



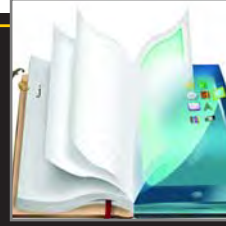
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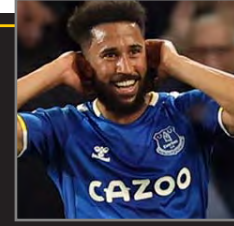
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Environmental damage usually hurts mostly those who are least protected – the poorest and the most-marginalised people, and the poorest nations, which often have barely any means to respond. The interlinked crises of pollution, climate change and biodiversity act as threat multipliers, amplifying conflicts, tensions and structural inequalities, and force people into increasingly vulnerable situations. In fact, as these environmental threats intensify, they will eventually constitute the single greatest challenge to human rights in our era. Addressing the world's environmental crisis is a humanitarian imperative, a human rights imperative, a peace-building imperative and a development imperative
Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights



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QUAD SUMMIT

WHAT IS IT? Comprising the US, India, Australia and Japan, the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QSD) or Quad Group is an inter-governmental security forum, which was conceived in 2007. PM Narendra Modi will participate in the first in-person summit of the Quad leaders in Washington on September 24, which is expected to broadly focus on the contemporary global challenges, including ways to ensure a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific.

WHY WAS IT FORMED? Officially, the group was conceived as a space to co-operate for safeguarding joint security and other interests in the Indo-Pacific region. However, according to observers, the Quad is geared to counter China's military and economic rise seen in recent decades. In fact, China considers the Quad as an attempt to contain its ambitions, and looks at the group as a possible 'Asian NATO' of the future.



X-PLAINED

HOW QUAD SERVES INDIA'S INTERESTS

countries on various issues, such as ensuring respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty and peaceful resolution of disputes

2 Observers say, it will promote economic growth with a better market adaptation, thereby increasing India's employment opportunities

3 Importantly, cooperation in the defence field among the Quad members through joint patrols, exchange of strategic information, etc, can help India boost its naval capabilities, military reconnaissance as well as technology and surveillance capabilities

1 According to experts, Quad provides India with a powerful platform to advance East Asia's interests, further strengthening its 'Act East' policy and seek cooperation from like-minded

Not an equal world: Facebook shields VIPs from some of its own rules



Facebook exempts certain celebrities, politicians and other high-profile users from some of its own rules for posts as part of a programme launched as a quality-control mechanism, the 'Wall Street Journal' reported on Monday.

The programme, referred to as 'cross check' or 'XCheck', shields millions of elite users from rules that Facebook claims "applies equally", according to a report citing internal documents

■ The WSJ article reports that some users are 'white-listed' (given protection from enforcement actions) while in other cases, reviews of potentially-problematic content simply fail to take place

■ 'White-listed' accounts have shared claims that Hillary Clinton had covered up 'pedophile rings', and ex US President Donald Trump had called all refugees seeking asylum "animals", according to the report

■ XCheck grew to include at least 5.8 million users in 2020, the report indicated

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JEE-Advanced registrations deferred again due to delay in JEE-Mains results

The registrations for the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE)-Advanced for admission to the IITs were, on Monday, deferred again due to delay in the announcement of JEE-Mains results. The registration process was to begin last week but the delay in Mains result meant that dates had to be pushed back to Monday. But even that was deferred.



■ The Indian Institute of Technology(IIT), Kharagpur, which is conducting the JEE-Advanced this year, has not announced a new date for registration and has asked candidates to wait for an update
■ The JEE-Advanced is scheduled to be conducted on October 3

IN OTHER NEWS

WHO's approval for Covaxin likely this month

The World Health Organisation's approval for the indigenous Covid-19 vaccine, Covaxin, developed by the Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech, is likely to come this month, official sources said on Monday.



■ The WHO has so far approved Covid vaccines developed by Pfizer-BioNTech, US pharma majors Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, China's Sinopharm and Oxford-AstraZeneca for emergency use

■ Covaxin is one of the six vaccines that have received emergency use authorisation from India's drug regulator and is being used in the nationwide inoculation programme, along with Covishield and Sputnik V

AFTER 40 YEARS, ABBA SONG AMONG UK TOP 10 SINGLES

After 40 long years, Swedish pop legends ABBA have reached the UK Top 10 Singles chart. The band's latest song 'Don't Shut Me Down' (Polar) scored to No. 9 on the Official UK Singles Chart. The track was streamed 2.3 million times in the UK during the latest cycle, and it's the second-most downloaded song of the week, the OCC report said.



■ ABBA was formed in Stockholm in 1972 by Agnetha Feltskog, Björn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson, and Anni-Frid Lyngstad. The group's name is an acronym of the first letters of their first names. Widely considered as one of the greatest musical groups of all time, they became one of the most commercially successful acts in the history of popular music, topping the charts worldwide from 1974 to 1983. They have achieved 44 hit singles.

■ The band is one of the best-selling music artistes of all time, only surpassed by The Beatles and Elvis Presley, according to the Official Charts Company, with its total sales worldwide estimated at nearly 400 million albums by September 2021.



Bieber gives way to Blackpink on YouTube

YouTube has announced that K-pop superstars Blackpink have become the most-subscribed artiste on the video channel, surpassing Justin Bieber with their 65.5 million subscribers. According to YouTube, Blackpink earned more than 9.7 billion views from around the world in just the past year. Bieber currently has 65.1 million subscribers.

BTS follows with 57.7 million, then Marshmello with 53.8 million, and Ariana Grande with 49.6 million subscribers to round out the top five.

Blackpink is a South Korean girl group formed by YG Entertainment. The group debuted in August 2016 with their single album 'Square One', which featured 'Whistle' and 'Boombayah'

Children with comorbidities between ages 12 and 17 may get vaccine by October-November

Children with comorbidities may be able to get vaccinated as soon as October-November. Official sources have said to TOI, that children between the ages 12 and 17 that have comorbidities like heart diseases, obesity or immune disorders will be eligible for the vaccine by then.

The only vaccine that has the required emergency approval to be used for children is the Zydus Cadila vaccine. Supplies of the vaccine ZyCov-D are likely to begin in October.





Beginning the journey of learning in an alphabetical order, Times NIE takes you through one concept from each subject every week



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CLASSROOMS TO EXPERIENCE ZONES

CHEMISTRY

OXYGEN

Oxygen (atomic number 8 and symbol O) is one of those elements you simply can't live without. The most widely-talked about gas in the year 2021—with a massive shortage in supply in hospitals amid Covid-19—constitutes 2/3rd of the mass of the human body and is therefore, the most abundant element in our body, by mass.



Oxygen was the atomic weight standard for the other elements until 1961 when it was replaced by carbon 12. The atomic weight of oxygen is 15.999, which is usually rounded up to 16.00 in chemistry



FUN EXPERIMENT WITH OXYGEN

RELIGHTING A CANDLE

When you light a candle, gas from the melting wax combines with the oxygen in the air to create a flame. The smoke produced contains chemicals from the wax, which will also burn. You can use this smoke to relight the candle.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: 1 candle, matches

or a lighter

THE EXPERIMENT: Light the candle then blow it out. Before the smoke dissipates, hold the flame from a match to the top of the stream of smoke. The flame will leap down the smoke and ignite the wick again. **CAUTION:** All experiments to be conducted under adult supervision

HOW IS OXYGEN PRODUCED?

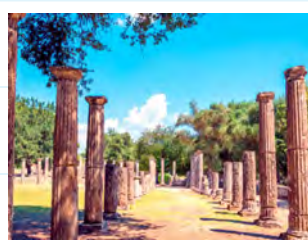
Dry air is about 21% oxygen, 78% nitrogen, and 1% other gases. While oxygen is relatively abundant in the atmosphere, it is so reactive that it's unstable and must be constantly replenished by photosynthesis from plants. Although you might guess trees are the main producers of oxygen, it is believed about 70% of free oxygen comes from photosynthesis by green algae and cyanobacteria. Without life acting to recycle oxygen, the atmosphere would contain very little of the gas!

HOW CAN WE CREATE OXYGEN AT HOME?

One way to purify oxygen is to distill it from liquefied air. An easy way to make oxygen at home is to put a fresh leaf in a cup of water in a sunny spot. See the bubbles forming on the edges of the leaf? Those contain oxygen. Oxygen may also be obtained through the electrolysis of water (H₂O). Running a strong enough electric current through water gives the molecules enough energy to break the bonds between hydrogen and oxygen, releasing pure gas of each element.

GEOGRAPHY

OLYMPIA



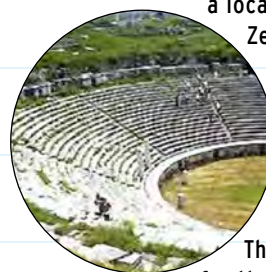
Olympia is located near the western coast of the Peloponnese peninsula of southern Greece, 10 miles (16 km) inland from the

Ionian Sea, near a point where the Alpheus (Alfios) and Cladeus (Kladios) rivers meet. Set amid an idyllic countryside consisting of low, wooded hills alternating with farmland, the Olympia archaeological site is of outstanding cultural significance. It was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1989.



& THE HISTORY

The history of Olympia is strongly connected to the Olympic Games. Historical records indicate that the games began in 776 BC as a local festival to honour God Zeus. However, along the centuries, these games gained more and more popularity and all city-states of Greece would send their finest men to participate in the games. This event was so important for the ancient world that all warfares would stop for a month so that the towns would send their best youth to participate in the games.



OLYMPICS WAS A MANLY GAME!

The games would take place in the stadium and people would watch them from the hills around it. All athletes were male and women were not allowed to participate or watch the games; women were forbidden under the penalty of death to part take in the games or even watch them as a spectator. The only woman who could watch the games, and in fact from a privileged spot, was the priestess of the temple of Demeter in Olympia!

A MATTER OF PRIDE AND HONOUR

There were no seats for the spectators and all people regardless of their social state would sit on the earth. The Hellanodikai, a body of priests, were responsible to name the winners. The reward of the winning athletes was a crown of a wild olive tree, which was enough to honor him, his family and his city for decades. In fact, it was such an honor for a town to born an Olympic winner that they pulled down even a part of their city walls, as the town would be protected by the winner.

THE MODERN OLYMPICS

Unfortunately, in 393 AD, the Olympic Games were suspended by the Byzantine Emperor Theodosius, as it was considered a pagan custom. The revival of the Olympic Games in the modern era was an idea of the French Baron Pierre de Coubertin, who founded the International Olympic Committee in 1894 and only two years later, in 1896, the first modern Olympic Games took place in Athens, at the renovated Panathenaic Stadium. Since then, the games take place every 4 years in a different place in the world every time.



LANGUAGE

OXYMORON

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HOW ABOUT SOME BITTER CHOCOLATE?

Imagine tasting a piece of cake that is so delicious, it is almost painfully tasty! The fact that 'painfully tasty' sounds contradictory is no coincidence. In fact, the phrase is the perfect example of what is, an oxymoron.

Most instances when two words diametrically opposite words are used in conjunction together can be categorised as an oxymoron. Like sometimes when there is so much silence in a room that it starts to bother you, you may call it a 'deafening silence' – that would be another classic example of an oxymoron.

The interesting fact is that an oxymoron can even exist within single words. The often used 'bittersweet' is a great example of an oxymoron within a single word. At the other end of the spectrum are phrases that are more than two words. 'Agree to disagree' is one such example.

My personal favourite oxymorons are when an adjective and a noun are combined. There are countless examples of these; some that come to mind are – loud whisper, friendly fire, true lies and perfect imperfections.

An oxymoron is a powerful and creative tool when it comes to writing fiction as well as non-fiction pieces. It endows one language and writing with a creative expression that conveys the writer's thoughts in an imaginative, innovative manner. Oxymorons also convey some of life's more complex emotions, situations where there is a grey area and not all is black and white.

TEACHER PROMPT: Ask the class to try and come up with own phrases and see if they qualify as oxymorons

MATHS

By Sandeep Srivastava
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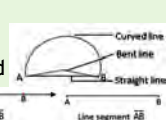
ORGANISING VISUALLY

Geometry is a means of quantification through visually representing quantities. Points are one of the most fundamental and among the oldest 'idea' and concepts in math, they are the 'beginning of geometry'. All geometric figures (such as square, circle, cube) are simply a collection of points! According to Euclid, 'Father of Geometry', 'A point is that which has no part'; a point is not definable.

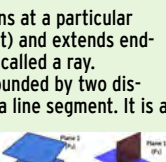
Points

Points are usually represented by dots. A point has an exact position or location on a plane and represents a specific place, but it has no dimensions.

Line, segment, and ray
Lines are the simplest geometric figures formed



by joining points. A line has at least two points and can be made of an endless number of points. The line joining two points could be straight, bent, or curved. The shortest line between any pair of points is always a straight line; if the line is not the shortest, it would have bends or curves. Line is a one-dimensional geometric figure. Euclid defined it as a 'breadth-less length'. Lines extend endlessly in both directions or lines could have a single small case letter as a name. A part of a line that begins at a particular point (called the endpoint) and extends endlessly in one direction is called a ray. A part of a line that is bounded by two distinct endpoints is called a line segment. It is a line segment, as in the picture.



What is a plane?

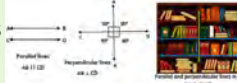
A plane is two-dimensional flat surface, it has no thickness and extends indefinitely in all directions unless specified. 0-dimensional points, 1-dimensional lines, and two-dimensional figures come alive on them. The surface of a smooth wall, sheet of paper or a smooth black board are examples of a plane. Planes can be parallel to each



other, or intersecting. When a plane is defined by dimensions, it is called a plane figure.

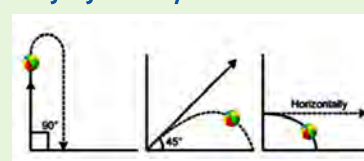
Perpendicular lines

When two lines intersect each other at 90° angle, they are called perpendicular lines. Two perpendicularly intersecting lines make four 90° angles at the point of intersection, making a total of 360° at the point of intersection.



Parallel lines are straight lines in the same plane that remain equidistant from each other and never meet. **Angles** are plane figures that are simple, open, and are made when two straight lines/rays/line segment meet each other at a point called vertex.

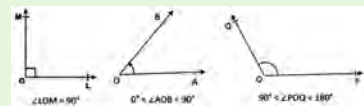
Using angles in daily life



The farthest distance a ball can go is determined by the angle at which it is thrown. Which of the chairs would you sit on while working?

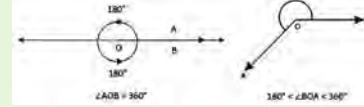


Which of the slides will be the most dangerous (or thrilling)?



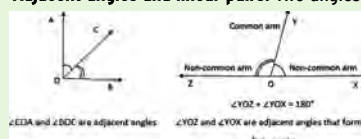
Acute, Obtuse and Right angles

An angle whose measurement is 90° is called a right angle. Acute angles are more than 0° but less than 90°. Obtuse angles are more than 90° but less than 180°. **Complete and reflex angle**
A 360° angle is called a complete angle.



Reflex angles are more than 180° but less than 360°

Adjacent angles and linear pairs: Two angles



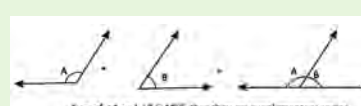
are said to be adjacent if, have a common vertex, a common arm, the other two non-common arms. Two adjacent angles form a linear pair if their non-common arms form a straight line.

Vertically opposite angles are formed when two lines intersect each other.



Complementary angles: Two angles are complementary if their sum adds up to 90°. The angles do not have to be together.

Supplementary angle
When angles add up to make 180°, they are



called supplementary.

Angles made by a transversal and their properties
The word 'transverse' means a line that intersects two or more lines. In the images below, AB || CD, line EF is a transversal that cuts them. Transversal on parallel lines have several universal properties.

1. The sum of consecutive interior angles is always 180°. If the consecutive interior angles are supplementary, the lines would be parallel.

Consecutive interior angles $\angle 3 + \angle 6 = 180^\circ$
Consecutive interior angles $\angle 4 + \angle 5 = 180^\circ$

2. Corresponding angles are equal.

Corresponding angles $\angle 1 = \angle 5$ Corresponding $\angle 3 = \angle 7$

Corresponding angles $\angle 2 = \angle 6$ Corresponding $\angle 4 = \angle 8$

3. The sum of adjacent angles is 180°.

$\angle 1 + \angle 2 = 180^\circ$, $\angle 2 + \angle 3 = 180^\circ$, $\angle 3 + \angle 4 = 180^\circ$, $\angle 4 + \angle 5 = 180^\circ$, $\angle 5 + \angle 6 = 180^\circ$, $\angle 6 + \angle 7 = 180^\circ$, $\angle 7 + \angle 8 = 180^\circ$, $\angle 8 + \angle 1 = 180^\circ$

4. Alternate interior angles are equal.

Alternate interior angles $\angle 3 = \angle 5$ Alternate interior angles $\angle 4 = \angle 6$

Alternate exterior angles $\angle 2 = \angle 8$ Alternate exterior angles $\angle 1 = \angle 7$

ECONOMICS

OPPORTUNITY COST

Opportunity costs represent the potential benefits an individual, investor, or business misses out on when choosing one alternative over another. It like saying, What do economists think about strawberry smoothies? That depends on how good the kiwi flavour is instead—plus a range of other choices. Which actually stirs up the idea of opportunity cost.

In Everyday Life...

"Opportunity cost is the value of the next-best alternative when a decision is made; it's what is given up," explains Andrea Caceres-Santamaria, senior economic education specialist at the St Louis Fed, in a recent Page One Economics: Money and



THE THREE Qs

How much do I value this?
What am I giving up now to have this?
What am I giving up in future to have this now?

TEACHER PROMPT: Ask the class to try and come up with some examples of opportunity cost and enact it

Missed Opportunities.

Key Takeaways

- Opportunity cost is the forgone benefit that would have been derived by an option not chosen.
- To properly evaluate opportunity costs, the costs and benefits of every option

available must be considered and weighed against the others.

Considering the value of opportunity costs can guide individuals and organizations to more profitable decision-making.

For example, if a company pursues a particular business strategy without first

considering the merits of alternative strategies available to them, they might therefore fail to appreciate their opportunity costs. Although the company's chosen strategy might turn out to be the best one available, it is also possible that they could have done even better had they chosen another path.

EXAMPLE:

You go to a store and you can buy an iPod or bread. You choose bread and buy it. The Opportunity Cost is the iPod—the thing you gave up and did not buy (opportunity lost). This is an example of need vs want.



Should students be able to grade their teachers?

Assessment has been an integral part of academia and educational institutions have constantly been in a flux with the introduction of neoteric methods of assessment time and again. Every school has a policy of grading or assessing their students. This norm of grading seems to be widely accepted even though the process may differ with respect to different institutions. However, have we ever thought what if the teachers were also to be assessed, and that too by the students? How would it be? Would the teachers be comfortable getting report cards from students? Would the students be transparent enough while doing this assessment? Can it be possible? Will this be of importance or will the students lose respect for their gurus/facilitators/guides/teachers?

Multi-national corporations often adopt the system of a 360-degree appraisal, wherein an employee is not just rated by the superior, but by their peers, juniors and even their own selves. The intent behind such a system is to ensure that the assessment is fair, unbiased, and takes into account as many dimensions as possible to enhance performance of the employee in the best way possible.



VIBHA KHOSLA, Principal, Shri Ram Global School, Delhi West

To place a similar system in schools could do wonders, provided it is implemented with care. The other question that arises then, is to ensure that the assessment must be effective and of good quality. Given timely, it could be relevant, informative and focused on the behaviour which could perhaps, lead to a positive change. Structuring the assessment in a standardised way to holistically recognise and reward the good work in the form of appreciation, must also be ensured.

While students can convey how their knowledge, capabilities, skills and competencies were enhanced through the teaching methodology, the teachers can use this knowledge to build or modify their teaching strategies, making the teaching style truly learner-centric. Such a feedback also harbours the propensity to strengthen the rapport and relationship between the student and the teacher.

While students continue to strive and excel in scholastic as well as non-scholastic activities, teachers can learn to restructure or reorient their teaching methodology in order to impart unexcelled knowledge to the 21st century learner.

COORG The best place to connect with nature

Coorg is the hill of happiness and calm, the medicine for stress. I went there too, with my parents a couple of summers back. The place welcomed us with its ice-cold breeze spreading like a blanket over us. Nights were awfully chill but fun to be in, as we don't experience a cold climate here in Chennai. Riding in the rough waters of the Kaveri river was an exciting experience, though it was slightly scary too, with the boat rocking all the time. Elephant camps were not really of my interest until I visited the Dubare camp. Clicking photos with those gentle giants was simply spectacular. Nothing beats

staying in a cosy hotel after a long day, with room service and tasty food, yep, exactly my thing. When I opened the windows of our room there, I saw a beautiful sight covered with fog, mountains and greenery. The clouds floated in our lawn area. It was such a heavenly sight. I was pumped when I went to the bamboo forest next. I entered through the wobbly



S K SOWMYA DURGA, class VII, Shree Niketan Patasala, Mannivakkam

hanging bridge straight into the trees. I also rode on a fabulous zip line, sliding on a rope tied to the highest point of trees on both sides. Honestly, it was incredible, even though I screamed a little like Mowgli! We also went to some viewpoints, one of my favourites was the Raja seat, where you stand on a platform with colourful tiles and look at the fog covering the mountains. At last, we saw the Raja's tomb with its splendid, ancient architectural work. We also bought some tasty natural coffee and some remarkable chocolates to take back home and munch along.



Dewang Mehta Memorial Inter-School IT Symposium held

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Copernicus Marg's Mehta Vidyalaya hosted the Dewang Mehta Memorial inter school IT symposium recently in collaboration with NASSCOM.

The 21st edition of this mega event saw an overwhelming response from 45 leading schools of India including Bhavan's schools pan India and six international schools.

Debjani Ghosh, president NASSCOM and a veteran of the technology industry was the chief guest. Sangeeta Gupta, senior vice president, NASSCOM was the guest of honour.



Dr Anju Tandon, principal Mehta Vidyalaya accorded a warm welcome. Ashok Pradhan, director Bhavan's Delhi Kendra in his address spoke about how this event carries forward late Dewang Mehta's vision and commemorates his 59th birth anniversary this year.

Debjani Ghosh, chief

guest, congratulated the staff and students for smooth conduct of this illustrious competition and for its continued growth each year.

Indraprastha World School, Paschim Vihar bagged the winner's trophy with Bhavan's Vidyalaya, Panchkula standing as the runners-up.

Virtual mini Olympics fest at Manav Sthali

As the Tokyo Olympics 2020 took place in July-August 2021, Manav Sthali Global School, Double Storey too aimed to make the children realise and comprehend the need and importance of such sports events to build a healthy and active world.

Essentially Olympics are a celebration of friendship, unity and peace. To prove this adage correct, a virtual two week Olympics themed sustainable learning



platform was provided to the little fledglings mainly to help and encourage them to teach qualities of leadership, discipline, sharing, teamwork, honesty and tolerance in their respective lives. With the parents' support, the teachers took charge of acquainting these little stalwarts about sports through various visual activities and worksheet modules via different subjects that involved all kinds of outdoor and indoor sports.

Children were taught and conveyed with the central message of friendship and peace to keep alive the spirit of never giving up and turning their dreams into reality.

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MDPS celebrates Founder's day



Keeping up with tradition, this year Mother Divine Public School, Rohini fraternity assembled in the school premises to pay tribute to the founder of the school Manohar Lal Budhbraja on the occasion

of Founder's Day on September 6.

A hawan was organised in his memory followed by prasad.

The whole atmosphere vibrated with spirituality which made everyone gratified at the noble profession of education.

VSPK celebrates International day of charity

To inculcate the values of kindness and empathy among the young learners VSPK International School, Rohini celebrated International Day of Charity on September 5 under the guidance of

the chairman SK Gupta, manager Pramila Gupta, directors Kapil Gupta and Pankaj Gupta. The event was unfurled by principal Dr Shipra Kumar, with impactful inputs by the academic coordinator Priti Pas-

richa and in charge Anuradha Arora. The budding learners donated clothes, soft toys, food to the people in need and contributed to bringing out a smiling curve on the faces



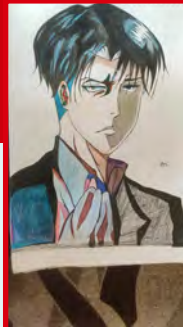
of others.

All of them felt satisfied on experiencing the joy they were in after they donated and saw the smiles and gratitude in the people's eyes.

Student Corner



AADI, class VI, DAV Public School, Sec 14 Faridabad



AANSHI GUPTA, class V, Rukmini Devi Public School, Pitampura



AAYUSH BANSAL, class V, Rukmini Devi Public School, Pitampura

BOOKS HAVE LOST THEIR CHARM AS E-BOOKS ARE THE WAY TO GO

I will be honest. I love paper books. We all grew up reading those. The way they feel, their smell, that feeling when you turn the last page, the texture of paper and that fantastic, exciting, humbling feeling you get entering a library full of them, I love it all! But soon, I realised that saving paper was more important to me than how a book made me feel. Once I was clear about that in my head, I could only see the various advantages e-books offer. To begin with, you save tremendous space, and you don't feel sad because your paper book is slowly reaching the end of its life. Your books are easily portable and

readable on multiple devices. You don't have to worry about hoarding them in boxes. I have had the same trusty old Kindle for many years now. I can read on it comfortably, lying down, switch between books easily, not worry about it taking up space in my tiny bag. I take it pretty much anywhere I want, and at any given point in time, it can contain more books than I can fit in all of my family's bookshelves put together. It's not the hundreds of physical books that are now my best friends. It's my Kindle. The only disadvantage I see is that I can not have an author autograph their book for me. But hey, I like selfies too!

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With the onset of the pandemic and the whole world changing its direction to digital resources, we see people opting for electronic alternatives to everyday chores and routines. electronic books might be a hassle-free alternative to going out and buying/getting books, but in my opinion, nothing could beat the experience of reading something in print. A good page-turner could keep you engrossed for hours, even days, and electronic devices tend to harm the user's health who uses them without any limits. Furthermore, e-books contain links to help the reader, but rather, they are a distraction. Hence, e-books would not be a viable alternative for a bibliophilic approach to reading books. Not everything will stay the same forever; same goes with the world of books. While there are many positives in opting for e-books, I couldn't agree with the notion that books have lost their charm with the arrival of e-books as there are still many people who long for the feel of a good print in their hands. As Charles W Eliot once said, "Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers", so it does not make much of a difference as to where or how you read a book, as long as it serves its purpose.



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EVERTON GOAL RUSH STUNS BURNLEY

Hosts appear battered but turn match around to prevail 3-1 in EPL

Everton produced a remarkable comeback with three goals inside seven minutes to beat Burnley 3-1 in the English Premier League. Everton looked battered and beaten after Ben Mee marked his 200th Premier League appearance with the opening goal in the 53rd minute.

However, within the space of 379 seconds - which included a tactical substitution and formation change - the hosts turned the match on its head via a Michael Keane header against his former club, a stunner from Andros Townsend, and a clinical one-on-one from fellow new arrival Demarai Gray. And all this was achieved without last season's leading scorer Dominic Calvert-Lewin, who is likely to

be out for at least two to three weeks with a broken toe and thigh injury.

Achieving one come-from-behind win, at home against Southampton on the opening day of the season, after all their previous problems, might be considered fortunate. To do it twice in successive matches points to something else; an engendering of resolve and resilience to dig deeper and fight for the shirt, something the Goodison Park faithful have felt has been missing for some time.

Fighting spirit evident

■ After Mee ran through a crowd of blue shirts to head home from close range, Everton's fighting spirit emerged in a crazy period kicked off by Keane powerfully

flicking home a near-post header from Townsend's cross. Manager Rafael Benítez immediately made a change to 4-3-3, withdrawing center back Ben Godfrey for midfielder Andre Gomes, and the match changed in an instant.

■ Doucoure featured heavily as first he picked out Townsend from the halfway line and the winger cut inside onto his left foot to lash home a brilliant, looping, dipping shot. He then sliced Burnley apart with a through-ball to send Gray racing through to make it 3-1 and the Frenchman was denied a deserved goal himself only by an offside flag as Everton ran riot.

■ It is four matches unbeaten now for Benítez and victory lifted Everton into fourth but level on 10 points with Manchester United, Chelsea and Liverpool. **AP**

Demarai Gray and Andros Townsend have quality and are good pros. They are keen to learn, even Andros at his age. The main thing in this team, everyone said we needed wingers. Richarlison did a great job also and the two wingers helped the striker do better. When we scored our goal, we had more confidence, played 4-3-3, created more chances and could have scored more goals. Really pleased with the connection between the team and the fans. We are looking to build a fortress here.

Everton manager RAFA BENITEZ



Michael Keane

Photo: AFP



Photo: REUTERS

Demarai Gray

KOHLI TO BE CAPTAIN IN ALL THREE FORMATS

BCCI says no question of change as long as team doing well

Virat Kohli will continue to captain India in all three formats, a top national cricket board official said Tuesday, after speculation that the batting great could be replaced as skipper for limited-overs games.

Kohli's recent sketchy form with the bat has led to reports that changes could be made after the T20 World Cup, which begins next month in the United Arab Emirates. But Kohli received a vote of confidence from Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah. "There is no such proposal (to re-

place Kohli) and the team is led by Virat and we are backing him," said Shah. "We are sensitive to the fact that such a proposal is not in the interest of Indian team when it will take part in a World Cup," Shah told website Cricbuzz.

Media have reported that opening batsman Rohit Sharma could take over as Twenty20 and 50-over captain and that the change had been discussed by the BCCI. "As long as a team is performing, the question of change in captaincy doesn't arise," Shah was reported as saying.

India have not lost a Twenty20 series under Kohli, but they have failed to win either the 50-over Champions Trophy,

World Cup or T20 World Cup since he became white ball captain in 2017. Kohli led India to a landmark Test series win in Australia in January and they were leading 2-1 in England when the fifth and final Test was controversially cancelled last week because of a coronavirus outbreak in the tourists' camp.

Shah said India have offered to play two extra T20 matches in England next July in place of the cancelled Test. The England board suffered huge financial losses due to the cancellation. "Instead of three T20Is, we will play five T20Is. Alternately, we will play a one-off Test as well. It is up to them to choose." **AFP**

LOVE PLAYING AUS FOR THEIR COMPETITIVENESS: SMRITI MANDHANA

India opening batter Smriti Mandhana has said that her side loves playing against Australia as the ultra competitiveness of the Southern Stars rubs off on the Girls in Blue. India and Australia will be locking horns in a multi-format series, comprising three ODIs, a one-off day-night Test and three T20Is. The first ODI will be on September 21.

"We all love playing against Australia, because they are one of the best teams in the world and quite competitive. When it comes to Australia, you're a bit more pumped because the level of competitiveness of the Australian team just rubs off on us and we also start being extra competitive," Mandhana said. "Australian wickets have a true bounce and I think everyone loves batting in Australia. No one will tell you they



Smriti Mandhana

don't like batting in Australia. We are all just really happy to play cricket," she added.

"The team has grown massively. COVID was a big break after the T20 World Cup and a lot of girls had a chance to go back and understand more about their games, where they lack as an individual and come back stronger," said Mandhana. **ANI**

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which of these is not a golf obstacle?

- a. Water
- b. Rough
- c. Hurdle
- d. Trap

Q2: Which coloured clothing and shoes are players required to wear at the Wimbledon Championship courts?

- a. Green
- b. Black
- c. Purple
- d. White

Q3: Which country has a fanatical supporters group that is known as the "Barmy Army"?

- a. England
- b. New Zealand
- c. India
- d. Australia

Q4: Who was the first woman to win tennis's Grand Slam?

- a. Billie Jean King
- b. Maureen Connolly
- c. Margaret Court
- d. Martina Navratilova

Q5: Against which of these countries did Sachin Tendulkar hit his 100th

international century?

- a. Sri Lanka
- b. Bangladesh
- c. Pakistan
- d. South Africa



Sachin Tendulkar

Photo: T01

Q6: Which two countries (men) played the first T20 International tied match?

- a. Ireland and Scotland
- b. Canada and Zimbabwe
- c. New Zealand and West Indies
- d. India and Pakistan

Q7: What is the name of Usain Bolt's main running coach?

- a. Bill Bowerman
- b. Glen Mills
- c. Jerry Thompson
- d. Joel Campbell

Q8: The Centre Court at Wimbledon is also known by what famous postcode?

- a. MW41
- b. SW19
- c. WC12
- d. BS14

Q9: The "Marquess of Queensberry rules" is a code of generally accepted rules in which of these sports?

- a. Chess
- b. Boxing
- c. Hockey
- d. Tennis

ANSWERS: 1. c. Hurdle 2. d. White
 3. a. England 4. b. Maureen Connolly
 5. b. Bangladesh
 6. c. New Zealand and West Indies
 7. b. Glen Mills 8. b. SW19 9. b. Boxing