



BUZZ & BYTES

TAKING A SMART TURN

From Gurukuls to Gurukool and from offline to online we have come a long way as far as education is concerned. Education has evolved a lot more than one could have imagined. It is as if all the science fiction stories we read in the past, with home schooling and online teaching have suddenly come true. Needless to say, we have left no stone unturned to meet the challenges we are faced with. Right from training teachers to equipping them with the latest tools to engage students in an interesting manner, we are trying to turn all our dreams into reality. The newest feather in our cap being the installation of **SMART BOARDS**. With the help of these boards we have brought technology to the offline classes. Power point presentations, videos, online lab activities, you name it and we have it. The thrill of the students is something one has to witness to believe. Education is no longer only about rote learning, instead, formal education is about gaining the knowledge and the skills needed to adapt to the ever



changing scenarios perseverance and zeal and creating a better society to live in. It is our smarter and better hope that our constant versions of themselves.

A PERSONALITY TO ADMIRE- DRAUPADI MURMU

In a parliamentary democracy, like India, presidential elections do not attract much media and public attention. This is due to the fact that the President of India is a nominal executive head of state and does not exercise much power. However, as B.R. Ambedkar puts it, "he (the President of India) represents the nation... he is the symbol of the nation."

The election polls were scheduled to be held this year on 18th July. The UPA had chosen Yashvant Sinha and the BJP-led NDA had chosen Draupadi Murmu as their presidential candidate. Draupadi Murmu, born in the Santali tribal family, served as the first woman governor of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021 and became the

first person to complete the 5-year term. Moreover, she is the second person belonging to a scheduled tribe to be nominated as a candidate for the post of President of India. She was a teacher by profession before entering state politics in 1997 and became a councilor for the Rairangpur Nagar Panchayat as a BJP member. In 2007, she was awarded the Nilkantha Award for best MLA by Odisha Legislative Assembly.

People are applauding the decision of nominating Murmu as she comes from a marginalized background. She has become a great source of inspiration and strength for people belonging to the scheduled tribes and women all across the country as



she has broken barriers of the society regarding class, tribe and gender. Everyone sincerely hopes and wishes that during her tenure she emerges as one who upholds the democratic rights and aspirations of people from all sections of the society and works for the betterment of people.

Bushra Ahmad,-XII-A

MY MOTHER

My mother's name is Nidhi. My mother's age is 37. My mother is very pretty. My mother helps me to draw. Her favourite food is fish burger. I love my mother

Mariam Anas 2B



MY NEW CLASS

I study in The Pinnacle School. I study in class 2 B. There are three windows and one door in my class. There are red tables and red chairs. There are many colourful charts and a greenboard. My classroom number is 226. I like my class

Dhriti 2B



MANALI- A TRIP TO REMEMBER

Summers in Delhi can be blistering hot, which is what makes us rush towards colder places. This made my family take a small break from the scorching heat of Delhi and visit a place like Manali. A joint family road trip is, according to me the finest way to spend the summers.

9th June was the day when we hired a traveler to leave for Manali. Through the noise and bustle of all the traffic we managed to bring life to our journey with rounds of games like antakshari, dancing on songs, clicking pictures etc. It was a night journey and I barely slept throughout the ride. Unlike others I got to see the first glimpse of sun rays emerging from the mountains which made me very happy. All of us were tired after travelling for so long, so we decided to spend our first day at the hotel.

On the next day, the first place we visited was Manali mall road which is a pretty place and famous for its innumerable local crafts.



Our next stop was the Solang valley which is not far away from the main city. The majesty of the mountains at Solang mesmerized me at first sight. We enjoyed a gondola ride there. We also went to the Nagar castle which is an impressive combination of European and Himalayan architecture. It is full of fire places, wood works and marvelous stones. Also it is famous as a place for shooting of the phenomenal film "Jab we met". The next day was the day to leave for Delhi. It was a short 3 day trip but we enjoyed every minute in Manali.

Aliza Hashmi X-B

SOCIAL MEDIA : DE-ADDICTION ANYONE ?



entertainment, and also introduced many employment opportunities. But recently the means of communication have totally shifted online which has led to overuse of social media and hence leads to social media addiction.

Social media addiction is basically an uncontrollable urge to log on to or use social media, and devoting so much time and effort to social media that it impairs other important life areas. It is just as addictive as any other substance addiction. Social media addiction is just like gambling addiction as it gives easy and faster reward. Social media is easy to

use and there is endless amount of content to consume and the social media algorithm tends to show the content which will keep us engaged for a longer period of time. The notifications received for these social media apps triggers the same kind of chemical reaction in our brains as drugs do. Scientists suggest that an average person must not spend more than 30 minutes on social media but the average time spent on social media is 2h 27 minutes. Engaging in social media once in a while is unlikely to be harmful. There are many ways to reduce your time on social media. Some of which are:

- Delete your social media apps from your smartphone.
- Adjust the setting on each social media app so you can turn off notifications.
- Set aside a certain amount of time dedicated to social media per day
- Leave your phone, tablet, and computer out of your bedroom.
- Take up a new hobby that's not technology-related for Examples include sports, art, etc.

Social media is omnipresent today, but this doesn't mean you'll automatically develop an addiction to it. If you suspect you have social media addiction, there are ways you can treat it to increase your overall well-being. Don't hesitate to reach out to a mental health professional for help.

Prabhjot Singh,-XII

E-SPORTS – LOOKING AT A DIGITAL CAREER

Sports has been a vital part of our lives since the very beginning. Along with providing great career opportunities, sports is considered as a great mind freshener and a way to keep yourself physically fit. There are many sportspersons who are idolized by the youth today which makes it clear that pursuing a career in a particular sport has great scope along with financial stability and fame.

With the expansion of digital platforms in India, especially during the covid period, a new way of looking towards sports has developed – E-sports. It is a form of sport which is played online using devices like phones or PCs. Many parents still believe that playing online games can't make a great career and “can only act as a hobby not interrupting with their studies” due to which esports is still finding a place in the prominent career options available in India. But, they fail to understand that not only has it taken a liking among

the youth but e-sports has also produced some renowned personalities who people look up to (eg, Tyler Blevins aka Ninja, a famous American YouTuber and a twitch streamer who gained immense popularity through the game Fortnite).

The fact that today's generation is easily attracted to gadgets and technology, has increased the scope of e-sports even more. Online games like Battlegrounds Mobile India (PUBG, as known in other countries), Call of Duty, Free Fire, Fortnite etc. have already established a great e-sports community taking part in regular domestic as well as international tournaments which involve a huge amount of prize money. Today's youth, being the target audience for such online games has shown great interest in watching the online streaming of such games, making it a secured career for professional gamers. PUBG Mobile gamers in India like Mortal,

Dynamo Gaming, Scout, Jonathan Gaming and many more have achieved a huge audience on YouTube by playing the game. At an age where people struggle to find jobs, they have earned themselves enough revenue through the game to create a separate “gaming house” for their own e-sports team (As done by S8UL, a popular e-sports gaming community in India). Many have even got the

opportunity to represent India in international tournaments abroad which has added more to their increasing fame.

A huge chunk of the revenue for gamers comes through advertisements on their content, features such as Super Chats and Super Stickers, and sponsorship agreements or brand deals which makes it a financially stable field and a great upcoming career choice.

Vansh Arora,XII-A

MEETING JIM

When you enter Jim Corbett, a dense forest welcomes you. My trip this summer was a lovely one as I got to spend time in natural surroundings. While we were driving through the jungle, I realized that it was a “no network zone”. Instead of worrying about it I started looking outside the window. The tall green trees were everywhere and I saw a few deer and a variety of birds. When we finally reached the resort, I felt so relaxed because of the peaceful environment. We reached at 11 in the morning so I had plenty



of time to take a walk. The thing I loved the most was reading my book while sitting under a tree. In the evening I went to the riverside with my family. The sound of the flowing water distracted me from my thoughts. There were delicious meals at the restaurant. At night when everything was quiet, the sound of the insects added an extra charm. I enjoyed the quiet and calm of Jim Corbett and would love to visit it again.

Aaira, XII



WHERE TO FIND THE ACTION IN NAINITAL

Nainital is a gem in Kumaon hills with plentiful places to visit. It is one of the most beautiful and top tourist destinations of Uttarakhand. The Naini lake is the most famous attraction of Nainital. Nainital has pleasing weather for most of the year. The temperature remains delightful during summer and in winters, some times it goes below 0 degree at night. Apart from its beauty Nainital is also a stunning place for shopping. You can shop for some amazing handicrafts, locally crafted items as well as exotic fruits and flowers.

Four things you should definitely buy while shopping in Nainital

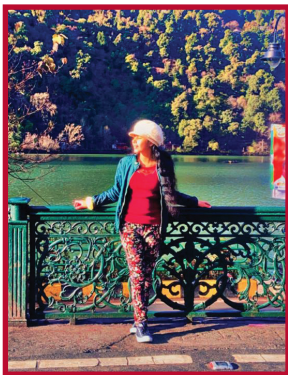
- **Fancy Candles**
Available in abundance and in unique designs. These gorgeous looking candles come in many shapes and scents. You can find attractive wax candles at various gift shops located in Nainital. If you are searching for some memoirs for your friends then these candles provide the purpose well.

- **Pine art crafts**
The next most popular thing to buy in Nainital are the showpieces made out of fallen pine cones. The price of Pine Art Crafts is somewhat around Rs 100.

- **Wollen Shawls and Sweaters**
Tourists visiting Nainital also like to buy woolen clothes like shawls,

mufflers, scarves and sweaters from Bhutia Market near the Naina Devi Temple. The stuff is a bit pricey but it offers a huge variety of wollen stuff.

- **Homemade Eatables**
Nainital is well known for its fresh fruit jams and chutneys. There are a lot of varieties. There are shops on the Bhimtal Bhowali road which sell these mouthwatering products.



Brahmleen,10- A

MY TRYST WITH READING

Two authors have impacted my life in a big way namely Enid Blyton and Barbara Cartland.

I am a big fan of both the authors who are British and as such filled my growing years with a thirst for adventures like the ones shared by the Secret Seven and Famous Five and a love for Victorian Literature.

We used to be given a book for a week from the school Library. One just devoured eagerly the latest adventure of Mallory Towers and the twins or George and her cousins Julian, Dick and Anne and their numerous adventures connected to Kirren Island or Fatty's uncanny detective skills that was always the bane of Mr Goon, the policeman. The next thing to do was to beg someone to lend me their books much to my late Mother's consternation. She felt I was just spending too much time reading not realizing that I was in a way a book worm who was bettering my reading, writing and spoken skills.

I would save endlessly to fund my membership to lending libraries as I would finish a book in an afternoon. In those days it was an expensive habit and I am so grateful and proud of having become a published author myself.

Reading maketh the man according to me. I just wish our children would pick up this dying habit and better themselves because of this habit. Nothing beats the feeling of sitting with a good book under the shade of a tree and losing oneself in the printed pages.

Stephanie Ellis



READING MATTERS GONE WITH THE WIND

Set against the dramatic backdrop of the American Civil War, Margaret Mitchell's magnificent historical epic is an unforgettable tale of love and loss, of a nation mortally divided and a people forever changed. Above all, it is the story of beautiful, ruthless Scarlett O'Hara and the dashing Rhett Butler.

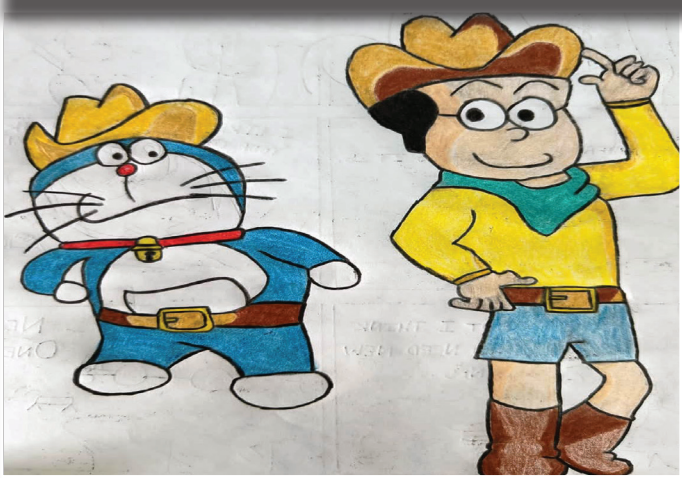
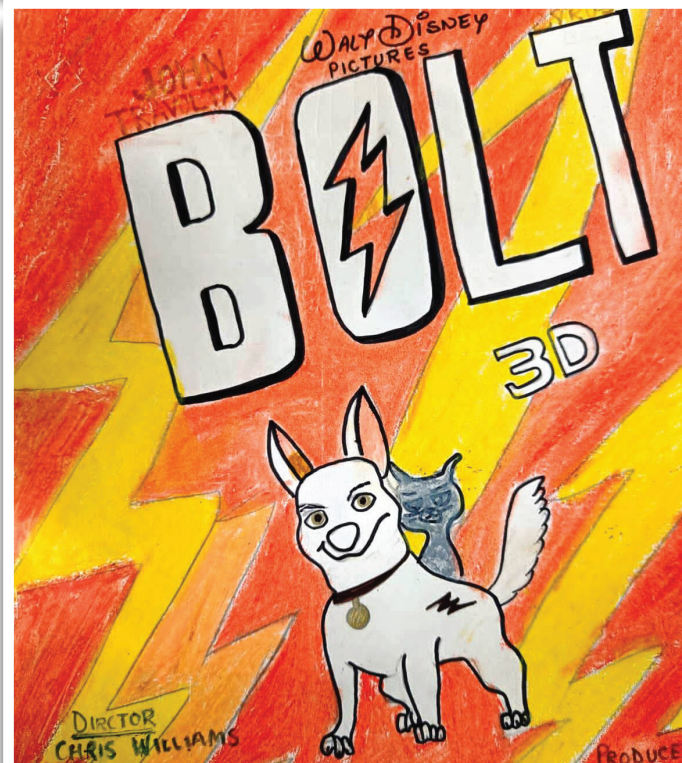
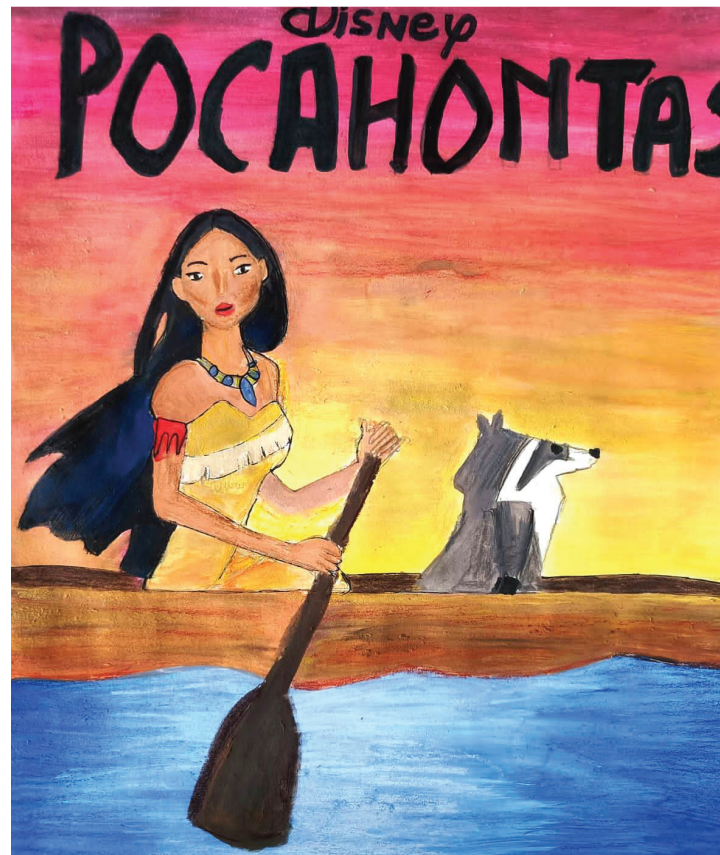
Though the historic setting is certainly a dynamic force throughout the novel, it cannot compete with the commanding presence of Scarlett O'Hara.

Though at first glance she appears to be a rather shallow, impressionable, naive teen, Scarlett soon proves that she is a determined, intelligent, capable woman.

She is a fiery, courageous, strong female character, and I admire the way she stands up against the stereotypical gender roles of society. Scarlett refuses to be the submissive wife who solely occupies the domestic sphere; instead, she boldly steps into the masculine world of business. This is not to say that Scarlett is always easy to like—she often frustrated me with her coldness, her ruthlessness, her selfishness—but ultimately I couldn't help but wish her the best.

The ending of *Gone with the Wind* drives home the idea that life is not a carefully wrapped package tied with a bow. Life was—and still is—difficult, tragic, and filled with obstacles. But even still, life goes on. There will always be a tomorrow and a next day and a day after that. We might not be here to see it, but it will be there all the same. Get your copy today

ART SPEAKS



ACTIVITIES

The school is ringing with life again after almost two years of online schooling. It is great to see the empty school corridors bursting with energy, once again. We have always believed in making students participate in activities and giving them a channel to unleash their energy in a creative way. For the same purpose we have introduced weeks to celebrate each subject. The students have very enthusiastically participated in the Science and English weeks, where in they were exposed to a wide range of activities.

Also the students have been colouring the school vibrant with their fine performances in the class assemblies. The effort of the teachers and students shines through the varied performances. Excursions, workshops and trips are an all time favourite with the school kids, who don't only enjoy an outing but also look forward to new ideas that tickle their brains. Its encouraging to see how the students make their presence felt and make us proud on such outings.

THE VERDICT: THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER

On 7th July'22 was released the fourth movie in the Thor series, Marvel Studios' Thor: Love and Thunder. The movie, starring Chris Hemsworth as Thor was one of the most awaited movies of the year. Taika Waititi returned as the director after also directing the previous Thor movie, Thor: Ragnarok. His direction was loved and appreciated by viewers all over the world. Standing in contrast to the previous Thor movies, Love and Thunder shows a vibrant colour palette in its posters and trailers, with good humour relevant to the plot.

The movie shows Thor, who is disturbed from his quest for peace by Gorr the God Butcher, who seeks to kill all Gods. The movie shows how Thor faces this threat while protecting his friends, family and his people. It's a good movie to watch where Thor meets his love interest in the guise of She Thor. So grab that popcorn and lemonade and watch it before you get any more spoilers.

Ammarah Shahid, X-B

