

# SCHOOL IS COOL

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It's not just a place where you get to learn Einstein's Theory of Relativity. It's also a place where you can think beyond the classroom. Hence we say, **SCHOOL IS COOL!**

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## Diary of a tinkerpreneur

The poster gleamed on one of the WhatsApp messages, 'Tinkerpreneur 2021'. I got this and was keen to know more about it, that's why I scrolled and surfed for more details. Yes, the bug of entrepreneurship stung me! I instantly got myself registered for this boot camp conducted by ATL, NITI Aayog. I got this amazing opportunity to know the Tinkerpreneur cohort wherein I happen to virtually dive into this ecosystem. There was immense learning under the able guidance and unflinching support of our mentor of change, Kiran sir.

The weekends were coated with learning sessions from eminent educators from ATL to entrepreneurs of unicorns. These special sessions incepted an entrepreneurial attitude with in me. The second week was rattling for some unique idea, but alas witnessed no bright sparks inside my cranium. Then suddenly a casual conversation with a friend brought

forth the issue of finding a creative birthday invitation card of his liking. I realised that, I too had faced the same issue of finding a perfect birthday invitation for my friends. Eureka! Out of the blues an idea struck me - customised themes related to birthday celebration. I enlisted and tried my hand in designing birthday invitations, gift tags, buffet cards, greeting cards. Viola! To my delight soon my digital products started to take shape. I also seasoned my business card with the charm of Augment reality.

Soon week three knocked! In this week I had to refine my digital products. During week four, I had to prepare a business model canvas. This was the week where I had to walk and talk

like an entrepreneur. Week five was about digital marketing which highlighted my designing skills wherein I created various banners



for my product. In week six we had to set up our online store for which I used a software called Ewid. Week seven was learning business finance. As Elizabeth Warren said, "Balancing your money is the key to having enough".

Week eight involved launching of the digital products. In this week I launched the online store which included all the digital products that the users could order from my store. This week kept me busy in looking for prospective customers. I showcased advertisements, launched different promotional games, merchandising goods to attract customers. As week nine approached I prepared and practiced my pitch several times in a day before recording it.

As the much-awaited result came out, I was extremely delighted to know that I was in the top 100 of the best business venture of ATL Tinkerpreneur 2021! My journey has just begun and now I'm improving my business acumen. Please do visit my site My Eventii (company site) and help me grow as a budding entrepreneur.

SHAURYA KARMAKAR, class VIII-D, Air Force Golden Jubilee Institute, Subroto Park

## Teaching kids what counts

Shaheed Bishan Singh Memorial Sr Sec School, New Delhi, has organised a fun day at school for our preschool kids and their parents on December 3 with numerous fun activities like games, dance, magic show, and refreshment etc.

At the event, kids were engaged in multiple brainstorming games that were planned in an innovative way to keep them engaged in one or other activity. Dancing is considered to be a way of refreshing ourselves, our juniors danced to the rhythm of music with their open wings touching the sky, wearing a costume of smile on their faces. The magic show was another cheerful activity which was loved and enjoyed by our little guests. On the side of the corner, a photo-shoot podium was built to capture these happy memories in a frame for life-time.



Trusting them, by letting them do what they like doing while learning was the aim of this event, which was successfully achieved by looking at the heart-felt smiles on all our blossoming kids. At the end, the programme was concluded with an exceptional response from parents and kids and was appreciated by all.

## 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'

Sachdeva Public School, Pitampura organised splendid activities and competitions under the umbrella of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' campaign to strengthen unity and solidarity with the partner state, Sikkim.

It was an enriching and interesting experience for the students when they participated in an array of activities like card making, poster making, quiz competition, show and tell, unity pledge in Sikkimese language etc with zest and zeal. The children ac-



quired knowledge about glorious history, customs, traditions, cuisines and other aspects of Sikkim through a powerpoint presentation.

These activities encouraged the students to tap their creative potential while working towards realising the deep cultural connect with Sikkim. The campaign also generated the vibrancy of understanding and appreciation among the students and forged mutual bonding thus securing an enriched value system of unity in the nation.

## DO IT YOURSELF

### Add meaning to walls of your house

Looking for wall decor ideas to refresh your space? Those empty walls are filled with possibilities and a few additions can make a house feel like a home.

Nothing adds personality and colour quite like a gallery wall. Display a collection of art or photographs, or add wall hangings and other ephemera. Opt for simple, cohesive frames or bring in an array of ornate variations to mix things up! Extend the gallery wall to the ceiling to create the illusion of a larger space.



Rajlakhmi R, TYBMM, Sophia College for Women, Mumbai

## End inequalities, end aids



Every year, organisations and individuals across the world bring attention to the HIV epidemic, endeavour to increase HIV awareness and knowledge, speak out against HIV stigma, and call for an increased response to move toward ending the

HIV epidemic. Maharaja Agarsain Public School, Ashok vihar contributed to the movement by celebrating World Aids day in school. Students of various grades held interactive sessions and made meaningful posters to spread consciousness.

## Stand up for human rights

Ryan International School, sector-40, Gurgaon celebrated 'Human Rights Day'. The day is observed every year when the United Nations General Assembly adopted in 1948, the universal declaration of human rights. This day is a worldwide observance celebrated by the people all across the world to get the real rights for human beings.

To mark the importance of this day the students of class V participated in a talk show based on the topic 'Human Rights Day'. The talk show was informative and drew the attention of all the students. They spread the message through presentation that human rights are the rights given to the human beings and we all should respect them, demand for them whenever required. "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights"



was the message given by the students through presentation. School Head Shivali Sharma encouraged the students to know more about it as it is a right of every single human being to ask for what they deserve and appreciated students for creating awareness about the same.

## BOOK: THE CHALK MAN BY CJ TUDOR



Alternating between 1986 and 2016, the novel follows the complex lives of Eddie and his small group of friends in a small English town. With striking characters like Mr Halloran, the Reverend and Elisa, the story deals with issues like social stigma, disability, dementia and abortion rights. Earlier sequences are shown in the form of flashbacks which explore two deaths, numerous accidents and intersecting lives of various members of the small community. This book is an example of a good mystery novel, having the required amounts of secrets, complicated family dynamics and problems that arise because of conflicts in opinion.

The characters are renditions of humans in real life, existing in the morally grey area between

goodness and evil. The author lays down the plot and details like breadcrumbs which are somewhat hard to decipher at first but ultimately lead to a heart wrenching and unexpected climax. There are moments when the sanity and morality of Eddie, the book's protagonist comes into question and the dilemma baffles the reader, who is left in a state of wonder and a feeling of satisfaction when the story comes full circle. I recommend this book to anyone who is interested in the mystery/horror genre.

Ritika Jyala, class XII S1, DAV Public School, Nerul



## Student Corner

MEERA, class IX B, Sumermal Jain Public school, Janakpuri

JAANI RATHORE, class III B, Sachdeva Public School, Pitampura

GURJOT, class IX A, Sumermal Jain Public school, Janakpuri

## Bringing change towards specially-abled

ASN Senior Secondary School, Mayur Vihar-1 on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities conducted a special assembly with the aim to bring changes in behaviour towards the specially-abled and instill compassion in others for them.



The programme began with a beautiful 'Krishna Vandana' followed by a heart touching poem. The highlight of the day was the skit titled 'Truly Aabled' which emphasised on the idea that 'I am different, not less'. The skit showcased and reflected on the life of Ira Singhal, an Indian Administrative Service officer and computer science engineer. Through her sheer grit and determination she became the highest-scoring individual in the UPSC's Civil Services Examination for

the year 2014. Subsequently, an inspiring video of the differently abled people who have won laurels for themselves and the nation was shown followed, by a melodious rendition by the children. The event culminated with a dance performance. School Principal, Swarnima Luthra in her address appreciated the students for putting up a beautiful show and making everyone realise that it is important to respect others and act with kindness and compassion.

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# ENG LOOK TO CRASH PINK BALL PARTY

Pumped up team will bid to level series  
playing under lights in second Ashes Test



Stuart Broad

**E**ngland are preparing to throw the kitchen sink at Australia in the day-night second Ashes test at Adelaide Oval in a bid to level the series after seeing their best-laid plans torn to shreds in the Gabba opener.

## RIDING ON VETERANS

Selectors are expected to press the rested James Anderson and Stuart Broad back into service and hope the veteran duo can do more damage with the pink ball than their team mates managed with the red one during the nine-wicket thrashing in Brisbane. Another defeat would be disastrous for Joe Root's men.

Only one team have come back from a 2-0 deficit to win the Ashes – the Don Bradman-captained Australia that pulled off the comeback for the ages in 1936/37.

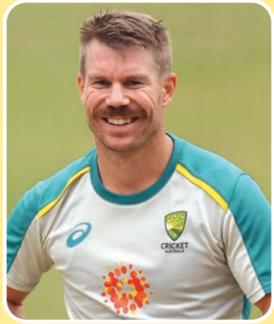
While Root has enjoyed a Bradman-esque 2021 with the bat, scoring the most runs in a calendar year by an English batsman, it might be a stretch to compare his team with the Depression-era Australians. And they face a rejuvenated side that has turned day-night cricket into a competitive advantage, winning all eight of their tests under lights dating back to the format's 2015 debut. That run included the 120-run victory over Root's England in Adelaide during the 2017/18 series, which stretched Australia's lead to 2-0 on the way to a 4-0 hiding.

Where England have Broad and Anderson, Australia have their own swing maestro in Mitchell Starc and a proven pink ball performer in skipper Pat Cummins. Starc took an eight-wicket match haul in the 2017 Ashes test in Adelaide, while Cummins, the world's top-ranked test bowler, has racked up 26 day-night wickets in five matches at an average of 16.23.

## WARNER PASSED FIT

Dynamic opener David Warner will play through the pain in the second Ashes Test against England, Australia captain Pat Cummins said. Warner scored 94 in the first innings but didn't field or bat in Australia's second innings as he nursed bruised ribs after being pummeled by the England attack.

The 35-year-old padded up in the Adelaide Oval nets on Tuesday and made several audible cries of pain, but Cummins said he would play the day-night Test. "He'll be right, he batted with a bit of discomfort, but knowing Davey he's not going to miss this one," Cummins said. "He'll be fine once the adrenaline kicks in," he added of the flamboyant star.



## NEED FOR SPIN SPECIALIST

Pace, however, is not the be-all and end-all at Adelaide Oval. Spin also has a role, as Nathan Lyon's six wickets in 2017 showed. Adelaide Oval curator Damian Hough said England would be missing a trick if they did not pick a specialist spinner. "History says that the pitch will spin," Hough told reporters on the eve of the test on Wednesday. "Nathan's always played a role out there. So from our end we believe that spin at Adelaide needs to play a part."

This leaves England's selectors with a conundrum after spinner Jack Leach conceded 1-102 at nearly eight runs an over in Brisbane. The dilemma is compounded by the team's sluggish bowling. Even with Leach bowling in Brisbane, England failed to get through their required overs and were docked five World Test Championship points and all of their match fees.

An all-seam attack would put their bowlers under more pressure to speed things along, which may be a tough ask if required to field first, given the forecast for a hot opening day on Thursday and a scorching day two before a cool change.

England's batters are also in the firing line after managing 147 in the first innings of the series-opener and losing eight wickets in a session on day four.

Australia, by comparison, have had little to keep them awake at night. The hosts may miss the suffocating line-and-length of the sidelined Josh Hazlewood but are excited to see what replacement quick Jhye Richardson might do. Richardson has waited nearly three years since his debut series against Sri Lanka in 2019 and finally gets another chance after impressive form in the Sheffield Shield. **REUTERS**



James Anderson

Photos: GETTY IMAGES

# MAN CITY rout LEEDS

Magnificent seven powers Guardiola's men to the top

**M**anchester City powered four points clear at the top of the Premier League as Kevin De Bruyne inspired a 7-0 rout of Leeds just hours after clubs were given strict new measures to curb the threat of the coronavirus on Tuesday.

De Bruyne delivered an imperious display including two goals on his first league start since November 6 after the Belgian star recovered from a bout of Covid-19. Phil Foden, Jack Grealish, Riyad Mahrez, John Stones and Nathan Ake were also on target as Pep Guardiola's side ran riot at the Etihad Stadium.

City's seventh successive league victory put pressure on second placed Liverpool and third placed Chelsea, who face Newcastle and Everton respectively on Thursday. The champions' biggest win this season equalled Liverpool's 1982 top-flight record of 33 victories in a calendar year. "We're proud of the way we're playing. When you get these results it is because individually they are brilliant," Guardiola said. "Kevin, in these type of games

when it is open up and down, is devastating as he can do what he wants. He's so important for us."

It was the joint biggest league defeat in Leeds' history and shell-shocked boss Marcelo Bielsa said: "We've never had a performance like this. There is no justification. I have to take responsibility."

Whether City's determined title defence survives without a brush with Covid remains to be seen as the new Omicron strain wrecks havoc.

**Aston Villa keep head up**  
Norwich manager Dean Smith revealed his club had asked the Premier League for guidance over his bottom of the table team's Covid issues prior to Tuesday's 2-0 defeat against Aston Villa. "It's been a tough few days. We've had a few Covid-related drop outs," Smith said before kick-off at Carrow Road.

Villa were also hit by Covid but they kept their focus to make it four wins from six games under new boss Steven Gerrard. Smith had hoped for revenge on Villa just 38 days after his sacking. But Jacob Ramsey ran from the halfway line to fire home in the 35th minute and Ollie Watkins tapped in after 87 minutes.

"It's been a challenging week," Gerrard said. "We have to make sure we're very diligent with the guidelines. Nobody wants to see the situation deteriorate." **AP**

## BAYERN HAMMER STUTTGART, EXTEND LEAD

■ Serge Gnabry scored a hat trick as Bayern Munich stretched its lead in the Bundesliga to nine points with a 5-0 hammering of Stuttgart.

■ Gnabry curled the ball into the top-right corner in the 40th minute to open scoring.

■ Thomas Muller set up Gnabry for a second goal and a third. Robert Lewandowski chipped the ball over the goalkeeper in the 69th in a Gnabry cross three minutes later. Soon after, Gnabry completed his hat trick.



Kevin De Bruyne

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

# AVAILABLE FOR SA ODI SERIES, CLARIFIES KOHLI

**I**ndia Test captain Virat Kohli on Wednesday asserted that he will play in the upcoming ODI series in South Africa, putting to rest speculations about his availability and his equation with newly-appointed white-ball skipper Rohit Sharma.

"I was and I am available for selection all the time. I never communicated with BCCI asking for rest. I am available for the ODI series in South Africa, and was always available," Kohli said during the pre-departure press conference before the tour of South Africa.

Over the last two days, speculation has been rife that not all is well between Kohli and Test vice-captain Rohit, who will not play the Tests due to a hamstring injury. After Rohit was ruled out, reports emerged that Kohli will take a break from the ODI series. This was after Rohit was



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

handed the reins of ODI and T20I teams last week while announcing the Test squad. Shortly before the T20 World Cup got underway Kohli had announced his decision to step down as India's T20I captain. India will play three Tests and three ODIs against South Africa. **AGENCIES**

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which NBA star claimed he was misquoted in his own autobiography, *Outrageous*?

- Charles Barkley
- Larry Bird
- Wilt Chamberlain
- Bob Cousy

**Q2:** Which basketball team won the first four WNBA crowns?

- Phoenix Mercury
- The Houston Comets
- Chicago Sky
- Seattle Storm

**Q3:** Which US gymnast completed her final vault with a sprained ankle to clinch Olympic gold for her 1996 team?

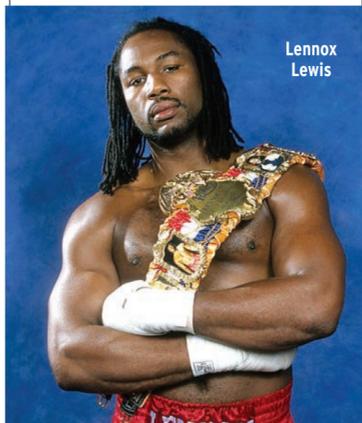
- Shannon Miller
- Shawn Johnson
- Kyla Ross
- Kerri Strug

**Q4:** Which athlete retired, and had his number-99 jersey retired along with him, in '99?

- Wayne Gretzky
- Patrick Kane
- Sidney Crosby
- Gordie Howe

**Q5:** Lennox Lewis was declared boxing

heavyweight champion of the world in 1999, after two matches against which rival?



Lennox Lewis

Photo: TWITTER

- Sonny Liston
- Jack Dempsey
- Evander Holyfield
- Mike Tyson

**Q6:** Who won Olympic gold in ice hockey in 1998?

- Poland
- Hungary
- Czech Republic
- Austria

**Q7:** Who is the only woman to have won BBC Sports Personality of the Year in the 90s?

- Liz Mc Golgan
- Marita Koch
- Torie Bowie
- Laura Muir

**Q8:** Where were the 1992 Summer Olympics held?

- Barcelona
- Milan
- Porto
- Madrid

**Q9:** How many gold medals did Thompson win at the 1992 Barcelona Games?

- 7
- 4
- 6
- 9

**ANSWERS:** 1. a. Charles Barkley  
2. b. The Houston Comets  
3. d. Kerri Strug 4. a. Wayne Gretzky  
5. c. Evander Holyfield  
6. c. Czech Republic 7. a. Liz Mc Golgan  
8. a. Barcelona 9. b. 4