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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Children,

I know that all of you are waiting for the summer vacation to start. These holidays will help you to recharge yourself with positive energy so that you can continue your journey with more velocity.

In our life we may experience tough and painful situations, but that time you do not give up on yourself. Take a minute from your stress to remind yourself of these very important aspects of coping and dealing with your problems. See this 6 points you should never forget when everything falls apart.

1. Meditation

Take few minutes and shut yourself out, allow yourself to be free within your own space/mind, and allow every little bit of tension within your body to slowly melt away. You will find the solution to those problems, by giving yourself time to figure out what the right thing to do is.

2. Just Keep Moving Forward

There are certain times in our lives where we must admit that there is no use looking back on the past with sorrow and or despair. You must allow yourself to truly live in present moment at this time. Forgive yourself for all that you have done wrong, make peace with the situation, and finally let yourself move forward with your life. Sometimes that is all you can do when it comes to problems from the past is to just keep moving forward.

3. Express Yourself

One of the best ways to cope is to express all of what you are feeling through music, art, exercise, and anything else that makes you feel able to expel all of your stress away. Hobbies play an important role in our life after we have been doing it for so long, returning to a favorite passion of yours could be exactly what you need. Gardening is also a

really great outlet for people to get rid of their stress.

4. Face Your Fears

If the stress and tension that you are experiencing is being summoned directly from a feeling of fear, then this may be one challenge that you are going to have to overcome eventually. Of course, it is never an easy thing to do, but being courageous is something that we are all capable of. Believe in yourself, know that you are not alone in facing what you fear most, and always remember that you have the power to make a difference in your world.

5. Worry Isn't Well

Letting yourself worry is the worst thing that you could possibly do in moments of stress. You are allowing your mind to attract negative thoughts. Try to keep yourself busy if you are in a constant fit of worry, you will want to try to occupy a lot of your time with the things that you enjoy doing.

6. Allow Yourself To Vent To A Friend

If you truly feel as if you are alone with all of your stress and there is no other way out, you can always call a friend to vent about some of your problems. Like we said before, you are never alone when it comes to dealing with problems. Everyone is going through some kind of rough patch in their life, venting about it makes it easier to cope for some reason especially when you are able to express all of your frustration to someone who really understands where you're coming from.

It's always important to keep reminding yourself to keep moving forward, most bad times are temporary, and that you must be willing to forgive yourself for the things that you are unable to fix. Find out what happiness means to you and fight for it. Wish you a Happy and Enjoyable Summer Vacation.

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STUDENTS OUTSHINE IN DEBATE & ESSAY WRITING at IMWA "EDUMEET"



The Indian Muslim Welfare Association of Kuwait conducted a debate and essay writing competition "EDUMEET" on 12th May 2017. The students of The Indian Community School (Senior) Kuwait proved their prowess by clinching the first and second prizes in this competition.

At the Salmiya Indian Model School, Mast. Mohammed Mishal - 12 A and Mast. Aneez Mohammed 12 D, bagged the trophy for debate, while in the essay writing category Mast. Anfal Uzma Deenaz- 9 A and Miss Yusra Asad Khan - 9 A won the first and second prizes respectively.

EDITORS' NOTE

THE PLUS FACTOR & MARIGOLD PERSISTENCE

An Ohio housewife and mother named Alice Vonk once lived in a small town in a rich farming country, and she loved to plant things, especially flowers. She had a little private custom that she always observed. Whenever she put a seed into the ground, she would murmur a little prayer. She figured that human beings could plant seeds, but it took God to make them grow.

One night Alice Vonk read in a seed catalogue about a prize being offered for a pure white marigold. She loved to grow marigolds herself, but they were always yellow or orange or rust colored. The seed company wanted a pure white marigold because that would enable them to develop hybrids of many colors through cross-pollination, and they were offering a prize of \$10,000.

Now, Alice Vonk, mother of eight, was no expert on the genetics of flowers, but she did know little about hybrids, and something inside her said, "Why not try it?" She was impelled into action by her Plus Factor.

So Alice Vonk started out with the largest yellow marigolds that she could find in the seed catalogue. As was her custom, she said a little prayer as she dropped each seed into the rich soil. Then she waited.

Finally, up came the marigolds, yellow as sunlight. Alice Vonk chose the palest ones, let them die naturally, gathered the seeds and planted them again next year. "Somewhere," she told her sceptical family, "is a pure white marigold and I am going to find it!" No discouragement there, you see; no doubts, no hint of failure. She is going to persist. She was going to persevere. No matter how long it might take.

And she did, year after year after year. Gradually her marigolds grew paler and paler, but none was pure white marigold she was seeking. Her children grew up, some married and moved away. Her husband died, and for a little while she was in grief. But then she took a deep breath and went back to marigolds. Her grandchildren were coming along, and they were eager to help. "Flowers and children are a lot alike," she said. "You have to understand them – and never give up on them."

For almost twenty years she kept on planting and praying, and persisting. And then, one morning she looked out of her garden and saw, in full glorious bloom, a pure white marigold! Not almost white. Not nearly white. Pure white!

Alice Vonk send 100 seeds from this marigold to the seed company. There was a long wait while the seeds were tested. One day the president of the company called on the telephone. "Mrs Vonk," he said, "I'm happy to tell you that you have won our prize!"

And indeed, she had.

What was the inner voice, that said to Mrs. Vonk, "Why not try"? What kept her going year after year when most people would have given up in discouragement. I can only believe it was the Plus Factor (God) at work. Does this unseen quality, the Plus Factor, activate and strengthen the capacity or persistence in a person, or does a display of perseverance in an individual call it forth? I think it probably works both ways. If you make a determined effort on your own, the Plus Factor will come to your aid. On the other hand, there seem to be times when the Plus Factor is manifested in a most unlikely way. It causes that person to choose an almost unattainable goal, and persist against almost insuperable odds until a hopeless hope becomes an actual reality. The Plus Factor is a reflection of eternal truth "If you have faith.....nothing shall be impossible unto you"

Do not minimize the power of persistence. Just hang in there always, always. And never, never give up. Realization and achievement come to those who persist.

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STUDENT EDITORIAL

Hello to my dear friends.

We as humans, can overcome the difficulties that daily challenges or setbacks that crop up before us. If we do not expect life to be perfect, we will be able to avoid the impulse to quit. But even if you are strong enough to persist through the obstacle course of life and work, sometimes you will encounter an adverse event that will completely knock you on your back.



ABHIRAM KURUP
- 12 A

One must overcome the difficulty whether it's a monetary loss or the loss of respect among your peers or loved ones, or some other traumatic event in your life. These major setbacks leave you in doubt about yourself and can leave you wondering whether things can ever change for the better again.

Adversity does happen to some of us. We as rational individuals must be prepared for it. We must not ignore the knowledge of it. To ignore adversity is to succumb to delusion.

But we must also recognize that history is full of examples of men and women who achieved greatness despite facing hurdles so steep that could easily crush their spirits. A towering example is Abraham Lincoln who overcame a difficult childhood, depression, the death of two sons, and constant ridicule during the civil war to become arguably one of the greatest president ever. Helen Keller made an impact on the world despite being deaf, dumb, and blind from an early age. Franklin Roosevelt even had polio.

These were people who not only looked hardship in the face but learned valuable lessons about overcoming difficult circumstances and were able to move ahead.

This should be an inspiration to us during our examinations.

We should take every test, exam etc. as a challenge and move forward to pursue our goals.

On behalf of the student editors I wish you all the best for your upcoming examinations and hope that you will come out with flying colours.

I wish all of you a wonderful vacation ahead and to enjoy it to its fullest.

Quote Garden

1. Strength is the capacity to break a Hershey bar into four pieces with your bare hands - and then eat just one of the pieces.
- *Judith Viorst*
2. Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life. - *Amy Poehler*
3. Happiness is a How; not a What. A talent, not an object.
- *Herman Hesse*
4. To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.
- *Winston Churchill*

ICSK ORGANISES ACCA ORIENTATION PROGRAMME



A new academic year brings with it another batch of eager students ready to further their academic success and professional careers. The Indian Community School, Kuwait, truly labelled as a prestigious educational institution, has always believed and favoured educational transformation by knowing the way, going the way and showing the way. An ACCA orientation programme for students and parents was organised at ICSK Senior on 15th May, 2017. ACCA stands for the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, a leading international accountancy body. The ACCA qualification is globally recognised and much preferred and demanded by employers worldwide.

The attendees included, Mr. Sheik Abdul Rahman, Hon. Chairman ICSK Board of Trustees, Mr. Amer Mohammed, Hon. Secretary ICSK Board of Trustees, Dr. V. Binumon, Principal ICSK Senior and Senior Administrator, Mr. Rajesh Nair, Principal, ICSK(Amman) & Coordinator of the ACCA orientation session, Mr. Gangadhar. K. Shirsath, Principal, ICSK (Khaitan), Dr. Mary Isaac, Vice-Principal, ICSK (Amman), Mr. Deepak Seth, H.R. Admin, ICSK, teachers, parents and student community of the ICSK commerce stream.

The session commenced with a silent prayer invoking the divine blessings, which was followed by Dr. V. Binumon's welcome address and introductory session to ACCA. Mr. Taher Kapasi, Business Development Executive, ACCA (Dubai) gave an overview of the 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. Mr. Aqeel, Organiser and Mentor, ACCA, Learning Center (Kuwait) introduced his team of ACCA qualified professionals. They shared their experiences with the audience and successfully convinced each and every one present that being an ACCA member does not just open the door to exciting opportunities in one's career and personal development but also gives one access to a first-class range of services designed to support one's professional life. The team unanimously recommended the inclusion of ACCA into a child's educational portfolio investment for their long term gain.

A vibrant question and answer session followed in which all the queries and doubts of the students' and parents' were effectively answered by the ACCA experts. The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Rajesh Nair, Principal, Amman Branch and Coordinator, ACCA Orientation Programme.

SERVICE MAN FROM SIKKIM

India the land of pride and honor. What makes India proud? It's population? It's culture? It's area? It's economy? Or its longest constitution?

The country has its pride and honor in its servicemen. Those who are on the border day and night to lifeguard our country from all the danger we get into. They do this so that the citizens can stay at peace. It's population can have a sound sleep. It's culture can be protected. It's economy can grow more and more.

These countrymen of our north east India from the state of Sikkim who offer the service to their motherland in their full potential. Every house in the state of Sikkim will have one son who already had, already there, or will be in the service of the country. Their mother willfully send them there to live only for the country. Their families are strong and determined. They are enthusiastic and energetic. They live on high mountains of The Great Himalaya and from that height they don't only visualize the other parts and their world from a height but also maintain that greatness in their heart for sacrifice of their lives.

In all these years these countrymen has only offered their lives in the progress of country. But how do they live? How do they console themselves from the loss of their loved ones? That happens due to their heart filled with the love of country and motherland. They have truly explored their lives in the productivity and progress of the nation. Salute to them for living for us.



FATIMA TAPIYA
12G

This Ceaseless Love

My feet sink into the soft grains of sand
The whispers of the sea calming to ears
As well as the unintelligible blabbers
Of the child older no more than a year.



BUSHRA TUNEKAR
12 E

He toddles towards the sea, I watch
As then from crashing waters he flees.
There's nothing more pleasing to hear
That instill love than his ebullient shrieks.

The sky turns into a beautiful ineffability,
By the last presence of the setting sun.
A tousled head blinks up at me,
Exhaustion all said by a stifled yawn.

The stars shine above as night now falls,
His sleep-filled eyes gaze upon the sky.
A brave fight to never slumber fails,
And he sleeps as I whisper a lullaby.

And as you drift into peaceful slumber, dear,
Know how desperately I want time to freeze.
And know that with every breath, I will love you,
Even after death takes a hold of me.

BOOKER PRIZE WINNER ARUNDHATI ROY



Man Booker Prize winner Arundhati Roy was born on November 24 in 1959. One of India's most celebrated authors and human rights activists, Roy was born in Shillong, Meghalaya. Her father was a Bengali Hindu and mother was a Keralite Christian, which made her observe different cultures closely and put them down in her writings.

We bring to you 11 amazing facts about Arundhati Roy that you should know:

1. Her full name is Suzanna Arundhati Roy. She spent her childhood in Aymanam in Kerala, which has also been written about in her semi-autobiographical book *The God of Small Things*.
2. *The God of Small Things* won the Man Booker Prize in 1997. It was also on the list of the 'New York Times Notable Books

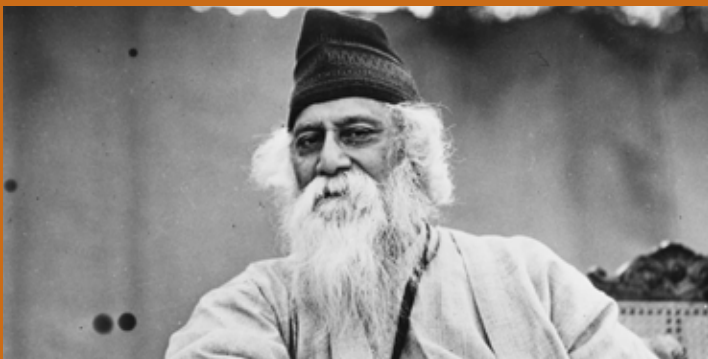
of the Year 1997'.

3. Arundhati Roy and her first husband Gerard Da Cunha would sell cakes in Goa for a living. She did various odd jobs afterwards such as aerobics instructor and artist.
4. Roy also got into acting. Her second husband filmmaker Pradeep Kishen cast her for a minor role in the film *Massey Saab*. She later wrote for a television series on India's independence movement and on two films, *Annie* and *Electric Moon*.
5. Before she wrote *The God of Small Things*, Roy would work on television dramas and movies. Roy won the National Film Award for Best Screenplay in 1988 for *In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones*.
6. She came into prominence when she criticised Shekhar Kapur's blockbuster, *The Bandit Queen*, where she vehemently protested against the atrocities on women shown in the movie and its effect on the audience.
7. When *The God of Small Things* came out, Arundhati was criticised for including the then Kerala Chief Minister E K Nayanar's description of sexuality. However, it is now

a part of curriculum at various colleges and universities.

8. Roy has been involved in many social and environmental movements. For her outspoken propaganda on behalf of oppressed people, she has received the Lannan Cultural Freedom Award in 2002, the Sydney Peace Prize in 2004, and the Sahitya Akademi Award from the Indian Academy of Letters in 2006.
9. She is a spokesperson of the anti-globalisation or alternate globalisation movement and a critic of USA's foreign policy. She also criticised India's policies of nuclear deals and industrialisation, and has described it as "encrypted with genocidal potential".
10. She has also written against many government policies of India, Sri Lanka and US. She was recently criticised for calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nomination, 'a tragedy' and calling Modi the "most militaristic and aggressive" prime ministerial candidate.
11. She also returned her Sahitya Akademi Award in protest against recent cases of social and religious intolerance in India.

May 7 "Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti" - 156th Birth Anniversary of the Bard of Bengal



Rabindranath Tagore (7 May 1861- 7 August 1941) was a Bengali polymath who reshaped Bengali literature and music, as well as Indian art with contextual modernism. According to English calendar he was born on 7th May 1861 in Kolkata to parents Debendranath Tagore and Saradi Devi.

According to Bengali calendar he was born on 25th day of Boishakh month, in 1422 Bengali Era. In West Bengal Rabindranath Tagore anniversary is observed as per local Bengali calendar. In Kolkata Tagore Jayanti is popularly known as Poncheeshe Boishakh.

Author of *Gitanjali* and its "profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful

verse", he became the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913. Sometimes referred to as "the Bard of Bengal" Tagore's poetic songs were viewed as spiritual and mercurial; however, his "elegant prose and magical poetry" remain largely unknown outside Bengal.

Tagore wrote poetry as an eight-year-old. At the age of sixteen, he released his first substantial poems under the pseudonym Bhānūsīmha ("Sun Lion"). By 1877 he graduated to his first short stories and dramas, published under his real name. As a humanist, universalist internationalist, and ardent anti-nationalist, he denounced the British Raj and advocated independence from Britain. As an exponent of the Bengal Renaissance, he advanced a vast canon that comprised paintings, sketches and doodles, hundreds of texts, and some two thousand songs; his legacy endures also in the institution he founded, Visva-Bharati University.

Gitanjali (Song Offerings), *Gora* (Fair-Faced) and *Ghare-Baire* (The Home and the World) are his best-known works, and his verse, short stories, and novels were acclaimed—or panned—for their lyricism, colloquialism, naturalism, and unnatural contemplation. His compositions were chosen by two nations as national anthems: India's *Jana Gana Mana* and Bangladesh's *Amar Shonar Bangla*. The Sri Lankan national anthem was inspired by his work.

MEDICAL CAMP FOR STAFF - A BENEVOLENT GESTURE BY ICSK



provide health services to the community; provide both preventive and curative treatment for common conditions in the community; refer those who require specialized treatment to the relevant centers; create awareness and provide counselling on Diabetes, breast cancer and other ailments; create awareness on the need for personal hygiene in prevention of serious disabling diseases such as eye and dental, which are prevalent in the area .

“A healthy body hosts a healthy mind.” With this maxim in mind, a Medical Camp was organized under the auspices of The Indian community School, Kuwait in association with the Indian Doctors Forum on 20th May 2017 at ICSK Senior, Salmiya. It was supported by Indian Dentists’ Alliance in Kuwait (IDAK), Indian Nurses Association (INA), Kuwait Kerala Muslim Association (KKMA), Kuwait Kerala Muslim Cultural Center (KKMCC). The camp was attended by about 250 staff members and their families.

The services that were provided at the medical camp were as follows: Height & weight check, BP & Blood sugar check, Cholesterol /CBC check, ECG, Ultrasound & vision testing. Medical specialties which were available at the Medical Camp included General Medicine, General Surgery, ENT, Dermatology, Cardiology, Orthopedics, Ophthalmology, Paediatrics, Gynaecology, Oncology, Neurology, Pulmonology, Endocrinology, Dental & Dietary Department.

The main objective of this particular camp was to bring affordable healthcare and free health information to the staff and families of ICSK and identify their common health problems in order to devise ways of addressing them. Specifically, the Medical Camp sought to

Furthermore the medical camp provided opportunities to both medical and non medical personnel to give back to the community by way of volunteering their time, energy and expertise. Over 50 men and women including 25 doctors set aside their personal engagements and spent the whole day serving the needy in various capacities and it is because of the input of everybody who came out to help that the medical camp was a resounding success.

CLASS TOPPER OF THE MONTH MAY

 12A ABIMATHI ANAND	 12B JENNIFER DELSY	 12C SNEHA SRIDHARAN	 12D ARJUN R.	 12E ATHIRA SREELA R.	 12F MEREEDA THOMAS	 12G NITYA KAPOOR	 12H ASTREL REBECCA	 12I DALE MARIA DSILVA	 12I GAYATHRI NAIR
 10A GAUTAM PRAKASH	 10B RUDRA VIPUL PATEL	 10C SIDHARTH SUDHEER	 9A ALEFIYA ABBAS	 9B ALMA TRISA SUNIL	 9C RON SHAJU	 9D BURHANUDDIN M.	 8A SHAIKH YUSUF	 8B VAISHNAV ANIL K.	 8B NISHINTH V.
 8C NEHA ANTO	 8D GAYATHRI PREM	 7A JEEVAN V. JOHN	 7B JOSHUA SHAJAN	 7C NIDHI MYTHILY G.	 7D GOKUL SREENIVASAN	 7E AARON SAM A.	 7F DITZA ANN SHIBU		

CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS - JUNE

 CLASS 12A ROHAN PHILIP V.	 ABHINAV GIRISH K.	 CLASS 12B NAGA SREEJA	 LIONEL MARC	 CLASS 12C TARIQ AHMED	 ANGELA ANN ALEX	 CLASS 12D DIVYA SARAH	 HANA ZAINAB	 CLASS 12E ZAMEEL AHMED	 LJAMOL VARGHESE
 CLASS 12F ADARSH REJI	 JOSHUA SHIBUI	 CLASS 12G MARIYAM	 CRYSTAL D'SOUZA	 CLASS 12H JOEL THOMAS	 VARSHINI S.	 CLASS 12I KASAM	 MURTAZA	 CLASS 12J ORUVILLA JOSEPH	 AFROZ SHAIKH
 CLASS 12K FIRAZ MOHAMMED	 FATHIMA NIMRA	 CLASS 12L VARGHESE KEVIN B.	 ZAINAB TAPIYA	 CLASS 11A BURHANUDDIN S.	 RIYA GEORGE	 CLASS 11B HIBA RAHMAN	 MOHAMMED MUSTAFA	 CLASS 11C ASWATH NARAYAN	 MALAIKA
 CLASS 11D MANNA ACHU ALEX	 GANTA AKASH	 CLASS 11E DIYA THASNIM C.	 JUSTIN THOMAS	 CLASS 11F NAFEESA	 BURHAN	 CLASS 11G ADORA	 SIMRAN	 CLASS 11H FAVIAN SHAUN	 INSIYA ALTAF
 CLASS 11I AATIF MOHAMMED	 CAREENA BOBY M.	 CLASS 11J EDMON PEREIRA	 SUHANEER SINGH	 CLASS 11M FIDHA HARRIS	 KRISTEN GEORGE	 CLASS 10A MURTAZA	 TINA TONY ALAPATT	 CLASS 10B ABBAS	 SONAL GHOSH
 CLASS 10C SIDHARTH SUDHIR	 HAWRA HAKKIMUDDIN	 CLASS 10E TAHA KUZHEMA	 AKBER ALI MOIZ	 CLASS 10F FAKHRUDDIN M.	 JANIA M PEREIRA	 CLASS 9A ANDREW PURACKAL	 SANIA GEORGE	 CLASS 9B MURTAZA B.	 AISHAH S.
 CLASS 9C SAMANTHA FERNANDES	 DEVA PRIYA NANDAN	 CLASS 8A SHAIKH YUSUF	 AYESHA FAIZ AHSAN	 CLASS 8B ANNA D. SANTHOSH	 JERRY SAM GEORGE	 CLASS 8C DYLAN SEQUEIRA	 MANSHI BHAGAT	 CLASS 8D JOEN JAMES JOHN	 MOHAMMED SHAH
 CLASS 7A TASNEEM AHMED	 CLASS 7B ENOCH POSNETT	 ARJUN P. SUJITH	 CLASS 7C MABEL EMILIE	 SHREYA PRAVEEN	 CLASS 7D SHARON JOHNSON	 PRANAV AJAY	 SRADHA RAJ		
 CLASS 7E SUAD KHALID MALIK	 STAN DAY PHILIP	 CLASS 7F NAHA ALI BASHA	 SYED YUSHA NADEEM	 CLASS 6A MUAZ JAFAR	 SHAIK ABU BAKER				

SENATE INVESTITURE CEREMONY AT ICSK SENIOR - A FLEET OF LEADERS TAKE CHARGE



“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away”. Investiture of the school student council is a milestone event in the activity calendar of a school and so it was at the Indian Community School (Senior) Kuwait on Wednesday 14th May 2017. At an impressive ceremony the members of the newly elected senate were formally inducted into the students’ governing body. The school senate was democratically elected through electronic voting after a colourful and long drawn campaign in the school campus.

The swearing-in ceremony was attended by numerous luminaries and invited guests. His Excellency Mr. Kandeepan Balasubramaniam, The Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Kuwait was the Chief Guest of the ceremony. The Chief Guest was greeted with a guard of honour followed by a brisk march to the venue by the entire Prefecture, smartly dressed in their school uniform proudly wearing their house colours. Curtain opened to the sound of verses of recitation from the Holy Quran followed by the rendition of the National Anthems of Kuwait & Sri Lanka. In keeping up with the ICSK tradition of celebration where the school motto “ From Darkness to Light “ is truly visible, the traditional lamp was lit by the Chief Guest, Heads of the Departments and Academic Supervisors present on the occasion. Vice-Principal of ICSK Senior Dr. Sam T. Kuruvilla welcomed the guests to the ceremony. In his address, he reminded the student leaders to consider this badge not as a symbol

of power but of service. The Chief Guest, His Excellency in his inaugural address elaborated on the cordial relationship between India and Sri Lanka over the years. He enumerated upon the important aspects of leadership and responsibility. He advised the newly invested senate to utilize this opportunity as a good learning experience integrating the qualities of good leadership and elaborated on the important requirements to be successful leaders .It was deftly pointed out that rock solid integrity, hard work, team spirit, emotional & moral stability, good listening skills, interpersonal relations are essential ingredients that go into the making of a perfect leader. The joy of winning the post and the honour of receiving the badge notwithstanding, he advised the students to spare a thought about the less privileged children in the society. The Senate members were then invested with their badges of office followed by an oath taking administered by the Principal, Dr.V. Binumon. The Chief Guest invested badges to the members of the Senate.

The newly invested Senate President Master Aneez Mohammed delivered the Vote of thanks to the invited guests, school faculty and the students. He promised to attempt the best to uphold the name and fame of the great institution in the days to come. Well enamored with the shining titles and proud responsibilities the newly invested senate marched out into the bright world confident to administer their duties well and diligently.

PHOTOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITIES AT ICSK SENIOR



The students of the Indian Community School were offered a rare opportunity in the campus for a one-day training in hands-on photography. The workshop organised by the Photography Club in the school auditorium saw interested boys and girls teeming around delightfully using their shutter bugs. The camp was designed to reflect a real-world environment while encouraging students to explore their own creativity and passions. The coordinator of the club Mr. Sunish Mathew ensured that lessons like how the sample images were done, lighting diagrams and video tutorials were effectively conveyed. The trainee students found themselves completely immersed in their day long course.

KOLKATA



Kolkata (formerly Calcutta) is the capital of West Bengal state and the second largest city in India (after Mumbai). If we consider Bangalore as the Seattle of India, then Kolkata is the sub-continent's London. Kolkata, 350-year-old metropolis, shocks you and charms you at the same time. Grandeur and poverty mix inexplicably with crumbling British Raj-era gems. Long known as the cultural capital of India, Kolkata continues to spawn generations of poets, writers, film producers and Nobel Prize winners. Kolkata is regarded as India's intellectual, artistic and cultural capital. It is an ideal place to experience the mild yet complex tang of Bengali cuisine. Whether you love it or hate it, you definitely won't forget the city on the Hooghly.

Calcutta flowered as the capital of British India [from 1772 - 1911]. Calcutta University, the first modern Indian university was founded here in 1857. Calcutta became the center of Indian arts and literature, and the national movement for Independence got its start here. Kolkata is a multicultural, cosmopolitan city.

Kolkata's urban area that includes the suburbs has a population of more than 14.3 million, makes it India's 3rd most populous metropolitan area. The city has a very high population density of 24,000 people per square kilometer. Bengali Hindus form the majority of Kolkata's population. Muslims, though a minority, constitute a large percentage of population; Christians, Jains, Sikhs, Buddhists are the other minority communities. We find very small communities

of Chinese, Nepalis, Anglo-Indians, Armenians, Greeks, Tibetans, Parsis, Jews, whose numbers declined during the 20th century. Bengali, the official state language, is the dominant language in Kolkata. English is also used, particularly by the white-collar workforce. Hindi and Urdu are spoken by a sizeable minority.

Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for founding and working with the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata—an organization “whose primary task was to love and care for those persons nobody was prepared to look after”. Due to a book, written by Dominique Lapierre, on her work and life Kolkata is also known as ‘City of Joy’.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Victoria Memorial is located on the plains at the banks of the River Hooghly and was completed in 1921. It is dedicated in the memory of Queen Victoria and is currently a museum. Lord Curzon commissioned the construction of this memorial and is built in a unique architectural blend of Mughal and British styles. The museum contains 25 galleries that house various antiquities and artifacts.

Howrah Bridge: The construction of the sixth longest cantilever bridge in the world, the Howrah Bridge is one of the most famous landmarks of Kolkata. The bridge is also called the Rabindra Setu after the famous Bengali literary figure and Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.



The Indian Museum in Kolkata is the largest and the oldest museums in India and was established in 1814. The museum contains 6 sections which are further split in 35 galleries and contain a plethora of various antiquities, artifacts, paintings and mummies etc. The museum was established by a Dutch

botanist under the British, Dr. Nathaniel Wallich and is one of the oldest museums in the world.



The British in India gave the country its favorite sport Cricket. **Eden Gardens** are a massive capacity cricket ground and is often called a Cricket Colosseum. The Eden Gardens are the largest capacity cricket ground in the country and the 3rd largest in the world. The Stadium is one of the most iconic cricket grounds in India and is home to the Kolkata Knight Riders cricket club in the Indian Premier League.



Durga Puja is the biggest festivals of West Bengal and is celebrated with unparalleled enthusiasm in Kolkata. The festival symbolizes the homecoming of Goddess Durga for five days to her matrimonial home from Mount Kailash. It is a celebration of good over evil as the goddess vanquishes the demon Mahishasura. The preparations for the pandals and the idols start months in advance.



May 22 'World Biodiversity Day'



The International Day for Biological Diversity (or World Biodiversity Day) is a United Nations-sanctioned international day for the promotion of biodiversity issues. It is currently held on May 22.

The International Day for Biological Diversity falls within the scope of the UN Post-2015 Development Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals. In this larger initiative of international cooperation, the topic of biodiversity concerns stakeholders in sustainable agriculture; desertification, land degradation and drought; water and sanitation; health and sustainable development; energy; science, technology

and innovation, knowledge-sharing and capacity-building; urban resilience and adaptation; sustainable transport; climate change and disaster risk reduction; oceans and seas; forests; vulnerable groups including indigenous peoples; and food security. The critical role of biodiversity in sustainable development was recognized in a document, "The World We Want: A Future for All".

From its creation by the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly in 1993 until 2000, it was held on December 29 to celebrate the day the Convention on Biological Diversity went into effect. On December 20, 2000, the date was shifted to commemorate the adoption of the Convention on May 22, 1992 at the Rio Earth Summit.

Coinciding with the observance of International Day for Biological Diversity, on May 2011 Indonesian Forestry Ministry inaugurated the Ciwalen Canopy Trail that is 120 meters long and 60 meters wide at an elevation of 30-40 meters above the ground at Gunung Gede Pangrango National Park, West Java to accommodate 5 to 10 people in one trip.

The 2014 theme of Island Biodiversity was chosen because islands provide a rich source of biodiversity for plants, animals, fish and forestry products.

BEST STUDENTS - MAY



SALAMUDEEN
TAMSUDEEN - 12A



AFRAH MOHAMED
RABEEK - 12B



KARTHIK
RAMESH - 12C



KARTHIKEYAN
SURESH - 12D



MEREeba ANN
THOMAS - 12E



JOSEPH ALEX
- 12F



FATIMA TAPIYA
- 12G



RENITA D'SOUZA
- 12H



SACHINI MALSHA
- 12I



RUSHIL HAREESH
KUMAR - 12J



IRENE SARA JACOB
- 12K



BERNETT TITUS
- 12L



RITHIKA
RAGHUPATHY-11A



DEEPTI
RAVIKUMAR - 11B



SHARON SARA ALEX
- 11C



PHEBE ROY
- 11D



ALINA MARIUM
ANIL - 11E



SARA - 11F



NOOREEN KAUR
CHADHA - 11G



OSAMA SOLANKI
- 11H



MAALAVIKA
MENON - 11I



ANN MARIA SHENNY
- 11J



SANTHOSH KUMAR
- 11M



HUDA ABDURAHIMAN
P - 10A



RUDRA VIPUL
PATEL - 10B



SANIA KAUR
- 10C



JAYASHREE
- 10E



KAGITHA
- 10F



SARAYU
MURUGASWAMY - 9A



JESSICA ANN LEJO
- 9B



AMAL RAWOOT
- 9C



BETSY BENNY
- 9D



ABHISHEK
SREEKUMAR - 8A



ANJANA REVI
PRASAD - 8B



NEHA ANTO
- 8C



GAYATHRI PREM
- 8D



AHMED FAYIZ - 7A



SHREYA ANN
- 7B



KIRTHANA SAI
- 7C



MAHIMA THANKAM
- 7D



NORAH ZAHU
- 7E



DITZA ANN SHIBU
- 7F



KHADIJA KHALID
- 6A

Birthday Arcade - June



ABUBAKER
6A - JUN 1



AHMED SHAIK S.
12E - JUN 1



MURTAZA
12I - JUN 1



NEVIN JAISON
12B - JUN 1



RABAB KHUZEMA
11G - JUN 1



GAYATHRI PREM
8D - JUN 2



SHAIK NAMEERA
12E - JUN 2



SHRUTHI UDAY M.
10B - JUN 2



JOSH THOMAS
9B - JUN 3



SHAGUFTHA KHAN
11D - JUN 3



SHAGUFTHA
11I - JUN 3



AARON J. BIJU
8A - JUN 4



PELISHA
11D - JUN 4



AASIF KHAN
12B - JUN 4



HANAN HASHIM
12E - JUN 4



MERLIN R. MATHEW
8B - JUN 4



NIHALA
10E - JUN 4



PELISHA AGIDA VAZ
11D - JUN 4



RISHA R. KUMAR
10B - JUN 4



ABHIJITH SOMARAJ
10F - JUN 5



AFAF ARIF KHAZADA
7D - JUN 5



ANJANA REVI PRASAD
8B - JUN 5



EMAAD AKHTAR
7D - JUN 5



HINAL SRIVASTAVA
12B - JUN 5



RUTH MARY RAJI
12E - JUN 5



SAMIRA
11F - JUN 5



SONAL GHOSH
10B - JUN 5



MAHILLYAA MOHAN
9C - JUN 6



SUMMAYYA PARVEEN
11E - JUN 6



ABIJITH
11C - JUN 7



MARYAM BURHAN
7B - JUN 7



VAISHNAV. A
12C - JUN 7



JUZER ALI
8D - JUN 8



KHADIJA
8B - JUN 8



MUAZ
6A - JUN 8



ADHITHYAN SHEENA KEERTHANA SAI N.
8B - JUN 9



MEHNAAZ TILYET
7C - JUN 9



MANPREET SINGH
10B - JUN 9



ALLAN LAWRENCE
10C - JUN 10



ALLAN LAWRENCE
10E - JUN 11



ENRICA D'SOUZA
12G - JUN 11



MASOOMA
10F - JUN 11



SHERLIN E. KOSHY
12L - JUN 11



SNEHA SUSAIN
9B - JUN 11



TASNEEM SHABBIR K.
12I - JUN 11



AHMAD IZHAR
8A - JUN 12



ALEFIYA
12I - JUN 12



BURHANUDDIN S. DADU
11A - JUN 12



CHRIS D'COSTA
9B - JUN 12



HATIM SALIM
11H - JUN 12



KHALID MUKADAM
12F - JUN 12



STEFFI BIJU V.
12B - JUN 12



BANGI MOHAMMED
12H - JUN 13



LEAYA ELSA V.
8B - JUN 13



Safa Javid Rawoot
10C - JUN 13



UMME KULSUM JAAN
11F - JUN 13



ARIB
10F - JUN 14



SENETH NISHAN
7A - JUN 14



VIDYA KRISHNAR
12K - JUN 14



VISHAKHA JAYRAM
12A - JUN 14



PAWDOWALA M.
11I - JUN 15



SHUAIB E. SATTAR
11H - JUN 15



TASKEEN SHAFFIULLAH
7C - JUN 15



VERRELL CARVALHO
12I - JUN 16



ZAMEEL AHMED
12E - JUN 16



ABDULLAH
12L - JUN 17



ALVIN M. ALEX
10A - JUN 17



JOTHAN S. PETER
7C - JUN 17



KIM AMANDA G.
12F - JUN 17



MARIM PAUL
12D - JUN 17



MOHAMMED B. EZZY
8B - JUN 17



SAAD MOHAMMED
11G - JUN 17



SARAH JOHNSON
12H - JUN 17



CHRISA S. SHAJI
10B - JUN 18



JOBIN JOHNSON
7F - JUN 18



H. MOHAMMED HAMUTH
10E - JUN 19



MOHAMMAD ABBAS
12D - JUN 19



NIDHA FATHIMA P.
10E - JUN 19



AMMAR RAJ
12C - JUN 20



BUSHRA S. ALLAUDIN
11D - JUN 20



TAHA
10E - JUN 20



ABHISHEK UPPADA
9C - JUN 21



ALI RIYAZ
10A - JUN 21



KARTHIK RAMESH
12C - JUN 21



AERYN MARY ANIL
7A - JUN 22



BATUL JOHAR AL
12I - JUN 22



LINO GEORGE
7C - JUN 22



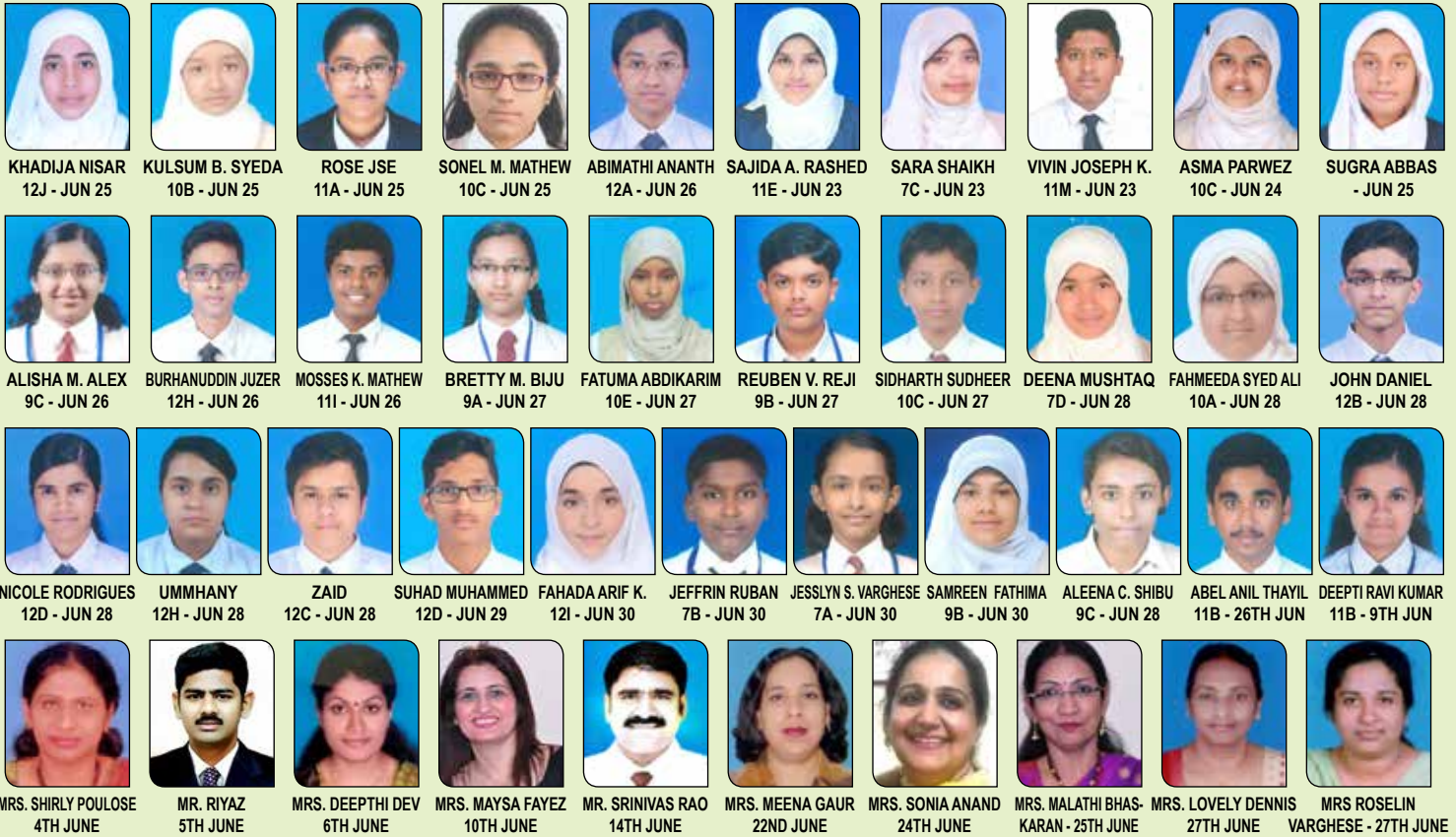
ADARSH REJI
12F - JUN 23



AHMED FAYIZ MOHD.
7A - JUN 23



NOEL JAISON
9C - JUN 23



HOW WOULD THE NIGHT SKY LOOK IF OTHER PLANETS WOULD BE AS CLOSE AS THE SUN



The night sky always fascinates me. I love to spend hours on my Celestron telescope trying to locate the different stars and planets, and watching them totally mesmerised. I track the celestial movements on different sites and try to find the best times when we can view them best. I was totally in awe of planet Saturn when I saw it in all its splendor with its rings for the first time. It's not always easy to imagine just how big the other planets are. And then I came across an article where a space artist's thought experiment turns into a lesson in Earth's relative size. How can anyone understand a planet that is more than 1,300 times the size of our own? Our intuitive sense of sizes, distances, and time are of little help when it comes to space.

Space artist Ron Miller has created a series of images that illustrate the sizes of the other planets in our solar system in a way that makes

them a bit more accessible, showing what they would look like if they were 240,000 miles away -- the approximate distance of the moon from the Earth. Here are some of his images.



MOHAMMED SUHAIB ALI - 12 D



This is what Jupiter would look like if it was our close neighbor. No offense to our moon, but imagine looking up in the sky and seeing this beautiful Saturn or the bright azure blue Neptune.

Miller thinks that the night sky shapes who we are, and having a huge other planet so large would change us. "We would all feel a lot more humble with Jupiter's presence constantly looking over us," he told The Daily Mail. And I think I couldn't agree more....

ICSK SHIMMERS WITH SCINTILLATING CLASS XII RESULTS

In this season of results, it is celebration time at The Indian community school Kuwait. In keeping with the past tradition, the results of the AISSC Examination March 2017, have put the school once again in the top spot. In a spectacular performance Indian Community School, Kuwait has achieved 100% pass percentage in the class XII CBSE Examination. ICSK had 241 students registered for the same this year, the highest number from any school in Kuwait.

The ICSK students are Kuwait subject toppers in English, Home Science, Physical Education, Psychology, Economics, History, Political Science, Informatics, Business Studies and Accountancy.

Vritika Vijay Lal Naik is the Science Stream topper with 96.8%, Vineetha Rebecca Jacob is the Commerce Stream topper with 95.8% and David Mathews is the topper in the Humanity stream with 93%. Alamelu Indira and Alex Johnson Puthethu have shared the 2nd position in Commerce stream with their aggregates of 95.2% while Sandra Ann Thomas is in the 3rd position with 94.8%. In the Science stream Aysha Mubeena & Megha Maria Akash has

secured the 2nd & 3rd positions with 96.6% and 95.4% respectively. Madhumita Venugopal and Shreya Sudhir Shenoy have bagged the 2nd & 3rd positions in the Humanity stream with 92.2% and 92 % aggregates as a true reflection of their exemplary achievement.

All the ICSK achievers have attributed their outstanding performance to the consistent hard work that they put in along with meticulous planning, the guidance, encouragement and blessings of their teachers and parents.

This exemplary performance by the students of ICSK is the result of the concerted efforts of dedicated and motivated teachers, unrelenting support of management, personal care and extra coaching provided to students and the atmosphere conducive to success at ICSK. The management and teachers of ICSK take immense pride in the exemplary performance put in by their students and congratulate them for the outstanding results. By doing so, they have brought laurels to their institution, proving once again that ICSK leads in quality education and is a centre of educational excellence.

KUWAIT TOPPERS / ICSK TOPPERS



VINEETHA REBECCA JACOB
Commerce (95.8%)
KUWAIT TOPPER



DAVID MATHEWS
Humanities (93%)
2ND KUWAIT TOPPER



ALAMELU INDIRA
Commerce (95.2%)
3RD KUWAIT TOPPER



ALEX JOHNSON P.
Commerce (95.2%)
3RD KUWAIT TOPPER



VRIKITA VIJAY LAL NAIK
Science (96.8%)
ICSK TOPPER

KUWAIT / ICSK SUBJECT TOPPERS



DAVID MATHEWS
History (96%) &
Web Technology (98%)



MADHUMITA VENUGOPAL
Political Science (93%)



AKASH RAMESH KUMAR
Economics (98%) &
Accountancy (95%)



VINEETHA R. JACOB
Economics (98%),
Business St. (98%) &
Accountancy (95%)



AYSHA MUBEENA
Psychology (99%) &
Biology (94%)



VRIKITA VIJAY LAL NAIK
Maths (97%),
Physics (96%) &
Computer Science (98%)



ABDULLA MAHMOOD
Maths (97%) &
Physics (96%)



ANTHONY JUDE YANG
Chemistry (99%)



BIJOY SAM ABRAHAM
Physical Education (98%)



MOHAMMED HUSSAIN
Painting (87%)



NAMRITA SHANKAR
Fashion Studies (94%)



JOAN SURESH PETER
Accountancy (95%)



SANDRA ANN THOMAS
Accountancy (95%)
& English (99%)



ALAMELU INDIRA
Accountancy (95%) &
Informatics PR (98%)



ALEX JOHNSON P.
Accountancy (95%)



SAKINA SOEB RANGWALA
Home Science (93%)



SILLA SWADIB PATRO
Computer Science (98%)

A1 SCORES



VRITIKA VIJAY LAL NAIK



SURYANARAYANAN



SILLA SWADIB PATRO



SHAIKH MATHAR



SADNAN ISLAM



RACHEL MINUSHYLA



MUHAMMED BASIL



MANOVA E. THOMAS



HARITHA G. SEGAR



ANTHONY JUDE



KEVIN C. KOSHY



ANAMIKA A. KUMAR



ABDULLA M. ISMAIL



ALEENA SAM



AYSHA MUBEENA



VANESSA EMILIA



NAMRATA SUNAND



MILAN KOSHY P.



MEGHA MARIA



MAYOOKHA B.



JOAN S. PETER



FAHD ANWAR



DHRUV SHARMA



AKHILESH ABY



VINEETHA R. JACOB



CHRISLE JOSEPH



SHREYA S. SHENOY



MADHUMITA V.



SANDRA ANN THOMAS



HUSAIN T. MODI



DAVID MATHEW



CARLIN CHACKO



ALEX J. PUTHETHU



ALAMELU INDIRA



AKASH R. KUMAR

GYANOTSAV 2017

A FESTIVITY OF KNOWLEDGE AT ICSK SENIOR

Gyanotsav, an annual educational fair by the Indian Community School (Senior) Kuwait, was successfully hosted on the 18th of May, 2017. The campus of the Senior branch underwent a marked change to accommodate the teeming, abundant talent of the students. The industriously embellished rooms of the school reflected the concerted efforts of student and staff to frame-up "knowledge", in many forms of still and working models, live presentations, culinary skills and digital displays. The Edu fair was halved into two entertaining sessions - the initial morning session welcomed students of invited Indian schools in Kuwait, and the following session was open to all. The distinguished Dr Amer Ahmed of the Indian Doctors Forum graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, accompanied by Joint Secretary of the Board of Trustees Mr. Agnello Fernandes.

The twenty-six departments of the school worked fervently in the creation of their exhibits, and competed under three broad categories. The general theme prevailing through all the rooms was "Educational Technology for Human Welfare and Social Development".

The department of Fashion Studies stood out with their spectacular "glow-in-the-dark" exhibits that accompanied their innovative interior designing ideas. The competing Psychology department delved its audience

into virtual reality, presenting details on human phobias, levitation and coping with depression. Within the pure sciences, the department of Physics demonstrated novel practicalities such as the hydraulic robot car, the 'Fleiner- Rotor room', an eco- friendly wave powered kinetic converter, and an edge avoiding robot. The array of working models presented by the Science department caught the attention of the public. Lucid explanation and clear presentation made the laws and theories simple before the viewers.

The visionary department of English indulged its audience into the captivating world of Fiction. Viewers walked down nostalgic memory lanes through classical fiction works, and were introduced to the intoxicating new microcosms of fantasy, horror and science-fiction, through charts, handmade manuscript magazines and digital displays. The gallery also witnessed an enticing play on the importance of mothers. The budding novices of the Business Studies Department underscored the prominence of the Primary





sector with exhibits on poultry farming and dairy farming. The crucial role of the various zones in the manufacturing industry was also highlighted. Social media marketing was included as the primary themes and community banks offered banking services by the students

The Home Science and French departments colluded in an explosion of delicious flavours, flaunting the culinary skills of the members. The Physical Education department created live sport courts where visitors could engage in recreation and sports. The Economics department fascinated visitors with floral carpets portraying flagship projects like Make in India, Green India, and Swachh Bharat. The Dance and Music departments illuminated the campus with impressive performances by brilliant, skilled artists.

The departments of Web Technology, Computer Science and Informatics blew the minds of the viewers with exhibits of virtual realities that transported them into different worlds. The departments of Hindi and Art were essentially informative with their attention-grabbing displays. The department of Mathematics adeptly made use of statistical tools like pie chart, frequency polygon which effectively conveyed concepts, BMI charts and their highlight being the pyramid of triangles. This edition of Gyanotsav witnessed the active participation of the newly added department of Entrepreneurship, where students enacted role plays of leading entrepreneurs around the world.

The students of ICSK Senior enjoyed their day as they indulged in 'learning by doing', which is a primary goal of the institution. The introduction of the on-the-spot exhibit where

participants were to recreate their ideas on the spot within ten minutes ignited the competitive spirit among the contestants. Commendably, the Coordinator of the event Mr. Vinod Lakshmanan and the Joint Coordinator Mr D. John announced that one thousand two hundred twenty four exhibits were put on display in the campus. Prizes were awarded to the winners based on the judgement made by eminent panel in three categories – Middle, Secondary and Senior Secondary. The English department was announced as the best department in the Middle category while the Physics, Mathematics and Fashion Studies department jointly shared the best department prize in the Secondary category. The best department prize in the Senior Secondary category was claimed by the Commerce department. The grand exhibition concluded with raving reviews and applause of all who attended.

CHARITY FUND

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2017

INCOME (APRIL)	KD	EXPENDITURE (MAY)	KD
Balance c/f from (April)	4699.520	Mrs. Monir Hussain	150.000
		Mrs. Virgilia Nodos	150.000
		Mr. Freddie Espuerta	150.000
		Mrs. Angelita Payuno	150.000
		Mr. Mokhles Fazlur	150.000
		Mrs. Jeelani Pyari	150.000
		Mrs. Bindhu Prasad	300.000
			1200.000
Balance from (April)	3499.520		
Contribution from students (May)	562.695		
Contribution from Staff & Well Wisher (May)	85.000		
Balance in hand	4147.215		



BIRTHDAY AND CHARITY FUND FOR MAY 2017

CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total
XII A	10.000	26.325	36.325
XII B	-	7.850	7.850
XII C	-	10.795	10.795
XII D	-	23.405	23.405
XII E	-	21.795	21.795
XII F	2.500	14.010	16.510
XII G	8.750	8.475	17.225
XII H	7.500	2.690	10.190
XII I	-	8.505	8.505
XI A	-	6.800	6.800
XI B	-	2.700	2.700
XI C	-	10.560	10.560
XI D	-	6.090	6.090
XI E	-	22.785	22.785
XI F	-	8.180	8.180
XI G	-	35.820	35.820
XI H	-	6.210	6.210
XI I	-	10.230	10.230
XI J	-	11.130	11.130
X A	6.500	11.935	18.435
X B	5.000	13.745	18.745
X C	4.000	47.020	51.020
IX A	4.000	5.740	9.740
IX B	2.000	9.480	11.480
IX C	-	7.055	7.055
VIII A	-	6.235	6.235
VIII B	11.000	14.300	25.300
VIII C	4.000	3.975	7.975
VII A	-	2.475	2.475
VII B	-	3.105	3.105
VII C	-	8.540	8.540
VII D	1.500	8.370	9.870
VII E	-	3.460	3.460
	66.750	389.790	456.540
AFTERNOON			
VI A	-	2.395	2.395
VII F	-	1.305	1.305
VIII D	-	5.655	5.655
IX D	1.000	20.005	21.005
XI M	-	5.770	5.770
X E (NIOS)	-	20.685	20.685
X F (NIOS)	-	7.365	7.365
XII J (S)	-	16.745	16.745
XII K (COM)	-	2.030	2.030
XII L (COM)	-	13.000	13.000
	1.000	94.955	95.955
Grand Total	67.750	484.745	552.495

CHARITY CONVENORS



MIRIA JOHNSON
- 12A



PRATEEK ARORA
- 12B



VAISHNAV
- 12C



IMANA NAUSHAD
- 12D



SHAIKH NAMEERA
AFTAB - 12E



SAIFUDDIN Z.
OBRIWALA - 12F



ZENAB
- 12G



BANGI MAOHAMMED
- 12H



ASHISH ASOK
- 12I



MOHAMMED YOUSEF
- 12J



MOHAMMED JUZER
- 12K



HOZEFA
- 12L



JADE LOURDES
VAZ - 11A



IMAD FAISAL KASIM
- 11B



SAKSHI MILIND
- 11C



HANEEM ABDUL
- 11D



AAFIIYA ASIF NAGINA
- 11E



ALIFHIYA
- 11F



ZENAB
- 11G



VALUSHA ANTA
- 11H



NADEENA
PREMASEKERA - 11I



BERTILLA RITU
- 11J



KHUSHI DEEPAK
- 11M



AVINASH KUMAR
SEN - 10A



SHRUTHI UDAY
MENON - 10B



SAYED YASIR
- 10C



MARZUK RAWOOT
- 10E



MOHIDUL
- 10F



DANIELLE
RODRIGUES - 9A



JOSHUA EDWIN
PEREIRA - 9B



AKSHAYA PRAMOD
KUMAR - 9C



ALLEN MATHEW
JACOB - 9D



ZOHAIB MOHAMMED
ALI - 8A



MERLYN RIYA
MATHEW - 8B



MIQDAM ABDUL
SAMAD - 8C



MUHAMMAD
- 8D



ANKITHA MENON
- 7A



STEVE PAUL
- 7B



NUHA ZAINAB
- 7C



NAVAMI NAIR
- 7D



PRAISY OLIVIA
- 7E



KUPPALA N. MURTHY
- 7F



KHADIIJA
- 6A

TOPSCORERS OF 'DISCOVER I' ASSESSMENT 2017

The annual schedule of assessment of 'Discover i' for discerning academically sound students was conducted at the Indian Community School. There was a very large participation from students of classes ranging from eighth class to the tenth class. The school aims to identify and encourage and cater to the needs of students of all categories. Apart from the yearly schedule of in house examinations the school conducts competitive examinations and assessments to bring out the academic caliber inherent in children and to enable them to realize their hidden potentials. The assessment of academic year 2016-2017 witnessed the registration of 35 students and the clear differentiation of students with above average and below average knowledge capacity.

From Class 9 Master Gautam Prakash of 9 B secured the first place and Master Hussain Shafique of 9 C secured the third place. From Class 8 Miss Reeba Susan Thomas of 8 A and Master Rutvik Vishwanathan of 8 B together share the second place. Certificates for high scorers were awarded to Miss Mahilya Mohan - 8 A, Master Mathew Dileep - 8 A), Master Siddharth Sudheer - 9 B and Mast. Deepak Kumar Tripathy- 9 C.

How would You Like to be Remembered?

About a hundred years ago, a man looked at the morning newspaper and to his surprise and horror, read his name in the obituary column. The newspapers had reported the death of the wrong person by mistake. His first response was shock. Am I here or there? When he regained his composure, his second thought was to find out what people had said about him. The obituary read, "Dynamite King Dies." And also "He was the merchant of death." This man was the inventor of dynamite and when he read the words "merchant of death," he asked himself a question, "Is this how I am going to be remembered?" He got in touch with his feelings and decided that this was not the way he wanted to be remembered. From that day on, he started working toward peace. His name was Alfred Nobel and he is remembered today by the great Nobel Prize.

Just as Alfred Nobel got in touch with his feelings and redefined his values, We should step back and do the same. What is your legacy? How would you like to be remembered? Will you be spoken well of? Will you be remembered with love and respect? Will you be missed?



PASTA FESTIVAL - A TREAT TO TASTE BUDS AT ICSK CAMPUS



The department of Home Science of the Indian Community School Kuwait organized a food festival on 4th May 2017. Nineteen students of the Science stream of class 12 pooled together their faculties to present an enjoyable menu of white and red pasta to the tickling taste buds of their counterparts at the senior school campus. The students, under the experienced supervision of Home Science teacher Mrs. Deepthi Vallabh

gained a real world experience of culinary skills like mass preparation, setting up tables, front desk service etc. At the end of the day, young entrepreneurs of the department were able to realize their profits. The ICSK offers such opportunities to its students where they are able to avail of the advantages of curricular and co curricular activities at the campus and be nurtured in to responsible and mature citizens.

BEST CLASSES (AFTERNOON BATCH) MAY

Senior Secondary



FIRST - 12J

Secondary



FIRST - 9D



FIRST - 12K



SECOND - 7F



SECOND - 11M



THIRD - 8D

MOM REFLECTION OF WOW



Mom!! A call that gives you a hundred solutions; A theory that has a numerous equations!!



MELVIN MANOJ MATHEW
12 G

Sweet as honey;
A shelter that can be built nowhere else;
Alters everything but has no alternatives to replace!!

She is a faith, a trust, a hope and everlasting love;
Tries to wipe your cries
A passionate support to your efforts!!

Sets your lonely thoughts away,
And brightens your wandering thoughts
Slides her hand along the A strands of your hair; which takes you to the world of love and compassion

Someone who knows you before yourself;
Someone who knows you more then yourself;
Someone who will know even your thoughts!!

Love, care, comfort, support, courage, faith, strength, help, beauty, hard work, passion,
A completion of adjectives is "SHE"

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR



MARK JEROME
12E (SENIOR SEC.)



JOHN MARSHEL
12L (SENIOR SEC.)



ANGELINE S.SANTHOSH
10C (SEC.)



LIONEL PINTO
9D (SEC.)

ICSK EXEMPLIFIES ACADEMIC BRILLIANCE IN CBSE CLASS X RESULTS

The exuberance of victory and cheer radiated all over the school premises as ICSK students trod brilliantly over the road to success in the AISSE March 2017 result declared recently by the Central Board of Secondary Examination (CBSE), Delhi. 391 students who appeared for the class X CBSE Examinations 2017 were all exhilarated, bagging 100% success.

ICSK carved a splendid niche with 58 students scoring CGPA 10 with A1 in all the subjects. Subject-wise performances are as follows: - Out of 391 students appeared, 186 students have scored A1 grade in English, 29 students got A1 in Hindi and 75 students got A1 in French, 89 students scored the top grade of A1 in Mathematics, 96 students in Science and 107 students secured A1 in Social Science. The result is even more commendable as ICSK sent the maximum number of

students for class X - AISSE 2016-17 among all the schools of Kuwait.

The astounding and enthralling results were the outcome of diligence and deep commitment of the students and their family jelled with the tireless efforts of teachers. ICSK's time - tested study pattern coupled with the students' delirious desire to succeed helped them to score high distinctions. Students were fully committed to strenuous and continuous efforts and their ambitions refined their success story. Achieving thumbing Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) in all curricular subjects, they added yet another resplendent plume to the crowning glory of their school.

The ICSK management, staff and students congratulate the achievers of ICSK for their stellar performance!

TOPPERS – CGPA 10 – (SENIOR)



ABEL CHRIS



ALITA ANNET MATHEW



DEVANG DINESH



EDEN NAOMI ROSARIO



FREDDY FERNANDES



IMAD FAISAL KASIM



JOE MAMMEN JOHN



JOEL JOHN SHAJI



JUNA MARIYA REGI



MOHAMED NAFEESA



MOSES REJI CHANDU



MOYNA P. MOHNISH



PARINAZ SHARUKH



RESHMA S. MATHEWS



RINTU SUNIL



RITHIKHA RAGHUPATHY



RIYA GEORGE



RUTH ANN MATHEW



SANDRA SAJEEV



SHILPA SHAJI MOHAN



SHIV KUBAL



SLEETY K. GEORGE



VARUN C. ANILKUMAR



ZAYNEB MUSTAFA



ICSK BAGS RUNNERS UP POSITION AT CBSE CLUSTERS - VOLLEYBALL

The promising sports team of The Indian Community School Kuwait has ended the cluster season and has maintained the school position in the region by securing the runners up position at the CBSE Kuwait Cluster Volley Ball Tournament. The venue for the tournament was held at Learner's Own Academy on the 13th, 14th and 15th of May 2017. The under 19 runners up include David Thomas, Kevin Tom Biju, Ali Hussain, Ashmen Rumaldo, Favin Francis, Abdul Hadi, Noel George, Benson Daniel, Trever Braganza, and Cristy Sajan. The title was attained as a result of arduous work and persistence which ended in practice sessions trained by experienced Physical Education teacher Mr. Nins Peter.

Birthday Arcade - July



BATUL
10E - JUL 1



SHAHIL JAVED KHAN
12H - JUL 1



ASHMEN BRAGANZA
12D - JUL 2



MARHUSHAN M.
12K - JUL 2



RITHIKA RAGUPATHI
11A - JUL 2



TAHER ALI
12C - JUL 2



TEPHY CHANDRA K.
9C - JUL 3



ANKITA BIJU MENON
12B - JUL 4



ASHTON AFFOS
8C - JUL 4



FAISAL KHAN
7D - JUL 4



LINAMOL VARGHESE
9B - JUL 4



NAVIN VARGHESE
11F - JUL 4



RUQAIYA MIRZA
12I - JUL 4



SIMRAN MANOJ
11G - JUL 4



CHERISH CHERIAN S.
10A - JUL 5



NANMA M. MATHEWS
11F - JUL 5



PRAVEEN KUMAR S.
7A - JUL 5



FAWAZ SHAMSUDEEN
11I - JUL 6



PAVANI MARATHU
9D - JUL 6



BENNY DIEGO C.
8B - JUL 7



DARSHAN DINESH
8C - JUL 7



HUSSAINA HOJEJA J.
12H - JUL 7



MOHAMMAD HESHAM
11F - JUL 7



AKHILA WILSON
9B - JUL 8



HANEE NADEEM KAZI
11M - JUL 8



MUSKAN NISAR
8B - JUL 8



VILEENA A. PUNNOOSE
12F - JUL 8



AHMED HUSAIN A.
11A - JUL 9



AYIDA ASIF ALI
7C - JUL 9



MOHAMMED A.
11M - JUL 9



AMAN ALI C. ASAF
12I - JUL 10



BUSHRA TUNGEKAR
12E - JUL 10



FATHIMA SAFA
10F - JUL 10



KEVIN TOM BIJU
12E - JUL 10



NOOREEN KAUR C.
11G - JUL 10



MOHAMMED SADIQ
10B - JUL 11



RUKAYYA MUSTANSER
11G - JUL 11



SRADHYA RAJ
7D - JUL 11



ABUZAR AUAZ S.
7F - JUL 12



MOHAMMAD SULTAN
12J - JUL 12



WAFI IMTIYAS P.
12E - JUL 12



ROYCE D'SOUZA
12B - JUL 13



ASHLY SHIBU C.
12D - JUL 14



RUBIYA SALEEM S.
12H - JUL 14



SANIA GEORGE
9A - JUL 14



STEVE DAY PHILIP
12F - JUL 14



JERIN THOMAS
10C - JUL 15



NICOLE PINTO
7B - JUL 16



REUBEN LAJI G.
9C - JUL 16



THEJUS PRAKASH
7A - JUL 16



BATUL ALIASGAR
11I - JUL 17



CAROLIN NISHA F.
8A - JUL 17



MARIAM KADRI
7C - JUL 17



MOHAMMED IZZAT ALI
9B - JUL 17



MOH'D YUSUF H.
12J - JUL 17



ANSON PEREIRA
12B - JUL 18



CINTHIL AVIS P.
12K - JUL 18



FATIMAH
7B - JUL 18



KRIPA E. VARGHESE
12D - JUL 18



TANISHA SIMON
7C - JUL 18



TASNEEM MUFAZZAL
7C - JUL 18



DANISH SHAUN C.
12K - JUL 19



IBRAHIM ISHFAQ
12J - JUL 19



MOHAMMED MAAZ
8C - JUL 19



SAAD ASIF
7A - JUL 19



SANSKAR MISHRA
7B - JUL 19



UMAIMA ALI M.
12H - JUL 19



HUMAIRA PARKAR
9B - JUL 20



MOHAMMAD USMAN
10F - JUL 20



RICHI SUSIL JACOB
12B - JUL 20



SHABBIR B.
11G - JUL 20



ZENAB
10F - JUL 20



ASHFAQ MOHIDDIN
8D - JUL 21



NAHA SHAIK
7F - JUL 21



ZAHABIYA
12E - JUL 21



BENJAMIN OOMMEN
12B - JUL 22



RESHMA S. MATHEWS
11E - JUL 22



JEFFIN ABRAHAM J.
9C - JUL 23



AMINA DIYA
11D - JUL 24



IRENE M. MATHEW
11F - JUL 24



RAWOOT MARZUK
10E - JUL 24



SARATH SUBRAMANI
7D - JUL 24



SYED MOHAMMED A.
10B - JUL 24



ABHISHEK MATHEWS
7B - JUL 25



FAVIAN SHAUN
11H - JUL 25



JOEL SHAJAN M.
11D - JUL 25



MOHAMMED HISHAM
12C - JUL 25



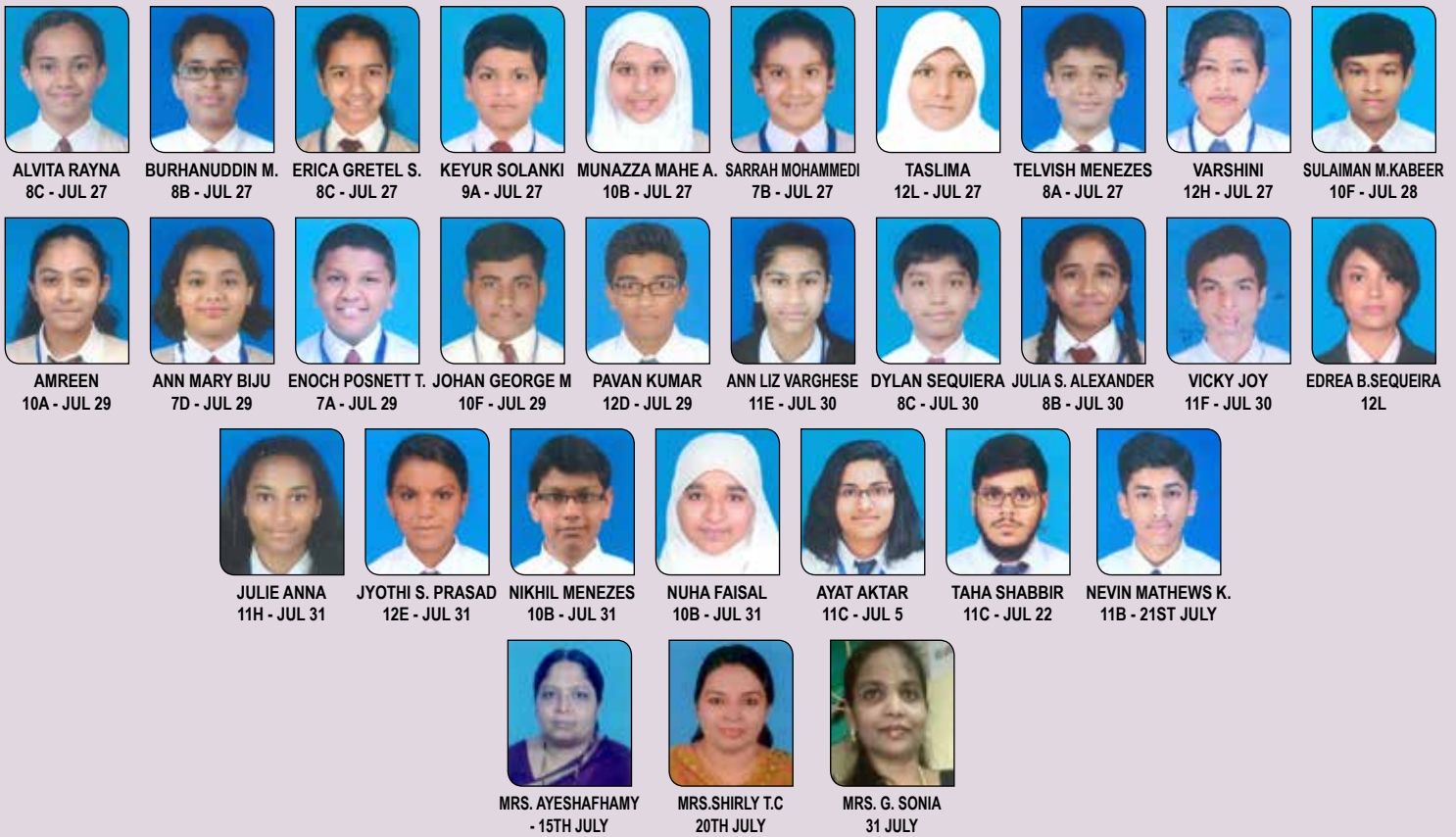
NAMEER IBRAHIM
10B - JUL 25



REHAN ZACHARIAH
10E - JUL 25



ALDRIEN VOE
9D - JUL 26



The White, Black and Grey Hats



Hacking is unauthorized intrusion into a computer or a network. The person engaged in hacking activities is generally referred to as a hacker.

There are mainly three types of skilled Hackers; they are White hat, Black hat and Grey hat.

A white hat hacker breaks security for non-malicious reasons, either to test their own security system, perform penetration tests or vulnerability assessments for a client. This type of hacker is generally called an ethical hacker.

A black hat hacker is an individual with extensive computer knowledge whose purpose is to breach or bypass internet security.

A grey hat hacker lies between a black hat and a white hat hacker. A grey hat hacker may surf the Internet and hack into a computer system for the sole purpose of notifying the administrator that their system has a security defect.

What people generally think about hackers is that they always break into things, and destroying systems for their benefit, it's not actually true. Let me tell you an incident, in early September 2011 in Mexico, Los Zetas (one of the most powerful drug cartels), started killing people for using social media and internet, they hung two bloggers

and a young girl, and spread a message on social media saying, "This is what will happen to internet busybodies". The government did not understand how did the terrorist get access to all these drugs and ammunition, and could not do anything to stop them from killing more and more people that was. Los Zetas got all those access from corrupt government officials and prosecutors. That was the time when a hacker group named "Anonymous" appeared on social media and announced they would hack and leak the data Los Zetas had regarding where they got the drugs and weapons from, to which Los Zetas replied that they would kill 10 people for every bit of information the hacker group leaks (that is 10000000 people for every MB of leaked data!), and the killings done by the Los Zetas ended there, as there was a fear deep in them, that their data will be publicised.

Similarly, when the government of Egypt in 2011, disconnected the entire country from internet connection overnight. A hacker group called "TELECOMIX GROUP" used dial up technology to connect thousands of Egyptians to internet.

Hackers are really powerful. They can add a few zeros after their bank balance, or even hijack an airplane. In 2008, a 15-year-old boy hacked and shut down major systems at NASA, which costed NASA \$41,000 (KD 12490) to find and fix the issues.

It's wrong to think that hacking is all about breaking into someone's Facebook or WhatsApp account, but it's something what most of us don't know. Hackers are the Immune system of the internet. In countries like UK and US, there are professional courses for ethical hacking, motivating people towards being part of this immune system community.



VRISHIKA VINAYAN
NAIR 12 B

WORLD in a Nutshell

May 2017



Emmanuel Macron takes charge as President of France:

Emmanuel Macron was inaugurated as France's new President at the Elysee palace in Paris, and immediately launched into his mission to shake up French politics, world economics and the European Union. The 39-year-old Macron is the youngest President in the country's history and the 8th President of France's Fifth Republic, which was created in 1958.



India hopes to win Chinese hearts with mangoes:

India is planning to organise a 'mango festival' in China and South Korea for the first time to boost exports of the 'king of fruits'. Though China had granted market access to Indian mangoes in 2004, it is yet to become 'effective' and commercially meaningful.



New technology allows visually and hearing impaired to "watch" TV:

Scientists have developed a new, ground-breaking software that allows hearing- and visually-impaired people to enjoy television content in real time without any intermediaries. The software, PervasiveSUB, compiles all the subtitles of television channels and sends them to a central server which forwards them to smartphones or tablets.



From NASA with love: new bacteria named after Kalam:

In great news for India, scientists at NASA have named a new organism discovered by them after the much-loved A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. Researchers at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), the foremost lab of NASA for work on interplanetary travel, discovered the new bacteria on the filters of the International Space Station (ISS) and named it Solibacillus kalamii to honour the late President, who was a renowned aerospace scientist.

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Heena Sidhu bags air pistol bronze:

Heena Sidhu won the air pistol bronze at the 48th Grand Prix of Liberation international shooting competition. In women's 50m rifle prone, a non-Olympic event without a final, Tejaswini Sawant took silver. Pemba Tamang finished third in the men's 25-metre centre-fire pistol, also a non-Olympic event.



CBSE declares 2017 class XII results:

Raksha Gopal tops with 99.6%: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) released the 2017 class 12 Board examination results. Raksha Gopal from Noida, has topped with 99.6 per cent marks. The pass per cent in the CBSE Class XII exam has fallen to 82 per cent from 83.05 per cent last year.



Women to get combat role in Army:

In a transformational move, the Indian Army is all set to open up combat positions for women, a gender barrier broken by only a few countries. Women are now allowed in

a number of select areas including in medical, legal, educational, signals and engineering wings of the Army but combat roles are off limits for them due to operational concerns and logistical issues. The Army Chief Gen. Bipin Rawat said he was ready to recruit women as jawans and the matter is being taken up with the government.



Railways to track wagons, coaches with RFID tags:

The Indian Railways will use radio-frequency identification tags (RFID) for tracking of wagons, coaches and locomotives to ensure effective and transparent functioning. Railways have sanctioned Rs 57 crore for the first phase of rollout of the system. The tag designed by the Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS) is estimated to cost Rs 1000 per tag.



H-1B visa effect: Infosys to hire 10,000 American workers:

Infosys, among India's largest software services companies, said it plans to hire 10,000 American workers over the next two years. As part of this initiative, Infosys will open four new technology and innovation hubs across the country.



AICTE to facilitate internships for students:

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has signed an agreement with Internshala, an internship and training platform, to facilitate internships for Indian students. As per the MoU, all colleges affiliated to the AICTE - the regulatory body for technical education under the Ministry for Human Resource Development - will now be able to help their students find internships through Internshala free of cost.



Cyclone Mora wreaks havoc in coastal Bangladesh:

Cyclone Mora that lashed Bangladesh's coastlines forcing the evacuation of millions of people and shutting the country's main port and river transport. The cyclone, which lashed the coastal belt with a wind speed of 128 kmph and made landfall at around 6 a.m., cut off Kutubdia, Moheshkhali and Teknaf from other parts of the country.



New one rupee notes to be in circulation soon:

New one rupee notes with predominantly pink and green on obverse and reverse in combination with other colours will be soon put into circulation. The notes bearing the rupee symbol have been printed by the Government of India. At present, one rupee coins are minted. Printing of one rupee notes was discontinued in 1994 but was relaunched in 2015.



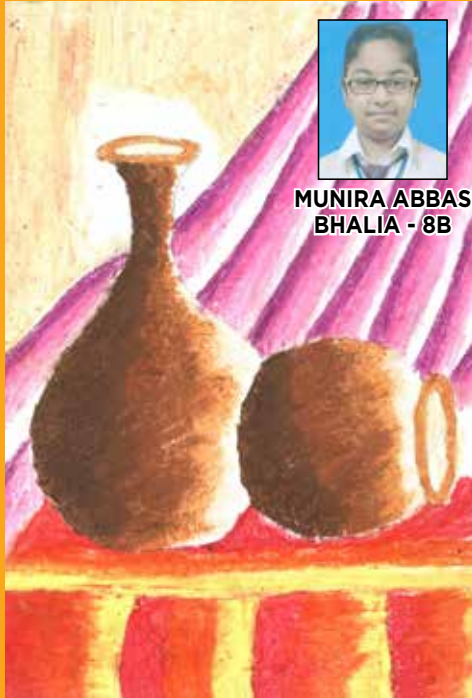
Brazil declares end to Zika emergency:

Brazil has declared an end to its public health emergency for the Zika virus, 18 months after a surge in cases drew headlines around the world. The mosquito-borne virus wasn't considered a major health threat until the 2015 outbreak revealed that Zika could lead to severe birth defects. One of those defects, microcephaly, causes babies to be born with skulls much smaller than expected.

art gallery



ASMA PARSES
10C



MUNIRA ABBAS BHALIA - 8B



MARK MEMORY
- 12E



CHRISTINA S. VIJI - 7E



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NATURE CLUB



"Persistence is what makes the impossible possible, the possible likely, and the likely definite". It was indeed a challenge for nature lovers at the senior school to resort to on-campus farming in the adverse climate with very limited land area. Despite the existence of limitations, the members of the Natural Club under the guidance of co-ordinator Mrs. Indira Radhakrishnan and Mrs. Geetha Kumari pursued their goal of a green campus with the planting of vegetable and flowering of plants during the winter season. Their efforts were lauded and supported by the Principal Dr. V. Binumon and Vice Principal Dr. Sam T. Kuruvilla.

The harvest of their joyful labour was reaped in the month of April with tomato, cauliflower and green chilli. The school garden tends to blossomed drum stick trees where students enjoy real learning experiences concerning plant growth. Students have utilised their recreation hours to fertilise and tend to the plants and harvest them as well.

The Nature Club awaits and expects a bumper yield of drum stick at ICSK this year.

BEST CLASSES MAY

Senior Secondary



FIRST - 11A



FIRST - 12A



SECOND - 12D



THIRD - 11G

Secondary



FIRST - 10C



SECOND - 8B



THIRD - 10A

EPICTIONARY

- Ken – (noun) range of what one can know or understand
Ah, but the Eyes Divine look long and see far; things beyond the human ken are all revealed.
- Lackadaisical – (noun) idle or indolent especially in a dreamy way
She was rather listless and lackadaisical, but seemed to be well content so that she could lie within sight of the Master and dream.
- Behoove – (verb) be appropriate or necessary
The Hamburg magistrates had offered one hundred thalers for my arrest; consequently, it behooved me to be very cautious.
- Fealty – (noun) the loyalty that citizens owe to their country
In Germany and France, the vassal owned supreme fealty to his lord, against all foes, even the King himself.



Forthcoming Events

- Summer camp
- Sparsh ... value based project
- Open Day (parents meet)
- Orientation for parents (Classes 7-10)
- Revision Test (X , XII)
- International tour



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