



RAK'S HERALD

NOVEMBER EDITION

YOUR MONTHLY DOSE OF ENTERTAINMENT

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NOVEMBER WAS THE MOST HECTIC MONTH EVER! THE YEP AUDITIONS WERE BUSY, BUT FUN. OUR CHILDREN'S DAY WAS FANTASTIC AND THE PARENTS TEACHERS MEETING? LET'S NOT GO THERE PLEASE! (AAGH!). WE HAD BUDDY BENCHES, STICKSY CELEBRATIONS, CAKE, AND KINDNESS DAY. WELL, GUESS WHAT? WE'VE HERDED UP ALL THE SPOTLIGHT WORTHY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS MONTH! CONTINUE READING... IF YOU CAN BEAR WACKY FACTS, HILARIOUS INTERVIEWS AND INTERESTING ARTICLES.

REMINDER

WE ARE SLOWLY NEARING OUR YEAR-END PROGRAMME, AND PRACTICE HAS ALREADY BEGUN ALL OVER CAMPUS. IT'S DEFINITELY GOING TO BE WONDERFUL, SO EVERYONE, DON'T FORGET TO:

1. KEEP WARM AND STAY HEALTHY - WINTER'S HERE!
 2. DON'T MISS YEP PRACTICE, SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING IMPORTANT.
 3. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, ENJOY DOING IT!
- LET'S MAKE THIS YEP INCREDIBLE AND HAVE FUN THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS! TOGETHER, WE'LL END THE YEAR ON A HIGH NOTE.

--- MEDHA CA-8B

DISCOVERING NEHRU!

Did you know Nehru wanted to be a scientist before becoming Prime Minister?

Here are a few more surprising facts about him that most people don't know:

He wrote entire books in jail, including "The Discovery of India", because he felt prison was the only quiet place he'd ever get.

His letters to his daughter Indira were so well written that they were later published as books. This basically turned him into an author without even trying.

Nehru once lost his speech notes right before a big crowd, but he calmly made up the whole speech on the spot.

He didn't invent the "Nehru Jacket," which is a collarless, hip-length coat, but he wore it so often that people began calling it by his name.

He loved roses so much that he wore one almost every day. He even joked once that it made him feel "less serious."

These facts show that Nehru wasn't just a leader. He was a curious and interesting person, with habits that most people don't even know about!

--- SAMEEHA CA-8B

BREAK YOUR BRAIN

I'M TALL WHEN I'M YOUNG, AND I'M SHORT WHEN I'M OLD. WHAT AM I?
WHAT IS SO FRAGILE THAT SAYING ITS NAME BREAKS IT?

ANSWERS AT THE TOP OF PAGE 4!



KINDNESS KICKS!

WORLD KINDNESS DAY: WHY YOU SHOULD BOTHER WORLD KINDNESS DAY LANDS ON NOVEMBER 14TH BECAUSE, LET'S BE HONEST, HUMANS SOMETIMES NEED A REMINDER TO ACT DECENT. NOT SUPERHERO-LEVEL STUFF; JUST SIMPLE THINGS LIKE HOLDING THE DOOR, LETTING SOMEONE SPEAK, OR CHOOSING A SMILE INSTEAD OF AN EYE-ROLL. TINY ACTIONS, HUGE IMPACT. KINDNESS SPREADS FAST; ONE GOOD MOMENT CAN FLIP SOMEONE'S WHOLE DAY. AND BONUS: YOUR BRAIN ACTUALLY REWARDS YOU FOR BEING NICE. FREE HAPPINESS—NO SUBSCRIPTION. THIS TIME, THE HERALD TEAM AND STUDENTS OF RAK'S NOMINATED SOMEONE WHO LIVES THAT EVERY DAY. THIS EDITION'S KINDNESS NOMINEE: **SAMEEHA**. CONGRATULATIONS, SAMEEHA, AND KEEP UP YOUR AMAZING ATTITUDE. AND STRICTLY NO PARADES, PLEASE. KINDNESS DAY ENDS. KINDNESS SHOULDN'T. KEEP THE FLAME BURNING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, NOT JUST THE DAY LABELLED NOV 14 ON THE CALENDAR.

--- RIYA VIJAY, CA-7A

SPORTS CORNER

IN NOVEMBER, OUR SCHOOL HOSTED A FUN VOLLEYBALL MATCH FEATURING PARENTS FROM OUR COMMUNITY. THE GAME TOOK PLACE IN THE BASKETBALL COURT AFTER SCHOOL, AND THE AREA ECHOED WITH CHEERS. THE PARENTS SHOWED GREAT TEAMWORK AND ENTHUSIASM AS THEY SERVED, BUMPED, AND VOLLEYED THE BALL ACROSS THE NET. THE MATCH WAS FULL OF ENERGY, WITH LOTS OF EXCITING RALLIES AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION.

WHAT'S TRENDING...?

TV SHOW- 'STRANGER THINGS' ✂

VIDEO GAME -- 'ROBLOX' 🎮

YOUTUBER -- 'MR BEAST' 🐻

BAND - 'IMAGINE DRAGONS' 🐉

MAKE - UP -- NYKKA COSMETICS 💄

CUISINE - ITALIAN 🍝

CLOTHING BRAND - H & M 🛍

--- YASHMIT CA-8B

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCE!

THE MUCH-AWAITED STUDENT-LED CONFERENCE (SLC) TOOK PLACE ON THE 8TH OF NOVEMBER, GIVING STUDENTS A PLATFORM TO TAKE INITIATIVE AND PRESENT THEIR LEARNING JOURNEYS THROUGH CREATIVE, ENGAGING FORMATS. THROUGHOUT THE DAY, PARENTS MOVED FROM ONE SPACE TO ANOTHER, ENJOYING PRESENTATIONS PREPARED BY STUDENTS WITH SUPPORT FROM MENTORS. THESE SHOWCASED NOT ONLY SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE BUT ALSO ESSENTIAL SKILLS SUCH AS COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION, AND CREATIVITY.

A MAJOR HIGHLIGHT WAS THE VARIETY OF DISPLAYS ACROSS THE CAMPUS. FROM CAPTIVATING FRENCH SHORT FILMS TO A CLEVERLY DESIGNED HAUNTED LIBRARY BLENDING LITERATURE AND IMAGINATION, EVERY CORNER OFFERED SOMETHING UNIQUE. THE IGCSE STUDENTS' 4D THEATRE—ROOTED IN CHEMISTRY AND ENHANCED WITH SCENTS—ALSO STOOD OUT.

OTHER MEMORABLE SPOTS INCLUDED THE ART STUDIO AND THE D&T CORNER, FILLED WITH IMPRESSIVE WORK CREATED BY STUDENTS AS YOUNG AS SIX. OVERALL, THE SLC WAS A CELEBRATION OF LEARNING, INITIATIVE, AND CREATIVITY, LEAVING PARENTS EXCITED FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENT.

--- KAVINILA CA-8A



LET'S INTERVIEW A TEACHER!

TODAY'S INTERVIEWEE IS... MR VIMAL!

ME: 'HELLO MR VIMAL, I NEED TO INTERVIEW YOU FOR THE RAK'S HERALD AS PART OF THE TEAM. ARE YOU READY TO GET INTERROGATED?'

MR VIMAL: 'SURE, WHY NOT.' (BUT IS INTERNALLY REGRETTING THE DAY HE DECIDED TO BECOME AN ACCUSED)

ME: 'OK, FIRST QUESTION - WOULD YOU RATHER GO ON A NO SUGAR DIET FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK OR SPEND A DAY WITHOUT COFFEE?'

MR VIMAL: 'OBVIOUSLY A DAY WITHOUT COFFEE...'

ME: 'OKAY,(WHILE THINKING WHY HUMAN BEINGS CANNOT GO A WEEK WITHOUT SUGAR BUT WOULD SACRIFICE THEIR DAY OF COFFEE. THINK, PEOPLE, THINK! AND GET YOUR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT) NEXT QUESTION - IF YOU WON THE MILLION DOLLAR LOTTERY, HOW WOULD YOU SPEND THE MONEY?'

MR VIMAL: 'I WOULDN'T SPEND IT...(LONG SUSPENSEFUL PAUSE) I WOULD INVEST MY MONEY.'

ME: 'IF YOU HAD TO PAINT YOURSELF IN ONE COLOR, WHAT WOULD IT BE?'

MR VIMAL: 'BLUE, BECAUSE IT'S MY FAVOURITE COLOR.'

ME: (GIVING HIM A GLARE)😏

MR VIMAL: 'AND BECAUSE ALL MY FAVOURITE PAINTERS USE BLUE PRIMARILY IN THEIR PAINTINGS, LIKE CLAUDE MONET, VAN GOGH, AND PABLO PICASSO.'

ME: 'AND THE LAST QUESTION - WHAT HAS BEEN THE BEST CLASS FOR YOU THIS YEAR?'

MR VIMAL: 'THIS CLASS - SUBSTITUTION FOR CA 8A ON NOVEMBER 22.'

ME: 'WHY?'

MR VIMAL: 'IT'S BECAUSE IT'S SO ANNOYING...'

ME: 'THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, SIR. THAT WILL BE ALL.'

--- AMAYA, CA-8A



BUDDY BENCHES!

THE BUDDY BENCH IS AN INITIATIVE CREATED BY OUR PRIMARY DEPUTY HEAD GIRL, MAYA P. IT BEGAN WITH A SIMPLE IDEA: NO ONE SHOULD EVER FEEL LEFT OUT. MORE THAN JUST A PLACE TO SIT, THE BUDDY BENCH IS ALREADY HELPING NEW FRIENDSHIPS GROW. STUDENTS ARE USING IT TO REACH OUT, TALK TO SOMEONE NEW, AND INCLUDE OTHERS. A QUIET MOMENT CAN QUICKLY TURN INTO A FRIENDLY CONVERSATION. AT RAK'S, EMPATHY IS NOT JUST SOMETHING WE TALK ABOUT. IT IS SOMETHING WE SHOW THROUGH OUR EVERYDAY ACTIONS.

DESIGN YOUR LIFE!

OUR SCHOOL, RAKS PALLIKKODAM, HELD A PROGRAM CALLED "DESIGN YOUR LIFE" ON NOVEMBER 22ND, FOR OUR TALENTED 8TH GRADERS WHO WILL BE MOVING ON TO THEIR IGCSE LEVELS THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR, 2026-27. ALL THE 8TH GRADERS' PARENTS WERE GATHERED, TO DISCUSS THEIR CHILD'S FUTURE DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR SUBJECT CHOICES FOR IGCSE LEVELS. THE LEARNERS AND THEIR PARENTS BRAINSTORMED ALL THEIR IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE IN A CHART MADE FOR THE LEARNERS', NAMED "LEARNERS' SPACE" AND THEY HAD A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE RAKSTERS WANTED TO DO AS THEIR CAREER- CHEMISTS, ARCHITECTS, PILOTS, AND EVEN MARINE BIOLOGISTS, WHICH WAS REALLY EXCITING TO HEAR. THEY WERE EVEN ABLE TO LOOK AT THEIR CHOICES FOR THEIR UGS. THE LEARNERS ALSO HAD A LOT OF QUESTIONS FOR THEIR SUBJECT CHOICES, THAT'S WHY WE HAD CAREER GUIDERS, MS SWETHA AND THE HOS, MR.MICK, TO ANSWER ALL THE MIND-BOGGLING QUESTIONS. WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE THE LEARNERS CHOOSE THEIR OWN CAREER PATHS FOR THE FUTURE!

--- VINAY, CA-8A3





WHEN LESSONS TURNED INTO LAUGHTER

ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, OUR SCHOOL WAS FILLED WITH LAUGHTER AND JOY ALL AROUND. CAN YOU GUESS WHY? YES, EVERYONE KNOWS IT WAS THE CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION. THIS DAY, IN HONOR OF JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, WAS A NO BAGS AND BOOKS DAY – FINALLY A BREAK FOR MY SHOULDERS! ON THIS DAY, ALL STUDENTS WERE REWARDED WITH PLENTY OF FOOD – FROM CUSTARD, CHIA SEED PUDDING, AND PASTA BY COCOMAMA TO OUR SCHOOL'S MAC AND CHEESE, EVERYTHING WAS SPLENDID AND ENOUGH TO FILL OUR TUMMIES. ALSO, NO CLASSES WERE HELD ON THIS DAY – JUST FREE PERIODS WHERE EVERYONE HAD FUN WITH FRIENDS. AND OF COURSE, NO CELEBRATION IS COMPLETE WITHOUT ICE CREAM! STUDENTS OF ALL GRADES ENJOYED DELIGHTFULLY COOL POPSICLES FROM STICKSY – YUM! AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT WASN'T JUST A CELEBRATION – IT WAS A REMINDER OF THE JOY OF BEING A CHILD.

--- SWETHA ASHOK CA-8B

DID YOU KNOW?

OCTOPUSES HAVE THREE HEARTS 🐙
OCEAN CREATURES OUT HERE ARE MULTITASKING BETTER THAN ALL OF US...SERIOUSLY THOUGH!

BANANAS ARE ACTUALLY BERRIES 🍌🍓
BUT STRAWBERRIES DIDN'T QUALIFY. NATURE LOVES PLOT TWISTS...

A GROUP OF FLAMINGOS IS CALLED A "FLAMBOYANCE" 🦩
HONESTLY, THE MOST ACCURATE GROUP NAME EVER CREATED.

BUTTERFLIES TASTE WITH THEIR FEET 🦋🌸
THEY JUST LAND AND INSTANTLY KNOW IF IT'S SNACK MATERIAL.

SLOTHS CAN HOLD THEIR BREATH FOR UP TO 40 MINUTES 🦥👄
SLOW, SLEEPY, AND SECRETLY TALENTED.

THE EIFFEL TOWER GROWS IN SUMMER! ☀️🌴
HEAT EXPANDS THE METAL, ADDING UP TO 15 CM OF EXTRA HEIGHT - TALK ABOUT A GROWTH SPURT!

--- AGASTYA, CA-8A



A QUICK GAME...

SOLVE THIS TO CHECK YOUR AMAZING SKILLS!

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COCOMAMA!

COCO MAMA INDIA VISITED OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK AND BROUGHT A FUN, HANDS-ON CULINARY EXPERIENCE TO OUR CAMPUS. THEIR TEAM SET UP INTERACTIVE STATIONS WHERE STUDENTS LEARNED TO MAKE HEALTHY PASTA AS WELL AS A REFRESHING CUSTARD FRUIT BOWL USING THEIR COCONUT-BASED PRODUCTS. STUDENTS WATCHED THE DEMONSTRATIONS CLOSELY, ASKED QUESTIONS, AND ENJOYED TASTING THE FINAL DISHES. THE CHEFS EXPLAINED THE VALUE OF USING NATURAL, FRESH INGREDIENTS AND SHOWED HOW SIMPLE IT CAN BE TO PREPARE NUTRITIOUS MEALS. THE LIVELY SESSION BLENDED LEARNING AND CREATIVITY, LEAVING EVERYONE INSPIRED TO TRY NEW RECIPES AT HOME. IT WAS A TRULY MEMORABLE VISIT.

PSYCHOLOGY!

Psychology is everywhere!

In the depths of your mind,
It is psychology, everywhere you will find!

Psychology is everywhere!
It is not just used by professional healers,
but also by commission-hungry car dealers!

Psychology is everywhere!
From the way salespeople talk,
To how Christmas makes children wait for Santa's presents
and somewhere, hang a sock!

Psychology is everywhere!
With the buy-one-get-one offer at your local supermarket,
You will unwittingly become their next target!

Psychology is everywhere!
From animals to humans..
From vultures' communal living habits
to power cultures witnessed within organizations

Psychology is EVERYWHERE!

by Jahanaara, a student of A-level Psychology

— JAHANAARA MEHRA CA-12A

YEP AUDITIONS!

YEP AUDITIONS FOR ANNUAL DAY WERE FULL OF EXCITEMENT AS STUDENTS TRIED OUT FOR THEATRE, DANCE, SINGING, AND MC ROLES. EVERYONE SHOWED GREAT CONFIDENCE AND CREATIVITY. THE JUDGES ENJOYED WATCHING SO MANY TALENTS. THESE AUDITIONS SET THE TONE FOR A FUN AND MEMORABLE ANNUAL DAY PROGRAM THIS YEAR AGAIN.

SCIENCE!!!

THIS NOVEMBER DURING CHILDREN'S DAY STUDENTS FROM SEVERAL SCHOOLS GATHERED AT CODISSA SCIENCE FAIR, A VIBRANT EVENT FULL OF INNOVATION AND LEARNING TO CULTIVATE AND NURTURE THE CURIOSITY AND INNOVATIVE SKILL OF THE STUDENTS. THE FAIR WAS DIVIDED INTO 4 MAIN SECTIONS: AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, SPACE AND ROBOTICS- EACH SHOWCASING STUDENT SOLUTIONS TO MANY REAL WORD PROBLEMS. IN THE ROBOTICS ARENA, STUDENTS PRESENTED INDUSTRIAL MACHINES, DRONES, AND SAFETY-FOCUSED INVENTIONS DESIGNED TO SAVE WATER, BLOCK HARMFUL GERMS AND EVEN GUIDE ELEPHANTS AWAY FROM DANGER BUT MANY STUDENTS SAID THAT THE ROBOT DOG WAS THEIR FAVORITE. THE HEALTH HAVEN SECTION FEATURED A WORKING PROTOTYPE OF A MEDICINE-DISPENSING MACHINE AS WELL AS PRESERVED ORGANS THAT HELPED STUDENTS UNDERSTAND DISEASES MORE CLEARLY AND THE STAGES OF A FETUS . MEANWHILE, THE SPACE AREA IMMERSD VISITORS IN SIMULATIONS OF GRAVITY, PLANETS, BLACK HOLES AND WHITE HOLES, WHILE THE AGRICULTURE AND ECO-FRIENDLY STALLS OFFERED PRACTICAL INNOVATIONS SUCH AS SCIENCE KITS, PLANT SAMPLES, AN AUTOMATIC HAND PICKER AND A SIGN-LANGUAGE SPEAKER AIMED AT SUPPORTING FARMERS AND EVERYDAY HOUSEHOLDS. MANY OF THE STALLS WERE RUN BY STUDENTS THEMSELVES, WHO EXPLAINED HOW THEIR DESIGNS COULD HELP THEIR COMMUNITIES, MAKING THE FAIR BOTH INFORMATIVE AND INSPIRING. THE STUDENTS HELPED DEMONSTRATE THE REAL-WORLD IMPACT OF STUDENT INNOVATION.

— ANJANA CA-8A

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TEACHER



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MENTOR MONDAYS

THIS WEEK'S MENTOR MONDAY FEATURES TWO OF OUR AMAZING TEACHERS SHARING INSIGHTS ABOUT THEIR CLASSES. FIRST, MR. MANIGANDAN TALKS ABOUT DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, EXPLAINING HOW STUDENTS LEARN TO SOLVE REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS. THEN, MS. SHALOO HIGHLIGHTS WHAT MAKES ENGLISH CLASS ENGAGING. THEIR IDEAS SHOW HOW MUCH THOUGHT AND PASSION THEY PUT INTO HELPING STUDENTS GROW. BE SURE TO WATCH THE VIDEO TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR TEACHING JOURNEYS!

CALLING ALL ASPIRING WRITERS AND STORYTELLERS!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNERS IN **GRADES 6-10** TO JOIN OUR RAK'S HERALD JOURNALISM TEAM! TO APPLY, WRITE A **SHORT 100-WORD ARTICLE** ON ANY TOPIC FROM THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER (THINK OF IT AS YOUR JOURNALISTIC DEBUT)! NO DEADLINES...

SUBMIT A **HARD COPY** TO NAEYA. GOT QUESTIONS? SWING BY CA-8A AND TALK TO HER. WE'RE HERE TO HELP. NO PRESSURE. NO STRESS. JUST A FUN CHANCE TO SHINE, CREATE, AND BE HEARD!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

HEY EVERYONE! NOVEMBER HAS BEEN FULL OF ENERGY WITH CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS, SLC PREPARATION, AND YEP AUDITIONS ADDING EXCITEMENT. 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!

— NAEYA SATHEESH, CA-8A



LET'S FLY TOGETHER!

IN DESIGN & TECH, CREATION BEGINS LONG BEFORE THE FINAL PRODUCT TAKES SHAPE. OUR CA9 LEARNERS STEPPED INTO A WORLD WHERE IDEAS LIFT OFF THE GROUND — QUITE LITERALLY — AS THEY DESIGNED AND BUILT THEIR OWN GLIDERS. USING REFURBISHED WOOD, SCRAP ACRYLIC, METAL PIECES, AND PVC PIPES, THEY EXPLORED HOW SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATION WORK TOGETHER. FROM IDEATION AND RESEARCH TO PROTOTYPING, TESTING, AND REFINING, EVERY STAGE REMINDED THEM THAT A DESIGNER'S TRUE CANVAS IS THEIR THINKING.

OUR TEAM

WITH PERMISSION FROM **MS. SWETHA KRISHNAMOORTHY** AND **MR. MICHAEL PURCELL**

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