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The various hues of Deepanam

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Welcoming our new classmates



*Hi! I'm Iona.
I am 13 years old and
I just joined Deepanam.
I have been to Auroville before
but I didn't attend school then, so
I am now looking forward
to Faith group.*

Hi, I'm Yam. I'm twelve years old and I'm half Hebrew and half Brazilian, but I have lived in Auroville for almost my whole life. I love playing sports in my free time and also do classes to improve my skill. The sports I do are football, MMA, and swimming. I also like table tennis and badminton. But stuff that aren't sports but I still do is, singing and playing the guitar



Hello Readers!

This is a

December and January combined issue. Our theme this issue is sports. The cover page is a collective artwork made by the Hope Groupers. There are not many new topics but there are some few interesting articles so please enjoy!

Hello I am Zeev.

Do I have any hobbies or activities I enjoy? Yes and they are: 1) Lego, 2) football, 3) reading, and 4) Lego. What's the thing I'm really good at, or proud of: Lego What's my favorite subject in school and why: Reading, because that's fun .



Fope's opinion

Gymnastics is my favorite sport. I used to do gymnastics when I was younger and I love how it pushes you to be strong and flexible, and there's always something new to learn. Landing a skill you've been practicing for ages feels so rewarding, and it makes all the hard work worth it. Watching other gymnasts is so inspiring too. They make everything look so effortless, even though you know how much effort it takes. It's a sport that's not just about competing but also about improving yourself and having fun.

-Megha



Romaya

When it comes to sports, everyone has their own opinion about which one is the best. For me, it's basketball. There are so many reasons why I think basketball is on another level compared to other sports. It's not just about playing, it's about everything that makes the sport exciting, challenging, and fun to watch or play.

First off, basketball is a sport where being tall is a major advantage. You don't usually see short players dominating the court. Height is needed for rebounding, defending, and, of course, dunking. Dunks are one of the coolest things in any sport. There's just something so swag about watching someone jump high in the air and slam the ball through the hoop. It's a mix of skill, strength, and style that never gets old. Even if you're not playing, just seeing a good dunk can get the crowd hyped up.

But basketball isn't just about height and dunking, it's also about skill. Players need great hand-eye coordination, speed, and teamwork. Dribbling, passing, shooting, it's all about mastering the basics and then taking it to the next level. Some players make it look so easy, but it's actually really hard. That's what makes basketball special, it's simple to learn but super hard to master.

Another reason I love basketball is the overall style of the sport. Basketball players are known for their swag, both on and off the court. They have their own ways of moving, dribbling, and even celebrating after scoring. And the basketball shoes are so amazing. They're not just gear, they're fashion. People who don't even play basketball wear basketball shoes because they look so good. No other sport has shoes that are this popular or iconic.

Basketball is also one of the most exciting sports to watch. It's fast paced, with constant movement and scoring. There's no standing around waiting for something to happen. Every second matters, especially when the game is close. The buzzer beaters, the comebacks, the insane plays, it's impossible to get bored during a basketball game.

On top of that, basketball is a sport anyone can play. You don't need a huge field, tons of equipment, or even a full team. All you need is a ball and a hoop, and you're good to go. You can play one on one, two on two, or even by yourself. It's fun no matter how many people are playing.

In the end, basketball has it all. Skill, style, excitement, and accessibility. Whether you're playing or just watching, there's always something to enjoy. That's why, to me, basketball isn't just a sport, it's the best sport.

-Luce



Bhumilucis: A Collaborative art project



Our project with Aurodeva was to make art, but comprised entirely of nature. To start with, we made paint out of the rich red mud we have throughout auroville, mixing it with glue and altogether making a general mess. We covered the canvas generously, making sure to leave a golden circle in the center. We knew from the beginning that these works were going to be exhibited, so we tried (sort of) to meet these deadlines. We used all sorts of things that we foraged, such as bark, twigs, dried leaves, seedpods etc.



We split the large canvas into four smaller quarters, and worked separately, though with one common idea. It was really interesting to see how the pieces matched together afterward. We made a huge spiral, slowly filling in the gaps with all manner of dried things and glue until it really started to come together.

When we were finished, we went to the exhibition to see it on the wall, and i think it looked really good.

Overall, it was really fun, and i think the outcome was satisfying, and we actually learned quite a bit. Thank you so much for the experience :)

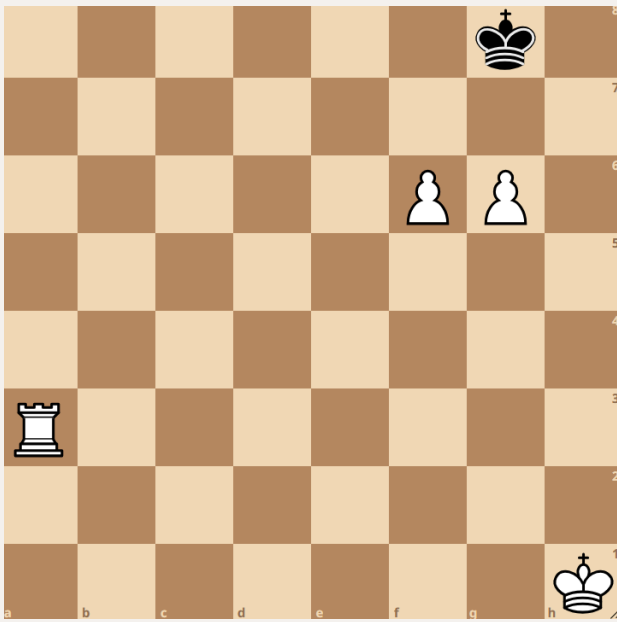
-Atisha

Chess Puzzles - by Uday

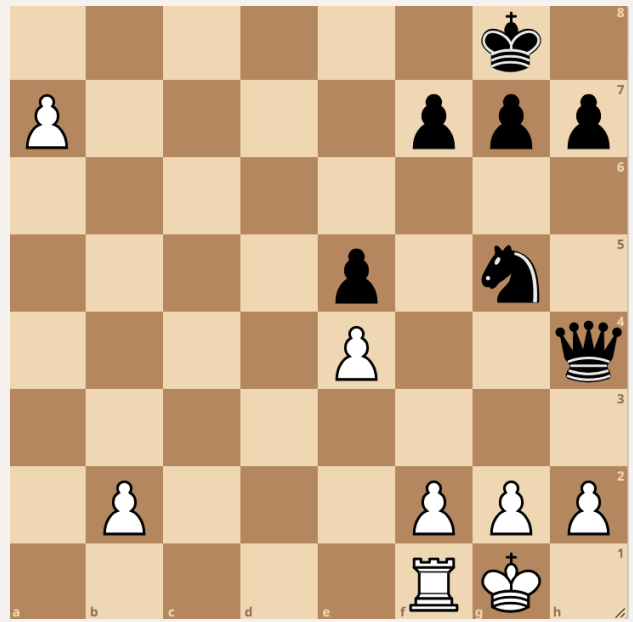
Find Mate in One

Mate in one is a position on the chess board where a player can checkmate their opponent's king in a single move

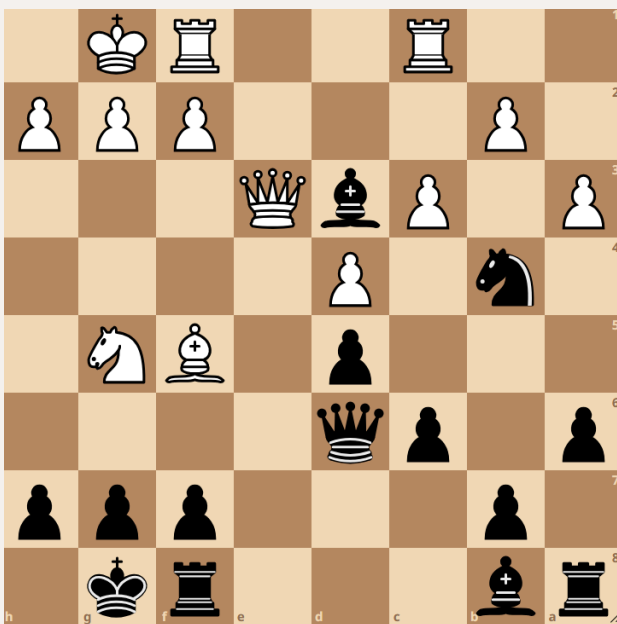
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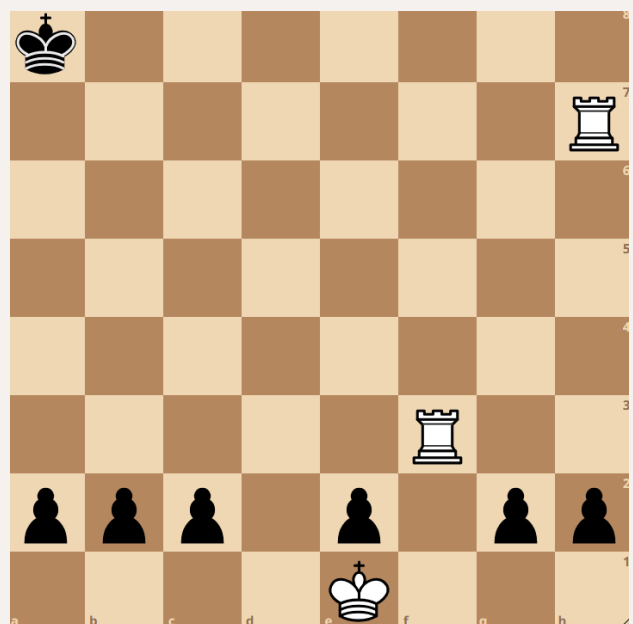
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black to play



white to play



History and Significance of Sports



Playing sports is a mental and physical workout. People have never studied the history of sports, and we rarely discuss our sports heroes the way we do our Hollywood heroes. Sports were first publicly instituted in Greece, according to Wikipedia. The first Olympic Games were held in Olympia in 776 BC, and up until 393 BC, running was the most popular sport in the world. Sports gained popularity as a result of the economic deregulation of the 1990s, which encouraged people to invest in them. Abhinav Bindra is the first Indian to win an Olympic gold medal in hockey, while James Connolly of the United States is the first sportsman to win an Olympic gold medal in long jumping. Although Indians participate in a wide variety of sports, cricket is the one we look forward to the most because we are a cricket-loving country. Are you aware that Lala Amarnath is India's first individual to reach 100 points? MS Dhoni and Ravindra Jadeja are my favorite cricket players. Are you a cricket fan?

-Harshana

Visit to Canyons

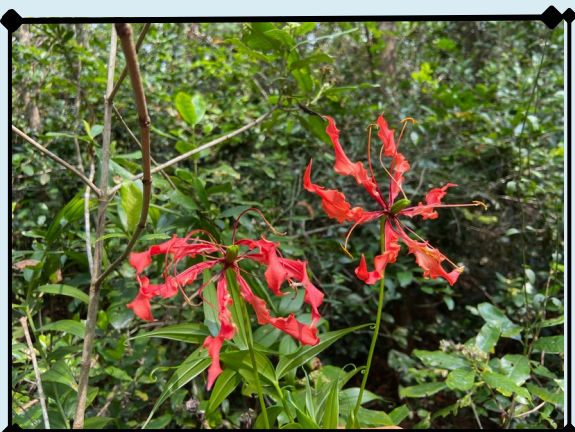


It was an amazing opportunity for Faith group students to visit canyons in Forecomers with Regina as our guide. The trip was an opportunity for the students to explore remarkable transformation and unique geographical features of the area. It presented a chance to understand the environmental efforts that have shaped this landscape by hearing Regina.

Watershed is an area of land where all the water, from rainfall and streams, collects and drains into a common water body, such as a river, lake, or ocean. Near Abri, we observed how rainwater flows through the landscape, carving pathways that direct the water. Some of this water eventually finds its way to the ocean, while the rest seeps into the land, replenishing groundwater and nourishing vegetation.



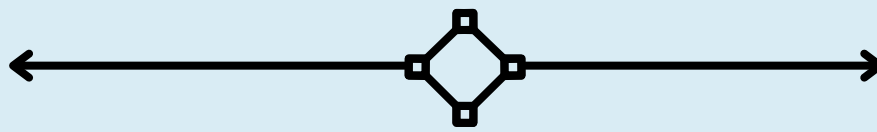
We were fascinated to see Canyons and petrified wood formed over thousands of years. Here in Forecomers, the canyons we saw were created by the erosive forces of water. When rain falls, it flows downhill, carrying soil and sediment with it. Over time, this process deepens and widens the channels, creating the canyon landscapes



From Barren Land to Green Oasis

Just a few decades ago, this area was barren and devoid of vegetation. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Aurovillians, the land has been restored through reforestation, soil conservation, and water management. Trees were planted to prevent soil erosion, check dams were built to slow the flow of water and allow it to seep into the ground, and organic farming practices were adopted to enrich the soil.

This trip to the Forecomers community gave us understanding of watersheds, the formation of canyons, and the impact of environmental restoration. It also highlighted the interconnectedness of nature's systems.



Pongal Celebration

In my school we did Pongal celebration first they did pooja and for snack we had sweet Pongal , white Pongal and sugarcane after snack I was expecting for Bull Cart ride but we went ride in tracker only from school we went around Matrimandir and we went inside town hall while we were in the tractor we were saying happy Pongal to everyone we saw along the way.

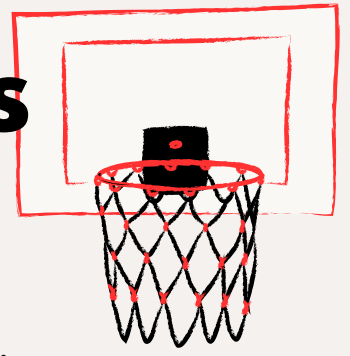
Afterwards, in school we had a slow cycle race in the football field

-Moksha





Michael Jordan's legacy



Michael Jordan's legacy is one of the greatest in sports history. He wasn't just an amazing basketball player, he changed the game forever. When you think of the NBA, Michael Jordan is one of the first names that comes to mind. His skill, his leadership, and the way he always wanted to win made him not just one of the best basketball players ever, but one of the most inspiring athletes in general.

*Jordan's career with the Chicago Bulls is unforgettable. He won **six NBA championships** and **six Finals MVP awards**, which is already insane, but it wasn't just the numbers that made him special. It was the way he played.*

Every time he was on the court, you could tell he was going to give it everything he had. He made his teammates better and refused to give up, no matter what. People all over the world admired how hard he worked and how much he wanted to succeed.

*One of the most iconic moments in his career is the "**Flu Game**" during the 1997 NBA Finals. Even though he was sick, he scored 38 points and led the Bulls to a huge win. Moments like that showed why people thought he was on another level. He was the type of player who could step up when it mattered most, and everyone respected that about him.*

But Michael Jordan wasn't just about basketball. He became a global superstar. His Air Jordan shoes are still some of the coolest and most popular sneakers today, even though he retired a long time ago. Jordan had so much style, on and off the court. Whether he was pulling off some crazy dunk or showing up in a sharp suit, he had this swagger that made everything he did seem effortless. People didn't just want to play like him, they wanted to look like him, too.

He also changed the way people saw basketball players. Before him, players weren't really seen as celebrities in the same way. Jordan made basketball bigger than it had ever been and showed that players could be more than just athletes. He inspired so many of today's stars, like LeBron James and Stephen Curry who both said they looked up to him. Jordan set the standard for what it means to be great.

One of Jordan's quotes is: **"I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."** This quote shows how he wasn't afraid of failure. Instead, he used it to push himself to be better, and that's something anyone can learn from.

Michael Jordan's legacy is going to last forever. He wasn't just a champion, he was someone who inspired millions of people to dream big and work hard. Whether it's his championships, his big moments, or even his style, Jordan will always be remembered as the greatest of all time. What I'm trying to say is,

HE'S THE GOAT. NO ONE CAN SAY OTHERWISE. :)

-Luce

Science corner

What is the difference between a wormhole and a blackhole? A blackhole is like a giant vacuum cleaner. It sucks in everything, including light. They form when massive stars collapse. Once an object enters the event horizon (the point at which the black hole starts pulling in objects) it can never escape. Black Holes are real and scientists have studied their effects. Meanwhile a wormhole is more of a theory. They don't really exist but in theory they are more of a passageway through one part of the universe to another. Unlike blackholes they don't trap objects forever. So in simple terms a blackhole is a pit with no escape meanwhile a wormhole is a secret shortcut to cut through space.

-Aaryan

Donuts



*1 tablespoon of melted butter
1 teaspoon of liquid vanilla
175 g of powdered sugar
Quarter teaspoon nutmeg
Half teaspoon of salt
2 teaspoons of baking powder
Half a gram of flour
Half teaspoon cinnamon
2 beaten eggs
150ml of milk*

Step 1: Mix the flour, yeast, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg.

Step 2: In another bowl, mix the eggs (beaten), sugar and vanilla. Mix until the mixture is thick.

Step 3: Mix the milk and melted butter, add the flour mixture and beat until the mixture is smooth.

Step 4: Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Step 5: On a floured board, roll out the dough to a thickness of approximately 1 cm. Cut the donuts using a bowl or similar.

Step 6: Fry for a minute or until lightly browned, then turn with a slotted spoon to the other side and cook for another minute.

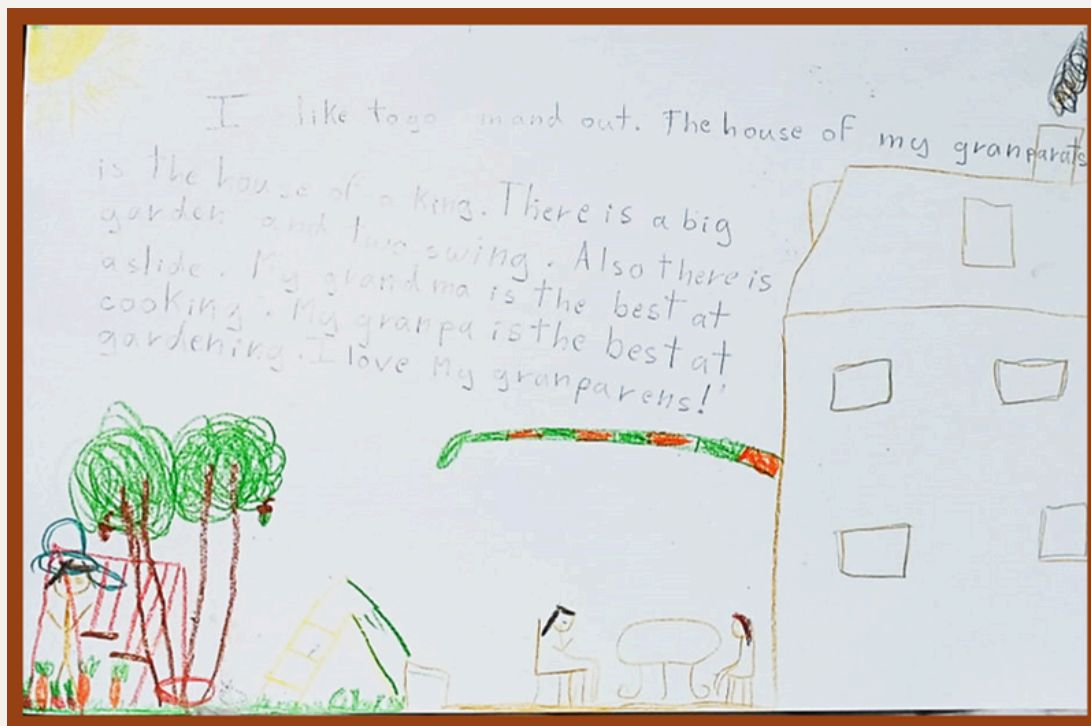
Step 7: Remove from the fryer and place on absorbent paper

-Celestin

The House of A King - by Vidhya

I like to go in and out. The house of my grandparents is the house of a king, There is a big garden and two swings. Also there is a slide. My grandama is the best at cooking. My grandpa is the best at gardening.

I love my grandparents!



Quiz of animals in my grandpa's garden!



1. He has got spikes. When he is scared, he is rolling all over and he loves warmth. Who is he?



2. He is small. has got his house on his back and leaves a silver line. Who is he?



3. He is medium size, 2 triangle ears, he is soft and has got a tail. Who is he?

4. She flies, loves bread and she makes a nest. Who is she?



5. It can fly, it can jump, it can bite, and it is moving all around. Who is it?



Come with me around the school... - by Aariv

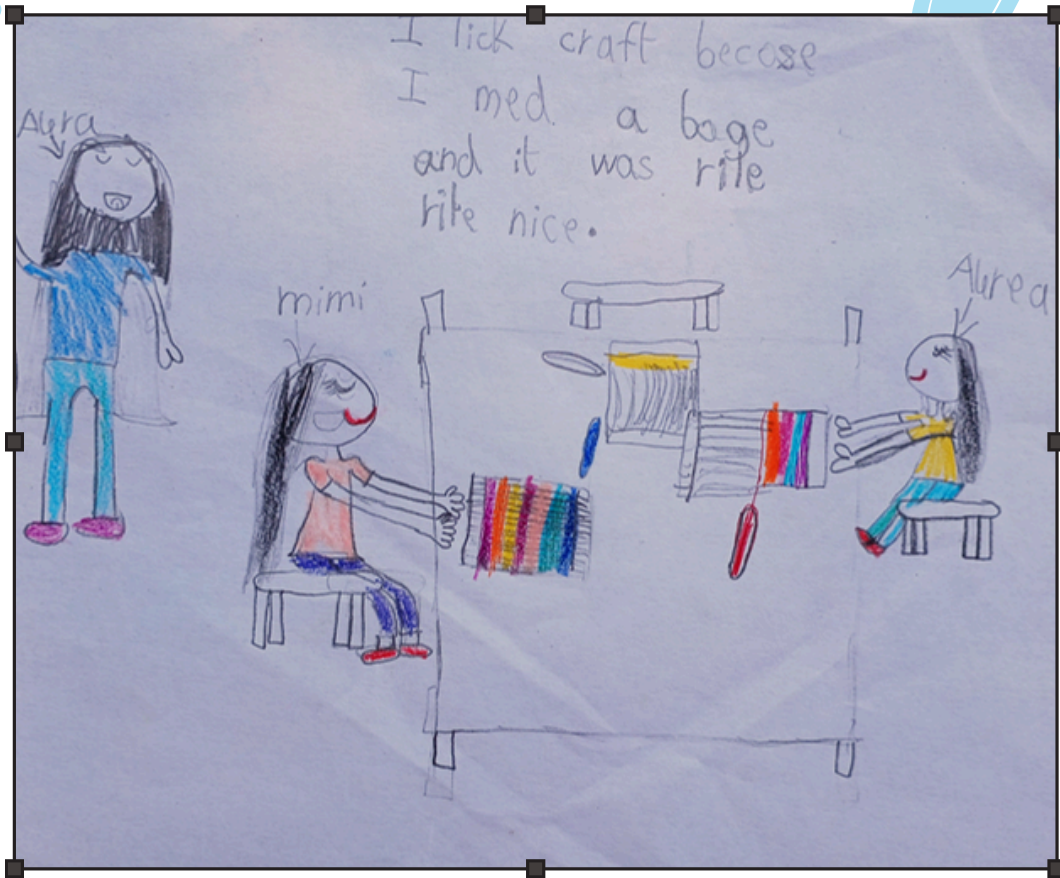


I saw green grass and trees, and green ground and bees
I saw leaves and bushes
I saw a table, and also a cycle path
There were benches
And the benches had sticks and millipedes
I felt the green grass
I also saw sky, light blue
Leaves up near the sky were greenish and yellowish
I saw dark green leaves
And I also saw stairs, these stairs were special
Why were they special?
Because they were different colours
I also saw different colours and paintings and drawings
I saw a pond that was empty
It also had new tiles
I see a playground
And swings, and a classroom, and a slide
And also a bench
I see a door, near to the door in front of my classroom
I also see a door there and here
I see an amphitheater
And also a roof...



Can you guess the path I
took around the school?

I Like Craft - By Mirabelle



I like craft because I made a bag and it was really, really nice!

Now I'm making something to put over my bed



The Park Bench

With each season that passed, the little park seemed to grow quieter. The trees still whispered with the wind, and the birds still sang their songs, but something had changed for the man who sat there each day. This old man, with his worn hat and worn skin and wearing soul, had once been in the lives of many. Too many summers had come and gone since he was young, and now he found himself with nothing but time.

He would sit on the bench every morning, the one facing the pond, watching the ripples of the ducks that swam lazily by. This had once been their bench, his and hers. They had spent hours here together, planning their days, dreaming of tomorrows. Now, the space beside him was empty, though he still sat as if she might join him any moment.

Memories were his closest companions. He remembered how she used to laugh at his terrible jokes, how her voice had softened when she'd scold him for forgetting something, and the way she always insisted on feeding the ducks. Every sound in the park reminded him of her, the rustling leaves, the children playing, the distant hum of cars behind the trees.

This year, he felt it more than ever. The stone bench seemed colder beneath him, and even the ducks no longer stayed quite as close. He missed the warmth of her hand in his and the light in her eyes that had always made the world feel a little less heavy. The next morning, for the first time in years, he decided not to go to the park. Instead, he opened an old box in the corner of his living room, one that had been gathering dust for decades.

Inside, he found a stack of photographs, their edges worn but their faces clear. There they were: the two of them, young and laughing, holding hands at that very same park bench. He smiled, a tear sliding down his cheek. She wasn't gone, not entirely. She lived in the rustle of the leaves, the song of the birds, and in the memories they had created together.

Tomorrow, he decided, he would go back to the park. Not just to sit and remember, but to feed the ducks, just as she would have wanted. And for the first time in a long while, the old man felt a flicker of warmth in his heart.

-Oli



TRIP TO KOREA



We landed in Korea in the evening. When we arrived, the first thing I wanted to do was check how cold it was. So, I went outside, and it was freezing cold, but I loved it.

The next day, we went to the World Cup Stadium, where we ate lunch and played in the arcade, which had lots of games. Sadly, we couldn't enter the football stadium.

After visiting the World Cup Stadium, the next few days passed by really quickly. We played badminton, tried a VR game, ate lunch at a very fancy restaurant with my grandma, and also visited an A.I. robot museum, which ended up being pretty disappointing.

A few days later, we headed north to meet Seulon's grandparents. During our stay, we saw lots of snow and even went sleighing, which was exciting.

On one of our last days in Korea, we went to an amusement park called Everland. First, we decided to go on the safari, which had tons of animals like lions, bears, giraffes, hyenas, and even white tigers. After that, we went on a roller coaster and many other rides.

Overall, Korea was really fun because we did so many things and also because, I got to experience it all with my friends.

-Meet

Poems

Round ball, broad field, through which the happy players ran;
they kicked and tossed;
they caught with bounds, maintaining the strength they found with pride.
Concentrated minds try their hardest to succeed.
A nice game where everyone can see each other;
today, when the athlete plays, the spirits are lifted by the loud cheers.

-Harshana

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In a trance

A dance, every action

A reflection

Of the previous steps

Ripples expanding forever

Past life, ending never

Every opportunity a stones throw
away

Endless possibility, every single day

-Oli

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We love sports

We run fast,

it makes as stronger and build our muscles

doing sports is physicaly good for you do sports and be well

-Moksha

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I woke up today,just to do to some sports today,

run and run and jump and play,

with my friends i ran,

we played tag to pass the time.

-Kent



Open House Presentation and christmas celebrations

