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*Welcome
Back
Post-Winter
Break!*





Grade 10

You
Made it
Happen

Indian School Wadi Kabir Cambridge International's IGCSE 2021-22 batch appeared for their Cambridge Board Examination in the Oct-Nov 2021 series. A total of 16 learners were registered for the examination. The results were declared on 18th January, 2022 & was terrific, to say the least.

16 students appeared across a selection of 11 subjects and our learners have scored 34 A* & 30 A's along with the prestigious ICE Distinction award from Cambridge.

We are indeed proud of all our learners and we wish them the very best going forward.



Vaishant Bafna



- A* - Economics
- A* - Combined Sciences
- A* - Mathematics (w/out coursework)
- A* - Accounting
- A* - Computer Science
- A* - Foreign Language French

A – First Language English

ICE Distinction Award



Cambridge Assessment International Education

Cambridge International School

Mannat Ajmani

- A* - Economics
- A* - Combined Sciences
- A* - Mathematics (w/out coursework)
- A* - Accounting
- A* - Business Studies
- A – First Language English



Arya Amogh Budur

- A* - Economics
- A* - Combined Sciences
- A* - Mathematics (w/out coursework)
- A* - Information & Communication
- A* - First Language English
- A – Foreign Language French



Nandini Joshi

- A* - Economics
- A* - Combined Sciences
- A* - Business Studies
- A* - First Language English
- A* - Foreign Language French
- B - Mathematics (w/out coursework)



My most favourite person is my daddy because he buys me the coolest stuff and teaches me how to operate things. Well according to me, my daddy can buy me anything in this world 😊

Sehaan Ahmed Khan, 1C

My most favourite person in this world is my mumma because she loves me a lot and does everything for me. She makes food for me which is my favorite.

Ayaan Gupta, 1C



Cha
Chweet!

My mom is my most favorite person in the world because she fulfills all my wishes.

Shivansh Khetani, 1C

AWWW...

My favourite person and biggest inspiration is Neil Armstrong because he was the first man ever to set foot on the moon. He opened the door to a whole new era of space exploration and inspired the world to dream of endless possibilities. In the same way, I too want to explore the universe by becoming an Astronaut.

Kian Daruwala, 2I



"WHITE LIPS
PALE FACE
BREATHING IN
SNOWFLAKES"

Diya Gopakumar,
6C,
Artist,
ISWki, The DICE.

Once you choose

HOPE, 2022 anything's possible.

- Christopher Reeve

My hope for the world and myself is to improve. I look forward to a prosperous year in which we all can learn, develop and innovate greater than ever before.

Saniya Angel D'souza, 10C

For me, my hope is to become better at all my areas of interest such as art, cooking and many more. As for the world, I hope that we all come out of this pandemic in 2022, and life goes back to the way it was before the pandemic.

Mahiti Kandukuri, 10C

We need to connect with our friends and family to have meaningful relationships. We must connect with our communities to understand our differences. We must connect with our neighbouring countries, allied or not, to ease the socio-economic problems in the world because where all else fails, humanity is its own biggest enemy and ally. We must connect with nature and close the massive lapses in the natural order that we have unwittingly made. At the end of the day, the fact is, we must aim for growth as an individual, community, nation and society as a whole.

Samarth Pujari, 10C

My new year's resolution is to reduce the use of plastic in my household and carpool to reduce carbon emissions in this rapidly developing world, which will be a contribution towards one of the 17 SDG goals set by the UN.

Vaishant Bafna, AS level

Hope rises when all else fails. The past 2 years have challenged us all and yet we stayed strong and faced the pandemic head-on. And we are now on the track towards recovery. I hope that life comes back to normal and we are all blessed with good health, success and happiness. And may we all work hard to achieve our dreams!! This is what I hope for myself and the world.

Mannat Ajmani, AS level

Once you choose

HOPE,

anything's
possible.

- Christopher Reeve

Hope is that one thing that can help us in times of adversity. Hope binds and brings us together. The past 3 years have been tough on everyone. Everyone has gone through so much, lost and found so much but importantly handled everything.

I hope that I am able to do that too, I just want to take care of everything and be genuinely grateful at the end of every day. For the world at large, I wish that the problems that we are facing on a daily basis can be resolved, be it combating climate change or the pandemic, I hope that the world comes together and the situation gets better every day.

Sidhi Khare, AS level

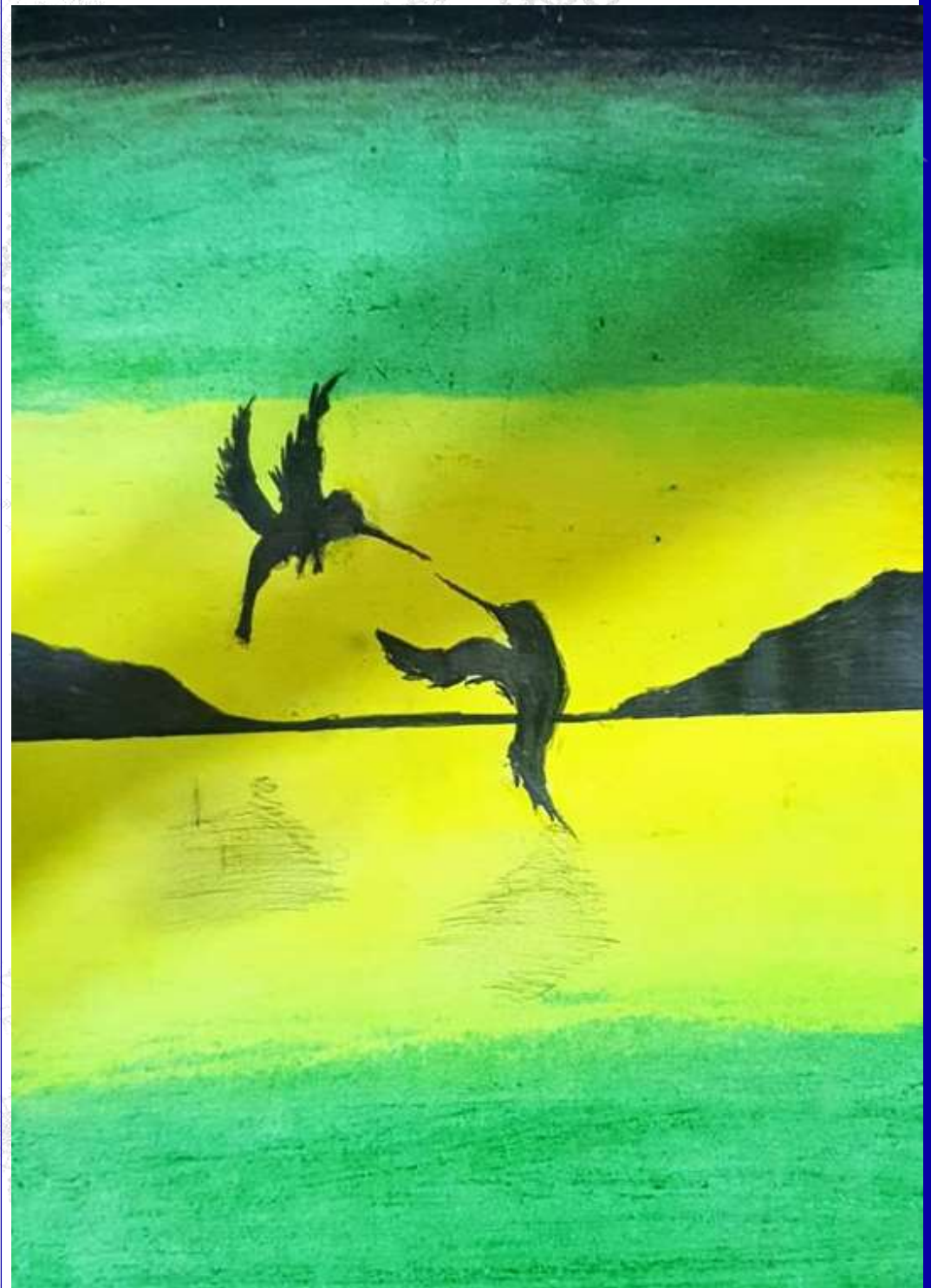
I first would like to begin by not only motivating myself but others surrounding us to create a better future to live in, I will strive for success and I want us to always want to take up any opportunity that comes in our path so that we can achieve our dreams to progress and be known by the world.

Aws Aymen, A level

I hope to become one of the leading figures in the FinTech (Financial Technology) field in order to simplify the tangible transactions by innovating and developing new platforms that further digitalize the exchange of money.

Neil Narnoli, A level

2022



Beautiful birds over a lake

Hitesh Kannaa Poovannan, 6C,
Artist,
ISWki, The DICE.

Little Moments BIG Memories



Fun at Sur Beach
Aarya Chinchpurkar, 6C



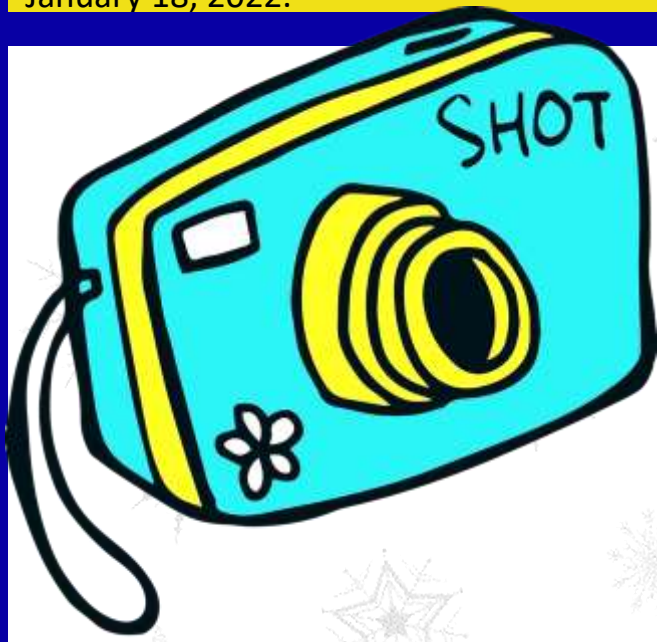
Racing the Quad bike
on the dirt lane !
Mohammed Afnan Khan,
6D



Going crazy at Funtazmo!
Zielle-Lynn Claudia Pereira, 6D



Holiday fun at the mall...
Omar Rabie, 6C



Jet skiing at Sifa beach...
Pratiksha Anup Kumar, 6D
Deputy Editor,
ISWki, The DICE.



Little Moments BIG Memories

Chilling out at Jabal
Khandar
Kamal Kandukuri,
6D



#Fun with my furry buddy
Nour Kadry, 6C



Christmas baking
fun at home!
Lily Fady Samir, 6C





Outdoor trek at Crab beach
Gautam Kanth, 6D

Standing tall next to a Christmas tree
Vaanyapreet Kaur Mongia, 6C



*Little Moments
BIG Memories*



Enjoying countryside at
Barka Farm
Sarah Abdual Samad Al-
Balushi, 6C

Enjoying sunset at
Qurum Beach
Rishika Menon, 6D



Joy under the Big ol' Christmas tree
Thanya Anand Kumar, 6D



Feel the wind in my hair
Aryan Joshi, 6D



Yummy Pani Puri fun in India
Twisha Rao, 6C



One with nature at Shatti
Qurum beach
Rida Mohammad Ikram, 6C

Who Do You Want To Be In The Future?



I would like to be a Civilian Peacekeeper, because of the sad feeling, seeing my own people fight for a living, fighting against one another, with only a handful of people ready to help. I think I could really help those needy people out there which will make this world a beautiful place to live! Seeing everyone happy makes me happy too!

Saumya Amit Gharde, 5C

I would like to be a doctor in the future to help people who are ill or suffering with any disease.

Arsheya Kumar, 5C

I choose to be a Neurosurgeon. I want the chance to help patients with brain disorders in the hospital/ World with devastating neurological diseases. I want to do technically challenging operations on fascinating and complex anatomy.

Aariyana Daruwala, 5C



I want to be an animator / cartoonist when I grow up, because it is very fun to draw imaginary things or draw something and bring it to life!

Aswin Dilip Nambiar, 5D

I want to be a Lawyer because I could have a chance to help other individuals who might be in trouble.

Ira Yadav, 5D



I want to be a doctor because I want to save peoples lives and help people.

Maayank Misra, 5D

I really do want to become a doctor, because I really don't want poor people to lose their life due to lack of money . I also like the duty of a doctor during the COVID pandemic, it has encouraged me to choose this profession.

Umaiza Rizqin Tabrez, 5D

Life Outside the BOX

In a world where occupational bias falls in the arenas of doctors, engineers, teachers and nurses, I hoped to outweigh this stigma and have opted to be a lawyer. Advance apologies to the beloved Law Gods!!!

Any who, what spoke out to me from that profession was not the high pay or the great job reputation. Well, not as much as the perception of helping someone. The smallest crimes can wound the victims and their families for an everlasting period. Being a lawyer is not just punishing the guilty, but easing the pain of the victims, giving them their human rights. The law is a constitution that is obligated to provide righteousness, for law is not law if it violates the principles of eternal justice.

However, many a times the statute may not seem fair and it does not serve everyone right. They say that the trouble with law, is its lawyers. Let's not forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal!

I want to be a lawyer who has a spine of titanium and the chi of a phoenix, which can help me outperform judicial corruption. I want to be the one who can make a victim feel gratified and make the accused learn for the better or leave them melancholic. I want to conform to my role of becoming a legal advisor and play by the ordinances, rather than yelling OBJECTION, every now and then and get caught in my own fabricated truth!! I will be an ordinary person helping people who are under extraordinary circumstances.... Hold up, I can be a Super Hero... And have my OWN CAPE, Well we all can!



“A lawyer is basically the person that knows the rules of the country. We're all throwing dice, playing games, moving our pieces around the board, but if there's a problem, the lawyer is the only person who actually reads the inside of the top of the box.” quoted by Jerry Seinfeld

So, why do we have to stick to the most wanted careers? Well, it's easy and reliable, right? However, a well-recognized job may get you a 6 figure salary but your profession wraps around your entire existence. There are over 12,000 fields out there! So believe in yourself and truly explore your options, dig deep in, your doors will open to a miscellaneous collection of vocations you would admire, that you would relish every single day of your life.

After all, it's your passion that should direct you, not the rest of the world! Explore what's beyond the box. You got it! It's your LIFE OUTSIDE THE BOX!

Bhumika Jagtiani, AS Level,
Future legal counsel,
ISWki, The DICE.



SILLY JOKES

Why wouldn't the Shrimp share his treasure?



Because he was a little shellfish
Nicole Rodrigues, 3C

What do you call two witches who live together?

Broommates.

Aaron Boby, 4D
Deputy Editor,
ISWki, The DICE.

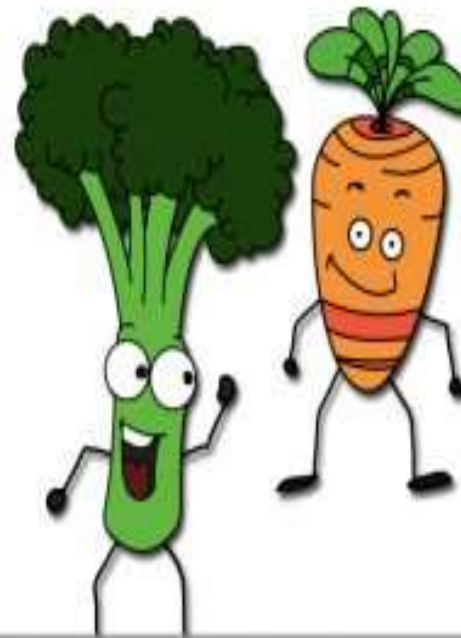


Why didn't the turkey eat dinner?



He was already stuffed!

Yashvi Bhatt, 4D



How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?

You never see a rabbit wearing glasses

Paarthu Chowdary Sandhireddy, 3C

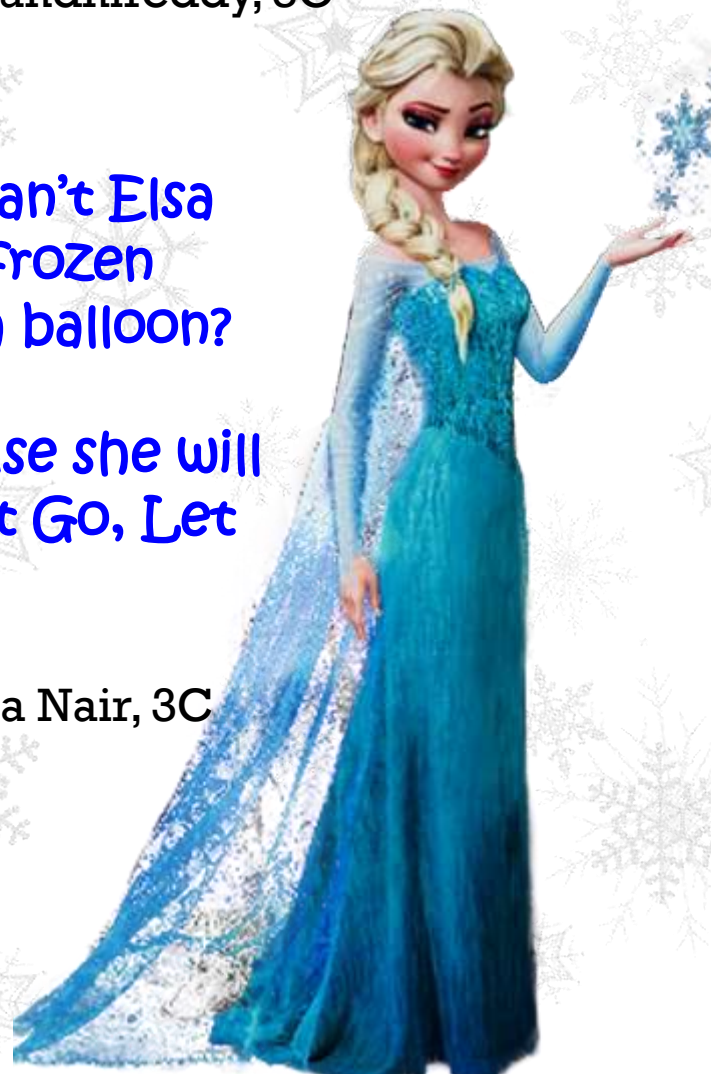


Prashast Sarna, 4D

Why can't Elsa from frozen have a balloon?

Because she will "Let It Go, Let It Go"

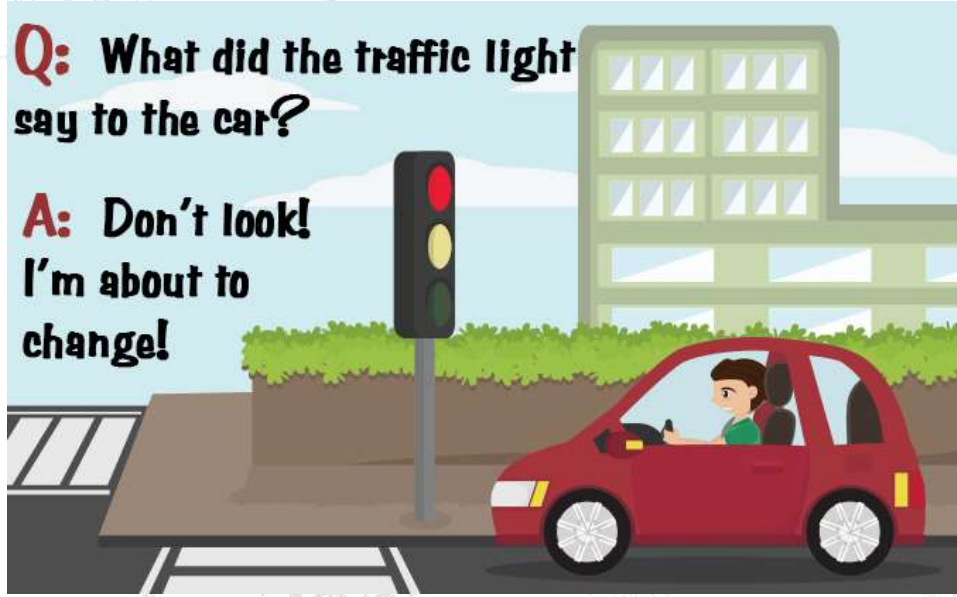
Drishika Nair, 3C



SILLY JOKES

Q: What did the traffic light say to the car?

A: Don't look!
I'm about to
change!



Divit Mahesh Mathradas, 4D

What did One Volcano Say to the Next?



Paisha Kaur Bhatia, 3D



**What do spiders like to do on
the computer?**

ANSWER:
Make websites!

Jayesh Kanna, 4C

Why did the bicycle fall over?



Because it was two-tired!

Sayaan Soratur, 3D

**Why Did The Dog Owner Go To
The Dentist?**

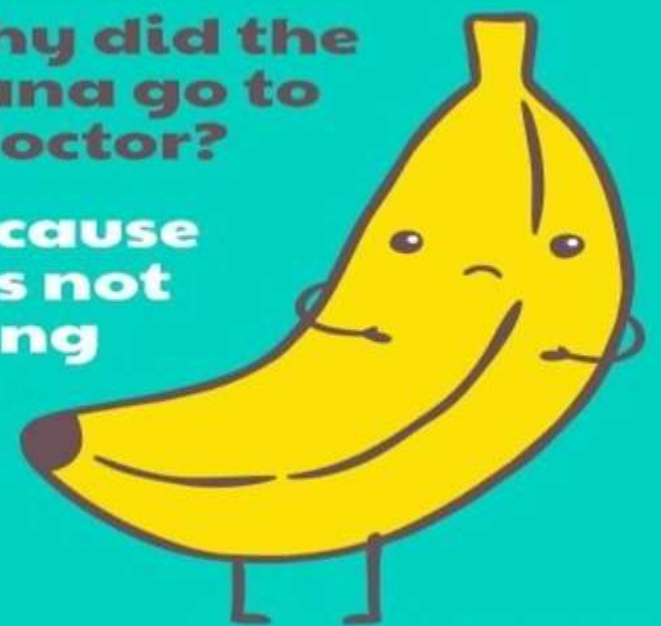


**Because
His Canine
Was Loose!**

Aryan Bhagavatula , 4D

**Q: Why did the
banana go to
the doctor?**

**A: Because
it was not
peeling
well.**



Nishanth Karthick Ramya Sankari, 4D

When Experts Share Life Lessons!



Q1) Good day, Mr. Hassan can you please tell us a bit about yourself?

Hello, my name is Hassan Al Lawati, I am 38 years old, married and have 3 wonderful kid's. I am an HR professional who indulges in art and music.



Q2) As a child when did you realize you had a talent for art? And who encouraged you to develop it further?

I realised by age 9 that I had decent talent and it showed when I drew sketches. Well my mom, she was the person who encouraged me the most. Mom's are like that right!

Q3) Was there ever a time you forgot to nurture your artistic skills or took it for granted?

Yes totally, it was during college and I felt that I lost the talent. It was difficult but deep down inside me, I believed the block was because my mind was not clear.

Q4) If people stop drawing, will they forget to draw and become clumsy?

In my experience, I believe one does not forget basics of drawing. You simply need to start! When you doodle or sketch, you are de-stressing your mind and are no longer clumsy.

Q5) How can we motivate the world with art?

Art does not judge, it is the first step to accepting people from around the world. Art has no boundaries, no religion, no gender, no age, it only unifies the world and generations through the passage of time.

Q6) Can students dare to dream big and have more than one career?

In my view, kids today are multi-talented and it is a good thing, because it develops the brain more holistically. Multi-talented means multiple career options and additional income.

Q7) Why should nations invest in developing artistic skills in students at school level?

Investing in learning art skills goes a long way in preserving the national heritage, culture and the story of the people. Drawing skill helps us to express ourselves better and to share with the world, the strength of our imaginations via planning, design and development.



Thank you to Principal Sanjay and the team of ISWki for a wonderful interview. All the Best students !

Arnav Jaykrishnan, 6C,
Student Editor,
ISWki, The DICE.

World Wide Words

what are other
words for
zetetic?



Thesaurus.plus

skeptic, questioner, cynic,
disbeliever, agnostic,
unbeliever, headshaker, search,
research, survey



Zetetic

Meaning: proceeding by inquiry;
investigating.

Sentence usage: His zetetic habits have
proved to have rather practical applications.

Zach Claudius Pereira, 9C

Link:

<https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/gardyloo>

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Meaning: it means extraordinarily good and wonderful.

Sentence usage: The cake was so supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
I could not stop myself from licking the empty platter.

Eshan Kummar T, 9C

Link:

<https://wordsinasentence.com/supercalifragilisticexpialidocious-in-a-sentence/>



Transmogrified

Meaning: to alter one's form or appearance in a strange,
surprising or magical manner, to transform.

Sentence usage: With a wave of her wand, Cinderella's fairy
godmother transmogrified a pumpkin into an elegant
carriage.

Ishan Arun Swamy, 9C

Link:

<https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english/transmogrified>

World Wide Words

Poppycock

Meaning: nonsense

Sentence usage: He dismissed the allegations as poppycock.

Cailyn Justine Durham, 9C

Link: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/poppycock>

what are other words for poppycock?

hoey, nonsense, malarkey, rubbish, baloney, balderdash, drivel, piffle, hogwash, bunk



Thesaurus .plus



Draconian

Meaning: excessively harsh and severe.

Sentence usage: In the movie, the draconian villain killed not only his enemies but also their children.

Marc Mathews, 9C

Link:

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/draconian>

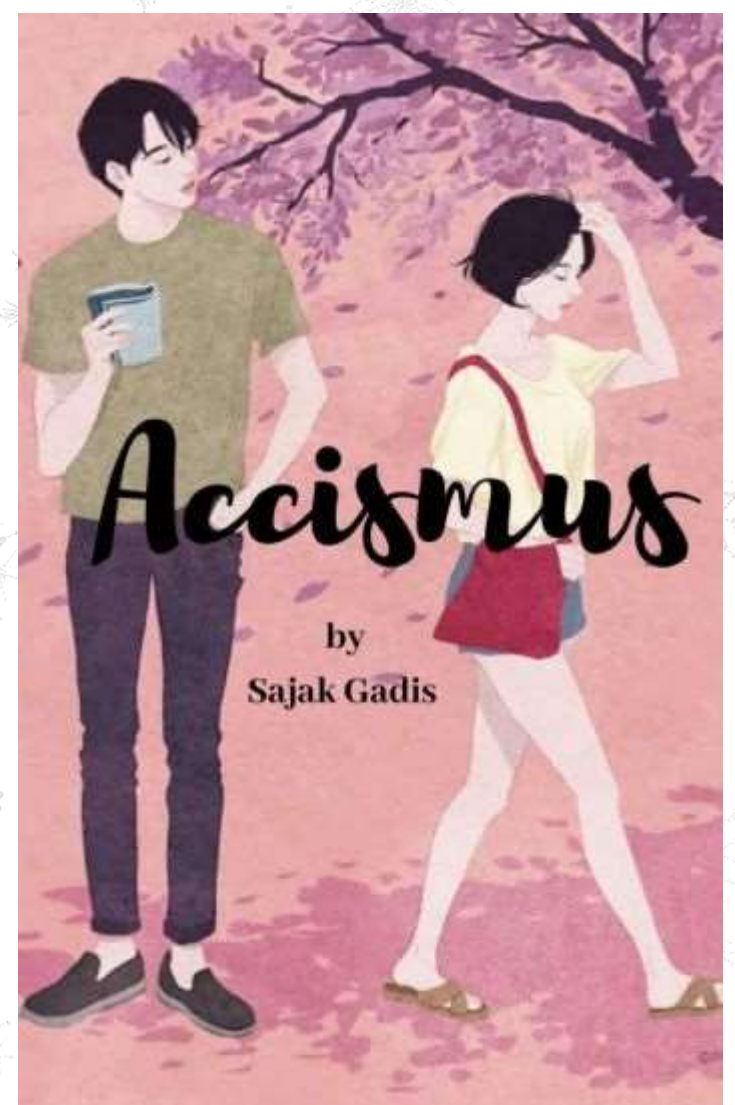
Accismus

Meaning: accismus is a useful term for pretending to be disinterested in something when you actually want it.

Sentence usage: An instance of accismus, the woman coyly rejected the flowers from her suitor even though she really wanted to accept.

Heer Sampat, 9C

Link: <https://wordsinasentence.com/accismus-in-a-sentence/>





Christmas Time

The snow falls down,
Covering the grass and flowers.
The white sheet of ice,
Is in power.

Decorate the tree,
And put up a wreath.
The Christmas feast is yummy,
Yes, I agree.

Put your letter for Santa under the tree.
Then drift to dreamland,
As he creeps,
Into the chimney.

He puts your present,
Under the tree.
And goes 'ho ho ho',
I am sure you know.

The snow is gone,
Gone off grass and flowers.
The white sheet of ice,
Is no longer in power.

The world thanks,
The holy baby,
For the eternal peace and love,
For the memories of a joyous season.

Sivani Rajeesh, 6D,
Poet,
ISWki, The DICE.

The Unknown River

As I see the river flow,
I can't resist to see the glow,
And since this river is yet unknown,
That's why I always sit alone.

When I sit near the glowing river,
The wind that hits gives me a shiver,
And since nobody is ever around,
I feel like I have been crowned.

The noise of the crickets chirping,
Gives me peace while I'm working,
And even if it's far away,
I have a pledge to be there every day.

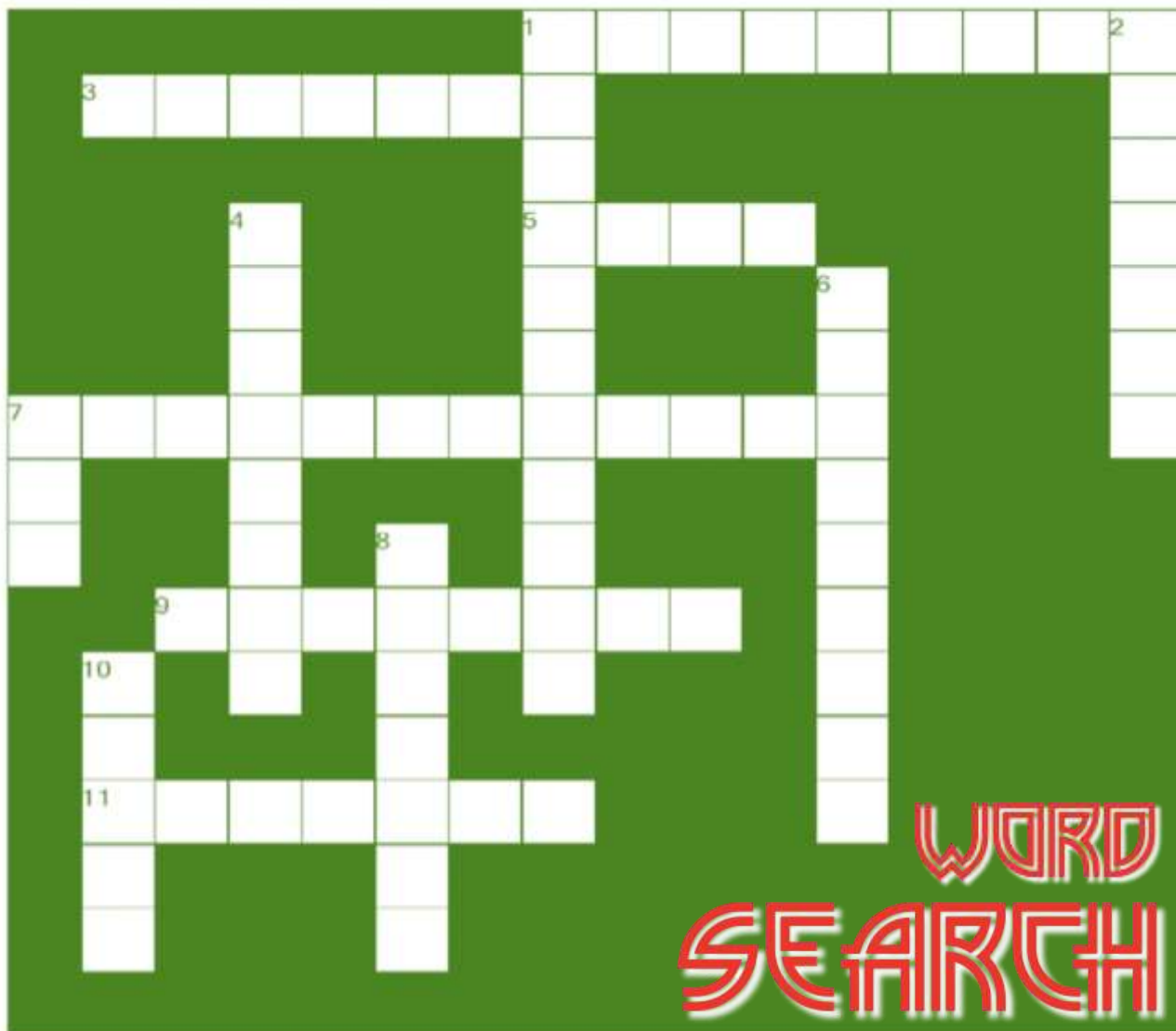
The place of my dreams,
Is as peaceful as it seems,
Sometimes I cry in joy,
Because it's the only place I can enjoy.

The river is a bluish – green,
Going there is added to my routine,
The beauty isn't describable,
Yet the animals are very reliable.

Oh! What a special place,
Something I wouldn't replace,
I see something moving with grace,
Could it be another human's face?



Tiana Nitin Sujanani, 6D,
Poet,
ISWki, The DICE.

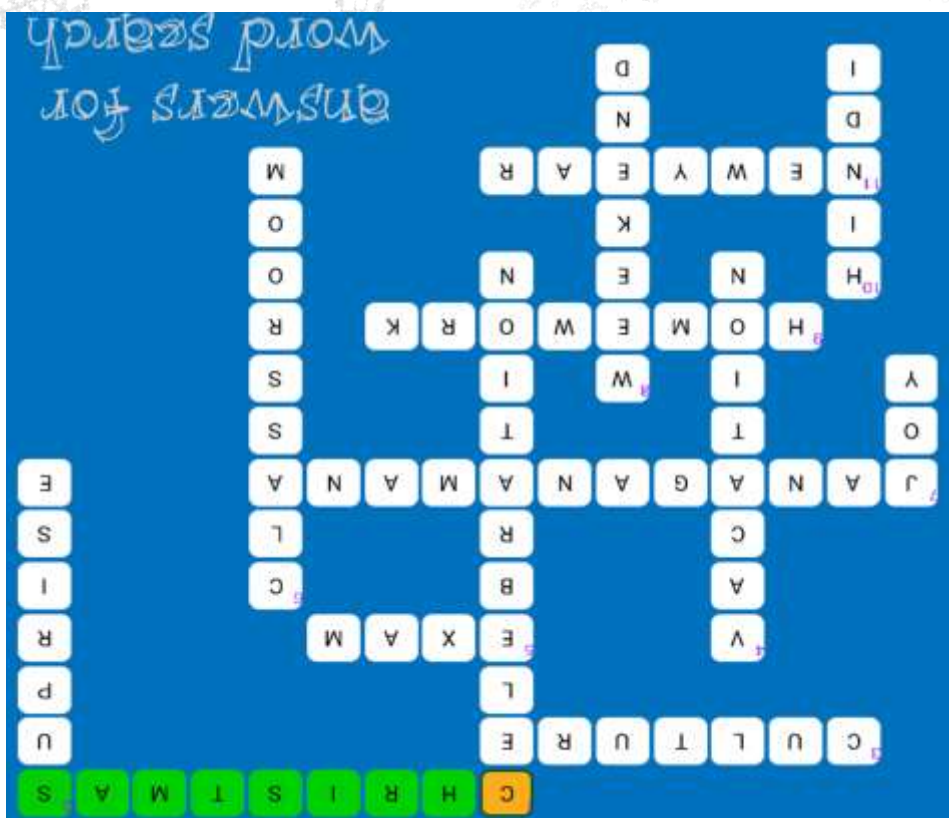


Across

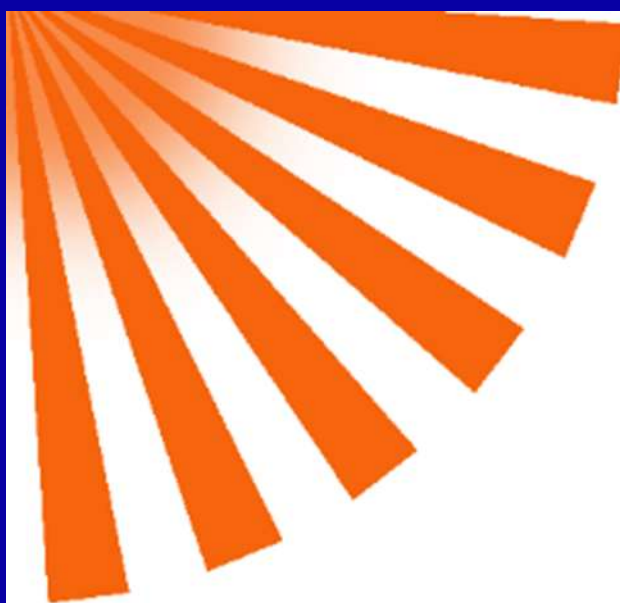
1. What is celebrated on 25 December?
3. India is known as the _____ capital of the world.
5. Question paper given to check your score in school.
7. National Anthem of India.
9. Work given by school to do at home.
11. What is called "The start of a year and an end of the last year".

Down

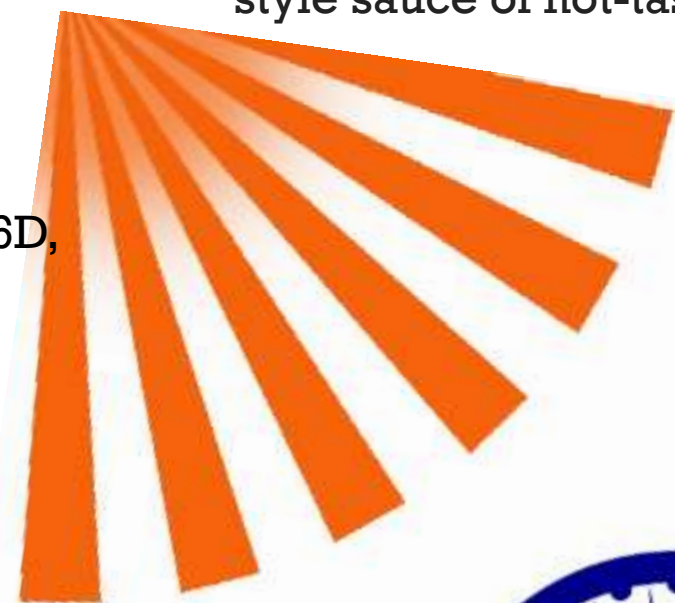
1. The action of appreciating an important day or event.
2. A feeling of being astonished.
4. A fixed holiday period between terms in universities and school.
6. A room in which a class of students is taught.
7. A feeling of great pleasure and happiness.
8. Friday and Saturday in Oman is known as _____
10. National language of India.



Manav Tailor, 6C,
Puzzler,
ISWki, The DICE.

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1. Chit - A short official note written on a piece of paper.
 2. Bangle - A rigid ornamental band worn around the arm or occasionally the ankle.
 3. Karma - Good or bad luck, viewed as resulting from one's actions.
 4. Curry - A dish of meat, vegetables, etc., cooked in an Indian-style sauce of hot-tasting spices and typically served with rice.

Saad Ahmed Khan, 6D,
Linguist,
ISWki, The DICE.

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5. Dupatta - A length of material worn arranged in two folds over the chest and thrown back around the shoulders, typically worn with a salwar kameez.

6. Chutney - A spicy condiment of Indian origin, made of fruits or vegetables with vinegar, spices, and sugar.

English Words Unique To India



7. Jute - rough fiber made from the stems of a tropical Old World plant, used for making twine and rope or woven into sacking or matting.
8. Haldi - Turmeric.
9. Mother promise - I swear on my Mother.
10. Timepass - The action or fact of passing the time, typically in an aimless or unproductive way.
11. Godown - Warehouse.
12. Papadum - Deep fried dough /flour.
13. Brinjal - Eggplant.
14. Chi chi.- In India chi chi, with a hard 'ch', is an exclamation of disgust and extend the final syllable (as in 'chi cheeee').



#India Of My Dreams

It's been an unremitting journey as India has unwaveringly stood in the Line of developing nations. It's certainly a topic worth retrospection and there are a variety of factors that contribute to it which I'd like to abbreviate as HODSCOPE.

My dream India believes in the clear need for a robust primary care which is accessible, affordable and encourages people to lead HEALTHIER lives. Our primary aim is to overcome OVERPOPULATION with justice and compassion. We can't choose the caste, or religion we're born into, so we've got no rights to DISCRIMINATE. SUPERSTITION: I envisage a nation which clearly disregards blind faiths and implements anything only after it's proven to be for the good of the society.

We're in an untiring yet utopian process of eliminating CORRUPTION by ensuring morality and transparency. I envision an India which is upgrading, advancing, and modernizing at a speedy pace with the world, whilst keeping the goodness of culture in mind and disapproving a static OLD-SCHOOL mindset. India is far from free as even after 60+ years, neediness is enormously pervasive.

I, being a part of the Gen Z wish to live in a country which is self-sufficient, POVERTY free, and which is a major hub of quality EDUCATION. Such ideas of the young generation if motivated leads to clear ideologies, paves way for policies and finally ignites actions making India a healthier, happier, peaceful, prosperous, and secure place to live in. That's when The India of My Dreams Will Be Complete!

Shreedevi Mohan, AS Level,
Indian Youth,
ISWki, The DICE.



सत्यमेव जयते



Hrithika Jariwala, 4C,
Artist,
ISWki, The DICE.



When many cultures were only nomadic forest dwellers, Indians were the only ones to establish a culture which was the Harappan culture in Sindhu Valley (Indus valley civilization).

Saikarthik Sitaraman, 7C

During World War II, the Taj Mahal was disguised as a bamboo stockpile.

Palak Singhvi, 7D

The highest rail bridge in the world is located in J&K, India.

Aarya Raina, 7C

India used to be an island more than 100 million years ago? About 50 million years ago, it collided with the Asian continent and thus was born the Himalayas.

Manhar Singh Ajmani, 7D

It is believed that the first ever diamond recognized and mined was found in India among huge alluvial deposits of the stone on the bank of rivers Krishna and Godavari. Some of the world's biggest diamonds, even today, are still found in India.

Agastya Vijay Kumar Raghvani, 7C

The popular game, Snakes and Ladders was originated in India.

Kaivalya Hitesh Akarte, 7D

Karni Mata Temple is also known as the Temple of Rats. The temple is famously home to approximately 25,000 black rats that live, and are revered, in the temple. Eating food that has been nibbled on by the rats is considered to be a "high honour". If one of them is killed, it must be replaced with another one made of solid silver.

Agrim Gaur, 7C

People in India were known to use the pulp of a fruit called soapberries combined with some herbs and hibiscus flowers as early as the 1500s. That's when the British colonial traders came to know about it and introduced the idea of shampooing your hair to Europe. In fact, even the word "Shampoo" itself is derived from the Indian word "Champo" in Sanskrit, which means to press or massage.

Aneesa Kakar, 7D

Home of a mysterious skeleton lake - Located in the Himalayas at about 16,470 feet, the glacial Lake Roopkund has become famous for the human skeletons found in the lake and surrounding areas.

Darsh Daivik, 7C

India is the top country in the number of cattle and buffaloes in the world. As of 2020, the number of cattle and buffaloes in India was 305,500 thousand heads that accounts for 33.38% of the world's number of cattle and buffaloes.

Arnav Goel, 7D

i Love My
SCHOOL
FAMILY

I Ask me Anything!
I am here for you!

Solution:

Dear Students,

All the questions that come to you and your friends mind are correct and a natural way to explore your friendships as you both grow.

You are both in your pre-teens and in this adolescence stage friendships go through a natural progression, where fights and arguments and making up are natural. This is a stage where you learn to understand each other better. Some friends will come and go and along the way you will make new ones.

If your friendship is real and true and both value each other, you will both always patch up and find a way back, no matter what, as both know the importance of each other.

So enjoy this wonderful stage of friendship !!

Problem:

Dear Counsellor,

We are 2 friends (Pre-teens), and writing a joint letter to you. We are friends who enjoy each other's company most of the time, however, there are times when we just want to punch each other in the head... and then a heated argument starts, followed by a period of not talking to each other... and then a point when we say sorry and pretend all is back to good and we are soon on the next topic giggling and sharing jokes...

We are worried, what if the next time we fight... What if we can't find our way back to our friendship? What if we lose our friendship? Would we be broken as individuals, what should we do? How should we treat each other if the friendship breaks apart? Help us, please.



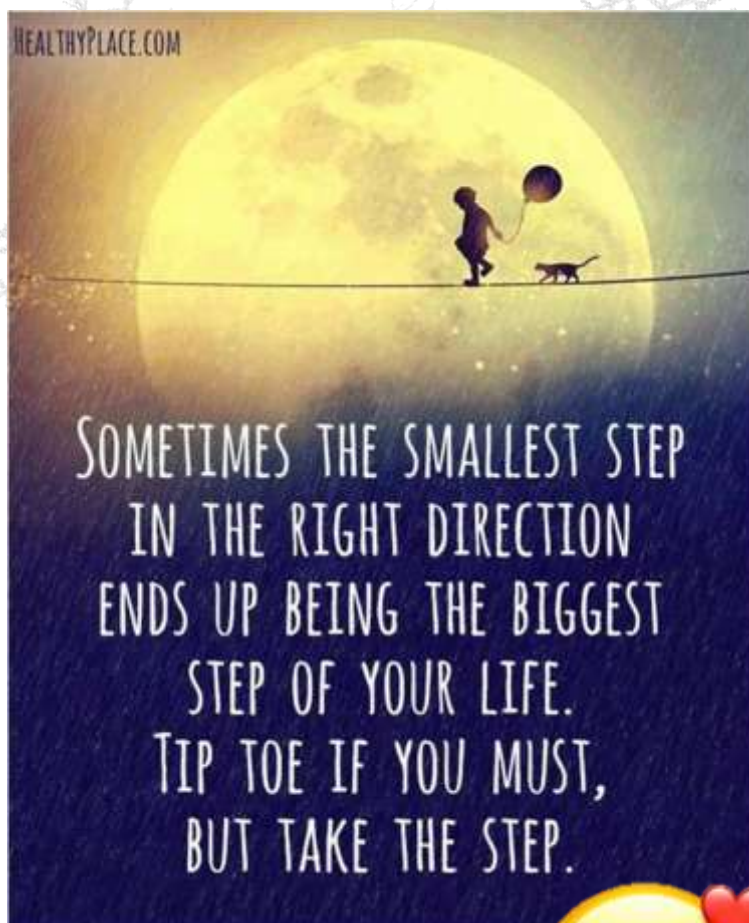
Friendships
that have survived
the test of
time & change
are the absolute best.
©notsalmon.com

Friendship is born at that moment
when one person says to another:

“What! You too?
I thought that no
one but myself . . .”

-C. S. Lewis

Much love,
Ms. Rashmi Patankar,
Student Counsellor



Hi there, did you know that taking breaks actually accelerates your brain power! This winter break along with the wonderful weather has been the much needed holiday we all desired for.

Students are not just blobs of mindless flesh, at least the ones at ISWki are highly motivated, informed and inspired to look at the world with ideas that can change and make it a better place! This edition has been exciting for me to put together, especially when we saw all the creative minds contributing to The DICE with facts, fiction, art and tickles.

I feel nostalgic, it has been 2 years since we started and this is our 6th Edition with 75 contributors – 73 students (most contributions 2 date), 1 teacher, 1 guest. It makes my heart swell with pride to see both the school and The DICE grow and I humbly appreciate each and every student, teachers and parents for supporting us and enduring with us as we build up!

As always, I am grateful for Principal Sanjay sir for trusting us and giving us this opportunity to work on the learner's e-paper and to Aeman ma'am for guiding us.



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