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EDUCATION IS THE PASSPORT TO FREEDOM

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MR. DEVANG BHATT is the Channel Head at GTPL. He is a renowned Gujarati journalist and anchor, who has interviewed many celebrities from film and television

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It wouldn't be a stretch to say that in a world that is fast getting globalised, there will only be two communities in future-The educated and the uneducated. For many who manage to acquire it, education could be the ladder out of poverty. Since literacy and education can best be availed through the schooling system, building more and better schools should be a priority for the government as well as society. A universal and quality school-

ing system is necessary to create a literate society.

Schools are one of the foundational institutions of any nation, and our future generation can only be as capable and successful as the education we provide them. Many good schools and educationists have been making inspiring efforts to provide quality education to their students; and quality citizens to our society. Knowledgeable and experienced educationists keep trying to evolve the system and techniques of education to keep it relevant to the current context and generation.

Each generation has a unique set of requirements and concerns. The present crop of students in India value innovation and career success more than ever before. But when we look deeper than focus and style, we realise that the basic goals of education remains the same- transforming individuals and society. It is not that education and good schooling is more important today than it was for the previous

generations, but that there were never as many available options for great schooling as there are now. Children today have much more opportunity and access to education than ever before.

I firmly believe that there are some things that a child only learns at school. Family may teach them about culture, rituals and emotions, but the school helps develop virtues like discipline, drive, teamwork, social skills, confidence as well as professional skills.

There is no denying that schooling and education plays a major role in determining future success. Successful people often give credit to their school, teachers and school friends for first recognising and encouraging their innate talents. While, many who fail to achieve their desired success, often express regret for not being more focussed and involved in their schooling when they had the chance. Make sure children that you make the most of your education and schooling while you still have the opportunity to do so.

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BAPS SVM Celebrates 13th Foundation Day

Staff and students of BAPS SVM celebrated their 13th Foundation on 28th June, 2018. The celebration started with 'Dhun and Prarthana' in the presence of Pujya Saints – Hari Tilak Swami, Adarsh Charit Swami and school administrators.

Pujya Hari Tilak Swami blessed all attendees with a motivating and inspiring speech. He stated that if one has to change the world, then first they have to change themselves. He further added that honesty, character, integrity, faith, love and loyalty are the foundation stones for balanced success. In addition, a cultural programme was presented by students of all classes, where an interesting skit showcasing the journey and achievements of the school was presented by the students of Grade IX and X. Some staff and students also delivered inspiring speeches.

Shri Ramesh Bhai Patel – School Director, reminded all those present to remember the main objective of their



school, which is to inculcate the spiritual and moral values with academic excellence.

Principal Monalisa Das in her speech thanked all those associated with the BAPS family for their sincere and selfless efforts in the school's progressive mission of building values, virtues and character among their students.

Anand Niketan Bhadaj School Celebration RathYatra



"If we all do one random act of kindness daily, we might just set the world in right direction."

Anand NiketanBhadaj School has set a good example which very well explains the above thought, where students of their school participated in the RathYatra one day prior to the occasion. This RathYatra was special as students took out a procession of joy and kindness. Students decorated the Rath with beautiful combination of colours and floral designs. The procession started with the tradition of sweeping of floor by the School Principal, Ms. Vaishali Parikh and pulling of the Rath by school students. Throughout the procession students sang bhajans and cherished spirituality with joy.They also made creative slogans like "Is RaathYatra Bole Ranchod.....Plastic chod, Plastic chod".

Students had planned the distribution of sweets as Prasad for the underprivileged crowd residing in the nearby slums. Students happily distributed the sweets and goodies and while doing this their faces showed the glow of satisfaction. The motive behind doing this act is that Anand NiketanBhadaj Campus strongly believes in inculcating values in their students along with giving them formal education. Above all through this celebration students were touched by the greatness of almighty and the intensity of kindness.

SCIENCE SPARKS FAIR



SCIENCE SPARKSa science fair was organised by the children of CCIS GREEN CAMPUS. Parents joined in and watched their children showcase their accomplishments during the day. An array of science activities were organised. The Water Xylophone sound science experiment was

truly a classic science activity for the little ones. Using kitchen stuffs like oil ,food color, vinegar and glitter the students made Lava Lamps and Tornados in a jar that captured everybody's attention.



BLUE DAY CELEBRATION



Cosmo Castle International School Blue Day Celebration was a fun filled day for all the kids of Jr. Kg. and Sr. Kg. Blue! Blue! Everywhere! Shades of Blue Everywhere! Blue the colour of calmness, strength and friendship! Children wore different shades of blue and performed various activities which reflected blue colour!

POPCORN CELEBRATION



Popcorn day was celebrated at BAPS SVM on 11th July, 2018 (Wednesday) to increase excitement in tiny tots. Little kids brought different flavored Popcorn from home. They used Popcorn to learn about five senses like taste, touch, sound, smell and look which will help them to learn about their world. It was a great day with fun learning & popping up everywhere.

SHAPES & COLOURS DAY

Shapes & colours day was celebrated at BAPS SVM on 18th July, 2018 (Wednesday) in Pre-Primary section. It was a fun with shapes or little shapes enjoyed various activities. They performed a song about shapes and created different patterns like houses & buildings using shapes. This educational activity helped them to learn basic properties of simple and geometrical figures.



THE QUEEN'S LANGUAGE

LEARNING ENGLISH – EXPECTATIONS VS REALITY



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Once again, as the new academic session starts, expectant parents approach and surround me with the same old, usual questions,

“Can you teach English to my child?”, “Can you take English tuitions for my child?”. The only reason for my refusal, however, is the over-expectations and misconceptions they have about the process involved in the learning of any language, including English. The misplaced belief that English can be learnt as a crash course and the expected result can be achieved in a short span of time, has driven me to write to you students and parents looking for English tuition teachers. Tuition classes are not a bad idea but learning can happen only if the expectations and reality match.

Although the British rule ended at midnight of August 14, 1947, it has left a deep mark in the Indian mind through their language, which is also known as the Queen's language. India was introduced to the English language as an academic offering in 1835 by the then Governor General, William Bentinck.

Due to worldwide colonization and then globalization, this language has since achieved the status of international official language in the current world.

This means that English proficiency is seen as the passport to getting a good job, higher pay and also more migration opportunities.

English has long been a craze in India, but the dream of mastering this universal language is now more popular than ever.

Also, since most reputed Indian schools now use English as a medium of instruction, it has become a necessity to learn this language by whatever means required- whether by enrolling into language classes or personal tuitions.

So if you are among those countless hopeful parents looking to enroll your child into some coaching classes or hiring a tutor specifically for English, it would be beneficial to keep the following points in mind to clarify between the misconceptions and reality on the path to mastering English.

THE MYTHS

1. The belief that practicing sentence construction using grammar concepts, guided writing tasks, speaking on a topic is how English can be learnt. However, this would only enable the learner, to some extent



in managing situations where they need to understand written or spoken English content.

2. The expectation that the learner will be able to write and speak complex sentences, flawlessly, the moment they are enrolled in a tuition or coaching class
3. The idea that learning English is only about being able to write an essay and converse fluently on a given topic.
4. The belief that one can only learn English by enrolling into a private coaching or tuition class..

THE REALITY

1. Being proficient in a language has to do with being a good listener and an active learner. We acquire a language. It cannot be taught. The structure is taught but ultimately the perfection of its usage is achieved by the learner who opts to be in an environment where the English language is used extensively.
2. Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing are the main four components to being skilled in English.

The other components are vocabulary building, punctuations, word spellings. These secondary components are especially important as they act as the pillars in achieving mastery over the main components.

3. Learning is a process of making mistakes, correcting and achieving perfection. So it is perfectly alright to make mistakes. Without mistakes learning will not happen.
4. The environment inside a school classroom, coaching classroom or tuition classroom, is totally different from the environment outside the classroom. Usage of language outside the classroom would help in determining the real level of the learner's fluency.
5. Learning of English language does not happen only through classroom teaching. Cultivating a habit of regularly reading good books about a variety of topics, as well as magazines and newspapers, plays a very important role as well. This reading habit has to be inculcated by the learner, the teacher would only guide.
6. Frequently listening to good speak-

ers, speaking the language is also effective as we tend to get influenced by their language proficiency and start imbibing or imitating the speaker.

7. Rote learning essays from a published book/dictated by teacher/copied from the internet does not make the learner proficient. The learner should perform individually using his/her thoughts and views. Originality succeeds.
8. Above all, the most important aspect is that mistakes are perfectly alright, provided they are corrected. The correction of the mistake should be done in a positive way and should also be taken positively as part of the learning process by the learner.
9. Acquiring proficiency in a language depends on the learner's attitude and readiness. It cannot be forced.
10. Mastering this language requires consistent usage (speaking and writing), reading and listening.

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Anant (Tripada) Charitable Trust Celebrates 51st Rathyatra



The Young Reporter Team of Tripada school did live reporting of Anant (Tripada) Charitable Trust 51st Rathyatra. Tripada Education Trust (TET) along with all their staff and students celebrated the 51st edition of Rath Yatra. Every year, this event is celebrated by the Tripada school with great energy and fervour. This tradition was first started in 1968 by the school's beloved founder Sri Labhshankar Bhatt, popularly known as 'dadaji'. Mr. Archit L Bhatt, the Managing Trustee of Tripada Education Trust says, "It is a privilege to organise this 'Bal Rath Yatra' for the last 51 years."



of Lord Jagannatha, his sister Subhadra and Brother Balram, which is taken around the streets of western Ahmedabad to bless the city and the onlookers. Also seen in this year's procession, were five decorated trucks, thirty two tractors, five camel carts, along with some mini busses, vans and cycle rickshaws. The procession was colourful and lively and the school band performed along with the cavalcade. Several other students also performed Garba, Judo-Karate, Yoga Postures, Malkham etc. on stops during the route. Prasad was also distributed to bless the thousands of people witnessing this Rath Yatra.

This massive event is organised and managed entirely by Tripada School students along with their teachers and staff members. The Rath Yatra involves a main 'Rath'



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Shifting Schools isn't Easy

As the new school year begins, many students like me have changed schools and must be facing many emotional problems because of the same. This is very common as shifting your school is never easy. The culture, exposure, thinking, everything changes. One of the biggest challenges is leaving your old friends behind and trying to make new friends in a new school.

Many times, one may feel confused and alone. It's not easy to cope with new people and new teachers, especially those who seem very different than you at first glance. Being an introvert, I used to feel isolated at first, and that I won't be able to adjust. However, slowly but surely, I found myself adapting to my new school, I started appreciating the new culture and people I met. I learnt from them and they learnt from me. It took



some time but with a positive attitude and support from my teachers and parents, everything fell into place. I started participating in school activities, made new friends and was able to create a place and identity for myself. I still miss my old friends and teachers, but at



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the same time I also enjoy exploring my new environment. My message to anyone else in a similar situation is - stay strong, stay positive and look at this big change as a challenge and a new adventure. Hope things turn out good for you, just as they did for me.

Vacation Trip to Mt. Abu

This summer vacation, my family and I visited Mount Abu- one of the best known hill stations of North-Western India. Mount Abu is truly an oasis in the hills. Lush green forests with clouds like beautiful marbles and fantastic road conditions made our trip a wonderful experience. It took about five hours to reach there from Ahmedabad and my father had booked our stay at a hotel named Sirohi. We relaxed there for while and enjoyed our time seeing the beautiful property and fountains. Next morning, we started our sightseeing excursion with the marvellous Dilwara

temples. The intricate carving on the white marble has turned this Jain temple into an artistic masterpiece. We also felt immense admiration for the talented architects and sculptors who must have worked tirelessly to build this monumental art.

We also visited the popular Nakki Jheel, which is a picture perfect lake surrounded by mountains, gardens and rock formations. This lake also makes an excellent backdrop for taking beautiful pictures and the best selfies. Nakki lake is also called the heart of Mount Abu, and it always full of tourists en-

joying boat rides in the lake or the mouth watering delicacies around it. As the sun was about to set in the valley, we proceeded to the Sunset Point for the best view of the same. As expected, the view was mesmerising and we were glad to be there.

Apart from sightseeing, it was a wonderful vacation with family, fun and lots of delicious food. Mount Abu is a beautiful destination, and I hope to return there soon.

—Ananya Chauhan,
XIIth Science, S.R.V. (Bopal)

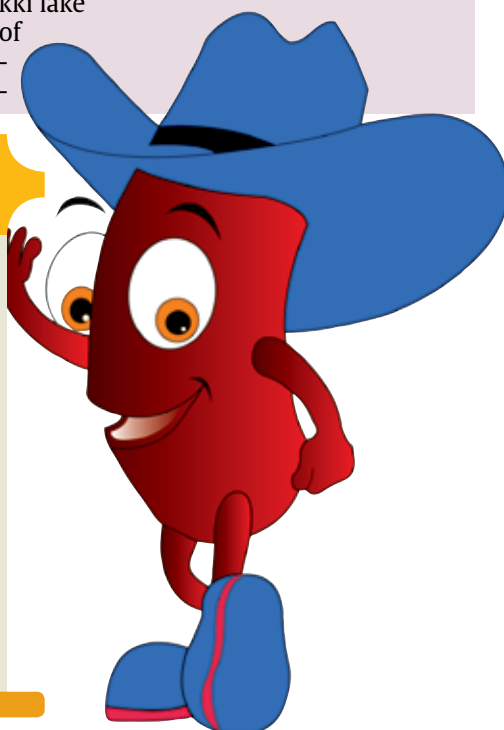
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BIRTHDAY CORNER

WISH YOUR FRIEND ON HIS /HER BIRTHDAY IN THIS COLUMN BY SENDING A PHOTOGRAPH AND A MESSAGE OF BIRTHDAY WISHES

World Enthusiastically Celebrates International Day of Yoga

International Day of Yoga is celebrated on 21 June every year. The motive is to promote the practice of Yoga among the citizens for developing a healthy mind along with a sound physical and intellectual health.

The theme for International Day of Yoga 2018 was 'Yoga for Peace'. This year too, the event presented an occasion to everyone to promote the practice of Yoga among general public. People all over the world are waking up to the immeasurable benefits of Yoga for attaining physical and mental well being.

The celebration of International Day of Yoga is supported by various global leaders. It is celebrated by more than 170 countries across the globe by organising various activi-

ties like Yoga training campus, yoga competitions, seminars on benefits of Yoga, etc.

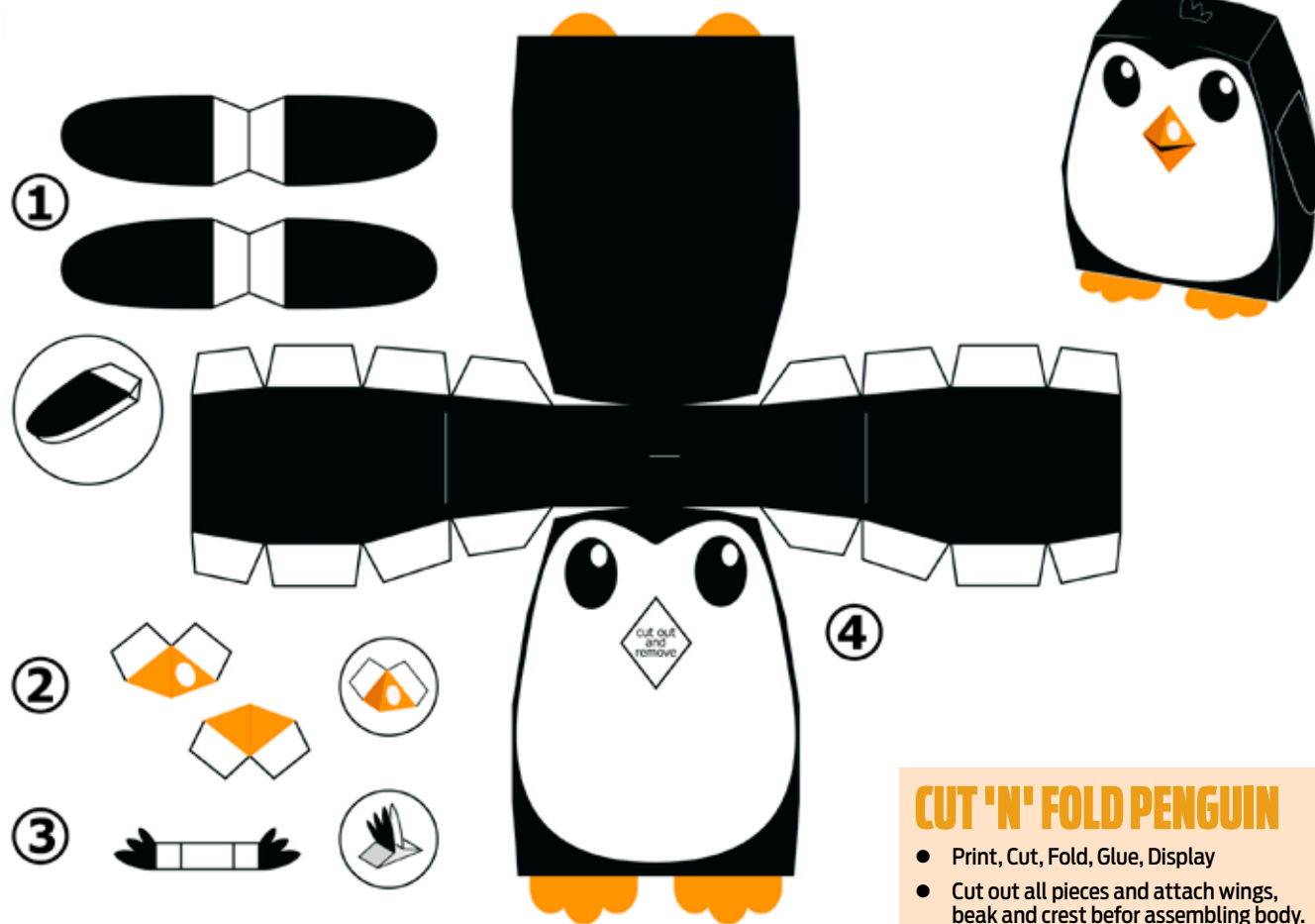
International Day of Yoga was declared by the United Nations General Assembly on 11th December 2014. The declaration came after Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, addressed the United Nations General Assembly on 27th September 2014.

'Yoga' is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice in India. The world 'Yoga' is derived from Sanskrit language which means to join or unite, symbolising the union of body and consciousness. Shiva, the first yogi is said to have begun imparting the knowledge of Yoga to mankind and hence became the first guru.



TIS Campus a workshop on yoga was conducted by Patanjali group and Acharya Balkrishna performed some basic yogas in front of the students and also told them the benefits of it.





CUT 'N' FOLD PENGUIN

- Print, Cut, Fold, Glue, Display
- Cut out all pieces and attach wings, beak and crest before assembling body.

MONSTER BOOKMARKS

Materials you will need

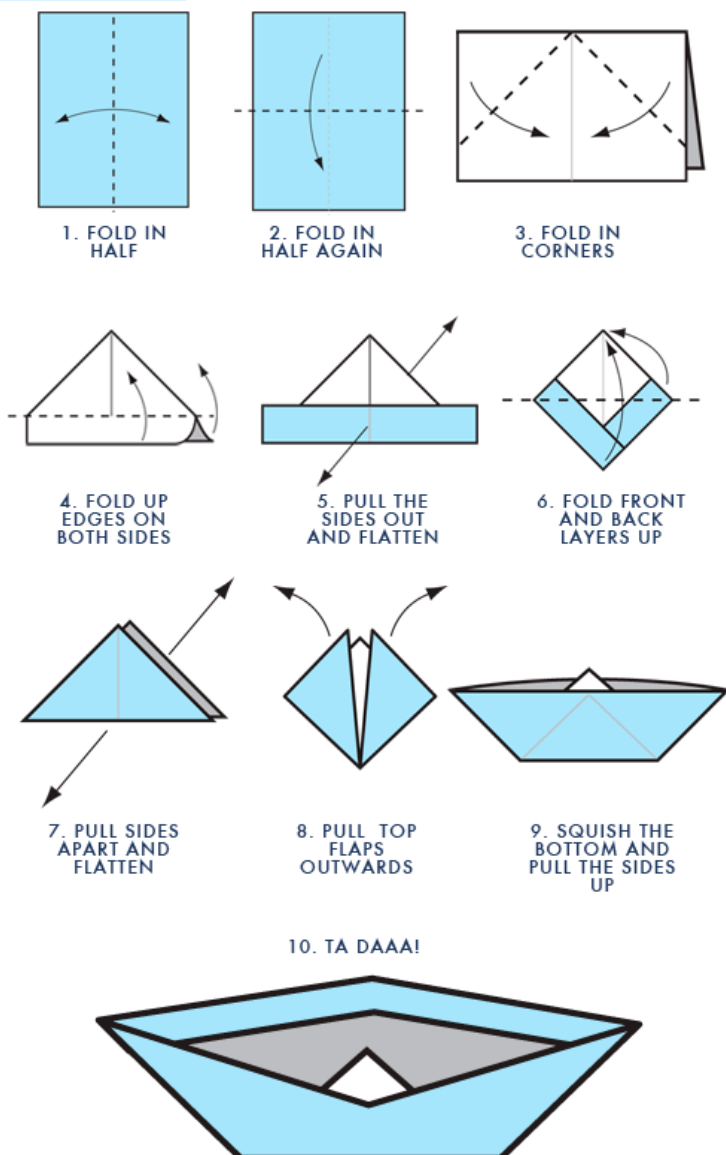
- Coloured paper
- Scissor
- Glue
- Pencil
- Scale
- Sketch pen

Steps:

- Take a square craft paper and.
- Fold one side into a triangle.
- Fold the right hand side and left hand side of the edge of the triangle as show in the picture below and make a nice crease. Bring back the two ends in their original position.
- Now, fold the top end of the triangle in downward direction.
- Further, fold both the ends as shown below.
- Make eyes and teeth by using another white paper and cutting it in that shape.
- Stick the eyes and the teeth with the help of a glue and your Monster Bookmarks are ready to use.



PAPER BOAT



TABLETOP BOW AND ARROW CRAFT

The Olympic games are right around the corner, so it's the perfect time to stir up some friendly competition. This tabletop bow and arrow craft helps introduce your child to basic principles of physics while honing his hand-eye coordination. Get crafty, shoot and score for hours of fun with your little gold medalist.

What You Need:

- Craft sticks
- Pocket knife
- Container with water
- Dental floss
- Cotton swabs
- Acrylic paints and brush
- Card stock
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Stickers and glitter (optional)

What You Do:

1. Cut two notches on both sides of the craft stick, about a half-inch from the ends, for a total of four notches per stick.
2. Place the sticks in a container of water and let them soak for at least an hour.
3. Carefully bend the ends of the stick toward one another until the stick resembles the arch of an archery bow.
4. Tie the dental floss to one end of the stick, within the notches, and wrap the floss inside the notch a couple of times. Stretch this floss tightly (to hold the bow shape) and repeat the process on the other side.
5. Allow the bow to dry completely.
6. Browse the web with your kid to choose a country that competes in Olympic archery, and invite your budding artist to paint the bow in colors that match the flags of various countries competing in the Olympic games.
7. Give your child stickers that coordinate with his country of choice (such as a bald eagle for America) to decorate that country's bow, or have him sprinkle on some glitter for an extra sparkle of color.



8. To make the arrows, cut a cotton swab in half, with the cotton side representing the arrow.

9. To bring a competitive element to your craft, fashion an Olympic target for your tabletop archery.

Draw and cut out rings in blue, yellow, black, green and red from construction paper, representing the five major geographical regions in the world.

10. Lay the rings down on the card stock in the correct order (blue, yellow, black, green, red) and cut a slit through each ring so they intertwine. Glue the rings down on the card stock.

11. Fold the cardstock in half and cut the back on both ends leaving a three-inch strip in the middle to help the target to stand up on the table.

How to Play:

1. Arrange the target at a distance that's ability and age-appropriate for your young athlete.
2. Help your child load the bow with an arrow.
3. Gently pull back on the bow's string and let the arrow fly across the table toward the target.
4. He shoots, he scores! Does the arrow hit the target? Can you shoot inside one of the rings? Who can shoot the farthest?
5. Remind your kid to never shoot an arrow at another person or a pet—by playing it safe, everyone wins.

A REMEDY FOR THE AILING EDUCATION SYSTEM

Innovation and creativity are innate, possessed by everyone who walks the Earth. Talent and hard work are important and learning to develop talents is essential for growth

"Failure is an opportunity to grow"

GROWTH MINDSET

"I can learn to do anything I want"

"Challenges help me to grow"

"My effort and attitude determine my abilities"

"Feedback is constructive"

"I am inspired by the success of others"

"I like to try new things"

Fixed Mindset: "In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success—without effort."

Growth Mindset: "In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment."

"Failure is the limit of my abilities"

FIXED MINDSET

"I'm either good at it or I'm not"

"My abilities are unchanging"

"I don't like to be challenged"

"I can either do it, or I can't"

"My potential is predetermined"

"When I'm frustrated, I give up"

"Feedback and criticism are personal"

"I stick to what I know"



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passing a test that proves whether you have the skill or not. There has been no effort to gauge the entirety of the child's being, but the focus has been on gaining a set of individuals well versed in the ways and means that have been followed over the ages. The talent pool that we possess is thus, ruined in the search for "toppers" and "merit holders". This leaves no room for innovation and creativity, upon which the world now thrives.

Innovation and Creativity are innate, possessed by everyone who walks the earth. Talent and hard work are important and learning to develop talents is essential for the growth of future citizen. As educationists and leaders, the onus is on us to build a culture of acceptance and equality that breeds values of Forethought, Empathy, Growth and Integrity. These would lead to creation of a future force that is creative, innovative and willing to take risks. It is important that the Education we provide, should build around the understanding of the child. The child should be equipped with the understanding and knowledge to decode the complex realities that are faced each day, making learning a tangible and futuristic process.

Individuals who believe their talents can be developed (through hard work, good strategies, and input from others) have a growth mindset. They tend to achieve more than those with a more fixed mindset (those who believe their talents are innate gifts).



This is because they worry less about looking smart and they put more energy into learning. Growth mindset is an important step that can bring about a paradigm shift in the way education is perceived, because we would see the opportunities for growth and work towards it. Getting a growth mindset into education would make the world smarter and better, realizing the vision for which education actually exists.

Growth Mindset is not about enforcing the belief about talent being innate or developed; it goes into our interactions and dealings with each other. It is to understand that the jour-

ney to reach the goal is more important than accomplishing without learning the values and attitudes associated with such a task. A growth mindset is closely related to Flexible thinking; they are fundamentally different thought processes. It is important that the education we provide should inculcate in students the practice of growth-mindset thinking and behavior, such as sharing information, collaborating, innovating, seeking feedback and admitting errors. These would definitely contribute to the nation a breed of individuals who are happy, satisfied, innovative, creative and growth oriented.

The minds of the children of today are powerhouses of information. They are exposed to myriad sources of data and at any given point, they are able to synthesize and deliver precise responses to questions that could stump most. Our Education system, however, lags a century behind in terms of being purposeful and future oriented. It is a known fact that the Public School system of today was fashioned to have better workers, skilled at a singular task; a byproduct of the Industrial Revolution. This mindset has become obsolete, with innovation and talent driving the entire industry. Our Education System, sadly, has failed to budge. We still want uniformity in the way our students think and expect the same answers rather than looking for an innovative solution that might be groundbreaking in its way. We would prefer ink to paper than think and answer.

Students of the day have heightened abilities. They are able to infer, understand and relate. The creativity, however, leaves when the only focus is

FUN WITH COLOURS



MULTIPLICATION

One of the multiplication properties is associative, which means you can group the factors in a multiplication equation differently and still get the same product.

$A \times (B \times C) = (A \times B) \times C$

Find the missing factor according to the associative property.

- $5 \times (4 \times 3) = (5 \times 4) \times \square$
- $7 \times (3 \times 6) = (7 \times 3) \times \square$
- $(30 \times 5) \times 12 = (30 \times 12) \times \square$

Find the product of these numbers.

- $6 \times (3 \times 4) = \square$ $(6 \times 3) \times 4 = \square$
- $10 \times (2 \times 5) = 10 \times \square = \square$
- $(10 \times 2) \times 5 = \square \times 2 = \square$

Think About It:

- When you group the factors differently do you get a different product? Explain.

- How could you change two out of the three factors in an equation and still have the same product?



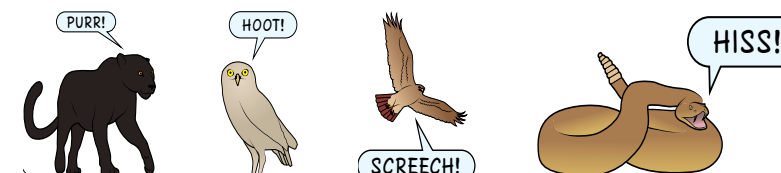
CONNECT THE DOTS



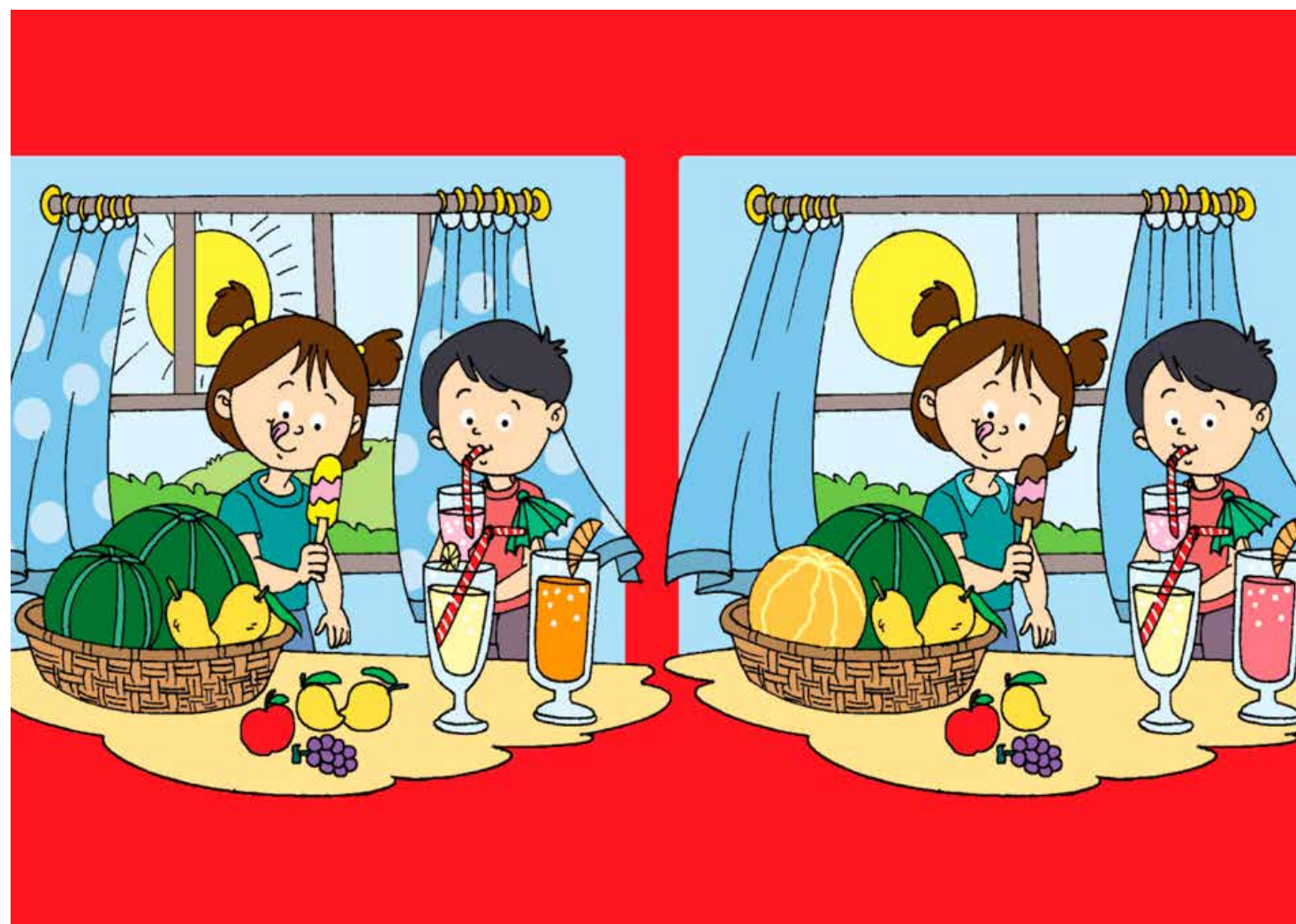
FIND THE WORDS FROM THE ANIMAL ONOMATOPOEIAS

L E R I E O A P T W E E T I I L T A F
G N K N N E G L J O N E I G H K M L J
R A R A K K C U L C B G D E Y J O K O
U I H W B L B K O I N K A F O O W P
N R B E O J I T F C N I H T G A A J A
T O B T E L C J D K H C E E R C S H C
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- TWEET
- CHIRP
- SCREECH
- SQUEAK
- RIBBIT
- CLUCK
- QUACK
- HONK
- MOO
- ROAR
- OINK
- GRUNT
- HOWL
- SQUEAL
- CUCKOO
- CLICK
- CROAK
- NEIGH



FIND AT LEAST EIGHT DIFFERENCES



SOUND IT OUT

Say each word. Listen to the beginning sound. One word sounds different from the others. Can you find it?



SUDOKU

7	3	4				6		
		1	2		4		7	
					3	5	1	
8	9			1			2	5
4	1			5	8			9
					9			6
	2			3	5	8		
1	8	7						
		3						

How to Play: Fill each of the blank boxes with the number grid from 1-9, with no numbers repeating in vertical, horizontal rows or 3x3 grids. Do not repeat any letters in a line. Each puzzle has only one solution.

1	9	6	2	7	8	3	4	5
3	5	2	9	4	6	7	8	1
7	4	8	5	3	1	6	2	9
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ANSWERS

LEARNING ABOUT VERBS WITH 'ing'



You've probably seen a lot of verbs with "ing" at the end. Verbs are action words and a verb ending with "ing" is one that is used to talk about an ongoing action. Here is an example:

My friend Kitty is reading a story about a princess and a frog.

Add 'ing' to the verbs so that they describe the continuing actions in the following sentences. Sometimes you may have to leave off the 'e' on the end of the verb before you add the 'ing.'

- I am _____ for the bus with my friend.
- My cousin is _____ for the airport in an hour.
- My mom is _____ my favorite song.
- He is _____ a surprise birthday party for his father.
- Our class is _____ a book drive.
- My brother is _____ to find his sweater.
- The girl is _____ a picture.
- Do you need help _____ your room?
- The children are _____ a fun game.
- They are _____ a tree house.
- My teacher is _____ our tests right now.

- wait
- leave
- sing
- throw
- organize
- try
- draw
- clean
- play
- build
- grade



Lord Jagannath Embarks on 141st Rath Yatra in A'bad from 400 year old Jagannatha Temple

On the 13th of July, India celebrated Rath Yatra, one of the oldest and biggest festivals of India. This festival is celebrated to commemorate the visit of Lord Jagannatha (incarnation of Lord Vishnu) to Gundicha Temple in Puri, Odisha. Idols of Lord Jagannatha, Balabhadra (Jagannatha's brother) and Subhadra (their sister) are decoratively placed on the chariot, which is then rolled around the town. Rath Yatra; 'Rath' means chariot, whereas 'Yatra' means journey.

Millions of devotees come to the Jagannath temple in Puri to celebrate the festival every year. It is celebrated in the month of Ashada on Sukla Dwitiya with new chariots made for the deities every year. Lord Jagannatha's chariot is called as Nandighosa with 16 wheels, Balabhadra's chariot is called as Taladhwaaja with 14 wheels and Subhadra's chariot is called as Dwarpadalana with 12 wheels.

There are many stories celebrating the Jagannatha Rath Yatra. One of the

tales mentions King Subal who was a great devotee of Jagannath. He once asked a sculptor to create an idol of Lord Krishna on his chariot in Kurukshetra, along with his brother Balarama and sister Subhadra. The sculptor agreed on one condition that he will work in solitude and the King agreed. For many days, the sculptor worked in the room and the King could hear a lot of noises. One fine day, the noise stopped and the King became anxious. He peeked in the room and saw the sculptor disappear. All he could find in the room were the idols. The idols had a divine charm in them. It is said that these idols are now used for Rath Yatra.

Another story is based in Dwarka. Once, Lord Krishna's eight wives wanted to listen too the divine tales of Krishna and the Gopis from mother Rohini. Mother Rohini refused to do so. She eventually agreed on a condition that Subhadra would guard the door so that no one overhears. When the story

recital began, Subhadra was so captivated by it that when Lord Krishna and Balarama arrived at the doorway, she stood between them with her hands apart. Sage Narad saw this and asked the three of them to give their blessings to everyone like this, forever. The three, granted Sage Narad his wish and then Lord Krishna, Balarama and Subhadra resided at Puri's Jagannatha temple eternally.

Though the largest Rath Yatra festival is celebrated in the city of Puri, Rath Yatra of Ahmedabad's Jagannath temple is also widely known for its fervour and enthusiasm. This year Ahmedabad commemorated its 141st Rath Yatra from the 400 year old Jagannatha temple in Jamalpur area. This was the first Rath Yatra to be held, after a part of the city was included by UNESCO on the list of world heritage cities and accordingly, the theme of the procession this year, was 'Heritage'. Besides the three chariots of Lord Jagannatha, Balabhadra and Subhadra, the procession com-

prised 18 decorated elephants, 101 trucks with tableaux, members of 30 religious groups and 18 singing troupes. The procession returned on around 8.30 pm after passing through areas like Kalupur, Shahpur and Dariyapur. More than 20,200 personnels from Ahmedabad City Police, Home Guards, State Reserve Police (SRP) and paramilitary forces were deployed along the 18-km long stretch of the yatra. Before the annual Rath Yatra started, BJP President Amit Shah performed 'Mangal Aarti' of the deities in the temple during the early hours. Gujarat Chief Minister, Vijay Rupani and Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel performed 'Pahind Vidhi', a symbolic ritual of cleaning the way for chariots using a golden broom.

Nowadays, Rath Yatra is not just celebrated in India but also in several international cities like Dublin, New York, Toronto and Laos also celebrate this festival with great dedication and enthusiasm.

HOW AND WHY IS GAURI VRAT OBSERVED?

India is popular for her traditions, culture and rituals. Our culture and rituals have evolved to teach us the best way of leading our lives. Within our culture there are many fasts (upvas) as well, of which Gauri Vrat is one.

Gauri Vrat is celebrated in some parts of western India, including Gujarat. It is celebrated in the Aashad month by unmarried girls and married women; and is generally observed for a period of five to nine days. However, some people even observe it for as long as 11 years!

Goddess Parvati or Gauri is regarded as the symbol of power in Indian culture. Women and girls dedicatedly observe this fast to pray to Gauri and obtain her blessings. Gauri brings benefits and alleviates the stresses and strains of life. Through the fast, girls at a very early age learn to be tolerant and inculcate strengths like handling anxiety and living happily with what is available.

The legend of this vrat begins with a merchant named Dharampal and his beautiful wife; who were unfor-



tunately childless. They prayed sincerely to Goddess Parvati, and soon enough they were blessed with a son. Although the son was born healthy,

he was not destined to live long. The wise couple was heart-broken, but they soon devised a plan to get their son married to a girl who would nev-

er face widowhood. Thus, Dharampal's son managed to overcome his destiny and went on to live for a hundred years.

Devotees observing the fast, rise early on the day of Mangala Gauri Puja and have a purifying bath in preparation for the rituals to follow. They start the Puja by first placing the idol of Devi Mangala Gauri on a wooden platform wrapped in a red cloth. A lamp is made using wheat flour and 16 thick cotton wicks are placed inside. It is further carried out by performing the Puja according to Shodoroshopochar rituals. Symbolic images of the Navagrahas made with rice, along with one of Shodash Ma are placed on the altar along with Devi Mangala Gauri. Those observing the fast cannot consume vegetables, salt, wheat or rice for the entire duration of the fast.

After completion of the fast on the last Tuesday of Shraavan, the idol of Goddess Mangala Gauri is immersed into a pond or lake, the following day. This ritual is known as Mangala Gauri Visarjan or Udyapana.

The Significance of Guru Purnima

A Guru helps us to realise our potential and become the leaders of tomorrow

*Guru brahma guru Vishnu
Guru devo maheshwarah
Guru sakshat param brahma
Tasmai shri gurave namah*

Guru Purnima is a very special day in Indian culture and is celebrated on the Full moon day of the Ashadha month. It wouldn't be wrong to call it the ancient Teacher's day of India. It is a day when one especially pays respect and homage to their gurus or teachers. On this day, students and disciples offer Puja or pay respect to their Gurus. This year Guru Purnima was celebrated on 27th July, Friday. Be sure to express your gratitude to the guru in your life, and receive their

“ Apart from the Guru, there is no other Brahman. O Beautiful One, what I say is true, it is the truth.”

blessings.

Our ancient Indian tradition and culture accord the highest respect and importance to a Guru or a Teacher. It is widely said that a person without a guru is like the unfortunate one. A Guru helps us to realise our potential and become the leaders of tomorrow. He or she helps us acquire the knowledge to successfully manoeuvre the tricky paths of life, without which we will be like a frightened deer caught in a hunter's net. The deer may struggle to free itself, but it is trapped well, and cannot escape the clutches of the hunter.

Literally, the word 'Guru' means important or excellent. Thus, a Guru symbolises greatness or excellence. Guru is the liberator, who illuminates the minds and hearts of the ignorant. The Guru Gita from the Skanda Purana equates a guru to Lord Shiva himself. In a conversation with Parvathi, Shiva, who is the universal Guru, declares thus, "Apart from the Guru, there is no other Brahman. O Beautiful One, what I say is true, it is the truth." In the

same text he further states, "A Guru is Shiva himself, manifested as a human."

To celebrate this manifestation of our Gurus and to remember their pivotal roles in our lives, the festival of Guru Purnima is celebrated every year on the full moon day (Purnima) in the Hindu month of Ashada. This day marks the first peak of lunar cycle after the peak of solar cycle. As per our traditions, students meet their gurus and take their blessings. The idea is to be a hundred times more active on the day of Guru Purnima than on any other day.

Traditionally, the festival is celebrated by Buddhists in honour of the lord Buddha who gave his first sermon on this day at Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh, India. It is also known as Vyasa-Purnima in honour of the great sage Vyasa, who is seen as one of the greatest Gurus in ancient Hindu traditions and a symbol of the Guru-shishya tradition. Vyasa was not only believed to have been born on this day, but also to have started writing the Brahmasutra on ashadha sudha padyami, which ended on this day. In the Yogic tradition, the day is celebrated as the occasion when Shiva became the first Guru, as he began the transmission of yoga to the Saptarishis.

Some of the most prominent teachers of ancient India were Brahma, Vyasa, Vashista, Bharadwaja, Parasara, Vishwamitra, Ashtavakra, Uddalaka Aruni, Yajnavalkya, Satyakama Jabala, Angirasa, etc.





FIFA WORLD CUP 2018 WINNERS

France win second title in 20 years

France won the World Cup for the second time by beating Croatia 4-2 in the final.

France are the champions of the world once again. Twenty years after Didier Deschamps lifted the trophy with the likes of Zinedine Zidane, Patrick Viera and Thierry Henry by his side, he did so again, this time with the rest of his coaching staff beside him. He was not wearing the French blue but a three-piece suit that got drenched in the rain in Moscow. He was the first French captain to lead his team to a World Cup title in 1998 and on Sunday he became the third man to win the title as captain and manager with the same team.

This is a World Cup in which strength on paper was diminished to a useless statistic. Germany ended the first round as wooden spooners of their group, Spain, Argentina and Brazil fell in the knockouts. France themselves ensured the ouster of Belgium. Out of all the teams that were deemed favourites before the World Cup started, Les Bleus were the only side that looked on course to proving that tag right.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Golden Ball:** Luka Modric (CRO)
- Golden Boot:** Harry Kane (ENG)-6 goals
- Golden Glove:** Thibaut Courtois (BEL)
- Young Player:** Kylian Mbappe (FRA)



France coach Didier Deschamps holds the trophy



MATCH STATS

	France	Croatia
39	Possession%	61
8	Total shots	15
6	Shots on target	3
2	Corners	6
1	Offsides	1
4	Blocks	1
74	Pass accuracy%	83
14	Fouls	13

DID YOU KNOW?

- Mario Mandzukic is the first player ever to score an own goal in a World Cup final
- Antoine Griezmann's Penalty at 37:56 was France's first shot of any kind in the final

KYLIAN MBAPPE

FIFA Young Player Award 2018

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TEAM

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FORWARD



INDIA



- 5th July 2018** ISRO successfully tested a Crew Escape System (CES), which is a critical technology for human spaceflight, will help in ensuring the astronauts are safely rescued in case of an emergency.
- 9th July 2018** The world's biggest mobile factory launched in Noida near Delhi by PM Narendra Modi and South Korean President Moon Jae. This new Samsung factory will have the capacity to produce 120 million smart phones a year.
- 9th July 2018** Supreme Court rejects the pleas to review capital sentences of three assailants in Nirbhaya Case of 2012.
- 11th July 2018** India becomes the world's sixth-biggest economy, according to updated World Bank figures. India's GDP amounted to \$2,597 trillion at the end of 2017.
- 13th July 2018** Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani beats Alibaba founder Jack Ma to become the richest man in Asia.
- 18th July 2018** Monsoon session of Parliament begins. Rajya Sabha passes two Bills- The Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property (Amendment) Bill 2017 and State Banks (Repeal and Amendment) Bill 2017. While the Lok Sabha passed The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Second Amendment) Bill 2017.
- 19th July 2018** RBI declares issue of new Rs.100 banknotes from next month.
- 19th July 2018** Lok Sabha passes Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill and the Rajya Sabha passes Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill.
- 20th July 2018** No-confidence debate and vote held in Lok Sabha against the Narendra Modi led NDA government. The motion was proposed by TDP and backed by the opposition. NDA won 325-126 with AIADMK backing and BJD, TRS abstentions.
- 26th July 2018** Two Indians- Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk win this year's Ramon Magsaysay Award. The Magsaysay Award is considered to be the Asian version of the Nobel Prize. Other winners included Youk Chhang from Cambodia, Maria de Lourdes Martins Cruz from East Timor, Howard Dee from Philippines and Vo Thi Hoang Yen from Vietnam.

WORLD

- 6th July 2018** Former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has been sentenced to 10 years in jail for corruption, while his daughter Maryam Sharif has been given seven years.
- 25th July 2018** NASA scientists have detected a salt-laden lake under ice on the southern polar plain of Mars. It is the first stable body of liquid water found on Mars and is about 20 kms wide.
- 25th July 2018** 10th BRICS Summit started in Johanenesburg.
- 27th July 2018** Former cricketer Imran Khan is set to become the new Prime Minister of Pakistan but will need coalition to form government. Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party won 109 of the 269 seats being contested in the National Assembly. In his first speech after victory, he announces that he wishes to have good relations, trade, and peace with India.
- 27th July 2018** PM Modi-Xi Jinping, agree to maintain 'momentum' in ties; Chinese Defence Minister to visit to India.

SPORTS



- 8th July 2018** India's premier gymnast Dipa Karmakar clinched the gold medal in the vault event of FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at Mersin, Turkey.
- 13th July 2018** Indian athlete Hima Das created history by winning the gold medal in the women's 400 metre event at the IAAF World U20 Championship in Tampere, Finland. With a time of 51.46 seconds in the final, she became the first Indian athlete to win gold in a world championship across all age groups.
- 14th July 2018** MS Dhoni becomes the fourth Indian to score 10,000 runs in International ODIs. He also became the first wicketkeeper to take 300 catches match in the 3 match India-England series at Lords.
- 15th July 2018** France wins the FIFA World Cup 2018 final by 4-2 after defeating Croatia in Moscow.
- 20th July 2018** Pakistan openers Fakhar Zaman and Imam-ul-Haq broke the all-time opening partnership in ODI history with a 304-run opening stand during the 4th ODI against Zimbabwe at Queens Sports in Bulawayo.

BIRTHDAY WISHES



BAL GANGADHAR TILAK
JULY 23, 1856



J R D TATA
JULY 29, 1904



NASEERUDIN SHAH
JULY 20, 1950



JIM CORBETT
JULY 25, 1875



CHANDRASEKHAR AZAD
JULY 23, 1906



MAHENDRA SINGH DHONI
JULY 07, 1981



PRIYANKA CHOPRA
JULY 18, 1982



MUNSHI PREMCHAND
JULY 31, 1880



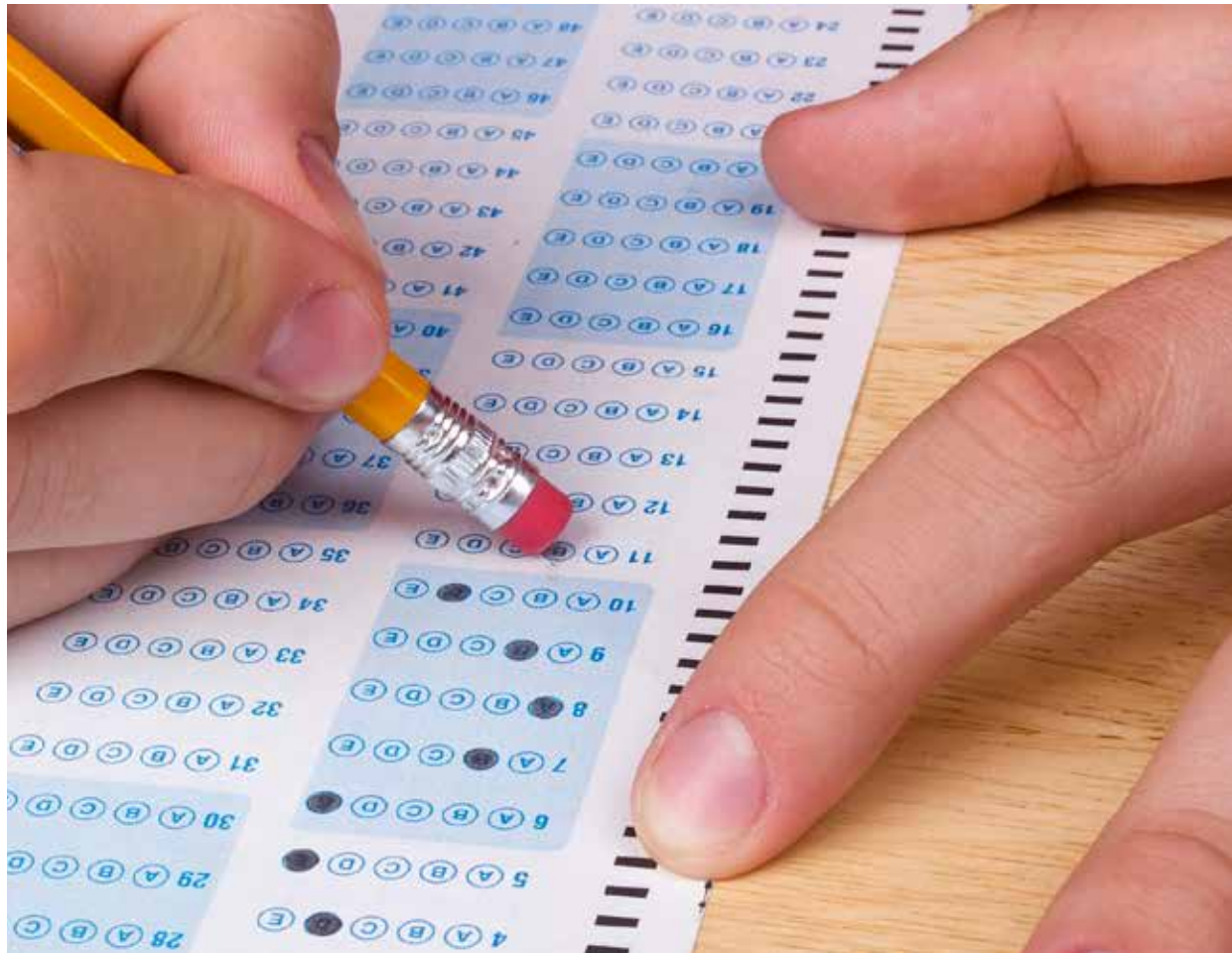
AZIM PREMJI
JULY 24, 1945

Strategy for Managing Board Exams Along With Competitive Exams

For many students in class 12th, the thought of competitive exams makes them nervous because not only do they have to find out all important information about all the competitive exams that are applicable to them, but also find a way to study for them along with preparing for their board examinations.

Let's be honest, no student enjoys the pressure of juggling between competitive exams such as JEE, AIPMT, and AIEEE, etc., and board exams. What makes studying for both different, is that while board exams are designed keeping in mind the intellect of an average student, while entrance exams test for advanced skills in the subject. The difficulty level of both are vastly different. Yet, both are equally important if one wishes to secure admission in the top colleges in the country. Competitive examinations go beyond the scope of board exams and also test students for logical aptitude and reasoning ability. Moreover, even after so much hard work, one cannot be sure of being admitted to their top choice because of the intense competition present.

Board examinations are held in March, while entrance examinations start April onwards. This gives students only a month after their boards and so a lot of planning and perseverance is needed to do justice to both. So it is not surprising that so many students are unable to handle the pressure of managing both exams and end up succumbing to stress, anxiety or depression. To help students struggling to manage studying for both types of examinations, we have compiled a list of useful tips that can help you plan and manage their time and preparations better.



If You Fail to Plan, You are Planning to Fail

Having a good plan is half the battle won. A good plan will help you space your preparations in a way that you are best able to understand, absorb and retain them. Without a plan, you will undoubtedly find yourself rushing through the curriculum at the end, which will greatly hamper your memory and retention. Make a plan that sets aside a few hours every day for your school curriculum and another couple of hours for the competitive exam preparation.



DO IT RIGHT, THE FIRST TIME

Learn to look at your class work, home work as well as assignments as an opportunity to revise what you have learned in class and so as a preparation for the final exams. Instead of seeing board exams as completely separate from entrance exams, a better way is to see them with synergy. This means that whatever topic you are preparing for board exams, midterm exams or even class tests, you can give it a few extra hours from the perspective of competitive exams by preparing the same topic from advanced reference books as well. Studying for both exams together in this way will save a lot of time and is extremely efficient. Identify and concentrate on the common topics to cover major chunks of syllabus simultaneously.

TIME IS THE MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE OF ALL

Since competitive exams begin a month after boards, there isn't enough time to start preparing for them only after the boards. This means that one must make sure that one has adequately covered the competitive exam syllabus much before the boards even begin. This will allow you to utilise the last month in focussed exam preparations like solving previous year papers and taking mock tests. This will help you become used to the exam format and find your weaknesses and gaps. To be able to do this, one must try to stick to the plan and timetable.

HEALTHY BODY - HEALTHY MIND

Talking about a calm mind, one cannot deny that a healthy body is necessary to house a healthy mind. Regular exercise and meditation keeps both the body and the mind functioning at its optimum state. Avoid stress-inducing activities like too much time on social media or infant of the TV. Sneak in some sport and outdoor time in between your study sessions. This will help you avoid boredom and also keep you physically and mentally fit. Don't forget to avoid overly processed, junk food and try to eat nutritious and balanced meals. Lastly, never underestimate the importance of sufficient sleep. It is the single most important thing contributing to a sharp and alert mind which can handle the stress and pressures of life.

STAY CALM AND CARRY ON

It is not uncommon to see many bright students goofing up in important exams due to over-confidence or nervousness, while average students beat them due to a calm attitude which actively participated in reviewing and revising their answers. It is certain that students who leave enough time to revise their answers, end up scoring better than those who don't. A calm mind, time management and final revision are key to optimal exam performance. It is normal to feel slightly nervous, but don't let it get the better of you.

Hope you found these tips helpful and will find a way to inculcate them in your life. In case you're confused about how many competitive examinations there are after class 12th, and which ones apply to you, worry no more. In the next edition we will publish a list of all important competitive examinations and their dates to help you plan your preparations better.

EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR BUILDING INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS



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this approach. Across the board, academic performances were improving because teachers were now employing increased patience and diversity in teaching techniques to address the diverse abilities in their classrooms. There was also a marked change in the awareness and attitude of students towards social and personal responsibility.

It was clear that being in an inclusive environment was making them more responsible, patient, compassionate and tolerant.

Gradually we increased the scale as well as scope of our inclusion efforts. After our positive experience with ability based inclusion, we decided to venture into socio-economic inclusion by enrolling meritorious students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds and granting them fee-waivers or scholarships. Keep in mind that this was long before RTE was passed or enforced. We wished to create a learning environment where the privileged and under-privileged could learn together, learn from each other and also unlearn social prejudice together.

We worked hard to foster an environment where one is not judged by their socio-economic status, and all children have access to the same resources and opportunities.

The results were one again extremely encouraging. Undoubtedly, when implemented properly and thoughtfully, inclusion positively impacts the overall culture, educational quality, and performance of the school.

The following strategies that I have learned from my experience can help you build a constructive and inclusive

atmosphere in your school too:

Extending Academic Support

Inclusive Learning recommends schools provide academic support services to ensure all students have the opportunity to thrive. Flexible pacing, reading specialists and extra tutoring can be especially helpful to students with learning differences or those who are not proficient in English.

Preparing the Teachers

Highly trained and sensitive teachers are crucial to educating students about privilege and oppression. However, unfortunately many teachers do not have enough of an understanding of these topics to properly support students. It is important that educators be competent in their knowledge about how the growing inequality impacts the greater society within and beyond the school campus. For this, sensitivity training of teachers is imperative. Untrained teachers may unwittingly use language or micro-aggressions that may be hurtful to under-privileged students. For educators to effectively support inclusive societies, they need to see themselves as more than just conveyors of fact. They need to hold their students to high expectations, prioritise closing the achievement gap, and help their students understand and connect to the world at large.

Curriculum Adjustment

It's uncommon for school curriculums to address concepts like privilege, oppression, power structures and racism, but this is key to combating inequality. By focussing solely on the formal instruction of academic

disciplines like mathematics and science, schools provide students with a knowledge of facts that doesn't necessarily connect to today's greater world. This type of education gives no counter to prejudiced beliefs that privileged students may encounter at home or in media, and adds no context for under-privileged children to make sense of their own experiences in our current society.

Rethinking Evaluation Criteria

One way to address school inequality is by rethinking our assessment and evaluation criteria to take the diversity of ability and exposure into account. Redesigning assessment tools can help all students perform better and gain more confidence.

Student Body Mentorship Programs

I have found that involving students to mentor their disadvantaged classmates, is one of the most effective strategies in creating inclusive classrooms and schools. While the 'mentors' help their peers to adjust to their new environment and navigate through the curriculum, they too in turn are instilled with a sense of responsibility, maturity and gain confidence by helping others. We have witnessed a noticeable boost in academic performances of both-mentors and mentees.

Building a Culture of Respect

Outside individual classrooms, educators can also make sure they foster an inclusive school community. Hire staff that reflects the diversity of students and demonstrates respect for people of all abilities and socio-economic backgrounds. Let your students know that the staff can serve as a resource to help them deal with issues related to discrimination and oppression.

Providing Space for Open Discussion

Schools can promote inclusivity by creating environments where students can openly discuss thoughts and feelings about inequality and structural oppression. Our job is to raise awareness and to create an environment where we can talk to each other without fear or hesitation. By creating such a space, we allow our students to dive deep and flesh out any assumptions and biases they may have.

To conclude, I can only express hope that more schools and parents will wake up to the many promises of social inclusion under RTE for building a stronger school and society. With the right support and environment, both the privileged and under-privileged students can help each other develop a more realistic and comprehensive worldview. Don't forget -Inclusive schools build inclusive societies.