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WELCOME Back 2 School



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ISWki is home not only to myself but to hundreds of other prosperous scholars, we here at ISWki feel the responsibility and obtain the capability in achieving various tasks which arise in our path, at times situations may become complex, and we may also lose hope, but the marvelous teachers who provide their unconditional support throughout the day whether be it during or post-school hours, to make sure that we stay on track and aid us in not only achieving our goals but also perfecting them to our maximum potential.

**I, We
Our ISWki**



Finally achieving the post of Head Boy after 4 years of hard work and effort was a dream not many could achieve, but this was not done easily, after many consecutive failures one could think of giving up, but not us, I have been taught at ISWki that failures only lead to success without them you will never be great, building up from these failures I have finally achieved my goal, and now myself and the ISWki family can work together so that everyone can not only achieve their dreams but also help others in doing so.

Being an ISWki student means that you are capable of changing the world to a better place, where hard work and perseverance sets you apart from others, and learning from the past to prepare for the future is what pushes you even further. Be proud to be part of this marvelous family.

Aws Aymen, 11C,
Leader of future leaders,
ISWki, The DICE.

**Wishing ISWki Students
All the Best
4 your Exams
YOU WILL ROCK!**



The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz - L Frank Baum

The story is about Dorothy and her dog Toto, who get caught in a cyclone that takes them to a mystical land. Only one person can help them get back home. On this journey Dorothy finds new friends - the Scarecrow, Tin-man and the Lion. Together, they go on adventures, fight wicked witches and flying monkeys. The book has many interesting characters but my favourites are Dorothy and Toto. Dorothy is brave, loving and caring. Toto is Dorothy's true friend and never leaves her side.

The book is filled with many twists and turns and keeps you wanting for more. The characters feel real and are relatable. My favourite part is when Dorothy reaches Emerald city and sees that everything is green. But was it really green or something else? The story is gripping and makes you want to see how it ends, if Dorothy makes it back or if she is stuck in the land of Oz forever.

The reading was magical, miraculous and marvelous.
I suggest every reader reads this book, it is a classic.

Hope you have a nice read.

Anaisha Thea Dcunha, 3D,
Book Connoisseur,
ISWki, The DICE.



The Treasure Seekers - Thea Stilton

The Thea Sisters Pamela, Colette, Paulina, Nicky and Violet are off to a vacation in Scotland where an unexpected mystery awaits them. During a hike they were in need of directions when they stumbled up on Beitris. Beitris was not a person who showed affection a lot but neither the Thea Sisters were giving up.

Beitris then took the Thea Sisters to her house and made them comfortable. After sometime, the Thea Sisters left but later Beitris had opened up of a tapestry hanging on top of her fireplace which leads to One of The Seven Treasures of The World – The Alabaster garden. An untold story of her Great Aunt Aurora Beatrix Lane, a young explorer.

The sisters decided to help Beitris out but it wasn't easy. Some thieves were also trying to get to the treasures but the Thea Sisters outsmarted them and got to the treasure.

READING

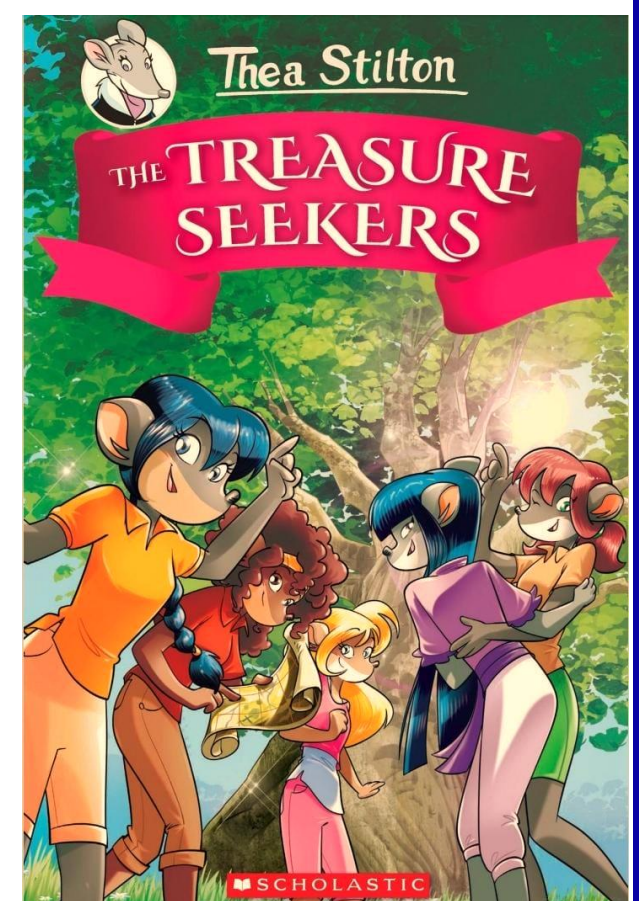


GIVES US
A PLACE TO GO
WHEN WE
WANT TO
STAY
WHERE WE ARE

I recommend this book because it seemed adventurous even though it isn't a fantasy book. It uses great imaginary for building the plot. It starts with a normal day which turns into an exciting adventure. I really enjoyed reading this book.

Thank You and enjoy reading !

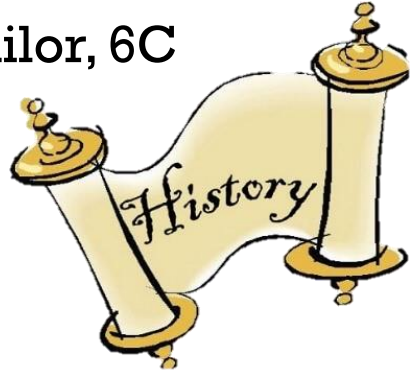
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Book Connoisseur,
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R 1: History – Manav Tailor, 6C

I was elected by only
one electoral vote.

Who am I?



R 3: Animal - Hitesh Kannaa Poovannan,
6C

My name sounds like
something you might
use on your hair or eat for
dessert. What am I?



R 5: Solar System, Gautam Kanth, 6D



Why did the Sun
go to school?

R 7: Sports, Mohammed
Afnan Khan, 6D

Why can't Cinderella
play soccer?



R 9: Movies, Thanya Anand Kumar, 6D

Why would Snow White
make a great judge?

Rumble

R 11: Dance, Vaanyapreet
Kaur Mongia, 6C

Where do penguins
go to dance?



R 2: Geography – Mishika Parwani, 6D

I stay in a corner
but I travel around
the world. What am I?



R 4: English - Rishika Menon, 6D

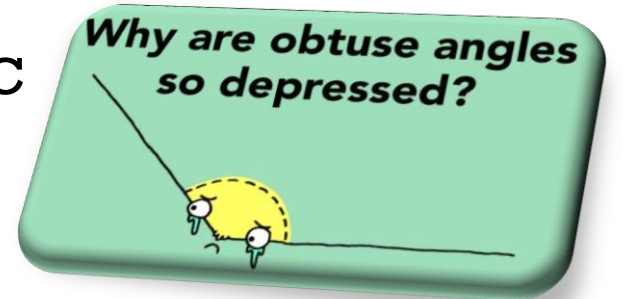
Tommy Tucker took two
strings and tied two turtles
to two tall trees.

How many T's in That?



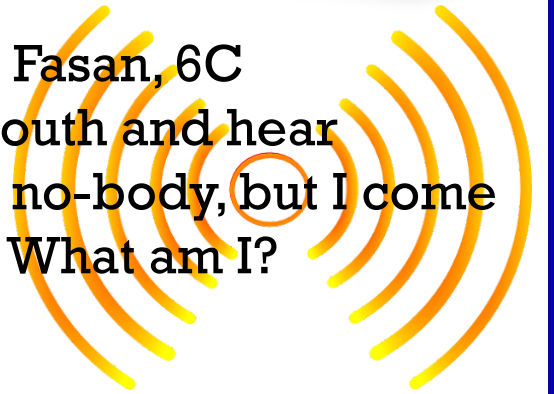
R 6: Math,
Omar Rabie, 6C

Why are obtuse angles
so depressed?



R 8: Science, Khalid Fasan, 6C

I speak without a mouth and hear
without ears. I have no-body, but I come
alive with the wind. What am I?



R 10: Climate, Lily Fady Samir, 6C

I am noisy! Sometimes I boom
and sometimes I rumble. I
come after lighting. What am I?

R 12: Pop Star, Pratiksha Anup Kumar, 6D
Which group is working behind the
scenes?



FUN RIDDLES!
BY 6TH GRADERS



Back 2 ISWki

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- CLUBS
- STUDENTS
- DANCE
- TESTS
- MATH
- YOGA
- FUN
- FRIENDS
- DICE
- ENGLISH
- BOOKS
- ISWki
- PLAYGROUND
- SCIENCE
- LIBRARY
- BREAKTIME
- LABORATORY
- GOOGLE
- ASSEMBLY
- SPORTS
- SCHOOL
- ART
- CHAT
- CADDY

Learning outdoors is fun,
Whale Bones @Masirah Island



Arnav Jaykrishnan, 6C,
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Our Groove



Bhumika Sham Jagtiani, 10C - Hello Amigos! My favourite singer at the moment is Aalia (알리아). She's a South Korean singer-songwriter. I fancy her song "Adrenaline", which is a part of the exuberantly enjoyable Korean show called Vincenzo! Her voice is phenomenally high pitched and I am head over heels for that!

Vaishant Bafna, 10C - I like 'The Weekend' because he has good auditory tracks and beats to vibe to. The song that I am growing on from him is 'Save Your Tears'.



Mannat Ajmani, 10C - My favourite song artist is Billie Eilish!!! I am currently grooving to the song "Therefore I am"!! As it just has a very nice beat and a great vibe!!!



Cailyn Justine Durham, 8C - I currently like Dua Lipa, Love again is a cool song cause it's catchy, got a nice tune and has a vibe.

Hussain Aliasgar Boriyawala, 8D - I love BTS as a band because they are kind and lovely. I really enjoy their song Butter because cause it is really nice and refreshing for the mind.

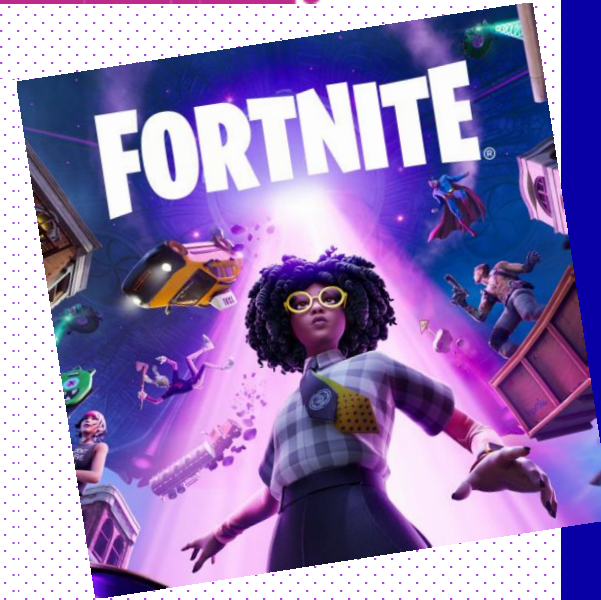


Aariz Kasmani, 6D - Lost sky is a boy and my favorite song from him is called fearless. I like lost sky because he has a very cool theme and he has the best MV's.



ONLINE GAMING MANIA!

Fortnite is a battle royale game where you can also create your version of Fortnite like a mini Fortnite. I like Fortnite because it can be played with friends and it has a currency called v-bucks. With those v-bucks you can buy outfits back packs pickaxes and more cosmetics. You can buy a battle pass and complete quests to earn rewards. That is why I like Fortnite.



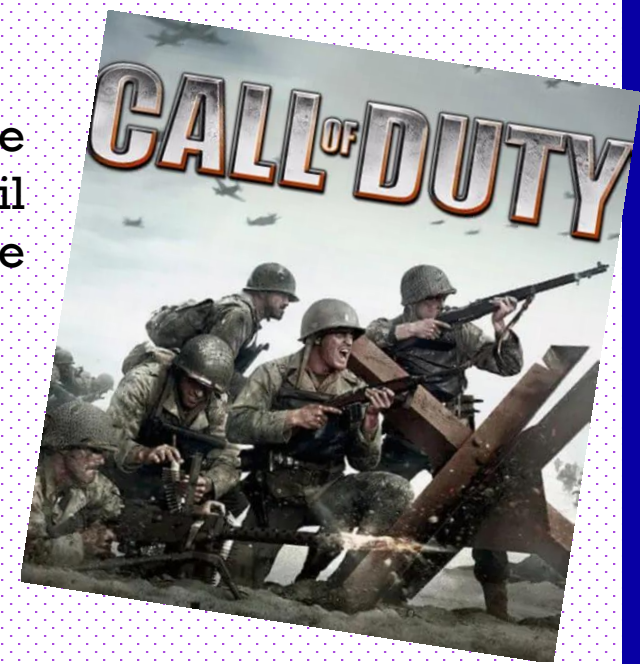
Ahmed Shaban Tejani, 7D,
Fortnite Gamer,
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Roblox is online multiplayer game for kids aged 6 and over. I like Roblox because it's all about creation and fun. You can also play many different games in it! I play Roblox almost every day with my brother and friends. Fun fact: It allows users to create their own games with a coding language called "lua!".



Eshan Kummar T, 8D,
Roblox Gamer,
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Call of Duty (COD) is very exciting and entertaining. I play the game every day at 2:30pm. The levels of the game can go up until 150 as the highest level. The most power full gun on the game is the Chopper.



Aryan Joshi, 6D,
Call of Duty Gamer,
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I like Minecraft. I play the game like everyday! What is so unique about this game is that it teaches a lot of things like creativity or stuff about nature.

You can build in creative mode and enchant gear in survival and hardcore mode. There is also Minecraft Education Edition which teaches students to code and create modded Minecraft.

Krishna Dev, 9C,
Minecraft Gamer,
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ONLINE GAMING DEBATE !!

PROS OF ONLINE GAMING

Numerous studies have examined the pros and cons of video gaming. Here are just a few that have found video games provide distinct advantages to their players.

Video games improve basic visual processes

According to Psychology Today, playing video games has been shown to increase players' ability to distinguish subtle differences in shades of gray, a phenomenon known as "visual contrast sensitivity." They may also improve the eyesight of the visually impaired and help players increase their ability to visually detect the direction of movement.

Video games can enhance executive functioning

"Executive functioning" is the term used for a person's ability to rapidly and efficiently solve problems. Video games can help improve multitasking, increase mental flexibility and even reverse the mental decline that occurs as people age.

Video games can improve everyday skills

Playing video games has been found to enhance hand-eye coordination, lengthen attention spans and improve both working memory and rapid decision-making abilities.

Video games may help ease anxiety and depression

Both anecdotally and scientifically, video games have been shown to reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression. For example, Scientific American reported that the game Tetris may actually ease the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder. In forums such as Geek and Sundry, authors describe how video games may help those who have social anxiety disorder learn how to initiate relationships and learn about social cues.



Resource extracted from blog : [Exploring the Pros and Cons of Video Gaming](#)

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CONS OF ONLINE GAMING

While video games have been touted for their advantages, evidence also suggests that playing them may be detrimental.

Video games can make people more violent

According to The Telegraph, researchers have found a direct link between violent video games and an increase in aggressive behavior. This applies particularly to "shoot-em-up" games that simulate firearms.

Video games may decrease players' ability to concentrate

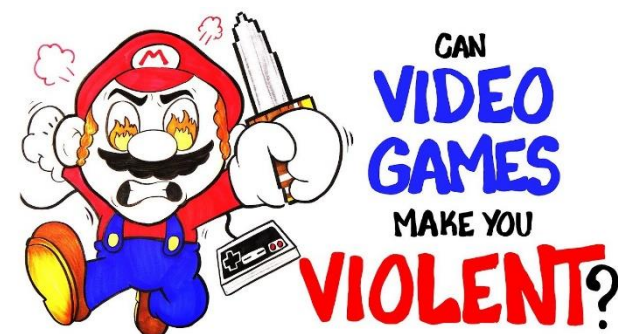
A study published in Psychology of Popular Media Culture found a correlation between the length of time individuals play video games and their ability to remain focused. The study also suggested that playing video games may exacerbate the impulsiveness of individuals who already have this inclination.

Video games can become addictive

A university study found that one in 10 youth gamers is "addicted;" their playing habits cause family, social, school or psychological damage. Treatment programs combating video game addiction have cropped up across the world, including in the United States, South Korea and the Netherlands.

Video games may increase depression and anxiety

While it's true that video games can help combat anxiety and depression, other studies have shown that they might cause or exacerbate these conditions instead. A study in Cyber psychology, Behavior and Social Networking, for example, found that fifth-graders who play video games two or more hours a day are more likely to have symptoms of depression those who play less.



Resource extracted from blog : [Exploring the Pros and Cons of Video Gaming](#)

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Staycation,
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Twisha Rao, 6C,
Indulging in Plant Care,
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Holiday FUN 4 Everyone



Kamal Kandukuri, 6D,
Play time with pet Oliver,
ISWki, The DICE.



Aryan R Dialani, 6C,
Yummy 4 his Tummy,
ISWki, The DICE.



Nour Kadry, 6C,
Chilling in Alexandria,
ISWki, The DICE.

Holiday FUN 4 Everyone

Dev Malikarjun, 7C,
Enjoying Muscat Rains,
ISWki, The DICE.



Nandini Joshi, 10C,
Welling being of mind and body is Important,
ISWki, The DICE.



Aneesha Kakar, 7D,
Music is the Stress Buster,
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Mahiti Kandukuri, 9C,
Engrossed in creating Art,
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Holiday Hut

“Why do I have to go ?,” I asked my mom, “That also, ALONE?!”

“You ain't going ‘ALONE’,” my mom replied, handing me the bag, “We will drop you off with your friends and you will stay there for one day !”

“But we are going to Holiday Hut, the most haunted and spooky place in Oman and perhaps in the whole world ! We are there with no adults to defend us and Aarna and I get scared easily and Aarya doesn't know how to shoot !,” I yelled.

“It's not haunted ! Ghosts don't exist ! You don't believe in them, right ?” mom asked me, agitated. “I don't, but better to be wary of them, just in case,” I replied, rolling my eyes.

When the day came, I was scared. I had packed a kitchen knife and my dad's belt. I could hear my dad yelling furiously, “WHERE IS MY BELT ?!” Of course I kept quiet. I was travelling with my friends, Aarna and Aarya. The reason for travel: The Annual Indian School Photo Competition. Aarna was selected from her school and I was happy for her. Unfortunately the best scenery was near the Holiday Hut. It's haunted, by the ghost of a lady who died there mysteriously, or atleast rumoured to be. By the time we reached, it was raining heavily, fit to drown a duck. We ran to the porch of the house to escape from the rain. We looked back and my parents car had already disappeared into the rain.

When we entered, there was no one there. Every whimper by my friends scared me. I took out the knife and showed it to my friends to reassure ourselves. Suddenly, Aarna's eyes widened. Aarya looked behind her and screamed. Aarna fainted. I gasped in shock. Behind Aarya was a lady, floating in mid air, hair reaching till her knees and like every ghost, dressed in white. Her palm was a very light green color. I threw my knife at her out of shock and it stabbed her and pinned her to the wall. There weren't any screams or any blood from her. At the same moment, Aarya slapped Aarna awake and both of them looked at me.

I pointed towards the wall. Aarna gasped. Aarya looked at me and said, “Let's get out of here !” The rain had gone and the sun was out. As soon as we got out, as soon as we stepped on the ground, the rain returned, more heavily than ever.

We ran, scared, but I slipped and then...

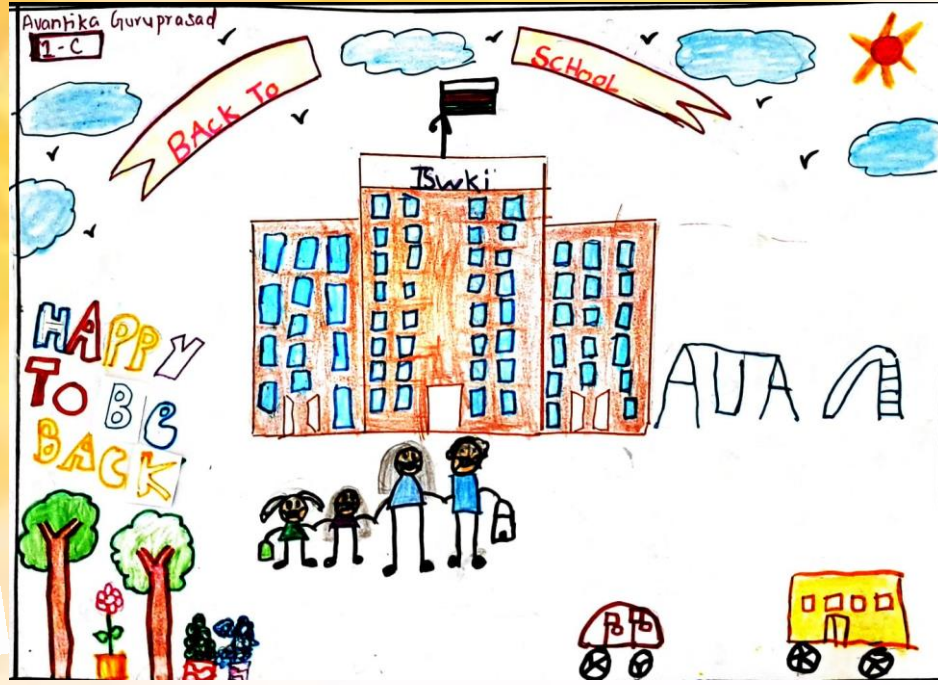
THUD !

Zzzzzzzzzzzzz...

I fell out of the bed. It was just a dream.

I got up and looked around. I saw the bedroom just the way it was before. I pinched myself and realized it was just a dream. But then I wondered, who was that lady ?

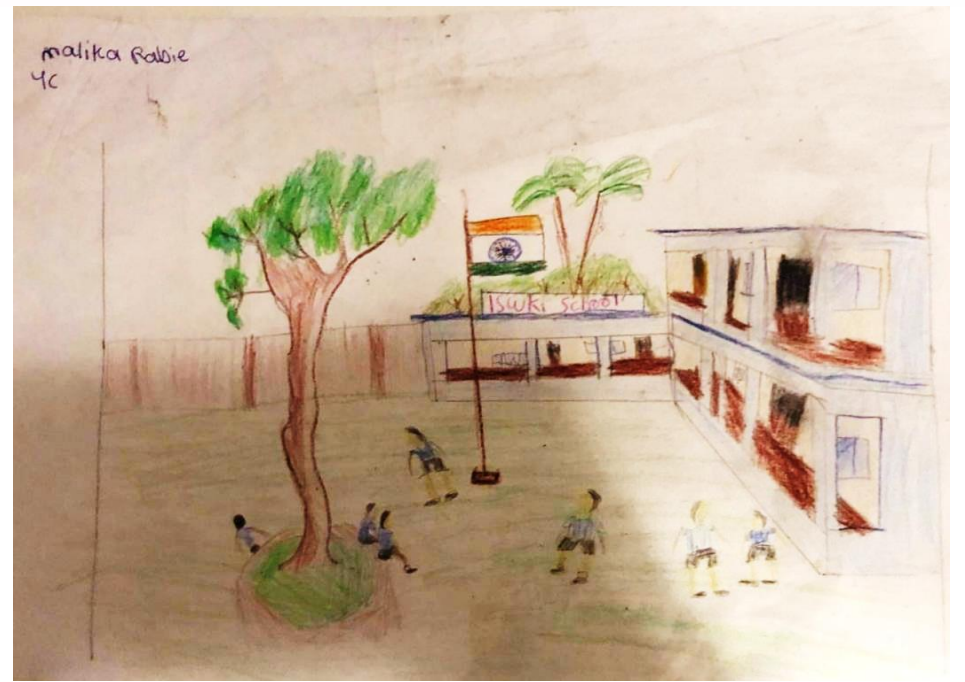
Why didn't she react ? What would happen if it wasn't a dream...



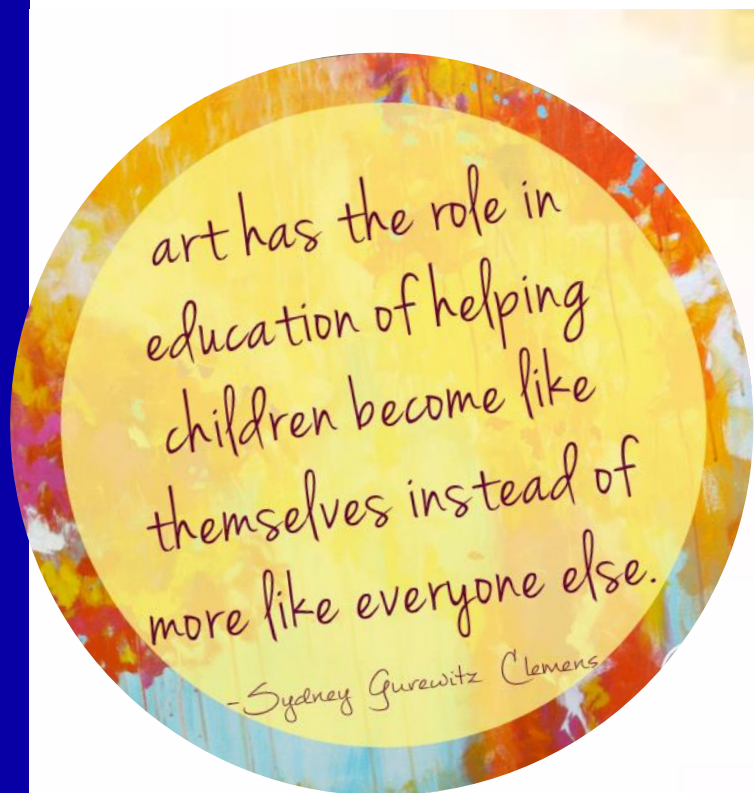
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Artist – Free hand,
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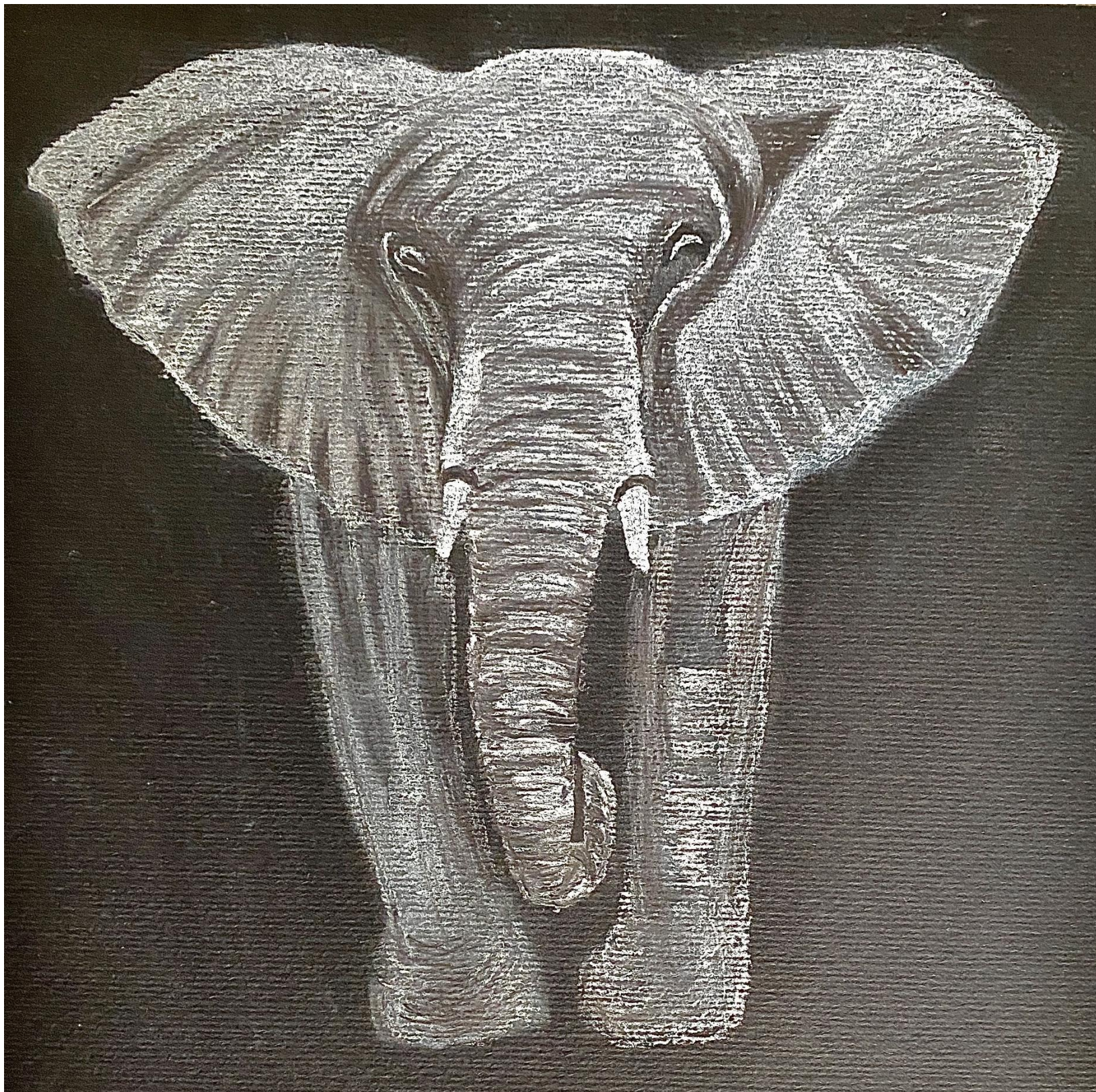


The Joker



Ninja

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Diyaa Vijay Babu, 7C,
Artist – White Charcoal,
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Answers to Riddles and links to enjoy the riddle and many more:

R 1: History Answer - Rutherford B. Hayes. Source - <https://www.riddlesandanswers.com/tag/history-riddles/>

R 2: Geography Answer - A postage stamp. Source - <https://www.riddlesandanswers.com/tag/geography-riddles/>

R 3: Animal Answer - A moose. Source - <https://www.rd.com/article/animal-riddles>

R 4: English Answer - There are 2 T's in THAT. Source - <https://www.justriddlesandmore.com/Letter/lettrids2.html>

R 5: Solar System Answer - To get brighter. Source - <https://learnfunnyjokes.com/funny-jokes/>

R 6: Math Answer - Because they are never right. Source - <https://spring-of-mathematics.tumblr.com/post/179622149484/55-funny-math-jokes-and-puns-that-will-make-you>

R 7: Sports Answer - Cinderella is always running away from the ball. Source - <https://www.ducksters.com/jokes/sports.php>

R 8: Science Answer - An echo. Source - <https://www.riddles.com/7621>

R 9: Movies Answer - Because she was the fairest of them all. Source - <https://www.beano.com/posts/disney-jokes>

R 10: Climate Answer - I am Thunder. Source - <https://pin.it/1hEEL28>

R 11: Dance Answer - To the Snow ball. Source - <https://www.riddlesandanswers.com/v/233569/>

R 12: Pop Star Answer - BTS – (B stands for behind, T stands for the and S stands for scenes) Source - https://aminoapps.com/c/k-pop/page/blog/kpop-riddles/ak10_uKLpwdLXRQxjmrmk1Pbp8QNM

Answers for
word search



Message from the Principal's Desk

Dear Learners, Parents and Colleagues,

Please read and imbibe ...

Make no mistake about it. Change is challenging whether it is conscious or unexpected. Viewing adversity as a change, not loss or failure, is the part of empowered and positive thinking. Humans develop resiliency through change, both physiologically and emotionally. It is necessary for all life forms to evolve.



Change comes through many vehicles – some hit us hard, others are rather sneaky.

Despite the challenges change brings, we know it is our natural state. It is inevitable that the world grows and we grow with it fueled by our emotions. We are already designed to cry, express sorrow, frustration, anger, resentment, even give up for a while and most of us choose to explore these feelings. But we are also designed to have hope, recover, be stronger and inspire others as a result of change. When very strong wind blows, those trees which are not ready to bend, they fall. People show resistance before they decide to change for better. It is a natural reaction. Certainly, our psychological culture has become more comfortable with making choices which have predictable outcomes. A current cultural disease we suffer from is predictability, reflected in our inability to accept change at a deeply personal level. Adversity is an inescapable performance indicator a frequent reminder of an upcoming 360-degree review in how we handle the bumps. We are meant to be a stronger, more insightful person each time we get walloped.

With each attitude problem, make a stronger commitment toward your goal of service of humanity, each time you grieve, become better at comforting others and showing compassion, after each funeral, return home knowing life is a precious gift. With all setbacks, it drives the point home on the one true certainty in life and that is we must use our time wisely to make conscious change in the world.

Change is designed to get outside of ourselves and become conscious of our place within a community of souls.

Without change there is no transformation. Change is good, making us stir the self-development pot a little faster.

With regards,
Sanjay Tiwari
Principal, ISWki.

Your **Life**
does not get
better by
chance.
It gets better
by change.

~Jim Rohn



Solution:

Dear Student,

It is wonderful to hear you talk so lovingly about your best friend. I am happy to know that you have a friend who you care so dearly about. As you are aware, we do not have much control over the current situation and pondering over something we can't control will only make us feel worse about it. Rather, you could focus on keeping in touch with your friend online, writing letters to them and letting them know how important they are to you. Also, making new friends does not mean you will forget the old ones, so it is definitely not wrong to make new friends. I hope this helps you feel better. All the best!

Problem:

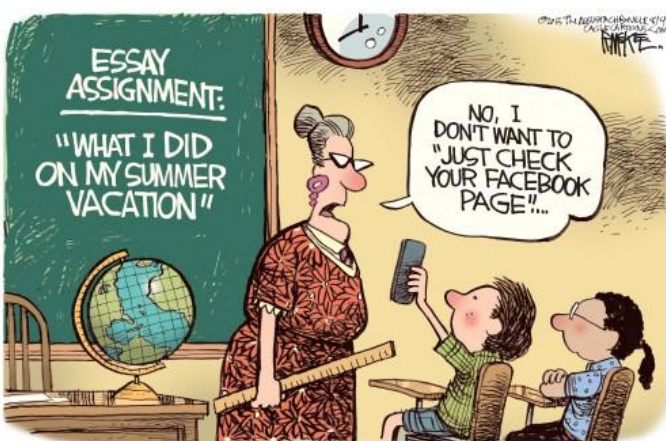
Hello, I am best friends with another student from the school. We used to spend so much time with each other. We were happy seeing each other, playing together, studying together, taking selfies and even gossiping. Unfortunately my best friend travelled out of this country and I am worried we will never meet up again. What happens to our friendship? Why does it hurt so much? Why do I feel sad? Is it wrong to find a new friend who makes us happy? Help me, please.



Much love,
Ms. Avni Ved
Student Counsellor

Hello everyone, I am sure we all have been totally rejuvenated over the holidays. We had so much time to invest in ourselves, focus on our goals, explore nature, look into our studies and really bond with our friends and family. I have tried to capture some of our experiences and memories in this edition. I am thankful that some of my friends and their families who were Covid positive during the holidays are doing much well now and recovering.

I would like to thank Principal Sanjay sir for giving us this opportunity to work on the learner's e-paper. In this fun edition, Sanjay sir and Avni ma'am have collaborated with 48 students that includes 24 boys and girls each across all grades— a lesson in equal opportunity. The Back 2 School edition will help students connect with each other. This edition made me realize that we students truly collaborate with each other because we all love our school and we can't wait to be BACK 2 SCHOOL. So many of us miss our friends, our teachers and a school routine. Holidays are fun and a sweeter memory when we have to get back to routine life. Wishing all our seniors the very best for their exams! Make yourselves proud! Sharing some funny jokes and memes about being BACK 2 SCHOOL!



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