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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

As we approach the dawn of a new year, I am filled with a sense of hope and optimism. The past year has been a journey of growth, learning, and progress for our institution, and I am proud of the achievements we have made together. To our students who have achieved academic excellence, I say that your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. Your achievements are a testament to your intelligence, creativity, and perseverance. Keep pushing the boundaries of what is possible and striving for excellence in all that you do.

I say that this is your year. You are the future leaders, innovators, and change-makers of our world. I encourage you to dream big, set ambitious goals, and work tirelessly to achieve them. Remember that education is not just about academics; it is about developing your character, building your skills, and becoming a responsible and compassionate citizen. As we look to the future, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. We will continue to innovate, to experiment, and to push the boundaries of what is possible. We will continue to strive for excellence in all that we do, and to create an environment that is conducive to learning, growth, and success.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As we bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new one, I extend my warmest wishes to all of you. May this New Year bring joy, prosperity, and success to each one of you. May it be a year of new beginnings, fresh starts, and opportunities to grow and learn. I encourage you to make a resolution to strive for excellence in your studies. Set goals for yourself, work hard, and stay focused. Remember, education is the key to unlocking your full potential and achieving your dreams. Don't be afraid to take risks, ask questions, and explore new ideas. Believe in yourself and your abilities, and you will achieve great things.

As I look back on the past year, I am reminded of the incredible achievements of our students. You have consistently demonstrated your ability to excel in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have paid off, and I am proud of each and every one of you.

I want to take a moment to recognize the students who have been with us since the beginning of their academic journey. You have grown and evolved into confident, capable, and compassionate individuals. Your loyalty and commitment to our institution are truly commendable, and I am honoured to have been a part of your educational journey. As we embark on this New Year, I urge you to continue to strive for excellence in all that you do. Set ambitious goals, work hard, and stay focused. Remember that success is not just about achieving your goals; it is about the journey, the process, and the people you meet along the way.

NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS, NEW GRIT!

SPECIAL DAYS

Jan 1 : New Year Day
Jan 4 : World Braille Day
Jan 10 : World Hindi Day
Jan 12 : National Youth Day (swami Vivekanand Jayanti)
Jan 26 : Republic Day
Jan 30 : Martyrs Day (Shaheed Diwas)

FESTIVALS

Jan 13 : Lohri
Jan 14 : Makar Sakranti
Jan 23 : Vasant Panchami

NATIONAL FESTIVALS

26TH JAN – REPUBLIC DAY

January 26th because it marks the day in 1950 when India's Constitution came into effect, transforming the nation from a British Dominion into a sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic republic, establishing rule by the people and granting citizens fundamental rights. The date was chosen to honor the 1930 declaration of Purna Swaraj (complete independence) by the Indian National Congress, making it a significant day for Indian democracy. The first Republic Day was commemorated on January 26, 1951. This proves to be an essential year, as it outlines 76 years since the inception of the constitution and forecasts a notable hallmark in the history of the nation. The nation will celebrate the 77th republic day on January 26, 2026.



FESTIVALS

13TH JAN – LOHRI



Lohri is celebrated to mark the end of winter and the arrival of longer days, as well as to celebrate the rabi crop harvest. It is a harvest festival for the people of Punjab and other northern Indian states, where they give thanks for a good harvest, honor the Sun God (Surya Dev), and welcome the new year.

14TH JAN – MAKAR SANKRANTI

Makar Sankranti celebrates the Sun God (Surya) entering Capricorn (Makara), marking the end of winter, the start of longer days (Uttarayan), and the vital harvest season in India, symbolizing new beginnings, abundance, and the triumph of light over darkness with traditions like flying kites, holy dips, and sharing sesame/jaggery treats to foster unity and gratitude



23RD JAN – VASANT PANCHAMI



Basant Panchami celebrates the arrival of spring and honors Goddess Saraswati, the deity of knowledge, wisdom, music, and arts, marking a time for new beginnings, education, creativity, and the start of the harvest season, with people wearing yellow and worshipping the goddess for blessings. It's also linked to farmers welcoming new crops and the promise of abundance, with kite flying symbolizing joy.

FUN FACTS ABOUT NEW YEAR

New Year marks the start of a new calendar year, most commonly celebrated on **January 1st** with parties, fireworks, and resolutions in the Gregorian calendar, but different cultures celebrate at various times based on lunar/solar calendars (like Chinese New Year or Rosh Hashanah). It's a global festival of fresh starts, reflecting on the past, and making intentions for the future. New Year's celebrations date back 4,000 years to ancient Babylon, but January 1st became standard with [Julius Caesar](#)'s calendar, later restored by Pope Gregory XIII.

Spain: Eat 12 grapes at midnight, one for each month's good fortune.

Philippines: Wear polka dots for coins and prosperity.

Italy & U.S. South: Eat lentils or black-eyed peas, resembling coins for wealth.

Greece: Smash pomegranates or hang onions for rebirth.

Denmark: Smash old dishes on doors to show love and get lucky.

Colombia: Run around the block with an empty suitcase for a year of travel.

South Africa: Throw old furniture out the window to clear out the past.



Japan: Ring temple bells 108 times to cleanse earthly desires.

Ecuador/Brazil: Burn large figures representing the old year for purification.

Finland: "Melted Metal" fortune-telling involves casting molten lead and interpreting its shape for the future.

NEWS SPOTLIGHT

Supreme Court pauses its own judgment defining Aravalli, moots rethink by high-powered panel

The Supreme Court has paused its own November 20 judgment that defined the Aravalli range as landforms rising at least 100 meters above the surrounding terrain. This decision was made due to concerns that the definition could lead to unregulated mining and harm the ecosystem. A



new expert committee will be formed to reassess the definition and provide a more comprehensive framework for protecting the Aravalli hills .

The original judgment was criticized for potentially opening up large areas to mining and construction, with environmentalists arguing it would weaken protections for the fragile ecosystem. The Supreme Court's decision to revisit the issue has been welcomed by locals and environmentalists, who are hoping for stronger safeguards .

The court has directed that no fresh or renewed mining leases should be given without prior permission and has listed the case for further hearing on January 21, 2026.

SMOG AND STUDENT LIFE

Smog is a type of severe air pollution that creates a hazy, foggy atmosphere, reducing visibility, and is a blend of "smoke" and "fog". It forms from pollutants like nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides, and particulates from vehicles and industries reacting with sunlight, causing health issues and environmental damage, especially in cities.

Smog severely impacts student life by harming physical and mental health (respiratory issues, headaches, anxiety, depression, lower concentration, increased absenteeism) and disrupting education (school closures, shift to online learning, reduced outdoor activities). Students face risks like asthma and reduced cognitive function, affecting academic performance, while also experiencing psychological distress and social isolation due to pollution, highlighting the need for awareness, protective measures (masks, staying indoors), and systemic solutions like cleaner energy.



Health Impacts



Respiratory Problems: Increased risk of asthma, infections, and reduced lung function.

Mental Health: Linked to increased anxiety, depression, irritability, and even suicidal thoughts.

Cognitive Issues: Poor air quality can cause drowsiness, headaches, and lower concentration, hurting academic performance.

Academic & Lifestyle Impacts

Disrupted Learning: Schools close or shift to online/hybrid models, creating digital divide challenges.

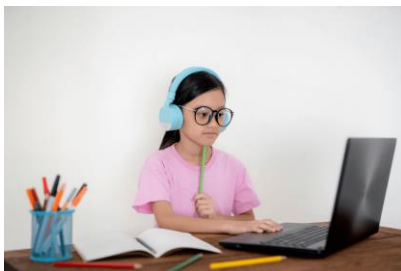
Increased Absences: Illness from smog leads to missed classes, hurting grades.

Restricted Activities: Limits outdoor sports, play, and social interaction, affecting holistic development.



Student & School Responses

Awareness: Students learn about smog causes and safety measures like wearing masks, staying hydrated, and avoiding peak pollution hours.



Protective Measures: Using masks, avoiding outdoor exposure, and government-mandated online classes.

Advocacy: Students suggest solutions like planting trees, carpooling, and reducing festival burning.

The Bigger Picture

Children are especially vulnerable as they breathe more air per body weight and their systems are developing.

Millions live in areas with dangerously high pollution levels, impacting their right to a healthy education.

MORAL STORIES

LAZY JOHN

The story revolves around a boy named John. He is very lazy. He spends a sunny day lying under an apple tree, wishing for the apples to fall into his lap without making any effort to get them. As time passes, he grows hungry and frustrated when the apples remain on the branches.

John's little sister suggests that he shake the tree to make the apples fall. This simple idea sparks a change in John, who realises the importance of taking action. He gets up, shakes the tree, and successfully catches the apples as they fall.



Moral of the story: Laziness will get you nowhere.

चींटी और टिड्डी

गर्मी का मौसम था और एक छोटी सी चींटी पूरे दिन अपना काम कर रही थी। वह बिना रुके मेहनत से दानों को इकट्ठा कर रही थी और उन्हें अपने घर में सुरक्षित रखने के लिए डाल रही थी। वहीं पास में एक टिड्डी आराम से घास पर बैठा था और गाना गा रहा था। वह चींटी को देखता और हंसते हुए कहता, "तुम इतनी मेहनत क्यों कर रही हो? चींटी ने थोड़ी मुस्कान के साथ कहा, "मैं भविष्य के लिए काम कर रही हूँ। सर्दी आएगी, और जब बर्फ गिरेगी, तो मुझे खाने के लिए कोई परेशानी नहीं होगी।" टिड्डी ने उसका मजाक उड़ाया!



समय बीतते गए, और सर्दी आ गई। बर्फ गिरने लगी और हवा बहुत

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मूलशिक्षा: यह कहानी हमें यह सिखाती है कि मेहनत और योजना से ही हम भविष्य को सुरक्षित कर सकते हैं। अगर हम आलस्य छोड़कर समय का सही इस्तेमाल करें, तो कभी भी मुश्किल समय से नहीं घबराएंगे।

QUIZ TIME

- What is the largest ocean on Earth?
➤ Ans. The Pacific Ocean.
- Which country is called the Land of the Rising Sun?
➤ Ans. Japan
- What do you call a group of stars?
➤ Ans. A constellation.
- What are the two major weapons used by Gandhi?
➤ Ans. Peace and non-violence
- Who is the father of the Indian Constitution?
➤ Ans. B. R. Ambedkar
- Who built Fatehpur Sikri?
➤ Ans. Akbar



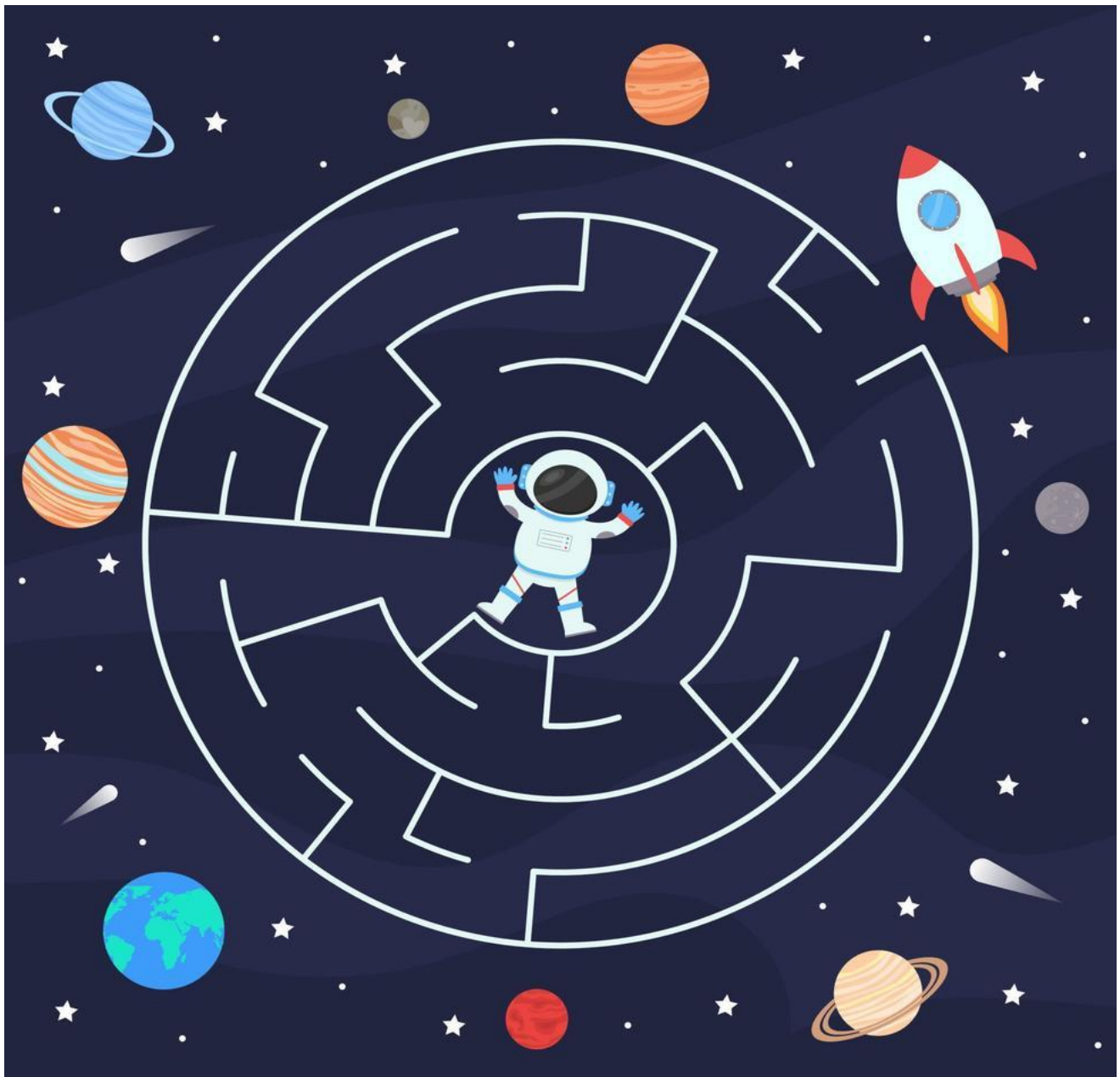
- Which is the mountain range located in the northern part of India?

➤ Ans. Himalayas

- Name the process by which plants prepare food.
➤ Ans. Photosynthesis
- Which vegetable should be eaten to improve eyesight?
➤ Ans. Carrot
- Which bird is famous for its dance and feathers?
➤ Ans. Peacock

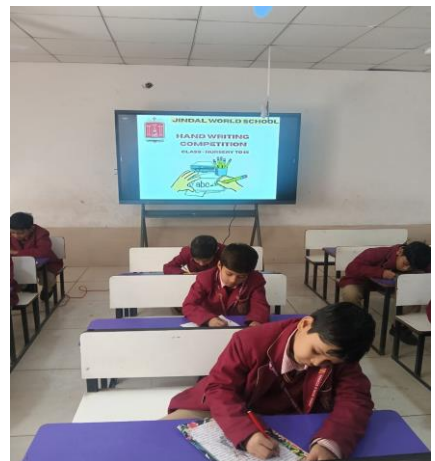
FUN TIME

Space labyrinth maze help to UFO find a planet

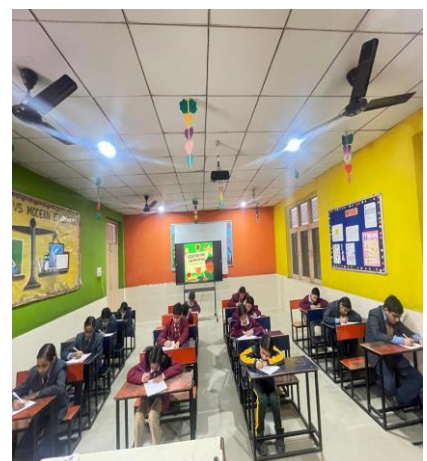


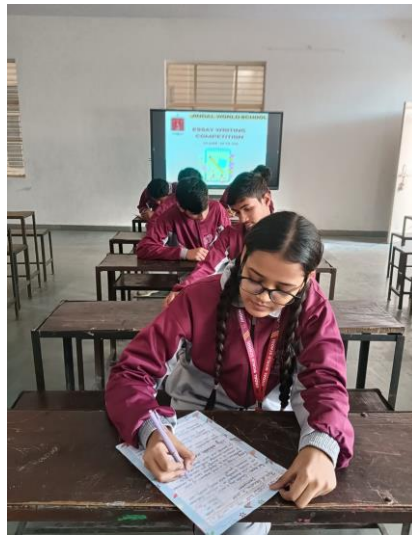
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HANDWRITING COMPETITION

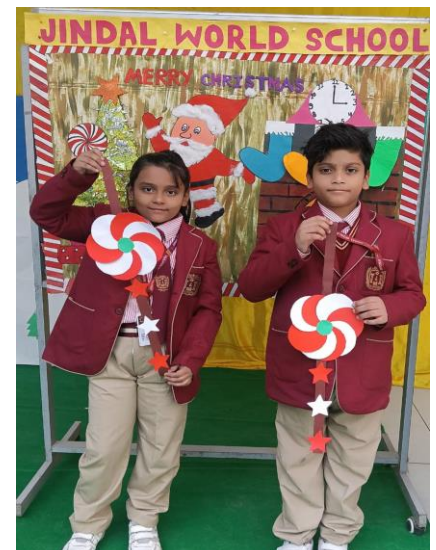


ESSAY COMPETITION





CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



HAPPY NEW YEAR