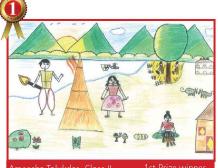


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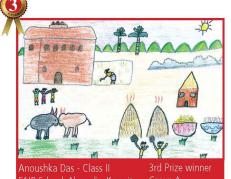


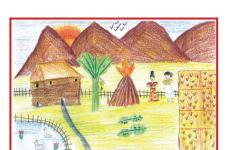






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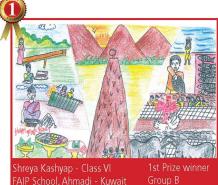


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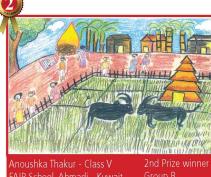


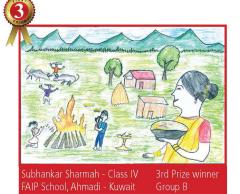
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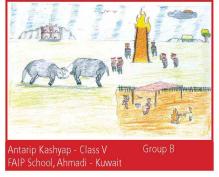


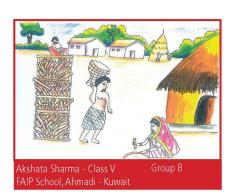








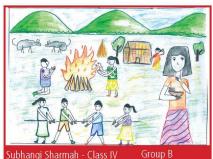










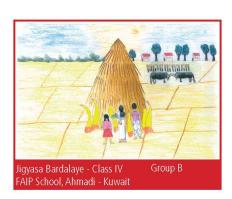


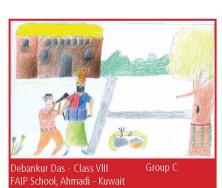


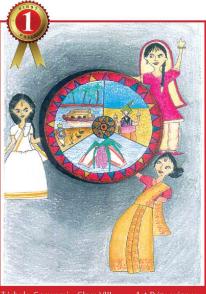






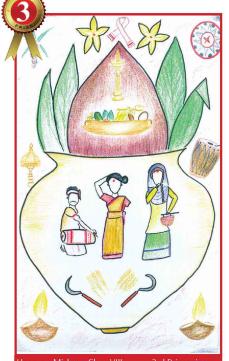


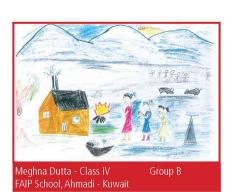


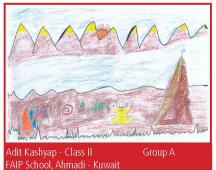


















Friends

Class VIII, FAIPS

Friends are like jewels, Together we make a treasure. When they are around, They give us such a pleasure.

They are always there for us. They laugh at our jokes even if they are lame. We end up doing similar things, And our thoughts are also quite the same.

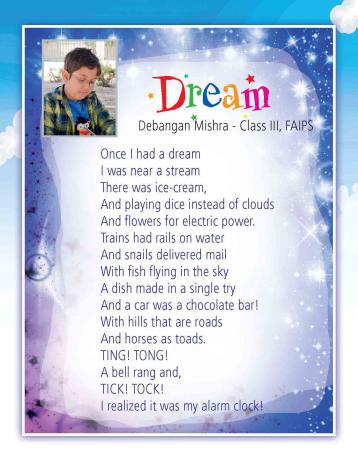
If we are in trouble, They would never leave us alone. And we don't need any reason, To spend hours on the phone.

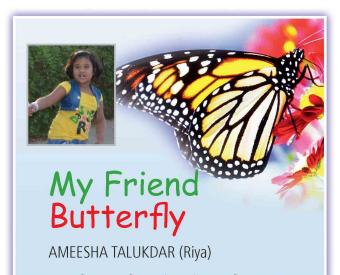
They always keep secrets, Whether they are good or bad. And they always comfort us, When we are really sad.

They never talk behind our backs. And they never dare to plot. And when you are upset with them, No matter what they will love you a lot.

My friend and I do crazy things, When we are together. And when she's not with me, I just want to be with her.

Even if we criticize each other, We still remain friends. And such a straight rod of friendship, I am sure, it never bends.





Butterfly, Butterfly teach me how to fly, I want to fly in the blue sky. You are so beautiful, With the tiny wings Bright and colorful. In the gardens over the flowers You can fly even in the showers, Don't be scared of me Butterfly, I am so fond of you Be my best friend I love you.





My Parents, My Inspirations.... Anoushka Das, Class II, FAIPS

My Parents are my treasure, Being with them is my pleasure. They take me to places, Which are of my choices. You have taught me much of growing up About life, and wondrous things, That's why I think I will become A nice human being. You are special in such a way, Encouraging me more & more every day.



When I was ill

Anushka Thakur (Class V)

On being ill I was given a pill, Which was bitter, I had it without a whimper!! I took full bed rest, And was missing class test! Sitting on my bed, I missed my friends, They brought me flowers, With all the colours! Pink and blue, white and red, God!! get me out of bed.

My Friend Jack

Jigyasa Bardalaye

My favorite pet dog's name was Jack. He was a Naga mountain dog. Even though he was a Naga dog, he was born in Asom. So he used to understand whatever we spoke and told him. His birthday was on 4th September and he lived with my Grandparents in Golaghat. He was golden in colour with dark brown eyes. He was so cute and chubby. I used to love him like anything!

He was very playful but very naughty too. Whenever both of us used to play fetch, instead of bringing the stick to me, he used to chew it and make the whole house dirty. Whenever I used to ride my tricycle, he would come and tickle me to say "Come on! Why are you riding that boring tricycle? Let's play chasing the hens". That was our favorite game! The hens were in the verandah and we used to chase them and scare them away! Every morning he used to wake me up. I always fed him biscuits. Whenever I go home from Kuwait, he would jump on me and lick my whole body. The day we return to Kuwait, he would be very sad and would not eat anything. He loved me a lot and so did I.

Then one day when we called up Grandma and Grandpa from Kuwait, we came to know that he was very sick. I felt very bad. Grandma told me that one day he killed a snake. During the fight the snake might have bitten him and the venom went inside his body. That may be the reason why he became so sick. The same day he died. I cried a lot in my bed. I will miss him a lot. To save my family from the snake he risked his life. He was a very brave dog and no other dog can replace Jack. I loved him, love him and will continue to love him till the rest of my life.





SCat My Birth Place

uscat is the capital city of the Sultanate of Oman. Muscat is also my birthplace. I was born in a lovely area called Shatti Al-Qurum in a hospital named Al-Shatti. Muscat is extremely beautiful and so full of fun! The local people of Muscat are very nice and friendly.

There are many places you can drive down to from Muscat. We have driven to many places like- Nizwa, Salalah, Al-Nahada, Sohar, Dubai and Abu Dhabi from Muscat. There are beautiful forts and many other lovely things in Nizwa. There is also a place called Jabel Al-Akhdar which in Arabic means the green mountains. I heard that sometimes it snows there during winter, but unfortunately I could

never witness it. The scenic beauty of the PDO campus where we lived was mind-blowing. We lived near the tall mountains and the beautiful blue sea with white beaches where we had a lot of fun with our family and friends.



There are two Hindu temples in Musca which we visited regularly. The Shiva temple is situated in the middle of old Muscat, a fishing village, and is over 150 years old. The Durga Puja in Muscat is celebrated every year with lot of fun and joy. There are lots of visitors to the temple during this wonderful festival. The Krishna temple is located near Ruwi.

There are very good Indian schools in Muscat. I studied in the Indian School, Al Ghubra which has almost four thousand students. I left behind a lot of good friends and lovely teachers whom I miss every day.

The climate in Muscat is quite warm in the summer and very pleasant during the winter. Muscat is one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen with beautiful roads and

never-ending deserts. It is like a small village with great buildings, shopping malls and clean roads and still retaining its own culture and heritage. So, on your next holiday make sure to visit the breath taking and friendly Muscat!



Android and iOS, what is it?

Ankit Dutta, Class: VIII-F

have written this to make everyone to know a bit more about something that has become part of our daily lives. Android is a Linux-based operating system designed for smartphones and tablets. Android was announced in 2007.

Android has become the world's most widely used smartphone platform and the software of choice for technology companies who require a low-cost, customizable, lightweight operating system for high tech devices without developing one from scratch.

Android, Inc. was developed in Palo Alto, California in October 2003 by Andy Rubin, Rich Mine, Nick Sears, and Chris White.

Google bought Android Inc. on August 17, 2005, making it a subsidiary of Google.

Each major software release is named in alphabetical order after a dessert or sugary treat; the version 1.5 Cupcake was followed by 1.6 Donut. The latest release is 4.2 Jelly Bean. In 2010, Google launched its Nexus series (a line of smartphones and tablets running the Android operating system, and built by a manufacturer partner). HTC collaborated with Google to release the first Nexus smartphone, the Nexus One. The series has been updated with newer devices, such as the Nexus 4 phone and Nexus 10 tablet, made by LG and Samsung, respectively. Google releases the Nexus phones and tablets to act as their Android devices, demonstrating Android's latest software and hardware features.

iOS (previously iPhone OS) is a mobile operating system developed and distributed by Apple Inc. Originally it was released in 2007 for the iPhone and iPod Touch, it was later extended to support other Apple devices such as the iPad and Apple TV. As of September 12, 2012, Apple's App Store contained more than 700,000 iOS applications, which have been downloaded more than 30 billion times. It had a 14.9% share of the smartphone mobile operating system units shipped in the third quarter of 2012, behind Google's Android. At the half of 2012, there were 410 million devices activated. According to the special media event held by Apple on September 12, 2012, 400 million devices have been sold through June 2012.

The user interface of iOS is based on the concept of direct manipulation, using multi-touch gestures. Interface control elements consist of sliders and buttons. Interaction with the OS includes gestures such as swipe, tap, pinch, and reverse pinch, all of which have specific functions and it is a multitouch interface. iOS currently runs on iPhone, Apple TV, iPod Touch, and iPad.







THE BOLT BUS INCIDENT IN THE US TRIP

Shrreya Nath, class III, FAIPS

ast year in the month of December we visited the USA for 10 days. We really had fun and amusement watching the skyscrapers, the statue of liberty, roads and houses covered with snow, Madame Tussauds wax museum, Times Square etc.

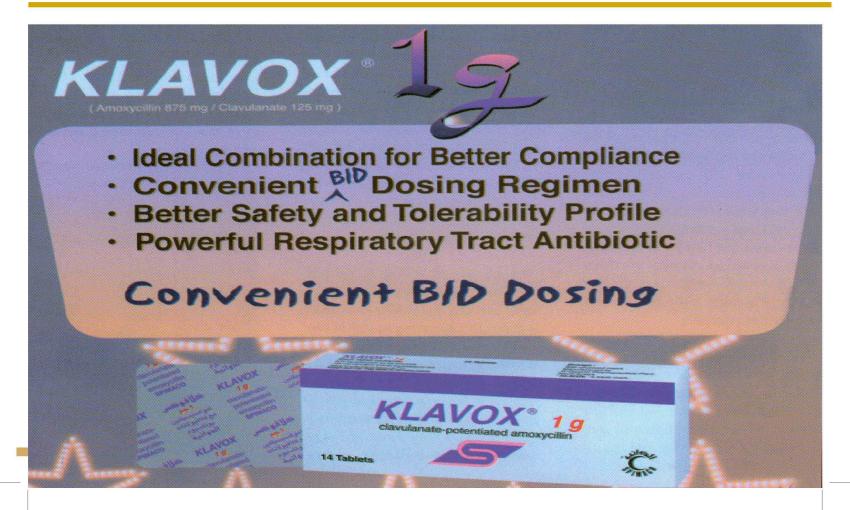
But a scary moment which is still etched in my mind is the Bolt Bus incident. We were travelling from Washington DC to New York by bus which was a journey for six hours. In the midway the bus halted in Delaware. It was a 15 minutes break for all the passengers. The bus driver was a jolly guy. He said," Come soon or you will never see me again". I stepped out of the bus with Mom, Dad, Prachiba and proceeded towards the Natch Delaware .There was a lot of rush in the restrooms as well as at the food courts. I along with my dad was in a queue in front of the Starbucks coffee waiting for our turn to get some brownies and coffee. My Mom and Prachiba were strolling nearby. After purchasing the food stuffs we boarded the bus, but to our surprise both mom and Prachiba weren't on their seats. The bus waited for another 10mins. I was really scared without them. I was frightened that the bus would leave any moment without them and they would be left deserted in an unknown place forever! My dad got down, leaving me in the bus, in search of them. He soon came back with Mom and Prachiba. According to Mom, she couldn't recognise the exact exit leading to the Bolt bus stand since all the four exits of the refreshment hall looked alike. I heaved a sigh of relief and shouted-Yippee! I got my family back!



Nightmare is everywhere

Adit Kashyap

nce I was in the street alone, street light just turned off and then the footsteps started. I turned on my torch, I saw nothing was behind me, so started walking again. Then suddenly something hit my back, a paper, somebody had written on it, "Watch out...boy". Yikes, things are going bad. I walked slowly and saw a taxi; I shouted "taxi, taxi". The driver's face was not seen, I went inside the taxi the driver's voice was so scary that I panicked and he asked me, "Where you wanna go"? I told my house. I started running; oops something was behind me..... Eyes were red, its claws were sharp and... and... Its teeth were venomous and deadly poisonous. It started following me, I ran as fast as I could, it stopped; I saw nothing but only eyes. Oh no! this is the end of me!! I screamed..... My Mom came running. She asked me what had happened. I said nothing. OMG! It was so scary and thank God it was just a dream. Bye guys...... I will write about more adventures later! Have fun!







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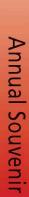












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Pele, The King of Football I admire

Debangkur Das, Class VIII FAIPS

he date was 23rd October, 1940 the greatest footballer in the history was born in Tres Coracoes, Brazil. Edison Arantes do Nascimento better known by his field name Pele is a retired Brazilian Footballer, frankly speaking a legend. He was originally nicknamed 'Dico' by his family. The name Pele originated from a mispronunciation of his favourite



footballer Bile by him in school. Above and beyond his unequalled achievement in winning three FIFA World Cups , Pele was a genius who was constantly reinventing the game of football with every touch, every dribble, every pass, every goal on the field...he came up with something new, something that the fans had never seen before.

First spotted at the age of 11 by former Brazilian international Waldemar de Brito, he joined Santos at the age of 15 and had not yet turned 16 when he made his team debut in a friendly match against Corinthians of Santo Andre in September 1956, rising from the bench to net his sides sixth goal in a 7-1 win. A legend was born, the journey from then & there to the greatest legend of football is full of supreme athleticism.

The world first set eyes on Pele in Sweden in 1958. He was just 17 when he played in his first FIFA World Cup, a slight teenager who emerged from nowhere to light up the tournament with his dazzling skills. It is often said that it was player power that earned Pele a place in the starting line-up for Brazilys third match of the finals against the Soviet Union. He had been sidelined by a knee injury but on his return from the treatment room, his colleagues closed ranks and insisted upon his selection in attack alongside

The prodigy repaid his team-mates with the only goal against Wales in the quarter-finals - and in doing so established a record as the youngest scorer in FIFA World Cup history, aged 17 years and 239 days. Having found his range, he then struck a second-half hat-trick inside 23 minutes in Brazilys 5-2 defeat of France in the semi-finals. By now, Pele was unstoppable, allying perfect technique with lightning speed, intelligence and creativity, and he rounded off his first FIFA World Cup with two splendid goals against Sweden in the Final.

He scored 127 goals in 1959, 110 in 1961, and inspired Santos to consecutive Copa Libertadores triumphs in 1962 and 1963; conquests which preceded back-to-back Intercontinental Cup successes.

A Synopsis about the football tycoon:

International career

Brazil: 1957 - 1971

91 caps, 77 goals (Brazil)s record scorer)

66 wins; 14 draws; 11 losses

Honours

1958 FIFA World Cup™ winner 1962 FIFA World Cup winner 1970 FIFA World Cup winner

Individual

1970 FIFA World Cup Golden Ball 1958 FIFA World Cup Silver Ball Copa America top scorer: 1959

FIFA World Cup appearances, 14 caps, 12 goals, 12 wins;

1 draw; 1 loss

Honours

World and continental

Copa Libertadores winner: 1962, 1963 Intercontinental Cup winner: 1962, 1963

Individual

FIFA Player of the Century FIFA Order of Merit: awarded in 2004 MasterCard Team of the Century inductee

International Olympic Committee's Athlete of the Century

FIFA 100 inductee

South American Footballer of the Year: 1973 North American Soccer League MVP: 1976 Copa Libertadores top scorer: 1965 Taca Brasil top scorer: 1961, 1963, 1964

Rio-Sao Paulo Tournament top scorer: 1963

Paulista State Championship top scorer: 1957, 1958, 1959,

1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1973 Scored 1,281 goals in his career, a world record

Throughout his career, Pele was a record breaker. Pele guit what he called o jogo bonito (the beautiful game) in 1974, before returning the following year to play for the New York Cosmos in order "to bring the world's game to the American public". He hung up his boots for the last time

Since his playing career ended, Pele used his ambassadors status to promote his country, the UN and UNICEF. "Every kid in the world who plays football wants to be Pele," he said, "which means I have the responsibility of not only showing them how to be a footballer but also how to be a man". But that is what Legends are for, isn't it?





n June of 2009, I had one of the best summers of my life. The breathtaking scenery, the gorgeous weather, the scrumptious food and the wonderful memories; it was the greatest two weeks of my life including a cruise through the Mediterranean.

The cruise sailed off from the Puerto de Barcelona, to which we travelled with three other Assamese family friends from Oman and none of us were able to contain our excitement, to be guite honest.

After two days of sightseeing in Barcelona, we had to embark on our ship, the one that we would sail in for a week in the Mediterranean. It was called 'Voyager of The Seas'. It was truly one of the coolest places I had ever been on. Consisting of fifteen storeys of five-star facilities, and having a passenger capacity of above 5,000 (including about 1,800 crew members), it seemed unbelievable!

As soon as we were checked into the ship, I was fascinated by its splendor. It took all of us some time to believe that it was the inside of a ship and not just a hotel. After all it was famously known as the "floating hotel".

If you ever imagined it to be boring to spend a week on a ship, you would definitely be wrong! All sorts of entertainment for all ages were on board. It had an ice rink, swimming pools, theatres, a spa, a library, a casino, even a rock climbing wall, and so much more! They've got all the conveniences we enjoy on land covered; from Internet services to dry cleaning. Whether you seek an adrenaline rush or total tranquility, they have it all.

The cruise liner consisted of several restaurants, including the likes of Johnny Rockets and other food chains. In the three storey main dining area, which is a major feature of the ship, we were allocated a fixed table and personal waiters for our entire journey. They had pretty much everything you have to offer in fine dining. We had two formal dinner nights, where the dress code was 'black tie'. Almost every morning, we would stop at a different city, coasting the Mediterranean. On our trip, we had visited (in order) Naples, Rome, Florence & Pisa, Villefranche: Nice, Monaco & Monte Carlo, Marseille and anchored back in Barcelona. The captain would dock our ship at about 7 in the morning at the respective ports according to our itinerary. We were then left to discover the city we had made a pit stop in. We had to be back, however, before 7 p.m. which is when the ship would set sail again for the night. As a matter of fact, we had decided not to explore the city of Marseille as otherwise, we would not have had enough time to fully experience the diverse facilities onboard.

Each day we get back from sightseeing, our big group of 17 would usually head straight to the pool deck, where we'd lounge and have self served ice-cream. After that, we would sometimes separate and explore the ship itself. For example, when our parents where at the casino, we'd head to the "teen club". All of us even played mini golf and volleyball ever so often. Another cool area of the ship was the "Royal Promenade" which was adorned to create an ambience of a fashionable busy street in London, with shops, little cafés and themed pubs on either side.

Every evening there would be entertaining shows in the theatre. We also had the opportunity to see the Mersey Beatles perform live, as well as the ship's own version of "Dancing on Ice" and a very unique magic show.

By the last day, we were all pretty sad we had to leave this remarkable cruise liner behind. We created unforgettable memories and had some amazing experiences. I would recommend it to anyone looking for a great marine cruise experience!

However, this was not the end of our journey! After the cruise, our vacation was to continue in Sion, which is a small skiing village in the hilly areas of Switzerland. It was just over a 3 hour drive from the Zurich International Airport. It was a beautiful village with ethereal scenery all around. Here, we rented a ski chalet for 4 days, all to ourselves. However, since it was in the summer, so it wasn't really snowing. The parents did some grocery shopping nearby and made us home-cooked meals...something we hadn't had in a while. The days we were there, we'd normally go out and do a little bit of sightseeing and shopping as well as a whole lot of eating! In the nights, we'd come home, watch a movie, chat and just relax. We also took an unforgettable journey train journey to view the snowcapped Matterhorn in Zermatt.

Those 4 days went by very guickly, unfortunately. However, we didn't fail to have a great time! All good things eventually come to an end. We went back to the Zurich airport where we boarded our flight back to Muscat.

It was a great vacation that gave me wonderful memories to cherish for a lifetime! I would be looking forward to go on another vacation like this anytime!