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"We are here to laugh at the odds and live our lives so well that Death will tremble to take us."

- Charles Bukowski

Dear Reader,

It is a common notion that History is almost always written from the victor's point of view. However, one wonders now whether this belief still holds true. The accessibility to the print media and the various sources of documentation ensure that all the eclectic viewpoints regarding an incident are adequately recorded. The spectrum of newspapers and agencies that lie literally at the tip of our fingers facilitate this.

On the Editorial Page of The Indian Express, one comes across the column 'Today in History' which provides excerpts from an article written on that particular day, 'n' number of years ago, reporting a contemporary event that holds relevance till date, thus acting as a sort of keeper of records. This often brings to mind, a quote by Julian Barnes- 'History is the point of certainty produced where the imperfections of memories meet the inadequacies of documentation.' One realises that it is the view point of the contemporary reporter or the journalist that is provided to us as a piece of history, for no matter how much one tries one cannot be entirely objective in one's view.

Thus, the importance of journalism for reportage ensures that '*History is but the memory of the survivors, most of whom are neither victorious nor defeated*', but the most affected. The truth of this statement can be evinced when one visits the Al Jazeera website which records the detention of Journalist Mahmoud Hussein who has been illegally detained by Egypt for exercising his right, as an individual, to record and express. The records and diaries maintained by the victims of the Holocaust, and other such events, help us realise the horror and inhumanity humans are capable of.

Thus, it is imperative that while some of our generation create history, many more record it, for they will be the makers of the same. Both stand in tandem with each other for with inaction, there will be nothing to record and actions will not be considered historic until there is tangible evidence of their existence.

This publication features articles ranging from the 'burning' issues around the world to reflections and opinions, hoping to provide the reader different flavours of the fundamentally flawed, yet beautiful world.

Happy Reading!

Anmol and Sairaa

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Meal For Sudan or Meal From Sudan?

We regularly come across articles or speeches that warn us against the perils of media and ask us to use our discretion before uploading something that we come by on the World Wide Web. To stand as testimony to the aforementioned statement, the most apt example would be the movement on Instagram during the Sudan crisis. The reference is not to the #blueforSudan movement but the repost of the Sudanmealproject which proclaimed that for every repost or share, the organization would provide a free meal to a Sudanese child. The tragedy in this story does not lie in the deception of the organization but in the fact that billions of people failed to see through the falsehood and were gullible enough to do as the post directed them to. Thus, the onus for this deception lies not solely on the operator of the Sudanmealproject, but on the 'educated' and responsible 'netizens' like us, who provided fuel to that post, without even questioning how sharing one post could lead to the provision of a meal. The most ironic part of the entire episode were the 'that post was fake' stories that the same people put up, the very next day-probably, as a way to declare that common sensibilities had returned to the minds of the millennials.

This incident visibly depicts the blind herd mentality that the internet reduces us to follow and abide by. This episode should, therefore, serve to function as a strong wake up call for each one of us, and make us more mindful of our actions on the internet. It goes on to show the magnitude to which fake news infects the realm of social media today. Thus, it is imperative that, in today's volatile and hostile environment, 'netizens' exercise precaution and apply common sense before posting or reposting anything that they come across in the labyrinth of information that lies at our fingertips today.



**-Anmol Kejriwal
Class 12**

Learning from the Sarabhais'

Mallika Sarabhai and her son Revanta Sarabhai mesmerized all Welhamites with their astounding Bharatanatyam performance that exuded intense passion. They engaged with the audience throughout explaining each story and subsequently displaying it in the language of dance. Ms. Sarabhai showed us how any word from any language and age can be expressed through the various mudras of Bharatanatyam. She talked about the dance form being timeless and made us realise that even though the age old stories told through the dance form are important for the preservation of our culture, it is also essential to cover contemporary issues through this language of dance.

Hers is a passion, passed down through generations as her mother; Smt. Mrinalini Sarabhai was one of the country's greatest exponent of Bharatanatyam dancers. Her father, Mr. Vikram Sarabhai, is the founder of the prestigious Indian Space Research Organization. She herself was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2010 for her exceptional contribution in the field of dance. Her son, Revanta is a brilliant dancer and among the few male Bharatanatyam soloists in the country. Ms. Sarabhai emphasized the fact that culture is not a thing of the past but is something that is continuously evolving and can be contributed towards. Through her mesmerizing dance and enriching views, she made us believe in the power of few simple steps and their everlasting impact.



Outward Bound

As part of the student exchange programme during the summer vacation, six girls from Class 11 were sent to experience the lives of their contemporaries in other countries. Welham also hosted two girls from Groton School, Massachusetts in August. They stayed with the Bulbuls and participated in various school activities.

- Siddhi Bansal and Devangana Prasad went to Groton School in Massachusetts, USA. They attended classes on Cosmology, World History and French. They spent their evenings playing lacrosse and doing community service. They visited various universities and also attended the Spring Fling and Seniors' Streak.



- Arushi Agarwal and Mrigya Kumar went to New England Girls' School, Australia. They visited various tourist sites. They attended the NEGS Sports Day and played Hockey there. Mrigya's Kathak performance left everyone spellbound.



- Hansika Nath and Anahat Grewal went for an Exchange to Downhouse School for Girls, Berkshire, England. They attended classes in subjects like Religion and Mathematics and also went on the gruelling IAYP bronze trek. Anahat broke the school Shotput record during the School's Sports Day.



Dear, Zero Figure

Dear zero figure,
 It was different without you here.
 I smiled with my friends and ate what I desired.
 I didn't stop once to think what you would have to say.
 when I got home, you were all that was on my mind.
 your image tormented me.
 THE IMAGE OF SKINNY.
 Skinny.
 Collar bones
 Hip bones
 Thigh gap
 Cheek bones
 No longer plump.
 Nothing will be as great as skinny feels.
 So I listened to you.
 SKIP THAT MEAL.
 DRINK WATER, AFTER WATER.
 SKIP ANOTHER MEAL,
 DROWN OUT THE PAIN.
 Days moved to weeks.
 Weeks moved to months.
 All I could think about was you.
 You had taken over my head.
 Destroyed me.
 I WAS GONE...
 So, dear zero figure,
 Adieu.

-Tara Govil
 Class 10

Roses



A single fresh and dewy white rose to Mrs. Sambasivam for allowing the SC's to use laptops.



A bouquet of freshly hand-picked roses to all those who have won accolades for our school in the various competitions held in the past month.



Vases full of fragrant roses to Ms. Mamta Gautam for ALWAYS being there for us come hell or high water.



Baskets overflowing with freshly-scented, hand-picked white roses to Mrs. Rajalaxmi and our resident dancers, Shirene and Shradha for their exemplary performance during their Arangetram. We are so proud of you!

Raspberries



Cartons full of foul smelling, fungus-infested raspberries to whoever decided that it was a good idea to go for a swim at 5 a.m.



Truckloads full of rotten raspberries to the 'macchars' for casting their abominable spell on several Welhamites.



Swimming pools full of maggot-infested raspberries to all teachers who think that we only have prep in their subject.



A truckload of the most putrid raspberries to whoever thought it was a good idea to make the Incredible India Quiz two and a half hours long.



From The Mailbags

The following mail has been written to Ms. Mamta Gautam by Mrinaal Sehgal (ex-Editor in Chief of the News and Views) batch of 2017.

Dear Mrs Gautam,

I hope you're doing well! I've actually been remembering you quite a bit over the past few days as I had just started reading this book called *Tristes Tropiques* by Claude Levi Strauss for one of my anthropology classes. One of the most prominent themes of discussion within this particular class of mine is anthropology's controversial history of colonial powers otherising different civilizations and calling them "savage" or "barbaric". Inevitably, the discussion always boils down to somebody bringing up the primacy of the savage instinct in all of us and I can't help but smile to myself at this point because all I can remember then are the numerous heated discussions we've had about the same thing while studying *Lord of the Flies*.

There are so many basic ways in which college is different from school yet it's moments like these that always remind me of how integral a part Welham plays in my life even though I am far away from it now. I've spoken about this to my friends here but somehow in their cases, school's become a distant memory that doesn't factor in as much in the course of their lives now. I guess that is the fundamental difference between attending a day school and a boarding school wherein the former is a significant part of your life for a while whereas the latter actually becomes your entire life for a similar period of time. People laugh at how gratifying I find little things like being able to eat whatever I want or walk on the street whenever I want (not post 10 though because it's still Baltimore) but I have to acknowledge that Welham's strict routine has instilled such a deep sense of appreciation in me for the things most people take for granted. I've said this a thousand times and I still don't think it'll ever be enough- thank you for everything; from feeding us ice-cream after we'd done miserably on the O. Lit half yearlies to laughing and putting up with us so patiently as we went on to completely botch up the annual for our year. Thank you for instilling such a deep love for literature in me as well as an equal level of appreciation for gossip!)

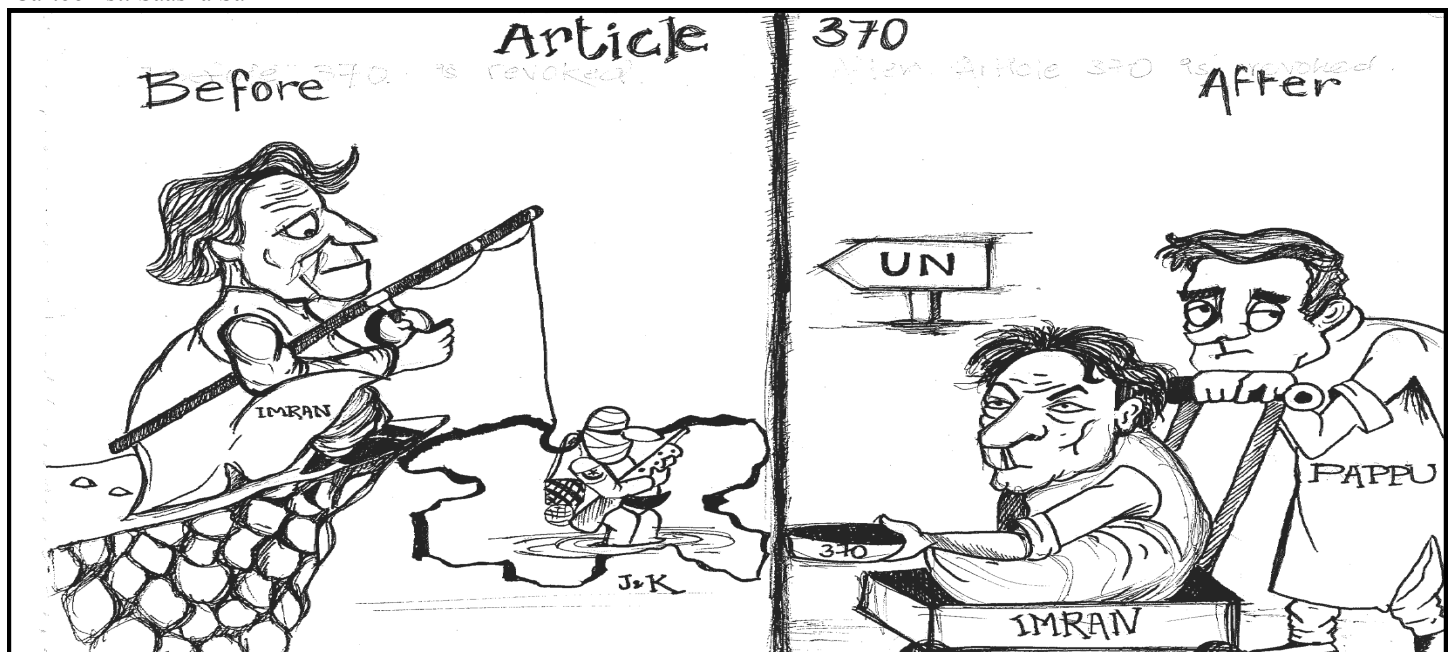
I feel so strange while writing this email to you because I'm getting sudden flashbacks of working on the NV in the computer room and reading mails that other exies had written from college. I don't think I could have ever imagined that one day I'd be sitting on the other side of the screen saying similar things and still, here I am doing the same.

Full circle, I guess?

All my love,

Mrinaal

Cartoonist: Saasha Sarin



The Phoenix in the Forests

As the world fights the irrational threats of various wars and nukes, Brazil has been fighting a war of its own, against a wave of fires that have broken out in the Amazon forests, the 'Lungs of the World.'

Producing more than 20% of the world's oxygen, the Amazon rainforests span over nine different countries and cover a majority of the continent of South America. Studies show that the 2.2 million-square mile rainforest is nearing its nadir as large fragmented portions of the rainforest could develop into an entirely different ecosystem, leading to the acceleration of climate change, loss of countless species, and disaster for the indigenous populations that call the tropical rainforests their home.

Brazil's National Institute for Space Research (INPE) has reported at least 74,000 fires in the Amazon within this year. This is an increase by 84 percent as compared to last year. The most appalling aspect of these massive forest fires is that unlike the United States and Canada, where many wildfires are ignited by lightning strikes during the summer, large fires are not a typical natural occurrence in the Amazon, particularly during non-drought years such as 2019.

Most fires in the Amazon are caused by humans, set either accidentally or intentionally. This basically means that miles of the world's largest ecosystem go up in smoke because of one man's carelessly thrown cigarette or his want for more.

Many are accusing President Jair Bolsonaro for the raging fires as he had cut the budget for the IBAMA (Brazil's Environmental Agency) by 24 percent in April this year. Nevertheless, recently the G7 countries have proposed to aid Brazil by providing 22 million dollars. However, Brazil has rejected this offer.

However undisturbed we might be by sitting on the other side of the world, just hearing facts alone makes us realise that the situation in the Amazon is grave as the rainforest, with all its plants, animals and soils, is an enormous reservoir of carbon. However, as it degrades due to deforestation and climate change, it will switch from soaking up carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to becoming a net emitter of heat-trapping gases. There is about 90 billion metric tons of carbon embedded in the Amazon, equal to about a decade's worth of greenhouse gas emissions. So losing the rainforest holds the potential to cause global warming by about 24% which in return will have its own consequences.

We are living on this planet as if we have another one to go to. It is time we realize that we have not inherited this planet from our ancestors but have borrowed it from the future generations and therefore for our children to tread on better earth, we must all come together and stop this exploitation.

-Mahek Agarwal
Class 11

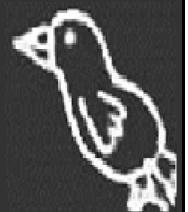
Shirene: I was 2, 3 or 4 but not below 5 years of age.
Clearly, your Brain is still stuck below 5 years.

Sanrik: I don't quite like Kendall Lamar anymore!
Kendrick Jenner seems over hyped too.

Anmol (during O. Lit): Guys I just realized that the Hindi word for Tuberculosis is Malaria.
We are getting dengue just thinking about this.

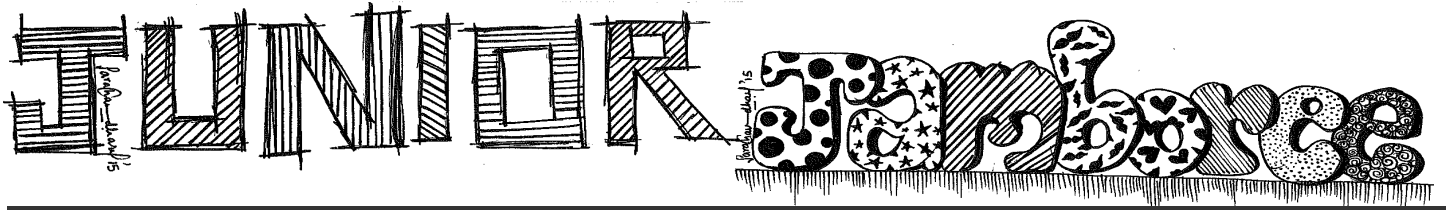
Eshanya- Gurgaon is the crime capital of Delhi.
Our heartfelt condolences to the geography department.

Anusha: The sun is so hot today.
Oddly enough, the ice was cold too.



BIRD BRAIN





Chasing The Moon

India's expedition to the dark side

'Chandrayaan-2' is an Indian Lunar Mission that boldly ventured to where no other country had been before, the *Moon's South Polar Region*. The Lunar South Pole is especially interesting because of the lunar surface area here, that remains in shadow, is much larger than the North Pole with a possibility of the presence of water. The GeoSynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark-III (GSLV MK-III) carried 'Chandrayaan-2' to its designated orbit. GSLV's components included S200 solid rocket boosters, L110 liquid stage and C25 upper stage. The Chandrayaan-2 Lunar Module consists of The Lunar Orbiter, the lander, Vikram and the rover, Pragyan.

The lander Vikram is named after Dr. Vikram A. Sarabhai, the father of the Indian Space Programme and the rover Pragyan translates to 'wisdom' in Sanskrit. ISRO made history by launching this mission on the 22nd of July, 2019 at 2.43 pm from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. The Orbiter will be operational for a year and the rover and lander will be operational for one Lunar Day (14 Earth Days). The Lander carrying Pragyan was supposed to 'soft land' on the lunar surface on the 27th of September, 2019 at around 1.50 am, but lost connections with ISRO's Mission Control Centre. The lander could not have a soft landing but did manage to successfully land. Scientists have stated that both-the lander and the rover are healthy and are functioning properly due to the efficiently programmed on-board autonomy. However they are still trying to establish communications. This mission is just another milestone that India has achieved. ISRO is now looking forward to launch missions 'Gaganyaan' and 'Mangalyaan-2' in 2021. JAXA and ISRO have also planned to launch 'Chandrayaan-3' in the next three years.

-Aashi Tiwari
Class 8

The Tower of Babel

The Tower of Babel, as mentioned in the Genesis, is the most well known origin story to explain why the world's people speak different languages.

There are numerous tales explaining how this is related.

According to one of the theories, the united humanity in the Genesis that followed the Great Flood, spoke a single language and migrated eastwards coming to the land of Shinar. There, they agreed to build a city and a tower tall enough to reach Heaven. God, observing their aspirational progress, confounded their speeches so that they could no longer understand each other and owing to this would scatter across.

Some modern scholars have associated the Tower of Babel, with known structures such as the Etemananki, a ziggurat or some towers in Ancient Rome. Personally, I think that language was not the sole reason for confusion among the people and it was panic and unwillingness to listen to and accept others' ideas that resulted in this human divide.

-Sanjoey Bhola
Class 7



Of Jews and Mexicans...

Before 1914 the southern American border between El Paso and Juarez was unrestricted, which meant no passports, jobs on both sides and back and forth movement twice a day. Come 1916, Mexico was expecting an attack from the allies and the flow to the north of the border to a welcoming country was heavier than ever. This was followed by the Eugenics movement, a concept based on junk science that aimed at creating a genetically and morally superior race of people. Now the border was a tragic sight with masses of people waiting for the 'US government to decide if they were fit enough to deserve entry.'



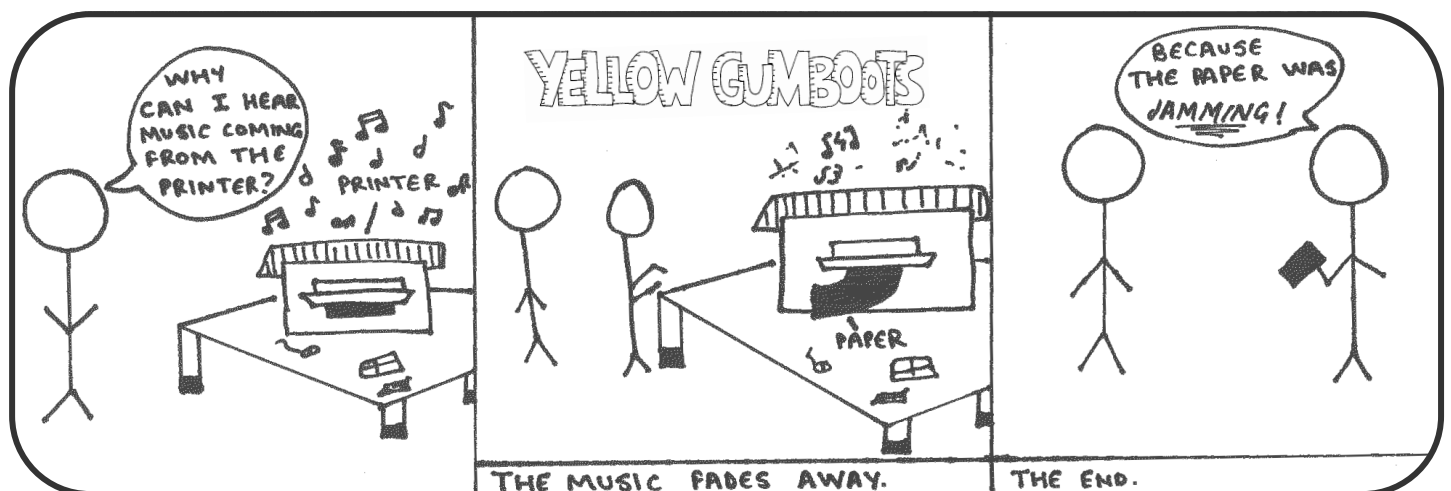
We're talking about the beginning of Hispanic racism, the inculcation of a sentiment that had so far been nonexistent in the social fabric. The government appointed health officials trained at weeding out immigrants they thought unsuitable or disease carriers. This is when movies came forth with the derogatory term "Greaser" and throughout the nation Mexicans were stereotyped as dirty and inferior. The scenario that set the stage for the rise of El Paso's next mayor Tom Lea was now here. He was a man who had his mind set on "purity" and not just physical purity but also racial purity. Lea drove his point home with the establishment of a disinfection plant at the border, the first of its kind in the world.

The plants were brutal in their procedures. Lea was obsessed with the eradication of Typhus that came with lice and so these immigrants were made to strip naked after which the officers would examine every part of their body. If they had lice, they would have to bathe in kerosene and vinegar. The practice would be repeated every eight days and was followed in the prisons in the following year. Somebody once lit a match and the tragedy that followed was labelled "Jail holocaust". Another method was that of spraying DDT, onto the skin of every migrant that crossed the border, a "miraculous white powder" as the Americans called it which decades later would be banned by most developed countries. No one talked about it; it was all kept buried, a symptom of the psychology of shame. Ironically enough the chemical they used in these gas chambers became the building block for the ones in Nazi Germany, a truth the oldest democracy in the world will never accept.

We suggest the next thing you do after reading this article is to find Fox News and you will be presented with a rerun of the thought process that was predominant in these times- 'imbeciles', 'dirty', 'diseases'. Apprehensions in the El Paso area have risen 600% since the switch from the Obama Presidency. Mexican children are essentially being warehoused with as many as 300 kids in a cell without adequate food, water or sanitation. Hundreds of migrants have been huddled in these makeshift detention centres waiting to find out if the 'US government deems them fit enough for entry.' Are we going to wait for the actual holocaust to believe that these were the very practices that led to it?

Before we end: in the 1910s there was an epidemic at the border but it wasn't typhus. It was the Spanish fever brought to America by American soldiers returning from war.

- Taarika Mann and Eshanya Agrawal



The Curious Case of Curiosity

“I have no special powers. I am only passionately curious.”

-Albert Einstein

In school, one is no stranger to the all-consuming, stunned silence that ensues when a guest speaker of some eminence asks if one has any questions one would like to ask him/her. The reaction is almost immediate - our palms are suddenly sweaty and our eyes dart from one face to another in the hope that somebody, anybody will ask a question, sparing us the embarrassment of being considered uninquisitive. Finally, a threatening glare from our teachers results in some poor soul being forced to ask a clichéd, barely intelligent question, leaving the said guest speaker not-so-impressed and the school inevitably embarrassed. Now, this may seem like a matter of little consequence to most, but if you look closer, it raises some important questions that are both worrying and essential to ask.

‘Millions saw the apple fall but Newton asked why.’ Every invention, regardless of how big or small, began with a question; the tiny germ of a new idea, born out of a question nobody had asked before. By accepting things as they are, we are missing out on an opportunity to make the world a more creative place. And what is a world without painters and poets and musicians? We must be passionately hungry for knowledge, willing to delve into the very heart of things and question their very essence. Granted, formal education leaves very little space for inquisitiveness, but miracles can happen if curiosity survives it. Roald Dahl’s Matilda, wise beyond her years, defeats her tyrannical Headmistress by performing miracles using her powers of curiosity and questioning. She preserves her intellect despite being of a family whose reading habits extend only to footpath magazines and small-town dailies. Harper Lee’s Scout Finch is another pertinent example. Living in a small, conservative town in 1930’s southern America, Scout questions ideas of racism, gender roles and social status as a little girl, and this helps her grow into an independent, empathetic woman despite the society she lives in. Arnold Edinborough said it best- “Curiosity is the very basis of education and if you tell me that curiosity killed the cat, I say only the cat died nobly.”

-Tanvi Trehan
Class 12

WHAT'S IN

WHAT'S OUT



- ✂ Formal Dinners
- ✂ Kebabs
- ✂ Remediation
- ✂ No Letters
- ✂ SAT
- ✂ Socials Hangover
- ✂ Dengue
- ✂ Hospital Chits
- ✂ Metal Detectors
- ✂ Black Shoes

- ☹ Socials
- ☹ Momos
- ☹ Sleep
- ☹ No Letters
- ☹ Social Life
- ☹ MUN Fever
- ☹ Immunity
- ☹ Bunking Classes
- ☹ Phones
- ☹ Floaters

- 🔫 SC's running after the 'bhaiyas' in black rather than brown during formal dinner.
- 🔫 SC's crying over socials - some with joy and others with despair.
- 🔫 Math SC's watching movie trailers.
- 🔫 Practically all of junior school standing at the 'pir' every morning before the exam.
- 🔫 The Bulbul- Woodpecker senior block competing with each other every morning.
- 🔫 The Pre SC's passionately glaring at the lock on the mailing lab door during half yearly's.

Redefining Machiavelli: The Distorted Truth

“Machiavellian” denotes a person or action that disregards morality and is wholly self-serving. The origin of the word derives from the famous Florentine politician and writer Niccoló Machiavelli.

The global scenario today is to a great extent divorced from morality, mutual benefits and customs, and works on the grounds of power, selfish interests and individual good. These traits can be witnessed in China’s neo-colonialism in Africa, U.S mediation in the Middle-East to establish “peace” or even the politicization of events backed by religion and tradition in several countries, including India.

The continuance of unopposed terrorist and fatal government rule in many countries like Syria, Sudan, and Venezuela clearly reflects the Machiavellian concept of “effectual truth” where what *really* is, is far different from what *really should* be. These States legitimize the teachings of Machiavelli where the disconcerting fact remains – the ruler must adopt any evil tactics to stay in power. This is further justified by the misleading pessimistic nature of humankind as defined by Machiavelli – selfish, brute, merciless and dishonest. When we speak of racial and ethnic discrimination, non-state actors get a fresh mandate to carry out atrocities. Their rationale stand is that to survive in such a social order, “one must possess the power of a lion and the cleverness of a fox.” I wish I could say that humanity has grown more peaceful, but I don’t believe that is true. It is just that rulers and perpetrators have definitely become better at justifying war and their actions.



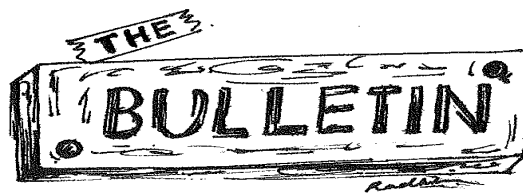
Unfortunately, when one begins to step away from the political scenario and begins to apply this principle to the various other aspects of an individual’s life, one discovers that being Machiavelli may be better than being a Gandhi. It begins to seem like a necessity when minute after minute we see friends transform to strangers and find abandonment completely normal. The ever-growing gap between the rich and the poor gives a license to the criminals to break law. Influence and popularity become the driving force of everyone’s regular life and trust is not a commonly uttered word. The most disturbing idea is the validation of acquisitiveness in the pursuit of happiness. The virtues taught are incompatible with the actuality of practice to preserve ourselves. To survive in this despotic world, must we not become the same? .

The odious maxims of a Machiavellian policy become our daily mantra, whether we realize it or not. If one would ask Machiavelli what he thinks of our contemporary world, he would smile that famous inscrutable smile of his and surely say – “This looks familiar, doesn’t it?”

Knowing this, are we supposed to sit back in our couches, pretending to be oblivious and simply *accept* this way of life as something that’s ubiquitous? Or should we, as rational people stand up against an intolerable happening in our society and understand that there are never easy choices, and prudence consists in knowing how to recognize the challenges of the hard decisions you face yet choosing the harder right.

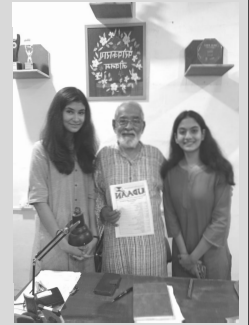
Even now, as I sit to write my utopian notions, I know for sure that the society has already given birth to many Machiavellis and no one is sure as to what the consequences of this would be for us. Fortunately or unfortunately, the only thing we can do is to have faith in mankind's inherent goodness. Or is it not?

-Tanisha Gupta
Class 12



THE UDAAN INITIATIVE

- Taarika Mann and Hansika Nath regularly visited the Purkal Youth Development Society and interacted with students of classes 8 and 9 at a class room level where they discussed local, national as well as global issues. They took the children to the village where they identified local problems and pondered over their solutions. They initiated a clean-up drive and later helped the students to combine their understanding and opinions on these problems into a magazine they call 'UDAAN' which is geared up to spread to other cities as well.



- **16th to 18th July:** SRIJANYAM – All India Inter School Art and Design Fest held at Assam Valley School.
- **18th to 20th July:** The Vice-Captain body attended the IPSC Youth Leadership Conference which was co-hosted by The Doon School and the Welham Boys' School. The activities ranged from public speaking to global leadership analysis and problem solving.
- **24th to 29th July:** Ten students participated in the Regional Karate tournament organised by the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations. The students won 1 Gold, 4 Silver and 1 Bronze medal. Anushka Mehrotra was chosen to represent Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh at the CISCE Nationals.
- **1st to 4th August:** 17 girls participated in the Basketball CISCE Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh zone. The U-19 team stood second while the U-17 stood third and the U-14 stood first. Myra Thadani, Tasneen Marwah and Chomolungma Rai have been selected to represent the team in the CISCE Nationals.



- **1st to 2nd August:** Pravisha Verma, Jiya Gupta and Medha Ajitsaria participated in the Aaj-Tak Interschool Hindi Debate held at Vasant Valley, Delhi. The team won the 1st Position among the 36 schools. They also gave a live interview to the Aaj-Tak News Channel.

- **3rd to 5th August** -9 students participated in the Welham Boys' MUN. Sairaa Bains, Hansika Nath and Taarika Mann received a Verbal Mention, Jahnvi Chandra and Shanvi Bansal were awarded an Honorable Mention and Manya Kheria and Anmol Kejriwal received the Outstanding Delegate award.

- **4th to 7th August :** The school Basketball team participated in the regional basketball tournament organized by the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations. Five students were chosen to represent Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh at the CISCE Nationals to be held in Tamil Nadu.
- **10th to 14th August-** Rhea Uppal, Anisha Kedia, Taarika Mann and Eshanya Agarwal attended the Young Leaders Conclave held at Modern School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi. They were designated into different teams where they designed modules that would help the leaders of the future take more ethical decisions.
- **10th August:** Four students participated in the SILVER FIESTA, a film appreciation workshop held at Kasiga School.





- **10th August:** Twenty girls from our school attended the 'Harmony' music and dance competition held at Unison World School. The students were declared the 3rd Best in the Bollywood Dance and the Rock Band competitions and 1st in the Kathak performance and the Acapella. They bagged the 1st Position overall.

- **16th to 18th August:** Eight students participated at the Model United Nations Conference held at The Doon School.

- **17th August:** Pravisha Verma and Vanshika Gupta participated in the Wynberg Allen Interschool Hindi Debate and bagged the 2nd position. Vanshika was adjudged the Best Speaker as well as the Best Interlocutor in the Final Round.

- **18th to 20th August:** A delegation of thirteen students participated in the JK Kate Memorial Inter-School Knowledge Conclave held at the Punjab Public School, Nabha. Agreema Agarwal was awarded the 2nd Position in Spell-bee. Hansika Nath secured the 2nd Position in the Movie Review, while Saasha Sarin, Rushali Mukherjee and Zarah Choudhary secured the 1st Position in the Wall Making Competition. Mrigya Kumar was titled as the 'Best Speaker' in the semi-final round of the English debate.

- **19th to 20th August:** 22 girls participated in the Interschool State Karate Championship held in Rishikesh. Vrukshanca Maheshwari received 2 Golds in Kata and Kumite and overall the team received 13 Gold, 7 Silver and 6 Bronze medals.

- **22nd to 24th August:** Welham Girls' participated in the IPSC IT fest held at Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet.



- **29th to 30th August:** Jahnvi Chandra, Tanisha Gupta, Taarika Mann and Manaal Mirza represented our school at the Oliphant Memorial Debates held at Welham Boys' School.

- **29th to 30th August:** Eshanya Agarwal, Vaanya Singh and Mrigya Kumar participated in the Annual Chuckerbutty Debates hosted by The Doon School. Our team won two out of four rounds. Eshanya was adjudged the Best Speaker in two rounds.

- **30th August:** Aditi Barakoti and Jiya Gupta participated in the Interschool Hindi Debate held at Cambrian Hall, Dehradun. The team stood 3rd and Jiya Gupta was awarded the position of the 3rd Best Speaker.

- **10th to 19th September:** The senior team participated in the St. Thomas Interschool Basketball Tournament. Our team made us proud by emerging as winners of the tournament.



AARANGETRAM



- **10th August :** Shirene Anand made the school proud by performing her Arangetram, which is the debut on-stage performance of a student of Indian classical dance that qualifies her to teach Bharatanatyam.

- **31st August:** Shraddha Garg performed her Arangetram and left the school awe struck with her graceful performance. Shraddha is now qualified to teach Bharatanatyam.



Special Thanks to Mrs. C.K. Rajlakshmi for once again taking our students to greater heights under her exceptional tutelage.





Q: Why does Donald Trump look like Donald Duck?

Dear high-on-IQ,

It is heartening to see the practical application of your skills to juxtapose between humans and animals and concomitantly drawing comparisons so accurately especially given the fact that the intellectual quotient of both might as well be the same. I may be tossed across to the other side of the (unbuilt) Mexican Wall for that statement!

Well either way, it is a proven fact that our all-time-favorite , 'Mickey Mouse and the Club House' with Mr. Donald Duck might have an uncanny resemblance to Mr. Donald Trump keeping in mind their policy making and of course their outlandish hairstyles. However it gives me immense happiness to see my Welhamites rise higher than the crest of the 'duck' hair. For now let's just say no matter the feathers, we'll always know who's the bigger quack.

Q: How old are you aunty?

Deary,

How young are you I suppose, (hope rather for your sake) is what you're trying to ask me. But before we move on to anything else let me express my sincerest condolences to your non-existent social life and bad grades since this is what you resort to doing in the middle of your half yearly examinations. Now to answer your question- I don't buy into the social construct of chronological age and even if I did, a lady never tells. All you need to know is I'm old enough to know better than you little imbeciles about everything but then again that could have nothing to do with age and more with the lack of intellect you all don't fail to display in your questions.

I realize it would perhaps benefit me if I changed my way of communicating a little so-"Imma go chill now homies"-#auntyiscool right?

Love Always,
Aunt Agatha

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