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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Children,

I know that you are little bit relaxed after the arts fest Paradigm. Now, focus on studies to score good marks in the upcoming Mid Semester Examination. In this May edition of Epics let us discuss the life advice from Mark Twain, the famous American Writer.

### 1. Don't let your thoughts dwell on the negative.

"Drag your thoughts away from your troubles... by the ears, by the heels, or any other way you can manage it."

You must watch your thoughts, because it is so easy to get into a habit of thinking negatively. Thinking positively is one of the best gifts you can give yourselves, and will ultimately lead to you doing everything a little better, with people reacting much better to your attitude. In the end, life is made up of 'tasks' we must accomplish, some small, some big and difficult. Try to look at any 'difficult' task as a challenge and as an opportunity to learn something about yourselves.

### 2. Humour is one of the most important things. "Humour is mankind's greatest blessing."

"Against the assault of laughter nothing can stand."

The simple act of laughing and responding to humour is one of the greatest experiences of the human condition. Life is nothing without laughter, just a sad shell, and although there are pleasures in life that have nothing to do with humour, they are always improved upon and made more palatable with a good side dish of laughter. Humour helps almost all situations and using it will draw people to you faster than anything else you may do

### 3. The world doesn't owe you, you owe yourselves.

"Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first."

The feeling of being owned something by the world is common in this generation. We all feel entitled to something, whether it's a steady job, money, happiness etc. But these feelings usually lead only to frustration, bitterness, anger and resentment. Let go of these expectations from yourselves and from the world, and you'll see that everything becomes a bit easier. You do deserve the best, but you'll need to go and get it for yourselves.

### 4. Having a new idea is not a crime.

"A person with a new idea is a crank until the idea succeeds."

When you see things differently than other people, expect mixed reactions. Some will support you, others ignore you, while still

others will try to bring you down. But remember, all great discoveries were once such novel ideas, and many of them carried negative reactions. You should say what you believe and act upon it, don't let anyone tell you your ideas are 'too weird'

### 5. Age is in your mind more than anywhere else.

"Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

With this clever play on words, Twain is telling us age doesn't matter as long as you don't give it significance. It means that a young soul can dwell in an old body and all the limitations we put on age, other than those physical ones, are actually in our head.

This advice isn't just about age, it's also about self-confidence. When we believe we have a problem, we transmit that to the people around us and so bring it to pass. People can feel the lack of self-confidence in others and they will treat you as you treat yourself. So, once you make that mental 'switch', the environment will too.

### 6. Try everything, regret nothing.

A beautiful quote by Mark Twain and one that is full of truth. It's always easier to delay things we want to do. After all, life usually gets in the way and we tell ourselves 'well, we'll try it later'. But as we get older, those opportunities become more and more rare, and the things we end up regretting the most are the things we simply never tried to do.

Failure shouldn't scare us, it's a part of life. What is scarier is having opportunities and never acting on them. So when you think you want to do something - do it. Failure may happen, but at least you'll know the answer to the question: "What if?"

### 7. Instead of worrying about yourself, worry about others and help yourself.

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up."

There is something magical about making someone else smile or getting them out of a tough situation. Helping others not only makes us better people and buys us goodwill from those around us, it also makes our own problems seem smaller because we're not preoccupied with them 24/7. If you help others without thinking, just jumping in and helping out, you'll be the one ending up with a smile on your face.

Wish you all the best for the First Mid Term Examination. Remember Examination too is a celebration.

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## INAUGURAL CEREMONY : ICSK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



The official inauguration of Alumni Association of the Indian Community School, Kuwait was held on 26th April, 2018. It was a vibrant event commemorating 59 glorious years of the Indian Community School- Kuwait. It is an effort to bring together under one umbrella diverse spectrum of ex-ICSKians. A few among them have achieved immense success in their respective fields.

To name a few, Mr. Rajesh Suri, CEO- Nokia, Dr. Sharma, Ex-Director- AIIMS, Civil Servants and top scientists at NASA, USA have been a part of the ICSK.

Mr. Juzer Ali, Managing Director of Wadi-Al-Sakeef Company, an Alumni of ICSK from 1968-1976 graced the programme with his valuable words. He beautifully quoted Thomas Gray while addressing the ceremony:

"Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,  
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

He recollected many memorable moments when he was a pupil in this institution. He made a special mention of Mrs. Kailash Chattwal and Mrs. Usha Chattwal who wrote the Hindi School Prayer which students recite till date. In the year 1968, there were just 112 students whereas at present the strength has increased to 7000 students with the dedication, diligence and perseverance of the Management, Principal and Teachers. Mr. Juzer Ali is the first Alumni to register the membership online. Principal Dr. V.Binnum presented a memento as a mark of appreciation.

# EDITORS' NOTE

*"The art of writing is the art of discovering what you believe." - Gustave Flaubert*

Greetings!!

It gives me immense pleasure to inform you that Epics editorial board 2018-19 is gladly taking over charge from this issue. We welcome our young budding artists to write out their ideas and thoughts. In this issue I would like to share with all of you why I consider writing to be an art.

What is art? Anything that we make by using our creative thinking can be called art. Now, all types of writings cannot be considered art nor can a writing which is grammatically correct and uses good vocabulary be called as art. But anything from an ordinary school textbook to a government document can be considered a work of art if it is creatively written.

What exactly is creative writing? Let me give you an example. "It was a nice day. I went out with my friends and had food from a good restaurant". Would you consider this text as art? No right? It's pretty plain and boring to read.

"It was a lovely day. The sky was scattered with small fluffy white clouds. We chose a small restaurant at the corner of the street. We ate outside viewing the sky, talking about school, listening to 80's music from the radio in the restaurant."

I wouldn't call the above text a great piece of art but it is much better than the previous one, right? It is more descriptive and aesthetically written. Writing that can help the readers paint a mental picture of the scene, writings which can accurately portray the feelings of the character to the reader can be considered a true work of art.

I had come across many good articles in our magazine over the past months. I see great potential in many of you. I want you to read more books and practice your writing skills. I look forward to reading more beautiful articles in the coming issues.

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## Additional features in Epics 2018-2019

In order to make Epics 2018-2019 more interesting and student friendly, we have planned to include some additional features

- We are introducing a new column 'Epistory' which will have interesting stories with deep moral values.
- We are having a new segment named 'Getting to know our motherland' where in important features of our states are included
- We are introducing a special feature 'Epiquiz'. You can expect our editorial members anytime with questions from the released epics. Winners names will be included in the winners of epiquiz column.

## HOW CAN I IMPROVE MYSELF WITHIN A MONTH?

- Detoxify your speech. Reduce the use of cuss words. Be polite.
- Read everyday. Doesn't matter what. Choose whatever interests you.
- Promise yourself that you will never talk rudely to your parents. They never deserve it.
- Observe people around you. Imbibe their virtues.
- Spend some time with nature everyday.
- Feed the stray animals. Yes, it feels good to feed the hungry.
- No ego. No ego. No ego. Just learn, learn and learn.
- Do not hesitate to clarify a doubt. "He who asks a question remains fool for 5 minutes. He who does not ask remains a fool forever".

# WELCOME ASSEMBLY FOR CLASS XI



“Big things often have small beginnings.”

Students of class XII C conducted a special assembly to welcome the new batch of class XI students for the academic year 2018-19. The assembly started with the recitals from the

holy Quran and the school prayer. A beautiful speech was delivered by the students guiding their juniors on their big step of entering a new portal of knowledge - eleventh grade. It was followed by a melodious song sung by the class XII students and a dance

performance by Aadrian. The main highlight of the assembly was the “on the spot” painting done by Siddharth in just a couple of minutes which caught the attention of the crowds of ICSK who cheered with awe. The assembly concluded with positive words of guidance by the Principal, Dr. V.Binumon.

## III<sup>RD</sup> INTER SCHOOL MUN (FMUN) 2018 - AN EXEMPLARY EXPERIENCE



“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision, the ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.” – Andrew Carnegie

The FAIPS MUN 2018 provided a platform to the students of various institutions to come together with the intention of finding solutions to the major world problems, simulating a world-class experience of a United Nations conference. Each student was allowed to choose a committee and was allotted a country. The committees of FMUN included General Assembly, UNSC, UNHRC and WHO.

The ICSK delegation consisted of 16 members with Mrs. Geetha Kumari as the faculty advisor and Ann Mariya Shenny as

the head delegate. Each member of the ICSK delegation participated in the conference with unrelenting dedication, presenting an exceptional performance that reinforced confidence. Rudra Vipul Patel was awarded the first place of the Honorable Delegate, much to the pride of the delegation. Each delegate was awarded a participation certificate for their eminent performance at the conference.

The FMUN 2018 was conducted on 28th and 29th April, at Fahaheel Al-Watanieh Indian Private School. Each committee was headed by a director and two assistant directors, who supervised the whole conference. To many of the delegates, FMUN 2018 was the initial experience which helped them improve their vocational and problem-solving skills. It demanded them to rise up to international standards and act as the representatives of

their respective countries. It broadened their horizons, making them aware of the problems of the world, and how, as a team, the world countries could work together to put an end to them. Two days of intense debating, investigations and resolutions sowed the seeds of leadership and cooperative qualities deep within each student. They were compelled to sharpen their cognitive skills in order to come up with novel ideas that could solve the dire problems that prevails the world. Each committee was presented with crises that tested their analytical skills. They were required to form blocks, thus instilling in them an inspiration of teamwork and cooperation for the greater good.



As Mattie Stepanek once rightfully said, “Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved”. The FAIPS Model United Nations proved to be an exemplary experience to each delegate, urging them to be better leaders and more importantly, better citizens of the world who are aware of the happenings around them.



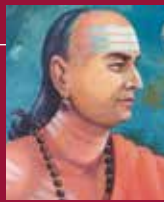
# ANCIENT INDIAN SCIENTISTS AND THEIR INVENTIONS

India is among the oldest civilizations of the world. It has made numerous contributions to the world in the field of science, mathematics, medicine, astronomy, arts and culture. Many believe that the mathematics and science that is known to us today was given to us by the western scientists. But this is a false statement.

Indian philosophers, thinkers, scientists of the ancient times have taught and discovered many things in the field of mathematics and science much before the westerners did. Some of the major ones are the invention of zero (or shunya, as they called it), the Bhuja-Koti-Karna-Nyaya (commonly known to the world as Pythagoras theorem), the discovery of atoms, and so on. Here are a few Indian people whose discoveries have changed the world.

## 1) ARYABHATTA

Aryabhatta, an ancient Indian mathematician of the classical age, made the legendary discovery of zero, without which, as Albert Einstein rightly said, no worthwhile scientific discovery could have been made. He also made many worthwhile contributions in the field of astronomy. He held the view that the earth rotates around its own axis, and that the stars remain fixed in space. He also found a way of calculating celestial latitudes.



## 2) BHASKARACHARYA II

Bhaskaracharya II was an excellent Indian mathematician of his time. He has written a number of his books, 2 of which are very famous:

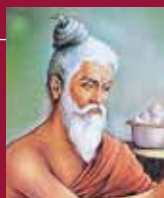
1. Lilavati, which deals with mathematical ideas on arithmetic, geometry and menstruation.
2. Bijaganita, which deals with algebra.

Apart from that, he also found the concept of arithmetical infinity.



## 3) SUSHRUTA

Dating back to almost 2500 years, Sushruta was an ancient Indian surgeon. He made numerous contributions in the field of surgery, and could perform various challenging operations at his time. He also wrote a book, Sushruta Samhita, where



he has highlighted all the necessities required in surgery. Sushruta is also considered as the Father of surgery. In his book, he has written about various types of surgical instruments and their use in the field of medicine/surgery. He has also described the careful removal of different organs in the body, and the correct way to preserve a dead body for study. He has also described various organ related diseases, their symptoms and their prevention and cure. Instead of using chemicals and drugs, he adopted the method of using several body parts of animals for minimizing pain and for stitching of organs like intestines using ant tail.



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His work was later translated into Arabic and Persian.

## 4) CV RAMAN

Chandrasekhar Venkataraman Ramakrishnan was a modern Indian scientist who won the Nobel Prize for Physics for his pioneering work on the scattering of light. Born in Tamil Nadu, Raman was the first Asian and Indian to win a Nobel Prize. He was also the first to investigate the harmonic nature of sound of Indian drums such as table.



## 5) Satyendra Nath Bose

Born in Calcutta, Bose was an Indian Physicist who specialized in quantum mechanics. He is mostly remembered for his work on the 'boson' particle, or what is most commonly called, 'The God Particle.' Bose sent an article to Albert Einstein on 'Planck's Law and the Hypothesis of Light Quanta.' Einstein, impressed with his work, translated it into German.



This formed the basis of the Bose-Einstein Statistics.

We salute to our Indian ancestors, who taught us so much and helped in keeping the honor of our nation and promoting to nationalism.

## THE SHOE SALESMEN

Many years ago two salesmen were sent by a shoe company to Africa to find out if there was a market for shoes.

The first salesman reported back, "There is no market there - nobody wears shoes."

The second salesman reported back, "There is huge market there - nobody wears shoes."

You can look at the same situation in two different ways - negatively or positively. The first salesman looked at it as a problem; the second one looked at it as an opportunity.

Next time we face a problem, let us ask ourselves "how can I do it?", rather than simply saying "it can't be done."

## Mrs. Shilu Mary Samuel

The entire ICSK Family mourns her sad demise and remains with her bereaved family in this tragic times. May her soul rest in peace



# ICSK SENIOR EUPHORIC AS STUDENTS WIN TRIP TO FRANCE



It is a moment of Jubilation at The Indian Community School, Kuwait as three of its students have emerged victorious in the competitions conducted by the French Embassy – ‘Francophonie 2018’ and won a linguistic package to France for 15 days and two months free course at the French Institute in Kuwait.

Francophonie designates countries and regions where French is a lingua franca or customary language, where a significant

proportion of the population are francophone (French speakers), or where there is a notable affiliation with French culture. In Kuwait 11 countries -France, Belgium, Canada, Switzerland, Romania, Burkina Faso, Lebanon, Nigeria, Benin, Egypt & Senegal conducted various competitions like Music, Painting, Dictation & Quiz in French for all the age groups.

ICSK Senior student Mosses Kurian Mathew of Class 12 brought laurels to the school

by winning the singing competition where 14 participants from all age groups vied with each other for victory. It was a proud moment when Mosses bagged the second position successfully by completing all the difficult faces of selection procedures. There was no age limit and it is commendable to note that Mosses achieved this feat with his mellifluous voice by competing with many of the French native speakers.

Sarayu Murugaswamy, of class 10 and Vaishnav Rajeev, of class 8 made the school immensely proud by winning the painting competition. The contest was a highly competitive one as the concept given in French was projected in the form of painting. More than 20 paintings were showcased, out of which Sarayu’s and Vaishnav’s alluring paintings were adjudged as the best among them.

On this joyous occasion, ICSK extends its hearty congratulation to the winners and wish them the very best in all their future endeavours.

## ORIENTATION PROGRAM



An orientation Program for parents and students of Class XI was conducted on April 14th in the Senior School auditorium. This program was an opportunity for parents and students to know what to expect in the coming year and also equip themselves for it. They got introduced to their teachers. They got a clear picture of pattern of examination, the extra curricular activities and the support required.

## HOW THE INDIAN STATES GOT THEIR NAMES?

### KERALA



Lord Parasurama reclaimed the land from the sea, Hence the word Cherna - Alam (Added Land), which is later becomes Kerala

### HIMACHAL PRADESH



Himachal Pradesh means the home of snowy mountains

### SIKKIM



The name of Sikkim is of Limbu origin, where ‘SU’ means new and ‘KHYM’ translates to place.

### ARUNACHAL PRADESH



The Sanskrit name translated to dawn lit Mountains



# CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS - MAY

## CLASS 12A



MANNA ACHU ALEX ANNA BRIDGET BIJU

## CLASS 12B



YAHYA SHABBIR ANDERS PAUL SPENCER

## CLASS 12C



PARINAZ FATIMA

## CLASS 12D



DWIJ SUNIL MUSTAFA

## CLASS 12E



ANIKA CHANDRAN ADORA FLORY

## CLASS 12F



ASMA ATHAR F. ROZELLE

## CLASS 12G



EDMON PEREIRA BURHANUDDIN

## CLASS 12J



LOGARAJAN ILANGOAN MOHD SARFARAZ

## CLASS 12K



RANIA GHOUSE CHRIS D'SILVA

## CLASS 12L



AKSHAYA BABU MILAN PHILIP M.

## CLASS 11A



RUDRA VIPUL PATEL ABIGAIL MARY Y.

## CLASS 11B



BRITAKEREN K. AMALENDU ANIL K.

## CLASS 11C



SIDHARTH SUDHEER DINAH STEPHEN A.

## CLASS 11D



MERLIN MARY SAJI ELWIN GEORGE

## CLASS 11E



RAKSHITA AMARNATH NADA KHALID

## CLASS 11F



VYSHNAV ANOOP RUKIYA ABBAS

## CLASS 11G



RASHIDA FATEMA BOHRA

## CLASS 11H



DIVYA AJAY SHEHAN

## CLASS 11I



KRIPA ANN MATHEW RIDHYN ISSAC A.

## CLASS 10A



REUBEN LAJI V. DIYA GHOSH

## CLASS 10B



ADITHYA THOMAS BRETTY REJI K.

## CLASS 10C



JOSHUA N. BASIL BLESSY K.

## CLASS 10E



SHAHEEN JALAL SHAIKHA ABDUL R.

## CLASS 10F



KRIPA ANN MATHEW ALLWYN REMSY

## CLASS 10G



SUVARNA SURESH DARSHAN JAIN

## CLASS 9A



SUBHALAKSHMI NIYANTH VENKATESH

## CLASS 9B



HUSSAIN SHABBIR PULAK SINGH

## CLASS 9C



ESTHER THOMAS BURHANUDDIN M.

## CLASS 9D



VAISHNAV ANIL KUMAR BHARGAVEE DAS

## CLASS 9E



MEHRIN NIDA MOHD SWALIH

## CLASS 8A



ELISHA ANN PETER KHALID SHAFI H.

## CLASS 8B



ANUSHKA PRATAP JUSTIN DE SOUZA

## CLASS 8C



ASHMIT SRIVASTAVA NADIYA ADNAN

## CLASS 8D



ENOCH POSNETT PRAISLY OLIVIA

## CLASS 8E



DEVI AJAYA K. STEVE PAUL O.

## CLASS 8F



BHUMI ALPESH

## CLASS 7A



DITZA ANN SHIBU

## CLASS 7B



NIHAL SAYAN

## CLASS 7C



NEHA ANN MANOJ



GUINDEP SINGH



ANAGHA HOMBALI



JOSIAH LUKE S.



ARSHYA SUNIL BABU

## CLASS 7D



ACELIN SANJU M.

## CLASS 7E



APEKSHA ASHOK T.

## CLASS 7F



LANCIA CHRISTIN C.



AARON JOE C.



MUFADDAN HADER ALI



ABDUL ASHEEN

# FIRST SESSION OF TEACH ME 2018-19

TEACH ME is a Teaching-Learning activity which cynosures a learning experience to the students. The Indian Community School conducted this year's first TEACH ME session on 29th April 2018. A zero period of 40minutes was allotted for the same which was divided into two slots of 20 minutes each. Two students from each class were given an opportunity to teach .The topic presented was based on the curriculum taught in the class .The Student-Teachers prepared a Lesson Plan in advance, used different teaching aids, tried different teaching methodologies and formulated interactive classrooms. There was zest and ardency in the Classrooms. The students had a wonderful experience to outcast their talents and skills.

The most exciting part of the day was that the Student-Teachers were dressed up in colored

dress .The Student-Teachers were judged by a panel of judges. The judging criteria were based on teaching aids, lesson plan prepared, presentation and class control. Three best three TEACH ME presenters were selected from each class 7 to 12 respectively and were awarded with certificates.

These sessions will be conducted twice every month to inculcate confidence building in the pupils. They are expected to not only build self-confidence but also enhance presentation skills. These will also encourage public speaking skills as well as leadership qualities, in addition to overcome ill at ease. The combined efforts of Teachers and Students proved to be a grand success. The students brusquely look forward to such sessions.



# INVISIBLE



SHARON SARA  
XII C

**Being Invisible in a room full of people,  
Who don't acknowledge your presence,  
Until they need something.  
Alone in a room full of people,  
Alone in mind and conversation,  
Alone without cause or reason.  
Introvert by situation an old habit that dies hard,  
That binds us down.  
Always held back, a voice diminished and  
unheard by others.  
Nobody to lend an ear or to pay attention and  
those who do,  
Listen halfheartedly. For we are so quiet that we  
become  
Invisible.  
A cloak of silence envelopes us, of being left out  
from conversation.  
A multitude of words repressed and the  
loneliness of pain and sadness.  
Walking in silence. Veiled from the naked eye,  
Invisible and unheard of until needed.  
As the Sounds around her amplify, her sound  
drowns unheard  
And uncared for.  
After all, that's how being invisible feels like.**

## ICSK SENIOR CAMPUS SPARKS WITH INAUGURAL ASSEMBLY



"I DO THE VERY BEST I KNOW HOW- THE VERY BEST I CAN; AND I MEAN TO KEEP ON DOING SO UNTIL THE END." Abraham Lincoln.

April 3, 2018 was a big day for the school campus .Students and newly appointed teachers received a warm welcome by the ICSK family.

Class 12 A students mesmerized the audience with a variety of programmes. Welcome speech on 'Positive Attitude' enthralled the students. 'Tips on effective learning' motivated the learners to be systematic in their day to day schedule. A series of activities to follow in the year ahead brought smiles on the naïve faces.

'A New Journey' the song by the Class

Choir created a liveliness. The ebullient dance Performance by the girls cheered the campus.

Dr V. Binumon, Senior Administrator and the Principal gave valuable tips on 'A New Beginning'. Sir extolled the students to set a goal in life. He emphasized on making both Career goals as well as Academic goals. He inspired the students that gaining knowledge is more important than grabbing marks.

A team of five members headed by Chief Disciplinary Coordinator, Mrs. Susan Rajesh Pothan welcomed the students with the beautiful words, " Discipline is the best price that you can pay for freedom".

New teachers were espoused with bouquet of flowers by our dear Principal. As a token of love, birthday wishes, cards and chocolates were presented by the Principal. The assembly disseminated with positive zeal.



# Birthday Arcade - May



SHA EIN SAMUEL  
12A - MAY 1



SHAMA THASLIM M.  
11B - MAY 1



GAYATHRI SURESH  
12A - MAY 2



IBRAHIM SAIFUDDIN  
12C - MAY 2



ABDUL AZIM NAUSHAD  
12F - MAY 2



MISABBASIM M.  
7 F - MAY 2



AVINASH KUMAR  
11D - MAY 3



RITHIKA SAJEEV  
12B - MAY 3



FATEWA HYDER ALI  
8D - MAY 3



MOHAMED FAYAZ  
7C - MAY 3



SNEHA D' SOUZA  
7E - MAY 3



SURABHI  
8C - MAY 3



MOHAMMED FAZIL  
11C - MAY 4



RADHIKA SHARMA  
12C - MAY 4



SOPHIA SAJI V.  
11B - MAY 4



SHERMAN  
12D - MAY 4



YUKTA MENON  
8E - MAY 4



SUYASH KUMAR  
9B - MAY 4



HANA THOMAS  
7E - MAY 5



HARDIK PANCHAL  
7E - MAY 5



HANNA THRESIA BIJU  
7E - MAY 6



JUSTIN SAMUEL SAJI  
7C - MAY 5



HANI ABDUL HAFEZ  
10F - MAY 5



BHARGAVEE DAS  
9D - MAY 5



SHANKAR RANJITH  
7B - MAY 6



PRIYADHARSHINI  
9E - MAY 6



JOSVI CRASTO  
11E - MAY 7



MABEL EMILIE V.  
8B - MAY 7



RUTH A. MATHEW  
12A - MAY 7



MOHAMMED SAAD  
9B - MAY 8



RIBU SAM  
10 F - MAY 7



SHAIKH AYANAFTAB  
11A - MAY 8



SIDHARTH SANTHOSH  
7E - MAY 8



BENISH MATEW  
10F - MAY 8



HANEE NADEEM KAZI  
12E - MAY 8



MOHAMMED KHALID  
11E - MAY 9



MYRA SUZANNE  
10F - MAY 9



AARON THOMAS  
10C - MAY 9



DANAH ABDUL RAHIM  
8A - MAY 9



SIDRA H.DALVI  
12E - MAY 10



FATHIMA FARZANA  
10E - MAY 10



BRITTO  
8A - MAY 10



SHAIKH NADEEM KHAN  
12E MAY 10



ARWA MOHAMMADI  
10B - MAY 11



DITZA ANN SHIBU  
8F - MAY 11



MUHAMMED HAYAN  
7B - MAY 11



ADIDELA ISAAC  
11A - MAY 12



LEKJNI SONI  
11H - MAY 12



ABIGAIL B. D'SOUZA  
11E - MAY 12



KIMBERLY CAROLYN C.  
11E - MAY 13



BENJAMIN THEODORE  
9B - MAY 14



FEBIN SHAAN  
12F - MAY 14



HUDA  
8C - MAY 14



SUAD KHALID MALIK  
8A - MAY 14



ANKA SOLANKI  
12F - MAY 15



ASIA HAMZA  
12L - MAY 15



HUSSAIN SHAFIQUE  
11A - MAY 15



MURTAZA K. F.  
11G - MAY 15



REBECCA JANE  
12G - MAY 15



ALPHY JOHN  
11H - MAY 15



NEHA ROSE  
11E - MAY 16



PRANAV MANIKANDAN  
11F - MAY 16



SHABNAM HARRIS  
12D - MAY 16



ALAN JONATHAN D.  
11F - MAY 16



VENKATA DHARMITHA  
8E - MAY 16



ASWIN NAIR  
9E - MAY 17



MERLIN MARY SAJI  
11D - MAY 17



BURHAN ARJAN  
12D - MAY 17



MUSTAFA MANSUR  
11F - MAY 17



JOHN HARSHITH  
11A - MAY 19



VAISHNAV ANIL K.  
9D - MAY 18



TASNEEM  
10A - MAY 19



CHARMAINE ARANHA  
10C - MAY 19



RAGHAV UDAY MENON  
7D - MAY 19



MOHAMMED REYAN  
7C - MAY 20



IMAD T. PARKER  
10B - MAY 20



GEORGE NIXON  
8E - MAY 20



SREE LEKSHMI  
9D - MAY 21



ANNORA LEWIS  
12E - MAY 21



JAIMY ELSA JOSE  
12B - MAY 21



ANKITA MENON  
8A - MAY 22



TAHER SINGAPORE  
11C - MAY 22



ANN MARIYA SHENNY  
12G - MAY 22



AYMAN NASUH  
8F - MAY 22



AMARDEEP SINGH  
10E - MAY 22



ANFAL ASHRAF  
9D - MAY 22



CELINE SARA SIBU  
10A - MAY 22



MOYNA P MOHNISH  
12A - MAY 22



TULIKA UPPAL  
8A - MAY 23





JEFFY JJI THOMAS  
11C - MAY 24



ZAHRA KARDAME  
10C - MAY 24



HARSHANTH RAJA  
9C - MAY 25



KHALID SHAFI H.  
8A - MAY 25



RUDRA VIPUL PATEL  
11A - MAY 25



RACHEL ANNAMALAI  
8B - MAY 25



VYSHNAVI M.  
9A - MAY 25



SAKINA MUSTAFA  
10A - MAY 26



SIMON GLADWIN  
8A - MAY 26



SHILPA SHAJI  
12B - MAY 26



DEON BINU ANCHERY  
11G - MAY 26



FIDHA HARIS  
12K - MAY 26



SAKINA MUSTAF R  
10A - MAY 26



SARA JAMES  
11F - MAY 26



ASHISH V. ABRAHAM  
10C - MAY 27



FATHIMA RIFFATH  
10F - MAY 27



DARIOS LAL KISHORE  
9C - MAY 27



IBANESH RAJ S  
11F - MAY 27



NABAA AKHTAR KHAN  
7D - MAY 28



NABAA KHAN  
7D - MAY 28



MILEENA M. VARGHESE  
8E - MAY 28



AMALAMIR KARDAME  
7C - MAY 29



HUZAIFA MUSTANSIR  
7C - MAY 29



MURTAZA BEHRAINWALA  
10C - MAY 29



MEET SHAH  
11A - MAY 29



SIDHARTH SHYAM  
11F - 29



ANJANA AJITH MENON  
11E MAY 30



ALEENA REGI  
10B - MAY 30



ALLEN MATHEW  
10B - MAY 29



AAESHA  
10G - MAY 30



ABIALI BHABHRANA  
7C - MAY 30



NANDANA RAKESH  
7E - MAY 30



SUPRAJA G.  
7E - MAY 31



NAKSHATRA R.  
9B - MAY 31



NIZZAR NAUSHAD  
10C - MAY 31



MRS. SHEHNAZ  
GUJRAL - 01 MAY



MRS. GEETA KUMARI  
03 MAY



MRS. PRIYA ASHOK  
KURUP - 03 MAY



MR. ISMAIL  
4 MAY



MR. SREEKUMAR. S  
05 MAY



MRS. JOLLY KUTTY  
05 MAY



MRS. RESHMI NAVEEN  
8 MAY



MR. RAFEEK  
10 MAY



MRS. SUJATHA P.  
10 MAY



MR. A. GEORGE  
SWAMY - 11 MAY



MRS. JAYACILEE ANNE  
GERALD - 14 MAY



MRS. NIVA ELNA  
VARGHIS - 14 MAY



MRS. MINI SHAJI  
JOSEPH - 14 MAY



MR. MADHU  
15 MAY



MR. CHERIAN  
MATHEW - 15 MAY



MRS. BINU JACOB  
18 MAY



MR. PRASSANAN  
KUMARAN - 19 MAY



MRS. MARIAM SAM  
20 MAY



MR. MUNIR  
25 MAY



MRS. RUKSANA  
NAHID - 25 MAY



MRS. SUJATA T.G.  
28 MAY



MR. MOHAMMED  
HARIS - 30 MAY



MRS. BINDU MADHU  
31 MAY

## GOODWILL AMBASSADORS



AMIN AZHAR HASWARE  
VIII B (FN)



JULIE ANNA GERALD  
XII F (FN)



DITZA ANN SHIBU  
VIII F (AN)



RUSHIL HARISH KUMAR  
XII J (AN)



# AIR POLLUTION

Our planet Earth is surrounded by a blanket of air made up of various gases called the Atmosphere. The atmosphere protects the Earth and allows life to exist. Without this protection we would be burned due to the intense heat of the sun during the day or would be frozen by the very low temperature at night. Any additional gas, introduced into the air either by nature or human activity causes natural imbalance and results in the harm to all living things, which we term as "Air Pollution."

The things that pollute the air are called pollutants. Some of these include Nitrogen oxide, Hydro carbons, Sulphur dioxide, Sand, Dust particles and organic compounds which evaporates and enter the atmosphere. There are two types of pollutants, the Primary and Secondary pollutants. In primary pollutants, the gases or the other harmful particles are pumped into the air and gets contaminated like the Carbon monoxide emitted from cars and Sulphur dioxide from the combustion of coal. Secondary pollutants are that which mix up in a chemical reaction in air and form a still dangerous chemical.

Air Pollution is such a concerned issue talked

or even deeply thought about these days. Why is Air Pollution such an important issue? Yes, it is important as concerned to our health, ecology and economy. As far as our health is concerned let me tell you, when we breathe in dangerous chemicals such as Benzene or Vinyl Chloride which is present in air causes cancer, birth defects, long term injury to the lungs as well as brain and also causes nerve damage. Breathing contaminated air makes our eyes and nose burn and also trigger respiratory problems. The poisonous air pollutants can cause Acid Rain, which is called Acidification, resulting in a dangerous ground level Ozone and can destroy trees, crops, farms, animals and also contaminate water bodies which is harmful to animals that depend on it and all these together causes instability in our economy too.

Air pollution can result from both human and natural actions. Natural resources that pollute the air include forest fires, volcanic eruptions, pollen dispersal, evaporation of organic compounds and radioactivity. Government throughout the world have already taken action against air pollution by introducing green energy, wind energy, solar energy in order to minimize the burning of fossil

fuels. Car manufacturing companies are building more energy efficient engines to reduce pollution.



JOHANN PREMJIITH  
VII-A

The United Nations has developed 17 sustainable development goals to protect our environment. The following goals will be affected due to Air Pollution:

- GOAL 3-Good Health and Well Being
- GOAL 6-Clean Water and Sanitation
- GOAL 11-Affordable and Clean Energy
- GOAL 13-Climate Action
- GOAL 14-Life below Water
- GOAL 15-Life on Land

Let's all strive together to keep our air free from pollution.



## The Technological future of Education



As we embark the Fourth Industrial revolution, the uncertainty of technology has become a certain element for all aspects of our lives. It has touched every nook and corner of our time, in recent years, even education. In the latest change in trends of specialised work around the world, education has taken a deep impact over the years.

Integrating technology in our pedagogy is a very concerning issue as it forms the basis of tomorrow. It is fittingly said that 'Education is the most powerful tool to change the

world.' To contradict the statement, anything powerful can turn south if not used correctly. Incorporating technology in the classroom can bring significant and positive changes in the teaching-learning process but it is not at all easy as we have strong conventional educational practices in our education system. If progress cannot be equated with reality, there is no real development. What started from blackboards and chalks ended up in videos and whiteboards. Further, we may yet have to see holograms in classrooms. Taking back to 2008, the infamous IRON MAN film featured the A.I. JARVIS which was a fantasy until 2017 when Mark Zuckerberg made his own version. In similar manner, earlier only two professions were taken in hand namely, ENGINEERING and MEDICINE. Due to the limitations imposed by the development of that time, education was a tiny plot where one had to go through challenges to plant a seed of thought. Now, the era has turned out to be a land of fulfilling and confronting opportunities. What may seem opposing to the good old methods is more like a benefit to all the teachers and instructors to help

the students and disciples to cope up. Even the weaker side of the students can rise above extraordinary levels only if their syllabus is incorporated with technologies of today. AS the public always states, "seeing is believing" and hence believing is learning. All of this with subject to how a person wishes to utilise it.



SIDHARTH  
SUDHEER - 11 C

The digital age is the truth of our lives today which is inevitable if one wants to live and thrive in the 21st century. The newly termed world is a potentially liberating process freeing teachers and students from making the mere acquisition and retention of education and enables them to think in shaping creative processes of making connections and new paths which means a purpose to the present time. Teachers do play a huge role in directing the right directions so that the students can explore, discover and inquire. It is their duty to promote the right use of technology so that they can be the guidance of the setting examples of tomorrow.



# World Heritage Day - April 18



The World Heritage Day is being observed every year on April 18. The main motive is to spread awareness of the importance of protecting and preserving various heritage sites around the world.

"Heritage for Generations", was the theme of World Heritage Day 2018.

The History of "World Heritage Day"

Earlier, this day was celebrated as 'The International Day for Monument and Sites'. It was established in 1982 by the International Council for Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).

It was approved by the General Assembly of UNESCO in 1983, with an aim to enhance awareness of the importance of cultural heritage of humankind and redouble efforts to protect and conserve the human heritage.

After the establishment of the organization, experts from many fields came together to contribute their share to protect these valued locations. Every year hundreds of artists, architects, archaeologists, civil engineers, engineers, geographers come together and work together to ensure that some of the most beautiful sites and important cultural monuments remain preserved for future

generations.

Whether it is the Taj Mahal that was built as a symbol of love, The Great Wall of China that can be seen from the moon, the ruins of Machu Picchu holding the glorious history of the Incas, the Great Barrier Reef protecting and preserving the underwater world- each one of them have something special to offer.

In total there are 1,052 heritage sites all over the world. Of these, 814 are cultural, 203 are natural and 35 are mixed. Fifty five of these are in danger.

We can celebrate the world Heritage day by locating these sites and then visiting them.

- Publishing articles in magazines and newspapers .....
- Encouraging publication of postcards, posters, stamps and most importantly books.

Exhibitions through paintings, photos, etc. thus, in many ways we can help preserve our cultural possessions and raise awareness amongst the people on a global platform.

Thank You!



NAWAAL SHAFEEQ  
SYED - 7B

## Surrender to God

### 1. How do we surrender our mind?

We often sometimes experience unnecessary anxiety and burdens that we were not meant to carry.

Surrender not only means what we think but also how we think, we must do it by taking out the thoughts that don't please God and choosing to focus on thoughts that do please Him and embrace our life confidently knowing that he will take care of us.

### 2. How do we feel when we surrender?

When we surrender our mind to God, we feel an overwhelming peace that it is in his hands and the result always remains the same: relief, gratitude, grace, and sometimes even joy. We feel calm and peaceful and trust that

it is safe to let go.

### 3. What do we gain if we surrender?

Surrendering not only feels better but also produces better results. Presenting our thoughts to God not only impacts us spiritually but physically as well. When we fight we deal with more anxiety and stress which gives a negative impacts on our health spiritually and physically. Understand that if we surrender to God, he will bless us revealing more of his will and to bring about good in our lives.

Finally , what I am trying to convey is Do your BEST AND Leave the REST!



G. SUPRAJA - 7E

Imagine how peaceful our lives would be if all our anxiety and burdens were taken?

"Once we surrender our mind to God completely, he will take care of us in every way." – a saint

# BIRTHDAY CUM CHARITY FUND

## BALANCE SHEET FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2018

INCOME (MARCH)		KD	EXPENDITURE (APRIL)		KD
Balance c/f from March		<b>2491.400</b>	Mrs. Ragi Manemma		150.000
			Mrs. Jainaph Shek		150.000
			Mrs. Sita Maya Gole		150.000
			Mr. Devananda Kumar Kollu		150.000
			Mrs. Jackeline Ababon		150.000
			Mrs. Leonila Himantog		150.000
					<b>900.000</b>
Balance from March		1591.400			
Contribution from students (April)		279.160			
Contribution from Staff (April)		27.000			
Balance in hand		<b>1897.560</b>			

### BIRTHDAY FUND AND CHARITY FUND COLLECTION - APRIL 2018

CLASS / SEC	Birthday Fund	Charity Fund	Sub Total
12A	-	12.000	12.000
12B	-	11.180	11.180
12C	-	7.310	7.310
12D	1.000	7.415	8.415
12E	-	4.050	4.050
12F	-	21.445	21.445
12G	-	10.725	10.725
10 A	5.000	5.125	10.125
10B	2.500	8.440	10.940
10C	1.000	9.050	10.050
9A	-	5.190	5.190
9B	-	11.290	11.290
9C	-	2.670	2.670
9D	2.000	4.765	6.765
8A	-	3.295	3.295
8B	1.000	34.210	35.210
8C	-	9.145	9.145
8D	5.500	5.250	10.750
8E	5.000	1.900	6.900
7A	2.000	12.955	14.955
7B	-	3.460	3.460
7C	4.000	4.560	8.560
7D	-	1.610	1.610
7E	-	4.485	4.485
	29.000	201.525	230.525
AFTERNOON			
VI A	-	1.180	1.180
VII F	-	1.160	1.160
VIII F	-	10.075	10.075
IX E	-	4.050	4.050
X E	-	6.880	6.880
X F	-	5.810	5.810
X G	-	4.545	4.545
XII J	-	4.250	4.250
XII K	3.000	5.475	8.475
XII L	-	2.180	2.180
	<b>3.000</b>	<b>45.605</b>	<b>48.605</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>32.000</b>	<b>247.160</b>	<b>279.160</b>





# CHARITY CONVENORS - MAY



PHEBE ROY  
- 12A



TANIA THANKAM  
CHERIAN - 12B



EDEN R  
- 12C



MERRIN JOE  
- 12D



SHUAIB ILYAS  
- 12E



AAHFIL AHAMED  
- 12F



SHAHMA K.M.  
- 12G



TABITHA  
- 12J



TAHA SHABIR  
- 12K



SOHAIL  
- 12L



ASWATH GANI  
- 11A



JOEL GEORGE SHIBU  
- 11B



ELLON DOMINIC  
RODRIGUES - 11C



AYAAN FAYAZ  
- 11D



SAMAR FATIMA  
- 11E



KARAN KUMAR  
- 11F



AVINASH KUMAR  
SEN - 11G



ASRA ARIF AJAZ  
- 11H



ARSHIYA NAAZ  
- 11I



KHALID JAVID  
RAWOOT - 10A



RON SHAJU  
- 10B



SAMREEN  
- 10C



DARIN  
- 10E



HARSHIKESH K.  
PATANI - 10F



SHARA JOHN  
10G



ZAINA MUNIR  
- 9A



JANE GISELLE  
CRASTO - 9B



SABIHA SHABIR  
- 9C



DYLAN SEQUEIRA  
- 9D



SHAHID ASLAM  
- 9E



DON THOMAS CROSS  
- 8A



MARIA MOJALI  
VOHRA - 8B



KHALID MUHAMMED  
- 8C



AMEENA  
BADARUDEEN - 8D



POORVA NIRMAL  
- 8E



MARWAN MANSOOR  
- 8F



ETHAN SANJAY  
CHERIA - 7A



RASHIDA KASAM  
BASIIYA - 7B



KRISHNA VENI  
BJU MON - 7C



YASH VARDHAN  
- 7D



DAN JIMMY KURIAN  
- 7E



SHAK ABU BAKR  
- 7F

## THE VALUE OF CHARITY

**“Charity is not a duty, but a joy.”**

Life hasn't taken anything away from us, when we, ourselves have decided to give something to someone. In fact, life rewards us, when we give something to someone, for a good cause, of course! People give happiness to others, gift to others, party to others, as a saying, people also give their hearts to others! So many people give so many things to each other. But, there are some people who provide 'help' to others.

With that 'help' they also give happiness and some tears of joy. In a formal manner, people call it 'charity'. Charity is not about pity, it is about love. I'm pretty sure that the students of ICSK Senior are well aware what 'charity' really means. Even then, as described in the dictionary, charity is "the voluntary giving of money or other help to those in need", but giving is not just about making a donation, it is about making a difference.

It hasn't even been a month since I've joined this school, yet I'm totally mesmerized by the

friendly hospitality of everyone!

The system of the "Charity Box" in each class and providing the money to cancer patients or whoever is in need, is indeed a grateful way of showing gratitude.

As the title of my article, 'The Value of Charity', I reckon that I had understood what it really means from an early age.

It was back in 2010, when I was six years and my younger brother was one and a half, my mom was diagnosed with leukemia, in simple words, 'blood cancer'. She required a bone marrow transplant, the cost of which was out of our reach. Since, we were lacking some amount of money, my dad decided to ask for help through a website.

There were people all over the globe who helped my mom by sending some amount of money along with best wishes and blessings, and I am really thankful to them and the BMT donor, who donated his bone marrow, which is the reason my mom's transplant was

successful and now she is happily enjoying her forties :)

From all of this, I just want to conclude by saying that, to show charity, one need not be a billionaire. Small acts of help, like the way we do in our school, is great enough to help others. With charity, should be given love and a lot of positivity which will make a person better than ever and every charitable act is a stepping stone towards Heaven.

I am really grateful to our principal, Mr Binumon for having such a wonderful tradition of practicing "charity". With this help, one doesn't know the number of people getting benefitted and the number of mummies and daddies who are happily going back to their families.

Class 12-E, a big 'Thank You' to you too, for showcasing such a wonderful assembly and inspired me to get the idea to write my article.



BHARGAVEE  
DAS 9-D

# BEST STUDENTS - APRIL



ANNA BRIDGET BIJU  
- 12A



VARUN C.  
ANILKUMAR- 12B



AYAT  
- 12C



SHABNAM HARRIS  
- 12D



NATHANAEL PAUL  
- 12E



ABDUL AZIM  
- 12F



ANN MARIYA  
- 12G



ORVILLE  
- 12J



ZAIBA HABIBULLAH  
-12K



JANNADHUL RIFANA  
- 12L



HIBA HAMEED  
- 10A



CHRIS D'COSTA  
- 10B



MOH'D OWAIS  
- 10C



SHON K. PEYTON  
- 10E



AARATHY JNANAPRAKASAM  
- 10F



JEFFREY THOMAS  
JOSEPH - 10G



MAY SMITH  
- 9A



KITTU SHAN  
MURUGESAN - 9B



MUSKAN NISAR  
AHMED SHAIKH - 9C



DARSAN  
- 9D



VEDANT M  
- 9E



DANAH ABDUL  
- 8A



ATYIAH  
- 8B



NAVAMI NAIR  
- 8C



CHRISTINA S. VIJI  
VIJI - 8D



VIDHYALAKSHMI  
- 8E



BHUMI ALPESH  
- 8F



JOHANN PREMJIITH  
- 7A



SIVANESAN  
SRINIVASAN - 7B



SREELEKSHMI  
BINUMON - 7C



RISHITH SHARMA  
- 7D



THARINI BALAGA  
PANDIAN - 7E



MISAB BASIM  
- 7F

## SOLAR SYSTEM FACTS

The Solar System was formed approximately 4.6 billion years ago and consists of the Sun, planets, dwarf planets and other astronomical objects bound in its orbit. The formation was caused by the collapse of a giant molecular cloud, the mass at the centre collecting to form the Sun and a flat disk of dust around it which the planets and other bodies would eventually be formed from.

- 99.86% of the system's mass is found in the Sun and the majority of the remaining 0.14% is contained within the solar system's eight planets.

- The four smaller inner planets, also known as the "terrestrial planets" (Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars), are primarily composed of rock and metal.
- The four outer planets, also known as the "gas giants" (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune), are substantially larger and more massive than the inner planets.
- The two innermost gas giants, Jupiter and Saturn, are the larger of the four and are composed mainly of hydrogen and helium.

- The two outermost gas giants, Uranus and Neptune, are composed largely of ices, (water, ammonia and methane) and are sometimes also referred to as the "ice giants".
- Other objects of note in the Solar System are the dwarf planets (Ceres, Pluto, Haumea, Makemake & Eris), moons, asteroids, the asteroid belt, comets and the Kuiper belt.



FIONA  
FRANCIS-10C

Quote Garden

- Life is so ironic it takes sadness to know what happiness is, noise to appreciate silence and absence to value presence.
- Good, better, best. Never let it rest till your good becomes better and your better becomes best.
- Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.
- The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.
- Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.



# The Tortoise That Loved His Home Too Much

Once on a time, when Brahmadata was reigning in Benares, the Bodhisatta was born in a village as a potter's son. He plied the potter's trade, and had a wife and family to support.

At that time there lay a great natural lake close by the great river of Benares. When there was much water, river and lake were one; but when the water was low, they were apart. Now fish and tortoises know by instinct when the year will be rainy and when there will be a drought.

So at the time of our story the fish and tortoises which lived in that lake knew there would be a drought; and when the two were one water, they swam out of the lake into the river. But there was one tortoise that would not go into the river, because, said he, "here I was born, and here I have grown up, and here is my parents' home. Leave it I cannot!" Then in the hot season the water all dried up. He dug a hole and buried himself, just in the place where the Bodhisatta was used to come for clay. There the Bodhisatta came to get some clay. With a big spade he dug down, until he cracked the tortoise's shell,

turning him out on the ground as though he were a large piece of clay. In his agony the creature thought, "Here I am, dying, all because I was too fond of my home to leave it!" And in the words of these following verses, he made his moan:

Here was I born, and here I lived;  
my refuge was the clay;  
And now the clay has played me false in  
a most grievous way;  
Thee, thee I call, oh Bhaggava;  
hear what I have to say!  
Go where thou canst find happiness,  
where'er the place may be;  
Forest or village, there the wise both  
home and birthplace see;  
Go where there's life; nor stay at home  
for death to master thee.

So he went on and on, talking to the Bodhisatta, until he died. The Bodhisatta picked him up, and collecting all the villagers addressed them thus: "Look at this tortoise. When the other fish and tortoises went into the great river, he was too fond of home to go with them, and buried himself in the

place where I get my clay. Then as I was digging for clay, I broke his shell with my big spade, and turned him out on the ground in the belief that he was a large lump of clay. Then he called to mind what he had done, lamented his fate in two verses of poetry, and expired.

So you see he came to his end because he was too fond of his home. Take care not to be like this tortoise. Don't say to yourselves, 'I have sight, I have hearing, I have smell, I have taste, I have touch, I have a son, I have a daughter, I have numbers of men and maids for my service, I have precious gold.' Do not cleave to these things with craving and desire. Each being passes through three stages of existence."

Thus did he exhort the crowd with all a Buddha's skill. The discourse was bruited abroad all over India, and for full seven thousand years it was remembered. All the crowd abode by his exhortation, and gave alms, and did good until at last they went to swell the hosts of heaven.

## CREATING FUN IN LANGUAGE WITH PANACHE

The language club started in ICSK with an aim of helping students to improve their skills in language through various activities. Club activities promote and motivate learning process in language. It also nurtures a sense of leadership, team spirit, and co-operation among the students.

Every week a language based question

is asked and students are motivated to participate in the same. Lots of students enthusiastically participate in this activity and the prize winners are felicitated on the assembly days. A language Club box is kept in the courtyard so that the students can drop their correct answers during the break. Various interesting activities are planned throughout the academic year to promote language and literature.



TRISHNA 12 QUIZ WINNERS - Arjun P Sujith 8C and Sradha Raj 8D.

## DISCOVER I WINNERS 2017



- Arjun P Sujith (8C),
- Gokul Sreenivasan (8B),
- Thejus Prakash (8C)
- Allen Jacon Alex (9A),
- Kittu Shan Murugesan (9B),
- Shaikh Yousef (9B)
- Gautham Prakash (11A),
- Rudra Vipul Patel (11A)

# WORLD in a Nutshell

MAY 2018



**April 5 to April 14, 2018: When India had an impressive run at the 2018 Commonwealth Games :** India is holding on to third position at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Queensland, after an impressive display in

various events, from boxing to badminton. The first gold was bagged by Manipur's Saikhom Mirabai Chanu (right), setting a new record in the 48 kg weightlifting event. Apart from weightlifters, who dominated their categories, shuttlers, shooters and paddlers added to the medal tally. 15-year-old Anish Bhanwala became the youngest-ever winner for India by bagging the gold in the 25m rapid fire pistol event. P.V. Sindhu, flag-bearer of the Indian contingent for the Games, has set up a gold medal clash with compatriot Saina Nehwal to be played on April 15.



**IGI among world's top 20 busiest airports':** Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport has climbed six positions to enter the club of the top 20 airports across the world, the Airport Council International's preliminary report on airport traffic for 2017

has stated. "IGI, the country's busiest airport for passenger traffic, grew by 14.1% year over year, pushing it up from the 22nd to the 16th busiest airport in the world," stated the findings, which were made public



**IISc, JNU and BHU in India's Ivy League:**

The third edition of the NIRF Rankings, released by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, included overall rankings across disciplines and as well as category-wise ranking for engineering, pharmacy,

medical, management, architecture, law, university and colleges. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, retained its position as India's top-ranked university for the third year in a row. Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) was ranked second, followed by Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in the third place.



**Modi orders withdrawal of 'fake news' press release:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, directed that the press release on 'fake news' be withdrawn, and that the matter should be addressed only in the Press Council of India, according to sources

in the Prime Minister's Office.



**New system to measure air quality:** India is tying up with the United States and Finland to develop a pollution-forecast system that will help anticipate particulate matter (PM) levels at least two days in advance and at a greater resolution than what is possible now.



**Army set to break a glass ceiling:** The Army is holding consultations for preparing a plan to grant permanent commission to women in its ranks as it becomes the last military arm to give up resistance to women serving until their age of retirement.



**India third most vulnerable country to cyber threats:**

India emerged as the third most vulnerable country in terms of risk of cyber threats, such as malware, spam and ransomware, in 2017, moving up one place over previous year, according to a report by security solutions provider Symantec. In 2017, 5.09% of global threats detected were in India, slightly less than 5.11% in 2016. The U.S. (26.61%) was most vulnerable to such attacks, followed by China (10.95%), according to 'Internet Security Threat Report'.



**Use MGNREGA funds for water conservation: Modi:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggested funds provided under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act scheme be used on water conservation work for three

summer months to curb water shortages in villages and boost farm activities. He also said human power available in rural areas could be harnessed to realise Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a village-centric model of development. Mr. Modi urged panchayat representatives to spend funds provided under the rural job scheme, the MGNREGA, only on work related to water conservation during the months of April, May and June.



**Mark Zuckerberg apologises to U.S. Congress for massive leak of Facebook users' data:**

Facebook chief Mark Zuckerberg apologised to United States lawmakers for the leak of personal data on tens of millions of users as he faced a day

of reckoning before a Congress mulling regulation of the global social media giant. "It was my mistake, and I'm sorry," Mr. Zuckerberg said in prepared testimony. "I started Facebook, I run it, and I'm responsible for what happens here."



**India, U.K. resolve to lower trade barriers:**

India and the U.K. on decided to build on the recommendations of a joint trade review to reduce barriers. At his meeting with his British counterpart Theresa May, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

pledged that there would be no dilution in the importance of the U.K. to India post-Brexit. Mr. Modi said India was ready to commence negotiations on a free trade agreement based on "mutual benefit."



**Study in India website launched:**

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on launched the Study in India website, marking the setting in motion of an ambitious scheme to attract foreign students to study in good Indian higher educational institutions. The

scheme will entail the admission of foreign students from 30 countries - with a focus on South Asia, South East Asia, West Asia and Africa - to study in 160 quality higher educational institutions of India as per NIRF ranks and NAAC grades.



# How did Birthday Tradition Start ?



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birthdays with cake, calling the celebration Kinderfest. Cakes originally were a coarse, bread-like product, and later became a much sweeter version, called Geburtstagorten. One theory is that the history of putting candles on cake began in Ancient Greece. The Greeks would make round cakes to honor Artemis, the goddess of the moon. The lit candles on the cake represented the glow of the moon, and the smoke from the candles carried their prayers and wishes to the Gods who lived in the skies. Some scholars believe the tradition actually started in Germany, where a candle was supposedly placed on the cake to represent "the light of life". Today, most western cultures celebrate birthdays with cake, lit candles and a birthday song. The number of candles usually represents the age of the person being celebrated. Many believe that a silent wish must be made while blowing out all the candles with one breath. The wish cannot be told to anyone else, or it will not come true. What was once just a simple pastry is now a world of complex varieties and flavors. Well these are some things about birthday !



## • Idea of birthday celebration :

The idea of celebrating the date of your birth is a pagan tradition. In fact, many Christians didn't celebrate birthdays historically, because of that link to paganism. Pagans thought that evil spirits lurked on days of major changes, like the day you turn a year older.

The ancient Greeks believed that each person had a spirit that attended his or her birth, and kept watch. That spirit "had a mystic relation with the God on whose birthday the individual was born," says the book *The Lore of Birthdays*.

## • Why do we blow out candles on our birthday?

The candles were a response to the evil spirits. They showed up to communicate with the gods. A light, in the darkness. The Germans are credited with starting the kids birthday tradition in the 1700s. They put candles on tortes for "kinderfeste," one for each year of life, along with some extras to signify upcoming years.

## • Why do we sing "Happy Birthday To You?"

It's the most recognizable song in the English language, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, and it started as a song for schoolkids. In 1893, two Kentucky schoolteachers, Patty and Mildred Hill wrote "Good Morning To All." The tune was published in a book for schoolteachers.

It's unclear who changed the words to "Happy Birthday To You," but in 1933, that song was in an Irving Berlin musical. One of the Hill's sisters sued, arguing that they held the copyright to the song. They won the case, and the courts have ruled that copyright still holds today. In fact, some believe the song is under copyright until 2030. The owner of the copyright splits proceeds with the Hill's estate, reportedly \$2 million a year.

## • When was the first birthday cake made?

It is believed that the first actual birthday cake was made in Germany in the Middle Ages. The Germans would celebrate children's

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# MY LOVELY SISTER



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It doesn't really matter if we're together or apart,  
you're never really far from me,  
you're always in my heart.

I love the way we both can laugh,  
until we almost cry,  
yet hug each other tenderly,  
when real tears fill our eyes.

In some ways we're so different,  
yet our values are alike, so  
I know you'll always have my back,  
whenever troubles strikes!

You know my darkest secrets,  
and you never judge my pain.  
You validate my dreams, and let me know they're not in vain.  
The face I often show the world,  
is who "they" need to see,  
but you accept me for yourself, as God would have me be.

If I could turn one wish to prayer,  
it would be that you could see,  
how precious you are in my eyes,  
and how you'll always be.

For no matter where life leads us,  
from now until the end,  
I pray you'll feel my love for you,  
my sister, my best friend.

# NATURE

A Tribute to Mother Earth to Mark Earth Day



KAAVYA - 10A

To love and care for nature  
Is to love and care for life.  
Nature.....God's very unique gift,  
Bestowed on mankind!

What a beauty is nature, oh my Lord!  
That is created by the one and only one God,  
The sun gleaming in its glory without any dearth,  
The moon and the stars with its undainted beauty proving their worth.

The birds chirping sweetly,  
The colourful flowers blooming brightly,  
The lucid lakes flowing gently,  
Nature, you are indeed lovely!

Nature you are so very beautiful,  
But we often forget to be extra careful,  
Nature you are bound to suffer.....  
If nobody really bothers.



# MUSIC



ANGELA  
SUNDER-12B

Music travels all around my body  
Now I can say it's living right through me  
Listening to music puts me in a good mood  
It makes me want to stand up and start to groove

Music can make me forget all of my pain  
It brings out the sun when I can only see the rain  
I put on my headphones and play all of my songs  
I could listen to it all day long

Music takes me to another place  
Higher than the sky and far away from the space  
There's nothing to compare to it in the whole world  
It wouldn't even be better than my favorite girl

Music can teach you many lessons  
Like stand up for your rights and all the good reasons  
I know there's people who thinks the same way  
Because they know music lives in us everyday



*Life is short. Life is simple. Do not complicate it. Don't forget to smile.....*



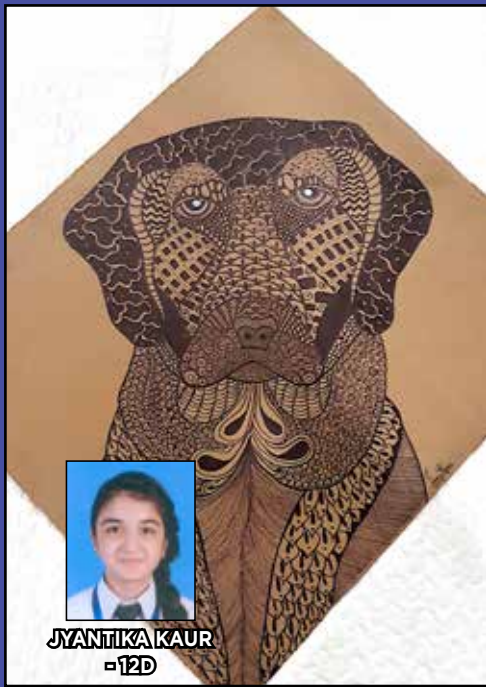
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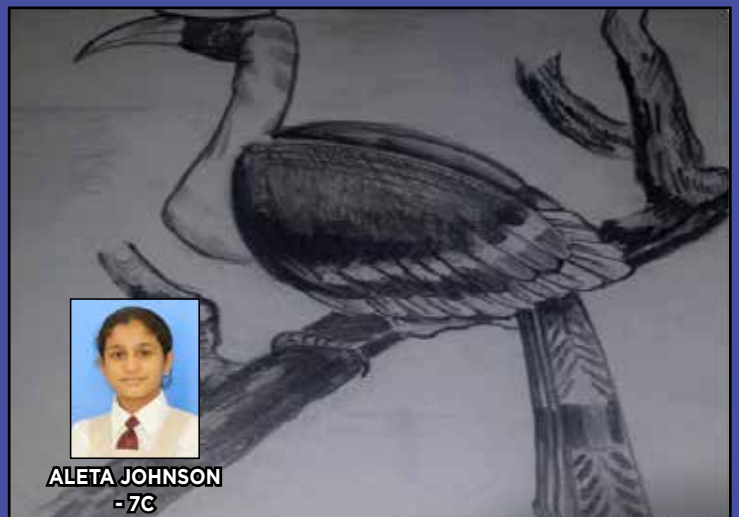
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# EPICTIONARY

## 1. Pedigree

Pedigree is a family tree, of sorts. A family's lineage can be called a pedigree. We might think of a pedigree when we think of tracing a dog or a horse's lineage.

This word is said to be derived from the French word *ped de gru*, which meant crane's foot. It has also been suggested that it comes from *par degres*, the French equivalent of "by degrees." A pedigree chart records the relationship of families by degrees.

## 2. Sardonic

When we think of the word sardonic, we think of dark or derisive humor. Sardonic can refer to being disdainfully or skeptically humorous, or derisively mocking.

The word sardonic comes from the word Sardinia which in turn comes from the ancient Sardinian mythological hero and god whose name was Sardo.

## 3. Fringe

Fringe is a word that is used to refer to the decorative border, usually small tassels or strings, hanging around the end of a garment. You find the fringe on the edge, or the border, of the garment.

The root Latin word for "fringe" is *fimbria*. The word "fimbria" was named for Friulia, or more accurately, Friuli-Venezia Giulia. This was a settlement in the Ancient Roman Empire, named for the god Frey, the Norse god (original spelling *Frehr*) of Peace, prosperity and fertility

RAMADAN  
*Kareem*



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Ramadan is the 9th month of the Lunar Calendar which starts and ends with a new moon. Fasting divine has been prescribed upon all the Muslims so that they achieve the consciousness of Allah. Fasting in the month of Ramadan is the fourth pillar of Islam. Muslims abstain from food from morning to evening to feel the hunger and thirst of the poor that are in need. This is the sacred time for worship and concentration of Islamic faith, rather than every day activities. Ramadan is the month of repentance and forgiveness.

Fasting in Ramadan is not all about food. It is a 'detox'. During fasting; the digestive system absorbs nutrients that the every system of our body requires. According to doctors fasting cleanses the body systems by removing

harmful toxins that accumulate from normal, everyday life, helping absorb nutrients faster and more efficiently. This gives us better overall health and even radiant and glowing skin!

The Qur'an was initiated in Ramadan, as guidance and it should be a focus of our contemplation, especially in this time. Zakat, the third pillar of Islam; the 2.5% of wealth is given as charity; is also given during this period. Zakat-ul-fitr is also given in Ramadan. It is a charity given as an act of Purification. It is used for the relief of the poor and the needy, enabling them to celebrate the festivities. And after 30 days of fasting Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-fitr. I wish all my brothers and sisters Ramadan Kareem.

## Forthcoming Events

- Award of excellence
- 1st Mid Term Examination
- "SPARSH"- Value added activity during Summer vacation



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