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NEWSLETTER

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Our Trustee's Corner: **Insights and Inspiration**



Leadership is not a position to earn,
it's an inherent power to claim...
Leader is not a title that the world gives to
you-it's an offering that you give to the world."

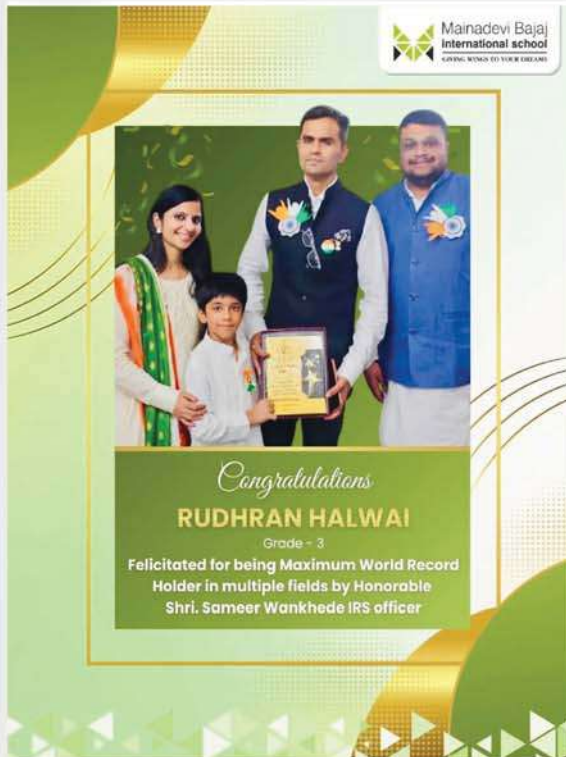


EXCELLENCE SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating Excellence

★ PRIMARY

Congratulations to Rudhran Halwai, Grade 3, on being felicitated as a Multiple World Record Holder in recognition of his remarkable achievements across various fields.



★ PRIMARY & SECONDARY

Panache 2026: Celebrating Talent, Teamwork & Triumphs!

Panache – Mumbai Monsoon 2026, hosted by Ramniwas Bajaj English High School, was a wonderful celebration of talent, creativity, sportsmanship and school spirit. Our students participated with enthusiasm across diverse events and returned with several accolades. The highlight of the event was MBIS winning the Enthusiastic School Trophy 2026!



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Competition	Participants	Grade	Achievement
Scraps to Stanza – Patchwork Poetry	Simone Charania & Aishi Thakur	8 & 9	2nd Place
Penalty Shootout – Football	Ayeza Syed, Richelle Adhia, Mashkura Momin, Risha Bhide & Sapna Ray	3 & 4	1st Place
Basketball	Devika Venkatachalam, Harshita Mulkhede, Anika Chitnis, Anaya Karedia & Hazel D'Cruz	7 & 8	2nd Place
The Many Moods of Monsoon – Dance	Viaana Patil	4	2nd Place
Math & Science Quiz Challenge – KBC Style	Devashri Gunaseelan & Pulkit Naik	10	2nd Place
Enthusiastic School Trophy 2026	MBIS	-	Winner

Participation Spotlight

A special shout-out to Adhvika Rane Grade 4 for her participation in Marathi Poem Recitation Competition, Kriva Jain & Ayona Dalal Grade 2 for Printastic Creations, and Ariana Kamath Grade 5 for Rimjhim Raag – Rhythms of Rain.

Their enthusiasm, confidence and willingness to participate truly embody the spirit of Panache. We are proud of every student who represented MBIS and gave their best!

★ PRIMARY

Interhouse Throwball Competition: Grades 1 & 2

The Inter-House Throwball Competition for Grades 1 and 2 was held as part of the National Sports Day Celebrations, commemorating the birth anniversary of Major Dhyani Chand, the Hockey Wizard.

The event encouraged teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline, and perseverance among our young on athletes.

Results:

1st Place: Sapphire House

2nd Place: Emerald House



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Interhouse Football Competition Grades 3 to 5

The Inter-House Football Competition for Grades 3 to 5 was held as part of our National Sports Day Celebrations, commemorating the birth anniversary of Major Dhyani Chand, the Hockey Wizard. The event was filled with enthusiasm, teamwork, and wonderful sporting spirit!

Results:

1st Place: Topaz House

2nd Place: Emerald House

3rd Place: Sapphire House

4th Place: Ruby House



★ Grades 6-8 & 9 to A Levels: Inter-House Football Competition

MBIS organized the Inter-House Football Competition for boys and girls on Friday, 14 August 2026, at the MBIS Ground for students of Grades 6-8 and 9 to A Levels. The event provided students with an excellent opportunity to showcase their football skills, teamwork, fitness, and sporting spirit.

Results:

Grades 6-8:

1st Place: Emerald House

2nd Place: Ruby House

3rd Place: Topaz House

4th Place: Sapphire House.



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Grades 9 to A Levels:

1st Place: Ruby House

2nd Place: Sapphire House

3rd Place: Topaz House

4th Place: Emerald House

Congratulations to all the winners and participants for making the competition a great success!



★ Grades 6-8 & 9 to A Levels: Inter-House Volleyball Competition

MBIS organized the Inter-House Volleyball Competition for students of Grades 9 to A Level on Friday, 14 August 2026, at the MBIS Playarea . The competition was filled with enthusiasm, teamwork, and excellent sporting spirit, giving students an opportunity to showcase their skills and determination.

Results:

1st Place: Ruby House

2nd Place: Emerald House

3rd Place: Sapphire House

4th Place: Topaz House.



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★ PRIMARY

Independence Day celebration Elocution Competition: Honouring our past and shaping the future

Celebrating the spirit of freedom, an Independence Day-themed Elocution Competition was held for students from Grades 1 to 5. The competition provided an inspiring platform for young learners to showcase their speaking skills, articulate their vision for the nation, and honour India's rich heritage. Addressing grade-specific themes ranging from unity and freedom fighters to modern technology and civic duty, participants delivered thoughtful and spirited speeches that rekindled pride and patriotism across every classroom.

Elocution Competition Winners

Grade	Position	Achiever
1	1	Khwaash Gada
1	1	Mitakshi Shenoy
1	2	Harshita Kedia
1	2	Jianshi Bhanushali
1	3	Aashna Modkharkar
1	3	Divisha Bajaj
2	1	Om Kannan
2	1	Yuvan Jain
2	2	Amyra Shah
2	2	Reyansh Jain
2	3	Akshaj Kannan
2	3	Nyra Jhaveri
2	3	Darsh Malhotra
3	1	Kaushiki De
3	2	Meeraa Manjrekar
3	2	Neev Jhaveri
3	3	Dhiraan Gupta
4	1	Prashasth Pareek
4	1	Viha Gandhi
4	2	Jeisha Soningra
4	3	Nevaah Shah
5	1	Anay Lath
5	1	Aahana Mastakar
5	2	Aryaman Bhatia
5	3	Ayaansh Baheti
5	Certificate of Appreciation	Sehar Sharma

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★ Primary and Secondary : JEWELLED WITH LEADERSHIP: INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2026

The Investiture Ceremony 2026–27 was held on 25 August, celebrating leadership, responsibility and service. The ceremony featured vibrant cultural performances and the launch of five student-led clubs. The newly elected Student Council members received their badges and sashes in the presence of the Chief Guest, Colonel Amarjeet Singh, and Guest of Honour, Ms. Seema Bajaj. The ceremony concluded with the Student Council oath, an acceptance speech, a special MBIS song and the National Anthem.



★ PRE PRIMARY

Nursery – AOI: All About Me

Our Nursery students enjoyed a joyful introduction to their first AOI topic, All About Me. Through engaging stories, lively songs, and fun-filled activities, they explored the special bond of family. The children were delighted to display family photographs, talk about their loved ones, and share their experiences with friends. It was a wonderful learning experience that helped our young learners understand and appreciate the love, care, and importance of family



★ Jr KG

AOI: What's in My Bag? – Celebrating the Monsoon!

Our students had an exciting "What's in My Bag?" activity based on the monsoon season. Each child enthusiastically brought objects related to the rainy season, such as frogs, umbrellas, raincoats, snails, gumboots, and pictures of clouds and rain, along with paper boats. During snack time, they enjoyed a delightful seasonal food tasting, sharing and savouring rainy-season treats like corn, plums, cherries, and bhajiyas. Through these joyful experiences, the children learned about the monsoon, explored seasonal produce, and developed the values of sharing, healthy eating, and social interaction.

★ Sr KG

AOI: Exploring the World of Seeds

Our students had a wonderful hands-on experience of learning how a tiny seed grows into a plant.

The little gardeners started by sowing sprouted moong seeds in cups filled with soil. They made their own self-watering planters using recycled plastic bottles and learned how to water gently and care for their seeds. Each day, they observed their cups with great excitement, watching the seeds sprout, roots form and tiny green leaves come out. This few-day observation helped them understand what plants need - soil, water, sunlight and love.

The activity sparked curiosity, patience and a sense of responsibility as they became plant parents. The joy on their faces when they saw their full-grown seedlings was truly priceless!

It was a joyful blend of science, sustainability and sensory learning.



★ PRIMARY

Grade 3

AOI: Stepping Back in Time

Our young historians teamed up to research and depict a typical day in the Stone Age, ensuring every detail reflected their assigned era. They also deepened their understanding of Stone Age life by connecting their research with the tools, shelters, clothing, food, and activities of the time. In doing so, they enhanced their vital collaborative skills-sharing perspectives, building on each other's ideas, and presenting their collective work with clarity and pride.



Grade 4

Math: From menus to maths: Exploring decimals through teamwork!

Students participated in a group activity called Decimal Café Menu. They planned a café menu by assigning prices to different food items using decimal numbers. They then placed imaginary orders, calculated the total cost, and compared decimal amounts. The activity encouraged students to be Collaborative, Confident, and Reflective as they discussed their ideas, solved problems together, and checked their calculations. It helped them apply their understanding of decimals in a fun and meaningful real-life context.

Grade 5

AOI: Kindness Knows No Borders

Students worked in groups to create posters highlighting the importance of welcoming refugees and embracing diversity. Through creative expression and teamwork, they shared messages of kindness, respect, and empathy while promoting an inclusive and supportive community.



EDUCATION INSIGHTS

★ Lower Secondary: Grade 7: Global vs. Local Brands – From Ideas to Innovation

As part of their Global Perspectives challenge, Global vs. Local Brands, Grade 7 learners explored what makes a brand successful. They created and pitched innovative products with unique names, logos, and taglines. From safety apps to smart gadgets, their ideas showcased creativity and entrepreneurial thinking. The activity strengthened their communication, research, innovation, and critical-thinking skills while introducing them to branding and entrepreneurship.



★ Grade AS Levels: Society of My Choice: Imagining the Society We Want

As part of their Sociology learning, students explored "Society of My Choice", imagining and designing a society based on their own values and aspirations. They considered concepts such as family, education, culture, gender roles, power, governance, and social stratification.

The activity encouraged learners to think critically about how societies function and how social institutions shape our lives.



★ Lower Secondary: Grade 8: From Roots to Routes: A Migration Podcast !

As part of the Global Perspectives Challenge, Grade 8 learners explored migration through interviews and podcasting. They interviewed family members, friends, and others with experiences of migration, transforming their stories into engaging podcasts. The activity strengthened their interviewing, communication, questionnaire design, and storytelling skills, while helping them discover and appreciate the stories, roots, and resilience within their own communities.



Independence Day Celebration at RSET

The students of MBIS paid tribute to the legendary Maratha warriors whose fearless spirit and unwavering determination shaped our nation's history. Through a vibrant performance, our students honoured their sacrifices and celebrated the spirit of courage that continues to inspire generations.



★ PRE PRIMARY

Nursery:

Singing with Mothers-A Celebration of Joy & Patriotism!

Our little ones celebrated Independence Day at school along with their mothers through a joyful singing activity. Dressed in vibrant tricolour outfits, the children sang nursery rhymes with their mothers and teachers, filling the celebration with music, love, laughter, and patriotic pride.



★ Jr Kg& Sr Kg: Celebrating the Builders of New India!

Our Jr. & Sr. KG learners celebrated Independence Day with a unique Parent-Child Dress-Up and Performance Event celebrating the Builders of New India. Dressed as doctors, engineers, teachers, scientists, army officers, artists, chefs and many other professionals, our young learners showcased their creativity and confidence through role plays, speeches, dances and musical performances. The celebration beautifully highlighted the values of dedication, innovation, hard work and service, while strengthening the bond between parents and children. Celebrating the nation builders of today and inspiring the nation builders of tomorrow!

EXPANDING HORIZONS

★ Lower Secondary 6-8, IGCSE 9-10 and A Levels : Celebrating the Spirit of Independent India

As part of our Independence Day celebrations, students participated in an engaging activity on 14 August 2026, exploring India's journey to freedom. They designed creative posters on "Independent India", celebrating freedom, unity, progress and national pride. An "Incredible India" photo booth showcased the country's diverse cultures, traditions and heritage, while students shared inspiring stories of freedom fighters. The celebration brought together creativity, learning and patriotism, deepening their appreciation of India's history and heritage.



EXPANDING HORIZONS

★ Grade AS Levels and A Levels: I.I.M.U.N Championship Conference: "Young minds, global issues"

Students from AS Levels and A Levels. participated in the 15th edition of the I.I.M.U.N. Championship Conference, held from 6–8 August 2026 at the Jio World Convention Centre. Our senior students represented various countries and debated pressing global issues in committees guided by diplomats and thought leaders.



Student Experiences

Aayan Sagar [AS Levels]:

"My experience at IIMUN was very insightful as I met students from various backgrounds. This was also a memorable MUN as I won Third Verbal Mention, which gave me confidence for my future endeavours."

Myraah Menezes [AS Levels]:

"My time at IIMUN was an enlightening experience. I gained a lot of confidence in public speaking. I learnt how to think quickly during debates and understood how to listen and gain knowledge. Overall, it was an amazing experience that taught me a lot, and I am for sure going to participate in many more such events."

Ryan Khan [AS Levels]:

"My IIMUN experience was exciting and memorable. Representing Punjab Kings in the IPL committee helped me to develop my communication, negotiation, leadership and decision-making skills. The auction and moderated caucuses challenged me to think strategically, speak confidently and work with others while gaining valuable experiences in teamwork and diplomacy."

Felicia Rodrigues [A Levels]:

"IIMUN was such a wonderful and enriching experience. Not only did I get an opportunity to improve my public speaking skills, but I also got to improve my research skills while learning about current affairs. I also got the chance to listen to many reputed speakers, including Nadir Godrej and Boman Irani. It was such a fantastic experience, and I can't wait for the next MUN."

The conference was a valuable opportunity for our learners to engage with global issues, develop essential communication and leadership skills, and learn from diverse perspectives. Our students returned with new ideas, new friendships, and a stronger sense of responsibility as future leaders.

EXPANDING HORIZONS

★ Lower Secondary: Grade 6 to 8: UDAMUN: Diplomacy In Action

Learners from Grades 6 to 8 participated in UDAMUN, an interschool Model United Nations conference organised by MBIS alumnus Mr. Harsh Kedia. Over two days, young delegates represented different countries, discussed global issues, and engaged in debates and negotiations. The experience strengthened their critical thinking, public speaking, research, diplomacy, and negotiation skills, while deepening their understanding of global affairs and international cooperation.



EXPANDING HORIZONS

★ Grade 10, Grade AS Levels and A Levels: Pathways to Possibilities: MBIS × Ic3

University Fair at MBIS

MBIS hosted around 50 reputed national and international universities at its University Fair, welcoming learners and parents from Grade 9 to A Levels. The event provided an opportunity to explore diverse higher education pathways and interact directly with university representatives. Learners gained valuable insights into courses and programmes while beginning to identify options aligned with their interests and aspirations.

MBIS at the IC3 University Fair

Our AS learners volunteered at the two-day IC3 University Fair held at the Jio World Convention Centre on 19–20 August, bringing together around 200 universities from across the world. Through their involvement, learners strengthened their communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and prompt-thinking skills. The experience also offered valuable first-hand exposure to the university admissions ecosystem and the diverse pathways available to them.

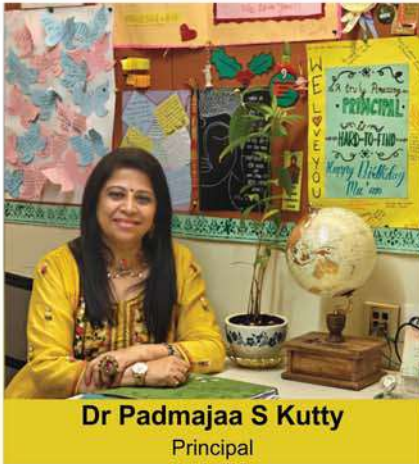


ENERGISING ECOSYSTEM

★ Grade AS Levels and A Levels : SEWA Activity

As part of the SEWA initiative, our AS Levels and A Levels students conducted an interactive communication skills session for KGSS students. The session focused on introducing oneself confidently, adapting communication to different audiences, and navigating real-life situations effectively. Through a specially designed worksheet and small-group activities, students practised and developed their own communication toolkit. The session encouraged participation, peer learning, and greater confidence in self-expression.





Dr Padmajaa S Kutty
Principal

TILL 100 PEOPLE SAY NO..." - A BEAUTIFUL LESSON IN RAISING CHILDREN*

Yesterday, Dhruv went to Costco in Seattle.

Outside the store, he noticed a little boy, hardly five years old, standing with packets of chips and a small board that said they were being sold for \$20 for a Scouts charity fundraiser.

People were walking past him.

With the innocence and confidence of a five-year-old, he would approach them one by one:

"Would you like to buy a packet?"

Some bought.

Many smiled and politely said, "No, thank you."

But the little boy did not look disappointed.

He simply smiled, turned to the next person, and tried again.

Dhruv stopped and bought a packet from him.

The boy smiled brightly and said, "Thank you!"

Curious, Dhruv asked him,

"How many packets do you still have to sell? And how long are you going to stay here?"

His answer was something Dhruv—and perhaps all of us—will remember for a long time.

"Till 100 people say NO to me."

Dhruv was surprised.

The teacher standing beside the boy then explained:

"It is not important how many packets he sells. What is important is that he learns, at this age, how to hear 'NO'... accept it... and still have the courage to ask the next person."

What a lesson!

We spend so much time teaching our children how to succeed.

Study hard.

Come first.

Win the competition.

Get selected.

Achieve more.

But perhaps one of the greatest gifts we can give them is to teach them how to fail.

How to hear NO without losing confidence.

How to face rejection without feeling defeated.

How to fall without being afraid of getting up again.

How to understand that one rejection does not define their worth.

Because life will not always say YES.

There will be examinations we don't clear, opportunities we don't get, interviews we don't crack, relationships that don't work, and dreams that take longer than expected.

Success makes us happy.

But learning how to handle failure makes us strong.

That little five-year-old was not standing outside Costco merely selling chips.

He was practising courage.

He was collecting "Nos."

He was learning resilience.

He was preparing for life.

Maybe instead of asking our children only,

"Did you win?"

we should sometimes ask,

"Did you try again after you failed?"

Don't raise a child who is only prepared for success.

Raise a child who is not afraid of failure.

A salute to that teacher.

A salute to his parents.

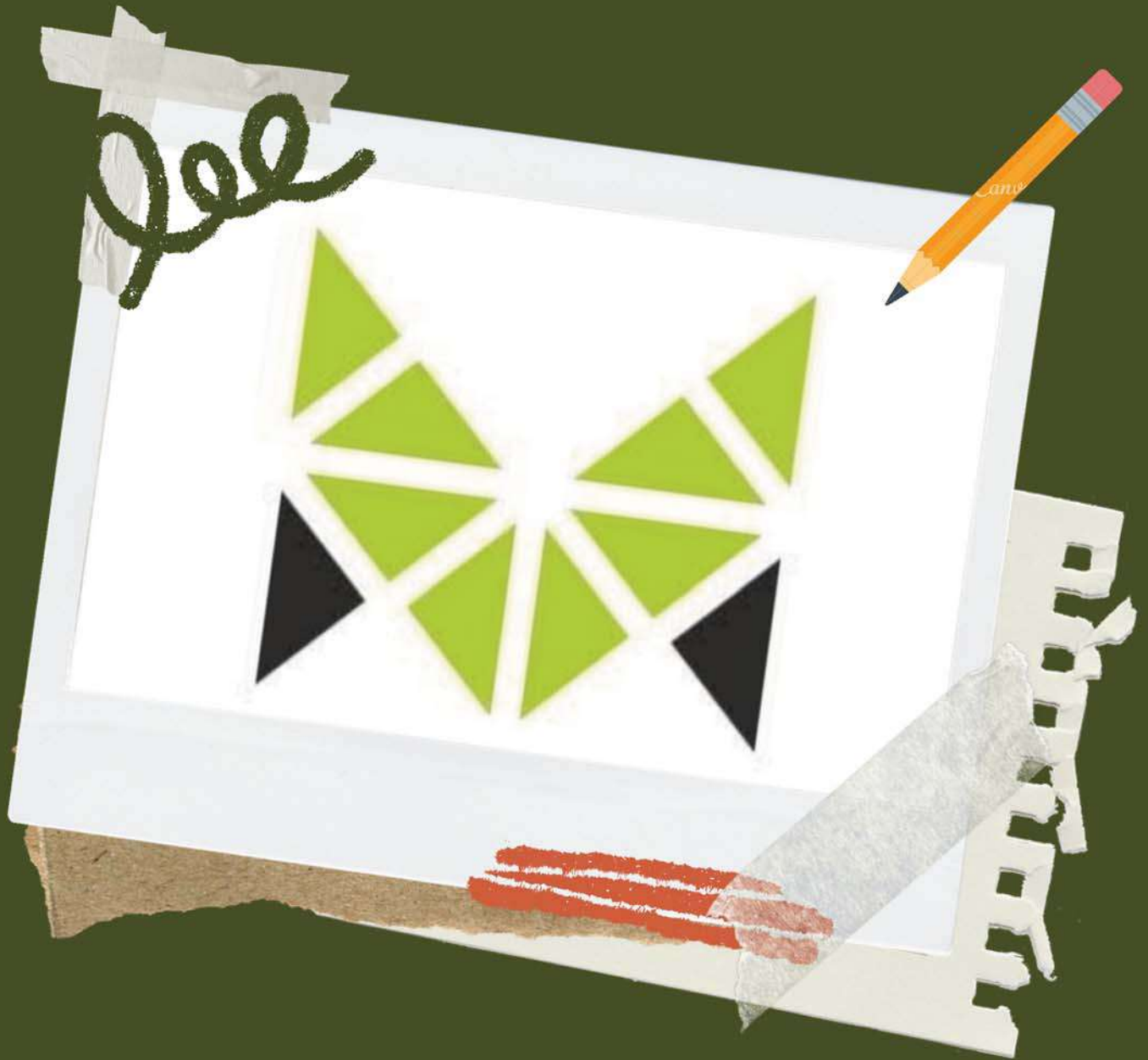
And a salute to that little boy who taught a grown-up world a very big lesson:

Sometimes, 100 NOs can teach you more than one YES.

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ECHOES OF THE PRESENT



What will 2026 sound like in 2076?

Dear people of the future,

To the people who look back on 2026 from a vantage point, we hope you still understand the value of love. As we hurtle towards an era where almost everything promises to be AI-driven, one has to learn that care and kindness are priceless. Like today, we preserve a scratched vinyl record or treasure the grainy uncertainty of a photograph taken in the 1900's, we hope in your time, you still have objects that carry the weight of history- things that can be broken, mended, passed down.

We are trying to save the physical for you-not out of necessity- but because sterile, digital files, do not embody the memories and nostalgia of the past.

Then coming to the most pressing topic, we hope the digital walls, that we ourselves built, have not become too much to bear and the silence of isolation is not too loud. Whoever's reading this, today put whatever futuristic device you cannot live without down, and just look a stranger in the eye. Just take some time out of your day to make someone smile, it can be the old lady who struggles carrying groceries every day or a small kid down the road, getting bored, while waiting for the school bus. Even a simple "hi" or a smile can bring light into someone's day. Remember, you never know what the other is going through so always be empathetic.

You will slowly come to realise, how obsessed our youth was with authenticity, this is because we are one of the first generations to come across the power of artificial intelligence. We hope you learn how to find celebrate the small imperfections of life. The tremor of a voice, the slip of a tongue, and the unedited feelings of grief and joy. Not everything needs to be performed with a robot by your side. We hope that you still allow yourselves to be unoptimized.

No matter what's going out in the world, always remember to be yourself. Unabashedly and unapologetically.

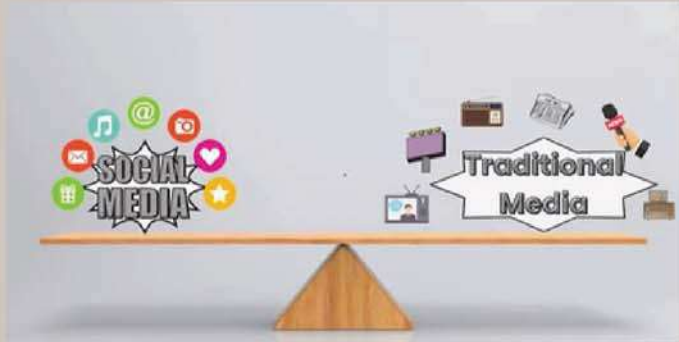
We also have a big job to do today that we hope you will finish for us: taking care of our beautiful Earth. Right now, we are learning that the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the soil where our food grows are precious gifts that we haven't always treated with enough compassion.

In 2026, we are working hard to stop pollution by cleaning up our oceans and finding cleaner ways to power our cars and home. We hope that when you look outside, the sky is a clear, brilliant blue and the parks are filled with healthy trees, because we are trying our very best to protect the planet for your generation. We send these echoes forward not as a boast of our progress, but as a map of our hearts. We are a generation trying to remember how to be human in a world that asks us to be data. We hope, by the time this reaches you, that you've kept the fire burning.

Always and Forever,
Your predecessors.



QUESTIONS OF TODAY



Is Fame Easier to Achieve Today Than in the Past?

Not everyone agrees that fame is easier to achieve today. While social media has created new opportunities, it has also increased competition. Millions of people post content every day, making it difficult to stand out from the crowd.

In the past, fewer individuals had access to the public eye. Those who appeared in newspapers or on television often gained significant recognition because there were limited sources of entertainment and information. Audiences tended to focus on a smaller number of public figures. Today, people have endless choices. Viewers can follow thousands of creators, influencers, athletes, and entertainers. As a result, attracting attention often requires creativity, persistence, and a unique identity.

On the other hand, social media has removed many barriers. Individuals no longer need expensive equipment or support from large companies to share their work. A smartphone and internet connection may be enough to reach a large audience.

Therefore, fame is both easier and harder than before. It is easier because opportunities are available to almost everyone. However, it is harder because competition is greater than ever. Success depends not only on gaining attention but also on keeping it. In today's world, staying relevant can be just as challenging as becoming famous in the first place.

Is Boredom Actually Good for Creativity?

Most people see boredom as something unpleasant that should be avoided. With countless forms of entertainment available today, it is easy to stay occupied at all times. However, boredom may not be as harmful as it seems. In fact, it can help stimulate creativity. When people are constantly busy, they have little time to think freely. During quiet moments, the mind is able to wander, explore ideas, and form unexpected connections. Many authors, artists, and inventors have claimed that their most original ideas emerged when they were not actively searching for them.

A simple moment of reflection can sometimes inspire innovation. Boredom can also encourage people to create their own enjoyment. Rather than relying on constant entertainment, individuals may invent games, develop hobbies, or find new ways to solve problems. As a result, boredom can motivate creative thinking and self-expression.

However, boredom is not always beneficial. If it lasts for too long, it may cause frustration and a lack of motivation. Like many things in life, it is most valuable in moderation.

In conclusion, boredom is not merely a waste of time. While excessive boredom can be damaging, occasional periods of it can inspire imagination and originality. Perhaps instead of filling every spare moment with activity, people should sometimes allow their minds the freedom to wander.



THE MIND'S PLAYGROUND

Mind Benders

1.

I speak without a mouth and hear without ears.

I have nobody, but I come alive with wind.
What am I?

2.

The more of me you take, the more you leave behind.

What am I?

3.

I have cities, but no houses.
I have rivers, but no water.
I have roads, but no cars.

What am I?

4.

I'm always in front of you but can't be seen.
What am I?

5.

I can fly without wings, cry without eyes.
Wherever I go, darkness flies.
What am I?

6.

I shrink every time I take a bath.
What am I?

7.

What has a heart that doesn't beat?

Knowledge Nuggets

- Sharks existed around 400 million years ago, which means they were swimming in oceans long before trees appeared on Earth.
- Bananas naturally contain potassium, which makes them slightly radioactive, although completely safe to eat.
- An astronaut can grow up to 5 centimeters taller in space because the spine expands in low gravity.
- A bolt of lightning can heat the air around it to temperatures roughly five times hotter than the surface of the Sun.
- Some species of bamboo can grow more than 90 centimeters (about 3 feet) in a single day.
- Bees have the ability to recognize and remember human faces despite having very small brains.



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The journey to new friendships

Walking into a new classroom, school, neighbourhood or club can feel strangely intimidating. Everyone seems to already know someone, conversations are already happening, and you are left wondering, "Where do I even begin?" The good news is that making friends is rarely about making a grand first impression. More often, it begins with something much smaller: a simple hello.

Start by noticing the people around you. Someone sitting beside you, a person who shares your hobby, or even someone who seems to be figuring things out just like you can be a good person to approach. Ask an easy question: "Did you understand that?" "Which house are you in?" or "Have you been here before?" You don't need a fascinating opening line. A conversation only needs a beginning.

Don't put pressure on yourself to become best friends immediately. Friendships usually grow through repeated little interactions—sitting together, sharing a joke, working on a project, or discovering that you both love the same book, sport or song.

At the same time, don't feel the need to change yourself to fit in. A friendship built entirely around pretending to like certain things or acting differently may not feel comfortable for long. The right friendships should give you room to be yourself.

It is also perfectly fine if your first few attempts don't work. You may meet someone who is friendly but not someone you naturally connect with. That isn't failure; it is simply part of finding people whose personalities fit yours.

Most friendships don't begin with a dramatic moment. They begin quietly—with a conversation, a shared laugh, a seat at the same table. So, when you enter your next new environment, don't worry about finding your people immediately. Just be open, be kind, and be willing to say hello. The rest can grow from there.

When nobody is listening...

What happens when something goes wrong in your own neighbourhood, but there is nobody there to tell the story? Maybe a politician promises to build a school, fix a road, or improve a hospital. People believe them. They wait. They hope. And then, slowly, nothing happens. The money is spent. The promises disappear. And the people are left wondering where everything went.

This is one of the frightening things about a local news desert. It isn't just about losing newspapers or journalists. It is about losing the people who ask questions when everyone else has stopped asking.

Corruption can grow quietly when nobody is watching. A politician can make promises and walk away from them. Public money can disappear. Decisions can be made behind closed doors. And for the people affected, there may be no one to listen to their anger or tell their side of the story.

We live in a world where news from across the planet can reach us within seconds. We hear about wars, elections and disasters happening thousands of kilometres away. But what about the broken road we drive on every day? What about the hospital that never received the equipment it was promised? What about the money that was supposed to help our own community?

Those stories matter too. I think the saddest part is that people can slowly become used to being unheard. They complain, they question, they get frustrated—and eventually, they stop expecting anything to change.

That is why local journalism matters to me. Not because every story has to be huge, but because someone should care enough to notice the small things before they become big problems. A community deserves to know what is happening around it. It deserves to ask questions. It deserves answers.

Because when nobody is listening, it becomes much easier for people in power to forget who they are supposed to be working for.