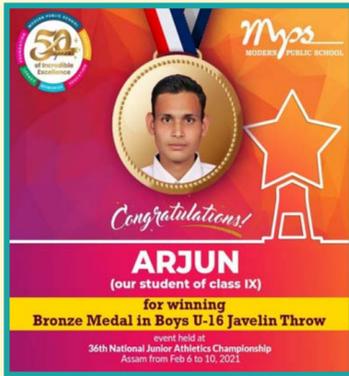


MPS student bags bronze at 36th National Junior Athletics

Arjun, a class IXth student of Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh, New Delhi, made headlines by bagging the bronze medal in Boys U-16 Javelin Throw event at the 36th National Junior Athletics Championship held at Indira Gandhi Athletics Stadium, Sarusajai, Assam.

The event is organised every year by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) that seeks to promote, encourage, and control athletics in India and provide training facilities to the growing athletes so that they can polish their talent and represent the nation on an international level. The mega sporting event took place from February 6th to 10th, 2021 and witnessed the participation of India's budding athletes from all parts of the country.

While Arjun bagged bronze at the event, he managed to accrue several gold medals at different state-level meets. He is currently ranked among the top 8 Javelin throwers in



India in his age category i.e. U-16 Boys.

This isn't the first time either when a student of Modern Public School has been in the news for excelling in the sporting arena. Very recently, Kashish Lakra, another modernite earned the mantle of being the youngest athlete from India to qualify for the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 in the Women's Club Throw F51 category, which in itself is a great feat.

Talking about Arjun's success at the 36th National Junior Athletics Championship, Alka Kapur, Principal, Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh, said, "I am extremely happy for Arjun, as it is no easy feat to compete on the national level and win a prize. It is not just the top-level competition that you have to deal with, but also the pressure that comes with performing at such a big stage. However, he showed the true MPS spirit and delivered his best. I am certain that he will keep improving even further and represent India in international events soon."

Fairy-Tale Flip

Tell a familiar fairy tale but from a new perspective!

Putting a creative spin on a well-known story helps children explore their imagination and flexibility, as both are important facets of creative thinking. To match the endings with the real life, on October 26 2021, 'Flip the End' Activity was organised for class VIII to teach the students of Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh the basics of useful concepts that help them to make decisions and face danger alone.

Fairy tales give form to deep thoughts and dreams about life



through fantasy. The activity hones the communication skills and critical thinking of the students.

The students rethink and re-explore the story in contemporary times. Students were overwhelmed and took great pride to flip the end of the fairy tales in their own way.

They allow specific ideas to grow to enhance self-confidence. Adorned with different attires and props, students participated whole heartedly.

AI Enthusiast at AI Global Impact festival

To celebrate and enrich lives with AI Innovation, Intel had organised the first annual AI Global Impact Festival from October 15 - 30, 2021. Students from across the globe participated in this International festival and different sessions on diverse topics by Intel® and industry experts were organised. Participants witnessed showcase of AI ideas, impact projects and best practices by teachers and students from different countries.

Ridge Valley School, Gurugram has become the proud recipient,

as Ishaan Chamoli of Grade XI participated in AI Enthusiast challenge and submitted his brilliant idea about helping "Refugee Relocation through AI Mapping".

His project has been selected as global Top 10 and India's number 1 idea (Under 13-18 Years age category) at the global level AI Global Impact festival organised by Intel along with prize money of \$1,500. His idea was rated by the audience and top 10 ideas were finally evaluated by the Intel Panel during the virtual interview session.



Celebrating world peace

International Day of Peace or World Peace Day is annually observed on September 21 to celebrate the world peace and especially the absence of outright war and violence. This year, more so than any other time in recent history, has shown us that discord among humans as a race can lead to disastrous consequences.

This day is celebrated to highlight the fact that we are not each other's enemies and that in order to successfully get through these troubling times, we need to be able to rely on one another. Students of class VIII of St.Marks Girls Meera Bagh school also celebrated the Peace Day by making



videos on the importance of peace among people from different countries. It was a nice learning experience for our children to understand that "Peace lies above all".



Shining Sreshtha of DAV

DAV Public School Srestha Vihar's student, Om Dehlan topped in East Delhi and secured All India Rank (AIR) 73

in JEE-Advanced Exam 2021. School Principal Suhasini K.Nath congratulated him on his success.

Series of programmes mark Dussehra at KDB

Online Dussehra Celebration took place on October 12, 2021 at KDB Public School, Ghaziabad. Primary children from classes I to V participated in it. A series of interesting programmes were a part of Dussehra celebration that commenced with PPT in which valuable information about this festival was shared with the children. To test the knowledge of the students about our rich culture, a quiz was played. They participated in it with full energy and

zeal. Then the whole Ramayana was presented in an eye catching manner. Children wearing colourful costumes were the centre of attraction. Dialogue delivery was quite attractive. The whole episode was played so beautifully that it appeared to be real and lively.

Students also enjoyed doing activity of Mask Making exhibiting the various characters of Ramayana. Altogether the programme was enjoyed by both teachers and children.

student Corner



MANVIK JUNEJA, class IV, Manav Sthali School Rajendra Nagar

A child's plight in corona

Life was at EASE. Until came the corona virus DISEASE. Schools were forced to shut DOWN. And then online classes took the CROWN. We stayed at home, nowhere to GO. Watching Netflix movies in a ROW. I and my friend missed each OTHER. But meeting her was a big denial from my MOTHER. Our new accessories became sanitizer, mask and PP KIT. And prepare yourself for an anti-covid HIT.

Muma's slogan in lockdown - eat healthy to increase your IMMUNITY. And say adieu to the junk food COMMUNITY. We are yearning to go back to SCHOOL, as for us school was really COOL.

Covid is a horrible NIGHTMARE. And I wish to kick it out from the world's ATMOSPHERE.



AVYA SAWHNEY, III, Inspire, Paschim Vihar

THE EDUCATIONIST

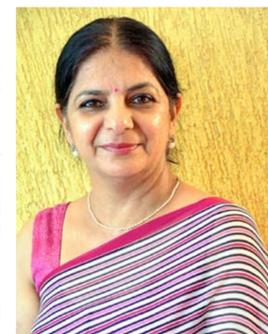
The Culture of Competition

NIRMAL WADDAN, PRINCIPAL, THE KALYANI SCHOOL, PUNE

Competitive instincts rule every form of life on the earth. Human beings conform to it more closely than any other species. They are inveterate and biological. While animals, birds and even plants compete with their types, specifically for survival purposes, in the human world competitions are even conducted deliberately, and also for fun. The more the population increases, the more developed we become, competitions become all the more intense and cut-throat.

If the competitions are healthy they can help improve one's self-esteem and hone natural abilities to the levels of expertise. One tends to give our best in such circumstances, where there is a possibility of an award in the end. They highlight the skills in one and build resilience and determination.

Competitions are not meant to just announce winners or narrate success stories, but make one aware of our strengths and recognise areas of lacunae. These are important to identify



leaders in various fields of life.

However, the unavoidable stress that comes with competitions often is too much for one to handle, especially in the case of very young children. The anxiety to win, robs the enjoyment and learning that are naturally associated with every activity.

Sports and games, when played for

fun, bring out the best in one - understanding, camaraderie, sharing, problem-solving and so on. But, when the same are played on a competitive level, for higher stakes, they can cause hostility, disappointment and even emotional break-down. This can put a dent on perfectly healthy relationships. A person who cannot handle failure, might lose confidence in his abilities, even if s/he has considerable flair in a certain field.

Having said all this, it should be remembered that human beings are social animals. And despite all the flip sides, competitions are natural in social circumstances.

To make competitions productive, rather than ruinous, the competitors have to be educated about the positive objectives of the contention. They need to understand that the outcome of any contest cannot be the be all and end all of life, and should not be the only factor that defines one's self worth. At the end of the day, it is the values that we grow up with that make what we are, and not how many medals and awards we have won.

Express YOURSELF

Failures provide lessons on our path to success

Undaunted By Failures

When we suffer a setback, even a minor one, we feel disappointed. Many of us feel this is the end of a journey and are unable to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Negative thinking haunts many of us when we face failures. Failure is often associated with not putting in efforts in the right direction. But we need to realise that failure is not the end but the beginning of better experiences. Failure is not always due to lack of effort - or because we were incompetent. Often failures pave the path for future success.

It is only our will power and determination that are instrumental in reversing negative thinking. Many great leaders such as Abraham Lincoln and Mahatma Gandhi faced failures time and again but they refused to give up and finally succeeded in achieving their aims.

Whenever a building is built, its foundation is laid out first. The strength of the foundation determines how long the building will last. The taller the building rises, it needs a stronger foundation. Similarly, if you would



wish to go higher, reflect and learn from your failures to build a strong foundation.

Just as the different floors of a building are connected by pillars, in the same way different levels of success are connected by pillars of failures. Failure causes you to grow and outgrow some things in life. As we ponder over what went wrong or what needs to be changed - we learn and progress faster than otherwise.

Many successful entrepreneurs and businessmen today are school or college drop-outs. They faced numerous failures but did not give up on their pursuit. Failures and successes are the two sides of the same coin.

So, every time you fail remember that there is always a better opportunity waiting for you. When failures come your way, do not lose heart. Try to work on any shortcomings and overcome them with courage and patience.

Nirmal Shah, class X, Hutchings High School, Camp, Pune



National Ayurveda day observed at Mamta Modern

Ayurveda is the most sacred science of life, beneficial to humans both in this world and the world beyond. The great thing about Ayurveda is that its treatments always yield side

benefits, not side effects. On the occasion of National Ayurveda Day, Mamta Modern Senior Secondary School, Vikaspuri celebrated the National Ayurveda Day to make everyone aware



of Ayurveda and its benefits. A special assembly was conducted by the students of class IX on November 2 to make everyone aware of the efficacious side of Ayurveda. Students planted herbs in their homes

and explained the benefits of the same. Besides, special kitchen remedies were prepared by students using herbs. It was really an enlightening assembly.

ICC T20 WORLD CUP 2021

INDIA FACE NAMIBIA IN MUST-WIN ENCOUNTER

Hopes of progressing to the semi-finals rely completely on Afghanistan defeating NZ

India and Namibia will lock horns against each other in the Super 12 stage of the ongoing T20 World Cup at the Dubai International Stadium on Monday. India's hopes of progressing to the semi-finals rely completely on Afghanistan. The Mohammad Nabi-led side needs to defeat New Zealand for the Men in Blue to have any chance of making it to the semi-finals. If Afghanistan defeats the Kiwis, then India needs to beat Namibia and it will then come down to the net run rate between these three teams involved.

Men's T20 World Cup against Pakistan.

"Obviously, we are a very good side, we started as tournament favourites. It was unfortunate that we lost the first two games, which put us in a very precarious position. We are expecting to qualify, we are backing Afghanistan to do well in this tournament. Sport is all about ups and downs, you need to move on. It was the entire team's endeavour to do well here."

TOSS ADVANTAGE

"I am not trying to give any excuses, but I think the toss plays a very vital role in any match," said Arun during the virtual press conference. "Toss should not be of any consequence but here the toss gives a very undue advantage, there is a huge change between batting in first innings and batting in second innings, which should not be the case in a very short format like this," he added.

Talking about whether India missed the services of Yuzvendra Chahal in the World Cup, Arun said, "That is for the selectors to decide, we can only play with the team that has been given to us and I would not like to delve too much into that." ANI

BELOW PAR AGAINST PAKISTAN

"I am not trying to give any excuses but this World Cup, the trend has been that the team which wins the toss has a big advantage especially when you are playing in Dubai. The wicket eases out when you bowl the second time, it is no excuse, we should have done better, we should have batted better," India bowling coach Bharat Arun said, admitting that the Men in Blue looked a bit below-par in their first game of the ICC

HOW NRR COULD COME INTO PLAY IN GROUP 2

For NRR to come into the picture in Group 2, the first and most important condition is that New Zealand have to lose to Afghanistan. If New Zealand win, they will straightaway qualify for the semis on the basis of points and there won't be anything dependent on NRR. But if New Zealand lose, things will get very interesting, especially for India.

With a hypothetical New Zealand defeat, Afghanistan will gain two crucial points and will join the Kiwis on six points. India will then play minnows Namibia on Monday and assuming India beat Namibia, all three teams --

India, New Zealand and Afghanistan will have 6 points each after all the Group 2 matches are completed. Then the team with the better NRR run rate will qualify in this three-way battle. India, who currently have the best NRR of +1.619 (after 4 matches) among these three teams will then have a high probability of advancing to the semis.

The victory margin vs Namibia of course will also be a big factor. If Afghanistan win against New Zealand that will make their NRR slightly better, which is +1.481 at the moment, but chances of that

overtaking India's NRR are perhaps not very high.

Even if Afghanistan win big against New Zealand and take their NRR ahead of India's, Virat Kohli and co. will still have a chance to better it in their last group match against Namibia. They will have a fair idea of how much they need to win by, in their final match, if Afghanistan beat New Zealand on Sunday.

If New Zealand win against Afghanistan on Sunday, then India's clash against Namibia will be a dead rubber and Virat Kohli and co. will be knocked out of the competition.



Rohit Sharma

KL Rahul

Photo: ANI

REAL MADRID move top of LALIGA

Survive late onslaught as Rayo strike fear with 76th minute goal

Toni Kroos and Karim Benzema fired Real Madrid to a 2-1 win at home to Rayo Vallecano from their neighbours following Radamel Falcao's second-half strike.

Real had drawn their last two league games at the Santiago Bernabeu 0-0 but got off to a strong start when Toni Kroos drilled a shot into the top corner in the 14th minute after Marco Asensio had cut into the area from the right wing. Their top scorer Benzema doubled their lead in the 38th by knocking in a defence

splitting pass from defender David Alaba.

Real looked to be cruising their way to victory until Falcao came off the bench in the second half and soon scored a header, with the help of a deflection off Alaba, to put Rayo back in contention in the 76th minute. It was the 35-year-old's fifth goal of the season since joining Rayo from Galatasaray in September and the Colombian is enjoying an unexpected

renaissance with the Madrid minnows, including scoring the winning goal against Barcelona last month.

The goal awakened the visitors and struck fear into the hosts as Rayo had two late chances to grab an equaliser. Kroos clearing the ball off the line following a goalmouth scramble and keeper Thibaut Courtois tipping an Unai Lopez attempt over the bar. REUTERS

It's not fair to say we almost drew the game, I saw a team that could have scored five or six goals. We fully deserved the three points. It's logical that you get a bit nervous when you concede a goal with 10 minutes to go but overall we played well and I'm happy. It's normal to suffer a bit in football.

CARLO ANCELOTTI, Real Madrid



Karim Benzema

Photo: AP

NEYMAR strikes twice

Brazil forward's double lifts PSG to 3-2 win at Bordeaux

Paris Saint Germain stretched their advantage at the top of Ligue 1 to 10 points after two goals by Brazil forward Neymar and another from Kylian Mbappe helped them to a 3-2 win at Girondins Bordeaux.

PSG, who carved out a 3-0 lead before late goals by Bordeaux set up a tense finish, have 34 points from 13 games, ahead of second-placed Lens who beat Troyes 4-0 at home. Bordeaux stayed 16th on 12 points.

Neymar struck twice in the first half thanks to a pair of sublime assists by France World Cup winner Mbappe, having opened the scoring in the 26th minute with a neat shot past two defenders inside the near post.

Neymar muted his celebrations and took off his jersey to unveil a message on his

shirt paying tribute to Brazilian country singer Marllia Mendonca, who died in a plane crash on Friday.

The second goal was of superior quality as Neymar raced

LILLE AT 12TH

Defending champion Lille is mired in 12th place after conceding late in a 1-1 home draw with seventh-place Angers. Central defender Tiago Djalo finished emphatically from Renato Sanches' right-wing cross to put Lille ahead in the 27th minute.

Midfielder Azzeddine Ounahi equalized in the 83rd after being well set up by substitute Bilal Brahimi three minutes after he came on.

Lille midfielder Amadou Onana was sent off deep into stoppage time for a crude two-footed lunge on Angers winger Jimmy Cabot.

down the left and exchanged a one-two with Mbappe, who set up the Brazilian with a cheeky back-heel for a clinical finish into the bottom corner.

Mbappe made it 3-0 with a simple goal as Georginio Wijnaldum beat the offside trap and squared the ball to the forward who rolled it into an empty net in the 63rd minute, with Bordeaux goalkeeper Benoit Costil stranded.

The home side pulled one back in the 79th minute as striker Alberth Elis held off his marker and beat visiting keeper Kaylor Navas from close range and PSG were forced to hang on after M'Baye Niang netted in stoppage time.

Mbappe acknowledged that an expensively assembled PSG outfit, who were missing Lionel Messi due to injury, were still a work in progress but rebuffed criticism that they are failing to live up to expectations. AGENCES



Neymar

Photo: AFP

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: The term Chinaman is related to which sports?

- Football
- Hockey
- Golf
- Cricket

Q2: Who is the first Indian to cross seven important seas by swimming?

- Amrendra Singh
- Bula Chaudhury
- Junko Taibei
- Yuri Gagarin

Q3: Wellington Trophy is related to which game?

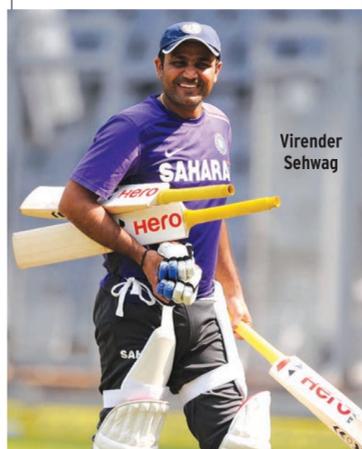
- Rowing
- Hockey
- Tennis
- Polo

Q4: What is the name of the person which controls a football match?

- An umpire
- A spectator
- A referee
- A goalkeeper

Q5: Against which team did Virender Sehwag make his one day international debut?

- New Zealand
- Sri Lanka
- Pakistan
- South Africa



Virender Sehwag

Photo: PTI

Q6: Which one of the following players has been declared by the ICC as 'Cricketer of the Twentieth Century'?

- Sachin Tendulkar
- Kapil Dev
- Rahul Dravid
- Anil Kumble

Q7: How many times did Geet Sethi win the IBSF World Billiards title?

- Two
- Three
- Four
- Five

Q8: In which year did the Indian football team make its first

appearance at the Olympics?

- 1936
- 1948
- 1952
- 1956

Q9: Who is the only cricketer to score two successive centuries in a World Cup?

- Rahul Dravid
- Sachin Tendulkar
- Virender Sehwag
- Saurav Ganguly

ANSWERS: 1. d. Cricket

- Bula Chaudhury
- Rowing
- A referee
- Pakistan
- Kapil Dev
- Three
- 1948
- Rahul Dravid