

STARRING MAHENDRA SINGH DHONI

Dhoni has proved that leadership isn't easy, and you must be willing to take risks and stretch yourself to win as a team

What is the leadership lesson you learnt from MS?

Tell us in 100 words at

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MAHI on taking risks:

During the final of the 2011 ICC World Cup, when India lost early wickets against Sri Lanka, MS Dhoni himself came to bat instead of sending Yuvraj Singh. He played till the end and India won that edition of the World Cup. This was a major decision which could have gone either way. In other instances, he has backed Ishant Sharma in the Champions Trophy 2013 and Joginder Sharma in World T20 2007, and this has paid off well. One of the lessons that we can draw out is that leaders must be willing to take risks and try out something new instead of sticking to patterns.

What You Could Do: Try an activity called Helium Hula, which helps teams break their patterns and come up with insights to think afresh.

Mahi led the way to becoming world Class:

Dhoni is a believer in experiential learning. Here's what he said on getting better: "I don't study cricket too much. Whatever I have learned or experienced is through cricket, I've played on the field, and whatever little I have watched." The point is learning by doing is the best way to fasten the learning process. When you do something, you observe and form

a model (or process) of it in your mind. Once the model is there in your mind, you further apply it in real life situations and thereby learn more and more.

What You Could Do: It is all about refining yourself day in day out with every passing experience.

On Developing Champions:

Dhoni has been criticised by people for supporting players who were out of form. When others saw an out-of-form player, Dhoni saw something unique

and believed in the individual. It was this belief that transformed several players, including the incoming captain and arguably the best batsman in the world, Virat Kohli. Here's what Kohli has to say about Dhoni - "He (Dhoni) was always the person who guided me initially and gave me opportunities. He gave me ample time and space to grow as a cricketer, saved me from getting dropped from the team many a times."

Being cool!

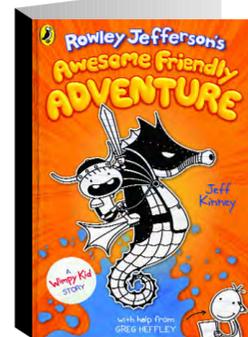
"Captain Cool" is the title given to him for the calmness shown by him during tough times. When his team wasn't doing well in the IPL matches (and the team's management was stuck in controversy of match-fixing) he maintained his cool and performed well. He has maintained his demeanour on the field and has managed his emotions well when the team was not doing well. Leaders who maintain a sense of balance in tough and successful times can think through objectively.



CONTEST ALERT

From the imagination of Wimpy Kid's Rowley Jefferson comes an adventure of epic proportions! And while you find more about this adventure, we look forward to hearing from you about your imaginary awesome adventure. Don't take this lightly for there is a copy of the brand new book 'Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid' to be won! So, what are you waiting for young adventurers, pick up your pen and whip up an adventure story!

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WHAT YOU GET?

LUCKY WINNER GETS A COPY OF THE BOOK. HURRY!

Three keys to writing an adventure story

1. Adventure stories are journeys from the expected to the unexpected.
2. Adventure stories contain an element of risk.
3. In adventure stories, the risk changes and often escalates during the story and in response to the character's actions.

What are we reading? See our #bookfie

On Book Lovers Day (celebrated on August 9), we asked students to share their #Bookfie. A book they loved reading and why it should interest you!

Have a bookfie to share? Send at timesnie175@gmail.com

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MATH Game

Three years older

I am three years older than Sammy.

How old could we be?

Find as many possible answers as you can.

I think we are 7 years old and 4 years old.

Record your answers below:

Two more toffees

I have two more toffees than Sammy.

How many could we have each?

Find as many possible answers as you can.

If I've got 3 then....., but I might have 4 or 5 or.....

Record your answers below:

How many ways?

How many ways can you colour Subby's t-shirt and trousers using a red crayon and a blue crayon?

All the shirts must be either red or blue.

All the trousers must be either red or blue.

Making Math fun is essential to engage students in even learning the basics. We see the difference in achievement when students are engaged and participating. So making learning fun is a big part of our goal!