

# Vasant Valley

March, 2012

T O D A Y

## SCHOOL WATCH

### Loud Reading Competition, Class 5

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sehej Kaur, Bhavya Mitra  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ransher Singh, Tanvi Bahl,  
Anahita Jain  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ayaan Gulyani, Saiesha Gupta,  
Ashna Sawhney

### Hindi Story Writing, Class 8

- 1<sup>st</sup> Yashaswini Jindal  
2<sup>nd</sup> Agrima Rai  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nikita Dhawan, Aryan Verma

### Shambles: Winners

*Class 10:* Tejasvini Puri, Saumya Goel,  
Ragini Kothari, Vaidehi Dalmia,  
Naman Mishra

*Class 12:* Sanjana Takru,  
Pooja Sawhney, Mehak Mann,  
Nivedita Dwivedi

### Psytific Corner 2012: Winners:

Ankita Gupta, Simrat Khera,  
Tulsi Sharma, Sanjana Takru,  
Aadya Swaroop Naik

### Inter House Science Quiz, Class 9+

Blue House came first  
Team: Indraneel Roy, Ronak Bansal,  
Adhiraj Mathur, Pallavi Rawla

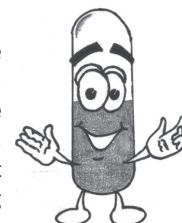
### Inter House Social Science Debate

Yellow House came first  
Team: Amira Singh, Riddhima  
Yadav  
Best Speaker: Vandita Khanna  
Second Best Speaker:  
Ishan Sardesai

CONGRATULATIONS!

## THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF MEDICINE

Medicine is the art and science of healing. In ancient times, herbs, animals and minerals were used as medicines by religious god-men and priests, who were considered healers and curers. They were known to perform miracles, save people's lives and appeal to god in a quest to obtain the truth. Soon the Greek physician **Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine**, categorized illnesses as acute, chronic, endemic and epidemic. This provided the first rational approach to the art of curing and treating illnesses. Eventually some great surgeons of ancient



times like Galen of Greece, began performing ambitious and risky brain and eye surgeries using primitive tools and having only limited knowledge of medical science. From this point on, as science and technology slowly developed, medicine became more reliant upon medications. The first antibiotic, arsphenamine was then discovered by Paul Ehrlich. Thus a method to tackle bacterial infections was devised and more and more antibiotics against specific strains of bacteria were created. Various vaccines and pharmaceuticals such as aspirin soon came into existence as well.

In ancient times, plant extracts and products were used to treat people in severe pain, fighting for their lives. This traditional method of treatment is referred to as herbalism, which is now redundant. Modern biotechnology has made it possible to create drugs targeted towards specific physiological processes with reduced side effects. All this has resulted in a much higher life expectancy and improved quality of life. Development in modern genetics and molecular biology has made it possible to pin point exactly which gene is defective in a particular monogenic genetic disorder. Medical technology, practice and decision-making is at a much higher level than what it was just 20 years ago which shows how medical science always seems to keep improving, without any boundaries.

The 20<sup>th</sup> century has been described as the **century of molecular biology and medical science**. Cancer-killing nano-particles, fat fighting nucleic acids and many more breakthroughs are set to transform the face of health care. Obesity and diabetes will be problems easy to tame and control. A drug against the constantly mutating common cold virus may also hopefully be developed and we would bid runny noses goodbye! Medical science is set to get far more rational and preventive than ever before! Perhaps the most intriguing aspect is the predictive power of medicine. The possibility of a disease developing in an individual will be determined and appropriate preventive measures would then be taken. It would also be possible to check an individual's current health status and monitor the functioning of his/her organ systems. Another crucial aspect would be providing information about the detrimental effects of certain environmental factors on an individual's genes such as sunlight, which could cause skin cancer.

With powerful new systems and technologies, complex diseases such as Alzheimer's, diabetes, cancer and obesity will be treated with new and improved drugs and therapeutic methods. Thus, it is clear that the field of medicine is growing from strength to strength and is definitely one of the brightest prospects for the coming years! As Thomas Edison once famously said, "**The doctor of the future will give no medicine but will interest his patients in the care of the human frame, in diet and in the cause and prevention of disease.**"

-Ishan Sardesai, 12



## Wonder - The Seed of Science

Eureka! The cry of the Greek scientist Archimedes is etched firmly in our minds, as is the story that goes with it. Wrestling with a problem posed to him by King Hiero II, Archimedes, while having his bath realized that the water displaced by him was equal to his mass. This gave rise to the Archimedes principle, using which Archimedes could tell the King whether his crown was made of pure gold or not. This story serves to highlight an important aspect of Archimedes character - his elation and joy on unveiling even the smallest of Nature's secrets. Newton shared the same zest and enthusiasm for science as did Archimedes. Though countless people had seen an apple fall from a tree, few (if any) wondered why. Newton not only questioned this natural phenomenon but also made several daring assumptions, which proved to be a turning point in science and led to Newton's Law of Universal Gravitation. Newton buttressed his beliefs with precise calculations, worked persistently, careless of food and sleep. Archimedes and Newton were scientists who recast their work from an exercise in cold rationality to an aesthetic experience. They reveled in the difficult work of teasing truth out of a reclusive nature, and experienced frequent moments of awe and wonder.



**"In Wonder all Philosophy began: in Wonder it ends."**

Much of scientific passion is summed up in that childlike but infinitely complex word *wonder*. Plato argued that the notion of wonder was central to all philosophical and scientific thought, "In Wonder all Philosophy began: in Wonder it ends." Einstein concurred with this sentiment and thought that anyone incapable of standing rapt in awe, blind to wondrous nature was as good as dead. "I do not know what I may appear to the world," Newton said before he died, "but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the sea-shore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me." His words echo his wonder and fascination with the world around him and serve as a reminder to us to understand and revel in the infinite patterns of nature.

-Tushar Bhargava, 12



Science Day Celebrations

## Bazinga!

**Rajesh Kootrapali:** *I don't like bugs, okay? They freak me out.*

**Sheldon Cooper:** *Interesting. You're afraid of insects and women. Ladybugs must render you catatonic.*

This one simple quote sums up the brilliance of Sheldon Lee Cooper - extremely smart, infuriatingly hilarious and an individual who can make almost everyone laugh. In the show, everyone is chasing something or someone whereas 'Shelly' seems to be at peace with himself. His only pursuits are related to solving the questions of science or watching shows like Firefly. Sheldon Cooper is a theoretical physicist, whose love for Spock and his spot is fascinating. His 'Bazinga' punch lines usually have viewers splitting their sides with laughter. The reason Sheldon is preferred over most television actors is simple. The jokes he pulls off are nerdy, complicated but also easy to understand.

Sheldon Cooper has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize!

Bazinga!

-Arman Puri, 9

## Magic behind the Magic Square

EASY WAY TO MAKE A  
MAGIC SQUARE

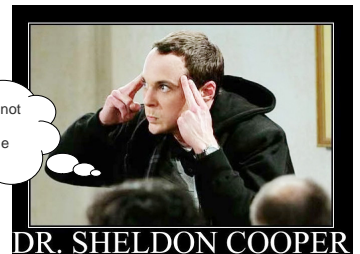
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4	D	6	9

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2. Fill in the boxes with these numbers
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4. Voila! There you have your Magic Square! :)



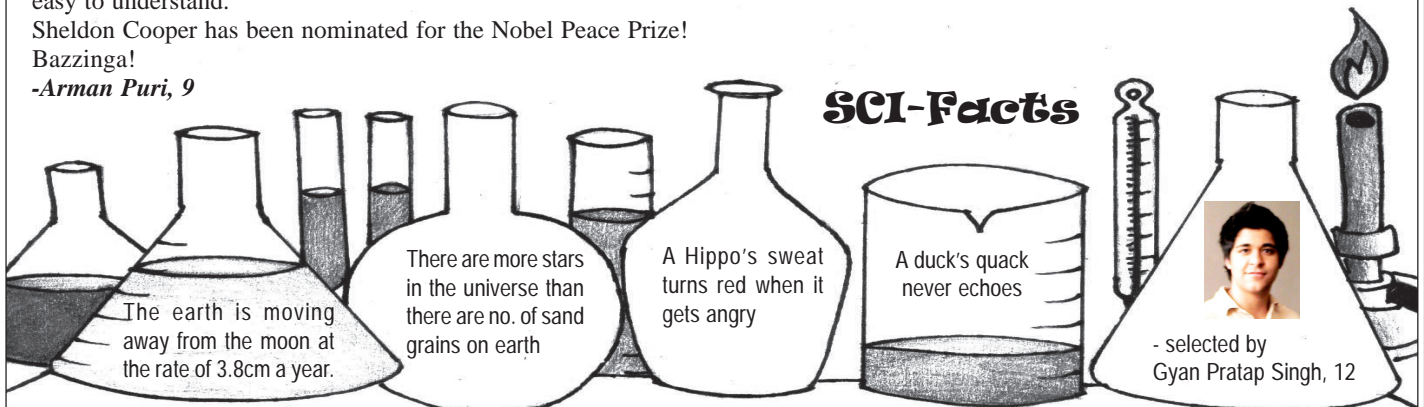
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your ever-growing curiosity 😊

Sheldon: I'm not  
insane, my  
mother had me  
tested!



DR. SHELDON COOPER

## SCI-Facts





## CRICKET FRENZY



The problem is not that our 'boys' have been playing *too much* cricket. It's that they haven't been playing cricket. They've been playing advertising driven, media orchestrated, high decibel abbreviated formats, namely IPL, where focus, concentration, technique and staying power count for little. You belt sixes over shortened boundaries, swank in and out in perhaps 30 balls, yet swagger all the way to the bank with \$2MM! Some players have done IPL seasons but skipped going to the West Indies just before difficult tours. Others, when 'tired' took their 'break' from playing for the country. They played in the IPL, though, injuries and all. England and Australia were disasters waiting to happen. Just weeks ago, the pundits speculated that this was our best chance ever to beat Australia in Australia. Our best team possible! Did the best team ever age in weeks? What happened? IPL happened – and happened *long before* the disaster tours. A team full of players carrying injuries, playing 90 days of sub-standard club-level cricket happened. That prepares you only for more sub-standard stuff, year after year, not cricket at the highest levels. They continue playing there with injuries because the BCCI-IPL has brought big bucks to the private-owned side of the sport. The system and gene pool of Indian cricket have been and are being radically altered for the worse. We need to think about how to revive the domestic game, rescue cricket from the billionaires club and restore it to the public domain. And trust me, advertising led big money came into Indian cricket due to its performance; it will soon pull out, as public at large have little interest in following a losing team.

-Rishabh Chatterjee, 9

### पर मैंने हार नहीं मानी

वात उन दिनों की है जब बहुत मित्तत करने के बाद मुझे माता पिता से दार्जिलिंग में पर्वताहोरण का प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करने की अनुमति मिली थी। ऑखों में सपने और मन में उत्साह लेकर मैंने वागडोगरा से टैक्सी पकड़ी। आसपास के सुंदर नज़ारे मन को मोह रहे थे। रास्ते में एक जगह सभी चाय पीने लगे। वहाँ पर एक लड़की दिखी। उसके साथ बात करने पर पता चला कि वह भी पर्वताहोरण सीखने जा रही थी। मुझे उससे मिलकर बहुत खुशी हुई। जब हम चाय पीकर आगे बढ़ने लगे मुझे लम्बे चौड़े चाय के वागान दिखाई दिए जो इतने करीने से सजे थे कि लगा किसी चित्रकार ने मनयोग से कोई चित्र उकेरा हो। मैं प्रकृति की सुरम्य वादी देखने में इतनी व्यस्त थी कि अचानक मुझे जोर का झटका लगा। जीप पहाड़ी से नीचे लुढ़कने लगी। मुझे काटो तो खून नहीं। मेरे साथी भी वदहवाश थे। जब मुझे होश आया तब मैंने चारों तरफ किसी को न पाया। मेरा पूरा शरीर दुख रहा था। ऐसा लगा कि अब मेरा अंत निकट है। लेकिन मैंने हार मानने के बजाय संघर्ष करना ठीक समझा। घसीटते हुए मैं अपने आप को ऊपर खींचने लगी। पेड़ पौधों को पकड़ते हुए जीवन जीने के अदम्य ललन ने मेरे अंदर जोश भर दिया। एक घंटे तक चलती हुई जीवन मृत्यु की रस्सा कस्सी के बाद जीवन की जीत हुई। मैं किसी तरह सड़क के किनारे पहुँच गई। मेरा सौभाग्य था कि मुझे गाड़ी भी मिल गई। इसी प्रकार मैं भगवान की दया से बच पाई।



यशस्विनी जिंदल 7

### Special Olympics Youth Summit

The Special Olympics organized a Youth Summit in Vasant Valley School. Many children from different schools came to our school where a Group Discussion on how we can ban the 'R' word (retard) was held. Varun Datta and I showed a presentation related to the purpose of this Summit. The Summit ended with a group photograph followed by a lunch organized for all of us. This was a good experience for all the children who participated in it, including me. It was a great platform for all of us to come up with solutions through our presentations.

-Siddhant Nath, 12



### R.I.P. NIPPY

#### Whitney Elizabeth Houston,

affectionately christened "Nippy" by her father, was born on August 9, 1963. She was found lifeless, submerged in her bathtub, on February 11, 2012, hours before the 2012 Grammy Awards. "The voice of an angel



stilled by life's demons"- wisely headlined by The Age (Melbourne) - is a sentence that proficiently exemplifies the heartfelt passion and burning sentiment people felt on this tragic day for the deceased artist, actress and model.

Houston was a formidable singer. She was one of the world's best-selling music artists, having sold over 170 million albums, singles and videos globally. She released seven studio albums and imbued several African-American female artists with the desire to follow in her glorious footsteps. Her debut in acting was as the star of the feature film 'The Bodyguard' (1992). The film's original soundtrack won the 1994 Grammy Award for Album of the Year. Its lead single "I Will Always Love You" became the best-selling single by a female artist in music history and is unquestionably Whitney's paramount. She was a mezzo-soprano and was baptized "The Voice" in reference to her incomparable vocal talent. Her every performance was dizzying, mesmerizing and unparalleled. In a world where music is swiftly and dreadfully turning unnatural and computerized, **it is deplorable to lose a performer whom no one could rival in exquisite vocal fluidity, purity of tone, and ability to infuse a lyric with compelling melodrama.**

The cause of the celebrity's death is undetermined. Whether her demise was accidental or not is still ambiguous. After her marriage to musician Bobby Brown in 1992, Houston allegedly slipped into substance abuse. Her only daughter, Bobbi Kristina Houston Brown, born in 1993, was hospitalized twice following the news of her mother's passing. Whitney's tainted reputation initiated a wide array of semi-fabricated and rushed conclusions. I however, firmly deem it unreasonable, unjust and unmerited not to respect the remarkable gift this woman possessed. **I for one am inconsolable, knowing that another exceptional artist will not be given the recognition she deserves.** Here ends my feeble attempt to pay her tribute. **Whitney Houston, I will always love you.**

Pia Chatterjee, 12



## Ours Truly



**Dhananjaya Chak, Green House Captain of the Batch of 2003**, now plays county cricket in England. Having played for the Jesters and Roehampton clubs, he was even invited to play for I Zingari, one of the oldest, most prestigious amateur cricketing clubs in England. This is what he had to say to the Editorial Board.

*NL: What inspired you to become a cricketer?*

Dhananjaya: Sachin Tendulkar. It was a game we always played. I played in school, college, I played for the under-17 Haryana team and for an under-19 Gurgaon team.

*NL: How did you start playing cricket in England?*

Dhananjaya: I went to NALSAR (in Hyderabad) to study law and was recruited by a firm in London. In London my colleagues played cricket and so, naturally I started playing with them.

*NL: How do the skills of the cricketers in England compare to those in India?*

Dhananjaya: The players are on the same level. The physical levels of cricketers in India and England are different, though in cricket this doesn't matter.

*NL: How do the pitches in England compare to those in India?*

Dhananjaya: The pitches in India are easy to bat on. One can free his front foot, and *hit* the ball. The leather ball comes on to the bat.

However, in England the ball swings. It is harder to play on and the ball rarely comes on to the bat.

*NL: What is your favourite cricketing memory?*

Dhananjaya: When I was in class 12, in the YPS tournament, 5 runs were required off the last ball. I hit the ball for a six!



## अनोखी सीख

अगले दिन मेरी दौड़ प्रतियोगिता थी। मैं बहुत उत्साहित थी व थोड़ी घबराई हुई भी। मैं घर पर वस यही प्रार्थना कर रही थी कि मैं यह प्रतियोगिता जरूर जीतूँ। यही सोचते हुए मेरे अंदर से एक आवाज़ आई कि बैठे बैठे प्रार्थना करने से कुछ नहीं होने वाला। जाओ जाकर अभ्यास करो। मैंने ठान लिया कि मुझे कम से कम इस प्रतियोगिता में पहले दस लोगों में से एक तो आवश्यक होना है। मैं उसी समय लम्बी दौड़ की तैयारी करने के लिए निकल पड़ी। कुछ दूरी तैय करने के बाद मैंने एक घायल कुत्ते को देखा जो सड़क पर कराह रहा था। मैं उसकी मदद करने के लिए पहुँच ही रही थी कि मैंने एक कुत्तों के झुंड को उसे किनारे तक ले जाते हुए देखा। कुछ देर बाद एक और कुत्ता मुँह में रोटी का टुकड़ा लेकर झुंड के पास पहुँचा। वे सब कुत्ते कुछ न खाकर उस घायल कुत्ते को रोटी खिलाने लगे। वह कुत्ता विलकुल ठीक हो गया। उसने अपने दोस्तों के साथ दौड़ भी लगाई। उस दिन मुझे एक अनोखी सीख मिली कि यदि तुम कुछ ठान लो तो उस चीज़ को पाना ज़्यादा मुश्किल नहीं होता। चाहे रास्ते में जितनी भी टोक़रें खानी पड़ें कभी हार मत मानना क्योंकि जितनी बुरी टोक़रें उतनी ही अच्छी होती है मंज़िल। अगले दिन दौड़ प्रतियोगिता के दौरान सभी लोग मुझे पीछे छोड़ गए। मैं घबरा गई परंतु मुझे अचानक उन कुत्तों की अपनी ही भाषा में दी गई सीख याद आ गई। मेरे दोस्त मुझे बढ़ावा देने लगे विलकुल उन कुत्तों की तरह जिन्होंने अपने घायल दोस्त की मदद की थी। मुझमें एक नया जोश जाग उठा और धीरे धीरे मैं लोगों को पछाड़ने लगी। मैं प्रथम तो नहीं आई पर मैंने अपने आप को दिए गए वचन पर अमल किया। मैंने छटा स्थान प्राप्त किया। मेरी अनोखी सीख बहुत काम आईः रास्ता भले ही कठिन हो पर मंज़िल उतनी ही आनन्दमय। मुझे यह सीख जिंदगी भर याद रहेगी।



अग्निमा राय 8

## Trip To Yamuna

Recently, the school took us for a day trip to Yamuna. We went in the bus to Wazirabad where the river enters Delhi. Its source is at Yamunotri, in the Himalayan Mountains and is the largest tributary of the Ganges. What was once described as the lifeline of the city has become one of the dirtiest rivers in the world. We went to see the Najafgarh drain which along with other drains throws its waste into Yamuna without any treatment. Yamuna is getting choked with sewage, industrial chemical waste, polythene bags etc. Yamuna is dying a slow death as the river is being reduced to nothing but a black drain. I strongly feel that we children have to wake up to our city's needs and do our bit. It could be as small as saying "No" to polythene bags.



-Aman Nayar, 6

## I am Yamuna

Insulted, horrified, irritated, disappointed. This is how I feel. I am a river, supposedly worshipped, and yet, **I am treated like I amount to nothing.** I am filthy, choked, and now angry. My birth is beautiful. Initiating at the Yamunotri Glacier, I am a gurgling, happy and clear stream. I am respected, and not used as a common drain. But, my time of despair begins when I enter the city of Delhi in Palla Village. **To me, it is not a city, but Hell.** 22 drains flood into me, filling me to my brim, making me unable to support my own body and the creatures living inside me. In my youth, I was beautiful. My water was clear and unclouded. But as man evolved and grew into a technological and factory infested race, I was forgotten, and rather than growing with them, **I deteriorated into a dark, decaying wasteland.** My waters are now black and contaminated. Najafgarh Drain's chemical demons are eating me out from the inside, like an evil parasite. Even things related to religion manage to envelope me in filth. Supposedly, men care for me. They have sewage treatment plants so that even with the drains piercing into me, I can prosper. But they do not help! **All of Delhi's sewage, chemical and biological waste thunders into me, taking over me and suffocating me.**

I long for the time when I was respected, remembered and cared for. But those times are long gone. **I strive to thrive, but I am constantly pushed back down.** I'd rather say goodbye to life than live on like this. Now my only hope is the new generation of children, who will help me become more than just a brittle shell of my former self, and then once more, I will hear the bubbly laughter of young children playing around me.

-Kaamya Sharma, 8



## WOMANITY

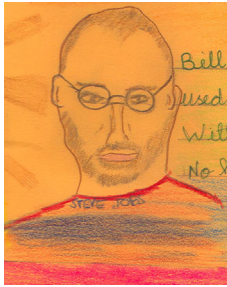
Unique creatures, a creation so fine,  
One in a million angels divine,  
The most beautiful work of art ever known,  
It's a surprise even god could create them alone.  
Women. So tender and full of love,  
Perfection incarnate, pure as doves,  
So brilliant and strong they bring value to life,  
They play sisters, mothers and magnificent wives.  
She will bother you with her quirks and moods,  
Her rationality and reasons will always elude,  
But she'll make a promise and keep it, on her soul,  
She'll forever keep you happy and whole.  
She holds the gift of birth in her arms,  
Strives to keep her loved ones from harm,  
She's endlessly tough yet incredibly weak,  
Every now and then her eyes begin to leak.  
Infinite love and worry is writ large in her face  
From an examination to an untied lace,  
She's strong-willed, determined and committed,  
But there isn't a place her heart couldn't be fit  
Each one is a gem, a masterpiece,  
A jigsaw of valuables carefully pieced.  
A spicy mixture of sweet and sour,  
Don't dare to doubt a woman's power! :)

-Ananya Gupta, 9



## A World without Electricity ...

Can you imagine no light at night?  
No radio, no T.V., no computer in sight  
Things would be different without  
electricity today  
The way we live, work, study, even play!  
No batteries to charge our  
wonderful toys..  
No machines producing incredible noise  
I think electricity was the best invention  
ever  
Thomas Alva Edison was very very clever!  
How would we get X - ray or operation  
done?  
Without my Xbox and iPad I would have  
no fun.  
Maybe I will go and play in the park  
Oops. I'll have to return home the minute  
it gets dark!  
Bill Gates, Steve Jobs and so  
many more  
used electricity to  
produce  
gizmos galore!  
Without electricity  
life would be so  
sad  
No heaters or A/  
C's – Phew! We'll  
go mad!



Ayaan Gulyani V- C

## A World without Electricity ...

....Would be a very dull place  
The nights would be seeped in darkness,  
Many woes would befall the human race!  
New York would no longer be,  
The city that never does sleep,  
Without the refrigerator and washing  
machine,  
How all the women would weep!  
With no T.V. and video games,  
What would the little kids do?  
But look at the bright side,  
They'd read good books and play out-  
doors too!  
Grown-ups would sleep on time,  
Their lives will be a lot less wild,  
The starry night sky would get more at-  
tention,  
And no longer  
be the un-  
wanted child!  
A world with-  
out electricity,  
Would not be  
bad at all,  
There'd be a  
decline in global warming  
It might actually be good for our blue  
ball!



Arusha Nirvan V- B

## होली

होली जब आती है  
मजे इधर-उधर फैलाती है  
रंग-विरंगा सब कुछ होता  
सब खुश होते बड़े-छोटे।



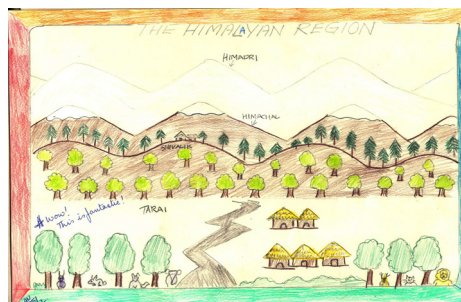
सुबह-सुबह सब घर साफ करते  
पिचकारी में पानी भरते  
एक दूसरे पर रंग डालते  
खेलते-कूदते हँसते-गाते।  
देवी-देवताओं की पूजा होती  
बड़ी मजेदार है यह होली।

सना कपूर पाँच - ब

## Bio Poem

This is a story of a boy named Ishaan  
Often called Ishoo by his mom.  
He is a boy that's Funny, Happy, Caring  
And to his elder brother's dismay,  
quite competitive too.  
He loves to eat Fish, Meat, Rajma Chawal  
and screams at the sight of vegetables,  
Saying they will make him turn green.  
Loves fishing, reading and of late,  
Mindspark too.  
He wants to be the best in Maths, Science  
and like his idol Messi - a soccer wizard too.  
He loves to play soccer of course,  
basketball, cricket  
and every other sport,  
when he has homework to do!  
He believes everybody is equal in God's  
eyes  
Which is exactly the way it should be.  
Because of his speed and zest a pocket  
rocket would describe him best.

Ishaan Sharma IV - C



## My Pet

My pet is a lovely, white rabbit. My



rabbit is very soft and cute. Its name  
is Furry. It loves to eat carrots and  
fresh leafy vegetables. Furry is very  
intelligent and easily understands all  
my instructions. It follows me where  
ever I go in the garden and loves to  
run behind me. I take good care of  
Furry. I feel very sad when it falls  
sick and I take it to the vet. My pet  
Furry is the best pet in the world!  
We both love each other very much.

Mahika Dalmia III- B

## Science Day

Early in the morning when I went to  
school, I went for a assembly. After



that I did some work in Maths and  
English. Then we went to see the Sci-  
ence experiments as it was Science  
Day. The experiments we liked the  
most was the balloon experiment as  
they put a balloon on top of 100 nails  
and it didn't burst! Then we went to  
the field and we saw dogs. They were  
cute. Tiger and Sugar were the names  
of two dogs. Everyone was scared of  
Tiger. He looked like a German Shep-  
herd. We also saw two dogs fighting. I  
enjoyed the Science Day.

Devanshi Sawhney and  
Rohan Singh Pahwa II- C

## Which Music Artist Are You?

In the celebration of the Grammys and Oscars, and the spirit of music and entertainment, take this quiz to find out who YOU resemble most! ☺

**Q1) Which colour do you like most?**

- A) Maroon or Red Bruno
- B) Black or Lavender Gaga
- C) Purple or Blue JB
- D) Green Adele

**Q2) Which animal would you want to be?**

- A) A Panda, "The most excellent bear."
- B) A cheetah: fast and agile
- C) A zebra: you work best in groups
- D) A cat: with quick reflexes

**Q3) What do you do in your free time?**

- A) Practise your favourite instrument
- B) Write, laze around, enjoy Life
- C) Be active and do something fun, like skateboarding
- D) Do something creative

**Q4) What is your biggest flaw?**

- A) You don't know your biggest flaw
- B) You trust everyone
- C) You are scared of small spaces, and get frazzled soon
- D) You aren't very versatile, and have a few comfort zones

**Q5) Which season do you love most?**

- A) Spring
- B) Winter
- C) Summer
- D) Autumn



*Mostly A's:* There's nobody cooler than you, because you are **Bruno Mars!** With a good sense of humour and better personality, you top the charts with your soulful beats!

*Mostly B's:* You were born to rule and you live to sing! With your original lyrics and eccentric fashion sense, you brighten up almost anything! No prize for guessing; you're **Lady Gaga!**

*Mostly C's:* You're super caring and for you, beauty is on the inside. You aren't over dramatic, and are pretty much cool about everything. Every Belieber is catching your awesome fever, you're **Justin Bieber!**

*Mostly D's:* There could never be 'Someone Like You', as you have our own beautiful personality and rustic charm. You are ambitious, and very down-to-earth! You're music sure is swell, hands down, you're **Adele!**

-Noor Dhingra, 9



Yesterday, I read a really good movie!

-Aabshar Wakhloo

If only we were assigned such movies to read over the summer...

Q. What does RO stand for?

Isn't it the disease 'Auro' has? - Vrinda Puri Really, REALLY not.

There are 1000 kilograms in a kilometer

-Arhaan Jain

Wait till Mrs. Sood gets her hands on you...

He broke school's world record. -Diya Narag

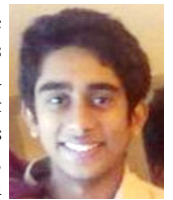
We love that school is your whole world, but no.

He broke 5-6 legs -Diya Narag

The only thing that can save you now, is if you were talking about Oswald, the octopus.

## COMIX

I wouldn't go so far as to call myself a comic aficionado. And trust me, if you thought people had weird obsessions about pointless things, I'm sure an even weirder obsession related to comics exists. I tend to doodle a lot at the back of my notebooks, not that I try to end up 'creating' a comic. It's actually way beyond just getting to grips with boredom, I've realised. Comics mean serious business, and drawing them in what we have come to realise is a 'characteristic style' is actually pretty difficult. What's even more intriguing but heartening about comics, is that they tend to be about almost anything. You can't tell a writer to write a completely meaningless collection of words and somehow weave them into a completely senseless story, but I've come to learn that you can draw five pictures in a page, make them say anything you're thinking of, and a story comes to life. Even if it doesn't mean anything. Try this someday, next time you can't stay up through something. Takes the mind off a lot. I didn't know much about Mario Miranda, the Goan comic artist who died recently, but when I looked him up later, I realised he's just like any other comic artist: someone who could make up a story out of a careless scribble. And that's where the strange sentiment of creativity comes through. This 'art' was discussed at the New Delhi Comic-Con held about a week ago (I didn't know it even existed). You've got a lot of people coming together to tell you what a careless scribble means to them, but that's about it. Beyond that, said Robert Crumb, the chief guest here, it's up to you what a line scrawled means.



-Aditya Srinivasan, 10

### STRAWBERRY SHORT "KICK"

Can't resist popping the picture perfect strawberry candy into your mouth? Beware! It could lead to the popping of your existence. It's the new "drug" being peddled in schoolyards in the garb of Strawberry pop rocks (the candy that sizzles and 'pops' in your mouth). It's a type of crystal methamphetamine, being called 'strawberry meth' or 'strawberry quick', luring oblivious children with other all-time favorite flavors like Chocolate, Peanut Butter, Cola, Cherry, Grape and Orange. So please avoid sweet offerings from strangers and unsuspecting peers because this one does more drastic damage than just cavities.



-Serena Nanda, 9

### Coming up, The Future

**Philips Fluid Concept Phone:** Philips' latest offering, the Fluid, is a stunning OLED device, with PlayStation-style gaming controls and an exciting, bendy form factor that rolls up around to be worn on the wrist.



**Windows Concept Phone:** This is a transparent phone, made of unbreakable glass. The surface will change as per weather conditions, for example, a display of water droplets on a rainy day. To draw or enter text, or switch modes, the reader has to blow air on the screen.

Futuristic!

**iWeb 2.0:** As our laptops get smaller and more portable, our keyboards become more cramped-enter the folding keyboard. This progressive design would help mobile users save their backs without making typing a pain.



-Noor Dhingra, 9

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