# Asian Institute of Technology International School



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Mission Statement:

AIT International School provides holistic elementary education (Nursery – Grade 6) in a stimulating and caring international environment that will help build a positive attitude towards learning. Our education is based on values that will support the growth of a reflective and responsible member of the society.

# STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION AITIS HOUSE DAY





Dear Parents and Friends of AITIS;

Welcome to the 2017~2018 school year at AIT International School!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break. It is vital to our health to take breaks from our hard work of studying.

As we begin the new school year I would like to introduce you to our new teachers:

Kindergarten: Ms. Marifel 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Mrs. Yvette 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mr. Ernie

We are very pleased that they have joined the AITIS family and look forward to working and learning with them!

I am very pleased to announce that the current enrollment at AITIS is at its highest ever! We continue to grow at a very nice pace.

Due to the growth of our student population we are using every available classroom/space.

AITIS has begun a new project to add one more classroom to our campus. It will be in the form of a "classroom container" (similar to our current Music classroom). At 6 X 9 meters the new classroom will offer a very comfortable learning space.

I am anticipating completion of the new project by the end of October 2017.

Sadly I must report that our recently retired and much loved teacher Mrs. Debra has lost her husband John. He passed away on Wednesday, 30 August 2017.

I know you will join all of us here at AITIS in keeping Mrs. Debra and her family in our hearts and prayers.

Throughout last school year we were guided by the phrase "Together We Can".

It is heartening to see how much the students, parents and teachers have embraced that concept and made it a reality.

When we put ourselves together to make a positive impact on our student's lives there truly is no challenge that we can't overcome.

I believe it would benefit all of us at *AITIS* if we continue the "**Together We Can**" theme.



If every one of us unites in our efforts to make learning at AITIS an exciting and valuable experience for our children they will be very successful.

Together we need to remember that we are here for the sake of the children. Everything we do should be focused on what is best for the students.

We should therefore minimize our differences and concentrate on what makes us the same. We are strong because of our diversity.

Please help rid our campus of bullying, prejudice and gossip.

As always I sincerely thank you for your continuing support of *AITIS*.

Sincerely, Kevin Mauritson, M.Ed Principal/Director



# SIX STEPS TO SCHOOL SUCCESS

1. Talk it out. Asking your child about school is important. It shows her that you value her education. Try to avoid general questions, like "How was your day?" These will most likely produce oneword answers. Instead, be specific.

The age old question.... "So how was school today?"

Most children respond by saying okay or fine. However, this does not help us as parents understand how they truly feel about school and friends.

Students want their parents to be involved but may not know how to talk to them or what you want to know. I also know that as parents we are often busy and have trouble finding time to sit and talk. Perhaps a great time to ask these questions are during dinner, bedtime, or even car rides home. Whatever your schedule may be it is important to devote a few minutes every day to finding out how your child is feeling and what they are thinking. Please use the information below to help continue to build that strong bond between you and your child.

After School Talk: Great Conversation Starters

- \* Who do you look forward to seeing the most at school each day?
- \* What's the best/worst thing about being in grade?
- \* What's your favorite part of the day?
- \* What does your teacher do really well?
- \* What food did you like the most at lunch?
- \* What's been your biggest challenge at school this week?
- \* Have you had your feelings hurt at school lately? If so, what happened?
- \* If you had to rate today on a scale of 1-10, what would you give it?
- \* Who was kindest to you today?
- \* What's one nice thing you did for someone today?
- \* If you had been the teacher today, what would you have done differently?
- **2. Show Concern.** Displaying your child's projects around the house also helps to keep learning excitement high.
- 3. Go farther. Getting involved in school events is a critical aspect of showing support and enthusiasm for your child's learning experience. Participating in school activities is also a valuable way of connecting to the school community. You can learn a lot about the school just by talking to fellow parents.
- **4. Keep your eyes (and ears) open.** If your child's eating or sleeping habits have changed drastically, it may be a sign that she's having difficulty adjusting to her new grade.
- **5. Read, read.** Reading with your child is an invaluable way to spend quality time together on a daily basis. In addition to other long-term benefits, **reading together** can also be a practical way to discern his reading level.
- **6. Connect. Communicating with your child's teacher** on a regular basis is an essential part of caring for her education. Teachers can alert you to any emotional, social, or academic difficulties they perceive in your child at school. The same works in reverse: **notify teachers** about changes that might affect your child's behavior in school. Some examples are illness, divorce, the death of a family member, a recent move, or a parent getting a new job.
- \*\* The information provided above was cited from scholastic.com. A great resource for parents, teachers, and students.

Counselor/ Special Education Teacher Mrs. Hasmina Guiani Ambor



# **ELECTION OF STUDENT COUNCIL 2017-18 OFFICERS**

Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August was Election Day for the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The students had to vote in a new council president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and reporter of the Student Council.

On the morning of the elections, the pupils voted in their respective classrooms. They completed their ballots through the guidance of the election staff. Everything went according to plan.

The candidates campaigned with lots of enthusiasm during recent days. They prepared many creative campaign posters that were placed on the school assembly board. All the candidates were promoting peaceful values, showing their willingness to contribute to improving the life of their fellows during the school year.

Among the campaign promises: "I am running for head of the student council - my vision is to improve the school and make peace between the students... I will plan activities between classes like Art Gallery, Edu-friendship, I will be happy to hear additional ideas... I want to bring back the No Uniform day that every child who participated in the school enjoyed..." Another candidate said that she wouldn't make any false promises because she believed in the wisdom of the students, she would try her best to fulfill what everyone wants.

The candidates for president were from the sixth grade and the candidates for vice-president, treasurer were from the fifth grade, secretary and reporter from fourth grade. The candidates ran independently, in accord with the vision of the School. In addition to choosing the said office titles, the students had to vote for each class representative.

When all the votes were counted, Van Anh was declared the President. Since Phakamon received the second highest of votes, she automatically became the Grade 6 Class Representative. They and the rest of the newly elected student council members will assume their term of office, meeting once a week to decide on important things like the celebration of Teachers' Day and many other matters of concern to the students. All throughout the year, they will be helped by Student Council Advisers, Mrs. Hasmina (Special Education and Counseling Teacher) and Mrs. Rathna (Nursery Teacher).

Counselor/ Special Education Teacher Mrs. Hasmina Guiani Ambor

#### OATH-TAKING BY AITIS STUDENT COUNCIL 2017-18 OFFICERS



President Van Anh, Vice President Sasha, Secretary Thanop, Treasurer Lalana, Reporter Arya Class Representatives: Chevan, Ananya, Wiss, Nathania, Angelina, Phakamon

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2ND SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 'THE PINE RESORT' "TOGETHER WE WILL"





















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# **AITIS HOUSE DAY 2017**

# Brave Blue

Captain
Tul
Vice-Captain
Kornpech

#### **House Masters**

Mr. James
Ms. Duan
Members
Mrs. Marichu
Mrs. Rathna
Mrs. Neeta
Ms. Megha
Khun Mayuree
Khun Tik

# Powerful Purple

Captain
Natesara
Vice-Captain
Chawis

# **House Masters** Mrs. Divina

Ms. Yvette
Members
Mr. Ernesto
Mrs. Karthy
Mrs. Janice
Khun Sarita
Khun Tiam
Khun El
Khun Pa



Red House



Yellow House

#### Blue House



Purple House



## Creative Red

Captain
Nattapol
Vice-Captain
Robin

#### **House Masters**

Mrs. Vinita
Ms. Elvis
Members
Mrs. Jennifer
Ms. Ara
Mrs. Leila
Khun Aporn
Mrs. Nirja
Mrs. Sarojani
Khun Monta

# Joyful Yellow

Captain
Kait
Vice-Captain
Heather

#### **House Masters**

Mrs. Vinita
Ms. Elvis
Members
Ms. Marifel
Mrs. Farzana
Mr. Anjelo
Ms. Bles
Mrs. Manjiri
Khun Daw
Khun Prangjit

#### **Pre-K Section Activities**

#### Nursery

Nursery children did their first painting at school. It was a fun activity for our little ones. They enjoyed looking at the picture books in the Reading Corner. (See pictures 1-2)

#### Pre-K 1A

Providing the right fine-motor activities helps our little ones in PK1 develop the dexterity to cut with a pair of scissors and looking at picture books introduces our little ones in PK1 to the concept of reading, even if they can't read yet. (See picture 3-4)

#### Pre-K 1B

Children are tactile learners and they learn best through playing. Understanding the concept of zero through lego blocks is a fun-filled activity. Painting their body layout using their favorite colors is also a good exercise to develop their fine motor skills.

(See picture 5-6)

#### Pre-K 2A

Pre K 2 children enjoyed weighing different objects on the weighing scale to learn the concept, "Heavy and Light"!

(See picture 7)

#### Pre-K 2B

Pre K 2-Bees are so proud to show their art work, related to the sense of eyes. "Your EYES are your window to the world."

(See picture 8)

#### KG A

The KG class under Teacher Em wearing big smiles on their faces as they proudly present their very own portraits.

(See picture 9)



















# STUDENT CENTERED LEARNING AT AITIS





















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## Student Corner

# Me (All About Oneself)

By G-1 Sunflower

My name is Achiraya Witthawatpongsatip. I am seven years old. I was born on 8 August 2010. I have long hair, black eyes and white skin.

Achiraya

My name is Chotiwat Kasamsangasub. I am six years old. I was born on 10 May 2011. I am generous, smart, and kind. I have short hair. I have black eyes.

Chotiwat

My name is Terapa Playsa. I am six years old. I was born on 30 July 2011. I am fat, strong, and sad. I have long hair. I have black eyes.

Terapa

My name is Sudchaya Rotchaya. I am six years old. I was born on 20 May 2011. I am happy, smart, and good. I have short hair. I have black eyes.

Sudchaya

My name is Safia Sidiq. I am six years old. I was born on 14 June 2011. I am happy, smart, and kind. I have short hair and black eyes.

Safia

My name is Wynn Petchusri. I am seven years old. I was born on 5 August 2010. I am good, happy, and smart. I have white skin and short hair.

Wynn

My name is Sonarat Boonsong. I am seven years old. I was born on 30 December 2009. I am good and happy. I have long hair and black eyes.

Sonarat

My name is Burapol intarasri. I am seven years old. I was born on 26 August 2010. I am kind, smart, and helpful. I have short hair and brown skin.

Burapol

My name is Nysa Arora. I am six years old. I was born on 24 February 2011. I am smart, respectful and generous. I have long hair. I have black eyes.

Nysa

My name is Pishaporn Abeytunga. I am six years old. I was born on 19 July 2011. I am smart, good, and happy. I have long hair. I have brown eyes.

Pishaporn

My name is Palin Thuesat. I am six years old. I was born on 31 October 2010. I am fast, strong, and brave. I have black eyes. I have short hair.

Palin

My name is Aahana Dash. I am six years old. I was born on 12 January 2011. I am loving, smart,

and kind. I am cute. I have short hair.

Aahana

My name is Abhishek Singh. I am six years old. I was born on 7 May 2011. I am happy, kind, and smart. I am short and I have black eyes.

Abhishek

My name is Yathida Vilailert. I am seven years old. I was born on 27 August 2010. I am pretty, smart, and kind. I have long black hair.

Yathida

My name is Su Yamin Htet. I am six years old. I was born on 27 May 2011. I am strong, smart, and kind. I have short hair, white skin, and I am short in height.

Su Yamin

My name is Ba Khoi Nguyen. I am seven years old. I was born on 7 March 2010. I am a dude. I am strong and fast. I have short hair and clean body.

Ba Khoi

My name is Sasikorn Bunchooratanapab. I am six years old. I was born on 17 September 2010. I am kind, good, and smart. I have long hair but I am short. I am pretty and have white skin.

Sasikorn

My name is Witwisit Jaewtrakul. I am six years old. I was born on 10 May 2011. I am smart and kind. I have black hair.

Witwisit

My name is Pitchshamon Chinpattanawong. I am six years old. I was born on 19 November 2010. I am loving, respectful, and helpful. I have long hair and brown skin.

Pitchshamon

My name is Thanatul Chayayan. I am seven years old. I was born on 19 October 2010. I am a happy boy but I also get scared with some things. I am fat and I have black colored eyes.

Thanatul

My name is Udhayasri Velusamy. I am six years old. I was born on 8 January 2011. I am loving and happy. I have long black hair and eyes. I have a brown skin.

Udhayasri

# Myself

By G-1 Lily

I am Inaya Jahan Ahmad. I am 6 years old. My birthday is every October 15. My hair is black. It is so so so short. It is straight. I help my friends. I am kind and talk nicely. I play fairly. I grow with my friends. I like my friends.

Inaya Jahan

My hair is black. It is long. I am Roba. I play with friends. We are a team. Roba

My hair is brown. It is short. I am Boonrab Intarathat. I am 7 years old. My birthday is December 25. I play with friends and help them. We keep our hands to ourselves. I am kind.

**Boonrab** Intarathat

My name is SirawasayaButtarabon. I am six years old. My birthday is June. My hair is black. It is long and straight.

SirawasayaButtarabon

I am Rudrakshi Soni. I am six years old. I help my friends. My hair is long and black. I am kind. I am friendly.

Rudrakshi Soni

I am Warat Jantanopsiri. I am six years old. My birthday is December 10. My hair is black. It is short and straight. I go to school on time. I help my friends. We play and work as a team. I love PE very much.

Warat Jantanopsiri

I am Marie Vultaggio. I am seven years. My birthday is July 30. My hair is brown. It is short. It is curly. I help my Mom clean our home. I like to read books and play. I like to eat apples and banana. I like to draw too.

Marie Vultaggio

My name is Aritthuch Siriwattanachaikun. I am six years old. My birthday is May 7. My hair is black. It is short and straight. I am kind. I like to do work with my friends. I like to help them.

Aritthuch Siriwattanachaikun

I am Aishee Pal. I am 6 years old. My birthday is every 6<sup>th</sup> of September. My hair is black, short, and straight. I am kind and friendly because I like to make more friends. I help my friends with their work. I play fairly. I speak politely. I say sorry, thank you and please. I don't fight with friends. I like my friends to be happy. I do my best at helping friends. It is fun to make my friends laugh. I share. I like to play together with friends.

Aishee Pal

My hair is black. It is long and straight. I am Boontemduang Shukla. I like to play and talk with my friends.

Boontemduang Shukla

I am Proundpimpha Onyon. I am six years old. I was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2011. My hair is black. It is short and straight. I help my friends when they need help. I talk good words to my friends. I help to make my school clean. I always listen to the teachers. I always do my work on time. I don't fight with my friends. I work with my friends as team. I am always friendly. I don't hit my friends. I don't like when my friends fighting.

Proundpimpha Onyon

I am Pareeya Jirasathipornpong. I am six years old. My birthday is every December 19. My hair is black> it is long and straight. I help my friends do their work. I come to school on time. I like PE. I am always happy. I love reading books with my friends.

Pareeya Jirasathipornpong

My name is Lala Shahzain Ali Memon. I am seven years old. I play with my Dad and I am so good.

Lala Shahzain

I am Akarat Wataruangkajorn. I am 6+years old. My birthday is September 30. My hair is black and short. I always do my best. I am very kind.

Akarat Wataruangkajorn

I am Manussanun Sakuna. I am seven years old. My birthday is on July 5. My hair is brown. It is long and straight. I help my friends. I play with my Dad.

Manussanun Sakuna

I am Aditya Kumar Chand. I am 6 years old. My birthday is on October 10. My hair is short and black. I am kind. I like to make friends happy. I don't fight with them.

Aditya Kumar Chand

I am Saoirse Lagura. I am 6 years old. My birthday is January 6. My hair is brown. It is short and straight. I like to talk with my friends. I like reading about Science in my house.

Saoirse Lagura

I am Shanya Rodanant. I am 6 years old. I was born on July 15, 2011. My hair is black and short. I help my Mom clean the house.

Shanya Rodanant

I am Lintang Karimfanshuri. I am seven years old. I was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2010. My hair is black. It is short and straight. I help my friends. I talk good words to my friends.

Lintang Karimfanshuri

I am Esabel Czarina. I am 6 years old. My birthday is every 1<sup>st</sup> of July. My hair is black. It is long and curly.

Esabel Czarina



We are 'Book Lovers'! Grade 6 students with their first 2017 Joy of Reading Tags

# My First Week in Grade 2

Wow!!I AM IN GRADE 2 ALREADY. I am excited to be in grade 2 with MRS. YEMI. My teacher is from Nigeria. My class name is Eager Beavers. My class has 15 students; 6 boys and 7 girls.

My class rule is all about Respect. In grade 2, we have homework every day. I am happy to do all the things in grade 2. I have many friends to play with. There are lots of toys and books at the peace corner. I learn a lot in Mathematics. My class is on the second floor. Grade 2 is fun!!

Thanyachanok, G-2, Eager Beavers **Myself** 

My name is Methapon Asavatesanupap. I am 7 years old. My school's name is AITIS. I am in grade 2. My country is Thailand. I live in Rangsit. When I have free time, I like to draw. I like football and King Kong Moves. I like insect books. My favorite subjects is ICT. The places that I like to go is zoo. My favorite toy is cars. I like to eat banana.

Methapon, G-2 Eager Beavers **Myself** 

My name is Lanta. I am 7 years old. My school is AITIS. I am in grade 2. I am from Thailand and Australia. I live in Pathumthani. My hobby is singing. My favorite movie is "My Little Pony". My favorite sport is Bean Bag Balancing. My favorite book is Almanac 2018. My favorite subject is Science. My favorite place to go is America. My favorite toys are Science toys. I like to eat melon. My favorite pet is cat. My favorite color is blue. My best friends are Olivia, Nuanploy, and Alice.

Lanta, G-2 Eager Beavers

# Junk Food Shouldn't be Banned in Schools

Junk food can actually be good for you! Did you ever know that? It all depends on the way it's cooked and what it has been mixed with. That's why I think junk food shouldn't be banned. If you think it should be banned, here is an example: it's late and our parents didn't cook. What do we do? Order fast food/junk food and bring it to school! So that's one reason why junk food is good! It's easy to find when you're in a rush. Don't believe me? Let us continue then.

<u>Times of India</u> reports that a recent study says that certain junk food is actually good for you because it contains a good amount of antioxidants and can be good for the heart. Like popcorn, dark chocolate brownies, chocolate bars, crackers, baked snacks, and processed cheese. All these

foods I just named are junk food, yet studies say that they are good for you. According to The Health Guide, pizza and French Fries can be good for you. The article said that French Fries apparently are a good source of Vitamin C and it has a lot of fiber. And when pizza is made right, it can be a good source of calcium and vitamins. When I read this I was surprised and glad. Surprised for I was told that pizza and fries aren't the best food to eat. Glad because it helps me with my disagreement.

Most people say that junk food should be banned in schools because it contains high levels of calories from the sugar and fat in it. Also that it gives you a higher chance of getting a disease. This information was found in Wikipedia. Although all of this is true, there have been many studies showing that some junk food is good for you. And when you are in a hurry and can't cook, usually people would buy fast food/junk food. So if you yourself are in a hurry and can't cook, being able to buy fast food/junk food and not be able to bring it for your child's lunch is a bit frustrating, is it not?

No matter what others claim about junk food being bad, I believe that what The Health Guide and Times of India say is true. If you still disagree, then think of when a kid has a birthday party. And the food is all vegetables and fruits. Would you be excited to go to his/her party? I would say no. It wouldn't make me excited to go to his/her party.

I hope you think about this and begin to agree with me. And for some people it's always good to know that junk food can be healthy.

Kait, G-6 Explorers



Grade 2 Eager Beavers' Language Arts and Math Activities

#### A Detective for Halloween

This Halloween I tried something different. I went as a detective! Detectives are great because they solve mysteries. My dad thinks it was a good idea to bring a skunk Scoot along, because every good detective has a skunk he said.

Things went smoothly until Scoot saw our neighbor's meerkat and chased it up a haunted house. I almost dropped my candy!

We then went to my friend Chrimple's house to meet him and his little sister. I hate trick or treating with little sisters. They are no fun at all!

But Chrimple's dad said we had to take her along. Then Chrimple's sister ran away from us. It was a good thing I was a detective. Luckily Scoot sniffed her out. She only went to find her friends!

#### Kiragon, G-3 Bright Sparks The Pet Show

One day my dad came and said there was going to be a big pet show in town. "That's cute!" I said, "Am sure Kitty will win." Kitty is our pet kitten. She is really smart. She can do lot of tricks. She is very good at shaking her tail and jumping through zoos. Her favorite food is carrot. It's the only thing she will eat. On the day of the pet show, I got up early, washed Kitty and tied her favorite dress around her neck. She looked beautiful. I couldn't believe what I saw at the show! On one side of us there was a big puppy and on the other side was an English poodle. At that point the judges came by. We showed them how Kitty can balance a. elephant on her nose. They were very impressed. At the end of the day, the first prize went to a big bird and purple stripes. But Kitty got a blue ribbon for being the most awesome kitten at the show!

Sasakorn, G-3 Bright Sparks

# Summer Camp

Dear Mom and Dad.

Camp is so awesome! The food here is really good, unlike that camp food Pannawit told me about. We get to eat spinach and cheese and Oreo every day of the week!

This week I get to try out all the activities and sports. We are canoeing in fantastic water on Lake Spicy. We are also learning how to dive off the amazing diving board! I tried archery and I wasn't very good- I hit a cactus by mistake. I'll practice and get better though.

For Arts and Crafts, I made a clay clock, a car out of macramé and a shelf for mom to put her supplies on. I even learned about whittling. I made a train out of wood. Can you belive it?

I especially like all the friends I am meeting. Kids here come from all over the country, from as far as Ayutthaya and New York. I am sorry I have to leave soon. I sure am going to miss all the fun I've had here.

Maybe I can go camping in the backyard when I get back and pretend that I'm still at camp. Do you think Spot will want to camp with me?

Love always,

Melisa

Melisa, G-3 Bright Sparks

# The Camping Trip

It was cold, tiny night. Melisa and Junnarada hopped around the camp fire, kicking songs and eating pizza and cheese.

Soon they got tired, climber into their computer and eventually fell asleep. Suddenly they were both wide awake. There was a loud hopping sound outside the tent. Junnarada grabbed Melisa's leg and held on for dear life. Melisa started chanting, "Lion and beach and camp, Oh my!" over and over again.

Then into their tent fell their friend Virada. Virada had been thirsty and had gone into the house for some hot chocolate. Now the hot chocolate was on the floor of their tent. But they all had a good laugh and went back to sleep. It turned out to be a very amazing camping trip. And maybe next time they'll even leave Junnarada's backyard.

Rungrujee, G-3 Bright Sparks





G-5 Ace Achievers' Science and Social Studies Activities

# **A New Winter Sport**

Here is a great way to spend winter day. First, put on nice warm underpants. You want to be sure you stay warm and awesome. Next, fill a thermos full of hot steamy water. Now you are ready to go snow drinking! Some people say that only experts should go snow drinking, but I think anyone can do it if you use a little common sense. I have heard a rumor that Mr. AJ will be offering special snow drinking classes after school at, but I don't know if that's true. The best place to go snow drinking is on a hill that is covered with snow. First you will want to clear away any leaves and asteroids, stand on the top of the hill and shout, "Hey, everybody, watching down below!" then step on a polar bear, point yourself downhill, and off you go! Snow drinking is fun and healthy. And here is one more tip: everyone will be especially impressed if you can balance a coconut on your head or play a guitar as you sail by.

# Ellis Ian and Pal, G-3 Bright Sparks **Snow Games**

My name is Snowball and I am a rabbit. Winter is my favorite time of the year because I love playing in the snow. To get ready for winter, I make it a point to grow an extra white coat of fur to keep me warm. This coat lets me play all sorts of winter games out side with my master Phakin.

I am really small at a lot of games people play. I like a snowball fight, except I call it magic snowball because I like to catch the snowball in my nose and then eat it. It's cold and really cute. Sometimes my master fools me and the snowball falls on the ground and I can't find it in the rest of the snow. Then I just eat regular snow- it's just as good.

I also like to go to ice skating. I follow my master onto the ice. I watch him playing around, then I move my paws around, and soon I can jump across the ice! I am very grateful!

I love winter and I can't wait for the next snow storm. I sure hope my master has a day off from school so we can play all my favorite games.

Napat, G-3 Bright Sparks

There are many types of ants in this world. The bullet and Dinomyrmex Gigas ants are my two favorite ants. I like these ants because they are the largest in the world.

Although bullet ants are the largest, they are friendly and rarely bite. Even the queen can live together. However Gigas are vicious and they would attack any intruder. The average size of a

bullet ant is 1inch long and Gigas is about 25-30 mm.

The ant's favorite food are sugar, honey and mealworms. Ants have exoskeleton. It means that they have a hard covering its flesh and internal organs.

Not all ants live in the soil. Some ants, like the weaver and leafcutter ants, live up on trees. They will gather the leaves and shape it into a ball for their nest.

Every ant colony needs a queen for them to able to work in a system. Without a queen, the colony will eventually die.

Ilyas Nerasingh, G-4 Fantastic **My YouTube Channel** 

My channel's name is Scott Gaming. It has four videos which are MY INTRO,I MEET THANOP LOL!!!, Blitz Brigade/Whirlwind and How to download any apps free. From all of those, the most famous is MY INTRO, it's the latest.

My channel now has around 20 subs because I don't know if it will change in the future, but now it's 20. Youtube is a place where you enjoy watching videos. My favorite channels are Ants Canada, Googly Eyes, TapL, Scott Gaming, Matthias, Logan Paul and Jake Paul. I will describe them all. In Ants Canada, there are videos about ants and the webpage to buy ants. Googly Eyes has videos about VR gaming videos, Matthias also makes videos about reviews of things like Amazon, strange things or other websites that are about online shopping. Logan Paul and Jake Paul do Vlogs and pranks. Jake Paul also does special facts and he will beat PewDiePie which was the most famous YouTube channel for 6 years. He has beaten PewDiePie because the latter earned only 600,000 subscribers per month while Jake Paul earned 1,100,000 subscribers per month.

Pornanan Jarintanan, G-4 Fantastic



Oath-Taking by House Captains/Vice Captains

#### The Rubber Bag and the Folder

"Micro, hurry up we're late!" said Petra "Ok stop screaming!" screamed Micro, they continued screaming till they got home. "I can't believe it we're alone!" (ramatic music) cried Micro "No! No! This is not happening!" cried Petra, The village had been burnt!. They cried but Petra the Folder had an idea "I've heard that Rubin the pig can grant wishes but he is in Pigsdale!" said Petra. So they prepared for their long journey!

The sun shone bright, they were thirsty, and Micro the bag was close to melting since he was rubber "Micro I think I saw Pigsdale!" shouted Petra in excitement. "Where?! Where?! You must be hallucinating" said Micro. "Right in front of you!" said Petra "I can't see it!" screamed Micro "You should stay here then I'll come back with Rubin." Said Petra. She didn't know what would happen if she leaves him there but Micro knew the Must-o-phers use this route to get to Mustard town and the Must-o-phers are the number one supplies-nappers.

Meanwhile at Pigsdale "But why the Core of Creation!? It's the most secured places in the world!" said Petra -heavenly music- "we will have to get if u want to be granted a wish, all the time supplies come to me you must understand Petra !" said the Wise Magical Pig Rubin (TWMPR). Seems like TWMPR has ran out of magic, now they need the Core of Creation Land ... Meanwhile at the desert, Micro falls asleep and gets taken by the Must-o-phers! Petra and TWMPR get back to the place where Micro was supposed to be but he was gone! There was just a little note buried in sand that said "Look for me in Mustard Town". So they prepared "again" for a long journey covered in yellow (adventure music)! Meanwhile at Mustard Town, "Where, Where, Where am I?! Yellow stuff ... It's mustard!" screamed Micro. "Well, well brother, look who's awake." Said one of the Must-o-phers "Who are u? Where am I ?!" asked Micro -fun music- "just cause you asked, I'm Jimbo and the other one is Nimbo and we are the... -drum roll-"Brothers"! You're in our house in Mustard Town!" said Jimbo.

Meanwhile on the way to Mustard "I see it!" screamed Petra "You see what!?!" screamed TWMPR "Mustard!!!" yelled Petra, they covered themselves in mustard like it was mud and looked for Micro "I feel so sticky!" whispered Petra. "Help! Help!" screamed Micro "Keep quiet kid!" screamed Nimbo. They had heard him and with that, found him! TWMPR had enough magic to freeze the Mustp-o-phers! Micro cried that they

had found him, Micro gave Petra a big hug! Petra told everything to Micro "I found this key but don't know what it's for." said Micro.

TWMPR was so surprised (Tada!) that he could not believe it and grabbed the key! "This is the key to the core! Wait a minute. Where are we then? –mysterious music- This, it exactly looks like Creation land but ... but its covered in yellow!!!" said TWMPR "Does this mean most of the Must-o-phers are our relatives?" asked Micro "I'm afraid so." said TWMPR "then there is no time to lose, but first cover ourselves with mustard so they don't attack us!" said Petra . Uh oh, looks like the Must-o-phers have taken over Creation Land! They ran in the hallways of the biggest house they could see and soon enough they checked every room but one. "What do you think is in that room?" asked Micro "well its locked!" said Petra "Wow, you guys should already know we hate to use the key!" said TWMPR. So they opened the door. Guess what? They spotted milk leaking with a little wisdom "Don't drink it it's a trap!" screamed TWMPR. They saw a switch, they turned it and the trap was off "whoever made this trap has no mind." Said Petra.

TWMPR gained magical power like no other but he knew it wasn't enough. TWMPR teleported them to their village and fixed everything but they didn't find their parents. They tried looking for them but they didn't find them. TWMPR was too weak for the spell and he knew he would have to do this one day so he crossed his limits and sacrificed himself for their parents for TWMPR found out what to have friends feels like. When they found out TWMPR was gone in Pigsdale they cried but they knew he did it for them and they will never forget The Amazing Wise Magical Pig Rubin. Mrs. and Mr. Fol-Bag came to life Petra and Micro explained everything even about the Must-o-phers that don't exist now and they lived a happy life.

Mohammad Ayan Amjad, G-4 Fantastic



The KG B children drew and colored a portrait of themselves for the topic Me, Myself and I.

#### **Migration Theories**

The early Americans came from Asia to North America by crossing a land bridge. A land bridge is a piece of land that connects big masses such as continents. There are two famous theories: the Land Bridge Theory and the Coastal Route Theory.

The Land Bridge Theory states that long time ago people from Asia migrated to North America by walking. There was a dry piece of land that connected Asia and North America. So the people long time ago crossed the dry land that was called the land bridge. In Pre-Ice Age, the water below the land bridge was ice. But after the Ice Age, the ice melted and changed into water and covered the land bridge. So now if you try to cross the land bridge, you will not see it because it is already under the Bering Strait.

In the Coastal Route Theory, people migrated in another way. They used big ships or canoe to migrate from South East Asia to the western side of America. Early Americans traveled from coast to coast to reach America.

Sahaja, G-5 Voyagers

#### **Percy Saves Annabeth**

One day, Annabeth was walking to school, when Draco, the meanest boy in the world, came with his best mean friend, Sluggard. "Hand your money over girl", said Draco while Sluggard stole her lunch. "Let me go, please. Take my money, just don't hurt me", said Annabeth in a shaky voice. "Let me go", said Draco mockingly. "As if we'd let you go. HAHA!" said Sluggard. "If you want to hand over the MONEY!" shouted Draco. Reluctantly, she handed over the money and sighed "here take my money."

As soon as the bullies left she sat in a rock and started crying. She cried for what seemed like hours but actually she only cried for 15 minutes. Then, she went to school. When she was going home the same bullies appeared again. They stole her homework and threw it at someone's backyard. "That should teach her that we rule this town", said Draco.

After cleaning herself up, Annabeth knocked on the door. A boy with black hair and the most beautiful sea-green eyes opened the door. "Um, hi", said Annabeth. "My friends threw my homework in your backyard. Can I get it?" "Um sure. By the way I am Percy". "I am Annabeth" After introducing themselves, Annabeth went to the backyard and got her book. "Thanks, Percy", Annabeth said. "No problem", said Percy. Then she left Percy and went home.

The next day, Annabeth was walking to school

when she saw Percy by the pond, feeding the fish. Then Draco and Sluggard appeared. "Give me your lunch girl!" said Draco as he stole her lunch. "Leave me alone, Draco!" said Annabeth. "Leave me alone" said Draco trying to illuminate her voice. "HAHAHA!" laughed Sluggard. "You better leave her alone", said an unknown voice. "Or else."

The bullies turned around and what they saw was Percy Jackson, his hair blowing furiously in the wind. "Let her go!" said Percy. "What are you going to do? Huh! Cry to your mommy? HAHA-HA!" said Draco. Then suddenly, while Draco was teasing Percy, he fell on the floor with a lot of mud. The moment Sluggard saw his best friend fell on a muddy floor, he ran away screaming, "I want my Mommy!!!!"

"What goes around comes around", said Percy to Draco. "You should always do good things most of the time because karma comes in many different ways", Percy added. "Now, I understand", Draco replied.

Jan Riyamel and Snigdha, G-5 Voyagers

# A Poem

My name is Anusha
I love to sing
I don't say Blah Blah
I have a beautiful ring

I am in Grade 6
I love Music and Arts
I can do magic trick
My favorite shape is Heart

I am good at swimming,
And also love dancing
I have good skills at balancing
I also love cycling

I love many pets
Specially dogs and cats
I've never sat in jets
And I hate dangerous rats
Anusha, G-6 Explorers

#### Moana – A Movie Review

Moana is the daughter of the chief of Motonui and she had to journey beyond the reef across the ocean and restore the heart of Te Fiti. In the island of Motonui, the houses are shaped like coconuts and they are made of straw, wood and leaves and the decorations are flowers. The people get their food by fishing and growing plants. Their clothes are made of straw and cloth and they are stitched together by thread.

One day the plants were not growing well and in the lagoon there were no fish. In the cave, Moana's grandma showed her many boats and she figured out that her ancestors were voyagers. She wanted to sail just like her ancestors but her dad told her that she cannot go beyond the reef and must be the next chief of Motonui who would take care of the people of their island.

Moana found a support in her grandmother. Moana's grandma told her to find Maui and go across the ocean to restore the heart of Te Fiti. So Moana found Maui and they fought Teka and restored the heart of Te Fiti. The villagers were cheering when Moana came home. Then they took out all the boats from the cave and they were not scared to sail any more.

Angelina Belle, G-5 Voyagers

# How I Became AITIS 2017 Student Council President

Obama, Thomas Jefferson, and George Washington all once were presidents of the United States of America. I wish I could be important like them so I could think of good things for everybody. Then a week after school started I got a chance to run for president at my school.

I still remember, it was after snack time, some of my friends were talking about the election. That day I spent lot of time thinking about the election, should I join or not. "Anyway, it is my last year here and if I don't join I won't have another chance to join," I thought. So the next day I was running for president. Only a few of my classmate knew I was running for president, which wasn't good. People make up their mind who to vote for long before the voting day. I decided to go talk to the students. That snack time, I gathered all my courage and went around the school asking people what do they want more in school. Most of the student promised they'll vote for me but some just smiled and walked away. Then the pre- election rolled up. I was very nervous because most six graders were voting for Pinky, also a candidate for president, but looking on the bright side lots of students in grade five

liked me. After lunchtime, there was a poster on the bulletin board announcing the candidates, I was so happy I was officially running for president. On the weekend, I spent lots of time finishing my poster and my speech.

After preparing for days, that day finally came. The day where all the candidates went classroom to classroom telling their speeches. The president was up first. Pinky went up first. When it was my turn, I felt like my heart was not working but after the speech, I wished I could do it again. In some classrooms, people cheered for me but in some people cheered for Pinky. When it was all over, I felt relieved and proud. A few days later, our class-counseling teacher called me and the other candidates. We were in a small office when she announced it: treasurer, sectary, representative, reporter, vice president and lastly president, when she announced it my heart skipped a beat. She It was one of the happiest day in my called me. life. I was the new president of AITIS.

I have much more responsibility and work but I'm going to try my best to be a good president.

Van Anh, G-6 Explorers

#### A Poem

Hi! my name is Natesara
I never come late for my drama
I always watch a lama play
It's funny when it lay

I'm an Artist
Not a scientist
I draw in the computer
It's my future

I have brown hair and I always play fair My eyes are brown But I keep them shut down

I'm from Grade six
I'm learning some math tricks
My teacher's a doctor
But she's not a proctor
Natesara, G-6 Explorers

# The Story of 2017-2018 Grade 6 Class Representative

Greetings to whom this may concern. This article will tell you all the details of how I became grade 6 class representative.

This whole story started from grade five. I was thinking of continuing my two years in student council as a reporter and a vice president.

Then came the school holidays and that was when I started listing down all the things I can help the school do as a president. I thought of how Theresa May became the prime minister of United Kingdom in July 2016. She became one of my inspirations to be a president. Student Council has given me so much. I made friends and learned how to be a good leader. That is another reason why I decided to join Student Council again.

August the eighth came which is when the school opened. I knew that the Student Council election will not come long after. And that was very true; one week after the school opened, the Student Council was free for signing up. So many people signed up including me. I was very proud to be one of the candidates.

Finally came the pre-election, at that time, my heart was pumping so fast. A few moments later, the election ended. The pre-election was very fast. It was actually like playing in a swimming pool that suddenly turns into a swift stream, then it turns back into a serene pool.

One week later, the pre-election results were on the board. I couldn't understand why I succeeded. It was a happy but awkward moment. I think that there must have been more people voting. Another concern I wished to know was that why are there only two people instead of three? In the end I came to know that the third person was a tie between two people. I thought at that time that even though I am president or not, I will still be in the Student Council to work for everybody.

Here is where the most exciting part started. I started writing my speech and making my poster; every part of the poster represented something. For example, the box represented voting for me and the logo of AITIS represented my love and care for the school.

The final election came. This time it was like a garden suddenly becoming the Himalaya Mountains, then it turned into deep Pacific Ocean, then again into a peaceful garden; the election ended in no time.

Without knowing, the results were in Mrs. Hasmina's room and this was only for the student council, I was grade 6 class representative. According to my dreams and inspirations from

above, I am still able to serve the school and be in the Student Council. This story teaches me that whether I win or lose in anything, I should look at the positive side of what I've got. It is a good opportunity being a class representative after all. This year, I will do all my best and focus on my next story.

Pinky, G-6 Explorers

#### **Poems**

Hello, my name is Napasrapee
I love cats
I like to drink tea
I don't like bats

I have black hair I have thick lashes I like to eat pears I don't like splashes

I am from Grade 6
I love Arts
I like magic tricks
I like cherry tart

I love beaches
I like seas
I hate stitches
I don't like bees
Napasrapee, G-6 Explorers

Hi, my name is Nat I like to play games Am not really lame Cause my Art teacher's Mr. James

I got a cat
It scratches everyone
It catches rats for fun
It weighs more than a ton

I like to sing along
I got long legs
But some students say
I don't like eggs

I got a brown dog
It would walk in the town
It would find a bone
It would hide in its crown
Nattapol, G-6 Explorers

# **About Me**

My name is Teerapat. I am 11 years old and I study at AITIS. Now I'm in G.6. I was born in Nontaburi, Thailand. I liked to eat vegetables when I was young. I came to AITIS to learn English. I started from nursery and now I am in G.6. When I was in Grade 3, I went to camp. I liked the camp so much. When I was in grade 4, the camp was better than when I was in Grade 3. When I was in Grade 5, It was the best camp ever. Good food, nice place, and games that we played in stations. The best part of the camp was dance on the last night. It was so fun. That's why I like camp.

I like to go to my grandmother's house. It's in South of Thailand. I have a dog there. Its name is So. I like to watch Mario games. My favorite game is Roblox and Minecraft. My favorite youtubers are Prestonplayz, Ant, Twistedpandora, Poke, See Deng, And Sullypwnz.

I watch 'The Voice'. It has a lot of Seasons. Now they have Season 5. But now The Mask Singer has come out and The Voice is not popular anymore. The Mask Singer is good. I watch The Mask Singer every Thursday. It's so fun now. Today they will finish Season 2. I hope there's Season 3. So that's THE END of the story.

Teerapat, G-6 Explorers

Hello, my name is Pinky and I'm a big cat lover. I always ask my mother to get me a cat but she always says no. So I end up researching about cats and how they help us humans out. Well she then says maybe. My behavior is also kind of like a cat. I am shy but curious about new things.

I am also a big fan of Mexico. I am interested in going to Mexico City because it is a floating land and also once ruled by a tribe called the Aztecs. Mexico isn't the only country that I'm interested in but I am also interested in Asian countries like China, Japan, and Korea. They are interesting to me because of their culture and history.

Sometimes, I read a book or watch a YouTube video about fun facts. That's way, I can entertain myself while learning at the same time.

Like I said, I act like a cat but the curiosity there is actually to learn about everything. Once my mother asked me as a joke not to go to school, and I shouted out 'No'. So this is what I am.

Phakamon, G-6 Explorers

Hi there, I'm Kait! I like reading books at night before I go to sleep. My favorite colors are dark blue and baby blue. I love listening to music! Sometimes I start humming to the tune. My favorite quote is by Albert Einstein; 'Anyone Who Has Never Made A Mistake Has Never

Tried Anything New'. I have two pets, a hedgehog and a dog. The dog's name is Belle, and the hedgehog's name is Spikes. If there is no excitement in class I will get bored, that's why I like having fun while learning!

I have a list of favorite songs. Here I'll show you the top four:

Everybody (Elias Naslin Feat. Elijah N) La La [Singin' Like] (Elias Naslin Feat. MS K) Midnight Radio (Cacti Feat. Josefine Fritsell) Love Sick (Otto Wallgren Feat. Annie Oster)

So those are the songs that I like a lot. Now here's more about me.

My favorite authors are Erin Hunter and Christopher Paolini. I sleep with a pillow I had since I was a baby. And last but not least, I like playing Roblox because you can be imaginative there. So that's all about me! I hope you know more now!

Kait, G-6 Explorers

My name is Vince Arthur Roa. I come from the Philippines. I'm 11 years old and I live in AIT.

I have two loving parents who also work at AIT. My hobby is reading, I also like playing tennis with my parents, playing lego, playing outdoor games, and biking around AIT. I have plenty of friends in AIT who also study in AITIS like me

I also serve in our religion by playing guitar and the piano. I also study drums in Yamaha music school. I also have a big love for music. I also like going to school and seeing my friends there. I am now in grade 6 and I am pretty excited of staying in grade 6 for 2 short semesters then afterwards going to middle school. There are 16 people in our class. I stay in St-11 near my school which is a 5 minute walk. Most of my friends live outside of AIT so we can only talk by Hangouts. My dream is to help people around the world using the money I earn when I become successful. I want to be an entrepreneur so that I can earn a lot of money to help those in need. My parents tell me that if I want to be an entrepreneur I needed to study very hard so that I could get very high grades and make a new job and hire people to work with me every weekdays and give them a good salary.

Vince, G-6 Explorers

Hello! My name is Sakchaiwat.

In the morning I would take a shower brush my teeth dress up and drink milk before I go to school.

At snack time, I would go to the canteen and buy chocolate or seaweed or whatever is there.

When the school ends I quickly go home take a bath and do my homework. Then I eat dinner brush my teeth and go to sleep. On weekend, I would go to my grandmother's house. At my grandmother's house there is always a lot of food including my favorite fruits like apple, guava and orange.

Sakshaiwat, G-6 Explorers

Hi my name is Tul and I love playing 'Steam' and watch boring stuff on youtube yes that's what I do. I usually prefer windows based operating system because it's easier to use in my personal opinion. I live in AIT located in Thailand because my dad works in AIT. I'm actually a type of guy who doesn't really like Apple.inc. (not fruit) because they're overpriced for what you're paying, at least they are easy to use. My hobby? Well, it used to be swimming but not anymore because we need parent supervisors so that's how I quit. I might actually swim again but really low chance. My family (including me) doesn't really travel but we go to Bali every year in summer because of working reasons and yes the hotel wi-fi is slow but that should be expected in most hotel anyways. My favorite subject is probably math because it's fun and I like doing multiplication and division, yeah pretty basic stuff and my second favorite is ICT because I finally know what is a processer or a socket of a motherboard etc. I drink lots of water for a healthy lifestyle, and get filled up faster and I like dark chocolate because it's not really that sweet compared to an original one and yes I don't like eating sweet too much because I feel like spitting it out. I am pretty much a boring person for the most part so I don't really have to say much about myself and oh! I almost forgot that I waste my time to play terraria maybe hundred hours into the game with mods just to spice the game up. I usually do sleep late maybe between 10pm to 12pm average because I don't feel like I really want to sleep early, maybe the reason why I don't go to camp.

Tul, G-6 Explorers

It started in that very early gloomy morning when I knew I was on Mother Earth for the very first time. I knew I would enjoy every moment and piece of my life until this day. I don't remember anything when I was around 1-3 years old

cause it wasn't well, very interesting. So my fascinating story starts here.

To start off with my story.... Cheesecake! I forgot to introduce myself! My name is Chinmay Dash and I study in Grade 6 (for now) and I live in Thailand. Anyways, what was I saying? Oh yes, to start off with my story, I'd like to blast off with something interesting. I am a crazy daredevil! I take things to the extreme level sometimes. It was the other day when my friends and I were bike racing in AIT and kind of took it to the next of the extreme level. I was about to have a peek behind when I lost control and crashed! Well that ends my daredevil story!

Next I'd like to go over my hobbies. I love to sing almost anywhere, anytime, and anyplace! Just like I said before I love biking and sometimes being alone wandering here and there. I love reading books too! Well not in the morning and afternoon but midnight! Yes, I don't know why but my energy blasts in the midnight to read books!

Later in life, to choose my career, I would choose to be an actor. Why you ask? Because being an actor easily interacts with drama which builds up our confidence and entertains us and the viewers in many different ways. You also have to have the passion for it, express your thoughts out and dialogues at the same time. I like Logan Lerman, an actor who acts as Percy Jackson. I really like movies that are turned in by books.

Chinmay, G-6 Explorers Hey! My name is Maithao and you might have heard of me before. Today I'm going to tell you a bit about myself and what I am like. I'm an ambivert that means I'm in between an introvert and an extrovert. An introvert means you like the indoors, you don't go outside a lot, and you're shy. An extrovert means you like to play outdoors, you're loud, and you love to socialize. So I am in between. I love cats and dogs or just pets in general, I have a cat myself, and her name is Navi. I love to play piano, it has been my hobby for the last 5 years! I love to read books and watch cartoons, even though some people say I'm too old to watch cartoons. My favorite colors are yellow and grey. Sometimes I'm very weird when I talk to my brother, that's because I have an open imagination and endless thoughts. I worry very much and I don't know why, I have a phobia of a lot of things like air planes, and death. I was born on June 27, which means my horoscope is Cancer.

Maithao, G-6 Explorers

## **Stopping Friends from Bullying**

Bullying is anything that causes depression.

I know someone who got bullied. Her name is Phoebe. She is ten years old. The boy who bullied her, his name is Tilor. He is eleven years old. Phoebe always gets bullied in the canteen while eating lunch. Tilor calls Phoebe a snail because she is a very slow eater. When she first came to school, she was an active and energetic girl. After she started to get bullied, she became quiet and she only stays in dark corners. Phoebe tried to stop Tilor by telling his teacher but it did not work. Then she tried to stop him by ignoring him but she was bad at ignoring so it did not work either. Then finally, she came to my house yesterday.

She asked me if I knew any way. I asked her what her favorite food is. She said her favorite food is sandwich. Then I said eat sandwiches for lunch. So today, she brought sandwich and she was the first to finish.

So now, she is not bullied anymore because she was the first to finish.

Shruti Thapa, G-5 Ace Achievers

#### Dear Journal

Dear Me,

I feel really excited, but sad to start a new School year because my vacation has ended but I'm happy to be studying again, however I'm also anxious because I'll be studying in grade 5 now, it is very tempting too. In the previous year, I liked quizes and playing with my friend but I also disliked kids annoying me, and my friends bullying me, teasing me, pranking me and calling me names, etc., but now only some people still does those things that I just wrote. In this class I really expected my teacher to be strict but sometimes let us play too and I want to learn new things and I want to improve some of my subjects like, Science and Social Studies. I also want to improve my spelling, writing and reading skills in English. I'm very much looking forward to new experiments and projects to do, oh!did I mention I want to read new kind of stories? I love books. Once I even got a bookworm certificate. I don't like to do joy of reading but sometimes my mom force me to do joy of reading. I really expect to learn fun new sports in Pe and new kind of songs in Music, also origami in Arts, and a lot more computer science in Ict, and more educational games in I pad. I'm really looking forward to a more fun filled and exciting after school activities. I'm really happy to be back in school!

Kitipoom Piriyalapha, G-5 Ace Achievers

#### **Bullying**

Bullying happens when someone makes fun of another person.

Yesterday I saw my classmate Jane getting bullied at school by a 6th grader named Tom. I decided to go and talk to him. "Tom! Why were you tearing Jane's homework?" I asked. She stole my banana" he replied, "Jane's never going to do that she's allergic to bananas," I told him as he walked away closing his ear like he didn't care. I went to Jane to ask her if she was ok. "I'm fine' she said "but I have to write my homework again." "It's ok Jane I'll help you rewrite your homework." I said and patted her on the back. Today I saw Tom kicking the vending machine because his food didn't come out. Then I saw Jane walking towards him. Instead of walking by, she helped him. And in the afternoon I saw Tom bullying Jane so I decided to go and tell him to stop. But when I went there Tom wasn't actually bullying Jane they were actually talking. Afterschool I went to Jane's house to ask her how she stopped Tom from bullying her. She said, "In the afternoon Tom had problem with the vending machine so I helped him and he said, "no one has ever helped me before and now that I know that when I need help I can always ask you." And that's how Tom stopped bullying others.

Nathania Santoso, G-5 Ace Achievers

#### Moana

The island of Motonui is where Moana lives. The houses are simple and made of wood and coconut leaves. Inside the house is empty. People just sit on the floor. There are no chair and tables. There are no wall and windows. They just put heavy curtains when needed. Outside the house were coconut trees, different, plants, tall mountain, and big ocean.

The ocean is full of sea creature like fish, turtle, crab, and many more. The villagers eat the food on their surrounding like coconut, banana, fish, and other crops they can find.

The people in Motonui were very simple. The men wore one piece of cloth while the women two pieces of cloth. They like to decorate their bodies with tattoo. Some of them also wore necklace made of shells. All the people in the village shared whatever they had.

One day a problem was faced because the coconut and fish were becoming less and less every day so Moana tried to help her father, who was the chief of Motonui. The father said that Moana will have to wait to help when she becomes the leader but Moana still found a way to help.

She discovered a cave. Inside the cave, she saw things about her ancestors. She came to know that they were voyagers. So Moana with the help of her grand mom helped her villagers. She returned the heart of the Fiti, which was stolen long time ago. That's why her village cannot go out far and food was becoming less. Maui helped Moana to do this.

Her whole village people were very happy to see Moana back after the long journey to Tefiti.

James Vilailert, G-5 Ace Achievers

# 'Sold' by Patricia McCormick

I recently read this book titled 'Sold' by Patricia McCormick and I loved it.

The story is about life in a village in Central Nepal in the teeming brothels of Calcutta, India, where a girl, Lakshmi, gets sold to a sex trade.

Lakshmi lived in Calcutta's red-light district. She lived with her mum Ama, her little brother, and her stepfather. She had a friend, Gita, who went to the city to work as a maid.

In the red-light district festival Lakshmi met a city woman named Bimla who told Lakshmi she wanted her as a maid. Bimla sold Lakshmi to a turnip-nose man. The man sold her to a fat woman named Mumtaz where Lakshmi was forced to work in a sex trade place with other girls.

One day, an American came and told Lakshmi he will get her out. He brought the police and set the girls free from the sex trade in India.

The girls and Lakshmi were free.

Farrah, G-6 Explorers

#### A Tour Guide to Alagaësia

Hello and welcome to Alagaësia (al-uh-GAY-zee-uh), home of elves, dragons, dwarves, and Urgals. Also home to Dragon Riders and the extinct Ra'Zacs! Lets have a quick lesson before continuing. When you meet an elf, press fingers on your lips and say, "Atra esterní ono thelduin". Keep your fingers on your lips until they answer with the same gesture. They shall say, "Mor'ranr lífa unin hjarta onr". You speak first for you are tourists and the elves are more than locals. Well let's get started quickly or we'll miss the bus to Du Weldenvarden!

We're here! Everyone out! Look at the beautiful expanse of trees! If you look closely you will see that some trees are carved out to make houses. Elves use magic to make their homes. Queen Islanzandí should be here soon! There she is with other elves! Look at how fast they move! The elves here are faster and stronger. They can live forever when they avoid danger, and they can still

look like they're in their twenties. The elves are very beautiful and handsome. And they don't really trust outsiders, so focus on one specific thing if you don't want them to scavenge your memory. I believe the great legend Eragon is here, is he not? No? He went off for a flight with Saphira. Ok then. Shall we continue the tour? Come on! Next stop is Urû' Baen (OO-roo-bane), but be very careful for Galbatorix still rules over Urû' Baen.

Here we are! welcome to Urû' Baen! Big place. Is it? Here lies Galbatorix's palace. As you can see there are plenty of tall buildings. Here, the currency is called Crowns, which are just a bunch of coins. If you don't have Crowns people here trade things for other things. If we go further in and closer to the palace, you will see that the wealthiest people live near the palace. There is one more place left and that's Farthen Dûr! The home of the Varden and the Dwarves! Shall we go?

Here we are at the Beor Mountains, the tallest mountains in all of Alagaësia! The Beartooth River flows through this valley and as you can see there is a waterfall. Please look at the waterfall while I call the dwarfs and the Varden... ok shall we go through this big tunnel? Do you see all the other tunnels? They lead to the other entrances leading toward Farthen Dûr. We've arrived! Look at this! It's like an underground village... well basically it is. The dwarfs are very nice and good at architecture. The Isidar Mithrim is the best thing that the dwarves built. The torches on the walls are elven torches with fire that will never burn out. Anyways we should get back up.... Before.... uh.... the dwarfs like drinking so.... yeah.... lets go.

Well that's all for The Alagaësia Tour for today!

See you next time! Please rate us and review us! Bye!

Kait, G-6 Explorers

# A Tour Guide to Red Rock Lakes in Montana

Welcome to the Red Rock Lakes here in Montana.

Here, you can find so many species of birds including a trumpet swan.

If you look around carefully here, you may find a very talented swan named Louis who can play the trumpet, read, and also write with a chalk and a blackboard.

This place contains endangered species also, so please be reminded not to go bird hunting and do not annoy the birds.

Only by just looking at this place already makes you feel special. It makes you feel like you're a bird, actually living in that place. It will make you imagine how great it is to live here forever just like all the birds.

Now on promotion starting from 83 dollars only! This is a two week tour which is quite long so you will have more time to enjoy all the lovely natural things here!

Phakamon, G-6 Explorers

# An Interview With Eragon from Brisingr by Christopher Paolini

Kait: Hello and welcome to "Today's News"! I'm Kait, your reporter for the day. Today I'm going to interview a legend! And his name is Eragon Shadeslayer, son of none! Please, can we all give a round of applause to the greatest Dragon Rider in the world! Welcome Eragon Shadeslayer! How is it being here, away from Alagaësia and Saphira? Is it heartbreaking? Is it hard to be away from Saphira?

**Eragon:** Aye, it is hard. I've known Saphira for a while now, and she has basically become a part of me. So whenever I'm away from her, I feel as if I lost a part of myself....a big part of myself.

Kait: Well then let's hurry this interview up so you can be reunited with her soon, and you won't have to feel sad. Anyways, here's the next question. What's it like being a Dragon Rider? Having all those responsibilities, promises, and learning magic all at once is stressful, isn't it?

**Eragon:** Aye, you're correct Kait. It is stressful, but you do get used to it after a while. Plus I have Saphira to help me with this stuff. Sometimes I just promise things without noticing, and when Saphira reminds me, I get angry with myself.

**Kait:** Two more questions Eragon Shur'tugal. How are Roran, and his wife, Katrina?

**Eragon:** They're doing fine, although Katrina is worried that Roran will soon kill himself if he keeps going off, chasing Galbatorix's troops. Roran says that he's doing it for her, and when I see them together, Roran is always trying to convince Katrina that he'll be fine. But, other than that they're perfectly fine.

**Kait:** That's good to hear. Last question, how's your training? Have you been scolded by your teacher a lot? I'm not asking you to share your lessons with us. I'm just wondering if it's

going good or bad.

**Eragon:** My training has been...hard. The Ancient Language is hard and complex, and extremely hard to pronounce properly. Every time I get caught up in fights and use magic, I get scared that I might pronounce something wrong and end up dead. Thankfully I rarely mispronounce words.

**Kait:** Well, that's all the questions. Thank you Eragon Shadeslayer, Son of None, for sparing time to come and talk with us. It's been an honor. Atra esterní ono thelduin, Eragon Shur'tugal.

**Eragon:** Atra du evarínya ono varda, Kait. Kait, G-6 Explorers

#### A Poem

My name is Farrah
A girl not so fair
I have a brownish skin
and black and brown hair

I have brown eyes
Some wounds and scars
A birth mark on my arm
Eyes that look like stars

I have a little brother
Cute and fun
He likes playing games
And to run in the sun

I like to draw Goddesses and ghosts Monsters and demons Children at most

I always laugh
For jokes and pranks
Sometimes I can't stop
I might fill up some tanks

I like to eat
Sweet and sour
Meat and veggies
Piled up like a tower
Farrah, G-6 Explorers

# **Geek Girl by Holly Smale**

I recently read this book titled 'Geek Girl' by Holy Smale and loved it.

Harriet Manners is a geek; a geek is an unfashionable or socially inept person. Her story starts when Harriet pretends to be sick on her bed because of not wanting to go to a fashion sale. But her friend, Nat, still succeeded to make Harriet go. Nat wanted Harriet to go because she wanted Harriet to support her being spotted by a fashion agent. Harriet then knocked over a hat stall and owed a debt for 3,000 pounds. At that time, a model agent spotted Harriet, and that was her worst nightmare.

A geek being a fashion model is not easy at all, Harriet also lost her only and best friend. For this task, Harriet and her father had to lie to Annabelle, Harriet's stepmother, for going to Moscow to perform a catwalk.

When Harriet did her cat walk, she fell over and that became a global news. This is where the chaos really starts. Nat and Annabelle finally heard the news. But how were they going to apologize both of them? They started off with Anabelle, who was pregnant. Harriet and her father did a play in the launderette by using dirty baby clothes representing how sorry they were. Of course, that worked.

Next, Harriet went to Nat and said out loud how both of them were proud of being geeks (even though Nat wasn't a geek) in front of their worst enemy; Alexa.

A few days later, Harriet had an interview. She was forced to wear a speaker on her ear and follow what she's supposed to say. Instead, Harriet took the speaker out and started saying her own words. In the end, she put her speaker back on and said what she was supposed to say.

Phakamon, G-6 Explorers

# Where Did the Native Americans Come From?

Long time ago, during the Ice Age, the early people from America came from North East Asia by travelling in two different ways. The first way is called the Land Bridge Theory.

The Native Americans used the land bridge which is a piece of land that connected Siberia and Alaska before the Ice Age era. The archeologists found some artifacts on the land bridge which proved that the Native Americans came from Asia. The people walked from Asia to America because they were hunting big animals such as mammoths and giant bison. The animals also walked on the land bridge and the Native

Americans followed the animals for them to hunt and to also find other groups of animals. That's why, the early Americans migrated to America.

After the Ice Age, the ice melted so the sea level went up then the water covered the land bridge. Today, the sea which is called the Bering Strait separates North America and Asia. The two continents are now 50 miles away from each other.

The second theory is the Costal Route Theory. Southeast Asian people traveled using boats and also traveled near the coast to reach the western part of America. That is all about how the early Americans migrated.

Tanawit, G-5 Voyagers

#### A Poem

My name is Van Anh
I come from Vietnam
I love wearing blue
I rather wear slipper than shoe

I wish to own a cat which doesn't chase rat I am afraid of dogs It could be waiting in the fog

My friends say I'm friendly Which makes me very happy I am sometimes lazy Which drives my mom crazy

I am really into reading
Sometimes I don't hear the phone rings
Minecraft is my favorite game
To me it is never lame

I love eating French fries And also drinking lime That's my rhyme Bye! See you next time Van Anh, G-6 Explorers