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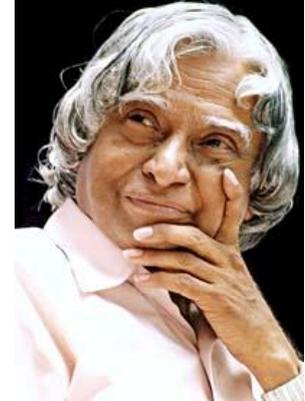
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Editors' Speak

We are all very thankful to all the teachers who gave us the opportunity to be a part of the Communique. It was a wonderful journey filled with lots and lots of fun, interaction and creativity. We gained a lot of knowledge. Some students were able to show their hidden talents and potentials in the field of literature.

DR. ABDUL KALAM

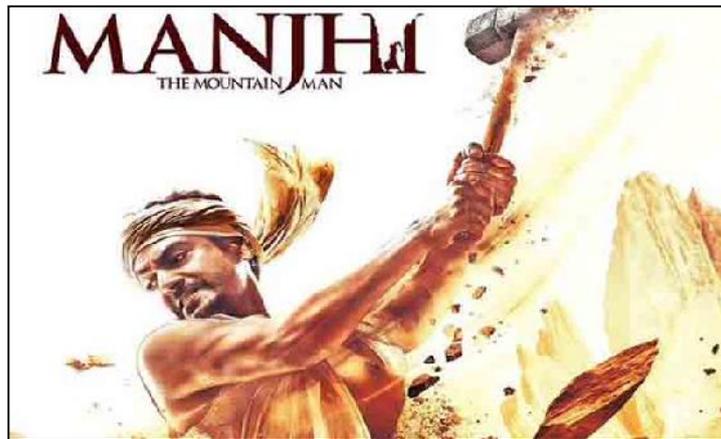


“Dreams, dreams, dreams. Dream transforms into thoughts. Thoughts result into action.” Abdul Kalam was born on 15 October 1931 into a Tamil middle class family in Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu. From a small boy growing up in Rameshwaram, to becoming the country’s 11th president, APJ Abdul Kalam’s life has been a tale of extraordinary determination, courage, perseverance and the desire to excel. DR.Kalam looked back on key moments in his past- some small and some momentous. With warmth and affection, he used to talk about the people who left a deep impression on him as he was growing up and as an adult, and the lessons he drew from his interactions with them. He wanted the children to –

- Do hard work
- Follow your dream
- Pursue education or work with dedication and excel in it
- Be a friend of the mentally or physically challenged or work hard to make them feel normal like the rest of us.
- Plant atleast 10 saplings and ensure their growth through constant care

“Children are naturally curious. They are always keen to know more about everything – be it colours, objects or a language..... in fact anything that catches their fancy.”

MANJHI – MOUNTAIN MAN



Bihar's Dashrath Manjhi, a poor laborer proved this adage when he actually did the unthinkable and actually carved a path through a mountain with just a hammer after toiling away for 22 years. Ketan Mehta's biopic mountain man tells this powerful story of a common man from Gehalaur village in Bihar's Gaya district. There is a man Dashrath Manjhi and his wife Faguniya. Their village lacks even the basic amenities like schools and hospitals because of the mountain that lies in the path. Faguniya is gravely injured after falling off the mountain and succumbs to her injuries. Before dying she tells Dashrath "ham pahad paar nahi kar pai, bahut ucha hai" it does not take much time for Dashrath to decide that he must break through the mountain to carve an accessible path for the villagers. Manjhi traces his difficult journey as he fights for his friends and family. It showcases Nawazuddin Siddiqui as Dashrath Manjhi and Radhika Apte as Phaguniya. Its worth watching because it shows an inspirational struggle of a man as he wishes to achieve his goal.

–Mallika Mahajan[IX-A]

BOOK REVIEW

DIVERGENT



Imagine yourself living in a world with five factions: **Dauntless** – the brave and fearless, **Erudite** – the smart and intelligent, **Candor** – the honest, **Amity** – the hard workers, **Abnegation** – the selfless and helpful and you need to make a decision of where you belong because once you make a decision you cannot back out. **What would you choose?** This is the dilemma faced by the protagonist. This book written by Veronica Roth depicts the experience of 16 year old girl, Tris, who struggles to find a faction she belongs in. This book is lively, fun and overall a great read as you will want to read more about the protagonist's daily adventures right from the start right till the end. Veronica Roth has written this book in a very simple way which is not too hard to understand. Therefore, kids will find it adventurous and interesting

Mallika[IX-A] and Pratiksha[IX-C]

Tips For Exam



The nightmare of each student is his/her exams.

- ❖ The best way to get good marks in the exam is the preparation from an early step. Never leave anything to the last day. Study the topic thoroughly and take adequate rest. No sleepy mind can function at the key point of exam. One method which is important everywhere is the P-U method. **First: P-Preview, Q- Question, R-Read, S-Summarize, T-Test, V-Visual and finally U- Use.** Visualizing and remembering is often used for memorizing long answers.
 - Science requires practice and remembering the important facts. The equations and methods are very important.
 - The greatest fear- Maths can be overcome by daily practice and understanding each concept thoroughly.
 - English requires the proper grammar and remembrance.
 - Hindi grammar should be memorized and literature should be memorized.
 - In S.S importance should be given to memorizing the events, the dates, practice maps and the areas.
 - Tables are to be memorized in Sanskrit. Thus, even though exams are the most feared parts, however, working hard helps us to achieve what we want.

!!ALL THE BEST FOR THE EXAMS!!

- Harshda Saxena (IX-B)

Garbage Can, Garbage Cannot

Most of us in our everyday life, face people trying to put us down, to suppress us – bullies. They are the people who hurt you, they make you cringe. And we, broken from inside, so easily accept their behavior and keep quite. This strengthens them. The more you shy away the more you grow. The more you give in, the more they will get back to hurt you. This life is pandemonial. Nothing can be achieved without a few cuts and bruises along the way. And you can achieve it by keeping your calm and not giving up.



Now, you may ask, that what's to be done if we can't keep our calm and we're on the verge of a breakdown? One golden rule you need to follow is that however harsh the world may be to you, you won't change. They call you a garbage can? Well, that's because they wish they were like you. Of course, in time, they'll realise their mistake, and sometimes they may even try to correct themselves. But don't let that change you, who you are. The circumstances are only to strengthen you.

Remember its garbage can, not garbage cannot.

Aadya Khatavkar (IX-C)

Teachers Day

A teacher is the precious gift from god to us. A teacher is like a God as, is the builder of whole universe however a teacher is considered to be the builder of a good nation. Teachers are very prestigious people in the society who take the responsibility to raise the mind status and living standard of the common people through their magic of teaching.. They try their best and do all efforts in helping us to achieve our goals in life. School life is considered as the best time of everyone's life as this is the time when you learn basic things about life and different subjects. All of us set our goals in the school time which decides the development of our nation. Each and every student gets to open their mind in school and enhance their skills and knowledge by participating in the co-curricular activities such as sports, debates, and many more. Good teachers are also the best friends of their students who help them in deciding the true path in life. Teachers set our goals of education through their collective roles of unique teaching and learning process. They teach us to have positive attitude toward life. A good teacher is the one who only gives his/her students but accepts nothing instead, s/he is happy with the success of students. A best teacher is the one who provides a best model for the future generation to his/her nation. Proper education is the only way to remove social issues, corruption, from the nation which ultimately leads to the growth and development of a nation.

-Aditya waghmare [Ix-B]

Step by Step....

Shoes, shoes, how I love them
Let me count the styles.
Mules, pumps, slippers, sling bags
Leathers and crocodiles. . .
March, march, always steady
Through rain and snow.
Boot, thick, solid, sturdy.
That's the sole I show. . .
Stride, stride, every morning
Through my day I move
Streets, curbs, lawns and gardens,
I push, I strive, I move. . .
Feet, feet, always moving
But can you tell me why?
The path you take is yours to make,
Don't let life pass you by.

-Malvika Mahajan

Keshari

Amidst the cotton fields I opened my eyes;
looked around to find not many of my likes.
Wonder why others were not even close;
I was Keshari while others just mangoes.
Then came the forgettable first summer;
all other trees busy but I was a loner.
No kids around no singing cuckoos;
although other mates had plenty to use.
Several summers passed by and I just grew;
always talked about but visited by few.
Then came my day when I grew flowers;
thus followed mangoes, cuckoos and connoisseurs.
It was a pleasure to tender sweetness for years;
knew of course about the end from my peers.
Had to see axes wielding at me;
happy to serve in afterlife with glee.

-Parul Kondekar

SUNRISE SAUNA

I see the sunrise everyday
Rising and setting over the bay
But among the two, the rise
Has the power to mesmerize
Cause when the sun comes out,
My heart wants to shout
And reach for the slices blue.
At dawn, the sun, its crimson hue,
Lights up the faces
Of the shipwrecked crew
For it's a new day I this
Agony of life, a new sauna
In our hearts

-Aadya khatavkar

Facts

- ❖ In 1995 the richest woman in the world was Mrs. Hetty Green Wilks who left an estate of \$ 95 million in a will that was found in a metal box
- ❖ The human body contains enough potassium to fire a toy cannon.
- ❖ A person can live without food for a month but only a week without water.
- ❖ The industrial revolution in Europe first saw the beginning of air pollution, which gradually became a major global problem.
- ❖ The ampersand (&) was once a letter of the English alphabet.
- ❖ The bagpipe was originally made from the whole skin of a dead sheep.

-Niral Damania (IX-C)

Are you smart enough to get these brain teasers???

Bellie was born on December 28th yet her birthday always falls in the summer season. How is this possible?

In british Columbia you cannot take a picture of a man with a wodden leg. Why not?

If you were running in a race and you passed the person in the 2nd position, which position are you in now?

A clerk in a butcher shop stands 5ft 10in tall and wears size 13 shoes, what does he weigh?

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KNOCK KNOCK JOKES



❖ Student: teacher, I can't solve this problem

Teacher: any 5 year old can solve it

Student: no wonder I can't solve it. I am a ten year old!

❖ If you have me, you want to share me with someone. But if you share me with someone, you no longer have me. What am I?

Ans: secret!

❖ What demands an answer without asking a question? Hint: begins with "t".

Ans: telephone call!

❖ What is the easiest way to double your money?

Ans: look at it in the mirror!

❖ Knock knock

Who's there?

Aliens

Aliens who?

Just how many aliens do you know?

❖ Knock knock.....

Who's there?

Phil.....

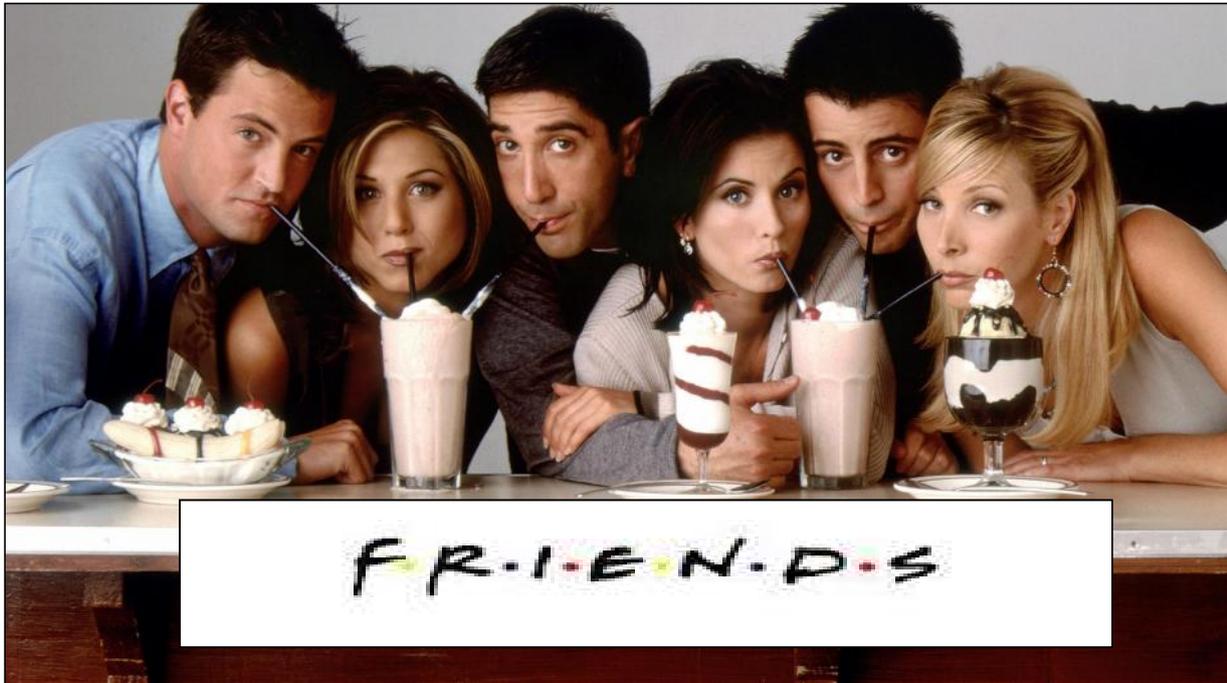
Phil who?

Phil this bag with money I am a robber

HUMANITY

Humanity today is regressing. Whatever steps we take forward, they take us back as human beings. We live in a world that, although it has borders, it is limitless. We try to impose borders on ourselves; we fight today to be recognized as not belonging to “their community”, to be labelled as part of a smaller group. But still nations invest in arming themselves and preparing for the inevitable “next war”, individuals get bombarded each day through the media by images and sounds of guns going off, of mothers crying after their children. We should stop fighting about democracy in other countries and start asking if we really have a say in our own country. We know best and, even if we don’t, the collective power would decide what is best. While technology and democracy has given us the power to fast forward the world in which we live in, it has also corrupted us, we must change ourselves by taking knowledgeable decisions, making the right choices in life and not letting others decide for us. We live in a world that gives birth to great leaders. But we let ourselves be ruled by a small group of politicians that take the vote of many and make it insignificant. We live in a world that holds both beauty and ugliness; both joy and sorrow. We live in a world where not every person thinks alike and where this freedom of thought makes us happy. Should this be real humanity?

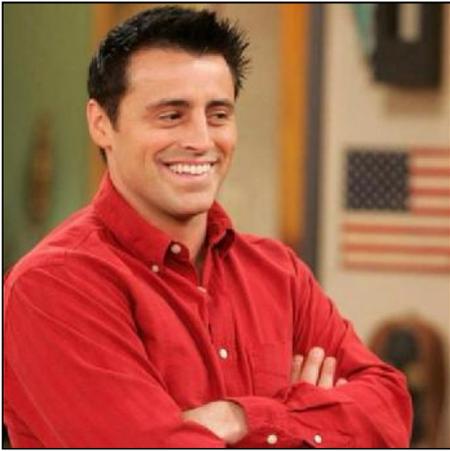
- Ayalita [IX-A]



236 episodes. 11 years and a million memories. The guitar notes of the world's most famous theme song, "I'll be there for you" makes us dewy-eyed even after 11 years since the last episode aired. There are 6 characters each having a special bonding amongst themselves. This show shows how they take on life step by step, a smile on their faces, hope and happiness in their hearts and most importantly TOGETHER. Friends and its characters teach us many important lessons in life.

- ❖ Phoebe Buffay(*Lisa Kudrow*): A guitarist and freelance singer, she teaches us even if we face hardships in life we have to keep moving forward with a smile on our face and enjoy life to





the fullest.

❖ Joey Tribbiani(*Matt Le Blanc*): An actor by profession he faces many obstacles as he looks for his big break, he teaches us we haven't failed until the moment we stop and learning from our mistakes.

❖ Chandler Bing(*Matthew Perry*) : A quirky and sarcastic 25 year old, he quits his sales job to pursue his dream .He teaches us that sometimes it's okay to laugh at ourselves and to keep your inner child alive.



❖ Rachel Greene(*Jennifer Aniston*): She teaches us that its okay to be a little materialistic but you have to be a good human being first and to keep working hard.

❖ Monica Geller-Bing(*Courtney Cox*): A chef by profession, she taught us that it's okay to be a little uptight and disciplined but one has to enjoy the great moments in their lives.



❖ Ross Geller (*David Schwimmer*): He's a professor and loves science. He is very intelligent and has decided opinions. He's a great example of a faithful friend and a loving brother.

All in all, F.R.I.E.N.D.S. is an amazing,inspiring yet humorous T.V. show and we give it 10/10 and it is a must watch.

-Diya Banerjee (IX-B)

-Pranav Jain (IX-B)

Answers for the brain teasers

Ans 1 : she was born in the southern hemisphere.

Ans 2: you need a camera and not a wooden leg to click a picture.

Ans 3: 2nd position because you just passed the person on the 2nd position and you were on the 3rd position.

Ans 4: meat! Because he is a clerk in the butcher shop and will obviously weigh meat, question was about "what" does he weigh.