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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.

**FUN & FOOD FAIR  
TALENT SHOW  
HOUSE DAY - FIRE SAFETY  
SOCCER TOURNAMENT  
FRIENDLY GAMES**



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Dear Parents and Friends of *AITIS*;

In addition to the *AITIS* Fun & Food Fair, which was held on 3rd of March 2017, our school was engaged in:

- 1) Pre-K Talent Show – 15 March
- 2) Elementary Talent Show – 16 March
- 3) Class Photos – 21 March
- 4) Friendly Football Match versus KPIS – 23 March
- 5) Friendly Football Match away versus KPIS – 29 March
- 6) House Day – Fire Safety – 27 March
- 7) Parent/Teacher Conferences – 31 March

The Talent Shows were excellent and our students exceeded all expectations with their “**Together We Can**” themed performances. To all of our participants I extend my congratulations and “well done”!

Our multi-talented teachers also performed for us with their wonderful rendition of interpretive dance. It is always nice for our teachers/staff to lead our students by example.



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I want to sincerely thank Mr. Prapan and Mrs. Suinya (Khun Hui) for their extremely kind donation of uniform shirts for our football team.

The students displayed their new uniforms with great pride when they visited KPIS on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March.



On Monday, 27 March 2017, *AITIS* practiced “Fire Safety” school-wide. The children were provided opportunities to “Drop, Roll and Crawl” to safely evacuate a room without inhaling the very dangerous smoke from a fire.

Please have your child share his/her experience and knowledge about “Fire Safety” with your family.



Upcoming in April is the very special Songkran holiday. *AITIS* will take a much-needed break beginning 10 April 2017. Classes will resume on Tuesday, 18 April 2017.

On behalf of everyone at *AITIS* I wish you a very happy and enjoyable Songkran!



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

Sincerely,  
Kevin Mauritson, M.Ed  
Principal/Director

# AITIS TALENT SHOW 2017

A talent show can be a great way to showcase our talent, build our confidence, and bring us together. It's a fun-filled event that appeals to all students at AITIS. It was held last March 15 & 16, 2017 after our snack break at around 9:15 for Pre-K and 9:45 for elementary students in the morning. This time the talent show was different. All the participants had to present in a group because the theme was, "Together We Can!"

Our Principal gave us a very inspirational message that helped us think about the theme. Our emcees were two teachers and 2 students. They were Mrs. Hasmina, Mrs. Jennifer, Vince and Tanomi. All students were surprised because the teachers were the first who presented the 'Papaya Dance'. We enjoyed watching the teachers' dance so much. Then it was followed by the group of Pemika, Lalana, and Rujirat. They danced the music of Super Star. Next were the grade three boys, Davan, Samay, Alex, and Chan who danced on the song "Drag Me Down." There was also a rock star song from grade four, a song with an accompaniment of piano, ukulele and violin. The program continued and we saw many talents of our school fellows.

We enjoyed at the end of the program because Mr. Kevin asked the teachers to dance again and later he called all the students and parents to dance the papaya dance with them. It was a very fun event for all the students of AITIS!

Tanawat, Phanita, Kimberly, Phon, Anushka,  
and Phuntita, G-4 Edelweiss



# Talent Show



# Talent Show



# FUN & FOOD FAIR 2017

On March 3, 2017, AITIS had its yearly program of 'FUN AND FOOD FAIR', an event that everyone was waiting for. For this fair our theme was 'Together We Can'.

The Fun and Food Fair began at 9:00 with a ceremony of cutting the ribbon that was performed by the chief guests followed by Mr. Kevin's opening remarks. Mrs. Laila and Mrs. Abbie were playing the role of MCs on that day.

In the Fun and Food fair there were many activities arranged by teachers and parents. There were game booths, food stalls and stores. There were four different kinds of stalls arranged in the Fun and Food Fair; coupons stalls, food stalls, games booths, and stalls for lucky draw.

We had a lot of games booths arranged by teachers and parents. The teachers' game booths had different themes that was related to the main theme 'Together We Can'. The game booths were called 'Bring a Buddy', 'Double Trouble', and 'Triple the Fun'. There were some game booths arranged by parents also. Some of the games were 'Piniata', 'Target Golf', 'Photo Booth', and 'Flying Airplanes'

A Bouncy castle and Trampoline were also available for the students and visitors' pleasure. All the students enjoyed the activities and were entirely involved into every fun thing.

There were some stage performances also arranged by the teachers and the students. The Modern dancers presented their performance on the song "What Do You Mean". Another performance was presented by the Glee Club and they sang the song "Make a Difference...". The teachers also performed a duck dance for the entertainment of the audience. They wore a funny kind of handkerchief on their heads and around the waist.

A variety of food was also available on different food stalls. Each stall was representing a different country. One of the food items was called MOMO; it's a very famous and delicious food in Nepal.

The fair also had a raffle draw. There were different gifts and prizes from small to big items for example, Umbrellas, strainers, hats, hatari fans, bikes, and a gold chain. The principal, Mr. Kevin gave the closing remarks in the end to close the event.

It was a lot of fun. Every student helped take care of their booths. We enjoyed a lot!!

Krish, Sasha, Nathania, Sahaja, and Snidgha,  
Grade 4 Fantastic



# Fun & Food Fair





## **INTER-SCHOOL SOCCER TOURNAMENT "SBS CUP"**

AIT International School participated in its first inter-school invitational soccer tournament "SBS Cup" from 12:00 to 5:00 pm at Future Arena, Future Park Rangsit. There were a total of five schools who registered for this event; Sathit Bilingual School (SBS), Saint Dominic School (SDS), Saint Gabriel's College (SGC), Saint Joseph Mueang-Ake School (SJ-MAS), and AIT International School (AITIS).

The tournament was divided into three categories according to age; Team 9 year old (T9), Team 11 year old (T11), and Team 13 year old (T13). Our school was able to register for all three groups. The AITIS teams were comprised of the following students:

**T9:** Melisa Chatpunnarangsee, Chevan Punyaratabandhu, Alexander Caszo, Ilyas Adam Nerasingh, Pornanan Jarintanan, Devan Dzukwan, Pitchayut Katinted, Khang Do Huy, Thanop Vichachan, Punn Kanitnate,

**T11:** Phon Thanakongkait, Tanawit Thammasittirong, Robin Tuladhar, Anawil Sangareeyakul, Panyakorn Vilailert, Ritesh Gollamandala, Seta Takeru Sasaki, Chawis Jitkawinkul, Phon Thanakongkait

**T13:** RitParnichkun, Pyae Phyo Min, Terapat Koomsap, Radchapak Phattarchaihirun, Harvey Dante, Siddhart Anish Madathil, Mesawadee Pituggumphol, Kimleng Meas

This was the first time that AITIS participated in a formal soccer tournament. Compared to AITIS, all the other schools who participated in the SBS Cup had teams trained regularly for weekly, monthly, and seasonal soccer tournaments. It was indeed a great challenge playing against the other teams and our students definitely learned well from the experience.

In the end the AITIS Soccer Teams were able to bring home the following awards:

T9 - 2nd Runner Up Bronze Medal

T11 - 3rd Runner Up Bronze Medal

T13 - 2nd Runner Up Bronze Medal

AITIS sincerely thanks the organizers for the opportunity to be part of this worthwhile endeavor. We also thank our dear parents for their love and support. And last but not the least we thank Mr. Kevin Mauritson, School Principal / Director, for sharing our vision and fueling our passion and love for the game and team play. Indeed, TOGETHER WE CAN!

## **FRIENDLY SOCCER GAMES WITH KPIS**

AIT International School hosted an Under 9 (U9) and Under 11(U11) friendly soccer games with KPIS on Thursday, March 23, 2017 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. The AITIS teams were comprised of the following students:

**T9:** Melisa Chatpunnarangsee, Chevan Punyaratabandhu, Alexander Caszo, Ilyas Adam Nerasingh, Pornanan Jarintanan, Devan Dzukwan, Pitchayut Katinted, Khang Do Huy, Thanop Vichachan, Punn Kanitnate,

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The goal of this event was to foster friendship between the two schools as well as to reinforce the good values that may be gained by participating in team sports. It is our hope that through this activity we can continue to inspire our students to build stronger character and discipline, trust more on each other, work on each other's weakness and improve each other's strengths.

On Wednesday, March 29, we got another chance to celebrate this strong friendship. Our friends at KPIS had a chance to reciprocate our hospitality as they welcomed us in their campus for another friendly soccer game.

The most significant triumphs at the end of this activity were; the students were able to show their talents and build up on their skills, we gained more experience and happy memories, and most of all we gained more friends.

"Together We Can!"

Mr. Anjelo Mungcal (H&PE Teacher)

# INTER-SCHOOL SOCCER TOURNAMENT "SBS CUP"



## FRIENDLY SOCCER GAME WITH KEERAPAT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (KPIS)



## HOW TO SET SCREEN RULES THAT STICK

The guidelines given on the site below are common sense and well worth a read. Some parents establish an informal contract with their children and their allotted screen time - this is also a worthwhile exercise since the children have ownership in determining the dos and don'ts and are more likely to adhere to them. Bottom line is we are all role models, and showing an interest in everything your child does (virtual or not) is the key ingredient.

Source: [www.common sense media.org/blog/how-to-set-screen-rules-that-stick](http://www.common sense media.org/blog/how-to-set-screen-rules-that-stick)

In many homes, getting kids to turn off their cell phones, shut down the video games, or log off of Facebook can incite a revolt. And if your kids say they need to be online for schoolwork, you may not know when the research stops and idle activity begins.

It may seem counterintuitive, but getting involved with your kids' media is the first step to cutting the cord. Showing an interest, knowing what they're doing -- even playing along with them -- makes it easier to know how much is too much.

Every family will have different amounts of time that they think is "enough." What's important is giving it some thought, creating age-appropriate limits (with built-in flexibility for special circumstances), making media choices you're comfortable with, and modeling responsible screen limits for your kids.

Preschoolers. There are lots of great TV shows, apps, games, and websites geared for this age. But too much time spent in front of a screen interferes with the activities that are essential for growing brains and bodies.

Go for quality and age-appropriateness. Not everything for preschoolers needs to be a so-called "brain-builder," but there's a difference between mindless and mindful entertainment. Our learning ratings can steer you toward titles that help preschoolers work on developmental skills like sharing, cooperation, and emotional intelligence.

Sit with them, and enjoy the discovery process. There will always be moments when you need to rely on the TV or an app to distract your preschooler while you get something done. But as much as you can, enjoy media together. Little hands and developing brains really benefit from your company (and guidance!).

Begin setting limits when kids are little. Habits get ingrained early, so make sure you establish clear screen-time rules when your kids are young. For games, apps, and websites, you may need to set a timer. For TV, just say "one show."

Elementary and Middle Schoolers. At this age, kids love TV shows, games, movies, and online videos. They begin to explore more and hear about new shows and games from friends. Because they can access these things by themselves, it's crucial to continue to supervise their activities and help them stick to your rules.

Start with an endpoint. Use whatever tools you have -- your DVR, Netflix, OnDemand -- to pre-record shows, cue them up, or plan ahead to watch at a specific time. That way, one show won't flow into the other, and you can avoid commercials. If your kids are into YouTube, search for age-appropriate videos, and add them to a playlist to watch later. Because most games don't have built-in endings (and are, in fact, designed to make kids play as long as possible), set a timer or some other cue that says "time to stop."

Help them balance their day. Kids this age need guidance from you on a daily plan that includes a little bit of time for everything. And staying involved works: Kids whose parents make an effort to limit media use spend less time with media than their peers do, according to a 2010 Kaiser Family Foundation study.

Practice what you preach. It's tempting to keep reaching for your phone to check email, texts, Facebook, or the news. But your kids will be the first to call you out for not "walking the talk." Plus, they'll pick up habits from you. Model the media behavior that you want your kids to emulate.

High Schoolers. You'll have more success with teens if you explain the reasons why too much screen time is harmful. For example, too much exposure to violent video games raises aggression and lowers empathy.

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Your kids may actually be able to see evidence of this in their peers who spend too much time playing games. Even Facebook is a habit that some teens wish they could break.

Help them make quality choices. You still have a say in what they see, hear, and play. Put in your two cents about the importance of quality shows, games, and movies.

Crack down on multitasking. High school kids who've discovered texting, IM, Facebook, and music tend to do them all at once -- especially when they're supposed to be doing mundane tasks like homework. But a University of Michigan study found that humans are terrible multitaskers and that the practice actually reduces the ability to concentrate and focus.

Find ways to say "yes." Look for movies they can watch. Find games you're OK with. If your teens ask to see something you don't approve of, help them find alternatives.

Counselor/ Special Education Teacher  
Mrs. Hasmina Guiani Ambor

## AITIS HOUSE DAY- FIRE SAFETY



# House Day-Fire Safety



## Pre-K Section Activities

### Nursery

Nursery children learned about "Transportation". They had lot of exciting hands-on activities and role play related to the topic. All the Nursery kids enjoyed rowing the plastic big boat and paper boats.

(See pictures 1-2)

### Pre-K 1A&B

The children have enjoyed learning the common kinds of transport people use for travelling. They made a shape engine for land, sailboat for the water and paper airplane for the air transportation. They were ecstatic in playing with their arts and crafts.

(See picture 3-7)

### Pre-K 2A

The children had great time listening to a story "The Sun and the Wind". They drew the story with their own imagination! They were very creative.

(See picture 8)

### Pre-K 2B

Pre K 2B children playing and enjoying the outdoor activity.

(See picture 9)

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Pre-K 1, 4



Pre-K 1, 5



Pre-K 1, 6



Nursery, 1



Pre-K 1, 7



Nursery, 2



Pre-K 2A, 8



Pre-K 1



Pre-K 2B, 9

### Funny Stories by G-1 Debra's Doves

#### A Boy Who 'Knows' Everything

Jimmy is a seven year old boy who thinks knows everything especially Mathematics. He always tells everybody that he is the best in multiplication. One day, Mrs. June was teaching Math in class. She asked if anybody memorized their timetable. Suddenly, "Me! Me! I know it" shouted Jimmy.

"Which timetable do you remember?" asked the teacher. Jimmy said, "He can do all." Then, he proudly sang .....

$$1 \times 1 = 11$$

$$2 \times 2 = 22$$

$$3 \times 3 = 33$$

$$4 \times 4 = 44$$

$$5 \times 5 = 55$$

"See I know it!" said Jimmy.

Haa haa hhaa!!!

Everybody started to laugh.

"Jimmy that was all wrong, you better pay more attention in class today!" said Mrs. June.

Ilan Nerasingh

#### Albert's Birthday

It's Albert's birthday. He went to the kitchen. He saw the cake. He also went to his dad in the living room. Albert popped the balloon. Then he played scooter with his friend. He wished to have one. He blew out the candles on his cake. Mom and dad gave him a helmet.

Oh! He also got a scooter as his gift.

Mary Yun Wadi Lwin

#### The Math Girl

A girl named Math Sa liked Math. On Monday morning when she was in Math class she was so excited. Next day, Math teacher asked her, "what is 1+1?" She answered 10.

Her friend told her the answer. On Thursday, she forgot about it and when it's Math time again, she answered the question and said 3. She had forgot the answer that her friend told her.

Her teacher laughed at her. When it was home time, her family said, "It is home time." The next day when she went to school, she said "I'm going to be good at Math." "When it's Math time, she answered "Home Time" for "What's 1+1?"

Lanta

#### Fishing

There was a boy named Johnny who loved fishing. His mother disliked her son going fishing. One day, his mother went out to the temple and she said again to her son, "Fishing for fun is

not a good thing, please don't do it!" Johnny pretended to accept. After his mother went out Johnny took his fishing rod and started fishing by using live worm baits.

But to his surprise, mother came back home earlier than usual. When she saw Johnny fishing, she shouted at him, "What are you doing?" Johnny answered, "Don't worry mom, I'm teaching a worm how to swim!" So his mother said, "I think the worm must be tired because it swam too long already!"

Nuanploy Buranajaroenkij

#### KG Dynamic Dolphins' Activity

The Kindergarten children watched the thermometer as it was put in water of different temperature. Hot water, Ice water, and normal water. It was exciting for them to see the mercury moving from zero to 20 degree and then fall back to zero. This was Math activity as we learned "Hot and Cold".







### A Friendly Letter

30 March 2017

Everdearest Dhaphanee,

How are you? I want to meet you. Are you having fun in your new school?

You know what's happening in my school? We're having so much fun! There are interesting things going on here. In Grades 3A and B, we have to perform Magic Show. We are in different groups, 2 magic tricks per group. We are going to perform a coin and string trick. We also had Talent Show. My group performed Fight Song and our dresses were black and white. My friends are Athicha, Napapat and Bavinee. We enjoyed so much. I loved watching and performing in the Talent Show.

And now, this is the thing you really like... VACATION! I know you like holidays, so I am writing about one of my holidays. On January, there was one week extra holiday (it started in December) so I went to my real home country, India. My Grandfather took me to a place called "Jubilee Park." There are millions and even a billion of flowers colored pink, red, blue, yellow, green, purple, etc. Also, there was a statue of a man. His name was written on a marble wall. There were swings and monkey bars for children to play with. The best thing I saw was the rainbow colored waterfalls.

Oh! And my most favorite, the festivals that other Indian families and I celebrate. One of them that I celebrated this month is called "Holi," which means festival of colors. I invited my neighbors to my home, and we had a party. We had loud music and disco lights, Fanta for drinks and spicy chicken. We played with many colors.

Looks like it's time to eat dinner... Don't forget to reply as soon as you get this letter!

Your friend,

Saura, G-3 Bright Owls

P.S. When are you going to meet me?

### A Problem by G-1 Eagles

My eraser is stuck.

What shall I do?

Give it a push.

Give it a tug.

Dig the hole.

Get the eraser out.

**Iyaluck Phinainitisart**

I lost my pen.

What shall I do?

I tried finding it.

I tried harder.

Then found it in trash bin.

But why?

Maybe keeping my things,

Is the best thing to do!

**Changhyun Kim**

My pencil broke.

What shall I do?

Give it a glue.

Or break it in two.

Give it a tug.

And stick it together.

Or buy a new pencil.

**Natthida Thaiprayoon**

The electric is off.

I got to think fast.

What shall I do?

Press the switch hard.

But it didn't work.

Maybe a glowing stick,

Will help me a lot.

**Thanyachanok Grace**

My pencil is broken.

What shall I do?

Give it a push.

Give it a tug.

Maybe I bring

A new pencil now.

Or stick it together.

And that is just fine.

**Weechayut Maneetapho**

My shoe laces are loose.

What shall I do?

Maybe I call Mom or Dad.

For sure they can help.

But they are not around.

So I'll try and try.

Until I can do it.

**Tanishka Hazarika**

## **A Problem by G-1 Eagles**

My toy is stuck  
And what shall I do?  
Give it a tug  
Or break it in two.  
Hot wheels are small.  
And so are you.

**Tristan Rozza Wiradyatmika**

I am too old  
To pick the apples.  
What shall I do?  
I think  
I will wait  
Until they fall.

**Chayakorn Lersaktanakorn**

I lost my hat.  
Then, I asked,  
Who hid it?  
Oh, I found it  
On a table  
Behind me.

**Methaphon Asavatesanupap**

My iPad can't turn on  
To help find the place.  
I need to think now,  
I have to think the smartest.  
I can use a computer.  
But it is still charging.  
And I guess that is not smart.  
My iPhone is the best.

**Karnkawin Rutchatapisarn**

I wish I could have  
All the Nintendo games.  
But my Dad says  
That I have to survive  
In Thailand first.  
And I know  
I cannot do.

So, the best thing to do  
Is to buy by my own.

**Phonphan Ketsuwan**



## **A Friendly Letter**

30 March 2017

Dear Omar,

How are you doing? Long time no see.  
I hope you're okay!

So what school are you in? I'm in AI-TIS and a lot of tests are coming up! The good thing is that we had soccer games and the games were fun to watch. The Talent Show was some weeks ago and we had a lot of fun, too.

The worst thing in school is... drum roll - projects! I know some projects are fun but some are not like this one that we have to submit tomorrow. You might like classwork like me or you might not, but there is a reason to like classwork. I like classwork because we have FUN activities! I like them a lot. When my PE Teacher is absent, my class teacher takes over. I'm writing and talking too much again!

Home sweet home is amazing! It is amazing because when our maid is not coming in, I get to take over. It might be weird for you though. It happened when my mom told my sister to wash the dishes and she did not want to, like always! So I did it! You can say I took over. It was pretty simple you know so I got used to it.

Hopefully you enjoyed my story. Bye for now!

Your friend,  
Ayan G-3 Bright Owls

P.S. I am sorry for saying too much.  
It's just been awhile.



## A Friendly Letter

30 March 2017

Dear Harris,

Where are you now? I hope you're healthy and doing well in your studies in Singapore.

This is a video I really like – its name is “Story of Earth.” First, Earth was made by asteroids. Then, a planet called Phia crashed into the new-born Earth. Millions of meteorites crashed into Earth. They contained water and a gas that reacts with water and oxygen to create life. About 4.25 billion years later, the dinosaurs evolved. One of the first dinosaurs to walk on Earth was Lesothasaurus. Next, 150 million years later, the Sauropods (huge dinosaurs) evolved. 65 million years ago, in the late Cretaceous period, an asteroid, then later a meteorite 10 miles long hit straight off the coast of Mexico, which wiped out the dinosaurs from Earth. Some animals survived.

The next thing I wanted to tell you about is school. In school, my old friends were Zinam, Rafullah and you. I have a new friend here named Pooyawat. My bestfriends are Pornanan and Ilyas. We even had football matches against KPIS and DLC schools. A tournament was also played against SBS, DS and SG schools.

At home, I play games like SimCity and Dinosaur War, which are my favorites. I even watch comedy videos. I like to go out and fly my drone (quadcopter), play football and watch football videos.

I hope you excel in your studies and try to play in your school's football team like me!

Your friend,  
Alexander, G-3 Unique Unicorns

P.S. Don't forget to watch “Story of the Earth.”

## A Problem by G-1 Eagles

My pen is lost.  
And what shall I do?  
Give it a try.  
And try to find.  
I search everywhere.  
Now I see it  
Under the table.

**Prasanna Parajuli**

My water bottle has a hole.  
And what shall I do?  
I think I'll glue it.  
So it could be fixed.  
Give it a tug.  
Then it will break.  
So I'll just wait.  
And let the glue dry on it.

**Puntalinee Chaiyasang**

My book is lost.  
And what shall I do?  
Find it in bags.  
In shelves and baskets  
Find in my box.  
Or on teacher's desk too!  
Check at the stable.  
The horse has it.  
Now, a new book  
I need  
To the bookstore I go.  
**Punya Werarak**

My pencil is broken.  
And what shall I do?  
Give it a push.  
Give it a tug.  
Maybe it will stick.  
But the best thing to do.  
Is to get a new one too.  
**Chanyathada Buttarobon**

My pet is hurt.  
And what shall I do?  
I think  
I'll give it to Mom,  
Or ask my Dad for help.  
But I guess  
He's asleep.  
And so I'll take  
My pet to the hospital.  
Then my pet will be well.  
**Aditya Raghavendra Tantri**

### **Ronaldo 7**

Cristiano Ronaldo  
Is the best  
He plays like he passed all the tests  
He is awesome in attack  
He is super in a mac  
He is awesome  
He is super  
He rocks like a band!

**Melisa, G-2 Trail Blazers**

### **My New Phone**

Last summer I went to the mall  
It was at Bangkok and I asked my mom  
Can I have a phone?

She said yes

So...

My mum and I

At the mall

Saw one...

It was pink

With sparkles and hearts!

**Hamna, G-2 Trail Blazers**

### **Soccer**

After my lunch  
I talked with my friend  
We decided to a game of soccer  
And so we went  
We scored 2 goals  
And the others did not  
I love playing Soccer!

**Kaweewat, G-2 Trail Blazers**

### **My Tablet**

Last summer  
I went to the mall  
At Hong Kong.  
I ask my mom  
If I can get a tablet  
My mom said, "Yes."  
The tablet was black and red.  
When we came back to the hotel.  
I played games with it like hell.

**Kritchayarn, G-2 Trail Blazers**

### **Football**

At lunch time  
I played soccer.  
My friend kicked the ball at a bird.  
The bird dropped dead  
And the ball popped red!

**Napat, G-2 Trail Blazers**

### **The Shrunk Dog**

I got the great scientist award!

The boss said, "People who got the award can invent anything they want!"

Those who got the award were very excited and yelled, "Yay!" I was as excited as the others. I got into my lab and tried everything I could think of. Then I had an idea.

"How about I make a shrink ray gun?"

I started to plan for it. One month later I invented a shrink ray gun. Now all I needed was to test. It. But I didn't know what to test it on. Then I tried to shrink my dog Plumby. I aimed my gun on Plumby and jeezz! There went the ray. It made him shrink a little. I decided to wait and watch for a week.

A week later he became smaller than his food bowl! "It worked!" I was very happy, but he could not eat his food from his bowl. I decided to shrink the whole house!

Now my shrink gun is very famous and 100,000 people bought it! Check it out, I became a very famous man! I am very happy because Plumby became famous too as the first smallest dog in the world!

Aempee, G-2 Kestrels

### **Bob Shrunk His Bunny**

My friend Bob is working on a shrink ray. His pet is Wookie the bunny. After he finished the shrink ray he tested it on a soft pillow and the pillow exploded. But, Wookie shrank! Bob thought that it wasn't working so he unscrewed it. Bob used a broom to clean up the mess caused by the shrink ray.

Wookie got stuck to the broom and she tried to get out. But Bob swept up all the trash and Wookie and threw it in the trash can. But Wookie landed on the lawn. The ground was already flooded with water. She tried to jump onto the grass but there was water from the sprinkler, sprinkling water everywhere. She was almost going to drown. When it was over, she went back to the house but accidentally jumped into Bob's teacup. Before he could drink, she shouted to make him hear and stopped him.

He took a spoon and she hopped onto it. Then Bob fixed his machine again and turned her back to her normal size. She was so happy and she went to sleep on his lap.

Phyo Thiri Win, G-2 Kestrels

### **My Funny Story: Simple Mathematics**

One day, I asked my sister, "What is  $1 \times 2$ ?" She answered, '12'. It was wrong. Then I asked myself, "What is  $12 \times 12$ ?" I answered, "300". It was wrong too. I asked my mother, "What is  $12 \times 12$ ?" She answered, "100". It was wrong again. Then I asked my sister, "What is  $12 \times 12$ ?" She was so distracted and confused and she said, "12". It was wrong again. Then my big brother said, "The correct answer is.....144." That was correct!

Umar, G-1 Debra's Doves

### **Right or Wrong?**

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Eri. She was new to her school. On the third day of school, she became friends with a group of girls who were Konata, Haruna, Run, Maki, and Sena.

They became best friends but since there were too many different personalities in the group, they always used to have arguments about this and that. Sometimes Sena, Eri, and Maki used to argue about school projects and some other time Konata and Run used to argue about food. However, Haruna, one of the group member, never argued with anyone. Instead, she was the one who used to calm down everyone.

But one day Maki and Eri argued with each other on some issue so much that Maki asked Eri to leave the group. Eri tried to explain but Maki gathered everyone except Haruna and kicked Eri out.

A few months later, Maki fought with Sena and convinced her group to kick her out of the group as well. Haruna was observing this for a long time and wanted to stop this fight somehow.

Very soon Maki moved to another school and the group noticed that there were no more fights between friends. They even called Eri and Sena back to their group. That was the time when Haruna made everyone realize that they should listen to others but they should decide by themselves who is right who is wrong.

Mesawadee, G-6 Explorers

### **Better Try and Fail Than Never Try at All**

Once upon a time, there lived a very smart and kind girl named Rey who was very good in her studies, so good that all her classmates always wished to be in her work group. But she was always scared of playing guitar. She thought, she won't be able to do it as it looked very hard to her. Also she didn't want to hurt her fingers.

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### **The Big Day**

Something is coming  
It's a big day  
Get ready  
Come speeding  
All along the way  
We're having a great party  
For everyone here  
So come in and be happy  
Did my aunt get to hear?  
**Ranessa, G-2 Trail Blazers**

### **My Best Friend**

We are best friends  
We like to do projects  
We play together after school  
And sometimes football too.  
In bad weather  
We hide under the tree.  
We play with toy cars  
We have a car collection.  
He is the best  
Because he is funny.  
**Chanachai, G-2 Kestrels**

### **Are You My Friend?**

If you are my friend,  
I would not forget you.  
And I will send  
Letter to you.  
We will play together  
I would like you to be  
My friend forever.  
You would come and play with me  
You are the good friend I met.  
I think that maybe  
You are the best friend  
In the world, I've met!  
**Phakin, G-2 Kestrels**

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### **Monster in the Subway**

The monster in the plughole  
Came to town.

It took place in the subway  
With a -  
Clash,  
Clang,  
Bang!

Two trains came in a row,  
And screeched to a halt,  
The news reporter yelled his head off!  
And what about the monster?  
Through all this situation,  
It just said: "Yeah!"

**Kiragorn, G-2 Trail Blazers**

### **The Pool**

Mac and Jim  
When to the pool  
To have a pool party  
Mac fall down  
Into the pool  
And Jim drank all the water  
Mac fell sad  
And started crying  
And Jim came down to make him happy  
Mac stopped crying  
And held his head up.  
He asked, "You got a prank?"

**Rungrujee, G-2 Trail Blazers**

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**Phakin, G-2 Kestrels**

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Playing guitar was hard for her friends also but they were trying to learn it somehow which gave her a bit of courage.

She found an app on internet that could teach her guitar in a fun way. So she started trying. She failed in the beginning many times but she didn't give up. She kept on practicing every day. And a day came when she became so good that she could even compose songs on her own and sing along any song that she wanted to play. That's when she thought that when she grows up she would want to be a Rock star.

The time passed by and Rey became an adult. Since she still wanted to be a Rock star, she went for the test and she passed it. Soon she started publishing her songs and became very famous. While receiving her first award for the best composition of the year she said to herself, "I would not have received this award if I had not decided of trying and failing than never trying at all".

Rit, G-6 Explorers

### **How to Make Blueberry Cheesecake**

Have you heard about Blueberry Cheesecake? Does it sound delicious to you? Do you want to make it? Well you are lucky because I will explain how to make Blueberry Cheesecake!

To make blueberry cheesecake you will need Oreos, white sugar, butter, packages of cream cheese softened, sour cream, vanilla extract, all-purpose flour, eggs, frozen blueberries dry pack, and blueberry jelly.

First thing to do is put the Oreos in the plastic, crush them then combine them with 2 tablespoons of sugar and butter. Pat mixture into the bottom of a 9 inch spring form pan. Mash cream cheese until it is soft and creamy. Gradually beat in sour cream, 3/4 cup sugar, vanilla and flour. Beat in the eggs one at a time.

Next, pour mixture into crumb-lined pan. Bake in a preheated 325 degree F (165 degrees C) oven for 1 hour or until firm to the touch. Cool and then remove cake from pan by loosening edges with a knife. Place frozen blueberries on top of the cake. Melt jelly and spoon over blueberries to glaze. Chill until ready to serve. Ta-da! Now there you have it Blueberry Cheesecake!

Renaya, G-6 Explorers

### **AITIS Should Make a Science Lab**

Should AITIS make a science lab? Some say AITIS doesn't need a science lab, and learning and experimenting with science can be done in the classroom.

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Some say AITIS needs a science lab. Because doing experiments in the classroom might cause a mess to clean up, therefore a separate room for science is needed.

Some people don't agree. They say that AITIS doesn't need a science lab and one of the reason is that the school might need some rearrangements because it needs a room for the lab. Another reason is that building a science lab costs money.

Some people agree. They say that AITIS needs a science lab. They say that experiments that are quite dangerous for classroom can be done in the science lab. They also say that it's a good place for science projects for Science Day.

In my point of view AITIS needs a science lab, because doing experiments sometimes makes the classroom dirty. The science lab will also be a safe place for experiments and also the mess caused by the experiments will be kept in the science lab to be cleaned at later time. The science lab is also a good place to learn science.

In conclusion, AITIS needs a science lab and will be a good addition to the school. Some materials for experiments, like test tubes, should be stored in the lab. Safety equipment like goggles and gloves should also be stored there.

Fauzan, G-6 Explorers

### **Khao Kheow Open Zoo for Field Trip**

Should we go to Khao Kheow Open Zoo for field trip or not? Some parents say that the cost of the trip is too expensive. Others say that children should not always stay indoors to learn about animals. They should also go to these places occasionally. After looking at both sides of the matter, I think that we should go to Khao Kheow Open Zoo.

Parents who disagree, say that the field trip is not guaranteed safe and the children can come back with injuries or have transport problems. They get less time for their school studies and the children's grades in tests can be affected. Cost of trip is too expensive. Children can catch diseases or sicknesses from other students and animals.

Parents who agree, say that children, nowadays, are using electronics too much. So, going for these kind of field trips is an opportunity to have fun outside while learning about animals instead of being stuck in a class the whole day.

Students learn better when they have actual experience of something. The more they get closer to nature, the more they understand and enjoy it rather than studying about it from books or internet.

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### **The Three People I Mostly Love!**

I love my dear teacher,  
I love my mom and dad.  
They help me learn faster,  
And teach me good and bad.

Mr. Elvis is my teacher's name,  
He is super funny.  
Joking is my teacher's game,  
He hops like a bunny!

My mom and dad both love me,  
I always live happily.  
They will always care for me,  
We are a happy family!

**Ranessa, G-2 Trail Blazers**

### **Cristiano Ronaldo**

Cristiano Ronaldo is the  
Best

He past all the rest  
He has some awesome tricks  
He did many hat-tricks  
He rocks like a superstar  
Ronaldo is the best  
Soccer player

**Pannawit, G-2 Trail Blazers**

### **Lightning**

The lightning struck my friend yesterday  
His body turned into a skeleton  
He came to school and frightened us  
He dug up lots of fossils  
And made them come alive!

**Pal, G-2 Trail Blazers**

### **The Broken Plates**

Yesterday was March 28  
My mum said aloud  
"Get ready, fast children,"  
I said quaintly  
"Ok mum, ok."

I went to get the two plates  
I washed them with liquid  
When I was washing  
It fell down with a  
Crash!  
Bang!  
Crash!

I was so sad  
We all felt bad

**Lesandu, G-2 Trail Blazers**

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Also they can develop their interests for these things in their later life. Sometimes the school brings children to the same place again and again, which becomes boring.

For all these reasons, I believe that we should go to Khao Kheow Open Zoo for field trip. If parents don't let children go to field trip because the price is too high, we can use some of the money we get from fund-raising. Yes, safety issues are there but teaching children to be brave when it comes to facing problems is also good because this way they can learn to be good problem solvers.

Pyae Phyo, G-6 Explorers

### **The Sound Wave Model-Experiment**

We learned that sound is a vibration, or wave, that travels through matter (solid, liquid, or gas) and can be heard.

How does sound move or propagate?

We answered this questions by making a model of a sound wave machine. The group gathered all the materials such as bunch of drinking straws, and sticky tapes to make the wave models. We cut about three meters of sticky tape and keep it on the floor with the sticky side up. Then we marked the mid points of straws and place them on the middle of the sticky tape, uniformly. Every straw is two centimeters from the previous straw. Then we left five centimeters tape for the handle.

We remove the straw from the floor and lifted the straw waves and the other members of the group hold the other end and gave a tap from one end.

In our observation we saw a reflected wave coming from the other. If you hold the straw loosely then the speed of the wave became slower. If you hold tightly, the waves travel much faster. We also twisted on both the ends and slowly saw the troughs and crests emerging, low points, high points, and the wavelength. In a certain length, the numbers of waves depict the frequency.

Our conclusion is that through our created Sound Machine project we easily understand a great deal about waves. If we give a tap on one end, a reflected waves comes back, it's a transmission of energy not matter.

Shruti, Robin, Kimberly, Ritesh and Timothy  
G-4 Edelweiss

### **Worst dream**

Last Night I had the worst dream of my life. I dreamt that I got locked in the library. This I how it happened. I was in the library reading a book called "the Best Book of my Life". It was night

and I kept reading. I didn't know that someone had licked me and went home. When I finished reading the book, I realized that I was locked up inside the library. I tried to break the door from my shoulder but it didn't work. 'My parents will be worrying for me', I thought. Then I thought that I might have to wait till morning but I suddenly remembered that no one was going to come the next day even.

I was stuck on the 48<sup>th</sup> floor of the building. I couldn't even jump through the window to get out from there. My parent didn't know that I was stuck inside the building either. My dad somehow figured out that I should be in the library. He knew that I always loved reading books. So he came to the library along with the manager. There were lots of floor and I wondered how he would get to know that I was stuck on the 48<sup>th</sup> floor. But the books in the library were arranged in an order starting from small to bigger books. He knew that I loved reading really fat books. So he came up to the last floor and got the door opened. I had fallen asleep. He woke me up and I said, "Dad!!". We both hugged each other and he told me to go home because my mom was waiting for me. When I reached home, I ran to my mom and hugged her really tight.

Krish Ganeriwal, Grade 4 Fantastic

### **A Problem by G-1 Eagles**

I lost all my toys,  
And what shall I do?  
Go to the bathroom,  
And find a shampoo.  
Go to my Dad's room,  
And find his old tools.  
Go to my Grand mom's house,  
And find her fake tooth.  
I think  
I'll just buy  
New toys for me.

### **Kavya Shree Guragain**

My computer is broken.  
What shall I do?  
I tried and I tried.  
And I put off and on.  
It is in the locked box!  
I pull and I pull.  
Then I see my keys.  
Open the box.  
Plug and fix it.  
**Sammam Riyasat**



### **The Mighty Maasai**

The Mighty Maasai wear red,  
and they sleep in a bed.  
The Maasai drink blood,  
and they dye their clothes with mud.  
The Maasai eat meat  
and knock off their front teeth to hear a cow fleet.  
The Maasai drink milk  
and their clothes are made of silk.

The boys from 14 to 30 live in isolation.  
They follow the stars to see a constellation.  
Men die and their hair is red,  
but it doesn't mean it symbolizes the dead.  
It stands for their power  
to show they are not coward.  
They're strong, brave, and intelligent,  
so let me say hey!

Blood is red, bruises are blue.  
Don't worry because  
the Maasai are always here for you.  
They party and dance all night  
then they fight and strive in daylight.  
**Mai Thao and Natesara, G-5 Voyagers**

### **The Red Men**

The Eastern Africans are not ordinary Americans.  
Not even the Mexicans or any other Asians.  
The Maasai are so strong they can lift a big castle.  
The Maasai just say,  
"Go on body cells just work and wobble!"

Women take the risks and also do good work.  
Women arrange marriages into young carriages.  
While children memorize their warrior lessons,  
Woman are with the crops drinking water drops.

The Maasai people are carnivores.  
They should eat a lot to be great warriors.  
Then they would wear red clothing  
to show bravery.  
And even put powder on their heads  
to display gallantry.

**Pinky & Tiger, G-5Voyagers**

### **Warriors in Red**

The Maasai come like a bloody rhino  
They learn to fight as early as 14 years old.

The women work a lot for their families  
But they don't get tired easily.

For them, red stands for power and bravery

They have a house, they don't live in a cave.

They use cow's dung to construct their house  
Maybe inside their house, there is a big mouse

Kikoi is a cloth which is for a boy  
That kikoi you see is not a toy

Their families are actually full of joy  
Because of food, not of a toy

**Napasrapee and Takeru, G-5 Voyagers**

### **The Maasai**

The Maasai are brave and intelligent  
And they are very elegant  
The women are best in everything  
Cause they never rest while working

Every time, they eat before drinking milk  
Which is pure & smooth as silk  
The house are made of cow-dung  
They live there from adult to young

The boys are divided into three categories:  
Boys, warriors, & elders without worries  
And because women are carpenters and menders.  
They are very fast and never come last

They love to wear red  
to show their power is not yet dead  
May be they are still alive up to now  
But I don't know any more about their lives now.  
**Anusha and Teerapat, G-5, Voyagers**

### **Brave Eastern Africans**

Maasai people are Eastern Africans.  
They wear red to show they are real men.  
Their clothes mean power  
and blood means their strength.  
Brave as a bear, strong as a tiger.

They're religious and courageous,  
and they live in their tribe.  
They're intelligent, fearsome, as they strive.  
They live in big tribes, boys are on the other side.  
They will become warriors  
who will fight for their lives.

The women are weak but are carpenters.  
They work a lot and feel like fighters.  
They eat some meat first,  
then they drink their milk.  
Their clothes are red and some are made of silk.  
**Vince and Farrah, G-5 Voyagers**

## Why Go to Cartoon Network Amazone

If I could go anywhere, I would go to Cartoon Network Amazone.

Cartoon Network Amazone, is a water park, which is themed about Cartoon Network shows and characters.

Why should I go there? I would go there so that I can have fun while I am still a child. Yes it has many disadvantages like:

It is very expensive like about 1,000-2,000 per person.

It has a lot of people so it is hard to go around.

Some rides are scary and I would probably not ride them.

I might get a sunburn.

Also it is very far from where I live.

But it also has advantages like:

The water slides are fun and long.

There are some rides that include the water floaty and will be my first time to ride.

My family can have a nice family bonding.

If I go there, I would finally have a vacation and time to rest and be myself.

Since I love swimming and going to water slides, and I love going on car trips with my family, I would certainly go to every ride with my sisters, and I would try to make new friends.

Harvey, G-6 Explorers

## You Reap What You Sow

One ordinary day an old man who was very rich drove his luxurious Rolls Royce to a car event to meet his friends. A young man who was walking around, looking at beautiful cars from small super cars to big off road 6 wheeled trucks got so jealous that he wanted to steal one of them.

He thought that breaking one rule in his life won't hurt anyone. He saw the old rich man get out of his luxurious car so he targeted the fancy Rolls Royce because it was a nice car and since it belonged to an old man he thought it would be easy to steal it from him.

He was correct it was easy to steal it from the old man. He felt a bit bad in the beginning but later he was normal. However, what the young man did not know was that he was going to get something in return.

Several years passed by and the young boy became the CEO of a car modification company called "Modmyride". As soon as he became the

CEO he decided to treat himself by buying a new car. He went to the Ferrari dealership and decided to buy a Ferrari. He paid and the car was officially his. He was happy that he crossed something off his bucket list. He went to Starbucks to celebrate. But since he was new to the car he didn't know how to lock the car so he left it like that because he thought no one would steal it.

But a creepy person who was watching him all along and knew that he didn't lock it, decided to steal it. When the CEO came back with his frappe he saw his car was gone. Unlucky for him but he had lost his new Ferrari.

Siddharth, G-6 Explorers

## Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

Once upon a time, there was a wolf who was lonely. The wolf wanted to talk to sheep in his area, but the only way to do so was to lie to them.

The next day the wolf went and bought a sheep clothing to hide himself so they won't notice that the wolf is hiding underneath the sheep's clothing.

After wearing the clothes, he walked out and acted like the other sheep that were grazing down the fields, suddenly one of the sheep walked over to the wolf and talked to him. The wolf was so happy that they treated him like a normal sheep.

But one day when the wolf was trying to put sheep's clothing, one of the sheep that was walking by, saw him putting it on and screamed. All the sheep ran over and saw the wolf. The wolf tried to explain himself, but none of them listened. Instead they walked and left him all alone to never talk to him ever again.

Moral: Don't lie to others about yourself. Don't be the wolf that lied to others about his true identity.

Tosita, G-6 Explorers



Science Activity by Grade 3

## The Escape

William was a middle schooler who loved to try new things every day. He was a naughty teenager though. He never listened to his parents like when his parents said that he shouldn't trust strangers, he ignored them.

"Ding! Dong!" The school bell rang in the afternoon. William packed all his belongings, said

On his way, he saw a stranger smiling at him. The stranger asked, "Hello, what's your name?"

"My name is William," he replied. "But why are you asking?" William questioned.

"Well, I'm going to a restaurant. Since I'm alone, I want to ask you to come with me because I have no company. Would you mind to go with me to eat in the restaurant?" The stranger replied nicely.

"I guess I don't mind coming with you," William replied, thinking that his parents were not at home, so they won't check him. Also, he was feeling very hungry.

"Great! Follow me, I know a restaurant where they sell delicious meals. It's around six hundred meters from here." The stranger replied, filled with excitement.

On the way, the stranger offered him water, because William was sweating. William accepted. After he drank water he suddenly felt very dizzy and after a few seconds, William was fainted.

When William gained consciousness, he was in a room and was tied with a rope. "Where am I? I've got to get out of here before something else happens!" said William, worried. He tried breaking the rope to escape. He tried many times, but always failed. Luckily, he saw scissors close to him, but his hands were tied with a rope. He tried to get the scissors with his feet, and succeeded. Then, he cut the rope. He checked the door but it was locked. William searched for the key, but no luck.

He searched more and he found a button. "I hope this button will do something to the door...", said William, then pressed the button. A screen appeared with number buttons beside it. William thought it requires a password, so he tried various number patterns on it.

Fortunately, William guessed the password correctly. "The door opened. "I've got to find an exit immediately before that stranger comes!" William said quietly, then started searching an exit." While searching for the exit, William heard the stranger and another person talking to each other. The voices came from the upper floor. William thought that the exit might be there, so he

quietly went upstairs.

After going upstairs, the voice got louder than before, and it was coming from a room that had the door closed. He listened to the voices, and the voices said that they would use William steal money from other people. "How am I going to escape?" thought William.

After a while, William decided to walk slowly and not to make any noise. Since the room was on the right side of him, he walked on the left side of the room.

After walking past the room, William ran immediately to search for a police station. He found one, and asked for the police to help.

"Help! I've been kidnapped by a stranger and I need to go home fast!" said William.

The police then asked,

"Alright, who kidnapped you?"

At that moment, the strangers came searching for him and were hiding behind a bush. He saw them, and said,

"They're the ones who kidnapped me!"

The police then called other police to help catch those strangers. William was told to go home with the police.

When William reached home, his parents were crying, because William didn't arrive at home in the afternoon. After that experience, William learned that he should not trust strangers ever again.

Fauzan, G-6 Explorers

## The Strong Maasai

The brave fearsome.

They come from lower east.

They do not eat maple.

Before they fight at least.

They are divided into groups.

The elder could eat soup.

The warrior fight and bite.

The kids play colored kite.

The women have less power.

They don't build house with powder.

They make the shelter by dung.

And they eat animal's lung.

They eat meat and drink a lot of milk.

Their clothes are silky and I think it's deadly

Because as their favorite color is red,

So watch out for your head.

**Van Anh and Nattapol G-5 Voyagers**

## Should Kids Get Less Homework?

Should kids get less homework? Most kids complain that they have a pile of homework to finish and they stay up late at night. Other people think that it helps them work better in school and minimizes the chance of cheating. However, I think that kids should get an average amount of homework. Not too much or too less.

People who disagree with the idea of children getting less homework say that:

It teaches them responsibility.

It helps children review what they learned in class.

And it makes students learn how to manage homework so that they can handle a lot of homework in higher grades.

People who agree with the idea of kids getting no homework say that:

Kids are also tired when they get back home from school.

They feel stressed.

Their sleep is affected.

And their school work is affected negatively.

With all these reasons, I think kids should be getting less homework, but they still need to do it on a regular basis, maybe 1-2 hours of daily homework is okay, because homework is still important for kids since it has benefits.

Thunyamas, G-6 Explorers

## Should You Adopt A Pet

Should you adopt a pet? Is this a question you're asking yourself? Do you think you need emotional support but don't like to take care of your pet's needs? You know, cats and dogs can be your best friends, but taking care of them can be tough. This might be a reason you still haven't got yourself a pet, but there are more reasons that prove you should get yourself one.

Some people say that you should adopt a pet while the others say you shouldn't dare do that. Those who agree that you should adopt a pet say that:

Pets can really make you happy when you feel down, so adopting a pet is a good choice.

Some types of pets can help protect your house, usually large dog species.

By adopting a pet you will be sure to feel an increase in love and joy.

If you adopt a stray animal that needs your care you will feel satisfied that you saved a life however adopting animals from animal shelters is the best option if you really want a pet.

But some people disagree, because they say

that adopting pets has its drawbacks too. They say that:

You need to take care of the animal, which can be hard.

The cost of taking care of a pet can be really high.

You would need to have an increase in responsibility.

Maybe you are allergic to the animal.

A pet can be very naughty, and can even destroy house decorations.

After looking at both sides of the matter, I think that getting a pet will benefit you as well as the pet.

It will benefit you emotionally, because you will finally get a friend that will stay there when you need it. And it will also benefit the pet because it got itself an owner that will care for it for the rest of its life.

You both will be happy, supporting each other, and relieving each other's grieves.

Even though you need to feed it every day, taking care of its needs, I promise you, will be worth it because coming back home and spending time with your pet after a long, hard day at work, or at school, will relieve you from all the tensions of the day.

Natacha, G-6 Explorers

## The Life of Maasai

Eastern African, home of Massai  
Boys as warriors, they do not cry  
Massai boys are divided into three  
Warriors are experienced for the boys to be

Power of men, the color is red  
Sign of blood is a sign of death  
Arranged marriages are not for fun  
Women construct a house made of cow's dung

Maasai women have less power,  
But they are busy as a carpenter  
Whistle for young boys is just to blow  
'Cause young boys took out their teeth below

Kanga for girls, not for boys  
But most boys wear kikoi  
Eat meat then milk will make them strong  
Their life after is not so long.  
**Wiphanee and Tul G-5 Voyagers**

## How to Make Hashed Potatoes

Have you ever been hungry and wanted to make something easy and cheap in just minutes? Make it anytime you want to!

The things you will need are potatoes, oil, frying pan, cheese (optional), and a potato slicer. You will also need a lot of patience to wait for the potatoes to stick. Then you will have your Hashed Potatoes just like pizza made out of cheese French fries.

First of all you have to get all the things you need to make Hashed Potatoes. Then wash the potatoes. Peel them and cut them with a potato slicer. Do not wash the potatoes after cutting them or else you will waste the starch that the potato gives. You will need the starch because the starch makes all the potato slices stick like a pizza.

After getting ready with the potatoes, warm the frying pan and put oil. When it is hot, place all the potato slices in the pan and make it like a pizza. After putting the potatoes, when they are half cooked, mash them softly so that they are still sticking together, flip them, and put cheese slices on top of the mashed potatoes. Wait for the potatoes to be fully fried.

When they are fully fried, check if all the slices are sticking together, if not, then put more cheese in the gaps. Then put the Mashed potato on the plate and get ready to eat something that is really awesome.

When you slice it the cheese is supposed to stretch and it is going to be like eating French fries with real cheesy cheese dips.

Rit, G-6 Explorers

## How to make Warm Homemade Honey Lemon

Have you ever tasted Honey Lemon???

I bet you have!!!

How about homemade, and warm, stuff???

I also bet you have... But have you ever tasted warm, homemade honey lemon???

Most likely not.... and here in this article I will tell you how to make this sweet treat.

Well it is a delightful drink.

“Why???”

Because it is warm, and sweet... as a "sweet" person. It is a delight to my throat down to my tummy.... The best time to drink it is at night, before you sleep, because it is warm...

The ingredients you need are Honey, Lemons, Water, Cup/Mug, and a tablespoon. Not many things, mainly you need Honey and Lemon, the rest you can just find in your kitchen... This is as

easy at that...

First, boil a cup of water or microwave it. It is your choice, how hot you want to make it, usually I warm for 3 minutes in the microwave. In those 3 minutes, you can do many things, so use that time... Cut your lemon, we only need 1/4, so you can make more Honey Lemon cups with the rest, or if your drink is too sweet then you can squeeze more lemon into it.

Once the water is done, pour it into your cup/mug, squeeze the lemon. Then get your honey and your tablespoon. Pour the honey to your tablespoon and into the cup. We need 3 tablespoons of honey in your cup. It doesn't have to be exactly 3 table spoons, but try your best to get it right.

Stir it nicely, and there you have your warm homemade honey lemon.

Have a nice time drinking!...

Karah, G-6 Explorers

## How To Do Side Kick In Taekwondo

Taekwondo is a Korean martial art, which is based on the native Korean martial arts of taekkyeon, subak and gombeop but also has significant elements of other martial arts such as Japanese karate and to lesser extent Chinese King fu. Follow the direction below to learn how to play taekwondo.

The sidekick is one of the most powerful strikes in martial arts. It is also relatively safe from counterattack because you are turned sideways.

So first, stand sideways to the target and lift the knee of your front leg. Your ankle should be flexed and the blade of your foot should be ready to strike. The blade of your foot is the outside edge, which you will use to strike your target. When you lift your knee you should be pointing your heel at the target.

Next, drive your knee out towards your target and extend full, straighten your leg and bring your foot to the body height of the opponent. You should try to get as much of your sole facing the ground as possible, so think of your big toe lifting you and your little toes pointing down.

Then bend your knee again and place it on the ground, bend the knee back to its original position before bringing your leg down to the ground.

Mesawadee, G-6 Explorers

## Smoking Should be Banned in Public Areas

Should smoking be banned in public areas? Some people say that it is dangerous while others say that they are addicted to smoking which is why they start smoking here and there. But for me I strongly believe that smoking should be banned in public areas and especially where there are kids!

People who don't smoke say that smoking should be banned in outdoor public areas because it creates pollution. Also inhaling the smoke can cause breathing problems and cancer.

While the other group says that smoking should not be banned! They say that the smokers have the right to smoke anywhere. They also say that if people are scared of getting sick they should avoid going to public places. They also say that smoking tobacco is better than using other drugs

I disagree with the people who say that smoking should not be banned. For me I would strongly prefer to ban smoking because smoking is polluting the air around us. And it is also dangerous for our health.

For these reasons, smoking should be banned from outdoor public venues. If they want to smoke the government should provide them with specific areas where they can smoke.

Anisha, G-6 Explorers

## Usage of Internet Should be Limited

Should internet usage be limited? Should kids have the permission to use Internet as long as they want to? Well, if I consider my classmates' opinions, 15 out of 17 kids say that we must have an unlimited internet access. They also say that internet is always necessary for most of the things. But at least one of my classmates agrees with me and says that yes, maybe our usage of the internet should be limited. Well, I am not telling that we must not use internet, but we should not limit ourselves only for sitting down and using it.

Some people think that internet is their life, and without using it for even a few minutes they won't survive. Yes, internet is very useful, and below are some advantages of using internet.

Global communication - No cost, fast and easy  
Easy to find information

Entertainment - Music/Movies

Online shopping and ticketing - Transportation cost becomes less

Remote working

Well, not only advantages, there are also some disadvantages of using internet all the time.

We don't spend our time with our family members and friends, but instead, in a world of internet.

Children get addicted to it and don't focus on studies.

Many people watch movies or listen to music instead of doing any outdoor sports, which will straightly lead them to obesity.

Lots of money gets wasted on capital cost and recurring cost.

Security threat - Privacy gets revealed, you might get blackmailed and cyber bullied, and other people can create viruses that harm your valuable files/documents.

Eyesight gets bad as we use computers too much.

People lose their interest about literature because of internet.

Children get abused by bad advertisements and etc.

So, after considering all those reasons, I strictly say that the usage of internet should be limited. In fact, I think that internet is just like drugs. Once you get the habit of using it, it is very hard to get you to stop using it. So, as our parents always say, internet addiction is more like an incurable disease. So better be careful everyone! Try your best not to get this disease! Well, I am a person with a lot of experiences about internet addiction. When I start watching something, I cannot stop myself at all! I keep on thinking like just one more, maybe only this one, and so on. So because of that, I won't stop watching until it is bed time, which leaves me no time for my homework. But these days, I try my best to play outside, and interact with my friends. Not only that, I also read books in my free time. Trust me, playing and reading are much better than using boring internet! You will be having fun in no time! Once again, I am not telling you to stop using the internet, but please, consider spending your valuable time on other sorts of things as well. Try making yourself a schedule of using internet and doing other things. If you follow my instructions, I am sure you will understand what I mean.

Thanumi, G-6 Explorers



Wave Model Machine by Grade 4

## How to Paint a Galaxy

Do you like to see the stars in the night sky? If so then this article is just for you! Here you are going to be reading how to paint a galaxy! Just by mixing watercolors together, you can make a beautiful artwork! It can also be very useful when you have an art project to submit. □

Have you ever seen other artworks relating to the topic galaxy? If so, then you might have noticed that this artwork requires a lot of color blending which is what makes a galaxy artwork look unique. Do not worry; you would not also have to spend so much money.

First, prepare all the materials needed. Buy a set of watercolors; make sure that dark blue, light blue, pink, purple, and black paints are there. Buy a canvas or just regular thick paper. Prepare both of your brushes and fill a container with water.

Next, start painting light blue in different areas of the canvas/thick paper, be sure to add plenty of water, but also be careful not to overdo it or the paper might tear apart. After applying the light blue paint start applying the light purple paint, make the two-colors mix a bit, so it looks cool. Then, add a light pink paint and mix it with the purple. After purple, add dark blue and make sure to fill the entire place. After filling the page let it dry before moving to the next.

Then get ready to use a little bit of black paint. F.Y.I. Every coating will have to be painted darker than the previous one. Before applying the black paint, add a little water to the area you want to paint. After that, start mixing black and dark blue together....remember, not too much black. Add the mixture to the canvas/thick paper on the area you added dark blue on your first coating. Next, add purple and mix it with the blue... only a little bit. Then start adding pink and light blue, remember to fill the page and let it dry again.

Continue applying paint with a darker shade by mixing black or dark blue after it has dried up. Make sure that on your final coating the canvas/thick paper already looks like a galaxy...but without the stars.

After your final coating is complete, get your small brush, dip it in the white paint, and with your finger flick the brush backwards so it splatters on the galaxy like stars □! Also, do not overdo the star creating or your galaxy you just finished creating would not look like a galaxy anymore.

Finally, let it dry and be patient. After 20-30 minutes, your painting would be complete. Now you know how to paint a galaxy! Your very own art project! Ella, G-6 Explorers

## How to Play Dodgeball

Do you know dodgeball? The game is typically played among ages 6 to 12. However, nowadays it's also becoming popular in high school. It is simple to play with the objective to eliminate other people out by throwing a ball at them while staying alive. You can play it anywhere or you can use a court that is easy to make.

All you need to play it is just four cones for the court, a dodgeball/s, and a duct tape (optional) to mark sides. Either you can choose to play outdoors or indoors in which case you do not need to make the court. You can also choose to use one ball or more.

In order to make the court, you would need to first plan the size of the court you would prefer. Then you put one cone in each corner to form a rectangle. And there you go! You got your court and you are ready to start playing!

The game is usually divided into two teams with each team being on one end of the court. First put duct tape from one end of the court in the middle to the other end. Put the ball/s aligned with the "duct tape line". Once the game starts, both of the teams rush to get the ball/s in the middle. The team with the ball can start throwing. To eliminate other players, you throw the ball at them. If it hits them "full" they are out. But if the opposing team catches the ball when thrown, the thrower is out. But if the ball stays still on the ground, the team with the ball on their side can pick it up without anyone being out. The game repeats until one team is fully eliminated.

My school's PE teacher has his own unique way of playing dodgeball. The court and the number of teams would be same but one team would stay outside the court and the other team would stay inside. The team outside will try to eliminate the players inside while the ones inside tries to survive. The match ends when the team inside is eliminated or the team inside stays alive for five minutes. When one match ends, each team switches roles so it would be fair.

So now after reading this, I hope you understand how to play dodgeball!



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