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## PFIZER CEO PROMISES POSITIVE NEWS FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE

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Mr. Albert Bourla, CEO of Pfizer appeared on the popular CBS news program "Face the nation" today and said that there is a good chance that the company will know whether the COVID-19 vaccine will work by the end of October.

Mr. Boula said, that the study on the effectiveness of its vaccine has recruited several volunteers very quickly as the recruitments increased from 30,000 to 44,000 participants. He further said that Pfizer feels quite comfortable with the safety of the product. He clarified that the American people have to wait till 2021 to use the vaccine.

**Pfizer predicts, it is likely the FDA will approve the vaccine for distribution before the end of the year.**

In his final comments Mr Bourla said the manufacturing has already begun in bulk and that the possible vaccine will be ready for mass distribution whenever required. Front line professionals, critical care patients, teachers, students and working professionals will be provided vaccines on priority from designated government clinic centers.

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ISWki, The DICE.

## IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON LOCAL ECONOMY AND RESIDENTS

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Corona virus forced everyone into a state of panic, lockdown, quarantine, distancing and more in Oman. People who enjoyed outdoors, visiting friends and family, yummy meals at restaurants, shopping at malls and many other things, are now left confused on how to spend time and socialize.

This pause has caused a sudden impact on the economy of Oman and many businesses have shut down. Unfortunately people are being fired from their jobs and can't earn money for their family. Schools and offices became ghost spaces as everything was now transferred to a virtual platform. How long will this sustain? Not long.

The Oman government is monitoring the situation closely and is taking proactive steps to protect its residents and businesses. Malls, offices, hospitals, restaurants and shops are open for business with protocols in places.

We can be hopeful that Oman normalizes soon and effective vaccines are available at affordable prices.

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Journalist, Local News,  
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## Ordinary 2 Extraordinary

**Anyone can make a difference.** Make a stranger smile with an act of kindness. Even the smallest gesture can mean a great deal to someone in need. So, always try to do your part and help make the world a kinder place. Here are some acts of kindness that should be noticed and admired.



A man who gave the slippers off his feet to this homeless girl.



Since childhood my father has always helped everyone around him. Working during Covid - 19 is a big risk, but my father says he became a pharmacist to ensure that he can provide medicines to those who need it the most. My father still makes time for our family, he plays with us, we cook together and he helps me with my studies no matter how tired he feels. Forever grateful!

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## When experts share life lessons!

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We invite Guest speakers across various industries to share their life views and words of wisdom with the ISWki family.

It is my pleasure to introduce our first expert Mr. Vineeth R Nair as our guest interviewee. He has over 25 years of work experience and is currently the Head of Sales – Insurance and Retail Wealth, Muscat.

### Which was your favourite subject in school?

Math. I simply loved math. Solutions are either right or wrong. I wish life was that simple.

### How did you get through tough subjects?

I hated it when I struggled with my subjects... there are no shortcuts in life. We just have to put our nose to our books and keep our mind open to get through difficult ones. Procrastination never helps.

### Which teacher motivated you most and how?

All teachers have an innate ability to motivate us as students; they know when to lift our energies and help our dreams soar high. They also knew exactly when to crash us to the floor when we were selfish monsters. If a teacher has touched your heart then their wisdom stays with you forever.

### How much of what you have learnt in school helped you in your life?

I used to think, nothing of what I am learning will help me in life. Instead the strong foundation of concepts that I learnt lived with me forever no matter the subject. I learnt to engage with people, school helped me open up as I was a shy boy. Building communication skills in school was critical for survival and most importantly it is an ongoing process in life.

I mentally thank my arts teacher when I have to understand colours to pick out cloths for my princess or when I play craft with her. My math teacher taught us the value of money, somehow I am forced to forget it when I am shopping with my family hahah...

### What is the most important thing / aspect you learnt in school?

My lessons, interactions, experiences and knowledge helped me to see the world as I understood it and at my pace... not influenced by others or social media. Our school environment was balanced and protected us that way.

They say it always helps to have an outsider point of view when we are extremely involved in our lives. It helps us to understand the many possibilities that life has to offer us.

## Life between the Lines



### What is the naughtiest thing you did in your school life?

Too many naughty memories... A memory that stands out particularly for me is when I stuck bubble gum onto my friend's hair, the gum refused to budge and the poor fellow had to shave off his head. Well I thought it was hilarious; until as punishment I had to shave my hair off too, but we were two happy egg heads being silly in school. That is my favourite friendship story that brings smiles to me even today.

### Do friendships from school matter and why?

School life is a big part of nostalgia as we grow up and become very busy adults. It is very important to build friendships in school as it helps you transition through various phases of growth from a toddler to a young adult. Having friends helps you to share your dreams, fears and excitements during your competitions, exams, football matches, punishments, picnics and so much more...

### How do you handle difficult situation in life?

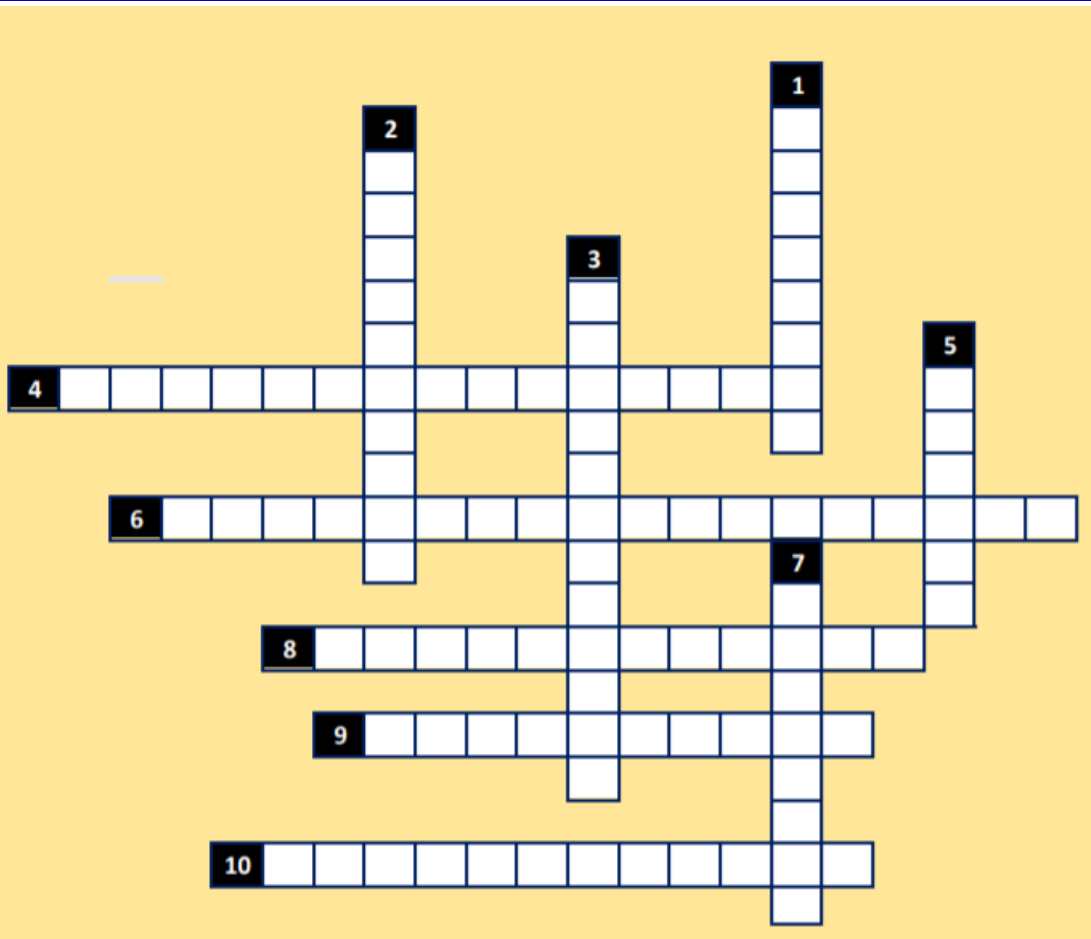
There will always be ups and downs in life. We need to face it with courage and hope. My family is my strength and they stand by me in good and bad times. When I need solutions to a difficult situation I spend time with my family and close friends. I seek clarity of thought to see me through the challenges I face in life. I also pray and remain positive and believe in my capabilities to get through life's Ferris wheel.

### Please can you share a few motivating words for the students of Indian School Wadi Kabir International?

Face life no matter how difficult it seems, never lose heart. Be patient and wait for good times when you feel stuck between the rock and a hard place. Always be connected to your parents and a few good friends in life. There is always a solution to crack the impossible!

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Student Editor,  
ISWki, The DICE.





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Crossword Enthusiast,  
ISWKi, The DICE.

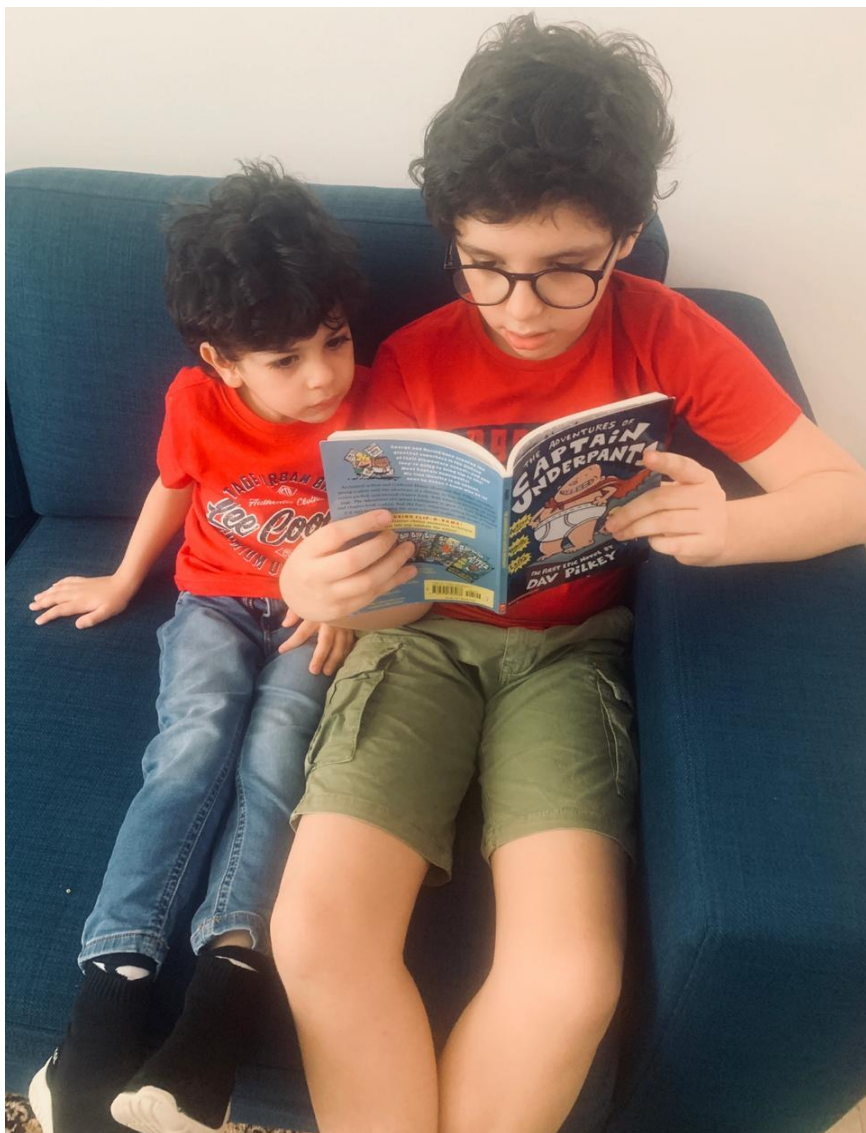
## out of the BOX

### ACROSS

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- \* Answers on the last page



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**Never too young to share the Joy of Reading!**

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Photo Journalist,  
ISWKi, The DICE.



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**Every Sunset is a hope for a new Sunrise!**

Shannayah Kimji,  
Photo Journalist,  
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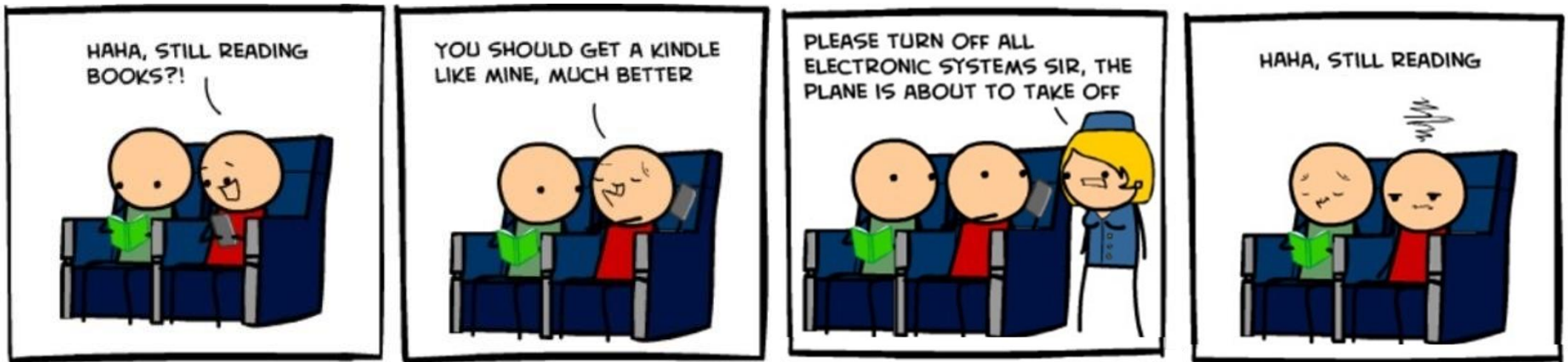




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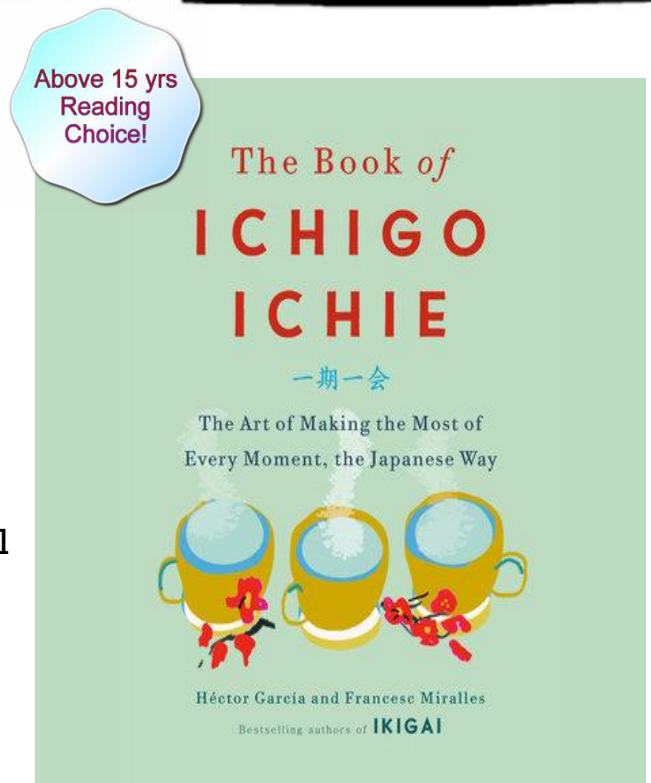
Every moment in our life happens only once, and if we let it slip away, we lose it forever. This is an idea captured by the Japanese phrase Ichigo Ichie (pronounced itchy-GO itchy-A).

This phrase is often used to convey that everything we encounter is unique and special. This is a tenet of Zen Buddhism and is attributed to a sixteenth-century master of the Japanese tea ceremony or 'ceremony of attention'.

The authors, Hector Garcia and Francesc Miralles are both from Spain, but they have been living in Japan for around 10 years. They deliver a hopeful and practical guide to relish everyday experiences and live in the moment. The book is written in a simple, fresh and easy style, filled with anecdotes, parables, and lessons. It gives us some good ideas to help us create a more positive life.

I would recommend this lovely book because it will inspire you to pay more attention to the little things in life that bring you happiness. Remember, the moment you are in now will never come back, so enjoy it and make the most of it.

Shaenne Menezes,  
Book Connoisseur  
ISWki, The DICE.



## Rockin' Book Reviews

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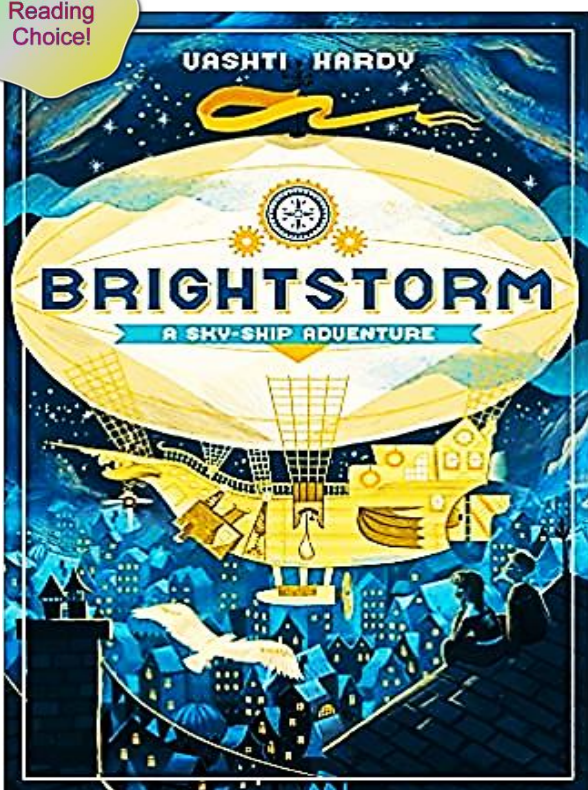
This fabulous, action-packed tale has the feel of a traditional tale of 'daring do' with lots of good versus evil - bandits, crooked explorers, kings, and my personal favourite, thought wolves - who are all trying to help or deter the twins in their quest.

It is not traditional, however, in its characterisation. Super-bright female captains and engineers, a young boy who doesn't allow his disability to define his life, and an older man who has amazing self-defense skills which belie his years, add a refreshing, modern edge to the tale. We also see themes of bravery, friendship and personal growth.

I absolutely loved this book and recommend it to all who are comfortable with longer chapter books, love adventure, flying ships and books about animals. It hooks you from the first page to the last and it's full of action and adventure. .

Mohammed Afnan,  
Book Connoisseur  
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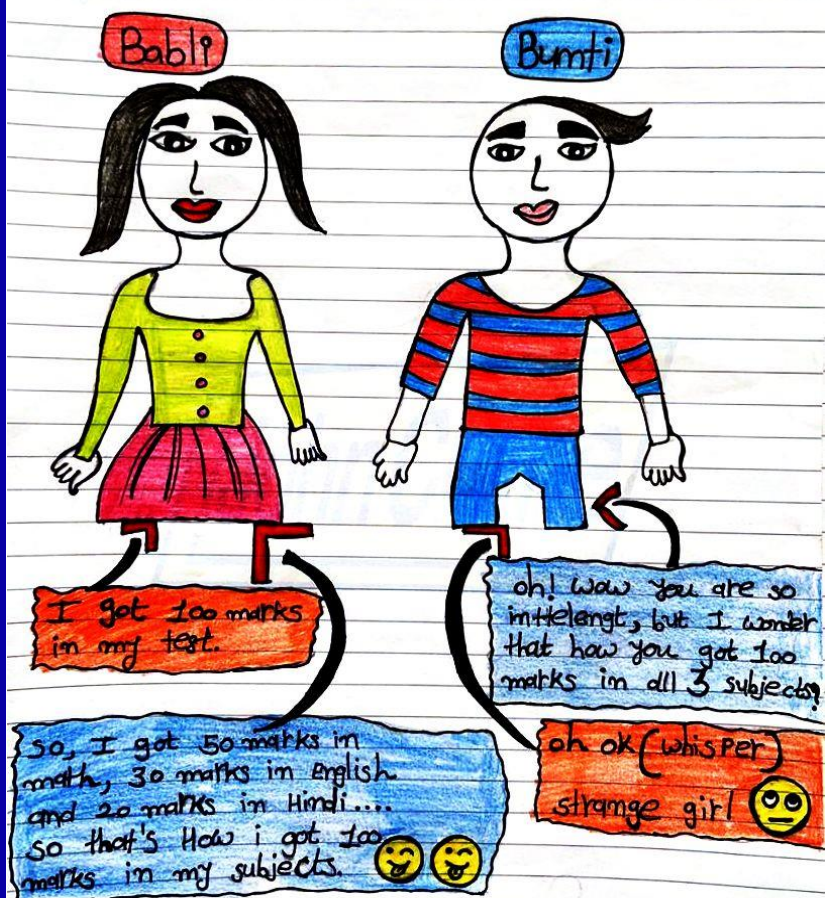




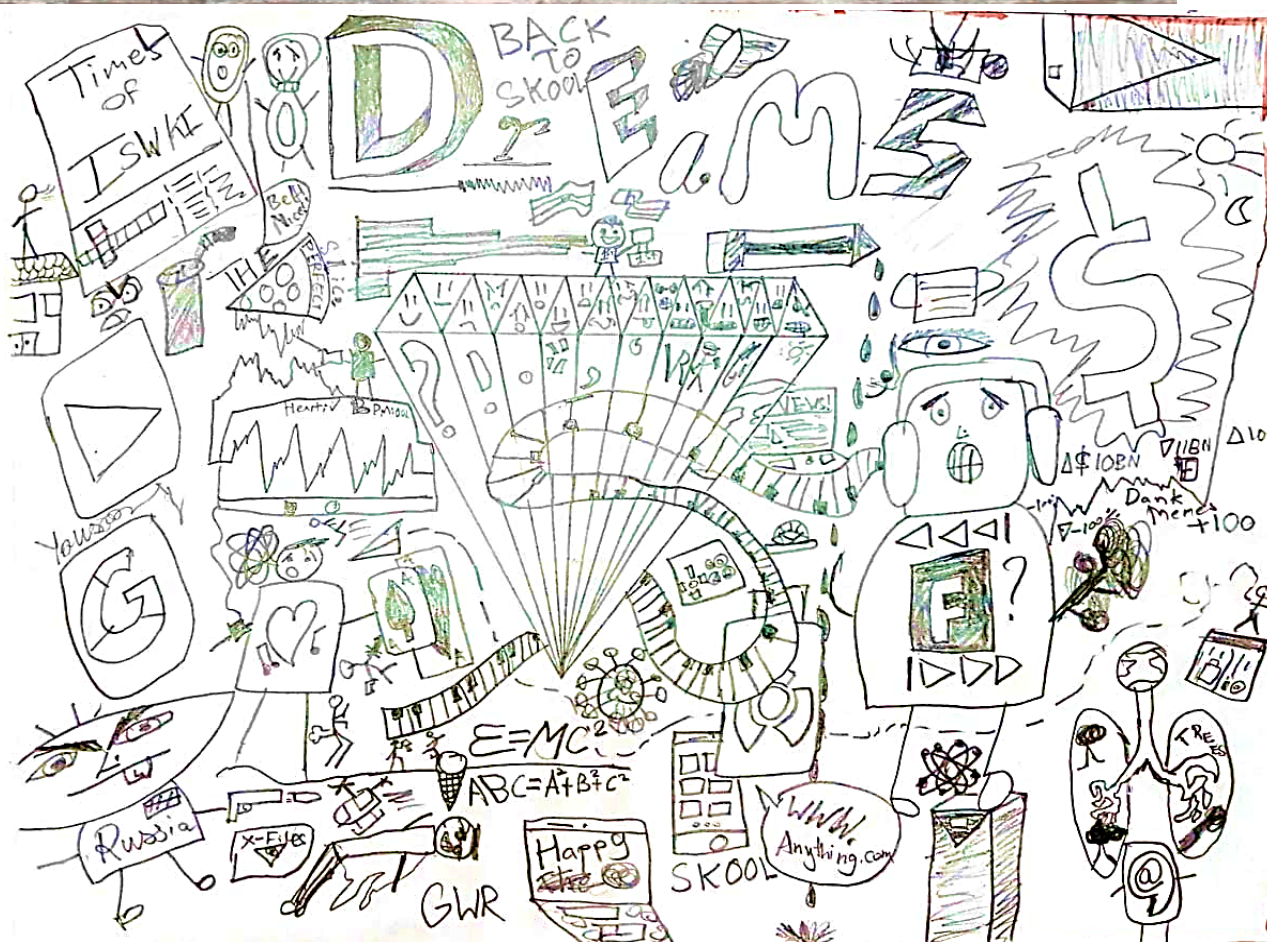
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Rishabh Panchal, Cartoonist, **Tickle your ribs!**



Arnav Jaykrishnan, Student Editor, **Doodling our way back to school!**



Aarya Chinchpurkar, Artist  
**Never miss a Chance to Dance!**



Aryan Joshi, Artist  
**Heroes are made by the paths they choose!**





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### Problem

I am a grade 5 student and I have a friend who likes boasting about the things he has and what other children don't have for themselves. Everyday at school he would come and talk to me about how rich he is and what gifts he gets every single day.

I don't like his attitude in this matter and the talks he shares everyday, but I don't know how to tell my friend to stop. Although my friend likes to boast, we are still good friends and I do not want to lose a friend. What should I do?

### Solution

You can make up a story and try to explain to your friend that boasting about things is not good. Nobody likes a person who keeps talking about the things they have and others don't have in life. In order to be a good friend everyone has to understand others feelings.

If your friend continues to behave this way then soon he will have no friends to play with at school or after school. When he gets to know this, he will reconsider his actions.

Your Student Counsellor.

### Student Editor – Let's build our Legacy

The idea of a newspaper came to me because I missed assembly, circle time and my friends. My parents always remind me that I should Be Brave, think out of the box and only then can I achieve whatever I put my mind to. We **Discover** something new around us or in us, we **Inquire** about what we found, we **Create** a use for what we found, and **Explore** many unique ways to use what we found and it is all a matter of taking a chance - **The DICE**. Let's unleash the Ki and Ka within us and enjoy this journey together.

ISWki, The DICE learner's E-paper was an idea I have been nurturing since we learnt report writing in grade 5. I truly believe we can use ISWki, The DICE learner's E-paper as a bridge between students, teachers and the world at large.

It is my honour to share the first edition with all and I hope that together we will build the legacy of the school and this E-paper by leveraging all the opportunities we receive.

### **Let Us Be The Difference!**



### House Activities

The school is bustling with house activities. Each of us are made up of the cardinal elements, so light up the Agni in you, rush like the Vaayu to participate, be adaptive like the Jal while you balance your studies and activities like the Prithvi. Your house sends out the clarion call to one and all!

The following activities are ongoing so join in:

- 1) Yoga competition
- 2) Language competition – Hindi, French & Arabic
- 3) Quiz finals
- 4) ISQuiz

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