

You don't always need a plan. Sometimes you need to breathe, trust,
let go and see what happens.

Field Day at BCM Kindergarten



Tiny tots on the field track...

Clubs at a glance



A Year of enriching and exciting club activities

Safe Internet Day



Promoting safer and more responsible use of online technology

Endeavour



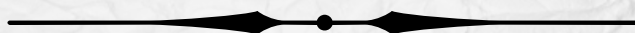
Genius Academie, Institution of Abacus Education & Vedic Maths organised Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Competition on 7th January 2024. It was city based Competition in which around 100 students from various schools participated. 22 students of BCM SCHOOL BASANT AVENUE proved their mettle & brought laurels to the school by winning different positions in their module & category. Miss Hitasha of std IV won the Lucky Champ Cash Prize of Rs.1000.

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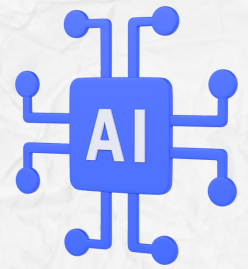


Book Talk 'Verse Voyage' at BCM School, Basant Avenue, Dugri Road, Ludhiana

Under the aegis of BCM Leadership Forum, acclaimed author Swati Munjal graced the school with a captivating session, unraveling the pages of her book, "Teaspoons Full of Love and Positivity," in a dynamic book talk 'Verse Voyage' with young BCMites. Her engaging and insightful discussion about the book ignited the imagination of the students and instilled a profound understanding of the transformative power of love and positivity. Arshpreet Singh, fueled by creativity and admiration, expressed his gratitude by presenting personalized portrait to the author. Additionally, the other students demonstrated their enthusiasm by crafting bookmarks featuring the themes of the book and eagerly received her signature as a cherished token of the occasion. They also penned gratitude letter, articulating the transformative influence of her book on their perspectives and lives. In a dual celebration, excellence of the students was honored by conferring trophies to the accomplished winners of Class XII and other high achievers. The event not only enriched their literary knowledge but also contributed significantly to their emotional and creative development, leaving a lasting impact on their overall well-being. The session served as an inspiring exploration of literature and creativity and also fostered a deeper appreciation for the power of optimism in our daily lives.



Parents' Corner



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE FUTURE OF HUMANS

Digital life is augmenting human capacities and disrupting eons-old human activities. Codedriven systems have spread to more than half of the world's inhabitants offering previously unimagined opportunities and unprecedented threats. As emerging algorithm-driven artificial intelligence (AI) continues to spread, will people be better off than they are today?

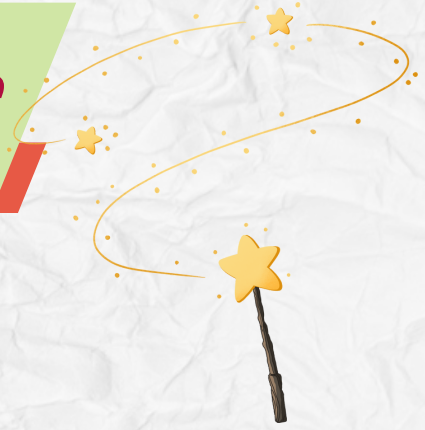
The experts predicted networked artificial intelligence will amplify human effectiveness but also threaten human capabilities. Computers might match or even exceed human intelligence and capabilities on tasks such as complex decision-making. With all the hype around Artificial Intelligence – robots, selfdriving cars, etc. – it can be easy to assume that it has both advantages and disadvantages .The benefits of AI include efficiency through task automation, data analysis for informed decisions, assistance in medical diagnosis, and the advancement of autonomous vehicles. The drawbacks of AI include job displacement, ethical concerns about bias and privacy, security risks from hacking, a lack of human-like creativity and empathy.

The day is not far when AI will capture this whole world. The results depend on the user and how one uses it .The most Important role for humans will be to ensure that the rise of the AI doesn't get out of hand. So, in a nutshell it can be said that Artificial intelligence (AI), which was once a buzzword, has become an integral part of our lives.

Monica Jain
M/o Prnil Jain
V Rose



Teachers' Corner



Count Your Blessings

“Count your blessings, not your problems”. Do not compare yourself with others. Instead count your blessings; there are so many people who dream of having a life like yours. If we could spend time in counting our blessings one by one instead of counting our problems, we would realise how blessed we are.

We all go through the hard times but when we count our blessings, we note all the wonderful things in our lives. This helps us to appreciate how good our life is. Counting our blessings is important. It shows that you are grateful. Gratitude is a feeling of appreciation or thanks. When we count their blessings, we can say like this; I am thankful for my family, I am thankful for my friends, I am thankful for my health. It helps us to surround us with positivity and brush the negativity. Life is a blessing that we can take for granted. The best way to bring a peace is to count whatever we are blessed with. It could be as simple as having eyes for seeing. When we count our blessings, we remind ourselves of how privileged we are. By counting our blessings, our problems start to fade into the distance. “The more we count our blessings the more they increase.”

So, instead of wasting time and energy on complaining your lives, count your blessings and spend few minutes simply writing and counting positive things you are blessed with. This provide immense mental strength and peace. In fact making a list of blessings may even surprise you that you had so many things be thankful.

Count your blessings. It implies that one should think positively and look on the bright side of the things. Last but not the least, focus on the good and positive things instead of negative one as it will help us to live our life more happier.

MADHVI SHARMA
PRT



Appreciation to our Budding Writers

"The Strange Case of the Missing Socks"

Sam was puzzled. He had just done his laundry, but when he opened the dryer, he found that one of his socks was missing. He checked the washer, the floor, hamper, but there was no sign of the other sock. He was confused and put the lone sock in his drawer, hoping that the other sock would be in his house only. The next day, he did another load of laundry, and the same thing happened.



One of his socks was gone. He searched everywhere, but he couldn't find it. He wondered if someone was playing a prank on himself, or if there was a sock thief in his apartment building. He decided to keep an eye on his laundry from now on. The following day, he was determined to solve the mystery. He put a pair of socks in the washer, and watched them carefully. He saw them spin around again and again and get rinsed. He transferred them to the dryer, and waited for them to get dried. He opened the dryer, and to his horror, he saw that one of his socks was missing again.

He was puzzled. "How could this happen? Where does the socks go?" he questioned himself. He looked inside the dryer and noticed a small hole in the back! He reached his hands inside and felt like a bunch of socks in there. He pulled it out, and gasped. It was a pile of socks, all of different colours, patterns and sizes. He recognized some of them as his own socks, but others were unfamiliar. He decided to investigate further. He unplugged the dryer, and removed the back panel. He saw a long metal tube that connected the dryer to the wall. He followed the tube, and found that it led to a small opening in the basement. He opened the vent, and crawled inside. He was shocked by what he saw.

There was a huge pile of socks, covering the entire floor. There were hundreds, may be thousands of socks, all tangled together. And in the middle of the pile, there was was creature. It looked like a giant rat with sharp teeth and a bushy tail. It was sleeping, snoring like an adult who does 2 jobs for his expenses. Sam realized that this was the sock monster who had been stealing his socks.

He was angry and wanted his Socks back. He poked it with a broom twice. The creature woke up, Sam threw the broom at him, it broke into two. Sam ran for his life towards the exit. The creature chased him.

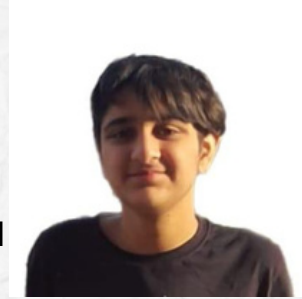
And that's when he woke up. It was a dream, a dream Sam could never forgot. He got off his bed and rushed towards his drawer where he keeps his socks, they were with him only.

Sukhmanpreet



Glimpses of the Unseen: A School's Tale

Anil woke up to the usual bustle of a school day. He hurried through his morning routine, eager to get to Kolkata Public School. The sun was shining brightly in the sky, casting a golden shade over the city as he made his way to the bus stop. As he stepped into the school gates, a strange sensation settled over him—a prickling on the back of his neck, a shiver that seemed to come from deep within. At first, he brushed it off as a consequence of the chilly morning breeze. But as he travelled across the familiar corridors, something felt strange.



Students and teachers moved about, but their actions appeared unusual, almost as if they were being manipulated by invisible strings. Anil tried to shake off the eerie feeling, believing it to be his overactive imagination. However, he couldn't ignore the peculiar behaviour around him. Conversations cut off abruptly, and people's expressions seemed frozen, their gazes vacant.

Anil reached his classroom, hoping that the strange sensation would disappear in the company of his friends. But the unease lingered. His classmates sat at their desks, seemingly engrossed in their work, yet their movements were robotic. It was as though their bodies were present, but their minds were elsewhere.

During recess, Anil noticed odd occurrences—the swing set swaying with an unnatural rhythm, the leaves on the trees rustling in an unexplained pattern. He sensed a presence, an otherworldly energy that seemed to pervade the very air he breathed.

Curiosity mingled with unease, urging him to investigate. He wandered towards the abandoned wing of the school, a part that was rumoured to be haunted. As he stepped into the dimly lit corridor, a chill ran down his spine, and he felt a heavy presence in the air.

A flicker of movement caught his eye—a figure, fleeting and indistinct, rushed past him. Anil's heart raced; fear and intrigue battled within him. He pressed on, drawn by a mysterious force.

In the heart of the abandoned wing, he stumbled upon an old, broken-down classroom. The air hung heavy with a profound sense of foreboding. Anil's breath fastened as he sensed a strange object, a supernatural energy breathing in the room. Shadows danced on the walls, twisting and distorting in an unsettling display. As he cautiously approached, a whisper echoed through the air, carrying a message that sent a chill down his spine. "We have taken residence within these walls, young one. You tread on ground that is no longer solely yours."

Anil's heartbeat quickened, but his curiosity outweighed his fear. "Who are you?" he dared to ask, his voice barely above a whisper.

"We are the echoes of the past, spirits entangled with this land. The school once belonged to us, and now, we have returned," the voice chanted vaguely.

Anil's mind raced as he pieced together the puzzle. The disrupted movements, the eerie sensations—it was the work of these unearthly beings claiming what they believed was theirs. Yet, a sense of compassion stirred within him. They seemed lost, displaced from their rightful place.

Summoning his courage, Anil spoke softly, "This school is a temple of learning, a place of growth and knowledge for the living. Can't there be harmony between your spirits and our pursuit of education?"

The room fell silent for a moment before a whisper, filled with acceptance, floated through the air. "We shall coexist in the shadows, unseen yet present. But heed our warning, young one—there are forces beyond comprehension that dwell in the realms between."

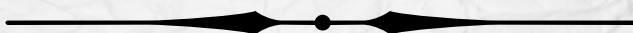
With a sense of determination, Anil made his way out of the abandoned wing, feeling a strange mix of relief and reverence. The rest of the day passed uneventfully, the odd occurrences seemingly subsiding.

As he left the school gates, Anil cast a glance back at the building, knowing that within its walls, a delicate balance existed between the tangible and the supernatural—a secret shared only with him. He walked away, the echoes of the otherworldly encounter lingering in his thoughts, forever intertwined with the tale of Kolkata Public School.

Soham
X Marigold

ਹੈਰਾਨੀਜਨਕ ਤੱਥ

- * ਕਿੰਗ ਫਾਹਦ ਹਵਾਈ ਅੱਡਾ ਦੁਨੀਆ ਦਾ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਡਾ ਹਵਾਈ ਅੱਡਾ ਹੈ, ਕਿੰਗ ਫਾਹਦ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਹਵਾਈ ਅੱਡਾ ਲਗਭਗ 300 ਵਰਗ ਮੀਲ ਦਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਦੁਨੀਆ ਦਾ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਡਾ ਹਵਾਈ ਅੱਡਾ ਹੈ।
- * ਬਣਧਾਰੀ ਜੀਵਾਂ ਦਾ ਲਹੂ ਲਾਲ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ, ਕੀੜਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਲਹੂ ਪੀਲਾ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ, ਅਤੇ ਝੀਂਗਾ ਦਾ ਲਹੂ ਨੀਲਾ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ।
- * ਬਿੱਲੀਆਂ ਮਿੱਠੀਆਂ ਚੀਜ਼ਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਵਾਦ ਨਹੀਂ ਲੈ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ।
- * ਭਾਰਤੀ ਮੁਦਰਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੱਕ ਸਪੇਸ ਸੂਟ ਦੀ ਕੀਮਤ ਲਗਭਗ 75 ਕਰੋੜ ਹੈ।
- * ਭਾਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਪੜ੍ਹਿਆ-ਲਿਖਿਆ ਰਾਜ ਕੇਰਲਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਘੱਟ ਸਾਖਰਤਾ ਦਰ ਵਾਲਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਅਲੀਰਾਜਪੁਰ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਮੱਧ ਪ੍ਰਦੇਸ਼ ਰਾਜ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਥਿਤ ਹੈ।



Students' Achievements



A dream becomes a goal when action is taken towards its achievement.



Arshnoor Kaur of class V Marigold secured *first position* in the International Hindi Olympiad 2023 at the international level as well as the first position in the North zone. She was awarded with a cash prize of Rs. 5100/- along with 2 certificates for both the levels, a gold medal and a trophy for her achievement.

Congratulations!!
for

**JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
(MAIN) 2024-NTA SCORE**

 97.51 HARGUN SINGH	
 94.26 AKSHIT DAWAR	 94.08 AKUL GUPTA



Kiratpreet Kaur of IV Rose bagged *first prize* in "ALL ABOUT ARTIST DANCE COMPETITION" organized by UNIQUE DANCE STUDIO at AMBALA.



Career Column

What is a Certified Financial Planner?

The CFP Certification is the leading Certification globally in the field of Financial Planning with over 1,70,000 Certificates. It is popular in more than 26 countries across the world including India. A Certified Financial Planner (CFP) Certification is crafted to equip individuals with the requisite expertise and abilities to excel as financial planners. This course encompasses personal finance, investment strategies, retirement planning, taxes, estate planning and others.

The Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification is one of the paramount credentials in the field of finance. It gives individuals the in-depth financial wisdom, capabilities, and proficiency needed to flourish in the challenging financial planning landscape.

Finishing a CFP Certification is generally seen as a substantial progression toward becoming a Certified Financial Planner

Pathways of CFP Courses and their Eligibility Criteria-

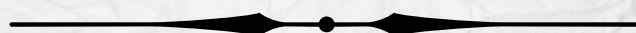
Ideally, there are two pathways to CFP certification.

- Normal Pathway
- Challenge Status Pathway

Regular or normal pathway: The normal pathway is the one in which the students enrolled in the bachelor's degree can apply for the program. In the regular pathway method, you are required to pass the initial 4 NSE exams. After passing these exams, you can proceed further and take the fifth exam for advanced financial planning.

Challenge Status Pathway: Just like its name, the challenge status pathway is a bit off-beat. In this pathway, you are only required to clear the fifth exam of advanced financial planning. However, there is a condition for that. The candidate needs to possess relevant job experience prior to taking the exam.

The Certified Financial Planner (CFP) is a professional certification designed primarily for financial planning, wealth management, and personal finance. The Financial Planning Standards Board (FPSB) in the United States, along with other recognized financial planning institutions across various nations globally, confer this certification.



Exploration



विद्यार्थी जीवन में योग का महत्व

योग का शाब्दिक अर्थ है जोड़ना। योग शारीरिक व्यायाम, शारीरिक मुद्रा (आसन), ध्यान, सांस लेने की तकनीकों और व्यायाम को जोड़ता है। इस शब्द का अर्थ ही 'योग' या भौतिक का स्वयं के भीतर आध्यात्मिक के साथ मिलन है। विद्यार्थी जीवन में योग का महत्व अत्यंत महान है। योग एक आध्यात्मिक विज्ञान है जो शरीर, मन, और आत्मा को संतुलित करने में मदद करता है। विद्यार्थी जीवन विशेष रूप से छात्रों के लिए अत्यंत छोटे और बड़े तनावों के साथ भरा हुआ होता है जैसे पढ़ाई के दबाव, परीक्षा से संबंधित चिंता, और समय की कमी। योगाभ्यास से विद्यार्थी शरीर में ऊर्जा का स्तर बढ़ता है और मन को शांति मिलती है। ध्यान और प्राणायाम के माध्यम से विद्यार्थी स्वयं को धीरजवान और उत्साही बनाने के साथ ही ध्यान केन्द्रित करके पढ़ाई में भी अधिक सफलता प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। योग के नियमित अभ्यास से छात्रों की सोचने और समझने की क्षमता में सुधार होता है और वे अपने जीवन के लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने में समर्थ होते हैं। इससे छात्रों की शारीरिक और मानसिक सेहत भी सुधारती है, जिससे वे जीवन के चुनौतियों का सामना करने में अधिक सक्षम बनते हैं। विद्यार्थी जीवन में योग को अपनाकर, वे अपने अध्ययन और संसार की कठिनाइयों के मार्ग को सफलता के साथ पार कर सकते हैं। योग का उद्देश्य हमारे जीवन का सर्वांगीण विकास करना है। योग से न केवल शारीरिक, मानसिक, नैतिक, आध्यात्मिक व सामाजिक विकास होता है बल्कि योग शारीरिक एवं मानसिक निरोगता, कुविचारों, कुसंस्कारों को दूर करता है। अच्छे संस्कारों के द्वारा एक कुशल व्यक्तित्व का निर्माण करता है। जो व्यक्ति योग करते हैं, वह साधारण मनुष्यों की तुलना में कहीं अधिक उत्कृष्ट व समर्थ होते हैं। ऐसे व्यक्तियों की कार्य क्षमता उच्च स्तर की होती है।

Mind Boggler



(RIDDLES)

- 1.If you have me you will want to share me, If you share me, you will no longer have me.What am I?
- 2.Where does Friday come before Thursday?
- 3.What begins with an 'e' and only contains one letter?
- 4.The shorter I am, the bigger I am. What am I?
- 5.What has many needles, but doesn't sew ?
- 6.What breaks as soon as you say its name ?
- 7.What begins with T, ends with T and has a T in it,?

Ans. key of (Vol.44)

- | Across | Down |
|-------------|-----------|
| 3. squirrel | 1. monkey |
| 4. hen | 2. frog |
| 5. dog | 3. snail |