

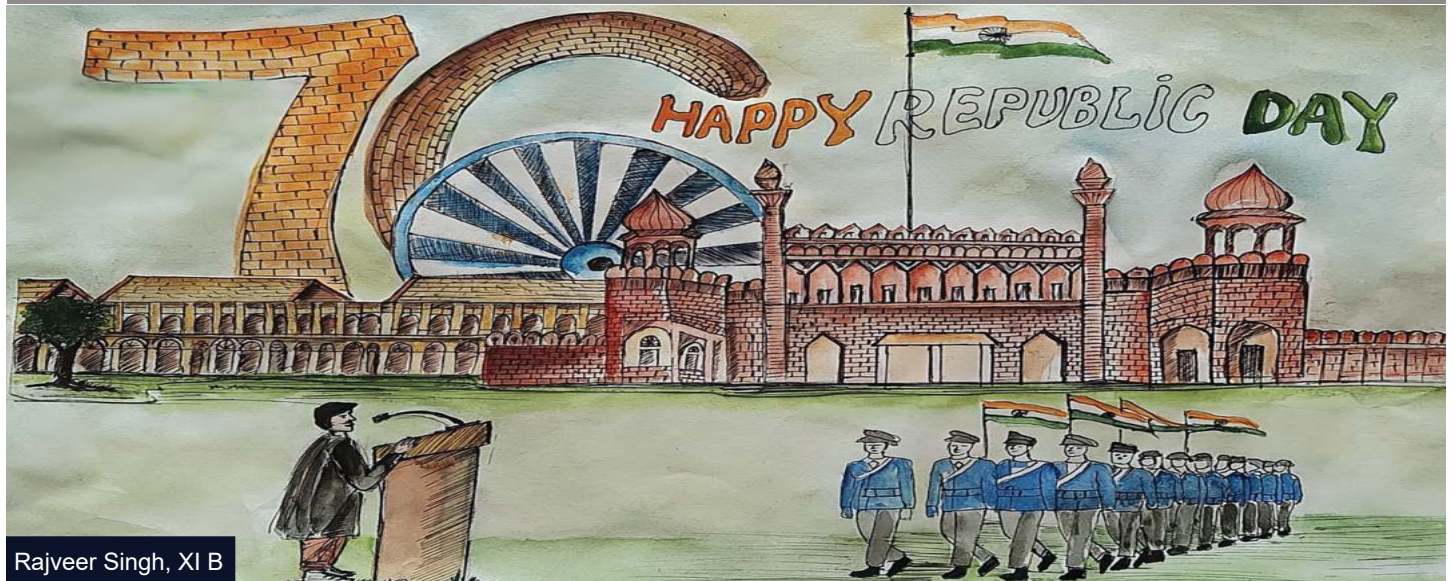


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Rajveer Singh, XI B

FORT NEWS

Weather Report

Due to western disturbances, the Fort is expected to witness light rain from 29th January and continue into early February. Relief from the cold is likely from 30th January, with temperatures rising by 2–3°C during the day and night. The rain will moderate the winter chill, refreshing the campus. This change in weather will enhance the beauty of blooming flowers like bougainvillea and marigolds around the Fort. Birds such as peacocks and parakeets add to the serene, vibrant atmosphere.

VDJS Round Square

Six students **Kavin Singh Chhatwal, Ryan Batra, Vivaan Agrawal, Ansh Gupta, Akshay Pratap Singh** and **Ishan Garg** along with Ms Pratiksha Chhetri, participated in the Round



Service project at Jaipur

Square International Service Project organized by Vidya Devi Jindal School in a government school for girls in Jaipur from 7th to 12th December 2024. Our students made washrooms, painted the walls of the school and planted saplings. The students were also taken sightseeing.

Robotics Workshop at ThinkLab

The school's ThinkLab hosted an engaging Robotics Workshop on 7th and 8th January 2025 for classes VII and VIII students. Led by expert Ashutosh Tripathi from The Doon School, the session introduced students to Arduino programming, sensor calibration, and robot building, sparking curiosity and hands-on learning in robotics.

Inter-House Junior Group English Debate

The English debate for the Junior Group was conducted on 11th January 2025, where the young debaters showcased



Young Debators

their talent. The individual position are as follows:

Best Speaker Side Proposition: Chirag Raj Goel

Second Best Speaker Side Proposition: Arjun Dhoreliya and Mrigank S Singh

Best Speaker Side Opposition: Advik K Garg

Second Best Speaker Side Opposition: Rahat Panwar

Most Promising Speaker: Avneesh Jhunjhunwala

The overall House positions are as follows :

I Dattaji II Nimaji
III Jankoji IV Kanerkhed

Daksh Competition at

Christ University

Four students **Shresth Agarwal, Rudransh Agrawal, Prakshal Agarwal** and **Harsh Daruka** along with Ms Sudha Sharma, participated in the Daksh Competition hosted by The Christ University, Bangalore held on 11th and 12th January 2025.

Middle Group English Elocution

The Middle Group Inter House English Elocution was conducted on 12th January 2025. The Elocution featured a prose and a poem from each House along with a presentation.

The following students achieved individual positions

Best Speaker Prose : Arya Dua

Best Speaker Poetry : Jaywardhan Balwadkar

Best Presentation : Lakshya Tulsian

The overall House positions are as follows-

I Madhav II Jayappa
III Daulat IV Ranoji
V Jayaji VI Mahadji
VII Jeevaji VIII Shivaji

15th International Painting Competition 2024

Five students from the school participated in the 15th International Painting Competition 2024 organised by the Institute for Career Studies on the theme "Our Precious Planet Earth." The competition was organised on 17th December 2024. **Ayaan Agrawal** of Class XI achieved a special mention for



Art by Ayaan

his artwork, which has been featured in the ICS Calendar 2025.

The Ramanujan Inter House Maths Olympiad

The Ramanujan Inter House Maths Olympiad was conducted for the Senior Group and Middle Group on 28th



Service project at Jaipur

August 2024 and 6th September 2024 respectively.

The House positions for the Middle Group are as follows:

I Daulat II Jayaji and Jeevaji
IV Madhav

The House positions for the Senior Group are as follows:

I Shivaji II Madhav
III Mahadji IV Daulat

Visit of the bike riders

Eighteen International Rotarians from ten countries, along with their crew, visited our school during their Heritage India Bike Ride from Indore to Agra on 17th January. They engaged with the Principal, attended the assembly,



The Bike riders

explored the serene Astachal, and appreciated the school's rich cultural heritage—making for a truly inspiring cultural exchange.

Workshop by Major (Dr.) VN Saxena
Maj. (Dr.) V.N. Saxena (Retd.), (Ex-



Maj. Dr. V.N. Saxena

Je, 1975) conducted an insightful session on etiquettes and manners for the students of the school. The session focused on the importance of respectful behaviour, communication, and social skills, equipping students with essential life skills.

कनिष्ठ वर्ग अन्तर्सदनीय हिंदी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता 2024-25

18 जनवरी को कनिष्ठ वर्ग अन्तर्सदनीय हिंदी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की गयी थी। जिसका विषय 'परीक्षा में प्राप्त अंक छात्र की योग्यता का सही मापदंड है' था। सभी प्रतिभागियों ने एक-दूसरे को कड़ी टक्कर दी। प्रतियोगिता में सदनों की स्थिति निम्नलिखित है :-

I कनेरखेड II नीमाजी
III दत्ताजी IV जनकोजी
वक्ताओं के व्यक्तिगत पुरस्कार निम्नलिखित हैं:
I हर्षित अग्रवाल
II अर्पित लोहिया
III विनायक अग्रवाल

Junior School Outing

The Junior School went for a special outing on 19th January 2025 with their teachers to DB City Mall, where the boys watched the latest movie Mufasa



Enjoying the movie outing

the Lion King. All the boys were provided with cheese popcorn and cold drink. The boys really enjoyed the outing. The people visiting the mall complimented the boys on their good conduct.

Gwalior Vigyan Mahotsav

Fourteen students **Paarth Agrawal, Rudransh Agrawal, Ayaan Agarwal, Aarav Rungta, Nikunj Agarwal,**



Scindians receiving award

Sahil Kilhore, Aadi Dev Goel, Arnab Joshi, Abhikhshit Narayan, Chirag Jalan, Rudraksh Bansal, Atul Shankar Prasanna, Anirudh Lohia and Medhansh Trivedi, with two teacher escorts Mr Akash Sharma and Dr Ishaani Roy Chowdhury and participated in the Gwalior Vigyan Mahotsav 2025 organised by Vigyan Bharti, Gwalior held on 20th and 21st January 2025.

The following students won laurels for the school:

Medhansh Trivedi – 1st (Science Exhibition)

Aarav Rungta and Nikunj Agrawal - 2nd runner up (Science Exhibition)

Paarth Agrawal and Sahil Kilhore – Special Mention (Science Exhibition)

Rudransh Agrawal, Ayaan Agrawal and Arnab Joshi – 3rd (Science Quiz)

Swami Vivekananda Book Fair

A book fair was organised in the F.G. Pearce Memorial Library on



The book fair

24th January 2025. The book fair particularly featured books based on Swami Vivekananda's teachings.

Welcoming the Alma Mater

Mr Sachin Jha (Ex-Rn, 1989) and Dr. Ranjeet Chaudhary (Ex-Md, 1993) engaged with Class 10 students in an insightful session on the significance of boarding school life and holistic development, sharing their personal experiences and valuable lessons on



Batch of 1984



Following this, at around 11:00 AM, the school warmly welcomed the Batch of 1984 and the much-anticipated Golden Jubilee Batch of 1975. A special assembly was held in their honour, where Mr Manik Prabhu (Ex-Ja, 1975), the batch representative, addressed the gathering. He also reminisced about his school days, sharing cherished memories with the students. Followed



by the address of Mr Rajesh Jain (Ex-Jyotiba, 1984), the batch representative. Everybody sang the school song with pride, evoking nostalgia among the alumni.

Republic Day Celebrations

The school marked the 76th Republic Day with the Golden Jubilee Batch of 1975 and the 1984 batch. Mr Anil Mehta (Ex-Sh, SSP, 1975), a renowned



cinematographer, was the Chief Guest. House contingents, along with the 1975 and 1984 batches, marched on Madhav Field to the tunes of the school Brass Band. The Principal, Mr Ajay Singh, and the Chief Guest addressed the gathering. The March Past was judged by Captain Shatrugan Singh Tomar,



Captain J.S. Bhadauria, and Subedar K.K. Singh.

Following the event, the Chief Guest and a representative of the 1975 batch planted a sapling at Astachal. The



school community then paid tribute to the Father of the Nation, while the choir's patriotic songs inspired everyone. Faculty and Old Boys later gathered at the Principal's Residence for breakfast. After this, Mr Mitul Dikshit (Ex-Md, 1993), the President of SOBA, along with the old boys organised an induction ceremony for the passing out batch of class XII at Aikyam.

Social Service League: Shramjeevi Divas and Cultural Evening

The Social Service League hosted two significant events on 26th January 2025. The first was *Shramjeevi Divas*, held in



the afternoon to honour the school's supporting staff and their families. The event featured fun games like Tug of War, Fashion Show for babies and a Cycling Race, with winners receiving rewards and appreciation.

Later in the evening, the Social Service League organised a *Cultural Evening* by the Ramakrishna Mission Blind Boys' Academy. Fourteen specially abled students from the academy, delivered a



mesmerising musical performance that captivated the audience and showcased their remarkable talents.

Author Adhiraj Singh

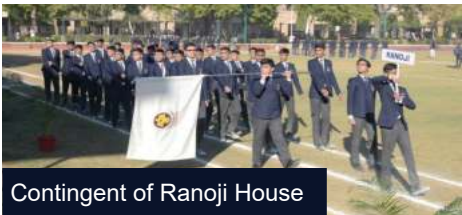
Adhiraj Singh, class XI, of Madhav House, has written a book named

Elation, which has been selected as one of the winners of the Jury Choice for Prime League at NYAF 2024-25. We congratulate him on this remarkable achievement.

March Past Result

The Inter House March Past competition was conducted on 26th January on the occasion of Republic Day. All the Houses participated enthusiastically. The result for the same is as follows:

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| I Ranoji | II Shivaji |
| III Jayappa | IV Jayaji & Madhav |
| VI Jeevaji | VII Daulat |
| VIII Mahadji | IX Junior House |



Overall March Past Result including Independence Day and Republic Day is as follows:

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|--------------|---------------------|
| I Ranoji | II Jayappa |
| III Jayaji | IV Shivaji & Madhav |
| VI Jeevaji | VII Daulat |
| VIII Mahadji | |



Old Boys' News

Admission in Harvard

Arjun Singh Yangleam, (Ex-Je, 2022) has been accepted by the Harvard College for the class of 2028. We wish him all the best for his future studies.

Obituary

We deeply mourn the passing of Mr Shrenik Singhi, an esteemed alumnus of The Scindia School, Madhav House, Batch of 1965. He passed away on 10th January 2025. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones during this time of grief. May his soul rest in peace.

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Mr Abhay Kumar Bakliwal (Ex-Mj, 1966). He left for his heavenly abode on 17th January 2025, at his residence. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and loved ones during this difficult time. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

TED x Scindia School Youth

The Scindia Old Boys' Association (SOBA) successfully organized TEDx Scindia School Youth on 25th January 2025 at The Scindia School, bringing together a remarkable line-up of ten speakers from across the nation. The event showcased diverse stories of inspiration, achievement, and innovation, leaving a lasting impact on the audience.

The speaker line-up included Mr Rohit Sipahimalani (Ex-Ja,1984) Chief Investment Officer at Temasek, shared his insights into global finance and investment. Mr Vicky Roy, a ragpicker turned internationally acclaimed photographer, shared his transformative journey with support from the Salaam Baalak Trust. Mr Bharat Vir Wanchoo (Ex-Je, 1969), the former Governor of Goa, talked about Mahatma Gandhi and the values he imparted to the society, 'Gandhism'.

Mr Siddhivinayak Singh (Ex- Je, 2013), who is a strategic consultant, social worker, artist, and entrepreneur spoke on the Village Vigilante project. Ms Manjari Chaturvedi, a renowned choreographer known for her unique Sufi Kathak dance form rooted in the Lucknow Gharana, celebrated the cultural richness of Indian classical dance. Mr Amit Ashar (Ex-Md, 1983) a celebrity photographer, provided a glimpse into the art of visual storytelling.

Mr Harshavardhan Dhanwate (Ex- Sh, 1985) co-founder of the Tiger Research and Conservation Trust, spoke about wildlife conservation and his recognition as a recipient of the Carl Zeiss Roll of Honour 2024. Ayaan Shah, a class XI student of The Scindia School and winner of the Nanhi Chhaan national essay writing competition, talked about his journey from I don't care to I do care. Mr Sachin Jha, (Ex-Rn, 1989) and a technocrat from IIT Delhi, author and practising lawyer at Rajasthan High Court, offered insights into his multifaceted career. Finally, Ishaan Chokhani, a class XI student and proud ambassador of The Scindia School's Fort Biosphere Project, highlighted the importance of environmental conservation.

TEDx Scindia School Youth 2025 was an inspiring event that fostered intellectual growth, critical thinking, and a celebration of diverse talents. It strengthened the bond between the school and its accomplished alumni while empowering the next generation of leaders.



Mr Rohit Sipahimalani



Mr Vikas Roy



Mr Bharat Vir Wanchoo



Mr Siddhivinayak Singh



Ms Manjari Chaturvedi



Mr Amit Ashar



Mr Harshvardhan Dhanwate



Ayan Shah



Mr Sachin Jha



Ishan Chokhani



A musical performance



The speakers at Tedx

"Ready, Study, GO! " by Dinesh Ghodke & Khurshed Batliwalla
Arnav Agarwal, IX- C

This book explores various methods to improve studying habits, enhance intellect, and boost self-awareness. It explains how refining our study routines can positively impact our overall mindset. The first chapter introduces seven key areas: body, breath, mind, memory, and self. When we control our breath, maintain a healthy body, strengthen our memory, make good decisions, and nurture a positive ego, our brain becomes better equipped to study effectively.

The second chapter emphasizes the importance of hydration, healthy eating, sufficient sleep (6-8 hours), and regular exercise to support optimal study performance.

In the third chapter, the authors discuss the need to shift our attitudes toward studying. Many students focus on grades, degrees, or pleasing their parents, but the authors encourage us to study for knowledge rather than marks. They believe we should ask questions, pursue learning for personal growth, and not just for external validation.

The fourth chapter addresses the common dislike many students have for subjects like math. To overcome this, the authors suggest adopting a positive mindset, saying affirmations like "I love math," and pushing through mental barriers.

In the fifth chapter, the authors share the stories of two teachers—one who

became successful and another who profoundly impacted the author. They emphasize that teaching should be about more than just a job; it's about contributing to the well-being and education of others.

Chapter six provides tips on how to study effectively in emergency situations. The authors advise not to focus on the number of pages left to study, avoid distractions like social media, and to make the most of the time available.

The seventh chapter encourages studying in an environment free from distractions, rather than sticking to rigid timetables or group study sessions. The key is creating a space that works best for you. The following chapters dive into the brain's dendrites and how they grow and retain information. One effective technique for improving memory is using mind maps, which the authors recommend for creativity and fun learning.

The book also covers teamwork, leadership, strategies for avoiding depression, and tips for finding a job and building a successful career.

Finally, the authors share their personal routines, exercises, and pranayama practices that help maintain mental clarity and focus.

Overall, this book is an insightful guide for anyone looking to improve their study habits and mindset. It's definitely worth reading.

The Heartbreaking Border-Gavaskar Trophy (BGT)
Shresth Agarwal, XI-C

Border-Gavaskar Trophy (BGT), is one of the most exciting series, played between India and Australia. As a cricket enthusiast, I love watching BGT, as it has so much fun, energy and excitement. India vs Australia is one of the toughest and most exciting rivalry to watch. For the past 10 years, India has been dominating in Border-Gavaskar Trophy, but this time India could not make it. As a passionate cricketer and cricket lover, it did not seem like that India is playing at their best. It was like that India was too much dependent on Jasprit Bumrah in bowling and were not batting like the Team India, which used to bat earlier (the one which Indians love to watch). After India won the first test match and was leading by 1-0 in the series, we thought that India will continue their domination in BGT, but unfortunately, we could not.

Apart from many disappointments, there were many positives too. The young talent, which first time played in Australia, had played exceptionally well. Nitish Kumar Reddy, Yashasvi Jaiswal are the some of the talents, which showed their talents and played incredibly well. I wish Team India a strong comeback and the Indians know that Team India will definitely come back stronger and make their families and the whole country proud. I wish them all the very best for their Champions Trophy 2025 campaign. Come on Team India!

पत्थर बात करते हैं (गज़ल)
मंगल सिंह तोमर (सुरक्षा कर्मचारी)
सिंधिया स्कूल फोर्ट
जल, जंगल, जमीन से है
इस मानव रूपी जगत का आधार
अब यह बात जान ले पूरा संसार

आज के वर्तमान परिवेश में जिस प्रकार पृथ्वी पर जल, जंगल और जमीन का दायरा दिन प्रतिदिन घटता जा रहा है । उसे देखते हुए भारत के भविष्य का प्रति हमारे बुजुर्ग चिंतित हैं । जब इस पृथ्वी से जल, जंगल और जमीन खत्म हो जायेंगे तो आने वाले भविष्य की परिकल्पना भयानक दृश्यों से परिपूर्ण होगी । तब न ही इस पृथ्वी पर जल होगा न ही जंगल होंगे और न ही किसी के पास जमीन होगी ।

अजूबा है, करिश्मा है, ये खंडहर बात करते हैं,
यहाँ पर आदमी गुमसुम है,
पत्थर बात करते हैं ।

पुराना सा किला है ये,
यहाँ पर तारीखें बिखरी हैं,
अभी तक कैदखाने में,
सितमगर बात करते हैं ।
न जाने हो गया क्या ?
हमारे इन कुछ बुजुर्गों को,
ये हमारे आने वाली नस्लों के बारे में
भी डरकर बात करते हैं ।
ये झगड़े हैं जमीनों के, जुबाँ से हल नहीं होते,
यहाँ बंदूकें चलती हैं, या खंजर बात करते हैं ।
अदब वाली सभाओं का असल में कायदा ये है,
जमीन खामोश रहती है, समंदर बात करते हैं ।
अजूबा है करिश्मा है खंडहर बात करते है ।
यहाँ पर आदमी गुमसुम है ।
पत्थर बात करते हैं ।
ये पत्थर बात करते हैं ।

लोहड़ी
हर्षप्रीत कौर, कक्षा -7 सी
लेकर आई लोहड़ी, फिर से नूतन हर्ष ।
करते हैं हम कामना, मंगलमय हो वर्ष ॥
शीतल-शीतल रात है, शीतल-शीतल भोर ।
उत्सव का माहौल है, पसरा चारों ओर ॥
खुश होकर लोहड़ी, मना रहे हैं लोग ।
ज्वाला में मिष्ठान का लगा रहे है भोग ॥
भंवरे गुनगुन कर रहे, तितली करती नृत्य ।
खुश होकर सब कर रहे अपने-अपने कृत्य ॥
मकर राशि में दिवाकर, आने को तैयार ।
वासंती परिवेश में, खुल जायेंगे द्वार ॥



जूनियर अंतरसदनीय वाद-विवाद

प्रतियोगिता: संक्षिप्त रिपोर्ट

18 जनवरी को हिन्दी साहित्य सभा के तत्वावधान में अंतरसदनीय कनिष्ठ वर्ग हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन हुआ। इसमें जनकोजी बनाम नीमाजी एवं कनेरखेड़ बनाम दत्ताजी सदनों के बीच प्रतिस्पर्धा हुई। सभी प्रतिभागियों ने एक – दूसरे सदन को परास्त करने के लिए अपनी भरपूर कोशिश की। प्रतियोगिता का स्तर काफी उच्चकोटि का था जिसका सभी श्रोताओं ने भरपूर आनंद उठाया। प्रतियोगिता का विषय था “परीक्षा में प्राप्त अंक छात्र की योग्यता का सही मापदंड हैं।”



Inter House Hindi Debate

पहले मुकाबले में नीमाजी सदन (विपक्ष) ने जनकोजी सदन पर बढ़त बनाई, जबकि दूसरे मुकाबले में कनेरखेड़ सदन (पक्ष) ने दत्ताजी सदन को हराया।

मुख्य वक्ता: अतुल्य कृष्णा, हर्षित अग्रवाल, वेदांग गोयनका, अर्पित लोहिया, रुद्र प्रताप दुबे, मानविक कपूर, विनायक अग्रवाल।

सभापति स्वरित वाष्ण्य ने श्रोताओं को विचार व्यक्त करने का अवसर दिया, जिसमें अनंत गुप्ता ने ऐसा प्रश्न पूछा जिसका विपक्ष कोई संतोषजनक उत्तर नहीं दे सका। बाद में प्राचार्य महोदय ने उस प्रश्न का उत्तर दिया।

हिन्दी साहित्य सभा के सचिव युवराज सेठिया ने प्रतिभागियों को प्रभावी वाद-विवाद के लिए उपयोगी सुझाव दिए।

प्राचार्य महोदय ने सभी प्रतियोगियों की सराहना करते हुए कहा कि वे सिंधिया स्कूल के भविष्य के प्रखर वक्ता हैं। उन्होंने छात्रों को मेहनत, तैयारी और अवसरों की तलाश पर बल देने की प्रेरणा दी। प्रतियोगिता का परिणाम:

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III दत्ताजी IV जनकोजी

सर्वश्रेष्ठ वक्ता पुरस्कार:

प्रथम: हर्षित अग्रवाल (विपक्ष), कक्षा 8, नीमाजी सदन

द्वितीय: अर्पित लोहिया (पक्ष), कक्षा 8, कनेरखेड़ सदन

तृतीय: विनायक अग्रवाल (समाहार एवं खंडन), कक्षा 8, दत्ताजी सदन

Tadoba Camp Report

Ms Sudha Sharma

Fifty-eight students escorted by five teachers namely Group leader Ms Sudha Sharma, Mr Anoop V, Mr Pankaj Mishra, Mr Somnath Das and Mr Sankha Chakraborty left for Tadoba camp on 23rd October by train from Gwalior to Nagpur. The journey from Nagpur to camp site was by road. The students were introduced to the techniques of knot tying, followed by Zip Line, Ladder Bridge, Burma Bridge etc. The night was spent with campfire followed by dinner. Next day, early morning students trekked inside the nearby forest for two kilometres. After breakfast, they went to Tadoba Tiger Reserve Resort by bus. After reaching there, students attended sessions on Indian wildlife, mammals, and birds in Tadoba Reserve. Next morning, students went for Gypsy Safari inside the Tadoba Reserve Forest. They were able to spot tigers in good numbers. Students were also able to spot Cheetah, Sambhar, Neel Gai etc. After Lunch students again went for evening safari and were able to spot more than 200 species of birds. The earlier interactive session helped them to identify the birds. In the later evening, they had interactive session on Insects, Butterfly, and Dragon flies. It was followed by campfire dinner.

Next morning on 26th October, students went to



Students at Tadoba

Quadrant study, where they studied and identified insects and other species of insects based on earlier session. After breakfast, the team moved for Hemalkasa and reached Bhamara Garh. Next day, in the morning, they had a walk to Dr Amte's Lok Biradadri Prakalp (Animal Orphanage) and Tribal School, where Dr Prakash Amte addressed the students. He shared his experiences and journey of his life. He shared how he got inspired by his parents and now his children and their families are also helping the community. It was a good interactive session. In the evening, the students had role play activities. On 28th October morning, post breakfast, students had a small quiz on learning during the camp. Post lunch, there were role play activities based on challenges faced by the forest department. In the evening, the team left for Nagpur, followed by a train journey to Gwalior. Overall, it was a wonderful learning experience for the students outside the classroom without having the stress of exams and tests.

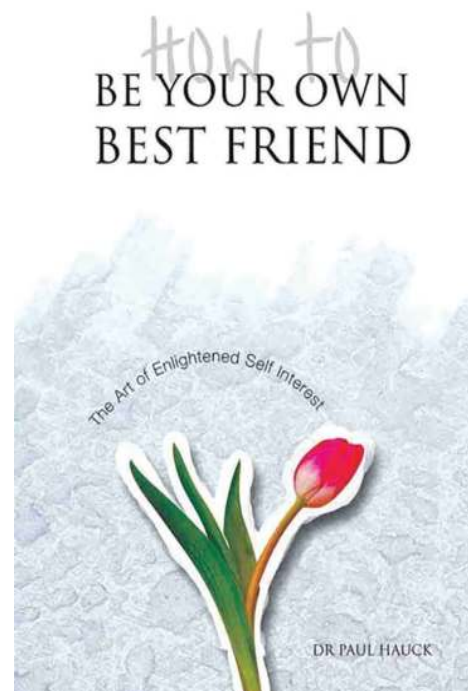
How to Be Your Own Best Friend by

Dr. Paul Hauck

Ajita Singh, IX-C

Being your own best friend encourages you to practice self-compassion, engage in positive self-talk, embrace self-acceptance, and treat yourself with the same kindness and understanding you would offer a close friend. This approach helps you face challenges with resilience and builds a strong sense of self-worth that isn't reliant on external validation. Ultimately, being your own best friend creates a solid foundation for mental well-being and personal growth. It fosters self-love and strengthens your ability to navigate difficulties with a positive and empowered sense of self. When you're your own best friend, you learn to prioritize your needs, set boundaries, and practice self-care. This mindset also teaches you to embrace both your

strengths and imperfections, making it easier to approach life's challenges with confidence and grace.



The Robotics and AI Workshop Vedang Jindal, VII A

The Robotics and AI workshop at my school was a fantastic experience. We delved into the basics of robotics, learning about sensors and actuators before building our own simple robots. It was incredibly rewarding to see them come to life. The AI portion was equally fascinating, introducing us to machine learning and how computers can learn and adapt. We even trained a programme to recognise objects!

Beyond the technical skills, the workshop highlighted the real-world applications of robotics and AI, inspiring me to explore the field further. Working in teams taught us valuable lessons in collaboration and problem-solving. Overall, the workshop was an eye-opening experience that ignited a passion for technology and innovation.

Message from Astachal: A Timeless Witness to Reflection Editor's desk

I stand here, silent yet profound, embracing generations of Scindians who have sought solace in my presence. Over the years, I have witnessed countless students sit upon my steps, gazing at the setting sun, lost in thought yet finding clarity. I have heard their silent questions, felt their unspoken fears, and seen the light of understanding dawn upon them.

Here, amidst the stillness, they have discovered the strength to persevere, the wisdom to choose the right path, and the peace that introspection brings. To the students who visit me today, know that I am here for you as I was for those before you. In my quiet embrace, you will find not just answers but also the courage to ask the right questions. Keep coming, keep reflecting, and let the silence speak to you.



Fortscape by : Rudraksh Patadiya

Lohri: A Celebration of Life and New Beginnings Harman Singh Makhija, IX C

Lohri is a vibrant and joyous festival celebrated by Sikhs and Hindus in Punjab and other parts of India. It marks the end of winter and the arrival of warmer days, bringing family, friends, and the community together in celebration.

As a Sikh boy, Lohri holds a special place in my heart. It is a time to connect with my culture and heritage and to celebrate the blessings of life. The traditions of Lohri are rich and meaningful, teaching us important lessons about gratitude, community, and the importance of cherishing the good things in life.

One of the most significant traditions of Lohri is the lighting of the bonfire. The bonfire symbolises the burning away of all that is bad or negative and the welcoming of new beginnings. As we gather around the fire, we sing traditional songs, dance, and throw popcorn, peanuts, and other offerings into the flames. This serves as a way of giving thanks for the harvest and all the good things in our lives. Lohri is also a time for family and friends to come together. We share food, exchange gifts, and tell stories. It is a time to strengthen our bonds and create lasting memories.

For me, Lohri is an opportunity to reflect on the past year and look forward to the year ahead. It is a moment to be grateful for all that I have and to set intentions for the future. I am proud to be a Sikh and to celebrate Lohri with my family and community. This festival is deeply meaningful to me, and I look forward to celebrating it for many years to come.

Another Fortnight on Planet Earth!

Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45th President of the United States. The Bharat Mandapam is set to host the Global Auto Expo 2025. The Israel-Gaza conflict has officially ceased, with both sides agreeing to a stop in hostilities. In the U.S., TikTok has been banned, following concerns over national security and data privacy. These significant global events have shaped international political, economic, and technological landscapes in early 2025- Just another fortnight on Planet Earth.

Perils of being a teenager Nikunj Jalan, X C

Being a teenager can feel like a rollercoaster ride, full of ups and downs. It's a phase marked by significant internal and external changes, especially in a boarding school setting. Teenagers experience a variety of challenges that can make this time of life difficult, but it is also a period of discovery, growth, and learning.

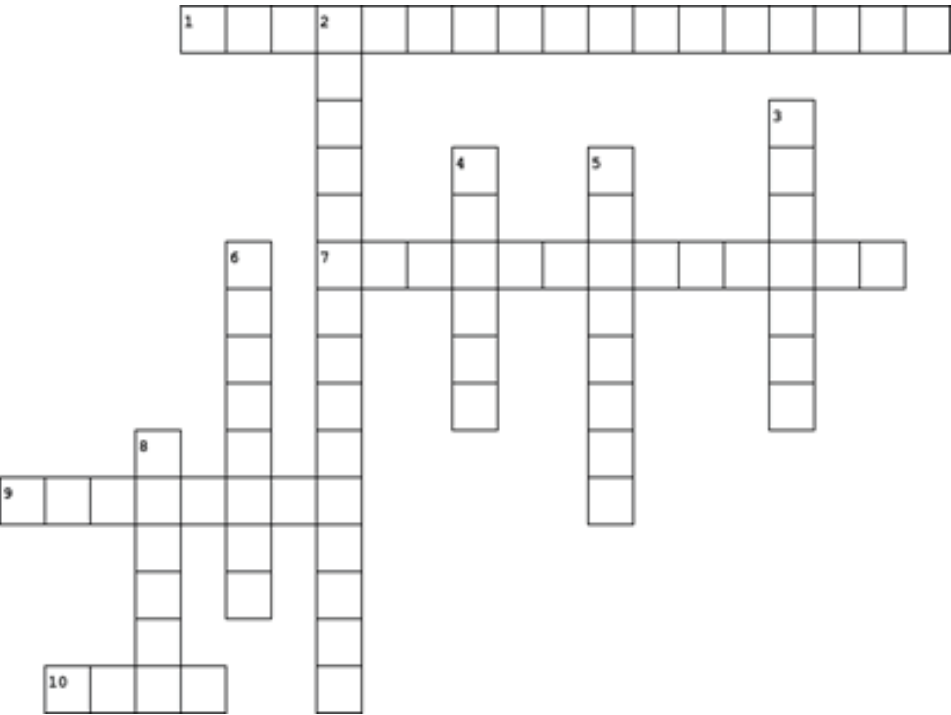
One of the primary challenges teenagers face is physical changes. As they grow taller, their voices deepen, and they undergo other bodily transformations. These changes can feel confusing and embarrassing, particularly when they seem to happen at different rates compared to peers. Along with physical changes, teenagers also undergo cognitive changes. Their brains begin to function more abstractly, leading them to question beliefs they once accepted without doubt. This cognitive development can create conflicts with parents or teachers, who may not fully understand what teenagers are going through.

Emotional changes are another significant challenge. Teenagers often experience a wide range of intense emotions, sometimes all in one day—happiness, sadness, anger, and fear. These emotions can be overwhelming, especially if they struggle to express them in a healthy manner. Alongside emotional changes, teenagers also grapple with identity exploration. They are no longer children, but not yet adults. They begin to explore their interests, strengths, and aspirations, which can feel like a lot of pressure.

Despite these challenges, being a teenager offers incredible opportunities for growth and self-discovery. Teenagers make new friends, explore new opportunities, and start to shape their future selves. To navigate these challenges successfully, it's essential to have a support system and strategies for emotional management. Teenagers should talk to someone they trust—whether a parent, teacher, or friend—who can provide guidance and understanding.

In conclusion, while the teenage years come with many challenges, they also provide unique opportunities for growth. With the right support and mindset, teenagers can navigate this transformative phase and emerge stronger on the other side.

The Year in Review



Across

- 1 An Inter-School event reinitiated by the school after 6 years. (Hint it focuses on Journalism)
- 7 The school hosted a major IPSC event
- 9 The Madhav awardee for the year 2024
- 10 The year when Mr Ratan Tata visited the school as the chief guest on founder’s day

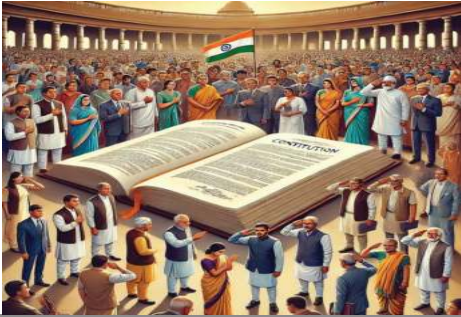
Down

- 2 Theme of the founder's day review
- 3 The ambassador of which country visited the school
- 4 The school was ranked in the _____ of the best boys’ residential schools (Indian curriculum) category, according to the latest c-fore school rankings.
- 5 The school won and hosted one of a kind mathematics summit
- 6 Founder’s Day Chief Guest for the year 2024
- 8 Drone invented by Medhansh Trivedi gaining global recognition in news

Why was constitution implemented on 26 January
Advik Garg, VII- D
January 26 holds great significance for India, as it was on this day in 1950 that our constitution came into effect. The constitution was crafted by the Constituent Assembly, which began the drafting process in 1946 and completed it on 26th November 1949, taking a total of 2 years and 11 months. But why was it implemented on 26th January 1950? The date was chosen to

honour the historic declaration made by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on 26th January 1930, at the Red Fort, when he proclaimed India as a free nation. To commemorate this pivotal moment, the Indian Constitution was officially adopted on 26th January 1950, which is now celebrated as Republic Day. Every year, Republic Day is celebrated in New Delhi, with various contingents from the Indian Army, floats, and

performances marching down Kartavya Path. Our brass band also takes part in this proud march, showcasing the nation's spirit.



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