



RAK'S HERALD

DECEMBER EDITION

YOUR MONTHLY DOSE OF ENTERTAINMENT

MISSION BRIEF: FINE PRINT MAY BE PRESENT. ACTIVATE YOUR MAGNIFIER LENS. SPECULATION IS FORBIDDEN. EYES WIDE, AGENT. EVERY DETAIL COUNTS. REMAIN WARY, MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!

DECEMBER WAS BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT! FROM YEP MOMENTS TO THE MUCH-AWAITED HOLIDAYS, THE FESTIVE SPIRIT TRULY TOOK OVER. SANTA'S SOCIAL BROUGHT THE CHEER, THE BIG REVEAL OF OUR BRAND-NEW LOGO STOLE THE SPOTLIGHT, AND THE OLYMPIADS KEPT MINDS SHARP AND COMPETITIVE. SO, GUESS WHAT? WE'VE GATHERED ALL THE SPOTLIGHT-WORTHY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS MONTH! CONTINUE READING... IF YOU CAN HANDLE WACKY FACTS, HILARIOUS INTERVIEWS, AND INTERESTING ARTICLES AS WE WRAP UP THE YEAR IN STYLE.

REMINDER

HEY THERE! WINTER HAS ARRIVED, THOUGH THANKFULLY IT'S STILL PRETTY MILD, SO NO NEED FOR HEAVY COATS JUST YET. IT'S THE PERFECT TIME TO ENJOY WARM DRINKS, SNUGGLE INTO A LIGHT SWEATER, AND MAYBE CURL UP WITH A GOOD BOOK OR YOUR FAVORITE MUSIC. TAKE A LITTLE EXTRA TIME FOR YOURSELF : STRETCH, GO FOR A SHORT WALK, OR JUST ENJOY THE COOLER MORNINGS. EVEN SMALL, COZY HABITS CAN MAKE THE SEASON FEEL SPECIAL. STAY COMFY, STAY CHEERFUL, AND ENJOY THIS GENTLE WINTER!

BEHIND THE SCENES OF YEP

RAK'S YEP- RESPLENDENCE, WAS NOT EASY TO PUT TOGETHER. IT TOOK MANY WEEKS OF PLANNING, PRACTICE, AND TEAMWORK TO BRING THE THREE PRODUCTIONS TO LIFE ON STAGE. OUR MENTORS WORKED WITH GREAT DEDICATION, SPENDING LONG HOURS GUIDING REHEARSALS AND HELPING LEARNERS IMPROVE EVERY LITTLE DETAIL. THE LEARNERS GAVE THEIR BEST AT EVERY STEP. THEY SANG UNTIL THEIR VOICES FELT TIRED AND DANCED UNTIL THEIR BODIES WERE SORE, BUT THEY NEVER GAVE UP. EVEN WHEN IT WAS EXHAUSTING, EVERYONE STAYED FOCUSED, MOTIVATED, AND COMMITTED. OUR ART LEARNERS CREATED PROPS AND DECORATIONS THAT MADE THE PERFORMANCES VIBRANT AND EXCITING. THE D&T LEARNERS SUPPORTED BY PREPARING AND SETTING UP PROPS NEEDED FOR THE STAGE. THROUGHOUT THE JOURNEY, MENTORS WERE ALWAYS THERE TO ENCOURAGE, GUIDE, AND SUPPORT. ALL THIS HARD WORK CAME TOGETHER BEAUTIFULLY, MAKING THE YEP A TRULY MEMORABLE AND SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE AT RAK'S.

BREAK YOUR BRAIN

THE MORE YOU TAKE FROM ME, THE BIGGER I GET. WHAT AM I?
I SPEAK WITHOUT A MOUTH AND HEAR WITHOUT EARS. WHAT AM I?

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SANTA'S SOCIAL!

THIS YEAR, ON DECEMBER 13TH AND 14TH, OUR SCHOOL, RAK'S PALLIKKODAM HOSTED THE SANTA'S SOCIAL. THEY HAD GIVEN STALLS TO MANY CREATIVE COMPANIES AND WE HAD STALLS SELLING DRESSES TO MULTICUISINE MEALS. RAKSTERS FROM GRADES 9, 10 AND 11 CAME UP TO MAKE STALLS TOO! THEY HAD REALLY FUN STALLS FROM FACE-PAINTING TO AMUSING GAMES, AND THEY HAD EVEN SET UP A PLAY AREA FOR YOUNG CHILDREN. WE COULDN'T HAVE SANTA'S SOCIAL WITHOUT A SANTA. ACTUALLY WE HAD MORE THAN ONE... AND WE FORGOT ONE OTHER IMPORTANT THING FROM SANTA'S SOCIAL- THE MUSIC!!! WE HAD OUR RAK'S BAND PERFORMING DAILY, BUT WE ALSO HAD ANOTHER BAND CONSISTING OF DANCERS. BOTH THE BANDS DID A REALLY GREAT JOB IN THEIR ROLES AND THEY PICKED OUT THE MOST POPULAR AND PEOPLE FRIENDLY SONGS AND PERFORMED THEM WITH EASE. OVERALL THE SANTA'S SOCIAL WAS A COMPLETELY FUN EVENT THAT TOOK PLACE IN RAK'S THIS ACADEMIC YEAR AND LET'S HOPE THAT MORE IS TO COME.

--- VINAY, CA-8A

SOF OLYMPIADS...

OUR STUDENTS PUT THEIR BRAINS TO WORK THIS MONTH BY TAKING PART IN THE SOF OLYMPIADS : IEO, IMO, AND NSO. WITH SHARP THINKING, SMART STRATEGIES, AND A LOT OF FOCUS, THEY TACKLED CHALLENGING QUESTIONS AND GAVE IT THEIR BEST SHOT. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE EVERYONE USING THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS LIKE TRUE BRAINIACS. WE'RE PROUD OF THE EFFORT AND ENTHUSIASM SHOWN BY ALL PARTICIPANTS—WELL DONE!

WHAT'S TRENDING...?

TV SHOW- 'STRANGER THINGS' ✂️

VIDEO GAME -- 'MINECRAFT' 🎮

YOUTUBER -- 'MR BEAST' 🐻

MAKE - UP -- FENTY BEAUTY 💄

CUISINE - KOREAN 🍜

BAND - 'BLACKPINK' 🖤

CLOTHING BRAND - WESTSIDE 🛍️

RESPLENDENCE G3-12!

2025 ENDED WITH A BANGER AS GRADES 3 TO 12 CAME TOGETHER FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING FILLED WITH DANCE, MUSIC, AND DRAMA. THE PROGRAMME OPENED WITH AN EYE-OPENING SPEECH BY MR HARPREET SINGH, FOLLOWED BY AN INSPIRING ADDRESS FROM MR MICK AND MS SWETHA, SETTING THE TONE FOR THE CELEBRATION AHEAD. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE 2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT, WHICH HIGHLIGHTED THE KEY MILESTONES, ACHIEVEMENTS, AND MEMORIES CREATED THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC YEAR. THE YEP BEGAN ON A GRACEFUL NOTE WITH AN INVOCATION DANCE AND PRAYER SONG, BEAUTIFULLY SHOWCASING THE DIVERSE CULTURES. THE STAGE THEN CAME ALIVE AS LEARNERS FROM GRADES 3 AND 4 TOOK THE AUDIENCE ON A MAGICAL JOURNEY THROUGH SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST ICONIC MUSEUMS ACROSS CONTINENTS. NEXT, THE STUDENTS FROM GRADES 5 TO 12 PRESENTED A VIBRANT THEATRE MUSICAL, NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM, SEAMLESSLY BLENDING DANCE, MUSIC, AND DRAMA. THE EXCITEMENT CONTINUED WITH A MIND-BLOWING PERFORMANCE BY THE SCHOOL BAND, RAK'S RHAPSODY, FOLLOWED BY YET ANOTHER ELECTRIFYING PRODUCTION - THE GREATEST SHOWMAN! TO END THE EVENING, THE CURRENT GRADE 12 LEARNERS SET THE STAGE ON FIRE WITH THEIR ENERGETIC YEAR-END DANCE. A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO MS ARPANA, MR NEELU, MS SAHARIKA, THE MENTORS, MANAGEMENT, AND MR MICK AND MS SWETHA FOR MAKING RESPLENDENCE 2025-2026 A GRAND SUCCESS.

--- AGASTYA CA-8A



LET'S INTERVIEW A MENTOR

TODAY'S VICTIM IS: MS. LOGAPRIYA!

ME: HI MS. LOGAPRIYA! I WANT TO INTERVIEW YOU FOR THE RAK'S HERALD. ARE YOU READY FOR A FEW SIMPLE QUESTIONS?

MS.LOGAPRIYA : SURE!

ME: OK THEN. QUESTION 1- WHAT IS THE FUNNIEST RESPONSE YOU HAVE HEARD FOR NOT DOING HOMEWORK?

MS. LOGAPRIYA: UMMM... ONE STUDENT SAID THEY FINISHED THEIR HOMEWORK, BUT THEIR BROTHER TOOK IT ACCIDENTALLY.

ME: OK QUESTION 2- WOULD YOU RATHER TEACH A CLASS THAT NEVER STOPS TALKING OR A CLASS THAT ONLY LISTENS?

MS.LOGAPRIYA: I WOULD TEACH A CLASS THAT STAYS SILENT AND OBSERVES BECAUSE AT LEAST IT MEANS THAT THEY ARE ENGAGED AND LEARNING. A CLASS THAT NEVER LISTENS WON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING.

ME: LASTLY, QUESTION 3 - WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY AS A TEACHER?

MS.LOGAPRIYA: WHEN I TEACH A TOUGH TOPIC TO STUDENTS AND THEY CATCH ON EASILY.

ME: ALRIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSES MA'AM!

--- SWETHA, CA-8B



JUNGLE TIME!

THIS YEAR, THE LEARNERS OF RAK'S PALLIKOODAM BROUGHT THE JUNGLE BOOK TO LIFE IN A TRULY CREATIVE AND UNFORGETTABLE WAY. ONE OF THE BIGGEST HIGHLIGHTS WAS THE IMPRESSIVE 30-FOOT KAA SNAKE PROP, CAREFULLY BUILT USING RECYCLED AND REFURBISHED ITEMS. WHAT BEGAN AS AN IDEA SLOWLY TURNED INTO REALITY THROUGH TEAMWORK, PLANNING, AND THOUGHTFUL MAKING. THE ART LEARNERS LED THE DESIGN AND CREATION OF THE PROP, WHILE OTHER LEARNERS WORKED TOGETHER TO SHAPE IT INTO A STAGE-READY CHARACTER. EVERY STEP SHOWED COLLABORATION, CREATIVITY, AND COMMITMENT. WHEN IT WAS TIME TO PERFORM, OUR YOUNGER LEARNERS DANCED AND MOVED THE SNAKE WITH CONFIDENCE AND GRACE, SHOWING EXCELLENT COORDINATION IN FRONT OF A LIVE AUDIENCE. FROM ENERGETIC DANCE SEQUENCES TO POWERFUL THEATRE MOMENTS. THE LEARNERS ROCKED THE STAGE WITH THEIR PRODUCTION... HATS OFF!

THE RAK'S LOGO... UNVEILED!

THE NEW RAKS LOGO IS BRIGHT, BOLD, AND FULL OF LIFE, JUST LIKE OUR SCHOOL. IT SHOWS THAT LEARNING AT RAKS IS NOT BORING OR LIMITED TO CLASSROOMS, BUT FUN, CREATIVE, AND EXCITING. THE COLORFUL DESIGN REPRESENTS IMAGINATION, CURIOSITY, AND THE MANY IDEAS THAT STUDENTS BRING EVERY DAY. THE LETTERS IN THE LOGO ARE UNIQUE AND DYNAMIC, SHOWING MOVEMENT AND GROWTH. THIS REMINDS US THAT LEARNING NEVER STAYS THE SAME AND THAT STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS ENCOURAGED TO EXPLORE, ASK QUESTIONS, AND TRY NEW THINGS. THE MIX OF COLORS ALSO SHOWS DIVERSITY AND HOW EVERYONE AT RAKS IS DIFFERENT BUT CONNECTED. OVERALL, THE NEW LOGO REPRESENTS A SCHOOL WHERE CREATIVITY IS VALUED, CURIOSITY IS ENCOURAGED, AND EVERY STUDENT IS INSPIRED TO LEARN WITH PURPOSE.

--- SAMEEHA, CA-8B 3



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DID YOU KNOW?

1. YOU GLOW IN THE DARK (A LITTLE).
2. BUTTERFLIES REMEMBER BEING CATERPILLARS.
3. YOUR BRAIN CAN'T FEEL PAIN.
4. THERE'S A SPECIES OF JELLYFISH THAT CAN LIVE FOREVER.
5. WOMBAT POOP IS CUBE-SHAPED.
6. THERE ARE PLANETS MADE OF DIAMONDS.
7. SCOTLAND HAS 421 WORDS FOR SNOW.
8. TREES CAN COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER UNDERGROUND.
9. YOUR STOMACH GETS A NEW LINING EVERY FEW DAYS.
10. THERE ARE MORE POSSIBLE GAMES OF CHESS THAN ATOMS IN THE OBSERVABLE UNIVERSE.

RAK'S RESONANCE - YOUNG SPEAKER SERIES

THIS YEAR, RAKS PALLIKKODAM HOSTED AN EXCITING TEDX EVENT, WHERE LEARNERS BECAME THE SPEAKERS AND SHARED IDEAS WORTH SPREADING. 18 STUDENTS FROM ACROSS GRADES 4-6 PRESENTED BEAUTIFULLY, USING THEIR INNER VOICE TO GUIDE THEM. FROM CREATIVE TALKS TO INNOVATIVE PROJECTS, THE EVENT CELEBRATED CURIOSITY, COURAGE, AND CREATIVITY. EACH SPEAKER BROUGHT SOMETHING UNIQUE—WHETHER IT WAS A NEW PERSPECTIVE, A PERSONAL STORY, OR AN INSPIRING SOLUTION TO A PROBLEM. MENTORS SUPPORTED EVERY STEP, HELPING LEARNERS POLISH THEIR PRESENTATIONS AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES CLEARLY. IDEAS WERE SHARED AND APPLAUSE ECHOED ALL AROUND, RESOUNDING LOUDLY.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

HEY EVERYONE! DECEMBER HAS BEEN PACKED WITH EXCITEMENT, FROM THE AMAZING YEP PERFORMANCES AND OLYMPIADS TO THE FESTIVE HOLIDAY VIBES ALL AROUND. AS THE YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE, WE'VE HAD A GREAT TIME PUTTING THIS NEWSLETTER TOGETHER AND WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME MORE CREATIVE MINDS TO THE TEAM. IF YOU ENJOY WRITING, CRACKING JOKES, TAKING PHOTOS, OR SHARING FRESH IDEAS, THE NEWSLETTER CREW IS READY FOR YOU TO JUMP IN AND BE PART OF THE FUN!

— NAEYA SATHEESH, CA-8A



AH... HERE THEY ARE

--- DHARMA, CA-7A

MAAYA'S WIN!

MAAYA MADHAVAN OF IGCSE, YEAR 1 HAS ACHIEVED FIRST PLACE IN THE DESIGN CONTEST ORGANISED BY MANCOMP AND PARTNERED WITH INSTITUTO MARANGONI. MAAYA'S FASHION BUSINESS CONCEPT FOCUSED ON WEAVING STRATEGY, STYLE, AND STORYTELLING INTO A STANDOUT CONCEPT THAT COULD CONNECT WITH REAL AUDIENCES AND THE MARKETPLACE. MAAYA'S SUBMISSION WAS ABOUT A FICTITIOUS COMPANY, INCLUDING A STUDY OF THE PRODUCT, ITS PROMOTION, PRICING AND ITS PLACE. HER PROJECT PRESENTED A CLEAR BRAND IDENTITY, DEFINED TARGET MARKET, AND A COHESIVE VISUAL AND NARRATIVE DIRECTION THAT ALIGNED PRODUCT DESIGN WITH MEANINGFUL BRAND VALUES. FIND OUT MORE AT [HTTPS://MAAYA.FRAMER.WEBSITE/](https://maaya.framer.website/).

--- KAVINILA, CA-8A

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PHEW! THAT WAS A LOT OF NEWS!
CLEARLY WE HAVE BEEN BUSY.
ANYWAY, CATCH YOU NEXT MONTH
FOR JANUARY'S HIGHLIGHTS!