

Student present a musical treat



World Music Day is an annual celebration at the school. This year it was celebrated on June 25-26, 2021.

The programme, aptly named Sangeetamrutam, was a unique presentation of various genres of music, including Carnatic, Hindustani and

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Western styles. To mark this day, our talented and young learners of classes I to XII participated enthusiastically.

The celebrations were virtual with our budding musicians performing on screens from their homes. The well-coordinated programme received great appreciation from one and all.

Anupama Sreemali, Co-scholastic Coordinator



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

Teachers perform asanas to relieve stress

Yoga is an ancient practice that is used to keep one's mind healthy and body fit. This International Yoga Day was celebrated in a different manner. Teachers of the school



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joined the celebrations online at 7 am with enthusiasm. Yoga teacher, Sannutha guided the group through various asanas which are essential for flexibility of the body. Different postures like Utkata Konasana, Malasana,

Sarvangasana etc., that relieve stress and keep our body fit and healthy were done. These asanas energised the teacher, and they were able to perform all duties

meticulously. That said it is a practice that should be included daily for a healthy lifestyle.

The session concluded on a positive note.

Marvel of simple principles that make planes glide through air

The Flying Machine! I get excited by the very thought of how these fascinating giants fly into the sky defying gravity to reach the height of a whopping 35,000 feet and beyond!

As a kid, I remember running to the veranda hearing the roar of the airplane in the sky. Honestly, even today I run out every single time I hear a plane flying by!

The working behind these flying machines have always bemused me. Aircraft are one of the most brilliant inventions in the history of mankind. The aviation industry took its first steps when the Wright brothers launched their first successful glider model named 'Wright Flyer'. The principles used by them then are still being used in today's aviation designs. My interest in airplanes prompted me to



learn more about them. If you begin to read up, you will realize that some enormous principles of science make airplanes the rulers of the skies! They glide smoothly through the air because of turbine engines. The jet engine uses Newton's third law of motion. The airfoil shape of their wings reduce friction and create lift

force! I always love to learn the principles and mechanisms because they are most often simple and interesting. The turbines, wings, winglets, slats, spoilers, rudders, flaps, and ailerons all play the important roles in the functioning of an airplane but used very simple principles!

It will be a great day when planes become more eco-friendly!

Parikanksha Venkatesh, class X, SJR Kengeri Public School.

A LETTER TO CORONA VIRUS

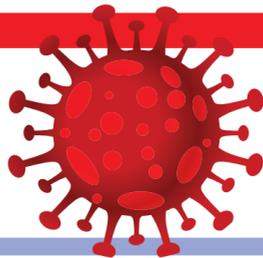
Dear Corona, Do you know what a menace you have become? Because of you ... many people's salaries are due. Because of you ... wearing a mask has become a daily

task. Because of you ... migrants are stranded, children are abandoned. Even when we go for a walk, you are the topic of everyone's talk.

You come knocking on every door, No matter if we are rich or poor. We don't want you to be the king, We don't want you to have the platinum throne.

Once and for all, Just please leave us alone!

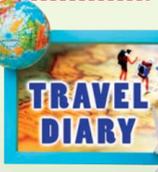
Harshini Rajaram, class VI, Vishwa Vidyapeeth



Close encounter with a wild elephant

We were travelling from Mysore to Udhagamandalam via the dense Mudumalai forest when we suddenly spotted an elephant calf! It looked very adorable and I think it was crossing the road to go to the other side, possibly with its mother to drink water from a nearby stream.

Until we came out of the forest our conversation was all about the elephant. We later halted at a small town for tea, when we saw a sign which read: 'Mudumalai Forest Wildlife Sanctuary' with some pictures of elephants below it. We decided



to explore and see the animals which were let to roam free in the sanctuary. They charged us Rs 500 to explore the sanctuary in a private jeep. We saw a herd of elephants walking across the road. Then something unexpected happened - one of the elephants stopped moving, turned and raced towards us! We were in an open jeep! I was frightened and held on to my mother. The jeep driver revved up the engine and drove towards the elephant. Hearing the noise, the elephant started retreating.

Still in shock, the driver told us that whenever such an incident happens, we should stay calm and rev up

the engine and drive steadily towards the elephant to show who is the boss. This memory will stay clearly printed in our minds forever!

VIJAYA KUMAR ARJUN, class X D, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavans Public School, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad



Social media is potentially dangerous and can sway judgement

Judges should not be swayed by the "emotional pitch of public opinion which is amplified by social media," Chief Justice of India N V Ramana had cautioned last week. We debate: Social media can be potentially dangerous.

It is important to know the effect social media has on our opinions and decisions. It has evolved into a place where people voice their opinion, show support and debate. This is fine as long as this conversation does not affect our thinking to the point that we start following it blindly. Studies have shown that the youth is heavily affected by the content on social media. Our Chief Justice N.V Ramana stated that proliferation of social media is subjecting judges to "juicy gossip". Social Media is affecting legal judgements. Media trials based on fabricated and baseless allegations are clouding people's judgements. Thus, social media is a powerful tool, that has a great ability to shape people's minds. Akshat Desai, class IX, DPS East

The power of social media has been raging and making itself evident in recent times. It's one of the most widespread sources of information; so, if presented believably, a lot of false news can be shared and accepted. This leads to a dangerous wave of misinformation and consequences which are a potential risk. It influences people's opinions and leads to mistaken judgements. Furthermore, even subliminal messages encrypted as forms of entertainment can indirectly blur our thought process. -Shreya Jorapur, class X, KLE Society's School

Social media can be very beneficial, but one should know that it is also associated with several issues and potential dangers when it comes to people's emotional well-being, mental and physical health. Exposure to misinformation can lead to stress, depression, anxiety, envy, low self-esteem, and loneliness. The information provided by social media can influence consumers' decision-making. Most studies show that people use the information as a guide while shopping or planning trips. People tend to believe in what their friends recommend on social media, rather than checking what suits them. Hyder Raza, class X, Cathedral High School

Social media can be easily used to spread fake news. Anyone can create fake news and post it on social media, without verifying any facts. It plays a big role in forming opinions and affects the judgement of people. It creates situations where individuals believe unverified news and act accordingly, leading to disastrous consequences. Jayce Jefferson, class X, Ryan International School, Kundalahalli

New and important issues are brought introduced to the world through social media platforms. Owing to the freedom people have on social media, there will always be one group in support and one against. This enables us to see things in a balanced way. Social media is just a medium to express ourselves, and strong demonstrations of opposing views is natural. If our own judgement is being affected by this, the medium is not to be blamed, rather it is our own mindset. How we perceive a situation does not depend on where we got the information from. In conclusion, social media is merely a medium that helps us find people who understand us and express ourselves. It cannot be dangerous nor should it influence opinions. Hrishita Srivastava, class XI, Delhi Public School Whitefield

Social media gives everyone a voice. There are no gatekeepers when you publish your opinion. It provides a medium through which to express yourself. Similarly, you are able to read other people's views and opinion. Social media tends to be more democratized, as it gives you the option to read a variety of views and thoughts on any given issue. This allows you to make an informed opinion of your own. So I disagree that it sways judgements. Shaurya Aggarwal, class VII, DPS East

Social media is a great platform for education. Students can gather information on various topics. It is a great source for getting the latest information and updates on events and happenings from around the world. Social media helps create awareness and one can further spread this awareness with groups or individual. This helps one make informed choices. So I would like to conclude that social media is not dangerous if we use it judiciously. Janish Jason, class VIII, Ryan International School, Kundalahalli



DEBATE

Students observe reproduction in plants

An activity on observing asexual reproduction in plants was conducted. Children of classes VI enjoyed growing onion, garlic, briophyllum, aloe vera,

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saussurea (Brahma Kamala) by vegetative propagation as a part of their lesson. Children carried out this activity using waste bottles and boxes available at home. It was an incredible experience for



the teacher and students to listen from each one about the daily growth of the plants. This activity helped raise knowledge on farming and growing some vegetables easily

at their gardens on a small scale, by recycling and reusing waste materials. The students are now waiting to harvest the vegetables they are growing.

Painters' Gallery



ILLUSION: B Harritha, class VIII, HAL Public School



PRETTI FAN: Ansh Prashad, class VI, APS ASC C & C

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Bukayo Saka

ENGLAND READY TO END SEMI-FINAL JINX

DENMARK EXPECT TO BE OUTNUMBERED IN THE STANDS, BUT PREPARING TO OUTPLAY THEIR OPPONENTS AT WEMBLEY IN A GO FOR THE FINALS

Gareth Southgate says England are ready to end their semi-final hoodoo as they prepare to face Denmark in the last four of Euro 2020, bidding to reach their first final at a major tournament since 1966. England topped their group and beat old foes Germany in the round of 16 before ratcheting up expectations with Saturday's thumping 4-0 quarter-final win against Ukraine in Rome.

Ready for next step

England have fallen at the penultimate hurdle at major tournaments on four occasions since winning the World Cup in 1966, including their defeat by Croatia at the World Cup in Russia three years ago. But Southgate believes his side have learned from that disappointment and are ready to take the next step. "We've knocked off so many hoodoos or perceived barriers already and I feel like this group of players will feel this is just the next challenge," he said.

"I guess the interesting part for us is we won't feel totally satisfied if it's just a semi-final for us, whereas maybe three years ago, although there was massive disappointment after the semi-final, there was a feeling we'd come a long way. Now we've replicated what we did there, but that won't be enough to fulfil the group. That's a positive sign."

High expectations

A key difference from 2018 is heightened expectation, with Southgate himself admitting their benchmark in Russia was to end England's 12-year wait for a knockout victory. The former international defender now has more knockout wins than any previous England manager and will go looking for another in Wednesday's semi-final bolstered by a boisterous partisan crowd of 60,000-plus at Wembley.

"It's great to be coming back now," said Southgate, who expects teenager Bukayo Saka to return to training on Monday after missing the Ukraine match with a



Photo: REUTERS

We talk about perspective in sport. This was a moment that brought it home for all of us. They are riding a wave of emotion and that's a powerful force that's coming to Wembley.

GARETH SOUTHGATE, England Manager

slight knock. "To go and have that different environment, preparation, focus was definitely helpful. But now to be coming back to Wembley is a great thing for us."

Power after crisis

Southgate says going through "real-life experiences together" such as the sickening racism experienced in Montenegro and Bulgaria in Euro 2020 qualifiers has helped create a bond among his players.

Semi-final opponents Denmark have also been brought closer together following Christian Eriksen's cardiac arrest in their group opener. The Inter Milan player needed resuscitation on the pitch before a successful operation in hospital.

"We talk about perspective in sport but we rarely have it," Southgate said. "This was a moment that brought it home for all of us. I can also imagine what it has done for the Danish team, their bond."

"We are talking about the things we have been through but what they went through that day - the way their captain was and the way the group was - and how that would have connected with their supporters. That's pretty powerful."

Preparing to outplay

Outnumbered in the stands, not outplayed on the field. That is the expectation of Denmark's players ahead of their European Championship semifinal match. Entry restrictions to Britain amid the pandemic are stopping Danish fans from traveling to London to cheer on their team. Only Danish people already in England, or who live in England, can buy a ticket from the country's allocation of about 5,800 from an expected capacity of 60,000 spectators.

Denmark midfielder Christian Norgaard is gearing up for a "hostile environment" at Wembley. That, though, might not be such a bad thing. "They'll get wild support," Norgaard said. "But maybe they'll turn on their own team if things don't go well for them. There is pressure on them," he added. "We can play more freely. We have always been able to do that, but we also have expectations of ourselves. We believe we can deliver something."

Like Norgaard, a defensive midfielder for newly promoted English team Brentford, Andreas Christensen also plays in England with Chelsea and has already been to Wembley twice this season in the FA Cup - for the team's win over Manchester City in the semifinals and a loss to Leicester in the final. The center back knows England's players well and doesn't see a massive gap between the teams.

"Player by player, they will probably say yes," said Christensen, when asked if England was the favorite. "I feel like we have the qualities to play against everyone. As a team, I would not say they are that much better." AGENCIES

NOT JUST ANOTHER MANIC MONDAY: FEDERER, DJOKOVIC WIN

Novak Djokovic marched into his 50th Grand Slam quarter-final while Roger Federer became the oldest man in the modern era to make the last-eight at Wimbledon on 'Manic Monday' at the All England Club



Photo: AP

Excitement and adoration greeted every point claimed by Roger Federer. It all got to be too much for his opponent at the All England Club, No. 23 seed Lorenzo Sonego. So in the latter stages of his 7-5, 6-4, 6-2 loss to the eight-time champion, Sonego would win a point and mark the occasion by waving his arms to ask the crowd for some love, as if to say, "Hey, I'm here, too, OK?"

The match was the last at Centre Court on what was Wimbledon's last Manic Monday: As of next year, no longer will all 16

women's and men's fourth-round singles matches be scheduled on one day, a tradition vanishing along with that of a Middle Sunday without any play. Amid all the chaos of a packed schedule, one could be forgiven for imagining Federer held the stage to himself. He's coming off a pair of knee operations and he's participating in a Grand Slam tournament for the last time before turning 40. Who knows how many of these he has left?

"I guess to some extent it's nice to see that the work I put in paid off, that I'm able to play at this level," said Federer, who only played eight matches in 2021 till last week. "I can actually wake up in the morning and feel all right. ... It's very rewarding and it's a good feel-

ing," he said. At 39, Federer is the oldest Wimbledon quarterfinalist in the Open era, since 1968.

Djokovic untroubled

Djokovic made it to his 12th quarterfinal at the All England Club while continuing his pursuit of a calendar-year Grand Slam, never troubled while defeating No. 17 Cristian Garin 6-2, 6-4, 6-2. "It's not a secret that I am trying to win as many Slams as possible," said the top-seeded Djokovic, who needs to win three more matches to equal the men's record of 20 major singles titles, held by Federer and Rafael Nadal. Next up for him is Hungary's Marton Fucsovics. AGENCIES

STARTING FROM SCRATCH IN SL SERIES: YADAV

The high of a successful debut series behind him, Indian batsman Suryakumar Yadav on Tuesday said he would be looking to "start from the scratch" in the upcoming limited-overs assignment against Sri Lanka, eager to learn from "calm and composed" head coach Rahul Dravid. Yadav made his India debut in the T20 format during the home series against England, in which he scored a half century and was generally impressive. He is part of the Shikhar Dhawan-led second string India team, which will take on Sri Lanka in 3 ODIs and as many T20 Internationals starting July 13.

"Pressure will be there, because if there is no pressure, there is no fun, so as I said, it will be a great challenge and I am really looking forward to it," said the aggressive right-handed Mumbai batsman. Asked if a successful debut series would help him cope better with the pressure, Yadav said, "I think, that (debut series against England) was a completely different challenge and every-time you come, I mean for a batter, every-time you go in or play a different game, you start from scratch." PH

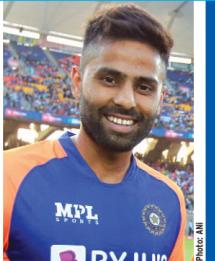


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QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Who has become the youngest-ever Grandmaster in chess history, breaking the previous record held by Sergey Karjakin?

- a) Anish Giri b) Abhimanyu Mishra
c) Nihal Sarin d) Samay Raina

Q2: Ezra Cup is related to which of the following sports?

- a) Polo b) Tennis
c) Cricket d) Football

Q3: Which among the following Indian players was famous as "Pocket Dynamo"?

- a) Leander Paes b) Vijender Singh
c) KD Jadhav d) Gurbux Singh

Q4: Which among the following games was previously known as Mintonette?

- a) Football b) Handball
c) Volleyball d) Tennis

Q5: Which football club was designated as the FIFA Club of the Century in 2000?

- a) Manchester United b) Liverpool
c) Real Madrid d) Arsenal

Q6: Who was the first international player to use a Kookaburra released carbon fibre-

reinforced polymer support bat?

- a) Virat Kohli b) Kapil Dev
c) Chris Gayle d) Ricky Ponting

Q7: Thisara Perera has announced his retirement from international cricket. He was playing for which country?



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

- a) Zimbabwe b) Australia
c) South Africa d) Sri Lanka

Q8: How many medals have been won by the India men's hockey team at Asian Games till date?

- a) 11 b) 9 c) 13 d) 15

Q9: Which athlete has been called the "Queen of the Track"?

- a) Merlene Ottey b) Marita Coach
c) Allyson Felix d) Jarmila Kratochvilova

Q10: Which of the following is the oldest Grand Slam tournament?

- a) US Open b) Australian Open
c) French Open d) Wimbledon

Q11: Who was the first Indian athlete to win a gold medal in the Asian Games?

- a) PT Usha b) Tintu Luka
c) Lavy Pinto d) Kamaljeet Sandhu

Q12: Which Indian player became the highest ranked badminton player in the world in April 2018?

- a) Srikanth Kidambi b) Ajay Jayaram
c) Sourabh Verma d) H.S. Prannoy

ANSWERS: 1. b. Abhimanyu Mishra 2. a. Polo 3. c. KD Jadhav 4. c. Volleyball 5. c. Real Madrid 6. d. Ricky Ponting 7. d. Sri Lanka 8. d. 15 9. a. Merlene Ottey 10. d. Wimbledon 11. d. Kamaljeet Sandhu 12. a. Srikanth Kidambi