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Oasis International School Triumphs at MUN



OMUN Team, 2024



Students from Oasis International School have demonstrated outstanding performance at various prestigious Model United Nations (MUN) events in the academic year 2024-25, earning recognition on national and international platforms.

At the DPS North School MUN from July 3-5, over 400 students competed, and Oasis International School stood out.

Abdallah Faiz from Grade 9B earned the Commendable Delegate award in the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) for his representation of Austria, showcasing exceptional negotiation and communication skills. Rayhan Nasar, an A Levels student, received a Verbal Mention in the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) as the Delegate of Poland, noted for his diplomatic and negotiation prowess.

The Harvard MUN, a prestigious international event held from August 15-18, saw Benjamin Danial from A Levels awarded the title of Diplomatic Delegate in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL) for his representation of Monaco. His diplomatic skills and strategic acumen were highlighted.

In the national-level IndiaMUN on Climate Change, held on July 27-28, Taneesha Das from Grade 9B was recognized as the Outstanding Delegate for her role as the Delegate of China, praised for her in-depth research and negotiation abilities.

These achievements reflect the dedication and talent of Oasis International School students, further enhancing the school's reputation in MUN circles.

Leadership in Action: The Investiture Ceremony

Oasis International School held its grand Investiture Ceremony on August 15, 2024, at the school amphitheatre.

The event marked the swearing-in of the new student leaders — the School Council. The atmosphere was filled with pride and anticipation as these young leaders took their oaths, committing to guide the school with integrity and vision. The ceremony was a proud moment for both the council leaders and their parents, who watched with beaming pride.

The new leaders showcased their commitment by leading a traditional march, reflecting unity, discipline, and the solemn responsibility of their roles.



Council members for the year 2024-25

The Investiture Ceremony underscored Oasis School's dedication to fostering leadership and inspiring students to reach their full potential.

It was a powerful reminder that leadership at Oasis is more than a title—it's about uplifting and serving the community with pride and purpose.

Not All Oasis Heroes Wear Capes

On August 13th, Bangalore experienced one of its worst traffic jams as heavy rains flooded the streets, bringing the city to a standstill. Amidst the chaos, our school's bus drivers, in-charges, and teachers became unsung heroes, ensuring the safety of our students.

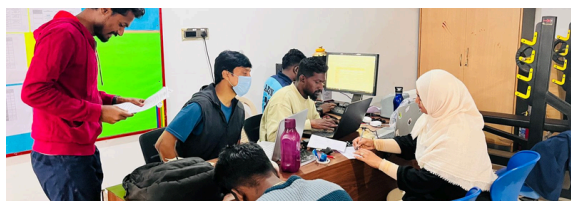
What should have been a 25-minute ride to Lingarajapuram turned into a grueling 1.5-hour ordeal. Inside the buses, students grew anxious, but our bus in-charges remained calm, reassuring the children throughout the journey.

Our bus drivers skillfully navigated flooded streets, finding detours or inching forward, determined to get the children home safely. Meanwhile, our teachers, stuck in traffic, never wavered, checking on every student. Even after reaching the destinations, they stayed until each child was safely reunited with their parents.

Despite the exhaustion, both drivers and teachers returned the next day, ready to serve with the same commitment. Their actions that day remind us of true dedication—quiet, steady, and rooted in care for our students.

Oasis Joins BAASC as Full-Time Member – A Game-Changer for Our Students!

Oasis International School is thrilled to announce its promotion to full-time membership in the prestigious **Bangalore Athletics and Activities Schools Conference (BAASC)**—a major milestone that opens exciting doors for our students to shine on bigger stages! This exclusive sports platform, co-founded by Stonehill International School, brings together top international schools like Canadian, Legacy, BIS, and TRIO to foster athletic excellence, competition, and sportsmanship.



Department of Sports (Top) ; OIS BAASC Teams (Down)



With the dedication and relentless efforts of our Sports Department, Oasis is now an official part of BAASC's year-round leagues and competitions. Over the past year, our students have made a remarkable impact in BAASC events, achieving impressive victories and gaining valuable exposure. This promotion underscores our commitment to providing exceptional opportunities in both academics and athletics.

Top Honors for Outstanding Students

Oasis International School recently held two significant Prize Days to honor student achievements across all grades.

On August 15th, the school celebrated the accomplishments of students from Grades 6 to 12. The amphitheater was abuzz with applause as students received certificates and gift vouchers for their excellence in academics and extracurricular activities, including MUN, NIOS, and IGCSE.



Primary School Prize Day

Parents, teachers, and peers joined in the celebration of these young achievers, reflecting the school's commitment to fostering a spirit of excellence.

Earlier, on July 24th, the Primary School Prize Day recognized the achievements of younger students. The event highlighted their academic progress and creative talents, marking a joyful occasion for the entire school community.

Both events underscored Oasis International School's dedication to celebrating the hard work and successes of its students at every stage of their educational journey.



Prize Day, Grades 6-12

Cultural Exploration: Discovering Global Traditions at School

In June, Oasis organized an engaging exploration of global traditions, focusing on the rituals of Hajj. Senior students led the way with a panel discussion on Hajj's significance, complemented by journal writing and collage-making projects.

Middle schoolers participated in a dynamic JAM (Just a Minute) session and created informative posters. Meanwhile, elementary students enjoyed drawing and coloring activities that highlighted the cultural celebration and a deeper understanding of global traditions.



Student Activities



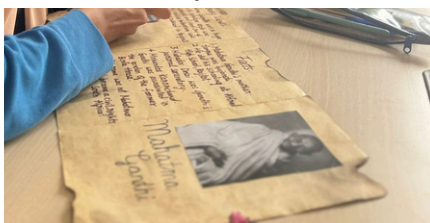
Celebrating Independence at Oasis

Oasis International School celebrated Independence Day on August 15, 2024, with pride and solemnity. The event began with the hoisting of the school flag by the management, accompanied by chief guests Mr. Zaid Khurram and Ms. Afrah Semeen. Students and staff gathered to honor the spirit of freedom, marking the occasion with reverence.



Food Festival, Grade 5

Throughout the week, various activities engaged students across all grades. Grade 5 hosted a food festival showcasing India's diverse culinary traditions, while Grade 6 took part in a brochure-making activity focused on the nation's achievements. Grade 7 and 8 students held a panel discussion on the meaning of independence and its relevance today.



Brochure Making, Grade 6



Independence Day flag hoisting

These events allowed students to actively participate in commemorating India's Independence, fostering both learning and patriotism.



Panel Discussion, grade 7 and 8



Badging Ceremony by chief guests

Oasis International School Unveils Exciting Sports Facility Expansion!

Oasis International School is taking its sports facilities to the next level with a game-changing expansion!

After converting the basketball court to a high-performance synthetic surface and adding an indoor games facility post-lockdown, the school is ready to raise the bar even higher. Students can now look forward to an international-standard 200-meter running track and a brand-new 5-a-side astro turf football pitch—perfect for honing athletic skills and hosting competitive matches.

But that's not all! The remaining field is set to be upgraded with laterite soil, creating space for more sporting activities, and a dedicated recreational badminton court within the indoor facility is on the way. And for cricket lovers, exciting news: cricket nets are part of the future development plans!



This ambitious project is more than just an upgrade—it's a statement of Oasis International's dedication to providing world-class sports opportunities alongside its 25-year legacy of educational excellence.

Whether you're aiming for fitness, fun, or athletic glory, Oasis is the place to be! Let's gear up for a future of bigger, better, and bolder sports at Oasis!



The Ridiculous Quest for Digital Perfection

In today's digital wonderland, beauty filters are the magic wands of social media, waving away imperfections faster than you can say "selfie." These nifty tools smooth skin, enlarge eyes, slim noses, and add contours, transforming you into an airbrushed goddess or a wax figure from Madame Tussauds. But beneath this fun façade lurks a deeper, less amusing reality: beauty filters are like the colonialism of the internet, imposing a narrow, Western standard of beauty and making us all look like distant cousins of Barbie and Ken.

The Western Ideal of Beauty

Once upon a time, European colonizers travelled the world, spreading their ideas about beauty, which mainly involved looking like you just stepped out of a Renaissance painting. Light skin, slender noses, and high cheekbones were the gold standard, and if you didn't have them, well, tough luck.

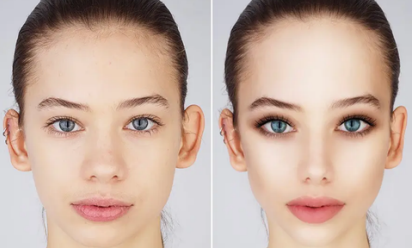
Fast forward a few centuries, and guess what? These beauty standards are still going strong, now with a digital twist. Beauty filters often tweak our faces to fit these old-school ideals, making us look like we're auditioning for a role in a Shakespearean drama.

Resistance and Reclamation:

But fear not, dear reader! There's a growing rebellion a

gainst these digital dictators. Influencers and activists are rallying behind hashtags like #NoFilter and #BodyPositivity, promoting self-acceptance and natural beauty.

They're like the digital age's version of Robin Hood, stealing back our self-esteem from the clutches of unrealistic beauty standards and giving it to the masses. Even the tech wizards are getting in on the action, creating filters that celebrate diversity. These inclusive filters challenge the one-size-fits-all approach of traditional beauty filters.



The Path Forward: Embrace Your Inner Self

To tackle the colonial hangover of beauty filters, we first need to face the facts. Understanding the historical context of these beauty standards can help us see through the digital smoke and mirrors. Social media platforms and tech companies also need to step up their game, promoting diverse and inclusive representations of beauty instead of just rehashing the same old ideals.

As savvy consumers, we can support brands and influencers who prioritize authenticity and diversity. Let's celebrate the full spectrum of human beauty, from the quirky to the sublime, and embrace our unique features. After all, who wants to look like a cookie-cutter version of everyone else when you can be someone of your own?

So, ditch the filter, strike a pose, and let your true self shine—flaws and all!

Zayhah Fawaz, Grade 10

Comedy: A Dying Art



Comedy, as it once was, is dying. The truth is, the majority of the population is in dire need of a sense of humor – anyone got any to spare?

Historically, comedy has served as a societal pressure valve, allowing us to laugh at our flaws and confront difficult truths in a non-threatening way. However, as cancel culture takes over, the art of comedy is facing a steady decline. Comedians today avoid controversial subjects and steer away from anything that may ruffle feathers. And who can blame them? The stakes are high: boycotts, losing gigs, and a media storm because someone couldn't take a joke.

Social media has only made things worse. A single tweet can turn into a full-blown outrage machine, often fueled by people who either take things too seriously or just miss the point of the humor. As a result, the space for bold, boundary-pushing comedy shrinks, making it harder for humor to evolve and keep us on our toes.

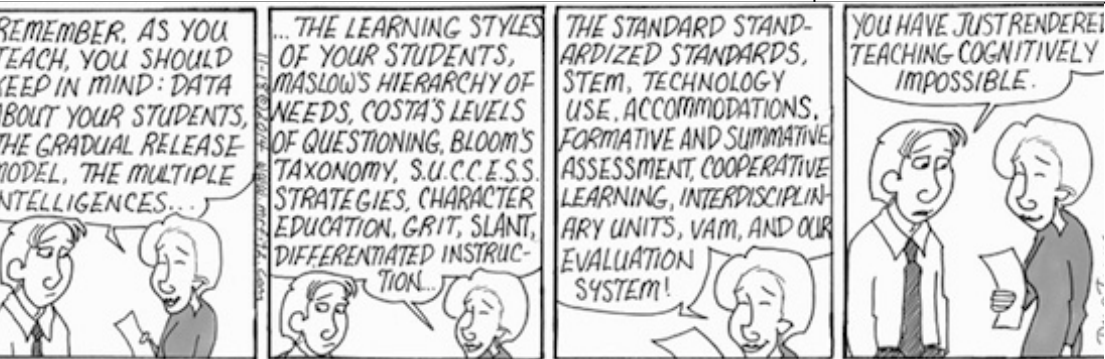
This hypersensitivity has led to a decrease in comedic creativity. Comedy once helped bridge social gaps. It brought shared laughter that reminded us that, despite our dissimilarity, at our core, we are more alike than different. Now, in the face of a public that takes to shaming artists, it makes it increasingly difficult for that aim to be fulfilled.

Woke culture has also impacted comedy by pushing sensitivity and social justice to the point where there's hardly any room left for humor that challenges the status quo. Comedians are now walking a tightrope, jokes that once might have sparked thoughtful conversation are now labelled offensive. This shift has led to self-censorship, where comedians steer clear of controversial topics to avoid trouble. Although social awareness is important, woke culture risks stifling the creative freedom that allows comedy to question, provoke, and ultimately unite through humor.

The beauty of comedy lies in its ability to communicate difficult messages in an entertaining and non-threatening manner. Through laughter, comedy can reach audiences that might otherwise be resistant to hearing certain truths. A clever joke or satirical skit can shine light on societal problems in a way that is both engaging and thought-provoking, challenging our biased beliefs and encouraging us to think critically about the world around us. Comedy acts as a mirror, reflecting our flaws and sparking change, all while making us laugh.

We need to recognize the vital role comedy plays in our society. It has the distinctive ability to unite us, make us laugh, and help us see the world differently. We need to balance sensitivity with the freedom to push boundaries in humor. Let's support and defend this essential art form, ensuring it continues to inspire change and bring us together, rather than becoming a relic of the past.

Meraj Fathima Shaikh, Grade 10



The Illusion of Peace: A Critical Look at Model United Nations

The United Nations is often heralded as a beacon of hope in today's world. It plays a crucial role in promoting peace, security, and cooperation among nations, addressing global challenges such as climate change, poverty, and human rights violations through its various specialized agencies and initiatives. Or so people think.

In reality, the UN's incompetence is mirrored in the futility of Model United Nations (MUN). This realization dawned on me after attending my first MUN.

Initially, I believed that MUN was a prestigious platform for fostering peace and understanding among young diplomats, offering a glimpse into the sophisticated world of international peace-making. However, what I encountered was far from a hub of cooperation; it was a battleground of intense, selfish competition.

Delegates at MUN do not aim to solve the humanitarian issues at hand; they aim to stand out. Personal recognition is paramount, and impressing the chair takes precedence over genuine problem-solving, regardless of whom they trample over. MUN is politics over peace, plain and simple.

Delegates arrive with their own agendas, needs, and a determination to overcome obstacles and outmanoeuvre others to achieve their goals.

As one fellow MUNner aptly put it, "A lot of my classmates opt for these programs just to don a fancy blazer, accessorize, and speak in a contrived

accent filled with a mix of pure facts, gibberish, and excessive "loquacious verbiage."

This led me to question: if MUN operates this way, what does it say about the real UN? If the UN's aim is peace, why does it serve as a hub for politics? Observing a committee session at MUN was like watching a petty display of verbal battles. Delegates weren't arguing for the betterment of the world; they were pushing their own agendas, their own motives, and what they could achieve. It was politics over peace, through and through.

The concept of the veto vote further deepens this disillusionment. The veto is a subtle snub from the superpowers, making it evident that while the UN claims to offer equal say to all member states, it's the United States of America that actually calls the shots. What they say goes, regardless of what the committee members of the UN think. In the UN, decisions are made not based on the opinions of the committee, nor based on moral or ethical considerations, but according to the USA's interests, whether economic or political.

In conclusion, MUN is not a platform for productive discourse, but rather a place where self-important, pompous delegates go to receive attention and self-validation. The UN is not a hub for fostering peace, but rather a placating gesture made by the superpowers to reassure other countries that their opinions still matter in global politics when, in reality, they don't matter at all.

Maryam Vakil, Grade 10

Youthquake in Bangladesh

What happens when the youth decide they've had enough?

In 2024, students in Bangladesh rose up against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government, demanding transparency, fair elections, and reforms in government job quotas. Frustrated by corruption and alleged election manipulation, the students' primary grievance was the 56% quota reserved for specific groups in government jobs, leaving fewer opportunities for the general population.

The protests, driven by social media and mass demonstrations, became one of the largest student movements in recent Bangladeshi history.



Tens of thousands of students participated, despite facing violence and repression. Their persistence led to a significant victory when the government promised to reform the quota system.

The students, armed with determination rather than weapons, called for an end to corruption and censorship, demanding the freedom to express their opinions. Their efforts forced Prime Minister Hasina to address electoral transparency, though full reforms remained contested.

This movement was more than a political victory—it showcased the power of student activism. The youth, often underestimated, became the driving force for monumental change, proving that when they unite for a cause, they can reshape the world.

Shenaz Adam, Grade 10

Juggling Joy and Duties: The Key to Balance

Balancing hobbies and responsibilities, like homework and tasks, can be challenging, but it's essential for personal growth and fulfillment. While academic tasks like presentations, assignments, and speeches might not always be enjoyable, they play a crucial role in expanding our knowledge and helping us grow.

At the same time, we shouldn't overlook the importance of our hobbies. These activities not only bring joy and excitement but also foster skills that complement our academic and professional pursuits. Hobbies refresh our minds, spark creativity, and provide a welcome break from daily responsibilities.

The key is finding a balance between the two. By prioritizing tasks with focus and discipline, we can make the most of our time while still carving out moments for hobbies that nourish our passion. One effective method is the "study-break-study" approach, where you dedicate an hour to focused study, followed by a 10-minute break to indulge in something you love—like playing chess, painting, or reading. This cycle allows you to return to your tasks with renewed energy.

As Benjamin Franklin wisely said, "You may delay, but time will not." Rather than letting time slip away, it's important to approach each day with determination and a balance between responsibilities and passions, ensuring a more fulfilling and productive life.

Rida Saghir, Grade 6

RIDDLE CORNER

1. The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it?
2. What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?
3. What five-letter word typed in all capital letters can be read the same upside down?



The Dangers of Artificial Intelligence

Imagine a world where you can't trust what you see, hear, or even the safety of the technologies you use daily. This is the world that unchecked artificial intelligence could create.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is one of the fastest-growing technologies in the modern world and has gained significant popularity in recent years with software like ChatGPT and Meta AI becoming more prevalent. AI seems like it's here to stay, but this could lead to a host of problems, as it poses potential dangers to us and our way of life.

We've all seen movies like *The Terminator*, *The Matrix*, or *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, which portray AI as an evil power bent on taking over the world. While these depictions are fictional, they warn us about the greed and ambition of humans, which could ultimately be our undoing. However, unlike in the movies, AI doesn't take the form of scary robots; in fact, the real thing can be much more frightening.

One of the threats posed by AI is something known as "deepfakes." According to Alexandra Alper of Reuters, a deepfake is a technique that uses AI to replace one person's likeness with another. This can be used to spread significant misinformation to a wide audience, who would have no way of knowing if what they are watching is true or not. For instance, in 2019, a video of United States Representative Nancy Pelosi with impaired speech began to circulate. This video was a deepfake spread by her political rivals. While social platforms like Facebook, YouTube, and X (formerly known as Twitter) make efforts to prohibit and remove deepfakes from their sites, they are not always effective.

AI can also pose serious security risks. According to Gryphon Scientific and Rand Corporation, advanced AI models can provide information that could lead to the creation of bioweapons.

Their research has shown how large language models (LLMs), a form of AI, can assist in the planning and execution of a biological attack.

Cyber attackers are also leveraging AI to develop more sophisticated tools, enabling more efficient cyberattacks. In February 2024, Microsoft tracked hacking groups linked to the North Korean, Russian, and Iranian governments as they attempted to perfect their hacking campaigns.

AI is affecting the art and entertainment industries as well. In 2023, a song purportedly released by Bad Bunny featuring Justin Bieber circulated on TikTok, but Bad Bunny denied ever making the song. It was revealed that an artist named FlowGPT had used AI to recreate the voices of Bad Bunny and Justin Bieber. Even images are now being generated by AI with tools like Meta AI, classifying them as AI art. This diminishes the value of art made by humans, undermining their efforts and creativity.

Furthermore, many students are using AI chatbots like ChatGPT to cheat on assignments and exams. A survey conducted by GovTech found that 50% of teachers were aware that at least one of their students had been caught using ChatGPT to complete their assignments. This overreliance on AI also deprives students of important skills like critical thinking, responsibility, and integrity.

While AI offers numerous benefits, its negative impacts on society cannot be ignored. From spreading misinformation and enabling cyberattacks to undermining the value of human art and compromising human integrity, AI poses several challenges that need to be addressed. It is crucial to implement regulatory measures, promote transparency, and foster continuous education to mitigate these negative effects and ensure the responsible use of AI.

Paul Koshy Mattackal, AS Level

The Idea of Hitler: The Power Beyond the Persona

The influence of Adolf Hitler, a figure who rose from modest beginnings to command Nazi Germany's aggression across eleven nations during World War II, underscores a profound and unsettling reality. The early twentieth century was marked by pervasive fear, where the horrors of the Holocaust and the chilling image of Hitler's "dead, impersonal, and unseeing" eyes became symbols of terror and control.

Hitler's ability to manipulate minds was not merely a result of his actions but of his exceptional skill as an orator. His speeches were meticulously crafted to captivate and incite his audience, transforming him from an ordinary figure into a charismatic leader with a seemingly supernatural influence. Hitler's rhetorical prowess was instrumental in unifying his followers and driving the aggressive expansion of his regime. This ability to stir emotions and create a sense of shared purpose played a critical role in both his rise to power and the atrocities committed under his rule.

In examining the aftermath of his reign, a critical question arises: how did one man from a humble background with a toothbrush moustache bend such a force to his will? How did Hitler maintain such control and loyalty over his followers? While he was no mythical figure, his mastery of rhetoric and charismatic leadership enabled him to command unwavering support. Many of his followers, when put on trial after the war, defended their actions by claiming they were simply obeying orders. This raises an important question: if so many had doubts, what sustained their allegiance?

The answer may lie within human psychology itself. Stanley Milgram's famous obedience experiment provides a chilling insight into our nature. Milgram's study revealed that 65% of participants were willing to administer what they believed were harmful electric shocks to another person, simply because they were instructed to do so by an authoritative leader who would protect them.

This experiment demonstrated that people often comply with leaders they perceive as credible and authoritative, even at the expense of their own moral judgments. Such insights help explain why Hitler's rhetoric could lead to such extreme obedience and compliance.

Hitler's enduring influence stems not only from his actions but from the very idea of Hitler himself—a personification of absolute power and control. This concept of Hitler as a symbol of unchecked authority continues to resonate today, revealing itself in various political and social contexts. For instance, modern leaders sometimes employ similar tactics of fear and division to mobilize support or justify actions. Recent examples of political leaders around the world using rhetoric to polarize and sway the masses against minorities highlight how the dynamics of power and persuasion continue to shape our world, with the influence of Hitler's methods persisting across different contexts and time periods.

It is not merely Hitler, the man, who mobilized all of Germany, but the very idea of Hitler—a personification of power that could dictate destiny. This idea commanded a nation and continues to influence our actions even today. We encounter a "Hitler" within every circle, whether political or social, and as long as human psychology permits, he continues to steer us toward outcomes that are perhaps inevitable. The specter of Hitler's influence serves as a stark reminder of the dangers of blind obedience and the power of a charismatic leader. In a world that often seems on the brink of division and discord, the lessons of the past are more relevant than ever. We must remain vigilant, questioning the motives of those who seek to lead us and refusing to cede our responsibility to think and act independently. Only by doing so can we ensure that the idea of Hitler, and all it represents, does not continue to shape our future.

Ghost Writer

Catching Up with Dr. Stella: Oasis' New Head of Academics

Good morning, ma'am. Thank you for joining us. Let's begin with the first question: How would you describe yourself, Dr. Stella to someone who doesn't know you yet?

I'm someone deeply grounded in values and principles, which guide every aspect of my life. I'm committed not only to education but also to building a strong sense of community around the school.

What inspired you to pursue a career in education? Was there a specific moment or person who influenced your decision?

Interestingly, I didn't choose this career—it chose me. My first job was as a teacher, and I remember going home in tears after my first day, feeling overwhelmed by the class. But over time, I grew into the role, and now I couldn't imagine myself as anything other than an educator.

Was there someone who influenced your values and principles?

Yes, my mother, who passed away recently, has been my greatest influence. She taught me that while we can't control others' actions, we can always strive to be good to everyone, a principle I live by.

Can you share a favorite teaching memory?

In 2015, I launched the Global Dream Project, where students taught the school's support staff basic literacy skills. These staff members, who couldn't read or write, were empowered through the project. On World Literacy Day, they even conducted assemblies, and the students served them breakfast. This initiative is one of my proudest accomplishments, and it continues to thrive.

A fun question! If you could choose between a rewind or pause button in life, which would you choose?

Neither. I live in the present, one day at a time. As the quote goes, "Leave footprints on the sands of time."

Could you recommend a book for students, parents, and teachers?

For students, I recommend 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey—it's a great guide for teenagers. For parents, Who Moved My Cheese and The Present by Spencer Johnson are must-reads, especially in today's fast-paced world where parents need to help their children adapt to change and live in the present. For teachers, I'd suggest The Fifth Discipline, which highlights important principles for fostering systemic growth in schools.

What aspect of Oasis' non-academic life stands out to you?

It's still early for me to pinpoint anything specific, as I've only been here for two months, but I look forward to finding something impactful.

What are your future goals for Oasis?

My goal is to make Oasis a recognized name on the Bangalore education map, comparable to the top international schools in the city.



What qualities do you believe students need to succeed in today's world?

Two qualities are key: humility, which seems to be diminishing, and resilience. Humility helps students respect others and empathize, while resilience equips them to face today's pressures.

What has been the biggest hurdle in your career?

In the early years of my career, dealing with criticism was difficult. I was defensive and struggled to accept feedback. Over time, I've learned to listen and grow from constructive criticism.

If you weren't in education, what would you be doing?

I'd likely be in social work—it's something close to my heart.

Now for a quick rapid-fire round.

What's your favorite food in Bangalore?

Chaats!

Favorite book?

Blink by Malcolm Gladwell.

Comfort movie?

Ek Ruka Hua Faisla.

And your favorite song?

Raatha Lambeya from Shersha.

Thank you for this wonderful interview. It was a pleasure!

Teachers' Day Extravaganza: A Day to Remember!

This year's Teachers' Day was nothing short of a blockbuster hit, thanks to the Grade 10 students who truly pulled out all the stops! After a month of behind-the-scenes hustle, these young stars orchestrated a day filled with pizzazz and panache. From the opening skit that had everyone in stitches to the eye-catching decor and those dazzling gift hampers, Grade 10 turned the day into a veritable festival of fun.

The day kicked off with a burst of color as teachers from K1 to Grade 12 arrived dressed to impress in blues and purples. They were greeted like VIPs with flowers and warm smiles. The A-Level students kept the energy high with a treasure hunt that turned our school into a playground of clues and laughter. On the sports front, male teachers showed they had more than just brains, while female teachers proved their skills on the badminton and volleyball courts.

The grand finale was a heartfelt video tribute that tugged at every heartstring, filled with laughs, cheers, and a few happy tears. Thanks to Grade 10's month-long marathon of creativity and effort—and the guiding hands of the Grade teachers and coordinators—this Teachers' Day set the bar sky-high. It was a day to remember, packed with joy, laughter, and a whole lot of school spirit!



Oasis Boys Show Grit at DPS Basketball Tournament

The Oasis International School Under-16 boys basketball team delivered a commendable performance at the DPS Impressions Basketball Tournament, despite facing a tough draw against NPS Whitfield.

The match was a nail-biter, with Oasis narrowly losing 18-21. The game was marked by intense competition and a critical moment of controversy.

During a crucial play, Allen of Oasis was attempting a three-pointer when a NPS Whitfield player reportedly pulled the net, destabilizing the basket. This incident prevented Allen's shot from going in, a situation that went unnoticed by the referee.



Oasis Defeats United International 3-0, Faces Tough Match with NCFE

In the latest matches of the New Horizon Inter-School Under-18 Boys' Football Tournament, Oasis International School showcased a mix of victories and challenges.

Oasis started strong with a resounding 3-0 victory against United International School in their opening match. However, their momentum was halted in the next match against NCFE, where Oasis lost with a score of 0-2.

Oasis Teams Impress in Neev Tournament Rounds

The Neev Academy Football Tournament saw fierce competition from Oasis International School across multiple categories.

Boys' Matches:

In the first round, Oasis boys triumphed over Oakridge with a close score of 2-1. Their second round match against Treamis ended in a 1-1 draw.

Girls' Matches:

The Oasis girls' team dominated their first match against Oakridge with a convincing 5-1 victory. Their second match against Neev Academy ended in a goalless draw (0-0).

Semi-Finals:

The Oasis girls faced a tough challenge against Headstart, where they unfortunately lost 0-3.

In the boys' category, Oasis encountered a strong opposition from Neev Academy, resulting in a 0-3 loss. Despite the setbacks in the semi-finals, both Oasis International School teams demonstrated commendable sportsmanship and determination throughout the tournaments, showcasing their skills on the field.

Oasis Girls Shine against Silicon Academy

The Oasis International School girls' basketball team showcased their talent and determination at the Interschool Basketball Tournament, facing off against the formidable Silicon Academy.

The starting lineup for Oasis included Faria, Manha, Riha, Afrose and Qurrat Ul Ain with standout performances from Faria. The match was a hard-fought contest, with both teams displaying skill and tenacity.

Epic Interhouse Showdown: Football and Basketball Champions Rise!

This year's Interhouse Sports Competition was nothing short of thrilling as the school witnessed some nail-biting action on the field and courts. With football and basketball dominating the sports week, students showcased fierce determination, teamwork, and spirit, setting the tone for an epic showdown among the houses.

FOOTBALL FRENZY

Grade 5 & 6 Girls

- 🏆 Champions: Blue House
- 🥈 Runners-up: Red House

Grade 5 & 6 Boys

- 🏆 Champions: Green House
- 🥈 Runners-up: Red House

Grade 7 & 8 Girls

- 🏆 Champions: Yellow House
- 🥈 Runners-up: Blue House

Grade 7 & 8 Boys

- 🏆 Champions: Blue House
- 🥈 Runners-up: Red House

Grade 9 - 12 Girls

- 🏆 Champions: Green House
- 🥈 Runners-up: Blue House

Grade 9 - 12 Boys

- 🏆 Champions: Yellow House
- 🥈 Runners-up: Green House



BASKETBALL BATTLES

Grade 5 & 6 Girls

- 🏆 Champions: Red House
- 🥈 Runners-up: Blue House

Grade 5 & 6 Boys

- 🏆 Champions: Green House
- 🥈 Runners-up: Yellow House

Grade 7 & 8 Girls

- 🏆 Champions: Yellow House
- 🥈 Runners-up: Green House

Grade 7 & 8 Boys

- 🏆 Champions: Yellow House
- 🥈 Runners-up: Blue House

Grade 9-12 Girls

- 🏆 Champions: Green House
- 🥈 Runners-up: Blue House

Grade 9-12 Boys

- Winners and Runners-up: Pending



Oasis to Host Inaugural BAASC Table Tennis Tournament!

Oasis is all set to host its very first BAASC Table Tennis Tournament on campus, and the excitement is building! The tournament is open to all school age groups, and the school is in full preparation mode. Our own talented players will be competing, and with the medals and trophies polished and ready, it's anyone's game. Who will claim the ultimate prize and take them home? Stay tuned for a thrilling showdown!



Silicon Academy proved to be a challenging opponent, but the girls from Oasis held their ground with resilience and teamwork. Manha was named the MVP for Oasis, demonstrating exceptional prowess on the court and contributing significantly to the team's efforts.

Although the outcome of the match was not in Oasis's favor, the girls displayed remarkable sportsmanship and resolve.

THE GOAL POST

Exploring World Beyond the Olympics; What Happens After the Games?

The Olympics captivate global audiences with stunning performances and incredible achievements. However, the journey of Olympians extends far beyond the medal podium. This issue explores the multifaceted reality faced by athletes, both those who secure medals and those who don't, through two insightful articles.

The Reality of Being an Olympian, Beyond the Medal

Many athletes who win medals are celebrated for their achievements, but their legacies often fade with time. The Olympics offers a platform for setting records and distinguishing athletes from past champions. Governments reward these athletes with perks like luxury cars, housing, lifetime transportation, and cash incentives.

In the past, Olympians balanced day jobs with training. Today, they go professional, fully committing to their sport. This allows them to focus on their goals, but many are unprepared for the fact that sporting careers eventually end, often sooner than expected.

After the Olympics, most medalists turn to coaching or public speaking, though many struggle to find high-paying opportunities. Public speaking is demanding, requiring strong communication skills and the ability to captivate an audience. Over time, attention shifts to newer athletes, and income sources dry up.

Some Olympians write books or do interviews, while others explore new passions or career paths.

The reality for many is a difficult transition from a strict training regime to the 9-to-5 world. They may feel lost without the feedback and purpose that their sport provided. Some even face financial struggles, with little government support after their Olympic success. For instance, Tarun Sharma, an international karate champion, saw little recognition or assistance from India, despite his achievements.

I believe it's wise to have a backup plan or stable career before pursuing the Olympics. This provides security if the sport doesn't lead to long-term success or if early retirement becomes necessary. Without proper support or development, chasing Olympic dreams can be a risky path.

In the end, while some athletes continue to thrive, others must work harder to rebuild their lives.



Dist's para-karate star Tarun polishes shoes



Tarun Sharma wins Gold Medal

Zuehb Ahmed, AS Level

The Untold Struggles: Life After the Games for Non-Medaling Athletes

Every four years, the world watches as athletes showcase their dedication and talent at the Olympic Games. While the spotlight shines on those who win medals, what happens to those who return home empty-handed? For many, the reality after the Olympics is challenging, especially for those who don't reach the podium.

For many athletes, the Olympics represent the peak of their careers, and not medaling can be emotionally draining. British gymnast Ellie Downie, for instance, admitted that after missing out on a medal in the 2016 Rio Olympics, she struggled to find the motivation to continue.

In most nations, those who don't win might receive little to no recognition, and funding for future efforts may be reduced or cut altogether. U.S. track star Lolo Jones, despite missing out on medals in both 2008 and 2012, was fortunate to receive continued support, which allowed her to transition into bobsledding.

However, Jones has spoken openly about financial struggles, once tweeting, "I'm so broke, I can't even afford to pay attention." This highlights the uncertain financial future many Olympians face, even with ongoing support.



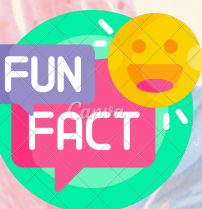
The disappointment can be shared by team athletes as well. When the U.S. men's basketball team failed to win gold in 2004, players like Allen Iverson and LeBron James deal. The outcome can either strengthen bonds or create tension, as athletes cope with failure in different ways.

Once the Olympics end, athletes must transition back to regular life, often away from the limelight. Romanian gymnast Catalina Ponor, who didn't medal in her final 2016 Games, spoke about how hard it was to move on from her athletic career. It's difficult to go from being at the top to having to find a new purpose, but Ponor eventually found fulfillment in coaching and mentoring young athletes.

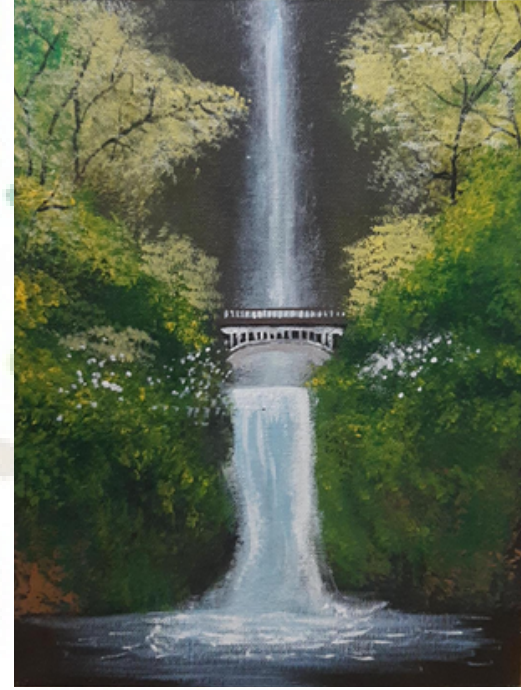
For Olympians, the journey doesn't end with the Games. Even without a medal, many continue to inspire in new ways, showing that dedication and resilience extend far beyond the competition.

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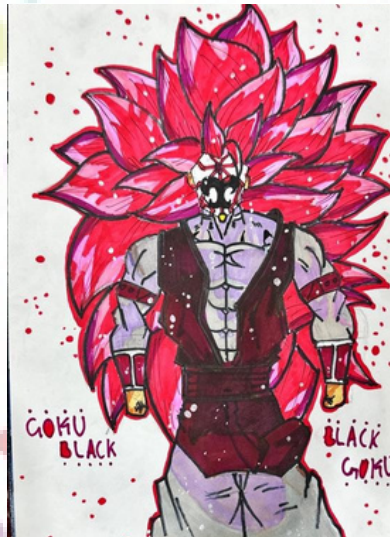
- 1. Your brain is constantly eating itself.** This process is called phagocytosis, where cells envelop and consume smaller cells or molecules to remove them from the system. Don't worry! Phagocytosis isn't harmful, but actually helps preserve your grey matter.
- 2. The Sun makes a sound but we can't hear it.** In the form of pressure waves, the Sun does make a sound. The wavelength of the pressure waves from the Sun is measured in hundreds of miles, however, meaning they are far beyond the range of human hearing.
- 3. The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language by the Guinness Book of Records.**



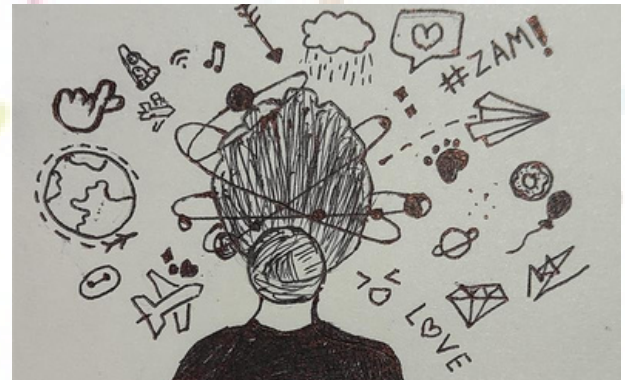
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"Whirlpool of YOU"

Anger blazes **RED**, anxiety hues **ORANGE**,
 Navigating emotions, a difficult challenge.
 Happiness gleams **YELLOW**, jealousy shades **GREEN**,
 Embrace yourself, let your talents be seen.
BLUE paints sadness, **PURPLE** lingers fear,
 Success is close by, when your goal is clear.
 There is **BLACK** and even **WHITE**,
 Believe in yourself, take off towards the light.

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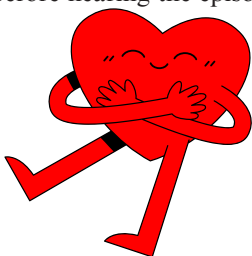


Potions of Confidence and Self-Love: The Happiness Lab

Dr. Laurie Santos, in her introduction to her podcast Happiness Lab, available on Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube, says, "You might think you know what it takes to lead a happier life... more money, a better job, or Instagram-worthy vacations. You're dead wrong." This podcast is a ray of hope that not only makes you feel better about yourself but also about the world and humanity. Dr. Laurie's podcast helps create a more positive mindset.

Dr. Laurie Santos does a remarkable job of engaging audiences of all ages with a vast array of topics. Her honey-sweet voice puts people at ease while covering subjects ranging from self-doubt to excessive money-loving; she has solutions for it all. Her optimism is just what you need to get your week or day up and running. When you feel the weight of the world, this podcast helps you learn to love yourself a little more and see your problems as solvable with the right mindset. Dr. Laurie Santos has appeared on multiple news channels and has been called 'inspiring' by many. Her background in psychology and her study of it over time are evident in these episodes. The relatability of her podcast offers a personalized experience for each listener.

"We're not doing our jobs educationally if 60% of students are overwhelmingly anxious," says Dr. Santos. Happiness Lab is your one-stop destination to release all your bottled-up thoughts and channel them into portraying yourself as the strong, confident, and independent person you are, even if your situation 30 minutes before hearing the episode wasn't the same.



Gigi Hadid's Pasta: chefs kiss or chefs quit?

If you're craving a dish that's spicy, cheesy, and bursting with flavour—one that makes you think, "This is what I live for"—then you have to try Gigi Hadid's pasta. This model not only dazzles on the runway but also impresses with her impeccable taste in the kitchen. Whether you're a kitchen know it all or someone who's only ever made maggi, this recipe is a must-try. Dive in and indulge in a flavour harmony that's graceful and captivates effortlessly like the icon herself

Ingredients:

- 12 oz (340 g) penne pasta (or pasta of your choice)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes (adjust to taste)
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup pasta cooking water (reserved)
- Salt and black pepper to taste
- Fresh basil or parsley, chopped (for garnish)

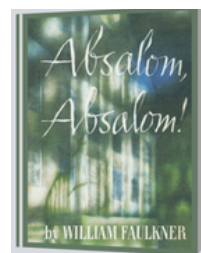
Instructions:

Cook pasta until al dente (that's fancy for Cooked to Perfection), make sure to a 1/4 cup of the cooking water before draining. In a large pan, heat olive oil and sauté chopped onion until soft. Add minced garlic and red pepper flakes, cooking until fragrant. Stir in tomato paste and cook for 2 minutes to caramelize. Add heavy cream, mixing well, and let the sauce simmer for about 5 minutes until slightly thickened. Blend in grated Parmesan cheese until melted, adjusting the sauce's consistency with reserved pasta water if needed. Season with salt and black pepper. Toss the cooked pasta in the sauce until well coated. Garnish with fresh basil or parsley if desired. Serve immediately and enjoy your creamy pasta dish!



Absalom, Absalom! by William Faulkner

Absalom, Absalom!, one of Faulkner's most celebrated works, details the precipitous rise and fall of Thomas Sutpen in a fictional American town, set before, during, and after the American Civil War. In quintessential Southern Gothic style, Faulkner explores the influence of racism and slavery on Southern culture, and their negative effects on Sutpen's family and legacy. Full of untold details that the reader can only interpret through the eyes of Faulkner's characters, the book discusses the nature of storytelling and knowledge, and 'how no one individual can look at truth', through displaying how reality can get lost amidst one's biases and misunderstandings, leaving history untold and reliant on the person who is narrating it.



Inside out 2: Back in Riley's mind

★★★★☆ (4 out of 5 stars)

Inside Out 2 is finally here, taking us back into Riley's mind as she deals with growing up. The sequel builds on the first movie by introducing new emotions and characters, offering a fresh look at her teenage challenges. It digs deeper into her feelings and shows how she handles changes and starts to discover who she really is. If you loved the first movie, this one will be right up your alley!

The emotions in this movie are super relatable. The animation and visuals are incredible—some of the best from Pixar. You'll find yourself laughing at the perfectly timed humor, and the chemistry between the characters is heartwarming. The movie continues with similar themes from the first, and the nostalgia is real. That familiar feeling? It's spot on.

Overall, Inside Out 2 hits all the right notes with its relatable emotions, stunning animation, and beautiful visuals. If the first movie touched you, this one will too. It's a journey that's sure to stick with you.



THE ENSEMBLE

Dearest Readers,

As we turn the page to a new chapter, we welcome you to The Oasis Gazette (TOG).

The past few months have been a time of transition for many—
new team members, new grades, and the stress of exams.

TOG is no different, with a fresh editorial team now steering the ship.

We're excited to bring in new perspectives and a discursive approach
that encompasses not just the words,
but every facet of school life.

Our revamped layout will reflect this shift, aiming to capture the diverse experiences
and viewpoints within our community.

A special thank you goes to our previous Wordsmith team for their dedication.

As we embark on this new journey, we encourage you, our readers, to contribute and share your
unique perspectives.

Join us as we launch the inaugural issue of The Oasis Gazette for the academic year 2024-25,
celebrating a fresh start and a broader view of our school life.

Warm regards,
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