

AGS continues its winning streak...

Awards and accolades are not just trophies but also an appreciation of the efforts and an assurance that good work never goes unnoticed. It is a great way to show gratitude, approval and show people that their work is valuable creating new paths to tread on.

We are absolutely thrilled to share the exciting news that our esteemed Head of Schools, **Ms. Hima Doshi**, has once again demonstrated her exceptional leadership in the field of education. It is with immense pride that we announce her well-deserved recognition as the "Pragmatic Woman Leader in K12 Education 2023" at the prestigious Education Excellence Awards.



Twinkle Twinkle, We are the Stars!

AGS has been honoured with the Star Education Award which is an incredible recognition for being the best International School in Borivali by ESPE at BKC MMRDA grounds, Mumbai. A gigantic pat on the back to our HOS Hima Ma'am, principals, teachers and all our dear parents for believing in us. It is your support that makes us shine bright in the sky.



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CONGRATULATIONS to the entire AGS community

AGS secures 1st position in the International Curriculum category for Zone E in the Mid-day school survey

SCHOOL NAME	AREA	RANK
Ajmera Global School	Borivali West	1
Singapore International School	Dahisar	2
Chatrabhuj Narsee School	Kandivli East	3

Together we can and we will make a difference

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Congratulations to the entire AGS community. We appreciate your support through thick and thin.

AGS also won the Top School Award by World of Education Expo 2023 on 15th December 2023. The award was received by our English Head Ms. Edith Picardo.



We are proud of you Edith Ma'am!

Our very own English Head Ms. Edith Picardo was felicitated by MISA on 15th December 2023, for conducting a training session for teachers across Mumbai schools in First Language English. This is a big recognition and highlights Ms. Picardo's undying dedication to the learning of the English Language, elevating the proficiency of students and educators alike.



When you do something, do it right!

Once again it is a proud moment for AGS which has taken up the theme of Sustainable Development goals this year centering activities around this theme for the academic year 2023-24. Keeping in line with our theme, AGS also participated in a UN SDG based storytelling competition conducted by the School Chameleon Organisation. It fills our heart with immense pride to once again announce that our story, 'The Silver Lining' by our very own English Head Ms. Edith Picardo was one among the top 12 stories chosen out of 150 entries.

A story that touched the right chord with every person sitting in the audience garnering a thunderous round of applause making us a School Chameleon, where we were recognised as one of the pioneers who like the chameleon are bringing about change and are adapting ourselves with new challenges and innovative ways to educate our children.



Congratulations and Celebrations! We are on top of the world!

AGS March 2023 Cambridge IGCSE Examination toppers Master Anay Gupta, Master Maanaskatwala and Master Ekambir Singh were felicitated by MISA for their outstanding performances. The event held at NESCO grounds on 15th December 2023, was a grand celebration of academic excellence of each of our students, who are also role models for all AGS students.



INTERNATIONAL EXCURSION

Let's Explore: New Cultures, New Places and New Experiences!

When we talk of educational experiences in the 21st Century, AGS leaves no stone unturned to ensure that we give all kinds of learning opportunities to our students. To inculcate a sense of experiential and contextual learning, AGS students visited Hong Kong from 27th November to 2nd December, an international destination that took learning to new heights. Students from both Primary as well as the Secondary Section explored various new places including The Venetian, The Fisherman's Wharf at Macao, Ocean O Park, Ngong Ping Village, Macao Tower and Disneyland.



Build Bridges, Not Walls! Diplomacy at its best - The MUN Way!

AGS conducted the AGSMUN on 6th and 7th November 2023. The theme was 'Global Solidarity: Building a Sustainable Future Together'. The students prepared for it with full energy and vigour.

The preparations for this monumental journey started a month in advance with students preparing for it with their mentors. Students had a mock MUN which helped them understand the rules of procedures and various other nitty-gritty of the event. A session was also conducted to help with aspects of public speaking and delegations, deliberations, and diplomacy.





Let's Have some fun with Math!

1. That awkward moment when you finish a math problem and your answer isn't even one of the choices. (Ritu Ghatourey)
2. Math: the only place where people can buy 64 watermelons, and no one wonders why. (Anonymous)
3. Parallel lines have so much in common; it's a shame they'll never meet. (Anonymous)
4. There are three kinds of people in the world: those who are good at math and those who aren't. (Anonymous)
5. If there is a 50-50 chance something can go wrong, then nine times out of 10, it will. (Paul Harvey)
6. There is a fine line between a numerator and a denominator; only a fraction will understand. (Anonymous)

Movies, Math and Magic!

AGS celebrated Math Day on 21st and 22nd December 2023 (for two days) this year paying homage to the great mathematician S. Ramanujan. The Secondary students watched the movie 'The Man who knew Infinity' based on the life and works of the great arithmetician. The Primary students of PYP 3-5 watched the movie 'Flat land' based on shapes while PYP 1 and 2 watched Peg and his Cat on math concepts. The auditorium reverberated with continuous applause as the movie ended on a cathartic note.

Math Chase!

Math can be so much fun and if you mix it with some fun sports activities, it can be the icing on the cake. Our sports day was around the corner and to celebrate Math Day, AGS decided to mix it up with some fun activities and thus was born the Math Chase, a unique amalgamation where students participated in a relay race solving some fun math problems on 22nd December 2023.

Math Games!

The PYP Section celebrated Math Day with some fun Math games played in the classrooms, the games ranged from board games to floor games. The students had a lot of fun while learning about math concepts through games.

Expert Talk

**'We live by chance,
we love by choice,
we kill by profession.'**

AGS had a once in a lifetime opportunity on 10th January 2024, to interact with **Colonel Sharma** from the Indian Army who shared some alluring stories about his time in the Indian Army. His personal anecdotes laced with excitement and patriotism touched the right chords with the students who couldn't stop applauding his narration of personal memoirs.



Focus and Self- Management Session

A session on focus and self-management was conducted by **Ms. Shaifali Singh** a reputed Transformation Coach on 11th December 2023. Ms. Singh spoke about honing focus and management skills as an important 21st century skill.



Climate Change: A sad reality!

We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it.
- Barack Obama

AGS had a special assembly on 7th January 2024 targeting SDG goal 13 Climate Change to throw light on the degenerating condition of the environment and its impact on the human and animal life. It was an impactful assembly creating awareness for all.



SDG Goal 11 & 12: Sustainable Cities & Communities gearing towards responsible consumption and production

AGS had a special assembly on SDG Goals 11 & 12 on 4th January 2024 highlighting the importance of sustainability in the growth of communities and cities all around the world. Students highlighted the importance of how a sustainable today will be an assurance of a great future tomorrow.



Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure!

Grade7 students showcased their creativity and awareness in a Special Assembly focusing on SDG Goal 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure on 27th November. Through mimes and role play, they highlighted the importance of sustainable development in these areas, inspiring their peers to contribute towards a more technologically advanced and inclusive future.



View and Review From Your Purview!

A view to review essay writing event was held for students from Grades 6 to 9 on 25th October 2023. Students wrote a review of a documentary series they watched in class expressing their thoughts vividly through a review essay. It was our endeavour in providing effective educational video platforms for learning to our students in a way that's natural to them.



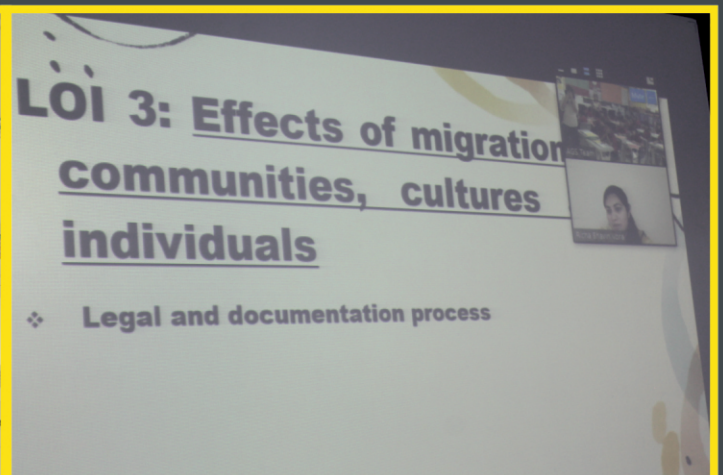
Trade Talk with Mr. Desai: Cracking the Code of Trade!

On 15th December, Grade 4 explorers set sail on a trading adventure with guest speaker Mr. Nilay Desai! Students learned how everyday things like buying snacks connect to a global web of people and products. It was a session packed with fascinating facts and practical tips!



Miss Richa Takes PYP 5 on a Migration Journey

Suitcases of stories filled the air as the school's ex-teacher, Miss. Richa, was back in a new chapter as a migration expert and took PYP 5 learners on a global journey on 18th December. Through her own experiences and those of countless others, she painted a vivid picture of the impact migration has on communities, cultures, and individual lives. Through her stories of resilience, adaptation, and cultural exchange, Miss. Richa's talk opened the students' eyes to migration and its impacts. This heartfelt session left them both informed and inspired, eager to embrace the richness that diversity brings to their school community and the world beyond.



Events & Competitions

Diwali Dazzles at School!

AGS pulsed with the vibrant spirit of Diwali on 7th November! Dazzling in colourful attires, students revamped their classes by putting on a heart-warming Diwali party. Fun-filled games and activities ignited peals of laughter and fun. It was a celebration not just of light, but of unity, tradition, and the boundless energy of the young learners.



PYP 5 Sprouts a Celebration of Sustainable Growth on Farmer's Day!

On 18th December, PYP 5 transformed the school's assembly hall into a vibrant field of learning this Farmer's Day, celebrating not just the hands that feed many, but also the responsibility each person holds as consumers. Through poems bursting with gratitude for every grain and skit playfully highlighting the plight of farmers, they awakened everyone's inner eco-warrior. This wasn't just a celebration of Farmer's Day; it was a seed sown in every young heart, a promise to nurture a world where mindful choices blossom into a bountiful harvest for all. Each bite, each purchase, is a chance to contribute to a more sustainable future, just like the PYP 5 students who showed that even the smallest sprout can grow into a mighty changemaker!



Honesty Took Centre Stage!

Honesty isn't just a word, it's a guiding light, and PYP learners explored its radiant power during a special assembly on 24th November 2023. Led by a captivating story, they embarked on a moral compass journey, highlighting the importance of truth. The story echoed in the room, sparking lively discussions about integrity, and the effects of honest choices. This wasn't just an assembly; it was a transformation.



Young Entrepreneurs Bloom at Market Day!

PYP 4 and 5 students transformed AGS into a bustling marketplace on 6th November, showcasing their creativity and business acumen. From vibrant hand-painted crafts to well-made bracelets, every stall displayed the students' hard work. The air buzzed with excitement as they bartered, negotiated, and proudly presented their wares. With each sale, not only did their wallets jingle, but their confidence soared. Marketplace activity truly fostered a spirit of collaboration, innovation, hands-on experience and math literacy - valuable lessons that will undoubtedly bloom beyond the classroom walls!



Just a Minute!



On 1st December, the Pre-Primary to PYP 2 learners transformed into mini experts, taking centre stage for the captivating JAM, "Just a Minute" event! Each student captivated the audience with their chosen topic, all within the magic of... well, just a minute! This wasn't just about public speaking; it was a celebration of curiosity and the joy of learning. The air buzzed with excitement as each minute unfolded, proving that even the smallest voices can hold the biggest knowledge.

Makar Sankranti Assembly

A festive and joyous atmosphere prevailed in the school premises on 12th January 2024 as Pre Magh Bihu, Pongal, Makar Sankranti and Lohri celebration was demonstrated by teachers of Pre-Primary by dressing in festive attire and providing them with the knowledge of each festival.



ART Competition



Unleashing inner artist! Students from Pre-primary to grade 9 got ready for a colourful showdown in the exciting art competition on January 18th. Their creativity soared as they shared a glimpse of their world and ideas through unique strokes.

Joy of Giving

PYP 5 students took the initiative to spread smiles with their efforts on 22nd January as they celebrated the Joy of Giving! With hearts as open as notebooks, they collected unused stationery from the school community. This treasure trove will soon find a happy home at Doorstep School, bringing joy to classmates less fortunate. It's a lesson scribbled in generosity, proving the smallest gift can write the biggest chapter in kindness.



Field Trips

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The curious PYP2 explorers embarked on a field trip to the 5R Cycle Foundation on 19th December, digging deep into the unit on Earth's resources! Surrounded by mountains of recyclable plastic and thermocol, they learnt how waste can be reborn as something new and exciting stressing on sustainability. It was a powerful reminder that even the smallest changes can have a big impact on our planet's precious resources.



PYP 2 Rocks the Recording Studio!

PYP 2 students embarked on a rockin' field trip to Hilltop Recording Studio on 14th December! This exciting adventure was part of their unit on Product, and it gave them a first-hand look at the process of song recording. Students were captivated by the sight of microphones, mixing consoles, and other equipments. They observed with rapt attention as the studio engineers guided them through the intricate process of recording a song. The young learners discovered the vital roles played by different individuals in crafting a final product.

From Floury Fingers to Fluffy Fun!

PYP1 bakers unleashed their inner curiosity as they visited the school cafeteria on 18th December. Their eager eyes followed every step of the bread-making process, right from sifting flour to the stretching of the dough. They watched as the dough was mixed and kneaded. It helped them not just to master the art of kneading dough but was a delicious exploration of the process of making a final product: delicious roti!

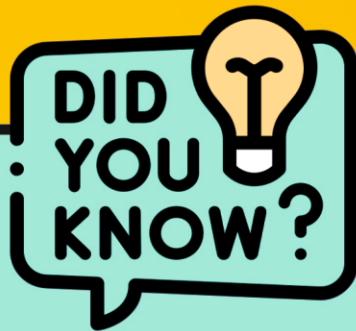


Tiny Explorers!

The twinkling eyes of Nursery kids were ready to capture the images of animals around them with their cameras during the field trip to Vazira on 5th January. Their excitement knew no bound when they saw varieties of species of fish, ducks, birds, turtles etc.



by Tanay Gohil - Gr.9



- 1) When the moon is directly overhead, you weigh slightly less.
- 2) Butterflies taste with their feet.
- 3) It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- 4) Chocolate can kill dogs, as it contains theobromine, which affects their heart and nervous system.
- 5) "Rhythm" is the longest English word without a vowel.
- 6) Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history.

Clubs - Alexander the Great

Spades - King David

Diamonds - Julius Caesar

Hearts – Charlemagne

- by Sidhhan Chothani

Grade 6B



1. What is a snake's favorite subject in school?
2. Why are fish so smart?
3. Why isn't there a clock in the library?
4. Why do music teachers need a ladder?
5. Why is history a sweet subject?
6. Why didn't the sun go to college?
7. Which animal cheats on exams?
8. How do computers eat lunch?
9. What does a spider do on the Internet?
10. Why is the obtuse angle always upset?

-by Hridhaan Goradia
and Mishika Shah
PYP 3

AN INDIAN WEDDING

Two years ago, I attended my favourite Aunt's wedding ceremony, which was held in our native place in Jalore, Rajasthan. We started the preparations months in advance because there were many things to do, and we wanted her wedding to be the best. We chose our outfits for every event from our family brand, Pleatslabel. Preparing for sangeet dances, choosing outfits, jewellery, finding makeup artists, applying mehndi, and much more is a fun process before the wedding starts. The wedding was held in December. At night, it was very cold, making it even more enjoyable. The entire family travelled from Mumbai to Raniwara, Rajasthan, by train on December 20th, and from Raniwara railway station to our destination, which was just 20 minutes away.

We were very excited when we finally reached our native place, Jalore, in the morning and our first function 'Haldi,' was scheduled for the next day just before lunch. During the Haldi function, the bride was welcomed with a beautiful smile, accompanied by a shower of rose petals, Holi guns, party pop-ups and dhol. We danced a lot on the dhol music like dancing kings and queens. The theme of the day was white. I wore a white designer lehenga and embroidered crop top. We applied haldi on the bride's gorgeous face and soft hands. We had a yummy lunch which included dosa, sabzi-roti and Gulab jamun for dessert. Do you know why the Haldi ceremony is so important? It is believed that the Haldi Ceremony is done in order to prevent evil spirits from harming the to-be couple. As a result, the bride and groom are not allowed to leave their home after the Haldi ceremony until their wedding mahurat.

The second day of the wedding was a rest day. We had a lot of talks, fun games like Antakshari, dumb charades, racing, swimming, cricket and then we prepared for the third day. Finally, the third day arrived, which was the Sangeet Day – the most exciting day of the wedding. We had dance performances on a huge stage with lights and cracker fountains. My aunts and I danced on popular peppy Bollywood music. I had worn a fully embroidered brown lehenga choli. There were so many varieties in dinner like juices, pizza, pasta, pani puri, pav bhaji, chaat, popsicle, even ice-cream in 3 flavours and so much more.

The most special day for not only the bride and the groom but the whole family was the wedding day. The bride wore a heavy red lehenga which was about 20 kgs and the groom wore an off white sherwani. I wore a beautiful, embroidered light green Rajasthani suit. We all were excited but at the same time we were very nervous and sad about the fact that the bride will leave her family and home and become a part of the groom's home and family. The wedding was at night in the cold weather. As usual there were a variety of juices, food and desserts. The last day was the reception day. All the men were in black suits and all the women were in gowns and anarkalis. The bride as usual looked the most stunning and the groom looked very handsome.

We reached the bride to the car and help her settle in. After that we blessed the couple with a happy married life. We all were very tired after all the enjoyment and fun. It truly was a memorable celebration!

Naisha Purohit – PYP 3A

The Return

My scythe grated against the cold iron. I chanted the spell, my heart beating like a human drum. The hieroglyphics started to glow- a dull glow at first, then brighter, way brighter than the ancient gods. As though everything had been shifted into slow motion, in the dark, gloomy cave, a stunning blue-purple portal formation opened. Even though I had done this a thousand times, the procedure never failed to take my breath away. The sadness, however, never truly lifted itself from my heart. I suppose my only consolation would be that my time as a grim reaper ends in another decade.

I became a grim reaper by accident, or, as my master likes to put it, 'the calculation of fate.' I entered the portal, allowing myself to be immersed by the icy sensation, as though the cold was settling into the spaces between my bones. My deep purple robes brushed against the portal formation. Barefoot, the cold ate away at my skin, tinging it a cerulean blue. Due to the extreme cold, I was currently subjugated to, my breath almost got stuck in my airway, but even if it did- it wouldn't kill me- you cannot kill something that is already dead.

Grim Reapers are born when a person, who has been plagued with torment and has died before their time, stand in front of the Pearly Gates. My murder will probably serve as a case study for the future Grim Reapers in training. The God of Death, my master, took mercy on me and made me the Grim Reaper for the next hundred years, to save others from the same agony I underwent.

I was shaken into reality when a mechanical warning was displayed in the portal. I didn't understand the language, but I knew what it meant- and I didn't like it. I naively ignored it and proceeded to chant the next spell. I breathed the next location of the day and briefly mused about the poor souls who had to experience the service of doom like me. A huge sound practically shattered my eardrums, and a blanket of black covered me. On instinct, I scanned my surroundings- unable to see even two feet into the crepuscule. I, however, knew exactly what awaited me. A pale, ghostly hand extended out of the darkness and in a futile attempt, grabbed my ankle. While repelling it, I collapsed into another pair of hands that knocked my scythe right out of my hands. A third pair of hands gripped my exposed throat, determined to squeeze the life out of me. Finally, after much effort, I managed to grab hold of my scythe- whispering enigmatically the last spell that would take me to the living world. The scythe suspended above into the air. Within minutes I would be...

"Athena!" A voice so intimidating and authoritative yelled that I practically shivered. Everything around me was blurry and it was as though all my senses were dilated. "Good morning, Athena." The voice of the female crackled again. As everything returned to focus, I realised a dark figure was looming over me and a feeling resembling fear and irritation coursed through my veins. My teacher was in front of me, and the entire class had paused- as though they were the audience, and I was the clown in a circus. There it was - my rather unfortunate return to reality.

Anvita Deulgaonkar - Grade 9

Save Food

The topic "save food" has spread all around the world, but why do people highlight it so much? What's so special about it? These are the few questions we usually ask and today I am here to answer them. This topic is so important that it has even been discussed in the G20. If you ask yourself whether you waste food or not, you will probably say no, but in one way or another, you have wasted it, by not taking a bit of everything. Even I admit to wasting food sometimes. Only in a few rare cases people don't waste food.

At the moment around 40% of the food produced in India is either lost or wasted. It is further estimated that the value of food wastage in India is around ₹92,000 crores per annum. That's a bit too much don't you think? Some people may think that this is incorrect, or the sources are lying, but this is true. Even in our school there is a food wastage system that weighs how much food we have wasted, and each day it grows by 1 kg. Imagine- if in India we waste this much, then how much does the whole world waste? Just the thought of this makes me feel miserable. The people who suffer from poverty barely have food to eat or clean water to drink.

Our parents and teachers don't enjoy reminding us to not waste food. We promise it won't happen again, and yet we repeat it. I must reinforce the fact that if we continue to waste like this, it will be our fault if one day we aren't provided with enough food.

World Food Day is an international day celebrated on October 16 to commemorate the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. Its objective is to promote worldwide awareness of hunger and promote action for the future of food, people and the planet.

To prevent food wastage, here are a few strategies.

- Number one- use the technique "FIFO". This stands for 'First in first out'. This means that whenever you buy an item at the grocery store you can label it with the date you bought it and the date it will expire. This helps you to finish the items that expire first so that you won't have to waste food and throw it away later.
- Secondly, always make a shopping list. This can help you figure out exactly the things you need, and not want.
- The last and the simplest method, buy less. Buying less doesn't mean buying tiny grains of food. It means buying a sufficient amount which you know you can finish.

Now we must ensure that we will always save food. Let us take a pledge that from today onwards, we will take what we want and eat what we take.

Anaisha Gaonkar - PYP 5



1. How can a clam cram in a clean cream can?
2. I wish to wash my Irish wristwatch.
3. The sixth sick sheikh's sixth sheep's sick
4. A big black bug bit a big black bear

- Saumya Barbhaya
PYP5A

1. Whether the weather be fine,
or whether the weather be not,
whether the weather be cold,
or whether the weather be hot,
we'll weather the weather,
whatever the weather,
whether we like it or not.

2. How much wood would a woodchuck chuck
if a woodchuck could chuck wood?
He would chuck, he would, as much as he
could,
and chuck as much wood, as a woodchuck
would if a woodchuck could chuck wood.

- Tvisha Modi
Grade 6A

Chika n Bubbly



My new year's resolution is to try not to procrastinate. I am going to start next week.



My resolution is to learn a new language. I've learnt 20 emojis until now!

- by Moha Desai (Grade 9)



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by Arham Shah Grade 6 A

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In the ever-changing world of innovation and technology, we, the students, play a significant role in shaping the world. Our brilliant minds imagine extraordinary things and explore beyond the limitations of this world. From dreaming about sunshine and rainbows to facing the stress of college and university admissions, we, the students, work hard, dream, and persevere. But there is another world beyond the classroom where our real tests are taken, and it's where we apply the skills learned during those seemingly boring lectures.

As a student, losing yourself in a wonderland of your own, is not uncommon. However, like Alice, everyone needs something to ground them back to reality and touch solid ground. Staying up to date with current affairs around the globe is one very significant way to do so. In the student world, it gives you inspiration and confidence.

Not a long time ago, our alumni, Anay Gupta and his team upgraded the Sharing is Caring project, addressing the lack of study materials for students. Over two years, they've transitioned from basic resources to livestream lectures on YouTube and transformed textbooks. Anay, along with other students, is committed to providing education to those in need while balancing academic and extracurricular responsibilities.

AGS and other Indian schools boast exceptional students like Ashita, who authored an inspiring book, and Advita, empowering underprivileged children. The inventive spirit of fourth and fifth graders is remarkable, with countless outstanding creations.

Not only in India but students from all over the world have been role models to many young minds by helping the community and by making a difference. They are a motivation for us to explore boundaries and reach our full potential. 2023 has been a great year because of these student's remarkable achievements in various fields making the world better and making this year memorable. Let's celebrate students' achievements, from winning awards to making a difference in their communities. Their successes are incredibly inspiring!

- Vidhi Rishi Bobra (Gr. 7)

THE STATIONERY WARS

As the fresh stocks of stationery from the term's commencement ebb away into an abyss of perplexing disappearances, drastic changes are to be seen. The first sign, generally dismissed as frivolous whines by each grade, is the issuing of the circle of blame. Beginning as mere 'excuses' for irresponsibility, these grumbles graduate into intense condemnations and scathing attitudes, which can have more to do than just words. When found in the midst of such a tense atmosphere, one discovers several faces of deceit played carefully by the adolescent strategists of AGS. With their manipulative tastes, yet innocent facade, the youngest batches appear to be far from involved in the 'main events' of the stationary wars... all while silently reaping the benefits and carefully timing their victim card. The polar opposites to these young schemers are those wrongfully classified as having direct involvement in the war effort. These unfortunate teens are often prone to gaining paranoia, resorting to clever concealment tactics and even locking cupboards. Some may even be inspired to join the thievery and manipulation behind the retrieval and gain of quality class stationery. They then fall into the category of the recognised thieves. These carefree, devious students – often motivated by being stationery-deprived themselves – loot other hoarders, with the experienced even plastering their classes' labels onto the acquired haul. Whether it may be revenge, desperation, or merely a good chance to remove the popcorn, involvement in the stationary wars has sustained it, at least until an inevitably infeasible sense of responsibility is achieved. For now, schemes and deceit should suffice.

- Anvesha Kunder



- Aaroh Sanghavi (Gr. 9)



Art Stop



Saisha Jain (Gr. 6A)



Hridyansh Magniram (Gr. 6B)



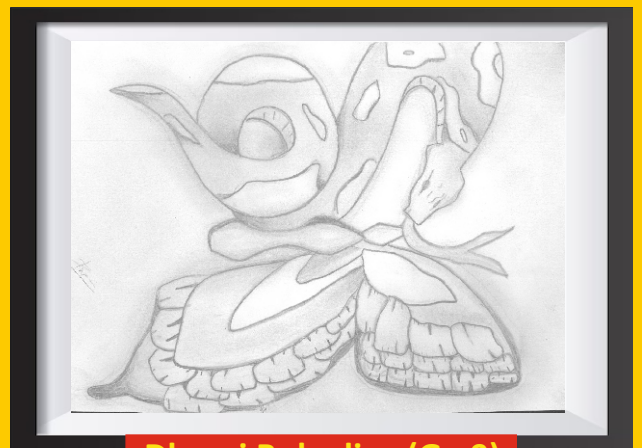
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Maahir Jethava



Krishna Jagtiani (Gr. 9)



Dhruvi Bokadiya (Gr. 9)



Hridank Doshi (PYP 4A)



Sia shared that she have drawn papa. My papa have nose, mouth, eyes, ears and hands. My papa's hair is very long.

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Sia Singh (Nursery)



Swara Rane (Gr. 6)



Arohi Rao (K1)



Avya Wandre (K2)

Solutions for Issue 2

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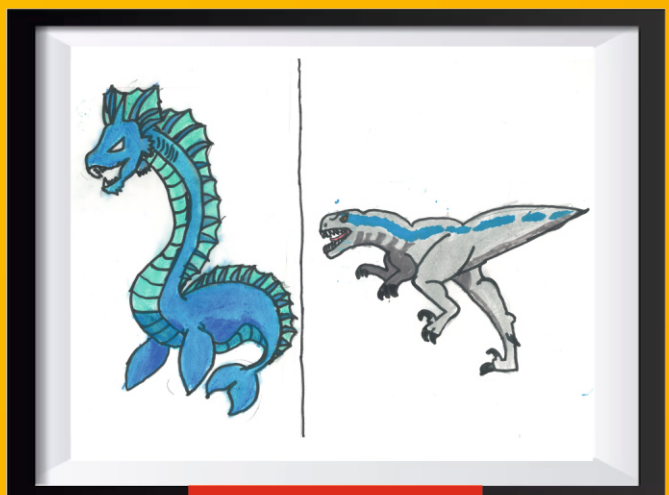
- Seven
- Lunch and dinner
- Tomorrow
- A cold
- A comb
- A bank

Solution to the Rebus Puzzle:

- Adding insult to injury
- Red in the face
- Long time no see (c)
- All in a day's work
- Fish pond

Solution to the General Knowledge Quiz:

- Spiders
- Quadrillion
- The Ganges River Dolphin or also called 'Susu'
- Hendecagon (also undecagon or endecagon)
- PingaliVenkayya
- Left
- Peter Henlein, a locksmith and clockmaker of Nuremberg, Germany
- Wilhelm Roentgen, a professor of Physics in Wurzburg, Bavaria, discovered X-rays in 1895—accidentally
- Droupadi Murmu
- 9 brains and 3 hearts



Argumentative Essay - Should Students Study Abroad

In today's world, education is a basic need, and thus a priority for students to progress and advance in their lives. Studying abroad is a step forward for students in order to not only acquire better educational facilities but also to learn different cultures and traditions. Although it is a difficult decision to make, studying abroad can altogether be a different experience for students. Therefore, I strongly believe that students should be allowed to study abroad to build a successful career and lead a prosperous life.

To begin with, the opponents of studying abroad claim that language and cultural barriers can be major problems, disrupting students' education. However, if thought about positively, this is a golden opportunity for learners to move out of their academics and explore the diversity of languages and cultures around the world. This not only improves their career resumé but also helps to strengthen their overall personality.

Furthermore, adversaries state that it is quite difficult for students to leave their loved ones which causes homesickness and mental traumas, and thus a distraction from academics. This point is somewhat arguably correct, but a close consideration of studies done by the University of Maryland makes it clear to see that 96% of students develop self-confidence when they study abroad. Along with becoming self-confident, students also become independent and learn to solve conflicts without depending on their parents, helping them to face challenges in other arenas of their lives.

Lastly, opponents often emphasise the high costs associated with studying abroad, including travel, accommodation, and university fees, arguing that it's financially unfeasible for many students. However, obtaining education loans has become more accessible, alleviating financial barriers. Moreover, with better job opportunities and competitive salaries after graduation, students can easily repay these loans. Additionally, working part-time during studies not only provides extra income but also offers valuable real-world experience and instills a sense of financial responsibility.

In conclusion, studying abroad is not only about educational and cultural experiences but also it looks great on your resumé as it provides excellent career opportunities. It is a completely life-changing experience for students which processes and shapes them into independent, intelligent and inventive individuals. In my opinion, studying abroad is more of a blessing than a curse.

-by Aarav Bothra (Gr. 9)

An Imposter of a Dog

"Amy, come on... let's go!" her mother called out. "We're going to be late!" "Alright Mom, I'm coming," Amy called out as she raced down the stairs. "Are we finally going to see him again?" "Yes, dear," her mother replied as both of them walked through the long hallway connecting the living room with the garage.

"Do you think he'll be all right?" Amy asked.

"I'm sure he'll be just fine dear," her mom replied, "he'll probably make tons of new dog friends at the vet's".

"Mom!" Amy exclaimed "this is not something to joke about!" "Alright, alright," her mother said with fake sincerity, "but the vet did say it's nothing to worry about." "But...", Amy started. "No buts," her mother replied, "get in the car." "Fine," Amy whined.

"Mom, are we there yet?" Amy asked. "Yes, here we are," her mother replied pulling up in the parking lot. "Come on now Amy, get out of the car," her mother said opening the door. "You do want to see Dusky, don't you?" "Of course, I do," Amy said indignantly. "I would never not want to see him. And when I do see him, I'll give him the biggest hug ever!" "Alright you little hug monster, let's go," her mother said affectionately leading her to the door.

They entered the virtually deserted clinic and went up to the nurse in the front. Amy waited, inhaling the sterile smell of antiseptic while her mother spoke to the nurse. Soon they were walking up the hallway to meet with the vet.

The vet was sitting on her chair waiting for them as they entered. The vet gave Amy a warm smile as they walked up to her. "Good morning doctor," her mother greeted the vet. "Do we have good news or bad news?" "Well ..." the doctor hesitantly started. "I have news..." "Miss Vet?" Amy said innocently, "Is Dusky fine?" "Yes dear, your pet is fine," the vet said, "but he's not a dog."

"What?" Amy said, confused. "I think you are wrong. Dusky is a dog." "No dear," the vet said, "he is actually a young black bear cub."

"Really!" Amy exclaimed. "No way," her mother breathed. "Yes, I don't know how but you've somehow adopted a black bear." The doctor said. "Wait!" her mother interrupted. "Can we still keep him?" "It would be really hard to provide for him," the vet argued. "We can do that," her mother said. "I promise, we'll give him the life he deserves." "Alright," the vet said, giving in. "Here he is."

"Dusky!" Amy said joyfully as he looked up at her. "Let's go home!" From then on, Amy and her mother took great care of Dusky, giving him proper food and letting him stay in their home where they lived happily together forever.

- by Zofie Prasla (Gr. 6B)



Recipe Corner



Blueberry Pie with Lemon Crust

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest(peel)
- 2/3 cup butter
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 4 to 6 tablespoons cold water
- 4 cups fresh blueberries
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- salt
- 1 to 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon butter



Instructions:

1. In a large bowl, combine the flour, salt and lemon zest. Sift in the butter until crumbly. Add lemon juice. Gradually add water, tossing with a fork until a ball forms. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.
2. Divide the dough in half. On a lightly floured surface, roll out 1 portion to fit a 9-inch pie plate. Transfer crust to pie plate; trim to 1 inch beyond edge of plate.
3. In a large bowl, combine the blueberries, sugar, flour, lemon zest and salt; spoon into crust. Drizzle with lemon juice; dot with butter. Roll out remaining dough; place over filling. Seal and flute edges. Cut slits in top crust.
4. Bake at 400° for 40-45 minutes or until crust is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Cool on a wire rack. Store in refrigerator.

- Anabia Parpia (Gr.6A)

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup salted butter, softened
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar, lightly packed
- 1/4 cup water, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 3/4 cup all-purpose flour, spooned and levelled
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chocolate chips (I use 1/2 cup dark and 1/2 cup semi-sweet)



Instructions:

- Cream together softened butter and sugar for several minutes until light and fluffy.
- Gradually add in water and vanilla extract and beat to combine. (The water will cause the mixture to appear curdled. Turn your mixer on medium-high and beat for a few more minutes to bring the ingredients back together.)
- To a mixing bowl, add dry ingredients including flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt.
- Stir in the chocolate chips and chill the cookie dough in the fridge for 30 minutes or more.
- Use a cookie scoop or spoon to portion out the dough to 2" balls. Place on a parchment lined baking sheet and bake on the centre rack at 350F until the edges are golden brown, for about 12 minutes. The cookie centres will look puffy and under-baked but trust the process!
- Let the cookies cool to set. They will flatten out and continue cooking after they're removed from the oven. Wait until the cookies are set, 5 minutes or so, before transferring so they don't fall apart.

- by Swadha Nambiar (Gr. 8)



The Beauty of Poetry.....

Save Water

Save water and we save life,
Our Earth will be free of strife,
Everywhere, we will be aware
And take this planet in our care,
If we save water, we will save the earth,
And we will fight for all it is worth.
If we save water, rivers will flow,
Forever and ever, on the go.
In the sea, the fishes will swim,
Splashing joyfully to the brim.

- Ashira Tharthare (Gr. 6 B)

Climate Change

Climate change is not funny,
People just want to earn more money!

Temperatures are on the boil,
We are running out of oil!

The forest fires raise the sea level,
Melting of ice, the droughts,
It is true without any doubt.

Climates are changing swiftly,
Hot and cold, ever more severely!

Flying through time,
Likely, as crying over our crimes.

I wish upon a shooting star,
As it makes me sad, to see the Earth's new avatar!

Preventing climate change is time well spent,
Let me tell you a few ways to do them.

Be tree, water, and fuel wise,
Do not let your bills rise!

Do not be in a haste,
Reduce waste!

Walk or carpool wherever you can,
But do not forget to switch off the lights and fans.

- Tashi Gandhi (PYP 4 A)

Beyond the Answers

In the empire of exams, where anxiety runs high,
A student's struggle begins, reaching for the sky,
Days turn into nights, books become our guide,
As we struggle for victory, with marks as our pride.

The classroom echoes with the scrabbling of pens,
As we pour our knowledge, hoping it excels,
Hours of grinding, restless nights we endure,
For exams hold the key to our future secure.

And when the results arrive, the emotions we face,
Hoping our efforts have earned us a place.

- Maanya Sanghvi (Gr. 8)

Matter Everywhere

There's a matter over here,
There's a matter over there,
Solid, liquid or a gas,
There's matter everywhere.

A solid keeps its shape,
It doesn't separate,
What you see, is what you get,
A solid keeps its shape.

Gas is in the air,
You can't see, but it is there,
It flows and blows right throughout your nose,
And fits in anywhere.

When you melt a solid down,
A liquid can be found,
It's wet and moves wherever there's room,
And spills and splashes too.

- Meher Shah (PYP 3)

My Hong Kong Journey

I went to Hong Kong for my excursion,
And oh! I had a lot of fun!
I went to Disneyland and Macau,
And it just looked like...Wow!
City tour and Lantau Island,
is where I enjoyed with my friends.
But my favourite was the Ocean Park,
It truly left on me a mark!

- Suparna Gaikwad (PYP 3)

The Beauty of Poetry.....



People in the Exam Hall

Amongst the boggling minds and stress,
In the anxious exam environment,
You see many weird, different people,
Writing exams, anticipating judgement.

In the room full of pads and pouches,
Filled with erasers, crayons and pencils ten,
Enters a person, swaying happily,
With nothing but a pen.

Whether you agree or not,
There is always a person,
Parading to the washroom,
Sweating, tensed, so uncertain.

There are some who are nervous,
Some confident, and well prepared,
For a few the thought of exams is dangerous,
And then there are others who looked scared.

There is a student in the hall,
who completes the paper faster than the speed
of light,
I wonder if that paper is even completed,
Or it just remains plain white.

In this exam hall ambience, you need to show
your skill,
Each student has a role, a mission to fulfill.
Yet in this diverse cast, one truth prevails,
In the quest for knowledge, one cannot fail.

- *Tanishka Gupta (Gr. 6B)*

Fraction

Fraction FractionFraction !
May you face no confusion.
It plays an important role,
As it is a part of a whole.
We use fractions daily,
But we need to compare them carefully.

Add, subtract and you'll find your answer,
Find the lowest common multiple,
That's how you get it faster.
Fraction without multiplication would make it dull,
Cancel first, then multiply, that is the rule.

Ascending and descending order,
Will prevent you from disorder,
Arrange it correctly,
and not directly.

There are many types of fractions: like, unlike,
proper and improper,
Unit and mixed fractions too are a category they
fall under.
Improper fractions and mixed numbers are alike,
While unit, like and unlike are interesting to write.

I hope you have now understood fractions,
If you want to get better, take some action,
Solving fractions is a mathematical art,
Where numerator and denominator play their
part.

- *Dhiaan Mistry (PYP 4 B)*

A Special Sports Day

As the big day arrives,
We sing with glee.
A wonderful day,
Our sports day shall be.

Our fiery feet,
Breeze through the field.
A special day,
Our sports day shall yield.

Our spirits unite,
As on the ground we fight.
With a burning desire,
We ignite the fire.

At the side, the podium stands,
While the spectators cheer in the stands.
On the field, we run with speed,
Proving our best in every deed.

- *Dheer Rajesh Narula (Gr. 7)*

SPORTS FUN Facts

- by *Kriti Tulika Grade 9*

1. The average golf ball has 336 dimples.
2. There are exactly 108 stitches on a baseball.
3. The five colors of the Olympic Rings- blue, yellow, black, green, red, represent the five continents of the world namely Europe, Africa, Asia, Americas and Oceania.
4. London is the only city to host the Summer Games three times: 1908, 1948 and 2012.
5. Tennis is an Olympic sport which can also be played by wheelchair users.
6. A typical golf course has 18 holes.

AGS Rocks at Interschool Competitions!



Dhairya Patel
from PYP 3A secured a Bronze medal in Kata in 44th Prabhodhan Kridamahotsav 2023



Jiaan Jain
of K2 won the medals in District level Skating competition receiving for long race a Silver medal and for short race a Gold medal



Kimaya Jivani
from PYP 2A secured a Gold medal in Kata and Silver medal in Kumite in 44th Prabhodhan Kridamahotsav 2023



Meher Karia
of Grade 6 for winning a gold medal in ISSO archery competition. We wish you all the best Meher!



Rian Sheth
from PYP 4B secured a Gold medal in Kumite in Poinzur Gymkhana Tournament under 10 boys & a Gold medal in Kata in 44th Prabhodhan Kridamahotsav 2023



Ruchika Naik
from PYP 4A secured a Bronze medal in Kata and Silver medal in Kumite in 44th Prabhodhan Kridamahotsav 2023



Tanishka Gupta
of Grade 6 for winning a medal and a certificate in Unicus non-routine Math for her exceptional performance and scoring 92.98 percentile and receiving a medal, certificate and scholarship for participation in Crest Mental Math Examination.



Tiana D'souza
from PYP 4B completed 5km in 41 minutes organized by Veda's Studio (Edu-Run Marathon)



Veda Patne
from PYP 4B for securing a Bronze medal in Kumite in Poinzur Gymkhana Tournament under 10 years (Girls)



Viaan Dande
from PYP 4B had participated in district Roller-skating Championship 2023-2024 U13 category organized by Rural Games Organization of India (RGOI) and he has won the Bronze medal in long and short race.



Yanvi Golwala
our superstar performer from K2 bagged 1st position in the International race for under 6 years category. She secured a gold medal in both the races (2 min and 1 min race) in Endurance World Skating Championship International 2023.