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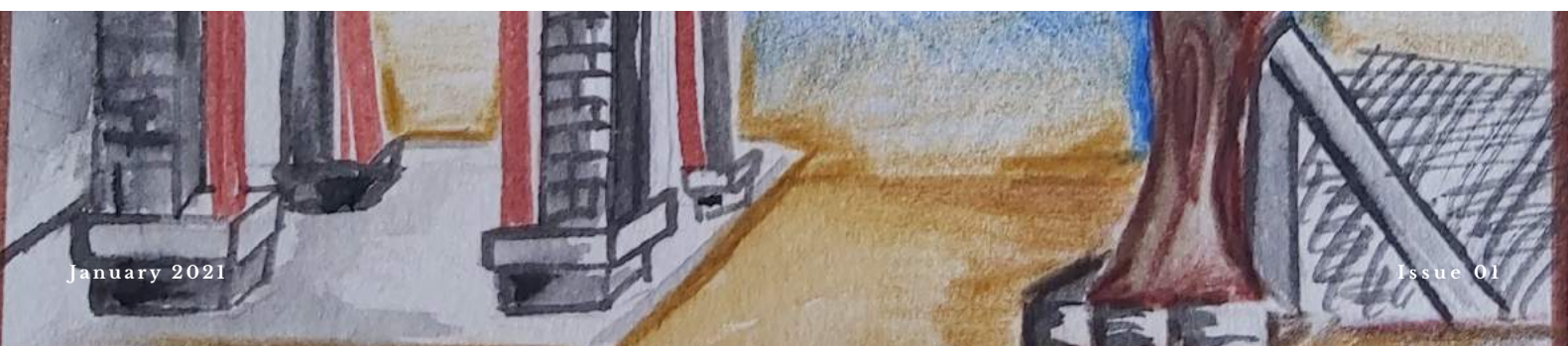
The pandemic of 2020 changed many of our daily activities and even completely stopped some. In an effort to stay connected, we present to you the first edition of The Community Corner Newsletter for the month of January 2021, where our theme is The Republic Day. Our teams include:

- The Games Corner, where you can find articles and facts about various sports, sports personalities and recent sports events.
- Celebrations and Languages Corner, where you can find articles on various festivals and in various languages.
- The Wellbeing Corner, where we have our creative expressions, illustrations, cartoons, stories, poems and essays sent in by students and other articles to make your every day a happy day.
- The News and Facts Corner, where we have articles and facts about recent events in today's world.

We thank the various teams and teachers who have put in their time and effort and everyone else who has taken out their time to read our very first edition :)

We wish you a safe year ahead...

-Shriman Deshpande, Gauri Subramani, Mallika Menon
and Gauri Varma



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COVID VACCINE'S SIDE EFFECTS

COVID VACCINE

AND ITS SIDE EFFECTS

On January 16, India launched the world's largest vaccination drive against COVID-19, targeting healthcare and frontline workers in the first phase. According to the health ministry, a total of 3,81,305 people were vaccinated till Monday and 580 adverse events following vaccination were reported. Side effects, adverse events, adverse reactions or adverse drug reactions are often used interchangeably, but they do not mean the same.

COMMON SIDE EFFECTS INCLUDE :

- Redness
- Tenderness
- Pain at the site of injection
- The feeling of being sick/unwell
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills or feeling feverish
- Nausea
- Muscle pain/ body pain/joint pain
- Other flu-like symptoms, including runny nose

These are noticed in 1 in 10 people
- Ojasvi (8A)

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Ankita 10B

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Fun Facts On Badminton

- Badminton is the fastest racquet sport in the world —shuttles can reach speeds of over 200 miles per hour!
- Badminton has become the second-most popular sport in the world behind soccer.
- The International Badminton Federation has over 150 member nations.
- Badminton is a lot more intense than tennis.
- A badminton match once lasted just 6 minutes.
- A shuttle is made from the left-wing of a goose.
- The strings of badminton racquets were made from the stomach linings of cats.
- Badminton was initially played with the players' feet.
- This sport has many names.
- The first mixed-gender game where 2 types of gender are in one time.

-Sidhanth 8B

DO YOU KNOW YOUR SPORTS?

- Who is the number 1 women's bowler in the world, in one day international matches?
- Who is the First Centurion in Indian Cricket in test matches?
- What is Spain's national game?
- Which sport was invented by James Naismith?
- Which International Tennis Tournament is held on a grass court?
- Where will the 2022 FIFA World Cup be held?
- She was the First Indian woman to score a double century in a one day match. Who is she?
- Where and when will the next Olympics be held?
- Name the phrase used by Diego Maradona to describe a goal he scored during 1986 FIFA World Cup.
- Which year did India take part in the Olympics for the first time and which sport?
- What is the Munich Massacre and which year did it happen?
- Who is the first chess grandmaster of India?
- Who won the first two cricket world cups before India?
- Which is the ' Sports of the Kings'?
- Who is the current Formula One champion?

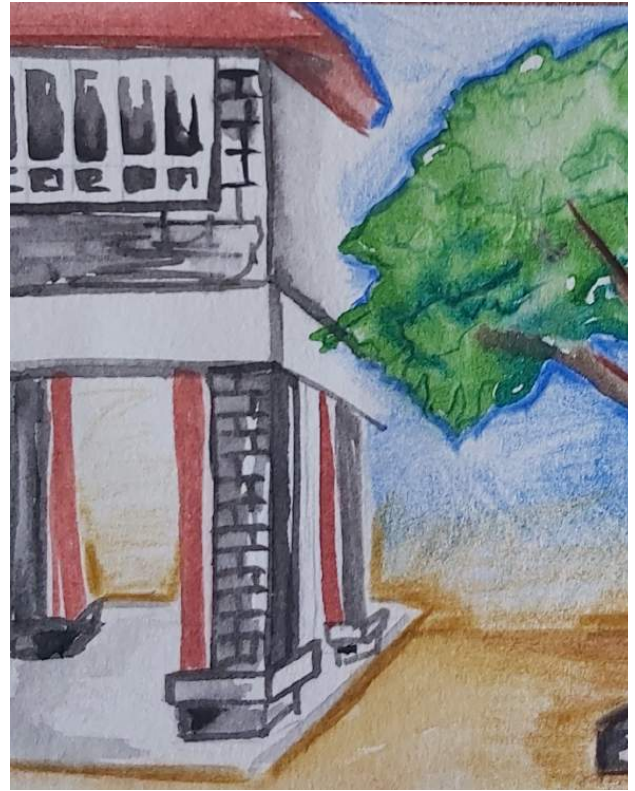
- Mallika 8B



A match that TEST-ed the Aussies' patience!

As the spectators entered the cricket pitch in Sydney, the two teams were ready to display their talent. After a win for both the teams, the scores were level. It can without hesitation, be called as a crucial game for both the teams. It was the penultimate match in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Also known as the pink test, the game started at 10 am(AEDT) with Australia electing to bat. With the dismissal of David Warner at the fourth over itself, the Indian bowlers were dominating the game. After the seventh over, the play was halted due to rain. Once the game resumed, the pace bowlers were back into action. With the end of a wonderful spell from Siraj and Bumrah, it was time for spinner R. Ashwin to bowl and pick up some wickets. After 31 overs, Will Pucovski, after being dropped twice by R.Pant, rode his luck to score his maiden half-century. In the 35th over of the game, Navdeep Saini took the wicket of Will Pucovski, who seemed dangerous to the visitors. With Marcus Labuschagne scoring a fifty and making a partnership with Steven Smith, Australia was at a good position. At the end of Day 1, the Australian team had scored 166 after 55 overs with the fall of 2 wickets.

At the start of Day 2, Marcus Labuschagne and Steven Smith continued their partnership. Later, a wicket fell as Ravindra Jadeja picked up the wicket of Marcus



Labuschagne who was on 91. Smith who was unstoppable at that point, went on to hit a century. Australia was bowled out for a score of 338.

The Indian openers, Shubman Gill and Rohit Sharma scored a good partnership of 70 runs. Soon, Rohit Sharma was dismissed by Josh Hazlewood. After scoring a fifty, Shubman Gill was caught behind at the 32nd over. The second day ended with a score of 96 for 2 wickets.

On Day 3, India was trailing by 242 runs. With the dismissal of Rahane and Vlhari(who was run out by a spectacular throw by Josh Hazlewood), the pressure was building upon the Indian side. Pujara and Rishabh Pant had to take the responsibility to score more runs. While Pujara hit his slowest test fifty in his whole career. Very soon, the match was not looking favourable to India as both Pujara and Pant were dismissed. India was all out for a total of 244. This meant that the Aussies had a lead of 95 runs.

It was time for the second innings of the Australian team. The Indian bowlers got the wickets of the Australian openers by the 10th over. However, Australia had a lead of 197 by the end of the day.

In Day 4, Marcus Labuschagne, Smith and Green helped Australia score 300. They soon declared with the plan of getting the Indian team all out. Thus, with the lead Australia had India needed 407 runs to win the test. The openers, just like what they had done last innings, had a partnership of 71 runs. After scoring a half-century, Rohit Sharma was dismissed. With 315 runs to win for India, the Australian team were dominating the game. India needed a total of 309 to win the test match with one day remaining.

The fifth day was the most exciting and exhilarating day of the test. When Rahane got out early, India depended upon Rishabh Pant and Pujara to score. And Rishabh Pant did not let the Indian team or the fans down. With a fabulous 97, India was back into the game. Even Pujara did his job by scoring 77 runs. At this point, after Rishabh and Pujara scored the runs, people were astonished and amazed to see the comeback from India. After Ashwin and Vihari scored a partnership of a little more than 50 runs in 289 balls, the day was up. As the Australian Team hadn't gotten all the Indian players out, the match was drawn. Thus, India pulled off a great escape by batting a whole day!

However, several players such as R. Ashwin, Hanuma Vihari were injured and were forced to take rest, which meant that they won't be playing any upcoming matches.

- Gautam 8B



Leroy 10A

CELEBRATIONS AND LANGUAGES



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JAI HIND!

MAKAR SANKRANTI

DID YOU KNOW?

गांधी जी पर दोहे

HOW ARE YOU?

JAI HIND!

AN ARTICLE ON REPUBLIC DAY

- Purna Swaraj Day or India's Independence Day was first celebrated on January 26, 1930
 - The Constitution of India took around 2 years 11 months and 18 days to be drafted.
 - The Indian Constitution is the longest one to be written in the world. It has 444 articles divided into 22 parts and 12 schedules. Recently, 118 amendments were added to the Constitution.
 - The original copies of the Constitution of India are preserved in helium-filled caskets at the Library of Parliament House.
- Juhitha 8B

MAKAR SANKRANTI

Makar Sankranti or Uttarayan or Maghi or simply Sankranti is a festival day dedicated to the deity Surya. It is observed each year the day Sun enters the Capricorn zodiac which corresponds with the month of January as per the Gregorian calendar. It marks the end of the month with the winter solstice and the start of longer days.

The festivities associated with Makar Sankranti are known by various names:

- Magh Bihu in Assam,
- Lohri in Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh,
- Sukarat in central India.
- Pongal in Tamil Nadu,
- Uttarayan in Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh,
- Ghughuti in Uttarakhand,
- Makara Sankranti or Poush Sankranti in Odisha, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa, West Bengal,
- Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh or even Khichidi Sankranti, and
- Sankranthi in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana,

Makar Sankranti is observed with social festivities such as colourful decorations, rural children going house to house, singing and asking for treats in some areas, melas, dances, kite flying, bonfires and feasts. Every twelve years

marking one complete revolution of Jupiter around the Sun the Hindus observe Makar Sankranti with one of the world's largest mass pilgrimages, with an estimated to 100 million people attending the event.

-Gayatri Subramani 8A



Siya 8B

गांधी जी पर दोहे

सत्य अहिंसा शांति से, साधा लक्ष्य अभेद।
नाम बढ़ाया देश का, मिटा आपसी भेद॥



देश प्रेम सद्भाव का, दिया देश को ज्ञान।
मुक्त कराया देश को, गांधी तुम महान॥

भारत छोड़ो का नारा, गूँजा था चहुँ ओर।
लाठी, लकृटि का बाना, बना जगत शिरमौर॥



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Glorious yellow

Oh, the glorious colour, yellow
How it makes you feel so jolly and bright;
The colour, of the pretty morning sun,
That brims my heart with delight.

The colour of oh-so-many flowers,
Like the merry daisies and daffodils;
Put's the widest smile on my face,
And with such a wonderful warmth, my soul fills...

The colours of many other lovely things too,
Like the tasty bananas and peaches,
The cute little baby chicks,
And the yellow sands on the beaches.

Yellow is a hue with lots of energy;
And it always catches my eye;
Yellow, fills me with courage and hope,
And it makes my heart soar up to the sky!

- Minnal 8A



A CHANCE AT LIFE

Hossein looked up at the sky that had started to turn orange as the sun started to slowly dip below the horizon. He needed to get back to his house. He turned back and gestured toward his son Abdul to move faster.

Abdul had started helping his father in the field ever since he turned 13, about a year ago. Abdul used to go to school but had to stop when the war broke out. He was a bright student but the world had not been kind to him. Hossein entered his hut just as his three-year-old son, Amal, ran to him. "Abul!" he cried as he hugged his father. Hossein smiled at him. His wife, Sifi set up their dinner. He silently gulped down the food on his plate and looked towards his wife.

He could tell that his wife was anxious. How could she not be? They were going to attempt something tomorrow that many had died trying.

He woke his family early the next morning, packed their few possessions and left their little house behind. Hossein knew that the officers did not like people leaving the country. They would surely kill him and his family if they were caught.

The city that once was the very definition of bustling had since tumbled down from its epitome. It was now nothing but a tangle of twisted metal and fallen debris. Hossein and his family silently wove through ruins of the city, on the lookout for any sort of danger. Thankfully they hadn't encountered any police till now.

They were just reaching the end of the city and the wild when they heard the sound of a motor-vehicle, probably a truck. They failed to hide in time as the truck rounded a corner. They began to run towards the city fence, that was now in their sight, as one of the men in the truck shouted: "Hey, they're running away". The men jumped out of the truck and ran after them with their guns drawn. The family and their pursuers raced towards the fence. Adrenaline pumped through Hossein. The men closed in and were beginning to fire at them. The bullets came tearing through the air, but thankfully none found their target.

They would leave their lives here and head out. Sifi climbed over the fence. Hossein was about to help Amal over the fence when Abdul said, "Go ahead Abu. I'll take care". Hossein too then climbed over. Abdul helped his little brother over the fence and was about to do so himself. Hossein held out his hand and Abdul took his hand when it happened. One of the men fired his gun. The bullet whizzed through the air and slammed into his son's back. Hossein watched in horror as the colour drained out of his son's face. His expression filled with pain as his hand slipped out of Hossein's own.

He tried desperately to hold on to it but to no avail. Abdul hit the ground with a thud. His body in a heap, lifeless. His heart burst at the sight. He could distinctly hear his wife's cry. His head started to feel dizzy. But he couldn't afford to feel pain now. The men were coming closer, they had to move or all would be in vain. He heard two more shots, both almost striking his wife. He took Amal in his arms and pulled his weeping wife away. One of the men looked at him and slashed a line across his throat, reminding Hossein of what would happen if he ever dared to return. He turned to take one last look at his son. The men stood at the fence looking down upon his son's body, one of them kicked his son to see if he was alive. He was not and his son's lifeless eyes stared at him as he ran into the bush. The trio now made their way through the bush.

As the sun started to drop below the horizon they made camp for the night. They laid down one of their tattered blankets under a big tree. Its branches spread wide. Sifi was devastated, she put her back to the tree and stared blankly in the distance. Too tired and sad to even cry. Hossein too sat down. Amal rested his head in Hossein's lap and asked, "Abu, when will Abdul come?" Hossein held his tears at bay. He replied, his voice cracking, "Sleep son".

As the night grew, Hossein's thoughts melted into the shadows and he fell asleep. The small band got up next morning and resumed their journey to the sea that lay in the far west. They were going to go there, board a vessel and travel across the sea to a new country in search of a new life. For two whole days, they trekked through the wilderness until they arrived at the West sea. The next morning Hossein and some newfound companions total 12 in number boarded

a rickety fishing boat and set out to sail across the sea. They knew the perils of the journey, but they were desperate and willing to sacrifice anything for a chance of survival and a good life.

Seafaring was indeed dangerous, especially with minimal experience and an old boat. There were many close calls but miraculously after three rough days at the sea, the forlorn group finally saw land. Tall towers and buildings dotted the landscape. As they neared the shore, a fast-moving boat cut across the water and neared their own. There were two uniform-wearing men in the boat, clearly officers. Hossein immediately grew tense, from where he came uniform was bad news. One of them gestured for them to climb into their boat. Hossein and his family quietly collected their belongings and climbed into the officers' boat with the other refugees, unsure of what was going to happen.

On reaching the shore, the officer gestured to them to get out of the boat. The group slowly got out of the boat. They stood on the beach. Two other officers appeared. The officers began talking among themselves in a tongue he didn't understand, clearly deliberating what to do with the group. Amal slid behind his father's legs and held onto him. Hossein put his hand reassuringly around his son, though he was almost shaking with fear and anticipation. Thoughts raced through his mind. How much ever he tried to push them away they kept coming back... what if these officers decide they don't want them? Had all his efforts and sacrifices been in vain? Didn't they too deserve a chance at life?

-Shree Abhinav 10B

Importance of PTMs

There are so many aspects to school life and as we grow up, all of us have our likes and dislikes about the various aspects of it. One thing all of us have gone through as a student and dislike is the the parent-teacher meeting. Though we dislike it, we feel that these meetings also hold great importance in the academic life of a child and they are essential in every student's life.

Parent-teacher meetings are gatherings where the teacher and parents of a child and a teacher can connect, share and discuss the behaviour, actions, and performance of the pupil in the class. These gatherings, according to us, help us to improve the lifestyle and study habits of a student. While the student may feel bad about the at times, negative remarks of the teachers, at the same time, those remarks should be thought of as constructive criticism, which if taken well helps in us making changes for the better.

When the parents visit the school for a PTM, they get a chance to see the campus, its environment, and the nature of the people in it. They get to see the ways through which their child is nurtured. These meetings also act as a pedestal for the parents to speak up on the difficulties and weaknesses that their child faces at home, not only with academia but also other emotional aspects. They also get to give suggestions and feedback about the teaching practices, and any other observations that they might have made. The teachers get an opportunity to do the same, by recommending ways to improve the child's learning habits, manners, and other such things. They also get personalized feedback from their students, who learn from them. If teachers, listen to wha children have to say, the teacher may bring in changes for the better in the teaching-learning experience.

PTMs can be made better by making them a more comfortable forum for the child as well. Before these meetings, an adrenaline rush passes through the student, an anxiety about the kind of feedback one would receive, yet every PTM also helps give the student a new perspective. This can bring a change in one's routine, makes one a more balanced person and brings in a sense of responsibility. Parent-teacher meetings are important as they bring the community of parents, teachers, and the child together. Therefore, we believe that Parent-Teacher Meetings play an important role in a student, a parent, and a teacher's life.

- Pratishtha, Diya, Shriman, Vaishnav, and Rishi of class 9 B.



**"YOU CAN'T USE UP
CREATIVITY. THE MORE YOU
USE THE MORE YOU HAVE."**

WELL BEING CORNER



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TURNAROUNDS

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A BEAUTIFUL PHENOMENON

Turnarounds can never be predicted. Which is why they are called turnarounds. The Indian lower order did a magnificent turnaround today! This was the greatest turnaround after the 2001 India-Australia Test Series and a gigantic moment in India's cricketing history.

What is interesting to see is that the young men who were involved in the turnaround in this Test have scripted amazing turnarounds in their real lives too.

Natarajan is the son of a loom worker who had no money for luxuries like cricket gear and shoes. For many years, Natarajan had to think a hundred

times before investing in new shoes. His mother cried when she saw him representing India on TV. His wife gave birth to their son when Natarajan was playing at the IPL in the UAE. He hasn't even seen him yet because he went straight to Australia in a bio bubble.

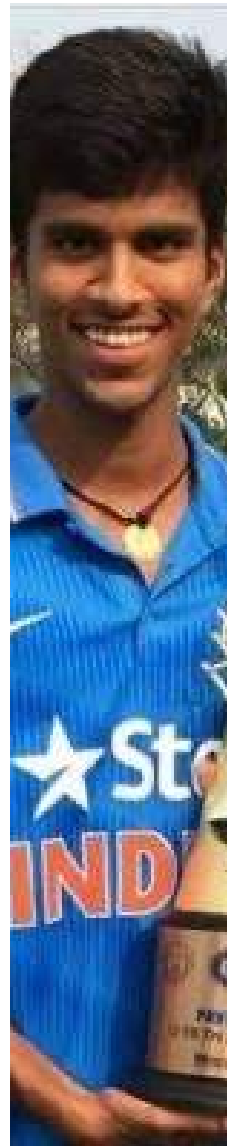
Shardul Thakur battled obesity to play for Mumbai and thereafter IPL. No less than Sachin Tendulkar advised him to lose weight for a great cricketing career ahead of him.

Siraj rose to become India's new-ball bowler despite being born to a poor rickshaw driver. His father died and he couldn't perform his last rites as he was in Australia on national duty.

Washington Sundar's father - Sundar, was a talented cricketer who was sponsored by his rich neighbour throughout his local cricketing life. His name was Washington. The man passed away just before Sundar's second son was born. Sundar named his son Washington as a tribute to his benefactor.

Navdeep Saini's father was a government driver and could not afford expensive cricket coaching for his son. So Saini played exhibition matches on tennis balls at Rs.300 a match to fund his dreams.

All these young men came together as debutantes and turned the match over its head. It makes me wonder if all their failures, all their struggles, all their doubts and all their insecurities - all that was settled once and for all in this Test match.



When presented with an opportunity, they fired themselves up and attacked Australia with all guns blazing.

In this series, the Indian Cricket team proved their naysayers wrong. They sustained tremendous pressure and took hard knocks all over their bodies against one of the best Australian attacks ever. And by doing so, they made us realise that while 5-hour IPL matches can create instant celebrities, Test Cricket, which stretches over five days, creates heroes.

- Vanshika (9B)

BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC, SCHOOLS HAD TO SHUT DOWN AND SWITCH TO ONLINE CLASSES IN MARCH 2020. AFTER ALMOST A YEAR, THE 10TH GRADERS HAVE STARTED GOING TO SCHOOL AGAIN!

WE ASKED THEM HOW IT FEELS TO BE BACK IN SCHOOL AND HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID....

It feels good to be back at school but it's not the same as before.
-Leroy (10A)

It is good to be back in school.
-Akshat (10A)

It feels nice-ish cause I can focus better in class and meet my friends.
-Agasthyaa (10A)

It feels good to finally meet people off-screen even if we can't be physically close to each other and it's also so much easier to focus because there are fewer distractions.
- Ira

It's refreshing and honestly, my eyes thank me for not using a screen for a couple of hours.
- Gauri (10B)

It feels freeing
-Sanath (10B)

It feels nice. I thought it would be odd going back to school but it felt quite normal after a few classes. I'm glad we got to go.
-Shubhi (10B)

Back to school, back to school, we are back to school with Sapna! It's more than JUST books.
- Aadi (10 A)

It feels very good to come to school and socialise with friends and teachers.
-Ahraam (10B)

Getting back to school finally has been really pleasant. We can finally meet our friends and teachers and everyone's taking precautions to help prevent the spread of the virus.
-Ankita (10B)

It's great to be back in school but with restrictions and constant supervision, it feels a little awkward. But other than that, it's great.
-Nidhi (10A)

Being back in school has taught me how important friends are.
-Abhinav (10 B)

It's weird coming back to school after a year and wearing masks the entire time and maintaining 6 feet distance.
-Ritwika (10A)

Going to school again feels great! Seeing my friends and teachers in person is far better than interacting through a screen.

Sidharth (10B)

Meh.
-Samarth (10A)

Answer Key to 'Do you know your sports?' (page 12)

1. Sophie Eccleston
2. Lala Amarnath
3. Bull fighting
4. Basketball
5. Wimbledon
6. Qatar
7. Smriti Mandhana
8. Paris
9. Hand of god
10. Men's hockey 1936
11. September 5, 1972 to September 6 1972, it was a terrorist attack
12. Viswanathan Anand
13. West Indies
14. Polo
15. Lewis Hamilton

