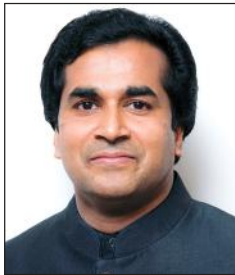




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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Children,

I know that after the second mid term examination, you are waiting for to welcome the new year 2018. Let us look forward with positivity and enthusiasm and wish that the coming year brings peace, harmony, happiness, and wealth.

Did you ever wish that you could manage people with your mind? It is easy, for that learn these psychological tricks - you'll be amazed at how simple it is.

1. Agreeableness

When you ask someone a question, get them to agree with you by simply nodding your head. This action makes them start thinking that what you're saying is true and that they should nod "yes" too, since we're social creatures.

2. Word Conditioning

When having a conversation with someone, pick a word they say and then whenever they say that word, or similar words, just smile, nod, or give them some kind of positive affirmation. Watch in amusement as they start saying that word all the time.

3. The Zeigarnik Effect

Got a song stuck in your head? Think (or sing) the last verse of the song. Our mind tends to continue thinking about unfinished tasks, this is known as the Zeigarnik Effect. By thinking about the end of the song, you signal your brain that the task is finished.

4. How to Build Attraction

When you first meet someone, if you're going for a handshake you better make sure your hand is warm. A warm handshake is more inviting than a cold one. You should also subtly mimic the other person's posture and actions, as it builds trust and makes you seem the both of you fit well together.

5. Getting Information

Want your friend to open up? Ask him or her a question, keep eye contact and remain silent for a few seconds. They will be compelled to continue talking, albeit possibly more irritated, but talk they will.

6. Confrontation

If you think someone is going to confront you in a meeting, sit right next to them. It is an awkward thing to talk ill of someone or to be aggressive towards them when they're up close. No one wants to sit next to someone they just bad-mouthed - take advantage of it.

7. Find Your Way Through a Crowd

Got a whole bunch of people blocking your way? Simply look in the direction in which you intend to walk and watch as a path is formed. In busy areas, people watch other people's eyes to see where they're going, and move away from that path.

8. Paternal Advice

Want people to take you more seriously? Tell them that the advice you're giving them, was given to you by your father. People tend to trust fatherly advice inherently.

9. Use a person's name, or their title depending on the situation.

Dale Carnegie, the author of How to Win Friends and Influence People, believed that using someone's name was incredibly important. He said that a person's name is the sweetest sound in any language for that person. A name is the core part of our identity, and so hearing it validates our existence, which makes us much more inclined to feel positively about the person who validated us.

10. Start with a request they can't refuse and work your way up.

Instead of starting with a large request, you start with something really small. Once someone has committed to helping you, or agreeing to something, they are now more likely to agree to a bigger request.

11. Paraphrase people and repeat back to them what they just said.

One of the most positive ways to influence others is to show them that you really understand how they feel, that you have real empathy for them. One of the most effective ways to do this is by paraphrasing what they say and repeating it back to them, also known as reflective listening.

Wish You All the Best and a Happy New Year.

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Cluster Of Prizes Bagged By Student Delegates at BHAVAN'S MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2017



The students of the Indian Community School Kuwait, Senior branch have proved their mettle once again at the Bhavan's Model United Nations held at Indian Educational School Kuwait. The event witnessed the active participation of 110 student delegates representing different countries. The guest of honour Mr. Zineb Touimi - Benjelloun, UN Resident Co-ordinator and UNDP Resident Representative State of Kuwait graced the occasion. After two days of discussions and deliberations on issues at the national and international levels, the ICSKians

showed their prowess at various levels of the competition.

The School President Mast.Aneez Mohammed K. won the best delegate of the Model UN general assembly and second prize as best speaker. Mast. Vivek Prasad won the best delegate in UN Global Compact. Mast. Daanish Baig and Mast Joe Mammen are second prize winners in best delegate UNHRC and Best reporter World Media Council respectively. Miss Gayathri Nair won the third prize in the best speaker category. Mast. Mohammed Mishal secured the best delegate position in the Model UN Security Council and also won third prize for position council paper. He is accompanied with third prize winners Silla Swastik Patro (Best delegate Security Council), and Aditya Narayan Rajesh (Best delegate UN Global Compact).

The UNDP edition of Kuwait awarded special 'Badges of Appreciation' to Mast. Abhiram V. Kurup, Miss Anupama Dilip, Miss Nitya Kapoor, Miss Ann Mariya Shenny and Miss Vrischika Nair. The Principal and staff lauded the efforts of the entire team, assuring them that their prizes are yet another feature added to the ICSK hall of fame. BMUN 2017 gave a platform to our delegates who were also supplemented with insights into the current affairs of the world. It was an incredible experience and one which led to a moulding of our children into responsible citizens of the future.

EDITORS' NOTE

Looking Back at a Remarkable Year

Dear Readers,

When you look back on what we've done over the past year, it's hard to believe we fit it all into 12 months.

In 2017, we celebrated as students, we won competitions and made tournament runs. We welcomed a record-setting class of freshmen, while the class of 2017 graduated at a record rate. We welcomed many distinguished facades and awarded individuals for their top-notch accomplishments and who serve as role models for the leaders we're educating today. We saw the very own President's Teacher Award make its way to our campus. As a matter of fact, 2017 has been an eventful one. But is it one to really look back upon? Lets' ponder...

We witnessed student members make discoveries at science fairs, and we applauded as many others were privileged for their hard work. We congratulated the team that earned a record-setting nineteenth CBSE Cluster win that clearly defined us as giants, plus started recruiting for the senior secondary vacancies that add to our talented student community.

And we've laid the foundations for expanding ways to communicate with our stake holders as we build healthy communities, contributing to their prosperity, vitality and sustainability through Campus 360. We continue to make the changes that will enable even greater accomplishments in the future: a vibrant core curriculum, first-year teach me experiences, new admission standards, and support for humanitarian initiatives to name a few.

We held the public launch of the digital media club, while continuing to make our administrative operations more efficient and effective. We did all of this in service of our noble mission of lifting students and society. And we did all of this together, through extraordinary effort and often by overcoming obstacles along the way.

This has been a year of growth and progress for our school and those we serve, and next year looks to be even better. Looking back at the past '365' only enables us to renew our hope for a prosperous new '365'.

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Mrs. Tintu Wilson

STUDENT EDITORIAL

To Be Happy Once Again.....



JOE MAMMEN JOHN
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It is that time of the year again when life gives you another chance to change your course of direction. The season of Christmas with all its love, hope and joy gives us the impetus to mend our broken relationships, to be happy once again.

The world today has forgotten to be happy and content. People now run behind material pleasures. They forget to be what they are and try to become what they are not. Their best friends are the mobile phones, computer and the internet. They forget the pain and sufferings of others. We all make New Year resolutions every year. This year I feel that our resolution should be to spend more time with our family, grandparents, friends and relatives. We should also help and pray for those who are facing difficulties. We should be satisfied with what we have and with what we are.

Our dreams must be high. The goals and opportunities that we missed this past year are like spilt milk which can never be retrieved. But the coming year provides us with new insights and hopes for our future dreams and aspirations. So remember to grab those opportunities to fulfil your dreams and ambitions because life might give you just one more chance to prove yourself.

The worries of this life grab our feet and pull us down. They don't make us live in peace. But consider the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, yet God above feeds them and takes care of them. So too we must believe that God would take care of us. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

With this endnote, I wish all of you a

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

MY WEIGHT LOSS TRANSFORMATION



CHINMAY RAJESH
SHINDE - 12 L

I started my journey from the beginning of the season 2017-18. From my first day, I was about 84kg and I was very tired to control my weight. Therefore, I had decided to reduce my weight. I did many workouts like military workout, then cardio workout and many others and I have followed many diet plans like water diet, military diet, one meal a day diet. I used to do fasting a lot as well. I used to get motivated to join in army, that why I have decided to bring physical discipline in my life.

I could train my daily awakening to 4:30am and engage in jogging for two and half hour from 5:00am till 7:30 am. I used to walk around for more than 14 kms.

I used to burn around more than 700 kcal (calories) a day it just got me around 2 till 4 months to reduce my weight. Before I was somewhere around 84kg and my present weight in 60 kg. I lost a total of 24kilograms. This was because I was determined to prove what I can achieve.

MOTIVATIONAL TALK on “CAREER PLANNING” & C-DAT STEERED TO DETERMINE INNATE SKILLS



The Indian Community School Kuwait, organized Differential Aptitude Test (C-DAT), for the students of classes 11 & 12, in collaboration with CIGI (Centre for Information & Guidance India) Kuwait Chapter on 24th and 25th of November at ICSK Senior.

The session was conducted for the first time and during two days in three segments which included the motivational talk on career planning, aptitude test and individual counselling. The aptitude test which was free of cost was attempted by 55 students of classes 11 & 12, who had registered online and the motivational talk on career planning was attended by about 350 students of classes 9, 10, 11 & 12 and their parents.

The session commenced with an inaugural programme attended by the resource personalities of CIGI (Kuwait Chapter) - Dr. Sangeeth Ibrahim & Mr. Kabeer. Dr. Amir Ahmed, Chairman CIGI, Kuwait Chapter, Dr.V.Binumon, Principal & Senior administrator ICSK, Mrs. Sherly Dennis, Principal ICSK Junior, Mr. Gangadhar Shirsath, Principal, ICSK Khaitan and Mr.Rajesh Nair, Principal ICSK Amman also graced the occasion with their presence.

Dr.V.Binumon, Principal & Senior administrator ICSK extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries present which was followed by an informative introductory address by Dr. Amir Ahmed, Chairman CIGI Kuwait Chapter. The motivational talk on career planning

by Dr.Sangeeth Ibrahim, Vice President & Head of Learning & Career Development, Sharjah Islamic Bank, was the focal point of the session as it helped the parents and 350 students understand the different aspects in choosing a career. The inspiring and entertaining session enlightened and motivated each and every one present in the school auditorium. Mr. Joel D'Souza, Senior teacher, Dept. of Geography delivered the vote of thanks.

Differential Aptitude Test (C-DAT) is a proven scientific test that unveils the structure of a person's inborn potential or natural ability. CIGI has implemented various educational and career empowerment programs with the support of the local government bodies.

The test sessions were followed by an Individual Counselling Session for each student with the counsellor, Mr. Kabeer. Parents of participating students also got the opportunity to interact with the counsellor. The session helped the students gain a better insight into their individual areas of strength and the parents an idea about which career options will be the best suitable ones for their children.

ICSK CARVES A NICHE AT INTERSCHOOL CULTURAL FEST “XPRESSIONS 2017”



A mega cultural fest- “Xpressions 2017” was hosted by The Indian English Academy School, Kuwait on the 18th of November. It was a fun filled and competitive experience for the students as 14 Indian Schools participated in it. It was an extravaganza of numerous competitions which included mind boggling quizzes, music, art, dance and creative art which brought out the beautiful talents in our students. A whopping number of 95 students from ICSK Senior participated in about 26 different items in both the junior and senior categories.

Amongst the different competitions held, our students secured first place in Extempore- Junior category Joven Jose, first prize in duet singing- Ruth Ann Mathew, Moses Kurien Mathew, first place in kitchen percussion - Ashwin Dan, Avinash Kumar, Gautham Suresh, Johann Thomas, Moses Reji Chandy, Ruben Renji, first place in Little Miss Mommy and Me- fashion show-Vedika Kalpesh, Zoya Deepak, third in Hindi dance- Anjana Revi Prasad, Nanda Krishna, Devi Ajaya, Saya Sunil, Yukta Menon), second in Paper lampshade making- senior category- Ahalya Narayanan Kutty, Kabila Gnanasegar,



Rithikha Raghupathy), second in paper lampshade making- Junior category-Ann Shibu, May Smith, Khadija Kaeed, second in Cooking without gas- senior category- Anka Solanki, Kalyani.R, second in Vintage vantage painting-Junior category Vaishnav Rajeev, third in caricature drawing-senior category Sidharth Suresh.

With the esteemed Principal Dr.V.Binumon being the driving force, along with the guidance of cultural coordinator Mrs. Jayabala Jayaram and teachers, ICSK-Senior bagged the third runners up trophy with a total of 365 points.

CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS - DECEMBER

CLASS 12A



ETHAN ROSS D'SOUZA ANN MARIYA JOSEPH

CLASS 12B



BENJAMIN OOMMEN KEENAN LUCAS D'SOUZA

CLASS 12C



SACHCHIT SAJEEV AARON BNABY THOMAS

CLASS 12D



AHMED K. SUHAD M.

CLASS 12E



ZAHABIYA AMATULLA

CLASS 12F



AMMAR CHAKKIWALA AARON D. SHARMA

CLASS 12G



DIVYA AJITH ALVINA CARLITTA

CLASS 12H



ZIYAD ALI ASHRAF PARAS CHAUDHARY

CLASS 12I



TASNEEM F. WADI VERELL C.

CLASS 12J



YADU KRISHNA SAJJYOTH PANDIT

CLASS 12K



DANISH SHAUN C. RUNA AKTER

CLASS 12L



FATHIMATHUL RAZA JOHN MARSHAL

CLASS 11A



MOSES REJI CHANDY AHMED Y. EBRAHIM

CLASS 11B



SHARON JUDITH LOBO GOUTHAM SURESH

CLASS 11C



AHAMED ABDUL J. SHIV SHEETAL KUBAL

CLASS 11D



MD. FARDHEEN N. SANDRA SAJEEV

CLASS 11E



RESHMA SARAH M. ANN LIZ VARGHESE

CLASS 11F



ABEL BASKUTTY AMENA

CLASS 11G



ABDUL AZIM N. ANGELA GEORGE K.

CLASS 11H



SHEIKH NADEEM SIDHARTH

CLASS 11I



SHAGUFTHA KHAN SYED SNEESHA

CLASS 11J



JANICE SREYA HAFSAH

CLASS 11M



NAJEEBUDDIN MOHD SANTHOSH KUMAR

CLASS 10A



GAUTHAM PRAKASH EBIN SHIBU

CLASS 10B



ELWIN GEORGE J. VEDHIKA KALPESH

CLASS 10C



ASMA PARWEZ ASWANTH GANI

CLASS 10E



AKBER ALI HUSSAIN ABBAS

CLASS 10F



LUBNA ABDUL K. RHYS FERNANDES

CLASS 9A



SARAYU MURUGASWAMY MURTAZA

CLASS 9B



MOH'D IZZAT ALI BLESSY K.

CLASS 9C



SHARON BABY THOMAS DELWYN PIUS M.

CLASS 9D



SARAH KHALID DONAL TOMS SHIBU

CLASS 8A



VYSHNAVI MADHUSUDHAN ALEN MATHIEW

CLASS 8B



MUNIRA ABBAS GOKUL KUMAR

CLASS 8C



JANE CRASTO WALEED KHALID

CLASS 8D



JOHAN JAMES JOHN GAYATHRI PREM

CLASS 7A



ANKITHA MENON AMAN AJAZ

CLASS 7B



JITTU JOSEPH ANN SHIBU

CLASS 7C



ABBAS KUTUBDIN SAARAN SHAIKH

CLASS 7D



SARATH SUBRAMANI AFAF ARIF

CLASS 7E



MIR ZAMAN HYDER SUDEV V. SIJU

CLASS 7F



DITZA ANN KUPPALA NARASIMHA

CLASS 6A



MOHAMMED BURHAN SANIYA SARFARAZ

YEARLY EDITION of ACCA ORIENTATION AMASSES PASSIONATE INVOLVEMENT



The Indian Community School, Kuwait, over the years has grown and evolved to become the premier educational institution, with a vision to excel in all spheres and as the center of cultural activities for the Indian community in Kuwait. An ACCA Orientation Programme for the students of Class XI was organized at ICSK Senior on 20th November, 2017. ACCA stands for the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants a leading international accountancy body. The ACCA qualification is recognized and treated in other countries as being equivalent to their local qualification.

Mr. Taher Kaprasi was the resource person of the seminar. Mr. Taher is the Educational Manager at ACCA and has worked in countries such as London, Bahrain, Dubai, India, Scotland and many more.

Dr. V. Binumon, Principal –ICSK Senior & Senior Administrator delivered the welcome address and conducted the introductory session to ACCA. Mr. Taher Kaprasi, Business Development Executive, ACCA, Dubai, gave an overview of ACCA programme and the benefits of pursuing the course. He elaborated that ACCA designation (the first choice among employers) is undoubtedly a symbol of excellence recognizable to employers around the world. The world-class global reputation of ACCA fetches the students a treasure of benefits. He steered the students towards the path to ACCA Qualification through a presentation, by which the students could learn more about the Accounting profession, its benefits and its demand globally at all times. The students learned about the different job opportunities that they could take up by pursuing the ACCA Qualification, such as CEO, CFO, Finance Professional, etc. Mr. Taher also guided the students towards the registration for ACCA. The students were also explained the exam schedule of ACCA.

The programme culminated with a lively interactive session in which all the queries and doubts of the students' regarding ACCA were effectively clarified. The Vote of Thanks was extended to the gathering by Mr. Rajesh Nair, Principal (ICSK Amman) and Coordinator ACCA Orientation Programme. The seminar was highly motivational as it contributed significantly to the ideas of students about their future in the field of Accountancy.

Fantabulous CHILDREN'S DAY Celebrations On November 14



The Indian Community School, Senior Branch, held a splendid celebration on 14th November, 2017 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India. The day is celebrated all over India as a day of celebration of childhood and symbolizes Pt. Nehru's deep affection and concern for children. The celebrations spirited the young minds with gaiety and fervor inspiring them to preserve childhood in their minds throughout their life. ICSK campus wore a festive look as children walked in wearing coloured clothes. Various quotes by Pandit Nehru embellished the school campus. A special assembly was organized on the day by the teachers of ICSK Senior as a tribute to the pristine purity and innocence of childhood. Each and every student was welcomed at the school gate by the team of teachers under the leadership of the Principal Dr. V. Binumon.



Dr. V. Binumon welcomed the gathering urging the students to enjoy every small step that takes us ahead in life. Prayer, music and thoughts enriched the minds of the children reinforcing the values taught and followed. One teacher did a convincing impression of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India and rendered a dazzling speech to conscientise the students upon the need to be proactive in the present scenario. Musical extravaganza and dance performances by teachers further made the special assembly memorable. From the glint in the eyes of the many students dressed in colourful outfits, dancing and singing non-stop, one could tell that it was an occasion which would stay in their minds for a long time to come. Chocolates sprinkled with good advice and love distributed to all the students created the right mood of happiness throughout the day imprinting the happy memories in minds of all the children.

Birthday Arcade - December



FIRAZ MOH'D AZMI
12K - DEC. 1



AADIL BASHEER
12E - DEC. 1



SANDRA SAJEEV
11D - DEC. 1



SARAH KHALID
9D - DEC. 1



SIDHARTH DILEEP
9B - DEC. 1



YUSRA ASAD KAHAN
9B - DEC. 1



ADARSH ASHOK
12B - DEC. 2



ADORA FLORY
11G - DEC. 2



ANTON K. SAM
8C - DEC. 2



ABIGAIL MARY YANG
10A - DEC. 3



EBEZ JOHN CHACKO
7D - DEC. 3



JESU JOEL GEORGE
8A - DEC. 3



MAHIKA MALHOTRA
7B - DEC. 3



ABHINAV GIRISH
12A - DEC. 4



BATUL HUSAINI D.
12I - DEC. 5



GAUTHAM SURESH
11B - DEC. 5



SANJANA KIRAN
8A - DEC. 5



SUDEV V. SIJU
7E - DEC. 5



YADHU KRISHNA
12J - DEC. 5



POORVA NIRMAL
7D - DEC. 6



JOEL ANTO
10A - DEC. 7



RUKAIYA HUSSAIN
12G - DEC. 7



JULIANA M. GEORGE
12D - DEC. 8



MARIA
7E - DEC. 8



MOH'D NAZIR
11G - DEC. 8



NABEELA BEGUM
10A - DEC. 8



RENITA SEQUIERA
12H - DEC. 8



MISHAAL
10E - DEC. 9



MOHAN D.
11D - DEC. 9



AISWARYA S. NAIR
8B - DEC. 10



SAKINA ARJAN
8B - DEC. 10



ABBAS
10B - DEC. 11



MALAIKA
11C - DEC. 11



NEELANJANA B. BALAN
12A - DEC. 11



PATHAN SAAD KHAN
12A - DEC. 11



UMAIR ZAHID
7C - DEC. 11



YAHIA SHABBIR
11D - DEC. 11



RIYA ANN ELIAS
12C - DEC. 12



SAFFANA
10E - DEC. 11



SAKINA SHABBIR
11I - DEC. 12



SNEHA KUNNAKATTU
8A - DEC. 12



DIYA THASNIM
11E - DEC. 13



FRANCESCA V. KURUP
12I - DEC. 13



KEENAN D'SOUZA
12B - DEC. 13



MEREeba ANN THOMAS
12E - DEC. 13



SIDHARTH ABY
12A - DEC. 13



ADNAN MOHAMMED
11F - DEC. 14



ANDERS PAUL
11D - DEC. 14



BERTILLA RITHU JIJO
11J - DEC. 14



HAMID ABDUL RAHIM
12D - DEC. 14



HANA SAALIM
8A - DEC. 14



JOEL JOHN SHAJI
11B - DEC. 14



YASH DHANANJAY
11B - DEC. 14



ARJUN SUJITH
7B - DEC. 15



DONA AJAY
12H - DEC. 15



HUSSAIN HAKIMUDDIN
11B - DEC. 15



MERIL ANN VARGHESE
9A - DEC. 15



GOURAV JAGDISH
8D - DEC. 16



ASMA SYED
12I - DEC. 17



AKASH CHANDRAMOHAN
12C - DEC. 17



AKSHAYA PRAMOD
9C - DEC. 17



AHMED FARZEEN
8D - DEC. 18



BOVAS BENSON
10B - DEC. 18



IMAD AMAN KAZI
12H - DEC. 18



JOEL
12L - DEC. 17



SYED AEESHA
11I - DEC. 17



TEKKUM FAKHRUDDIN
11F - DEC. 18



FATIMA TAPIYA
12G - DEC. 19



JESSICA ANN LIJO
9B - DEC. 19



KABILA G.
11D - DEC. 19



NIKHIL SUNIL
11C - DEC. 19



TARIQ AHMED
12C - DEC. 19



ANIKA CHANDRAN
11G - DEC. 20



FUAD ABDURAHIMAN
12C - DEC. 20



KASAM MANAN
12I - DEC. 20



SUVARNA SURESH
9D - DEC. 20



ANNA
7C - DEC. 21



FATIMA MOHAMMAD
11D - DEC. 21



JANE CRASTO
8C - DEC. 21



SAFA SAJID
7E - DEC. 21



REEM TARIQ
9A - DEC. 22



SYED ARMAAN
7C - DEC. 22



MOHMED SADIK
12D - DEC. 24



JANNADHUL RISWANA
12K - DEC. 24



JANNADHUL RIFANA
12K - DEC. 24



LJAMOL VARGHESE
12E - DEC. 24



ASHITA ELIZABETH T.
12F - DEC. 22



BERTIN PAUL
12A - DEC. 22



MOH'D IMTIAZ
7F - DEC. 22



CHRIS THOMAS C.
11J - DEC. 24



ALLEN ROY
11H - DEC. 24



ABHISHEK R. CHOUDHARY
9A - DEC. 25



SAKINA
11E - DEC. 25



ANNA NIXON
8C - DEC. 25



JOEL THOMAS
12H - DEC. 26



ALDRIN REBELLO
7D - DEC. 27



ALINA MARIAM ANIL
11E - DEC. 27



ISRA YUNUS KHAN
10B - DEC. 28



NABILA MOHAMMED
9D - DEC. 28



SAUD MOH'D
8A - DEC. 28



SHRUTI BHAGAT
8A - DEC. 28



NISHINT VENKATESH
8B - DEC. 29



NIYANTH VENKATESH
8B - DEC. 29



RUPALI JAIN
10A - DEC. 29



TANYA CHRISTINE S.
11A - DEC. 29



AZIZ JUZAR
12H - DEC. 30



MANNAH ACHU ALEX
11D - DEC. 30



AREFA SHABBIR NASIR
12H - DEC. 31



JABER JALEEL
12G - DEC. 31



PATURI VENKATESH
12K - DEC. 31



ZAINAB ALI ASGA
11I - DEC. 31



MR. MURTAZA ALI
1ST DEC.



MRS. MARIAMMA
SHAJI - 5TH DEC



MRS. SUNITHA
GEORGE - 18TH DEC



MRS. SANGEETHA
N.V. - 19TH DEC



MRS. MERINE JOBY
23TH DEC



MRS. NANCY INOCENCIA
DSA - 29TH DEC



MRS. SARITHA NAIR
- 30TH DEC

CREATIVITY at its best @ INJAZ Innovation Camp



An Innovation Camp was organized by the INJAZ group along with mentors from different fields of the corporate world on 23rd November, 2017 in the ICSK Senior School auditorium.

Welcome address was delivered by teacher Mr. Atiq Dharse followed by a motivating speech by the Principal Dr. V Binumon. Ms Mariam Abdelkhalik, Program Executive, INJAZ, outlined the objectives and plan of the Innovation Camp.

The students of 12th Commerce stream were randomly put into groups. Each group was assigned a mentor who guided them through the special one-day camp.

The INJAZ Innovation Camp was an activity filled day which presented different

opportunities to the participants to showcase their talents of quick thinking and public speaking. As students of commerce, this valuable experience helped the students to apply textbook knowledge to real life situations of starting a business.

Videos on innovation and interactive videos were shown and frequent questions were put up to different teams about corporate topics and business terms such as innovation, startup, failure and entrepreneurship.

Then the groups had an activity on mute organization which was a silent exercise of organizing group members according to their birth month which helped them realize the importance of effective communication within a team.

Each group had to solve a specific problem they normally face during their daily activity when they go out for recreational activities like problems during shopping and parking and then solving the problem by creating a business.

In the next exercise, the group was given one hour to create a business from scratch starting from forming a basic product or service right up to the stage of finalising the revenue and finance channels, and marketing plans. The outcome of which was that the students created innovative services such as beach cleaning company, swimming training centers and all year round water parks which was presented by the group members for the judging round.

At the end the students presented their business plans, which were evaluated by judges and 3 teams were awarded top three places.

The vote of thanks was given by Mr. Manish, Head of the Department of Commerce.

All the students left the auditorium with a smile on their face, innovative ideas in their head and a lovely experience in their heart.

KNOW YOUR MASTER MIND

Here is a quiz on general topics with the sole purpose of knowledge enhancement. Students can tickle their mastermind and send their answers to epicseditor@icsk-kw.com on or before 30th December 2017.



SIDHARTH ABY
12 A

- 1) The Gaillard Cut is a part of which canal connecting the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans?
- 2) Which US president is depicted on the Purple Heart medal?
- 3) Fill in the blanks: Carpology is the study of _____.
- 4) With varieties including Gutedel in Germany, and Pierre Galet in Switzerland, Chasselas is a variety of which fruit?
- 5) Morbilli is the technical term for which childhood illness?
- 6) Native to Australia, what creature is a pardalote (which in Greek means 'spotted')?
- 7) The world's largest electricity generating plant, The Itaipu Dam, is situated in which country?
- 8) Cryptozoology refers to the study of creatures which are underground. True or false?
- 9) Which is the largest circulating English-language daily newspaper in the world?
- 10) Which singer and actor's epitaph is 'The Best is Yet to Come'?
- 11) What is the traditional timing device used by musicians which clicks at a selected rate?
- 12) Name the famous naval base and natural port on Oahu island, Hawaii, which featured in the US entry to World War II?
- 13) Rochambeau is another name for this very popular game. Name it.
- 14) You might see a Haka at which international sport?
- 15) Activist and writer Elizabeth Magie invented and patented what popular game concept in 1903 as a demonstration of the evils of corporate greed?

International Day of Persons with Disabilities - December 3

It is an international observance promoted by the UN since 1992. This observance aims to promote the dignity, rights and well-being of disabled persons around the world and also helps to spread awareness of the gains which derive from the integration of persons with disabilities in the political, cultural, social and economic aspects of life.

This day encourages and reminds disabled people that, if they can stand together, they can do a lot more than they can think of. Disabled people are extraordinary people who have proved to be more successful than others.....like Stephen Hawking, Ralph Braun, John Hockenberry, etc, etc.

Stephen Hawking - Famous Physicist in Discovery Channel (suffering from ALS)

Ralph Braun - The late founder of the Braun Corporation, one of the leading manufacturers of wheelchair accessible vehicles (suffering from muscular dystrophy)

John Hockenberry - One of the most famous American journalists (suffering from a spinal cord injury)

So, this is the small message that we all have to think and practice in our daily lives:-

Do not underestimate anyone according to their disabilities.

We have certainly been given special talents by God which are extremely exceptional to us.

Be thankful for the health and Normal body functioning.



OUTSTANDING STUDENT TEACHER OF THE MONTH (NOVEMBER) MORNING BATCH

CATEGORY 1



ADIL PALACKAL ASIF - 7D SARAT SUBRAMANI - 7D SHREYA ANN ABRAHAM-7B

CATEGORY 2



DARREN SIJI SEBASTIAN - 10C HIBA HAMEED - 9A K. SRI LAKSHMI ANNAPURNA - 9A

CATEGORY 3



ABHINAV GIRISH KUMAR - 12A ETHAN ROSS D'SOUZA-12A HAFSAH P. CHAND BASHA - 11J

AFTERNOON BATCH

CATEGORY 1



AMEENA HAMZA -7F KHADIJA KHALID - 6A MARWAN MANSOOR ALI DALWAL - 7F

CATEGORY 2



FARDEEN AHMED - 9D HUZEFA MIRJAJI - 9D JATIN KRISHAN KUMAR - 10F

CATEGORY 3



ABISHA - 12J ABDUL SATTAR BURUD - 12K JANNADHUL RISWANA - 12K

18 Things you probably didn't know about Christmas

Christmas is an ancient celebration, heaped in literally centuries of tradition. But some of our seasonal favorites have surprising origins. Read on, and have a happy holiday season!

1. It wasn't always on December 25. Though Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, there is no mention of December 25 in the Bible. (Most historians believe he was actually born in the spring.) It wasn't chosen as the official holiday until the 3rd Century. Some argue that the date was picked because it coincided with the pagan festival of Saturnalia, celebrating agricultural god Saturn with partying and gift-giving.
2. Thank Prince Albert for your tree. Another Christmas tradition stemming from Saturnalia was the Christmas tree: During the winter solstice, branches served as a reminder of spring - and became the root of our Christmas tree. The Germans are credited with first bringing evergreens into their homes and decorating them, a tradition which made it's way to the United States in the 1830s. But it wasn't until Germany's Prince Albert introduced the tree to his new wife, England's Queen Victoria, that the tradition took off. The couple were sketched in front of a Christmas tree in 1848 - and royal fever did its work.
3. Coca-Cola came up with the red suit. Well, Santa wore a variety of colourful suits through the years - including red, blue, white, and green - but legend has it that the popular image of his red coat came from a 1930s ad by Coca Cola.
4. St. Nick was more generous than jolly. Sure, you probably knew that Santa Claus came from St. Nicholas, a Christian bishop living in the fourth century AD. St. Nicholas gave away his abundant inheritance to help the needy. He also was known for good deeds like rescuing sisters from prostitution. As his legend spread, he was eventually known by names like as Sinter Klaas in Dutch - which morphed into Santa Claus. He's not just the protector of children, either: St. Nicholas is also the patron saint of unmarried women, prisoners, thieves and pawnbrokers. How's that for a naughty list?
5. Stockings have a funny root. According to legend, hanging stockings came from the tale of a poor man who couldn't afford his three daughters dowries: St. Nick dropped a bag of gold down their chimney one night so that the eldest could wed - but it fell into a stocking that was drying by the fire!
6. Rudolph was almost named Reginald. A copywriter named Robert L. May first invented the oddball reindeer in 1939 as a marketing gimmick for Montgomery Ward's holiday coloring books. (May considered naming the beloved misfit Reginald and Rollo.) And his nose wasn't originally going to be red: A red nose was viewed as a sign of sign of chronic alcoholism, and Montgomery Ward didn't want him to seem like a drunkard. Good thing they changed it. "Reginald, the blue-nosed reindeer" doesn't have quite the same ring ... or charm.
7. Jingle Bells was originally a Thanksgiving song. James Lord Pierpont, an organist from Savannah, Georgia, first performed a song he wrote, "The One Horse Open Sleigh," at his church's Thanksgiving concert. The song was re-published in 1857 and given the title of today. Bonus fact: It's also the first song broadcast from space. On December 16, 1965, the Gemini 6 crew serenaded Mission Control after they reported seeing a "red-suited" astronaut.
8. All letters addressed to Santa in the United States go to Santa Claus, Indiana
9. A large part of Sweden's population watches Donald Duck cartoons every Christmas Eve since 1960.
10. In 1918 and for the past 40 years, the Canadian province of Nova Scotia has sent the city of Boston a giant Christmas tree as a thank you for their support after the 1917 Halifax explosion.
11. The traditional three colors of Christmas are green, red, and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth; red symbolizes the blood of Christ, and gold represents light as well as wealth and royalty.
12. President Teddy Roosevelt, an environmentalist, banned Christmas trees from the White House in 1901.
13. Each year there are approximately 20,000 "rent-a-Santas" across the United States.



What Brought Winter Here ?

was it the first drizzle
or was it the chilled breeze ?
was it that silent whistle
or was it my little sneeze?

was it that winter hue
or was it that charmas vibe?
was it the morning dew
or was it the seasons imbibe ?

was it the snowflake that vanished in my palm
or was it the bright cold sun that was never warm?
was it my blanket that kept me calm
or was it that annoying morning alarm?

is it the time when the temperature's low ?
is it the best time of the year?
is it the time when nights go slow ?
was it this that brought winter here ?



MALAIKA SAMUEL
11 C

QUIXOTIC MASTERSTROKES @



'Paradigm 2017', the Mega Arts Fest of the Indian Community School Kuwait, Senior Branch was conducted with great verve and vigour on the 01st and 02nd November 2017, at the Senior School campus. The mega arts festival, unique to ICSK Senior was inaugurated in the midst of much pomp and fervour by great luminaries on the 01st of November 2017. The inauguration set the stage ready for all the onstage items. Paradigm provides a rostrum for the budding talents of the school with 81 onstage items and 37 offstage items. This year's event witnessed tremendous participation with over 1500 contestants in various events.

The event began with a grand inaugural ceremony, featuring the Chief Guest, Mr. Horst Blasinger, Head of Cultural Section, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Mr. S. N. Raju, Honorary Treasurer to the ICSK Board of Trustees was also present to grace the occasion. Dr.V.Binumon, the Principal of ICSK Senior branch, delivered the welcome address to the elite gathering. The Chief Guest extended his pleasure at the opportunity to witness an omnium gatherum of art forms. He also imparted a positive reaction regarding the bilateral ties between India and Germany, and wished good fortune on the grand event. Dr. Sam .T.Kuruvilla, the Vice-Principal of ICSK Senior proposed the vote of thanks to the esteemed guests.

The Inaugural ceremony raised the curtain for an electrifying atmosphere that accompanied the two-day long arts fest. Both days were characterized by a vibrancy radiating from the colours, music, and dance, which reinvigorated the students to undertake the contests with a positive zeal. The spirit of participation overruled the undercurrent of stiff competition, providing students with the prospect to scout out their latent talents and brandish their skills with expertise.

Art is the manifestation of human aestheticism and youth is the celebration period of a human life. ICSK Senior has facilitated this Mega Arts Fest to laud the overt artistry of the students. Off-stage and onstage programmes were organized as part of Paradigm 2017, with the off-stage events held well in advance. Students from classes VI to XII partook in this Mega Arts Fest. Competitions were held in three categories- Category III - (Classes 6, 7 and 8), IV (Classes 9 and 10) and V (Classes 11 and 12) on 3



stages. It was highly commendable that almost all the students participated in a kaleidoscope of 108 events, both off-stage and on-stage. Excellent musical, oratory, literary and artistic skills of the participants astonished the judges and mesmerized the audience. A huge crowd witnessed the exhilarating performance of students that blended ancient and modern expressions, classical and popular elements from both the Indian and the Western cultures. 'Paradigm 2017' fully served its objective to develop both the curricular and co-curricular aspects of an individual's personality. The ambience of the event was imbued with dance, drama and soul-stirring music. Two days of cultural extravaganza opened up large opportunity for the students to showcase their talents in various fields of art.



MEGA ARTS FEST PARADIGM 2017



The Mega event culminated with the Valedictory Ceremony held at the ICSK Senior school auditorium on Thursday 02nd of November, 2017 in the presence of a large audience including the parents, students and eminent dignitaries. Certificates and trophies were given away to the winners in both the individual and group items. The Chief Guest, H.E. Mr. Tatang Budie Utama Razak, Ambassador of Indonesia to Kuwait congratulated the winners and spoke on the intangible relation between aesthetics and the intellect. The Honorary Chairman Mr. Shaikh Abdul Rahman, the Honorary Secretary Mr.

A. Amer Mohammed and the Honorary Joint Secretary Mr. Agnelo A. S. Fernandes were present on the occasion to congratulate the winners and bless all the participants. Dr. Neelamani, Dr.R Panicker and Mr. Johnny Kunnil also graced the occasion with their presence. The winning teams' spectacular performance stunned the spectators. Master Vaishnav Girish, third runner up of the second season of 'Indian Idol Junior' in 2015 and one among the six final contestants of 'Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Little Champs 2017' added charm to the occasion with his mellifluous songs. Vaishnav who is winning millions of hearts with his soulful voice brought the people present on their feet cheering for the young talent. Master Tojan Toby, an ex-student of the school too was also there to mesmerize the audience with his electrifying performance.

10-B was awarded the title KALAPRATIBHA and Miss Hiba Hameed of class 9-A claimed the title KALATHILAK. Master Moses Kurien Mathew of class 11-I was conferred the title KALAPRATIBHA in Category 5 and Miss Rhea Rebecca Philip of class 12-C was presented with the title of KALATHILAK. House points were awarded based on the overall score and 'Santosh' house was declared to be in the first position followed by 'Shanti' house. The skillful coordination of the mega event was meticulously carried out by the Joint Conveners for the event Mr. Sreekumar. S and Saritha P. Nair & the assistant joint Convener Ms. Jayabala Jayram. Mr. Sreekumar. S delivered the vote of thanks expressing sincere gratitude to all the guests, the ICSK management, Principal, students and the fraternity of ICSK for the smooth and successful conduct of the Mega Event.



The titles of Kalathilak and Kalapratibha, which is the highest honour in the arts fest was bestowed on the students with the maximum number of points for onstage and offstage items. In Category 3 Master Sanskar Mishra of class 7-B was conferred the title KALAPRATIBHA and Christina Susan Viji of class 7-E secured the title KALATHILAK. In Category 4, Master Rudra Vipul Patel of class



BIRTHDAY CUM CHARITY FUND

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2017

INCOME (OCTOBER)	KD	EXPENDITURE (NOVEMBER)	KD
Balance c/f from (October)	3706.360	Mrs. Chintamani Lakshmi	150.000
		Mrs. Nish Abdul Rahman	150.000
		Mr. Arshad Ali Mohd	150.000
		Mrs. Siriyani Kusumalatha	150.000
		Mr. Mohd Shamsul Huda	150.000
		Mrs. Suraiyabanu Sayed	150.000
		Mr. Jayesh	200.000
			1100.000
Balance from (October)	2606.360		
Contribution from students (November)	570.795		
Enterprenership Department	30.000		
Miscellaneous	10.750		
Contribution from Staff (November)	30.000		
Balance in hand	3247.905		

BIRTHDAY FUND AND CHARITY FUND COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 2017

CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total	CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total	CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total
XII A	-	14.575	14.575	XI I	-	1.690	1.690	AFTERNOON			
XII B	-	8.180	8.180	XI J	7.000	6.815	13.815	VI A	-	0.970	0.970
XII C	-	26.100	26.100	X A	-	4.165	4.165	VII F	-	5.105	5.105
XII D	-	15.200	15.200	X B	1.000	9.875	10.875	VIII D	-	8.590	8.590
XII E	21.000	19.115	40.115	X C	2.350	15.045	17.395	IX D	5.000	29.095	34.095
XII F	1.430	18.570	20.000	IX A	2.000	44.595	46.595	X E (NIOS)	-	8.920	8.920
XII G	-	21.000	21.000	IX B	5.000	8.820	13.820	X F (NIOS)	-	7.110	7.110
XII H	-	4.190	4.190	IX C	-	5.800	5.800	XI M	-	8.290	8.290
XII I	-	15.000	15.000	VIII A	-	7.415	7.415	XII J (S)	-	6.250	6.250
XI A	-	10.000	10.000	VIII B	17.000	4.180	21.180	XII K (COM)	-	10.630	10.630
XI B	-	12.160	12.160	VIII C	2.000	2.340	4.340	XII L (COM)	-	3.045	3.045
XI C	-	15.215	15.215	VII A	-	18.270	18.270		5.000	88.005	93.005
XI D	-	13.120	13.120	VII B	-	12.060	12.060				
XI E	-	20.050	20.050	VII C	7.295	-	7.295				
XI F	-	6.505	6.505	VII D	3.500	7.660	11.160				
XI G	-	7.250	7.250	VII E	5.000	24.640	29.640				
XI H	-	3.615	3.615		74.575	403.215	477.790	Grand Total	79.575	491.220	570.795



CHARITY CONVENORS - DECEMBER



SWATHI NANDA K.
- 12A



HASAN HABIBULLA M.
- 12B



ZAIYAAN KARDAME
- 12C



PAVAN KUMAR
- 12D



MOHD SHAHPURWALA
- 12E



THOMAS M. MATHEW
- 12F



RUKAIYA ASGAR R.
- 12G



RUBIYA SALEEM S.
- 12H



ALEFIYA
- 12I



AHMED ALLAH S.
- 12J



FAHAD HAZRAT
- 12K



HUSAIN FAKHRUDDIN
- 12L



ROSE JOSE
- 11A



JERIN STANLY
- 11B



REYNA M SUNEEL
- 11C



SARAH THOMAS
- 11D



SHORAB MUSRART A.
- 11E



FATEMA
- 11F



ALI KURESH DOLA
- 11G



SAKINA ABBAS ALI
- 11H



SIDHARTH MURALI
- 11I



REBECCA JANE
- 11J



FADIL HASSAN
- 11M



MIR ALAMDAR HYDER
- 10A



CHRISA SUSAN SHAJI
- 10B



AHALYA N KUTTY
- 10C



SYED ABDULLA
- 10E



VIGNESH S. NAIR
- 10F



NIZZAR K. NAUSHAD
- 9A



FERIK GEO
- 9B



JEFFIN ABRAHAM
- 9C



HUZEFA AYUB MIYAJI
- 9D



ABIGALE IRENE B.
- 8A



ASAD ALI
- 8B



SHAHZAD MUHAMMED
- 8C



MEHRIN NIDA
- 8D



ARWA AZIZ HUSSAIN A.
- 7A



BURHANUDDIN
- 7B



U. TASNEEM MUFAZ
- 7C



SANJANA MENGHANI
- 7D



ATIYAH
- 7E



JOBIN JOHNSON
- 7F



KHADIJA KHALID
- 6A

CHARACTER ENACTMENT STAGED AT LANGUAGE CLUB CELEBRATIONS



On the 13th of November 2017, the Language Club of Indian Community School (Senior), Kuwait held its annual programme in the school auditorium. The occasion was blessed with the kind presence of the Chief Guest, Dr. Esther Sam-English Professor at the Arab Open University, Dr. V. Binumon - Senior Administrator and Principal ICSK (Senior), HR Manager - Mr. Deepak Seth and Mrs. Shehnaz Gujral-Language Club Coordinator .

Dr. Esther Sam, holding a PhD in English Literature, was an ex-principal of Mathew's Academy Indian School, Kuwait. She is currently a professor in English at the Arab Open University.

The ceremony began with the recitation of the verses from the Holy Quran followed by a prayer song "Bless the Lord, O my Soul" by the melodious school choir followed by Kuwait's national anthem. Master Vivek Dalbehra duly welcomed the audience as well as the guests of prominence in his welcome address. Then, Dr. V. Binumon gave a thoughtful speech highlighting the importance of language in our lives. The chief guest, Dr. Esther Sam addressed the gathering emphasizing the proficiency of the English language. Thereafter, the logo of the Language club was unveiled.

The energetic students of ICSK exhibited their extravagant talents through a wide variety of poems, songs, speeches, short films and skits in different languages which added multicoloured rhythmic vibes to the program as a whole. Character enactment of famous characters like Mark Antony, Hermione, etc was amazing and enthralling to the audience. A French Power point presentation gave insight into the language, culture and tradition of France. A dance performance and a group song proved to be the best segments of the program.

The program ended with the vote of thanks rendered by Mrs. Shehnaz Gujral followed by the Indian National Anthem. All in all, the program was an exotic one which voiced that "The development of language is part of the development of the personality, for words are the natural means of expressing thoughts and establishing understanding between people."

ICSK HOSTS Dr. THOMAS IDICULLA TO HEADLINE ADOLESCENT CAMPUS CONFERENCE



Dr. Thomas Idiculla, Director, Mental Health Evaluation Dept & e BASIS, McLean Hospital who is an Instructor in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, Greater Boston Area Hospital & Health Care conducted the session.

The session threw more light into the adolescent period which is often believed to be a difficult period and very critical stage of transition because of various qualitative shift that the children pass through at that moment of life. Dr. Thomas Idiculla elaborated on the different ways to steer clear of the trial and turbulence that occurs in teenagers who find it difficult to deal with the stress and come under bad influence.

"Adolescence represents an inner emotional upheaval, a struggle between the eternal human wish to cling to the past and the equally powerful wish to get on with the future." It is quite true that adolescence is the pivotal phase in any human's development and growth. It is the crucial transitional period from childhood into adulthood. Crucial physical, emotional, mental, and attitudinal changes take place during this period. To equip the students to deal with this challenging period in an individual's life, The Indian Community School (Senior) Kuwait, organized a seminar on 'CHALLENGES FACED BY ADOLESCENTS' on 16th November 2017 in the school auditorium.

The discourse was an eye opener as it threw light on the different ways students can achieve success in life. The speaker urged the students to stay away from distractions while studying and gave them tips to train their minds to concentrate. The lively questionnaire session paved the path to realistic solutions by Dr. Thomas Idiculla. Principal Dr. V. Binumon thanked Dr. Thomas for his visit to the school and for his inspiring session conducted to motivate the students of school by empowering them to face life's challenges head on.

THE WORLD'S MOST MYSTERIOUS BOOK



at the college and eventually brought it to the USA, where experts have continued to puzzle over it for more than a century.



SRI LAKSHMI
- 9A

Cryptologists say that the writing has all the characteristics of a real language, just one that no one's ever seen before. The manuscript is highly decorated throughout the scroll-like embellishments.

Over the years, three main theories about the manuscript's text have emerged. The first is that it is written in cipher—a secret code deliberately designed to hide its meaning. The second is that the document is a hoax written in gibberish to make money off a gullible buyer. Some speculate, the author was a medieval con man. Others, that it was Voynich himself. The theory is that the manuscript is written in an actual language, but in an unknown script. Perhaps, medieval scholars were attempting to create an alphabet for a language that was spoken but not yet written.

Deep inside Yale University's Beinecke rare book and manuscript library lies the only copy of the only copy of a 240-page tome. Recently carbon dated to around 1420, its vellum pages feature looping handwriting and hand drawn images seemingly stolen from a dream. Real and imaginary plants, floating castles, astrology diagrams, zodiac rings, and suns and moons with faces that accompany the text.

Though no one can read the Voynich manuscript, that hasn't sopped people from guessing what it might say. Those who believe the manuscript was an attempt to create a new form of encyclopedia containing the knowledge of the culture that produced it.

This 24X16 cm book is called The Voynich Manuscript and it is one of history's biggest unsolved mysteries. The reason why? No one can figure out what it says.

After 100 years of frustration, scientists have recently shed a little light on the mystery. The first breakthrough was the carbon dating. Also, contemporary historians have traced the provenance of the manuscript back through Rome and Prague to as early as 1612.

The name comes from Wilfred Voynich, a Polish bookseller who came across the document at a Jesuit college in Italy in 1912. He was puzzled. Who wrote it? Where was it made? What do these bizarre words and vibrant drawings represent? What secrets do its pages contain? He purchased the manuscript from the cash-strapped priest

In addition to these historical breakthroughs, linguistic researchers recently proposed the provisional identification of a few of the manuscript words. If we can crack its code, what might we find? A dream-journal of a 15th century illustrator? A bunch of nonsense? Or the lost knowledge of a forgotten culture? What are your guesses?

16TH RENDEZVOUS WITH VICTORY AT CBSE KUWAIT CLUSTER ATHLETICS, MILESTONES ACHIEVED IN FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



The Indian Community School, Kuwait, has always aimed to be a pioneer at the holistic balance between academics and sports, flaunting an array of accomplished student athletes.

The athletics team of the Indian Community School, Kuwait set a record with an unparalleled 16th consecutive Championship Trophy at the recently concluded 19th CBSE Kuwait Cluster Athletics Meet. ICSK won the trophy by securing 398 points with a lead of 114 points under the coaching of Mr. Gee Varghese Cherian. Also, to the credit of ICSK athletes are 24 gold, 23 silver and 10 bronze medals. Commendably, 4 new meet records and 4 individual championships were bagged by the champion school. Records were set in 4x100 m relay for U-14 Girls, U- 17 Boys and U-19 Boys at the meet. Murtuza Gheewala set a New Meet Record in Discus throw.

The invincible stars of ICSK brought in category championships for Under 14 Girls, Under 17 Boys, Under 19 Boys and Under 19 girls respectively. Notably, Anooj Jacob Cherian (U-14 Boys), Murtuza Gheewala (U-17 Boys), David Thomas (U-19 Boys) and

Terence Braganza Carmu (U-19 Boys) were crowned Individual Champions of the meet with their exhilarating performances.

EPOCH MAKING WIN IN FOOTBALL

The undaunted football team of ICSK marched to a historic title win in the 19th CBSE Kuwait Cluster Football tournament with a stunning performance guided by Mr.Thulasidas. ICSK launched into the semifinals by beating SIMS with a margin of (8-0). In the semifinal match against FAIPS, the agile players of ICSK beat their opponents by (6 – 0) goals. In the final, the confident ICSK players played with vigour and determination. The final match was against Indian Central School. Armed with the killer instinct, ICSK beat ICS (4-2) and seized the trophy for the first time in the history of the school.

GRAND SLAM TRIUMPH IN CHESS

The students of the Indian Community School Kuwait have brought glory to the school by winning the CBSE Kuwait cluster U-17 girls' Chess tournament organized by IEAS. The team comprising Alita Ann Mathew, class XI & Mahillya Mohan, class IX of ICSK Senior,

Reshmi Ravindran, class X of ICSK Khaitan and Pranothi Prashanth, class X of ICSK Amman, clinched the CBSE Kuwait Cluster Championship under the guidance of Mr. Jimmy Kurian.

SPIRITED SUCCESS AT SWIMMING TOURNAMENT

The sports stars of ICSK secured many top positions in the 19th CBSE Kuwait Cluster Swimming tournament held in IES Kuwait. Various prizes were captured by ICSK students in the different swimming competitions under the able guidance of Mrs.Gincy Mathew. Disha G. Shenoy of Class VII (ICSK Senior) won the Individual Championship in the U-14 girls' category. Arjeet Singh won 100 m Butterfly stroke and Jay Ajit Barrot of Class VIII (ICSK Amman) secured two 1st positions (50m & 100m breast-stroke) and took part in the CBSE Swimming Nationals.

The participants, winners and Physical Education teachers were greeted with exuberant felicitations from the management, staff and students, for their enviably brilliant achievement.

GOODWILL AMBASSADORS



MERIN ANNS MATHEW
12F (SR. SEC.)



FADIL HASSAN
11M (SR. SEC.)



BENJAMIN BOBBY THOMAS
7E (SEC.)



MOHAMMED PACHLASAWALA
9D (SEC.)

BEST STUDENTS - NOVEMBER



SHARON MANOJ O.
12A



AASIF KHAN
12B



ASHLY MARIAM
12C



MERLYN JOHN
12D



MARK NAMORY
12E



NITYA KAPOOR
12F



ARJEET SINGH
12G



HUSSAINA HOJEFA JAAN
12H



RUKKAIYA MIRZA
12I



MOHAMMED YUSUF
12J



RUNA AKTER
12K



FARZANA PAZHYKATTIL
12L



JADE LOURDES VAZ
11A



SLEETY GEORGE
11B



VARUN ANILKUMAR
11C



YAHYA SHABBIR
11D



SRIYANI BALAJI
11E



ALIFHIYA M.FERRNANDES
11F



ADORA FLORY
11G



KALYANI RAMESH
11H



SAKINA
11I



KYRA HOLLYN R.
11J



SANTOSH KUMAR
11M



ABIGAIL MARY YANG
10A



AVINASH KUMAR
ANIL KUMAR - 10B



SIDHARTH SUDHEER
10C



VIKRAM RAVI
10E



LOREN CORNELIUS
10F



CHRISTINE SUSAN
SHINE - 9A



ALMA T. SUNIL
9B



ALISHA MARY ALEX
9C



IBRAHIM SHAUKAT
RAWOOT - 9D



STREE LAKSHMI
8A



JOVEN C JOSE
8B



VISHNU NARAYANAN
8C



MUHAMMED SWALIH
8D



JANICE AVENA
FERNANDES - 7A



PREINEL SILFORD
7B



BATUL
HASAMUDDIN - 7C



PRANAV AJAY
7D



STEVE SUNNY
7E



SHAHID AHAMED
7F



KHADIJA KHALID
6A

ICSK OUTSPREADS its HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT TO THE NEEDY



"The highest use of capital is not to make more money but to make money to do more for the betterment of life." Advancing its policy on charity, the Indian Community School (Senior) Kuwait, has continued its efforts in ameliorating the burden of the less affluent, through financial donations. ICSK Senior has committed itself to this worthy cause since 2014, and continues to imbue a charitable heart in all of its students. The staff and students of the school reliably partake in this endeavor through its many tributaries such as the 'Birthday Charity Fund'. The school offers students with the unique opportunity

to give, out of their own inclination, and resurrect a spirit of chivalry in a world where students are spurred into receiving alone.

In response to news that an Indian national, Mr. Jayesh, 32, had been undergoing treatment as he met with a horrifying accident five months ago, in which he lost his right leg, the ICSK Senior family generously contributed toward his special treatment in India after he had spent a few months at Adan Hospital, Kuwait. Mr. Jayesh is one of many beneficiaries that ICSK Senior has supported for the past four years – many of whom were cancer survivors. Up until now, a sum total of INR. 25 lakh has been provided to underprivileged patients struggling against the harrowing costs of medical treatment in Kuwait. The financial support that ICSK Senior extends comes through as a beacon in a bleak moment, and also inculcates a noble spirit in the minds of the young. Students are bolstered into joining the larger branch of individuals that contribute productively to the betterment of society. And in the process, students encounter an awareness of empathy and dedication toward a larger cause.

Student conveners, staff and parent representatives graced the event, and Dr. V. Binumon, Principal ICSK (Senior), applauded the students and staff for their efforts towards charitable generosity.

KNOW THE SIGNS OF EARTHQUAKE: WORKSHOP ON EARTHQUAKE DISASTER MANAGEMENT



The recent earthquake at the Iraq-Iran border shows that earthquake is a hazard beyond human control and the only way to reduce the risk is increasing the capacity of individuals or communities to reduce the impact during an earthquake, which comes through awareness and preparedness that is the need of the hour and prompted the training and awareness session for the students of ICSK Senior on 15th November 2017.

Around 2000 students of the school attended this informative session which was conducted by Mr. Joel D'souza, Senior PGT-Department of Geography to enlighten the students about the consequences of earthquakes and proper behaviour, response and rescue methods during and after earthquake disaster.

The session began with the basic premise that disaster management is vital because human life is precious. The speaker imparted the information about the seismic zones of India and the level of risk involved in each of them. Similarly, he drew the attention towards Kuwait's vulnerability to earthquake due to tectonic plate and oil extraction. Damages would be substantial even in low-intensity earthquake owing to the nature of soil and housing technology.

The students learnt how to recognize an earthquake, immediate safety measures to be taken and the long-term measures of building technology that withstands earthquakes, how to 'earthquake-proof' the homes, what emergency supplies and equipment to be taken, planning before earthquakes, response during an earthquake and what not to do during an earthquake. The speaker emphasized the need for presence of mind in the event of earthquake. The disaster management, in the event of earthquake, was elucidated in the context of mitigation, preparedness, response and relief-rehabilitation.



ASTRONOMICAL FACTS

- You are as old as the universe, since matter can neither be created nor destroyed.
- Earth is the only planet that has plate tectonics.
- Every atom present in the universe was either a part of a star or become in the future.
- Space is not vacuum completely; there are about three atoms per cubic meter of space.
- Only 5% of the universe is made up of normal matter, 25% is dark matter and 70% is dark energy.
- Neutron stars are the leftovers of the deaths of massive stars in supernova explosions.
- Galileo Galilei is often incorrectly credited with the invention of the telescope.
- Black holes are so dense, and produce such intense gravity, that nothing — not even light — can escape their gravitational clutches.
- Light from distant stars and galaxies takes so long to reach us that we are seeing these objects as they appeared in the past.
- The Crab Nebula was produced by a supernova explosion that appeared in our skies in the year 1054 A.D. The Chinese and Arab astronomers at the time noted that the explosion was so bright that it was visible during the day, and it lit up the night sky for months.
- Venus is considerably hotter than Mercury, even though it is farther away from the Sun.
- Space isn't completely empty.
- The universe is filled with galaxies and the most distant ones are moving away from us at more than 90 percent of the speed of light.



ASMA PARVEZ
-10 C

THE MAN IN THE MIRROR MOVED!

I walked up to my mirror
In a morning bright and new.
Little did I know that my reflection was going to move.

I looked at the mirror and said gaa gaa goo ,
My reflection looked back and said peek-a-boo.
I was startled, almost out of words,
I tried to give out a scream, but could not utter a word.
It looked at me in a mysterious way.
Almost as if he was the hunter and I was the prey.

I gathered up my courage and asked him his name,
Instead he told my 'let's play a game'.
A never ending game of hide and seek.

I woke up in a daze,
Wondering whether I should have a smile or a frown on my face.
Of a dream, I could never forget.
Of the man in the mirror.



BENJAMIN BOBBY
THOMAS - 7 E

WORLD in a Nutshell

December 2017



India's indigenous subsonic cruise missile Nirbhay set for fifth trial: India's indigenous subsonic cruise missile, Nirbhay, which failed its last test in December 2016, is ready for its fifth trial, DRDO chief S. Christopher said.



'Joint training doctrine' for armed forces: The Indian armed forces released a joint training doctrine meant to facilitate joint training and planning. Titled 'Joint Training Doctrine Indian Armed Forces - 2017,' it was released by Admiral Sunil Lanba, Navy

Chief and Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee, in the presence of other two Service Chiefs. "The aim of the doctrine is to promote 'synergy' and 'integration' among the three Services and other stakeholders leading to an enhanced efficiency and optimum utilisation of resources.



Singing her way to a Guinness record: A 12-year-old girl, who can sing songs in 80 languages, is trying to break the Guinness world record in singing in most languages in one concert, according to a media report. Suchetha Satish, a grade seven student

of The Indian High School in Dubai, will attempt to sing songs in 85 languages during the attempt scheduled for December 29, the Gulf News reported. The Dubai prodigy said she knows to sing songs in 80 languages, a skill she acquired in just over a year.



Queen, Prince mark 70th wedding anniversary: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II marked her 70th wedding anniversary with the release of a new portrait of herself with husband Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.



'Tejas world-class fighter jet, plays defined role': The indigenously developed Tejas Light Combat Aircraft is a world class fighter jet and can effectively play its "defined" role in securing Indian skies, its manufacturer Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd

(HAL) said as the Indian Air Force looked at acquiring a fleet of foreign single-engine jets.



India unlikely to cut malaria by half in 2020 WHO: India accounted for 6% of global malaria cases and 7% of deaths caused by it in 2016, according to a report released by the World Health Organisation (WHO). WHO figures also suggest that India

is unlikely to reduce its case burden beyond 40% by 2020. In contrast, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Kyrgyzstan achieved malaria-free status in 2015 and 2016 respectively.



ISRO opens doors to private sector: In an attempt to increase the number of satellite launches and build the capacity of the private sector, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) issued a tender on Monday to the private industry for

Assembly, Integration and Testing (AIT) of 30-35 satellites.



Manmohan wins Indira Gandhi Prize: Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will be the recipient of this year's Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development. The award, comprising a cash prize of ₹25 lakh and a citation,

was instituted by the Indira Gandhi Memorial trust in 1986. A jury headed by former President Pranab Mukherjee made the decision on the award given out annually to individuals and organisations in recognition of creative efforts toward promoting international peace, development and a new international economic order, ensuring that scientific discoveries are used for the larger good of humanity, and enlarging the scope of freedom.



President calls for time-bound plan to reduce crop wastage: The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, called for a time-bound plan to reduce, if not eliminate, crop wastage in India. Terming the crop wastage in the country as "unacceptably high," the

President said, "... some of the numbers (on crop wastage) are truly startling." Speaking at the concluding function of World Food India (WFI) 2017, Mr. Kovind said, Delegates from over 60 countries, including CEOs of 60 global companies, attended the WFI event. Mr. Kovind called the event "the Kumbh Mela of Indian food," as it "helped showcase the vast and near limitless opportunities in the food industry and in food processing in India."



Israel honors Natalie Portman with 'Jewish Nobel Prize': Natalie Portman has been awarded Israel's 2018 Genesis Prize in recognition of her commitment to social causes and deep connection to her Jewish and Israeli roots, organizers of the

prize announced. The \$1 million award, known as "the Jewish Nobel Prize," is granted each year to a person recognised as an inspiration to the next generation of Jews through professional achievement and commitment to Jewish values.



Maggi makers Nestle, distributors fined ₹62 lakh in U.P.: Multinational giant Nestle is under the scanner once again as it has been fined ₹45 lakh after samples of its product Maggi tested as "sub-standard" in a district of Uttar Pradesh. Apart from the ₹45 lakh fine imposed on Nestle, the Shahjahanpur administration has also imposed a fine of

₹17 lakh on the six distributors of the company, making the total ₹62 lakh.



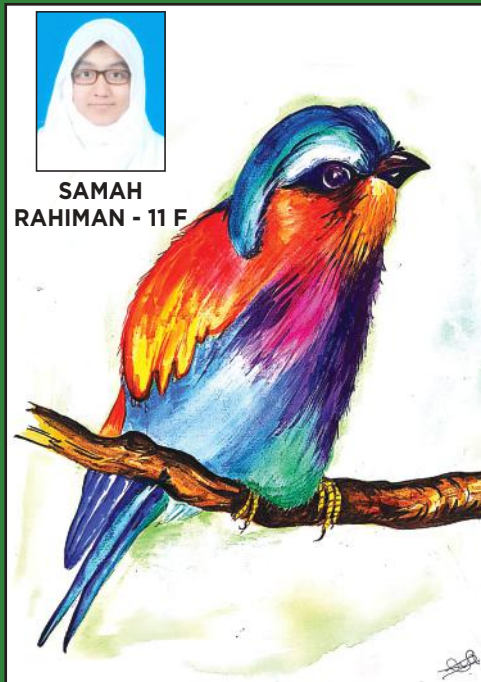
Indian Navy women out to circumnavigate globe are heroes, says Australian Minister: The all-woman crew of an Indian Navy sail boat was hailed as "heroes" by the State government of

Western Australia for taking up an incredibly challenging expedition of circumnavigating the globe. The six-member crew of the Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini, led by Lieutenant Commander Vartika Joshi, started their maiden voyage on September 10 from Goa and is expected to complete it in about eight months.

Art Gallery



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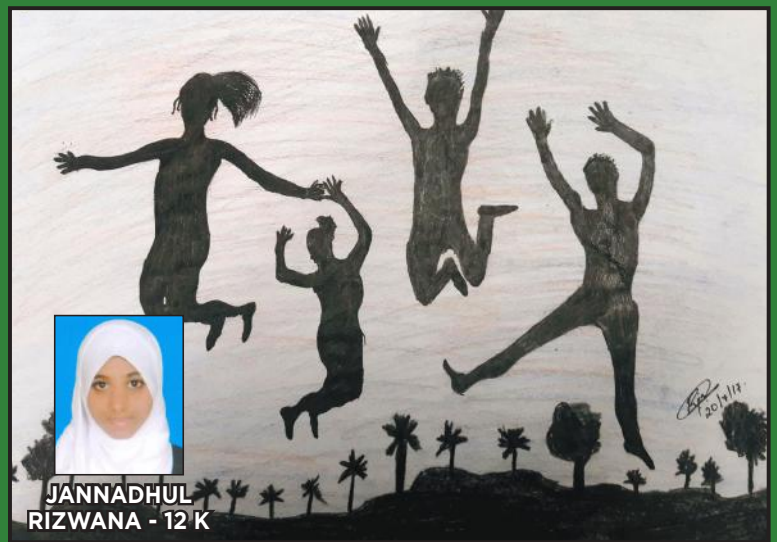
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EPICTIONARY

1. espy (verb): Catch sight of.
'She espied her daughter rounding the corner'
2. nescient (adjective): Lacking knowledge; ignorant.
'I ventured into the new Korean restaurant with some equally nescient companions'
3. supernal (adjective): Of exceptional quality or extent.
'He is the supernal poet of our age'
4. tenebrous (adjective): Dark; shadowy or obscure.
'The tenebrous spiral staircase of the self'
5. susurrant (noun): Whispering or rustling.
The susurrant of the river'



Forthcoming Events

- Higher Education Fair
- Career counselling
- Toast Master Club Inauguration.
- Model Practical Examination for Class XII
- Terrace Vegetable Garden Harvest.
- Open Day for Class VI to XII
- Mega Carnival 2018

BEST CLASSES - NOVEMBER

Senior Secondary



FIRST - 11E

Secondary



FIRST - 9A



SECOND - 11A



SECOND - 8B



THIRD - 12A



THIRD - 7E

AFTERNOON



FIRST - 11M



FIRST - 9D

Quote Garden

1. Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow know what you truly want to become. *Steve Jobs*
2. Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future. *John F. Kennedy*
3. Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark. *Rabindranath Tagore*
4. I say that I am stronger than fear. *Malalai Yousafzai*
5. We cannot all do great things, but, we can do small things with great love. *Mother Teresa*



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