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## Awakened Doing

*"Sell your cleverness, buy bewilderment"*

Rumi

As I was brooding to get the words out of my pen for this edition's letter, I was a bit confused, rather lost in ramblings to get the right message across at this juncture when we are about to take a much needed and long break. I was reminded of the great Noam Chomsky's words at this point of reflection at my desk. "Our ignorance can be divided into problems and mysteries. When we face a problem, we may not know its solution, but we have insight, increasing knowledge, and an inkling of what we are looking for. When we face a mystery, however, we can only stare in wonder and bewilderment, not knowing what an explanation would even look like."



The VUCA world in which we are living has got us many a time into those two divisions of ignorance. One possible way to learn to live in harmony with these circumstances is to harness the power of "Awakened Doing" suggested by Eckhart Tolle. Awakened doing is the alignment of your outer purpose (what you do) with your inner purpose (awakening). There are three modalities of Awakened Doing: acceptance, enjoyment, and enthusiasm.

### Acceptance:

Acceptance means, for now, this is what this situation, this moment, requires me to do, and so I do it willingly. When you perform an action in this state, you would be at peace while you do it. There is a sense of surrendered action in the state of acceptance.

### Enjoyment:

The peace that comes with surrendered action turns to a sense of aliveness when you actually enjoy what you are doing. When you make the present moment, instead of past and future, the focal point of your life, your ability to enjoy what you do and with it the quality of your life increases dramatically.

### Enthusiasm:

Enthusiasm means there is deep enjoyment in what you do plus the added element of a goal or a vision that you work towards. Enthusiasm knows where it is going, but at the same time, it is deeply at one with the present moment, the source of its aliveness, its joy, and its power.

Let me leave you with peace of my musing on these thoughts.

### *Sketch of Thoughts*

*Sound speaks shallow and  
The silence murmurs sublime  
Guilt is a prison and  
The hope ushers in liberation  
Weather is for myopic and  
The season waits for the visionaries  
Form is temporary and  
The essence lingers eternally  
Yesterday is but a memory and  
Today is the only day alive*

Wish you all a restful, refreshing, and rejuvenating break. May we all be on the road towards awakened doing.

Andaleeb Ishteyaq

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# EDITORIAL DESK

Dear Readers,

We would like to wish you and your family Ramadan Kareem. Congratulations to all our fellow students for starting a New Year of School with hopes and dreams that no matter how limited our options might be, we will do our best to achieve, our dreams.

This year has been splendid, with our students bringing laurels to the school in all possible spheres. Their accomplishment has been vivid. Also, it's time to bid adieu, as our seniors (2021-22) will be leaving soon and we want to take this moment to congratulate them, nevertheless wishing them all the success and prosperity for their future.

From this month's edition onwards, we will be bringing a few changes from our side with the help of constant guidance and support from teachers who have pushed us to present the best articles we can with new creative ideas.

Whether you are a current student, an alumnus, or a member of the staff or administration, we are beholden to you and are open to accept your contributions in the form of new articles to our magazines and even constructive criticism. This magazine is a product of immense love and labour on our part. We hope that it brings as much joy as it does to us.

Finally, I wish to leave you with these words by Margaret Mead, that has been the guiding light for The Team Verve.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

# Highlights from KINDERGARTEN



# Pre-Kg Learning for the Month

## Theme of the Month: Amazing Me

### Literacy

Learners were introduced to each other and each other through the game “who took the cookies from the cookie jar”. Through this game they were also encouraged to speak in simple sentences.



### Math

Oral counting of different numbers was done using different strategies, like clapping hands jumping and playing Simon says.



### UTW

Earth Day celebration was the part of UTW lesson this week.

Learners were introduced to the importance of the day and painted hand prints on the globe. They also took their water cans and watered the plants.



# Kg-1 Learning for the Month

## Theme of the Month: Magical Me

### Literacy

#### Show & Tell:

There is something unique in each individual and that makes everyone different. It makes them distinguish themselves from the crowd!

A little "Introduction to myself" in front of the classmates and teachers was done everyone was happy knowing the other. Everyone made friends too!

#### Name recognition & Introduction to the letter:

This week another milestone was crossed when the students learnt how to recognize the first alphabet of their names. All of their friends' names start with different alphabets and that made each of them so unique, so Magical.

### Math

#### Introduction to Shapes & Color:

Shapes Shapes here and there

Shapes Shapes everywhere...

Little did the students know the world is full of shapes and beautiful colors! Wherever they looked, it was in a shape. The teacher taught them to look at the world from a different perspective and they loved it. The world is full of colors and shapes. Now they know, the classroom door is rectangle and the windows square, the clock is round and their nose a triangle!



## **Kg-2 Learning for the Month**

### **Theme of the Month: Magical Me**

#### **Literacy**

Various concepts that were done in previous class were re-visited once again to consolidate whatever has been learnt till now with special focus on topics that needed constant drilling.

#### **Introduction to Vowels:**

This week another milestone was crossed when they learnt to identify the magical letters a,e,i,o,u which are called vowels and other alphabets as consonants. This taught them how to use 'a' or 'an' before words through different activities.

#### **Math**

Number Sequencing 21 – 40 :

Numbers, numbers all around...

Everywhere they can be found....

I see numbers in clock, I see numbers in my ruler too. I am so excited as now I can write numbers till 40 too.

The math session this week was focused on the revision of previous topics – Place value & numbers before, after & between

#### **UTW**

Identification of body parts:

The students tried to identify different body parts and did the labelling as well. It was fun doing this activity

Events Celebrated

Earth Day - Since Earth Day is about caring for Mother Earth and showing our support for environmental protection, the little Kindergarteners were a personification of Mother Earth by exhibiting the two colors through their dress.

The Pre-KG students were introduced to the importance of Earth Day. They painted their hand prints pledging to save the earth and participated in watering the plants activity.

Nature Dipping Activity - The teacher took them out for the nature walk and a yoga session was conducted. It will help to improve concentration and memory.





# EARTH DAY 2022



## WUDU Sessions



"Cleanliness is next to Godliness"  
an interactive session on Wudu was conducted to teach the little kindergartners the importance of cleaning themselves for salah. The most basic necessity to perform salah is wudu and therefore it is important to know what wudu is, how to perform it and why to do it.

Highlights from  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
GRADE: 6-8



## Mental stability and balance

"Mistakes are meant for learning, not repeating." Learning from this failure is the key. Through the evolution of humans, the passing of civilizations and the growing of generations, we, as a society, have achieved many things and will continue to do so. However, failure is most definitely inevitable but it is educational.

As we all know, overdose of anything has its consequences. The immense harm caused by our creations and inventions has effected this generation and will effect the next. Hence, it cannot be ignored anymore. If we were given the opportunity to move to another planet we should strategize, plan and formulate better and more efficient ways of using our creations. This is the time where we can apply the lessons learnt from our mistakes.

Let's start with designing a city. In order to create a healthy environment, we must be healthy ourselves. Not just physically but mentally. Hence, to implement this, in the new planet, I propose smart and sustainable residential communities where in every house energy is conserved and reused and people stay well connected to nature. I also wish to see innovative and flexible workstations and work timings. A way of doing it is incorporating greenery. Greenery is proven to have many benefits, such as it makes you more calm and relaxed, it reduces anxiety and depression and it increases attentiveness and memory. This feature will make people healthy, clear their minds and improve creativity.

Mental health can also be enhanced through a pure and pollution free atmosphere. A breath of fresh air is all that we need. To achieve that my next idea is to reduce the amount of toxic emissions released and make those which are released healthier for the environment. These emissions can be mixed with other components that reduce its toxicity level before it enters the atmosphere. The reduction of these emissions will be advantageous to our health and the health of the environment.

The main objective of both my ideas is to augment the physical and mental well-being of human beings because I truly believe that the world will be amazing, if the minds of the people are amazing. Having a clear mind and a clear space allows you to think and act with purpose. If we were given the golden chance to move to another planet, I believe that we will be able to create a change and an exceptional future with these innovations.

Dhanvi Biju Menon 8E

## Shape and shine: Now is the time!

Online schooling, organized sports being on pause, physical education classes conducted via Teams/Zoom, closed playgrounds and reduced social contacts have resulted in kids spending more and more of their day sitting in front of a screen. With nowhere to go and no physical activity there wasn't a lot we could do during the pandemic. We couldn't learn the basics of physical fitness in gym class or sign up for neighborhood sports leagues. Now as things are starting to go back to normal and we start onsite school again it is to no surprise that now is the time we need to get back in shape especially as growing kids. Pupils will return to the classroom in need of support to rebuild their confidence, sense of belonging and well-being. After a year of huge disruption and inactivity, schools' essential role in getting them active and nurturing their enjoyment of sport and movement again will never have been more important.

During childhood and adolescence, regular physical activity Improves strength and endurance, helps build healthy bones and muscle, helps control weight and reduces risk of depression. Two years have made a big dent in curricular and co-curricular activities, especially when it comes to physical health now is the time we throw light on this situation and begin working on constructing our fitness goals especially as growing kids. And this is precisely where 'Shape and shine' comes in. An initiative led by the PE department, 'Shape and Shine' appraises students on their physical and mental growth and educates them on the healthy lifestyles to be adopted. It is recommended that young people aged 6 to 17 years participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily and to provide that physical activity, we at JSS Private School have come up with weekly workouts held on Wednesday. It will be held onsite on the field, an experience that most of us missed out on in the last two years. It is now time for us to shape and shine our bodies, minds and outlooks.

Nimisha Tripathi

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## “Autism is not a disability, it is a different ability.”

April is Autism Awareness month, and our school put together a program to raise awareness about autism during which we discussed about autism and many of our JSS students came forward with their quotes about autism. But the quote that attracted me the most was,

“Autism is not a disability, it is a different ability.” This quote made me think about how autistic children are different from us.

As I researched more about it, I found MANY positive pointers of being autistic. People who are autistic are able to read at a very young age! When I read this fact, I was surprised because I only started reading when I was 4 or 5 years old! They can even memorize things very efficiently (I even forget my house keys when I exit my house). They also have AMAZING logical thinking!

They have EXTRAORDINARY focus and attention, just imagine focusing totally on the class without cracking jokes with your friends!

See? They are extremely capable in their own way. These are not the only positive extras an autistic child gets! So, we can DEFINITELY agree with the fact that “Autism is not a disability, it is a difference.” Sure, autistic kids may have issues forming and maintaining a relationship or with sleep but, there are a LOT of plus points of being autistic as mentioned above. Autism is NOT a bad thing as it can give you a lot of will power and you can get into things a lot more than non-autistic people. You might wonder how children with autism act in their day-to-day life. Children that have autism may act unusual or have interest that aren't typical.

They may have behavior such as: hand-flapping, rocking, jumping or twirling. Children who have autism are intelligent in their own ways. Autistic people may have trouble living independently whereas others will be able to live on their own and do their work.

As you can see, autism can be a gift but it can also be a difficulty in some instances. We all may think autistic people can't live like us, but most of them can. They will surely be able to live like us, with us and adapt to us.

It is up to us to be empathetic and learn to live with them. But then again, shouldn't we be the ones adapting to them considering the fact that they are the more intelligent and focused ones?

By: Karthikeyan Murukesh  
(6-D)

# Highlights from HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9 TO 12



# GRADUATION (2021-22)



## Shape and Shine



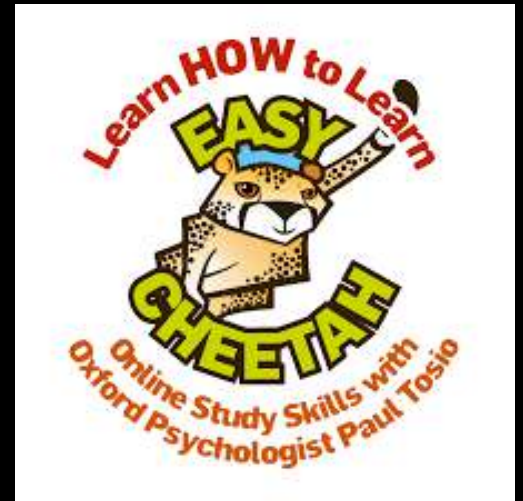
The Sports Department and Health and Safety Committee of JSS PS launched Shape and Shine an initiative for students and staff members, in celebration of World Health Day. The initiative consists of a program where students and staff members will take responsibility of setting and managing their own health goals in line with programs set by the school.





## Session with Paul Taosio

When we first walked into the auditorium, we expected that we'd have a normal session about how to study better. But what we didn't expect was to meet not just an interesting personality, but an entertainer too. Mr Paul Torsio, a leading study skills specialist, enlightened us about our own brilliance and how we are truly smarter than we think. His experience during his own schooling taught us to truly reflect about ourselves. He filled was with laughter and a new-found technique for "quick reading" and to never change the mean, but to change the words! We truly did learn something new.



# Short stories and Current affairs



## Books : Pain or Gain ?

Many of you are probably not going to give this article a second look, perhaps considering it to be boring.

“If you don’t like to read, you haven’t found the right book.” This perfect quote by the bestselling author, J. K. Rowling sums it all up beautifully. Many people like me love to read books and there is also a set of people who überly hate books. I don’t quite understand the concept of why people dislike books.

I believe books are a powerful and persuasive tool that is capable of bringing out the deepest emotions from within you- happiness, laughter, sorrow, anxiety, joy, fun, jealousy, and the most important of them all - empathy. At times they are capable enough to even change your perspective towards life. After probing some of these ‘book haters’, I learned that the primary reason for their dislike for books was that they felt reading was equivalent to studying and instead of immersing themselves in just another book, they would rather spend their ‘precious’ time on gadgets. In my view, books offer a great insight into human nature, human psychology, and experiences of life through the journey of others, besides entertaining us.

There are millions of books in different genres namely suspense, mystery, murder, and thrillers, written by prolific authors like Agatha Christie, Satyajit Ray, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. For fantasy lovers, there are amazing books like Harry Potter, Percy Jackson, Heroes of Olympus, The Mortal Instruments, and so on. The fiction lovers will be enthralled by The Hunger Games Trilogy, The Pet post-Secret, and a list that goes on and on. These books will virtually transport you to the enchanted lands of Hogwarts, Camp half-blood, District 12, Idris, etc., where one encounters many thrilling and adventurous quests and one also learns many important lessons of life from each and every book.

Nowadays we have gadgets such as Kindle where we can read umpteen number of books. But I believe that you get the excitement when you visit a book store lined up with the seemingly endless amount of books, feel the smell of freshly bound books, the feeling that you get when you hold them in your hands, flipping through the pages, having a hard time choosing and then fretting at your mom which one to leave and which one to buy, is truly priceless. The dog-eared pages of the books are a testimony of the fact how immensely a book was read and enjoyed. Then of course there is another set of people who simply carry a popular book around just to appear ‘cool’ even though they know virtually nothing about the book or its contents. Isn’t it amazing to see just a small word as ‘book’ holds so much in itself? Unfortunately, the number of book lovers is fast dwindling. Observers are seemingly alarmed by this dwindling number; it is quite a big issue with even the psychiatrists showing their concern. To attract young readers and to convert ‘book haters’ into ‘book lovers’, some foreign countries have invented the concept of a coffee shop inside the libraries with air conditioners, eatables, and comfortable chairs simply to capture the interest of people and to encourage them to enter the wonderful world of books.

So, next time when it rains and you can’t step out to play, grab a book, take a cushy seat by the window and enjoy yourself. Or when it is nice and sunny, go down to the garden or the lawn and just sit there and read your favorite book! Still waiting! Go! Grab a good book! And get started on the most enchanted journey present on the face of the earth and let your imagination be your guide in all the journeys you take.

Nishtha Jain

12-D



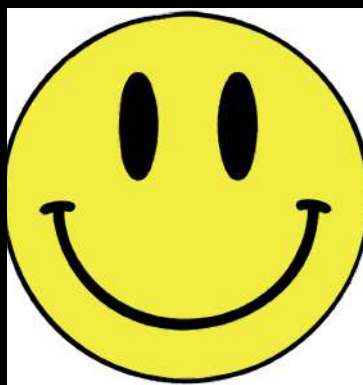
## Winter's Wind

As I lay on the cold, wet grass  
Beside a Cypress tall,  
A flake of snow, as mild as mist  
Upon my cheek did fall.  
And I knew then, walking by the river  
Whose banks filled with sand and flint,  
That the season of snow began  
Upon a winter's wind.  
At night it came to pass, we heard  
That winds had blown past shore,  
And by morning light, earth snowy bright  
Was like never seen before.  
We ran out to the snowscape sweet  
And danced and played till our feet did hurt,  
And scampered home as our breath ran short  
And lay before the stony hearth.  
For months and months, the winds did blow  
Till one fine dawn, they stopped to rest,  
And as the sun rose, they changed their course,  
Sweeping o'er the hills' snow-bound crest.  
And then I knew that winds had changed  
And winter was about to end,  
The trader now had goods to trade,  
The farmer now a field to tend.  
Order was back, and warmth was too  
As cold winds changed and warm ones blew,  
As ice melted down and blessed the earth,  
And gave way to life to rise anew.  
Thus, we knew that spring was abound,  
For birds chirruped and crowed and chimed,  
Yet my heart was stuck in that snowy land  
And I dreamt I was there one more time.  
In my dream, I ran through the fairyland,  
Of mist and snow and ice and hail,  
And then sat basking in the hearth's warmth  
As grandma told a winter's tale.



### Perfect Smile

Sun rises and sets in,  
No changes are seen,  
They all remain the same,  
Something spreading across the sky,  
As fast as the fragrance spreads by,  
Something fills her,  
With an injurious mind,  
But there is always a good side,  
That wasn't noticed,  
Because she wore a mask,  
That perfected her smile,  
Leaving her all alone,  
In the corner.



Nishtha Jain  
12-D

## The Caged Parrot

Once there lived a boy named Adit. He was a very mischievous boy. He always disliked going to his uncle's house. Now the summer vacation had started so his parents decided to go to his uncle's house. Adit refused to go along with them. His father said, "If you get bored over there then we will return soon". Adit finally agreed. When they reached the railway station they were waiting for his uncle. They reached their uncle's house. His uncle said, "From now on, you will take care of the parrot". He was happy and excited. He woke up every day, fed the parrot, played with it and he enjoyed it a lot. After a few days, they decided to return home. He felt sad for the parrot. He returned home and requested his parents to buy him a parrot. They were shocked to hear this. After a while, they agreed. He played, fed, and spoke to it. Suddenly, the government announced a lockdown due to pandemic so they couldn't move out of the house. For some days Adit felt happy as he had no homework but after that, he felt isolated. "What could he do?"

He was wondering. In the month of April, the covid cases started to decrease and the government lifted the lockdown. He was very overwhelmed to meet his friends again. He realized how sad the parrot was in the cage so he decided to set him free. His parents were happy to see him do it.

Gayatri M.P  
8-A



If you are a stone in gods path  
and he picks you up and keeps you  
in his stone museum that means  
you're one of his favorite type of stone

Jiya Mishra  
7 B



## CURRENT AFFAIRS

### At least 50 killed in airstrike on Kramatorsk train station

KRAMATORSK, Ukraine (Ukraine) – According to Ukrainian officials, a Russian missile attack killed at least 50 people and injured 98 others at the Kramatorsk train station in eastern Ukraine on Friday, while evacuees were ready to flee an expected Russian onslaught in the region. At least 20 people were killed, including five children, according to Washington Post reporters who arrived at the station 15 minutes after the incident. In the midst of battlefield casualties, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky accused Russia of "cynically killing the civilian population" adding, "This is a depravity that knows no bounds." The Russian Defense Ministry denied any role in the strike, implying that Kyiv was to blame. Russia initially claimed credit for a "successful strike," but then withdrew the claim once reports of civilian deaths surfaced. The words "for the children" were scribbled in Russian on a missile piece discovered near the railway station. The day before the attack, a Russian military analyst who tracks the federation's troop movements cautioned refugees to avoid rail routes via Telegram. The devastating incident occurred one day after European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen traveled to Bucharest and then Kyiv to meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.



### Slovakia confirms delivery of S-300 air- defense system to Ukraine

Slovakia claims to have sent anti-aircraft defense missiles to Ukraine, which the besieged country had requested to defend itself against Russian air raids. Prime Minister Eduard Heger has approved the delivery of the S-300 missile defense system, which can deflect Russian jet strikes. He had earlier stated that if he could find a successor for his own country, he would donate the system. President Biden later announced that the US will deploy one Patriot system to the NATO member country in the coming days. Ukraine, which has suffered severe damage from air attacks, has prioritized the S-300 system, which can hit targets from high altitudes and great ranges. Slovakia's move comes after Russia previously stated that such shipments to Ukraine and other nearby countries with Soviet-era systems, such as Greece and Bulgaria will be targeted, raising concerns about the equipment's safe delivery to the correct hands. After Slovakia made the same pledge, seeking a replacement system from the US, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov declared last month that Moscow "would not approve" the transfer of the S-300 air-defense system.

Ziya Vora  
12-D



# IMPORTANT NEWS ON EVERYONES ONE AND ONLY FAVOURITE CHOCOLATE THE " KINDER JOY SURPRISE EGGS"!

Hi all, I am Parnika Jayesh Deolekar of 4A. Today I have some important news on our only favorite candy "KINDER JOY SURPRISE EGGS".

Well, they are tasty but that's the only bright side reason for it. Have you ever wondered about the dark side reasons of kinder joy surprise eggs? Well, if not then let me tell you the dark side reasons of it which will make you stop eating it. 1. the tasty chocolate cream and balls can cause salmonella. It is a disease that causes many symptoms such as Nausea. Vomiting. Abdominal cramps. Diarrhea.

Even Fever and do you know how long the fever will last? Don't know? Well, it lasts for about 4 to 7 days. Sometimes, eating kinder joy surprise eggs may cause cancer. Most people recover from salmonella without treatment, but antibiotics are used in severe cases, which can develop in young children or people with weakened immune systems. Kinder Joy also has FOOD POISONING in it.

2. The Toys- Wait. How did toys come in here? you must be thinking. Well, Many kids under 5 have started choking on the toys. So it's better to keep it away from kids under 5. But what better is that you all, no specific age, should stop eating it so that you do not cause salmonella. Stay Safe,

Parnika J. Deolekar, 4A



## How is Learning Arabic Useful?

For a few years, I always had asked this question to myself, "Why do we need to learn Arabic?". That time, I didn't used to understand Arabic that well, so I didn't like it that much. But now, I understood what benefits we get. The Arabic teachers try there best to make us learn. In fact, all the teachers word hard to teach us. But on the other hand, Arabic is a difficult subject and to learn it, we need a teacher and there we have one. They teach us thoroughly and one by one. But some of us don't take that much interest in Arabic so they, instead end up getting low marks each time and when one subject has really low marks then all the other subjects end up in low marks too. So, that's why I am writing this article to you to make you understand why should we learn Arabic.

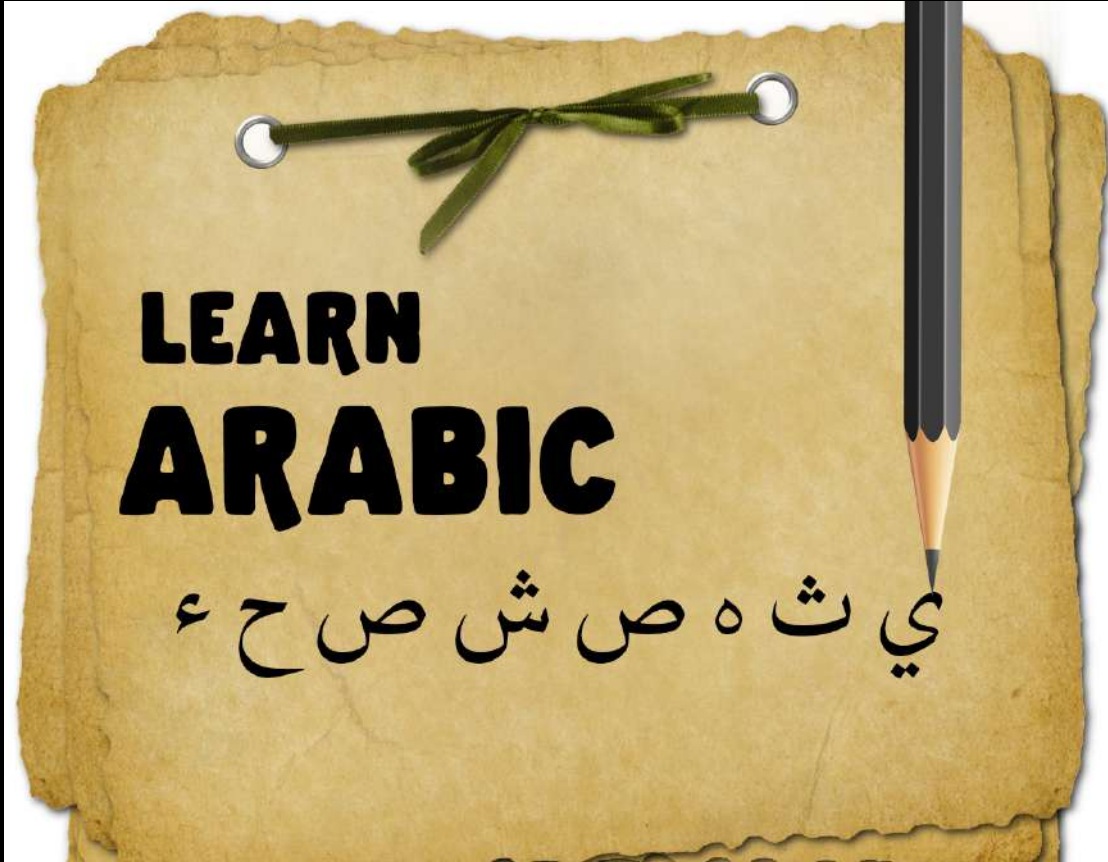
Reasons:-

- Communicate with people
- It showcases global citizenship
- To get better job opportunities in the future
- To expand your memory
- To understand other people's sayings better
- Benefits every activity and mental process
- We will learn their culture, traditions and history

That is why learning Arabic is very important.

Anaaya Sachar

6-A





## SPORTS COLUMN

### **Korea Open: PV Sindhu, Kidambi Srikanth lose in semifinals**

PV Sindhu's and Kidambi Srikanth's impressive run in the Korea open super 500 badminton tournament ended in the semi-finals on the 9th of April 2022.

Former world champion Sindhu suffered her defeat to 20-year-old An-Seyoung loving 14-21, 17-21 in 48 minutes.

And world championships silver medalist Srikanth had a close loss of 19-21 and 16-21 against Asian games champion, Jonathan Christie in 50 minutes.



### **Benzema's goal powers Real to the semis with a 5-4 win on aggregate against Chelsea**

Real Madrid reaches the semifinals of the UEFA Champions League with Karim Benzema scoring the winner in extra time as the defending UCL Champion Chelsea, was eliminated at Santiago Bernabeu. Chelsea had looked on course to complete an astonishing comeback after taking a 3-0 lead in its quarter-final second leg with goals from Mason Mount, Antonio Rudiger and an excellent individual effort from Timo Werner.

Yet the host came roaring back, with Rodrygo finishing from a superb pass by Luka Modric to level the tie 4-4 on aggregate and force extra time when Karim Benzema headed home to decide a remarkable encounter.

Real Madrid will now face either Manchester City or local rival Atletico Madrid in the last four.



## IPL; News

### SSRH vs RCB: Sunrisers Hyderabad blow away Royal Challengers

The Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) registered a comprehensive victory in the TATA Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 after defeating the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) by 9 wickets on Saturday at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai.

Three wickets apiece from Marco Jansen and T Natarajan restricted RCB to 68 in the first innings before SRH chased down the target with 12 overs to spare.

Chasing a target of 69, SRH openers - Kane Williamson and Abhishek Sharma started on a confident note.

Abhishek Sharma did the majority of the hitting and played quality strokes at the top to get going.



Mumbai Indians are all but out of the race for the top four and have become the first team to start an Indian Premier League season with seven successive defeats. They now face Lucknow Super Giants, who are among the frontrunners in the race for a top-four spot. While they may still have a mathematical chance to reach the top four, there are just far too many permutations that need to go their way for it to be considered a practical one. In such an event, one could see MI dipping into their bench, even give some of their aging stars some rest. While Rohit Sharma could be in the eleven, it may not be too much of a surprise to see Kieron Pollard getting a place at the bench.

# FIXTURES

## IPL FIXTURES

**IPL 2022 SCHEDULE**

DOUBLE HEADERS \*ALL TIMINGS IN IST

#TATAIPL [iplt20.com](http://iplt20.com)

## IPL POINTS TABLE

Team	Pld	Won	Lost	Tied	N/R	Net RR	For	Against	Pts	Form
GT	7	6	1	0	0	0.396	1202/42	1144/48	12	W W W L W
SRH	7	5	2	0	0	0.691	1029/27	1069/55	10	W W W W W
RR	7	5	2	0	0	0.432	1331/39	1262/51	10	W W L W L
RCB	8	5	3	0	0	-0.472	1293/48	1280/44	10	L W W L W
LSG	7	4	3	0	0	0.124	1217/41	1204/45	8	L W L W W
DC	7	3	4	0	0	0.715	1199/39	1200/42	6	L W L W L
KKR	8	3	5	0	0	0.080	1268/59	1325/48	6	L L L L W
PBKS	7	3	4	0	0	-0.562	1178/57	1119/33	6	L L W L W
CSK	7	2	5	0	0	-0.534	1162/45	1197/41	4	W L W L L
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## UEFA CHAMPION LEAGUE FIXTURE

**April 2022**

**Tuesday 26th April**

Manchester City 20:00 Real Madrid

Bet on Football with **sky bet**

**Wednesday 27th April**

Liverpool 20:00 Villarreal

**May 2022**

**Tuesday 3rd May**

Villarreal 20:00 Liverpool

**Wednesday 4th May**

Real Madrid 20:00 Manchester City

**Saturday 28th May**

Semi-Final 2 Winner 20:00 Semi-Final 1 Winner

## SRK announces his new film with Rajkumar Hirani & it's titled 'Dunki'

Our very own romance King Shah Rukh Khan took to his social media and shared a video of him talking to Director Rajkumar Hirani & now these two cinematic geniuses are all set to collaborate for a project for the First Time EVER.



The film is titled 'Dunki' and will release on Dec 22, 2023. It also stars Taapsee Pannu & will be produced by SRK & Gauri Khan's production house, Red Chillies Entertainment.

Manifesting the movie to be as cool as the promotional video was.



## Assam gets its first tea stall run by transgender people in Kamrup.

Under the sponsorship of the All Assam Transgender Association, Assam got its first-of-a-kind tea stall, which will be run by the transgender people, with the aim to provide a sustainable source of income for the community.

Inaugurated at the premises of the Kamrup deputy commissioner's office in Amingaon, Guwahati, the 'Trans Tea Stall' will have 4 transgender people working at the kiosk for now, 2 will be in charge of running the stall on a rotational basis, along with 2 helpers.

## New UAE Visa Rule

The UAE's new visa rule would assist the government in finding fresh talent, help job seekers save time, and provide companies with increased flexibility in their human resource (HR) practices.

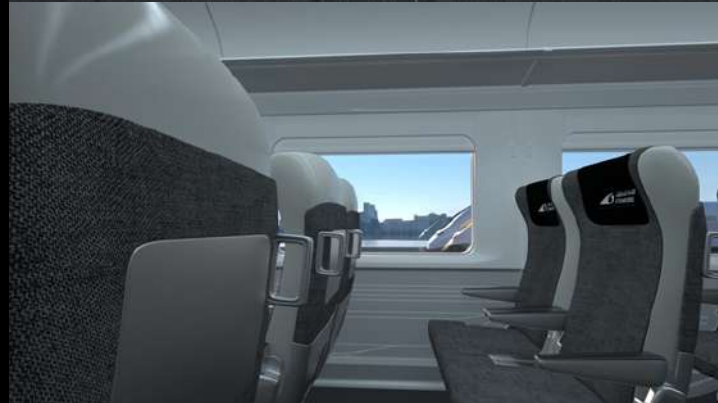
The new type of entry visa, titled 'explore job opportunities', by the government provides easy entry for young talents and skilled workers to explore new job opportunities without requiring a host or sponsor in the UAE. The change was among many new visa rules approved by the UAE Cabinet.



## HIGHLIGHTS ON BULLET TRAIN

UAE's hi-tech passenger trains will have swanky coaches with stylish interiors and comfortable seats, according to the first images of the project released by Etihad Rail.

The coaches, in silver and grey colors, show different types of seating similar to the flight classes. The seats are arranged in a 2+2 format across the coaches.



Some seating arrangements feature a seat-back tray for eating and reading. There are tables with face-to-face seats, too. And there is dedicated space for wheelchairs, catering services with modular style pantry units and microwave ovens. Other facilities like Wi-Fi and charging points are expected inside the coaches.

Most of the world-class facilities of a short-distance train can be seen in the first images revealed by Etihad Rail. The train will be connecting 11 cities within the country. Passengers can travel from Abu Dhabi to Dubai in 50 minutes, and from the Capital to Fujairah in 100 minutes. By 2030, the number of passengers is expected to reach more than 36.5 million annually.

The images show train passing through desert and city areas. The city's skyline can be seen through the windows of the train, which indicates the tracks could be running parallel to major highways.

The Dh50 billion UAE Railways Programme, launched in December 2021, is the largest integrated system for transporting goods and passengers across the country.

The programme includes a national network of railway projects that link the emirates and the key cities of the country. The programme includes three key projects: Freight Rail, Rail Passenger Services and the Integrated Transportation Service. The programme contributes to providing more than 9,000 jobs in the railway sector and supporting sectors by 2030.



## BUSINESS NEWS

### Elon Musk to acquire Twitter for \$44 billion

Elon Musk agreed to buy Twitter Inc. for \$44 billion, ending weeks of speculation after he took a stake in the social media platform this month. The announcement confirmed many of the details that had already been reported -- or tweeted -- about the transaction. It also left many unanswered questions. Here's what we know so far, what still needs to be clarified, and what might happen next.

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• **The Financing (part one):** This is a giant leveraged buyout. As Musk revealed last week, he's raised \$25.5 billion of fully committed debt and margin loan financing from a dozen banks to back the bid.

**Who Will Own Twitter:** This might sound obvious, but Twitter has agreed to sell itself to an entity "wholly owned" by Musk. No co-investors were named in the statement (more on that below) and the wording implies any that do join will amount to no more than minority stakeholders.

**Who Will Run Twitter:** Both Chief Executive Officer Parag Agrawal and Chairman Bret Taylor were quoted in the statement, so they're still in their roles, for now. Over the past couple of weeks Musk has repeatedly tweeted his dissatisfaction with Twitter's board and how the company has been run, and management changes are common when a company gets bought. But Musk is already CEO of both Tesla and SpaceX, so his capacity to take on another hands-on leadership role could be limited .



Billionaire Elon Musk has reached an agreement to acquire Twitter for approximately \$44 billion, the company said. After transaction, Twitter will become a privately held company. Stockholders will receive \$54.20 in cash for each share.

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## Reciepes

### TIKTOK SENSATION - BAKED FETA PASTA

TIME TAKEN - 45 MINS TO 1 HOUR

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 pt. - Cherry or grape tomatoes
- 1 shallot / onion, quartered (optional)
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and smashed
- 60 ml extra virgin olive oil
- Salt as per taste
- Chilli flakes
- 1 (200g.) block feta
- 3 sprigs thyme
- 285 gm pasta
- Zest of 1 lemon (optional)



#### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan). In a large ovenproof pan or medium baking dish, combine tomatoes, shallot, garlic, and most of the olive oil. Season with salt and chilli flakes and toss to combine.
2. Place feta into centre of tomato mixture and drizzle top with remaining olive oil. Scatter thyme over tomatoes. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, until tomatoes are bursting and feta is golden on top.
3. Meanwhile, in a large pot of salted boiling water, cook pasta according to package instructions. Reserve 120ml pasta water before draining.
4. To pan with tomatoes and feta, add cooked pasta, reserved pasta water, and lemon zest (if using) to pan and stir until completely combined. Garnish with basil before serving.





## Berry Freaky Monstershake

Time: 40 mins

Serves: 2

### Ingredients

- 1 cup frozen mix berries
- ¼ cup yoghurt
- 125 ml full fat milk
- 1 large scoop vanilla ice cream

### For the toppings:

- Whipped cream
- 1 small scoop vanilla ice cream
- Ice cream cone
- Chocolate or caramel sauce
- Fresh strawberries
- Sprinkles
- White chocolate shavings

### Method

Whig all the ingredients together in a blender to the desired consistency. Blend less for a thicker base with berry chunks.  
Pipe whipped cream around and over the serving jar, and carefully place a small scoop of vanilla ice cream on top.  
Decorate with an inverted cone, and drizzle over with sauce. Top it off with thinly sliced strawberries, sprinkles, and white chocolate shavings. Serve chilled.



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# Artists Corner





Vedika K.A.

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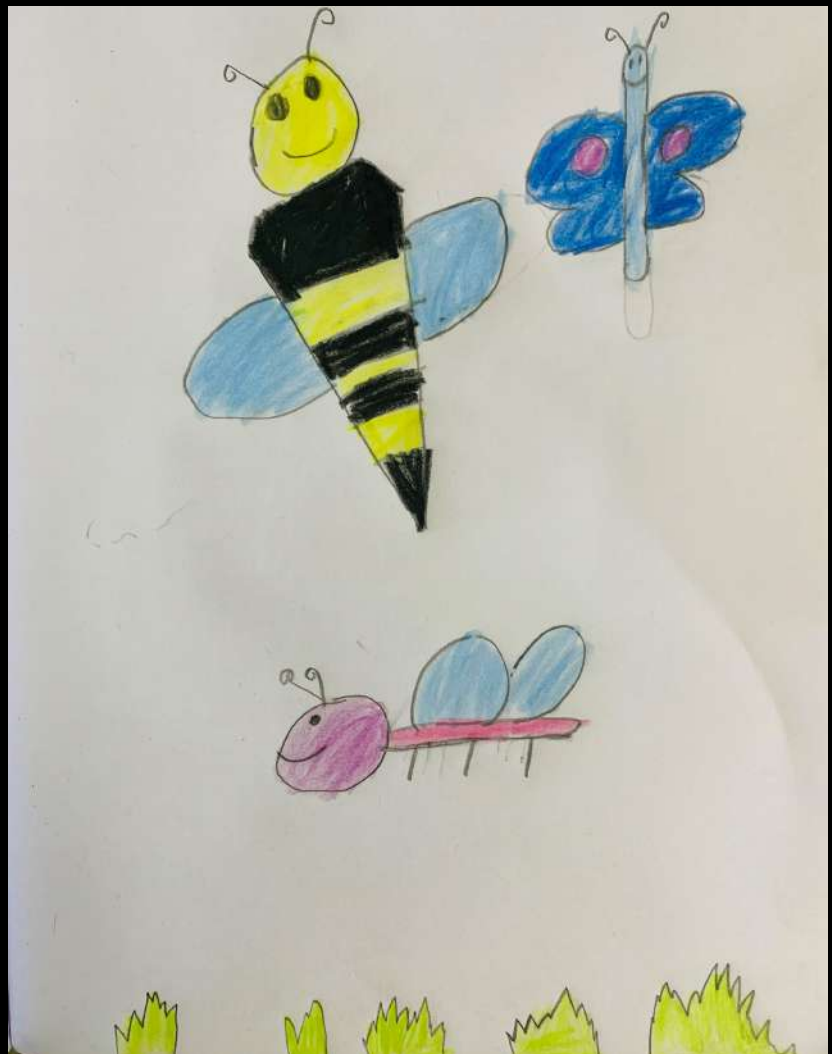
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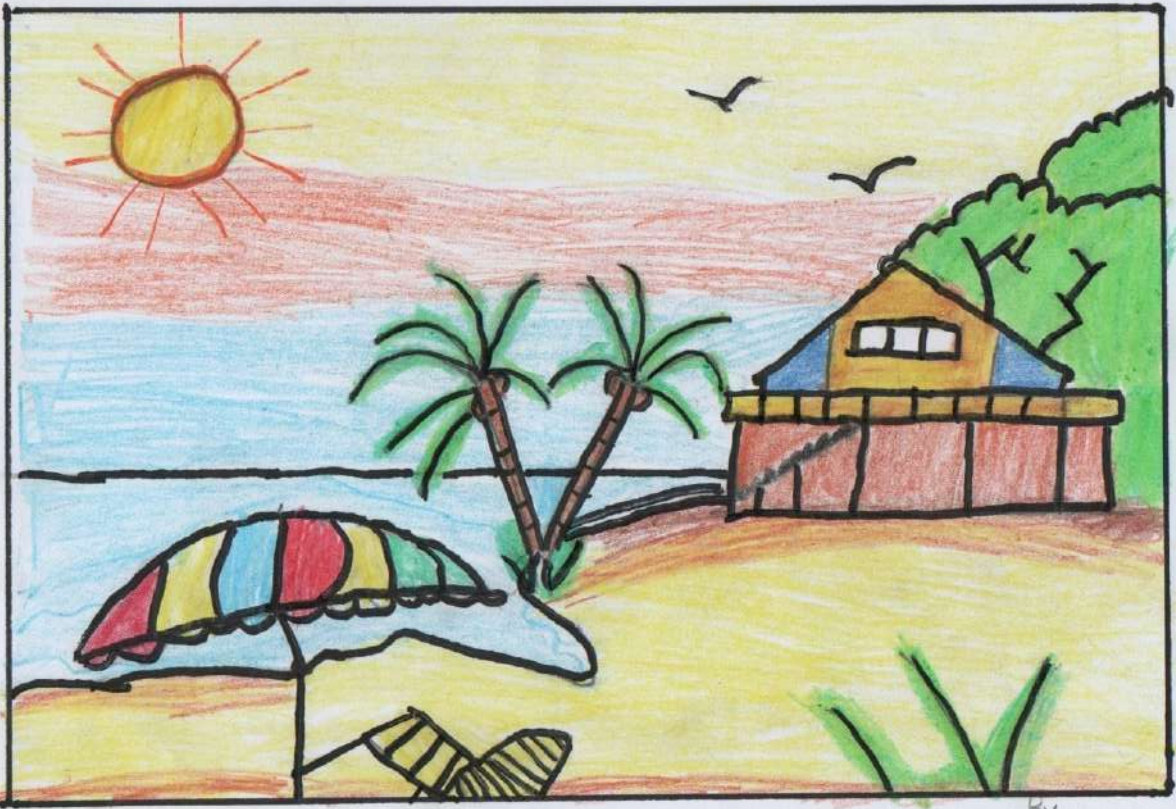




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Our Little Ms. Srisha's Garden  
Gardening of Fresh Tomatoes



# It's Puzzle Time

Which is the odd one out?



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### QUIZ TIME!

**Q1.** Which player has the most number of Not-outs in ODI cricket?

- a) Shaun Pollock
- b) Muttiah Muralitharan
- c) Chris Harris
- d) M S Dhoni

**Q2.** Apart from P V Sindhu, which other Indian has won an Olympic medal in badminton?

- a) Saina Nehwal
- b) Ashwini Ponnappa
- c) Jwala Gutta
- d) P C Thulasi

**Q3.** Naorem Priyanka Devi was the only scorer as India registered a 1-0 victory in the first friendly with the team. Which country did they play against?

- a) Egypt
- b) Japan
- c) Denmark
- d) France

**Q4.** The youngest world champion, the 34-year old Sebastian Vettel of Germany currently drives for

- a) Ferrari
- b) Red Bull
- c) McLaren
- d) Aston Martin

**Q5.** Golfer Tiger Woods won his first green jacket 25



years ago. How many in total has he won since then?

- a) Two
- b) One
- c) Five
- d) Ten

**Q6.** Who won the Australian Grand Prix 2022?

- a) Charles Leclerc
- b) Sergio Perez
- c) George Russell
- d) Esteban Ocon

**Q7.** Which team won the first ICC Cricket World Cup in 1975?

- a) West Indies
- b) Australia
- c) England
- d) New Zealand

**Q8.** When was the first global torch relay undertaken?

- a) 1996
- b) 1978
- c) 2000
- d) 2004

**Q9.** Which country hosted the 2010 Commonwealth Games?

- a) India
- b) Canada
- c) Australia
- d) Ireland

**ANSWERS:** 1 d M S Dhoni 2 a Saina Nehwal  
3 a Egypt 4 d Aston Martin  
5 c Five 6 a Charles Leclerc 7 a West Indies  
8 d 2004 9 a India

# PUZZLES



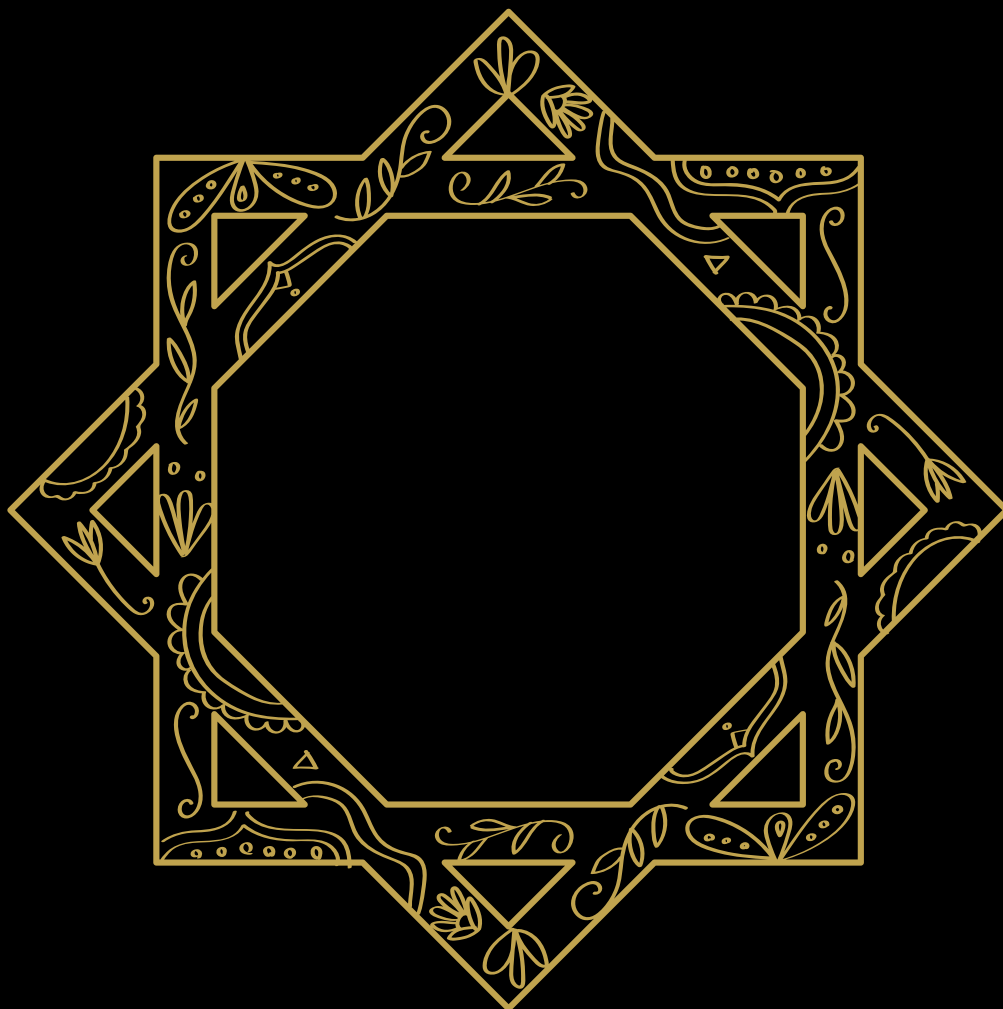
## ACROSS

1. Revolutionary Guevara
4. Affleck who played Batman
7. Turn into worm food
8. Opposite of WSW
9. Had for dinner
10. "That hurt!"
11. Hit the gym.
13. "Silver \_\_\_ Playbook" (2012 film)
14. Gate fastener
15. Harper who wrote "To Kill a Mockingbird"

## DOWN

1. Move like a baby
2. What deep-frying is done with
3. Lasting forever
4. She holds the record for most Grammys by any female artist (28)
5. "Strangely \_\_\_ ..."
6. Small salamanders
12. Toy flown in the sky

# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



# INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES OF STUDENT BODY

## HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

### ASHISH THOMAS

**Q** What changes do you want to make after becoming the Headboy

From my years in JSS; I have seen the lack of opportunities as well as the lack of organization while executing the plans we already have employed. Even though our seniors had tried their best, to implement and execute plans they were unable to overcome them. So I plan to address these issues by using a 3 pronged strategy.

Firstly student clubs- Which allow students to find out their interests and pursue them. It's an opportunity to be and will help express themselves.

Next on the list is the Community Service Program- Which allows students the chance to be a part of various social activities. It is an opportunity to make a difference

Finally, A more organized Student leadership- with monthly meetings to establish agendas and keep track of work being done by committees. This is an opportunity to excel beyond the confines of a classroom

My term as the Head boy will be primarily focused on giving students these opportunities.

### DIVYESH SASIKUMAR

**Q** Who is your role model? How did he/she inspire you in becoming a candidate for a head boy?

I would like to say, my mom is my biggest inspiration. She has been my backbone since the start. I don't think, I could have ever accomplished and be the person I'm at present without her. Teachings about life and the love and care she has for people are what I cherish the most and I'm thankful to have her in my life. Taking the values and teachings of my mother and nurturing them, I would like to become a head boy and contribute to the school in the best way I can.

### VASHISHT SUDHARSAN

**Q** Why do you think you are a suitable candidate for a head boy, after being a deputy head boy last year what values and lessons did you take?

I am a suitable candidate for the position of a head boy this year due to my experience as a deputy head boy last year. I have learned many lessons over my tenure as a deputy head boy. One of them is to always be humble and empathetic to others. To be able to be genuine and kind to another person is the most effective way to lead and to make good relations with other people. As Dale Carnegie said in his book "How to win friends and influence people", "Our thoughts make us what we are"



### MALAVIKA LIBISH

Q Why do you think you are suitable candidate for girl, after being a deputy head girl last year what values and lesson did you take ?

I think that my experience plays a part in why I am a suitable candidate for Head girl. I've had various leadership roles before - I started out as an ambassador of the environment committee, then I became class marshal and finally I served as the deputy headgirl last year. I also think that I am approachable, so the students can come to me with their ideas, issues and suggestions. I think. I also think that being a good listener adds to this. One thing I learned from my tenure as deputy headgirl is to appreciate the work that happens behind the scenes. We may not always see the people who work behind the initiatives and events in our school, but it's important that we appreciate them, because they are the ones who make everything possible and lay down the foundation for students to get opportunities. I also learned the importance of bringing everyone together and coordinating with them.

### RICHA SALDANHA

Q Who is your role model and how did he/she inspire you the most? What made you send your name as a candidate headgirl

I'd say that I don't really have a role model and that I generally follow my own heart and thoughts. But of course, there are people who inspire me to work harder every day, such as my mother. She handles both work and her personal life while still being a great mother.

The reason I put in an application for headgirl was because I felt like I've built a sense of confidence over the last year, and I also really enjoy leading groups. Seeing plans reach their completion by leading a team makes me feel accomplished as a leader and as a team member. And if there are ways I can contribute to making the school year better for not only myself but others, I wouldn't give up that chance.

### SPORTS CAPTAIN BOY AND SPORTS CAPTAIN GIRL

### ABHY REJI KUMAR

Q Do you think teachers who vote have more power than the students who vote? What's your take on it.

Yes, I do think the teachers have more power, and I think that's necessary because they have a better understanding of how the school functions and what is right for the students and school, they would know all the requirements required by a student to hold the post that they are standing for.

### SAI ABHINAV

Q What different styles of campaigning did you use during the election process? What do you think was the most effective way?

For campaigning, I visited classes from Grade, 9 to 12 to deliver my speech, stating my objectives and motives of how I would improve and increase the sports program in our school. I gave my speech in front of everyone on stage as to why I feel I deserved "The Sports Captain's" post. I've also used social media to spread the awareness among students that I'd be running for sports captain this year.

I feel the most effective way of campaigning was giving a speech in the auditorium because students voted depending on the way we spoke and presented ourselves. Not only that but also our actions and how we had put together our words decently and convincingly. I feel stage addressing is the perfect way to do it.

### ADITYA HARISH

**Q Why do you want to become sports captain again after being the deputy sports captain last year?**  
I wanna become sports captain after I became deputy last year is because last year there were a lot of initiatives that were planned and organized that could not be implemented due to Covid and taking the responsibility of the sports captain I wanna make sure that the earlier events happen and in addition to that I have some other initiatives planned hence why I'm going again for the post of sports captain.

### HRIDYA

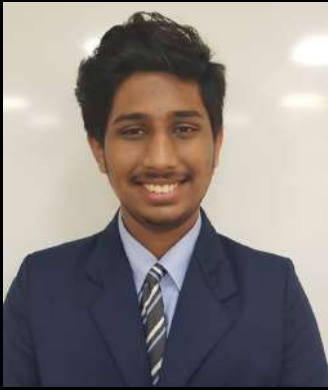
**Q What made you submit your name as a candidate for sports captain?**  
I believe I would be a great asset to the student council for the betterment of the mental and physical well-being of our students and teachers. And I wanted to make sure students get more opportunities in the field of sports, and also get felicitated for their achievements as I believe it wasn't properly done the previous years and also I would like to conduct student-led clubs and teach students new activities and give our teachers a relaxing time every week for all the tremendous work they have done for us.

### RITHANI

**Q Why do you want to become sports captain. What changes are you planning to implement this year?**  
Sports is something that has always been a part of my life and has kept me going. So during this very last year of school I want to take up this post and make some changes for the betterment of school and students.  
For this year I want to increase the number of sports events and to bring in more number of girls and boys into sports. I also have some ideas of new games that we can start implementing in school as well.

### SHAIVI MEHUL SHAH

**Q Why do you want to become sports captain? Why do you think you're a suitable candidate?**  
I wish to become a sports captain because as a leader and sports person I am well aware of how it feels when we are not able to show our talent to others due to lack of opportunities, hence I wish to provide a platform for our jss students community to showcase their talents. I feel I am a suitable candidate because not only I am an active participant in all sports but also I am very approachable and a person who believes to walk ahead with the rest.



Ashish Thomas



Divyesh Sasikumar



Vasisht Sudharsan



Malavika Libish



Richa Saldanha



Sai Abhinav



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