna

Dessert - Frozen yogurt

TYPE B

Type Bs emerged when type Os moved to the Himalayas as nomads, domesticating animals and fed on meat and dairy.

Eat: Fill up on leafy greens and vegetables, and fruits like bananas, grapes, plums and pineapple. Also, try to include dairy products like cheese and yogurt in

your staple diet.

Avoid: Take it easy on grains. Avoid corn, buckwheat and wheat since they can alter your ability to metabolise. The same is applicable for nuts and seeds.

Dinner Exotica:

Starter - Cheese and olives with rosemary sauce

Main course - Steamed vegetables

Dessert - Smoked pineapple

TYPE AB

This blood type is the rarest. They are able to digest a wide range of foods. They have type B's adaption to meats, but A's low stomach acid, which means meat often gets stored as fat.

Eat: AB's staples should be veggies, seafood and turkey. Try a vegetable-rich diet. Eat fruits like cherries, grapes, watermelon and figs. You might have a hard time digesting acidic foods like oranges because of an alkaline stomach.

Avoid: Enjoy carbs in moderation, but bypass corn and buckwheat, which are difficult for ABs to digest. Avoid all smoked and cured meats as well as chicken, pork or shellfish.

Dinner Exotica:

Starter - Baked beans

Main course - Tofu omelet with stir-fried vegetables

Dessert - Watermelon salad 🍉



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Ye bhi, wo bhi

The good, the bad

The happy, the sad

The high, the low

The fire, the snow

Friends will always exist in all manifestations possible; time to spot some categories!

Vritika Chandwani

AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII A

Big mouth friend: This friend is talking all the time, but never stops to hear what you've got to say.

Listening friend: Blah, blah, blah... you can go on and on and they will hear you till the end of time.

Phono friend: The one you never get to see in person, but who loves to chat with you over the phone.

Colleague friend: You eventually end up being friends with them, after seeing them every single day at work

or the study environment.

Day dreaming Friend: The one who joins you in your most utopic dreams.

Rational friend: They have the pros and cons of every thing carefully weighed out.

Motherly friend: This is the friend who knows even the time when you had pimples. S/he accepts you and loves you unconditionally.

Not-so-motherly friend: This friend tries to divert you from the righteous path. They will always encourage you to try a hand at the crazy things.

Sunrise friend: This friend can lift your spirits higher; no matter how grim the situation is.

Sunset friend: This friend puts you in a bad mood as soon as s/he enters in a conversation with you. They are like a lone dark cloud hovering over you on a sunny day. 🌧️

A Spectacular revolution

From geek to uber cool – spectacles have indeed come a long way

Shambhavi Sharma

AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII A

Back in 1900s, the strict professor in TV shows and movies wore thick rimmed spectacles, paying obeisance to the symbol of seriousness that spectacles were. The non-serious breed, on the other hand, ran away from spectacles for obvious reasons – read heavy metal, circular frames with thick glasses. But that is certainly a thing of the times gone by. Today 'chashme bad-door' stands to be the in thing; courtesy – spectacle clad celebs. To up the glam

quotient further, brands like Gucci, YSL, Cartier etc have flooded the Indian markets with several stylish options.

So, for all those who wish to join the bespectacled league, here are a few hot options that you could pick from.

Nerdy is in

Ranbir Kapoor, Deepika Padukone, Amitabh Bachchan, Sonam Kapoor... you name it and they wear it. Big nerdy glasses that scream vintage are the in trend. On foreign turf, Kim Kariadarshan, Johny Depp, Brad Pitt et al have been seen adhering to the same trend.

Metallic takes the cake

Move over boring golden and same old silver. Metallic frames in every colour imaginable - pink, blue, green etc are here to take you by the storm. Try them for a sleek yet bold look.

Retro is the new metro

Animal prints, floral patterns, funk designs – retro specs are a great idea for those who wish to stay away from the mundane. Make sure you can carry them off before you pick one for yourself.

Rimless brims

For those who wish to keep it simple and sophisticated, rimless is the way to go. These spectacles have been around and will continue to do so; courtesy – their classic appeal. 🕶️



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AIS Vas1, VIII A

GT gave me delightful times with my teachers, my friends and of course work too. Working on this contest issue was an enjoyable experience.

Aayushi Shakya, AIS Vas 1, VIII A, Page Editor



Contest Edition

Being Republic



Dr. Amita Chauhan
Chairperson

Republic Day commemorates the day when India became a Republic and Constitution of the country came into force. Our Constitution is our charter of democracy and of the rights of the people. It declares The Union of India to be a Sovereign, Democratic, Republic,

Socialist and Secular assuring its citizens of rights, justice, equality, and liberty.

As the 63rd Republic Day of India is ushered in, it is imperative to understand that our Constitution is not just a mere set of fundamental laws that form the basis of the governance of our country. It also embodies and reflects certain basic values, philosophy and objectives like patriotism, nationalism, humanity, discipline, harmonious living, scientific temper and inquiry and individual and collective excellence that were held very dear to our founding fathers.

At Amity, it is our earnest endeavour to enable the students to not only understand and imbibe these values laid down in our Preamble, but also respect and practice them in our day to day life, and bear the mantle of nation building. Let the celebration of the 63rd Republic Day of India be both an inspiring and introspective event.

While all of us revel in the spirit of belonging to a republic nation; my joy is only heightened as my little ones from AIS Vasundhara 1 bring to you their first ever contest edition. I feel like a proud mother, whose little ones have now bloomed in full glory. So, while you rejoice and revel in the Republic Day fervour, enjoy reading this special edition churned out with great effort and even more love. Happy Republic Day! 🇮🇳

First footsteps

Warm wishes to all of you for this New Year!



V. Balachandran
Principal

2013 has been declared as the International Year of Water Cooperation with the objective of better water management and increased cooperation to save water. Being from a mathematics background, I also support 'Mathematics Of Planet Earth 2013' which is a

year long programme to publicise and promote the role of mathematics in developing a better understanding of the dynamic processes affecting Planet Earth. The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret to getting started is to take the first step and we at Amity International School, Vasundhara 1 took the courage to let the voices of our students be heard through our first contest issue of The Global Times.

Working on the contest edition helped the students' thoughts, ideas flow freely and their views getting projected on a larger scale. It encouraged eager minds to learn, express and write better. Just as the New Year has given new hope and beginning, The Global Times has given a new opportunity to students to explore the world around and do their bit.

For this issue, students have strung together all their individual voices with a blend of glee and enthusiasm. I congratulate all the teachers, writers, illustrators and page coordinators who have worked long hours thinking, brainstorming and creating a great contest issue, which helped discover the unheard melody in us.

This contest issue would not have been possible without the blessings and motivation of our dear Chairperson Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan. I hope this maiden contest issue would be appreciated by all readers. I am sure this issue will flourish and illuminate our path and help our students understand the nuances of making a newspaper in a better fashion. 🇮🇳

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Moon-O-Mania

Look at the moon and lo and behold! The glistening beauty brings with itself many avatars, lunar magic and much more

Shambhavi Sharma & Nandini Rajput

AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII A

The vastness of the sky encompasses within it a silvery and smiling countenance- the moon, which has been known to mesmerize all with its beauty, luminance and much more. This heavenly delight takes on various roles in the lives of mortals.

The playmate: An infant mind always delights itself with the view of their dear *chanda mama*, their playmate who arrives everyday for a game of hide and seek in the evening. The moon takes them on a flight of fantasy as they crawl into their grandma's lap to listen to their favourite *chanda mama* bedtime story and lullaby.

The milestone: Cherishing the moon, as the child grows up, he/she associates the moon with dreams. Apart from being a symbol of beauty and glow, it acts as a goal post, calmly challenging them to attain new milestones (*chand ko*

choona hai) and make a mark for themselves.

The muse: Moon is equally a harbinger of love, fantasy and joy. From times immemorial, it has caught the fancy of many writers and poets who seek inspiration from their muse to churn out great works. The romanticism and magical effect of moon is quite evident in the umpteen songs and scenes staple to movies.

The deity: The celestial body is believed to be a deity, with many primitive religions worshipping it. It is also an integral part of religious customs and festivities like *roz* and *karva chauth*. What's more? The astrology section could never be the same, had it not been for the moon.

Be it a day that's productive or futile, encouraging or low; the moon never expresses grief. Rather, as our bosom friend, it visits us every night, only to console our worried hearts with the thought – 'Everything's going to be fine'. Let the lunar magic continue forever. 🇮🇳

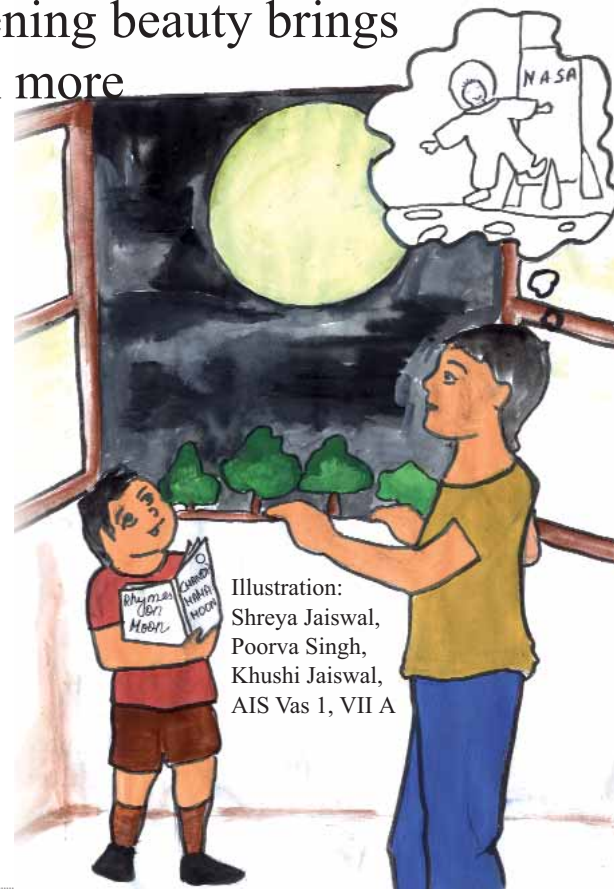


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Got self control ?

It's alright letting yourself go, but make sure that you can get yourself back

Aayushi Shakya, AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII A

The story of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman on earth, is best known for their act of eating the forbidden fruit and falling prey to Satan's temptation. What they did then is prosaic today for all of us, be it impressionable teenagers or the so called mature individuals. Life today is replete with temptations galore- late night parties, waking up late, addiction to social networking sites, gluttonous indulgence, there is simply no end to them. And escaping from them isn't easy either. But the solution lies only in one thing- self control. But what exactly is self control? It is simply the discipline to choose what you really want over what you want right now. For instance, what you really want is a healthy body, but what you may want right now is to indulge in an extra ice cream. This is where the need of exercising self control comes into picture.

While self control might be a tall task, there are a few success *mantras* that can make it attainable. Simply be honest with yourself about your weaknesses. Some are tempted by gourmetism, others by leisure. By being aware of what tempts you, there is a stronger chance to fight your temptation. Work on the habit of developing self control by trying to not let your impulses rule you. Never respond to immediate emotional triggers, instead analyse the situation from a bird's eye view. Try to contemplate if partying late night at the expense of missing school the next day, or facebooking for hours at the cost of wasting away precious hours of study time or indulging in unhealthy pizzas and burgers at the stake of your health is appropriate or calls

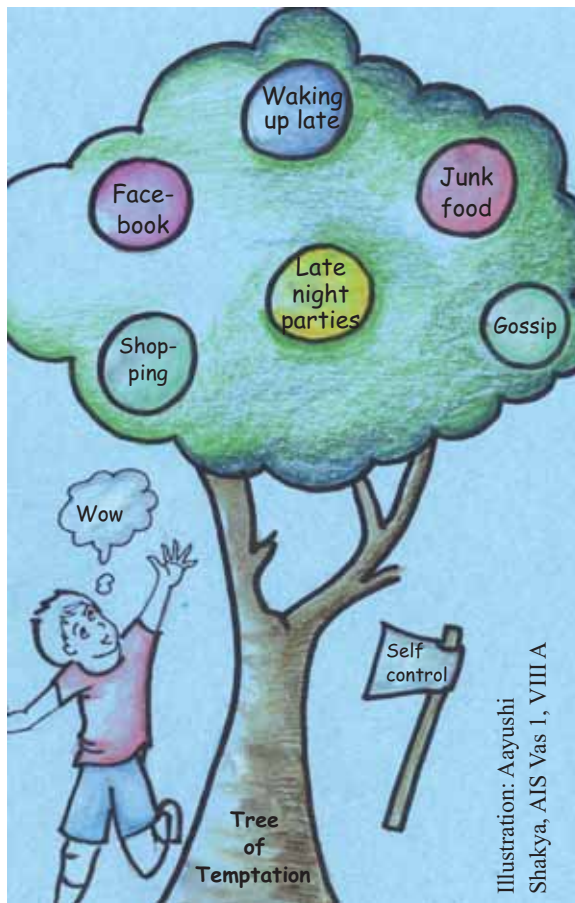


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for a reality check. The more aware you are in evaluating the consequences of any action, more is the probability of exercising self control. Go conquer the self and you are bound to conquer the world. 🇮🇳

Discovering uniqueness



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GT Teacher
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Every person has his own set of unique talents. But many people have difficulty in articulating or displaying who they are. The Global Times is that platform where students can communicate what is special about them. Working on this contest issue for the very first time gave them an opportunity to deliver a message that is powerful, engaging and passionate. Thanks GT for developing confidence in students to pursue their goals and accomplish their mission in life.

Churning out the contest issue that too for the first time, required a lot of hard work and responsibility. As one of the coordinators, I felt The Global Times provided us with an opportunity to explore ourselves by motivating us to perform better and think out-of-the-box consistently. The students learnt to arrange their thoughts and complexities in a beautiful symphony. The experience was ennobling as it transformed my anxious buds into fully blossomed confident flowers. Hats off to GT!



Sanjukta Paul
GT Teacher
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The meaning and role of education is constantly being redefined to meet the needs and demands of individuals and the society. The Global Times is not only a panorama of our achievements, but it also nourishes a fond dream in the hearts of our dear children, that promises to be nurtured. As it is our first competition edition, I hope that it will imbibe an undying competitive spirit among our students and help them move ahead. 🇮🇳

Pearls of Wisdom

Learn to forgive

Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.

Oscar Wilde

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.

Mahatma Gandhi

Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

Mark Twain

I think that if God forgives us we

must forgive ourselves. Otherwise, it is almost like setting up us as a higher tribunal than Him.

C.S. Lewis

The stupid neither forgive nor forget; the naive forgive and forget; the wise forgive but do not forget.

Thomas Stephen Szasz

He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for every man has need to be forgiven. 🇮🇳

Thomas Fuller



GT M@il

Dear Editor,

Forty parts of literature when heated with thirty parts of creativity on high temperature results in the base for an article. This mixture after cooling is garnished with a catchy illustration. Finally, it is warmed and served to the experts who provide us with feedback and suggestions. Well, this is how a page in The Global Times is brewed. Multiply this by 12 pages; that is exactly the amount of enjoyment, effort and experience you get in the end! I thank GT for giving us this opportunity to bring out our first contest issue 🇮🇳

Prachi Jaiswal, AIS Vas 1, X A



This contest edition is like a dream come true for us.
Working for a newspaper is the coolest thing ever!

S.Surudhip Raam & Shubhank Tyagi
AIS Vas 1, IX A, Page Editors



Spell correct to protect

These words are endangered and stand on the verge of extinction; courtesy - our misspellings. Whilst you take a look at some of the most misspelt words; pledge to celebrate words and save the language.



Disclaimer: These words are a part of the 'Endangered species inside' kit by www.spelllbee.in.

Life is beautiful

Illustration: Samridhhi Prakash, AIS Vas 1, VII A




Shambhavi Sharma
AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII A

Once upon a time, there was a man named Robert. He was very pessimistic by nature and used to blame his fate for every minor problem he faced. One day, as Robert walked through a meadow, a lightning struck, followed by a fierce storm. The storm was so harsh that it transformed the fine summer morning into a dark, cold winter


night. After some time, he saw a radiant silver light travelling down the sky. Enchanted by the mystical scene, Robert started walking towards the light with slow and steady steps. And then, he saw Jesus Christ himself standing in front of him with open arms! Jesus called out to Robert, “Come to me my child.” Unable to say anything, Robert fell at the Lord’s feet. Asking him to rise, Jesus said, “I know about your problem, son. Get up and look at the trunks lying here. Each trunk has

Jesus said, “I know about your problem, my son. Get up and look at the trunks lying here. Each trunk has sorrow stored in it; the heavier the trunk, the deeper the sorrow.”

sorrow stored in it; the heavier the trunk, the deeper the sorrow.” Robert moved from one trunk to the other, trying to lift them open. As he ran out of energy, he sat down to rest for a while. It was then that he accidentally stumbled upon a small trunk that bore his name. As he kneeled down to open it, he realised, it was the lightest trunk. Jesus then explained to him that he was not the only one, who was facing trying times; there were many people who were braving some or the other trouble everyday. Christ said, “Do not blame fate for your miseries, instead you should move on in life. Face every calamity with a smile and never forget that you have only one life. You should enjoy every moment and remember that life is beautiful!” So saying, Jesus disappeared. Robert sat up, realising it was a dream. But the dream changed his life. He became an optimistic and happy man. 



Berry good muffins

- Ingredients**
All purpose flour (maida).....1 1/3 cup
Rolled oats1 cup
Brown sugar.....1/4 cup
Baking powder.....1 tbsp
Cinnamon.....1/2 tsp
Skimmed milk.....1 cup
Egg (beaten).....1
Vegetable oil3tbsp
Blueberries (chopped)1 1/4 cup
Raspberries (chopped)3/4 cup
Strawberries (chopped) 1/4 cup
Cooking sprayas required
- Method**
■ Preheat the oven to 425° Fahrenheit (218° Celsius).
■ Spray muffin cups with non-stick cooking spray.
■ Combine flour, oats, brown sugar, baking powder and cinnamon in a mixing bowl.
■ Fold in the berries in the mixture.
■ Spoon the mixture into the muffin cups, approximately 2/3 full.
■ Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. 

A wish

Arushi Arora, AIS Vas 1, VI A


A wish is a desire, a dream, a thought, a wish is joy and happiness not yet sought.
A wish is a dream, a rain in drought, a wish is seeking peace when a battle is fought.
To fulfil a wish is not impossible.
We wish for success, we wish for luck, we wish for joy and a lot of love. 

Illustration: Vidhi Bindal, AIS Vas 1, VII B




Poems

Parts of speech

Siddhant Jha
AIS Vasundhara 1, VII A

A noun is the name of anything
As school or garden, ball or ring
Adjectives tell about the kind of noun
As great or small or black or brown
Instead of nouns, pronouns stand
My head, your pen, his face, her friend
Verbs tell of an action being done
Write or read, sing or run
How things are done adverbs tell
As quickly, slowly, soon and well
Conjunctions join the words together
As and, is, or, if, whether
A preposition stands before noun




As on the door and in the crown
An interjection shows surprise
As Oh! How pretty! Oh! How Wise!
All these are called parts of speech
Which reading, writing, speaking teach! 

Brush ‘n’ Easel

Shreya Jaiswal
AIS Vas 1, VII A







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Jusvin Phull, AIS Vasundhara 1, VIII B

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Colours of glory



Wings of paradise



Beauty of flock



I have always loved writing for The Global Times and this time, I got an opportunity to design a page too. It's been a marvellous experience.

Maansi Anand, AIS Vas 1, V A, Page Editor

The hulk and the driver

Short Story

Tanishk Singh

AIS Vasundhara 1, V A

In a city, there lived an honest bus driver who wasn't highly paid. But he did his job well and collected his salary graciously. One sunny afternoon, he was driving the bus as usual and collecting people from their stops. Everyone who boarded the bus, paid the fare or showed their bus pass. At the third stop, a big hulk of a man boarded the bus. He flexed his muscles and said, "Big hulk doesn't pay!" The driver was angry, but didn't say anything at that time.

The next day, the hulk boarded the bus yet again, but refused to pay. "Big hulk doesn't pay!" he repeated. This went on

The driver was irritated and planned to learn martial arts to teach the hulk a lesson.



Illustration: Kavya Tiwari, AIS Vas 1, V A

for a few days. By now, the driver was irritated and planned to learn martial arts to teach the hulk a lesson. So he decided to learn karate for three months. Pleased with his determination and hard work, the Sensei granted the driver a diploma and a black belt. Now, he was strong enough to fight with the hulk.

The next morning, the big hulk boarded the bus yet again and said, "Big Hulk doesn't pay." The driver got up from his seat and asked angrily with his fist tightly clenched, "Why don't you pay

after getting into the bus?" The hulk was taken aback, but he flashed a wide smile and answered, "Because I have a bus pass!" The bus driver couldn't help and let out a laugh. The hulk joined in and enjoyed a hearty laugh himself. The two soon became good friends.

So what did you learn today?

A new word: Hulk. It means a bulky or unwieldy person.



Sanskruti with her cheese rolls

Cheese Rolls

Sanskruti Bharti, AIS Vas 1, V C

Ingredients

Mozzarella cheese (grated).. 250 gms
 Paneer (grated) 250gms
 Onion (chopped) 2
 Carrot (chopped) 2
 Salt & pepper to taste
 Oil. for frying
 Bread 6 slices

Method

■ Mix together all the ingredients (cheese, *paneer*, vegetables, salt and pepper) to make the filling.

■ Wet the bread slices with water and place the mixture on the bread. Gently fold the bread to make small balls.

■ Deep fry and your cheese rolls are ready to be served hot with ketchup or green *chutney*.

Painting Corner

Rishabh Sharma
 AIS Vas 1, V A



I am blessed

POEMS

Maansi Anand, AIS Vas 1, V A

I am blessed, and indeed I am,
 to be born a human and that too, a girl!
 For girls store compassion and love in their heart,
 just like an oyster holds a pearl.
 I am blessed, and indeed I am,
 to be my mama's daughter and dearest of all.
 For what better mamma is there in this world,
 than my mother, who is my teacher and my pal!
 I am blessed, and indeed I am,
 to be my brother's sister, and his closest chum.
 He's younger, so I boss him around,
 but I know I will love him for all times to come!

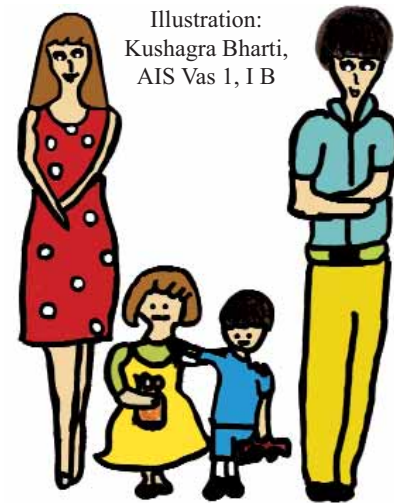


Illustration:
 Kushagra Bharti,
 AIS Vas 1, I B

I am blessed, and indeed I am,
 to be my father's darling little girl,
 whose fingers I hold,
 while crossing the streets
 and in whose warm lap
 so easily I curl.

My best friend



Ridhima Somra, AIS Vas 1, V A

My mother is my best friend,
 because of her, I am

the happiest on this land.
 I love her, I adore her,
 I respect her, I like her.
 When I feel lonely,
 she always gives me company.
 When I feel sad or not too good,
 she takes away my sadness
 and returns happiness.
 She loves me and gives me cheerfulness,
 she guides me and gives me fearlessness.
 I really like her the most, love her the most
 and respect her the most,
 for me, my mother is a ray of hope.
 My mother is the greatest gift of God,
 I feel blessed and thankful to God,
 and I want to say
 "Thank you God"!

Riddle Fiddle

- 1) Which fish do dogs love to chase?
- 2) What's black when clean and white when dirty?
- 3) What clothes do lawyers wear to courts?
- 4) What has a neck but no head?
- 5) What is the best thing to put in an ice cream?
- 6) What can you make but can never see?
- 7) With what do eskimos play soccer ?
- 8) What has a skin but still cannot be washed?
- 9) What receives many knocks but doesn't cry?
- 10) Which jam is highly disliked?
- 11) Which stick can't help to walk?
- 12) Which mouse does not eat cheese?

puter mouse
 Traffic jam 11) Lipstick 12) Com-
 7) Snowball 8) Banana 9) Door 10)
 suit 4) Bottle 5) Your teeth 6) Noise
 1) Cat fish 2) Blackboard 3) Law
 Answers:

Compiled by: Udit Trivedi, V B &
 Sanchita Tiwari, V C, AIS Vas 1

It's Me



My Name: Krishna Aditya
 My School: AIS Vasundhara 1
 My Class: KG C

My Birthday: October 19
 I Like: Ben 10 aliens
 I Hate: Fighting
 My Hobbies: Drawing and colouring
 My Role Model: Sachin Tendulkar
 My Best Friend: Anamay
 My Favourite Game: Cricket
 My Favorite Mall: Shipra Mall
 My Favourite Teacher: Priyanka Ma'am
 My Favourite Poem: Drive like papa
 My Favourite Book: Hansel and Gretel
 My Favourite Subject: Math
 I want to become a: Scientist
 I want to feature in GT because: I want to make my school and my parents proud.

Brain Teaser



If A=1.....& Z=26
 Then H+A+R+D+W+O+R+K=
 8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98%;
 K+N+O+W+L+E+D+G+E =
 11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96%;
 L+O+V+E= 12+15+22+5= 54%;
 L+U+C+K = 12+21+3+11 = 47%
 But none of them makes 100%! Then,
 what adds to success?

It's "ATTITUDE" and "DISCIPLINE" that add success to our lives!
 A+T+T+H+T+U+D+E+ =
 1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100% &
 D+I+S+C+I+P+L+I+N+E=
 4+9+19+3+9+16+12+9+14+5 =
 100%

Contributed by:
 Kaushal Sharma, AIS Vas 1, IV A

Furry Friends

With live rabbits, dog kennels, cat baskets and multifarious activities, Amies learnt about different kinds of animals through live and created set-ups, as classrooms came alive with the 'animals' theme

Amiown Gurgaon

"Animals too, are created by the same loving hand of God which created us. It is our duty to protect them and to promote their well being." -Mother Teresa

With 'Animals' as the theme, Amiown Gurgaon came abuzz with all kinds of animal sounds. The excitement began as Amies were introduced to pet animals, following the concept of known to unknown. A perfect backdrop for the theme was set by placing a cat in a basket and a dog in a kennel, upping the excitement level further. When the children arrived, they were excited to meet their furry friends. Children also enjoyed touching the rabbits as they munched carrot and grass.

Farm Friends: Moving further with the theme, the children were introduced to farm animals like cow, sheep, horse, pig, hen, etc. Involving the children, a farm scene was created so as to teach them about the different animal homes. Many aspects of animals like the names of their homes; what they eat; what their young ones are called and what sounds they make were discussed and shown through various PPTs. Children had hands-on-experience of milking the cow as well! They enjoyed another activity of fleecing the sheep. On a big cut out of



sheep, polyfill was pasted which children enjoyed cutting with scissors.

Jungle Book: Wild animals entered the classes as children placed them in a 3-D model of a jungle. They learnt sounds of different animals in a musical way through rhymes. They also learnt about the different textures of wild animals through a conical cap making activity. The caps were decorated with body textures of various animals. The children enjoyed various physical activities like animal races, animal movements, dropping the fish in water, etc.

Amphibians, Aquatic and Arctic Friends: These were discussed using PPTs, flash cards and model making.

Birds & Insects: Children also explored different types of birds and insects. Life cycle of the butterfly really caught their fancy and gave wings to their imagination. They were also involved in a collaborative activity of making birds.

Animal Facts: Amazing facts about different animals were discussed, which left them awestruck! Phonetics, numeracy and physical activities were integrated with the theme. The story club was based on animal facts, which was followed by a creative puppet making activity.

Through the theme, children were encouraged to protect and care for animals. They were also taught that animals are gifts of God for the human kind.  



Jungle Book Living in the wild



Under Water Swimming with the paint brush



Cap It Camouflage in the jungle



Circle of Life Live it



Cut Outs Shaping my cookies



Shape Up My cookie's a star!

What's cooking?

Zero flame cooking activities upped the excitement as the Amies baked, cooked and savoured the dishes

Amiown Noida

Cooking and baking are wonderful activities that all kids look forward to. While it can sometimes feel like a chore to adults, cooking is an exciting activity for kids. But even more important than that, it's one of the most fun, therapeutic and bonding activities you can do with kids.



Advantages of kitchen activities: Kitchen activities help children in many ways. They help develop fine motor skills while measuring, spooning, manipulating, scraping and stirring food samples. They foster language skills while talking about what's happening. They also help to understand sequences as well as pick up early math skills. The visual percep-

tion skills and spatial perception skills are developed when the child learns to place cookie cutters on the dough in a way that does not waste space.

Flameless cooking: Besides being absolutely safe, flameless cooking also helps in learning about food and where it comes from. Snack time is always awaited by the children wherein they get an opportunity to role-play their mothers while making different snacks.

Snacky break: This is an integral part of the monthly curriculum; it is integrated with various concepts and celebrations, thus making learning fun. The Amies made *Roohafzah*, thereby, also learning the primary colour red. They prepared tri-colour sandwiches while learning the significance of the

national flag. Making porridge while learning 'P' sound, added to the fun. During the 'Market' theme, the children enjoyed the experience of purchasing fruits from the Safal outlet and making fruit *chaat*. Preparing sprouts salad during the theme 'Life Cycle of Plants' sensitised the children to eat healthy and be healthy.

Baker street: The Amies went to AIS Noida's Baking Room to bake cookies as part of their Christmas celebration. They enjoyed mixing ingredients to make the cookie dough, using different cutters like candy cane, gingerbread man, Christmas tree, star, etc to cut the dough into shapes. Children decorated the yummy cookies with jam and colourful gems and enjoyed relishing them.  

Jungle Safari

The stripy zebra, the spotted giraffe, the wild tiger and the huge gorilla greet Amies in the Amiown forest



Amiown Vasundhara

The roar of the wild could be heard aloud in Amiown Vasundhara as the theme 'Jungle Animals' was introduced. Them theme was taught using a broad range of approaches like role-play, discussion on science facts etc while integrating it with the most loved approach for preschoolers – art and craft.

Down in the jungle: Children were introduced to jungle animals through the song 'Down in the jungle' with the hand puppet of a lion. Everyday, two wild animals were introduced along with their food habits, shelters and

young ones. Through fun filled activities, they learnt about wild cats like tiger, leopard and jaguar. They also learnt about the stripy zebra and spotted giraffe. Children shared their views about reptiles -crocodile, alligator and snake. They were excited to share stories about monkey, gorilla, bear and elephant.

Animal fundas: The children were introduced to science facts related to these animals like different zebra species have different types of stripes, from narrow to wide; crocodiles can survive for a long time without food, etc. The facts left Amies awestruck. **Strokes and stripes:** Children

made a reindeer by painting a disposable cup and pasting antlers and ears on it. They made a lion face by pasting googly eyes and rolling a paper to make a cylinder for its body. They created Zebra's stripes using magic painting. They made hand puppets of giraffe, pasted its ears and did made its spots with finger dabbing. The jungle came alive as the little Amies made a 'Jungle Scene' collaboratively by sponge dabbing to create its greenery and made a tree with handprints. They enjoyed pasting their jungle animals on it. Little Amies had a whale of a time learning about animals.  



Jungle Life Animal habitat



Horn Please It's a reindeer!



It was a mind blowing journey with many stops and fixes along the way...but it was all worth it in the end!

Shreya Tayal, AIS Vas 1, VIII B, Page Editor

Indo-Danish Cultural Exchange Programme

Amity Education Resource Centre

As a part of this programme, students from Amity International School went to a school in Denmark, where they stayed with their host families and interacted with Danish students. The cultural, educational and traditional patterns of India and Denmark were intensively talked about. The programme saw participation of six students namely Shivam Seth (X A), Aayush Tuli (X E), Ridhi Sharma (X D) of AIS MV and Rohan Kochhar (XI H), Srishti (X D), Gaurav Girish (XI K-Synchro) of AIS Noida along with Sarita Aggarwal, Principal of AIS Mayur Vihar.

The adventurous trip to Denmark's third largest forest enabled the Amitians to



witness the wide variety of flora and fauna from close quarters. The students got a glimpse of the Europe House, where they were introduced to the working and functioning of the European Union. The rare experience of the Cul-

ture Night, an annual happening, saw the students witnessing the traditional dances on folk songs on the streets. The International Press Exhibition showcased an Indian Art show with the winning photographs on display.



Dr (Mrs) Amita Chauhan, Chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, attended the launch of the first India-Japan animation co-production - 'Suraj: The Rising Star'. The show broadcast on Colors is a cricket remake of the Japanese baseball *manga* (Japanese for comics) *Star of the Giants*. The launch held at the Japan Ambassador Mr Takeshi Yagi's (right) residence, Japan Embassy also saw the presence of actor Karisma Kapoor (left).



Knowledge Ensemble

Amity Global School

Knowledge Ensemble, the annual inter-school quiz competition saw participation from reputed schools from Delhi and NCR. Following the lamp lighting ceremony, the quiz began with four grilling rounds, namely General Awareness, Science and Technology, Mathematical & Logical Reasoning and Entertainment & Literature. The excitement in the audiences heightened when a tie was declared between Amity Global School and AIS Gurgaon

43. As a result, three tie-breaker questions were asked where Amity Global School finally bagged the trophy as quiz winners. The trophy for the first position was bagged by Narain Ashta and Jasme-har Singh Wadhwa of the home team with AIS Gurgaon 43 finishing at a close second. The third position was secured by AIS Noida.

Knowledge Ensemble concluded with the address by the School Principal Lon Mc. Daniel, who admired the grit of the students and their ability to crack such puzzling questions.

Spreading awareness on Hepatitis

AIS Pushp Vihar

Amity International School, Pushp Vihar participated in various competitions organised by Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, Vasant Kunj on the occasion of the Hepatitis Day celebrations held on Dec 4, 2012, to generate awareness among students regarding the problems related to Hepatitis. The event commenced with the inauguration by Health Minister Dr AK Walia followed by the lighting of

the lamp by Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President, Amity Universe, along with other dignitaries - Child Development Minister Kiran Walia; Secretary Health Dr SCL Das and Assistant Director, ILBS Dr SK Sarin. The students participated in several competitions namely Poster Display, Slogan Writing Competition, Fancy Dress Competition etc and also did the school proud by winning several prizes. The participants were presented with various small gifts.

Activities abuzz @ AIS Lucknow

The students of AIS Lucknow experience and witness various celebrations, excursions and scientific events; enjoying a broader understanding and widening their approach through fun learning



@ Christmas celebrations

AIS Lucknow

Christmas Bells

The occasion of Christmas saw the teachers and students celebrating the festival in full swing. The special morning assembly started with the nativity play, where little children dressed up as angels, shepherds, fairies and kings gathered around in the staged Bethlehem for the birth of Lord Jesus. The school choir also presented various melodious Christmas carols.

Marie Curie Day

The school celebrated Marie Curie Day acknowledging the scientist's



@Marie Curie day

valuable contribution in the field of physics and medicine. As a part of the celebrations, major activities were organised. Vyom Kapoor, Class I and Joyal Patel, Class II, dressed up as CV Raman and Madam Curie respectively in the fancy dress competition. Students Ayush Chaudhary, Pragati Nigam, Harsh Babuta and Hera Ashraf delivered a theatrical presentation on major scientific inventions. Neelansh of Class VII and Saartahk Ravi of Class VIII displayed their model of 'Maglev' and explained the concept of levitation. In a bid to inculcate scientific attitude in the students, Amitabh Singh of Class VII presented various games and activities to explain different magnetic concepts and the mechanism of breathing with the help of a model.

Donation Initiative

The festive season of gifts and greetings saw the school revel through their contribution to a social cause. Students collected woolen clothes, blankets, socks, shoes, caps and grocery items like packs of biscuits, chips, sugar, pulses, flour, rice as an aid to orphanage Mahamana Vidyalaya. The orphanage trust takes care of and bears all the expenses incurred for the academic and social well being of the boys aged 6-16 years.

The Night Safari

On December 14, 2012 the students and teachers experienced the most exciting event of their lives, the Night Safari. The day filled with myriad activ-



@ The night safari

ities were very meticulously planned to cater to the enjoyment of teachers and students and make it a memorable experience. The highlight of the day was the fashion show, where the students dressed up in funky and stylish wears, gyrated on the music and performed the ramp walk to finally claim the titles of Mr Amity and Ms Amity. The art & craft activities, the cricket match and the movie shows also added to the entire day's excitement levels.

Picnic @ Kalagaon

Living up to the proverb 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy', the students were taken out to a nearby tourist spot, Kalagaon, where they were treated to various fun filled activities.



@ Picnic in Kalagaon

Glimpses of the village life, folk dance *Kalbelia*, puppet show and folk songs were thoroughly loved by the students as were the rural delicacies served during the stay. They also got a hands-on experience in trying to make earthen pots on the potter's wheel. Students also enjoyed in camel and bullock cart rides.

Botanical trip

Classes IV to VIII went for an educational and fun trip to Botanical Garden, at NBRI, Lucknow. They learnt about different types of plants, their classification and other interesting facts. Besides, the children also took interest in the section where blind people read the Braille script and use their senses to smell the plants and listen to a recorded voice.



@ Botanical garden

The roller coaster of my life crashed into a land of literature, creativity and editing when I was given an opportunity to write for and edit The Global Times.

Prachi Jaiswal, AIS Vas 1, X A, Page Editor



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Rab ne bana di Movie

Is God seriously making a movie up in heaven? It looks like HE is. Read on as all the earthly talent ‘above’ get together to produce an angelic film!

Prachi Jaiswal, X A & Abhirup Chakraborty
VI B, AIS Vasundhara 1

The enriched souls departed from earth, expecting to rest in heaven among gardens, angels and clouds. As they reached the gate to heaven, a bright light penetrated their gaze. Rubbing their eyes, they found themselves in a place that resembled a film studio. ‘They’ included the legends- Yash Chopra, Rajesh Khanna, Dev Anand, Jaspal Bhatti, Jagjit Singh, Pandit Ravi Shankar, Dara Singh and Achala Sachdev. All of them had the same question in their mind, “Where are we?” They spread out in all directions and examined the cameras, lights and other equipments. As they gathered at the centre, a loud voice announced Almighty God’s arrival.

Almighty: Welcome to my studio talented folks! I can sense a lot of curiosity here. Let me tell you why you all are here. The angels have announced a boredom strike. They demand entertainment. So, I’d like you to get to work immediately and make a movie for them!

Rajesh Khanna: *Zindagi ek rang manch hai Jahanpanah. Ham sab uski kathputliyaan hain. Sabki dor upar wale ke haath mein hai.* Why did I ever speak these dialogues!

Dev Anand: *Jo aadmi apne naseeb ko kosta rahta*

hai, uskaa naseeb bhi use koste rehta hai. The Guide was so right!

Jaspal Bhatti: I hope this does not turn into some kind of Flop Show!

Almighty: Patience, my dearest friends; please have some patience.

Achala Sachdev: (adjusting her *pallu*) Oh, umm... who is going to be my hero?

Almighty: Tommy!

Achala Sachdev: Tommy! Who’s he?

Almighty: I was calling for my assistant, not answering your question.

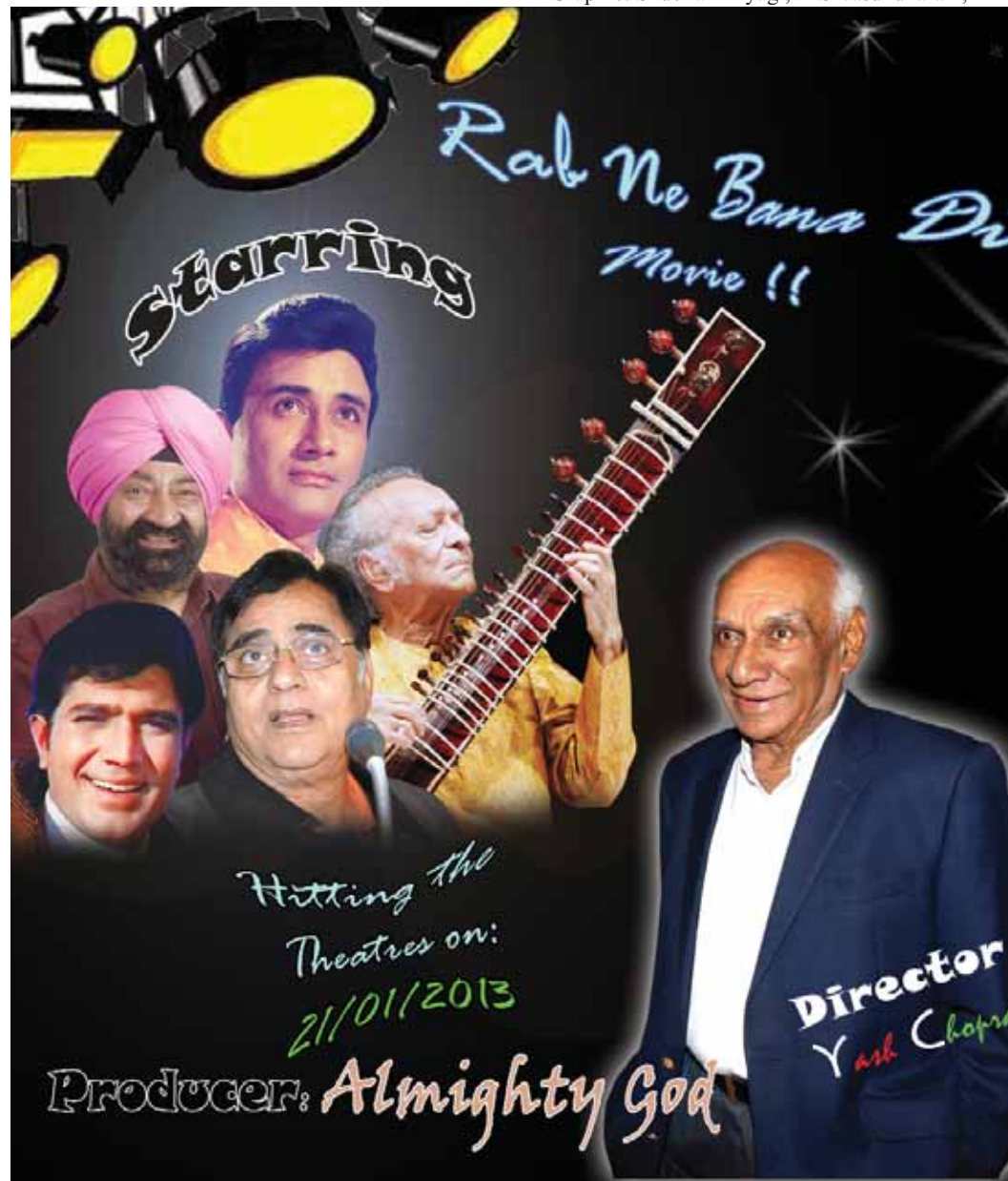
(Everyone breaks into laughter!)

Almighty: Ten minutes - that is all you have to decide the plot of the movie! Rajesh Khanna and Dev Anand will play the lead actors, Achala Sachdev will be the lead actress, Dara Singh will play the villain, Jaspal Bhatti will be the comedian, Pt Ravishankar and Jagjit Singh will be the music directors and Yash Chopra will direct the movie. How does that sound to everyone?

Yash Chopra: I directed movies *jab tak thi jaan*. Now I get to direct a film in heaven! Whoa! Now that’s what is called a giant leap towards success. Let’s do it!

Jagjit Singh: Dear Lord! (sings) *Hotho se chu lo aap, hamaari movie amar kar do.*

Pt Ravishankar: *Sa re ga ma* ...Superhit, this



movie will be! But what will we make the movie on?

Dara Singh: What about an angelic version of Sholay-the story of two friends who wipe out the evil? Maybe something like Heavenlay?

Almighty: Since, we don’t have much time left, I guess I’ll have to approve it.

Chorus: Heavenlay, then!

“Can I act in the movie too?” a squeaky voice speaks out. Everyone turns to see Kasab standing there, all pale and weary.

Kasab requests meekly, “Just this once, I want to play a good samaritan and seek penance for my misdeeds. Through this movie, I want to appeal to

all the terrorists on earth to stop spreading terror and make the world a peaceful place to live in. Please allow me to do this.”

Almighty God’s heart melts at hearing Kasab’s genuine words.

Almighty: Let’s give him a chance to resurrect his wrongdoings. How about spreading the message of peace and love through this movie?

Jaspal Bhatti: Oye! *Rab ne bana di* movie!

Yash Chopra: Lights...camera...action! 🇮🇳

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Art of living with Coelho

The secrets of life are no longer the weakness of our cranial capacity. Let’s decode them with Paulo!

Prachi Jaiswal, AIS Vas 1, X A

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