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Nahar International School



NIS Attribute of the Month - Initiative Taking

To have the readiness to embark on a bold new plan or venture, showing a willingness to take charge and get things done, as well as take responsibility, without needing to be told what to do.



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Unleash Your Inner Trailblazer: The Power of Taking Initiative at NIS




Initiative-taking, a valuable skill and attribute, greatly benefits students and staff in a school environment. It empowers students and staff to become proactive, creative problem solvers who are better prepared to excel academically and adapt to the challenges of the modern world.



Being an initiative taker fosters independence in students, making them more confident and effective communicators. This, in turn, leads them to be self-reliant and responsible for their actions. Students often emerge as leaders, inspiring others through their actions and willingness to take charge.


On a personal level, I was greatly inspired by one of our IB students who conducted her Extended Research on 'Wastage of Paper - Project 2.0.' Her project addressed the unconscious misuse of paper. Her initiative in this area led me to consciously use and recycle paper whenever possible, which is now a regular practice for me.

Promoting and nurturing initiative-taking in a school environment can be a key factor in helping our students excel academically and thrive in a rapidly changing world. It's a skill that will serve them well throughout their lives.



Now, as we've explored the significance of initiative-taking in our school community, I encourage each of you to reflect on how you can incorporate this valuable skill into your daily lives. Whether it's starting a new project, volunteering for a cause you're passionate about, or simply leading by example, your initiative can make a positive impact on our school and the world beyond. Let's embrace initiative-taking and create a brighter future together.

-Theresa Joseph
Advancement Officer, Career
Guidance and University
Counselor



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Events



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Friendship Fiesta: Embracing Budding Bonds



“In the garden of life, friendship is the most beautiful flower.”

As the new school year begins, our children are settling into their routines and forming strong connections with their classmates. To nurture these friendships, we organized a special assembly, 'Celebrating Budding Friendships,' designed to enhance social skills, foster a positive learning environment, boost confidence, and improve communication skills.

Our dedicated teachers planned engaging activities for the children:

EY 1: They played 'Musical Paper' and 'Bug in the Rug,' where they guessed which friend was hiding under the rug, creating moments of excitement and joy.

EY 2: Children had a blast with 'Musical Chairs' and the 'Balloon Game,' which encouraged teamwork and laughter as they balanced balloons together.

EY 3: They enjoyed the 'Clap, Snap, and Pick' game and a musical parachute activity, creating rhythmic harmony with their buddies.

As a heartfelt gesture, each child crafted a beaded friendship band and gifted it to classmate, symbolizing the bonds they've formed.

The day ended with our children being better friends to each other and cherishing the connections they've made.



- Karla Ann Ferreira

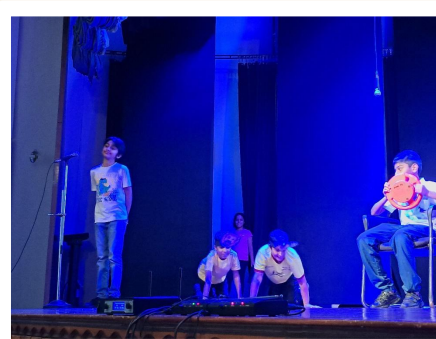


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Responsible Tourism: Are You Ready to Roar?

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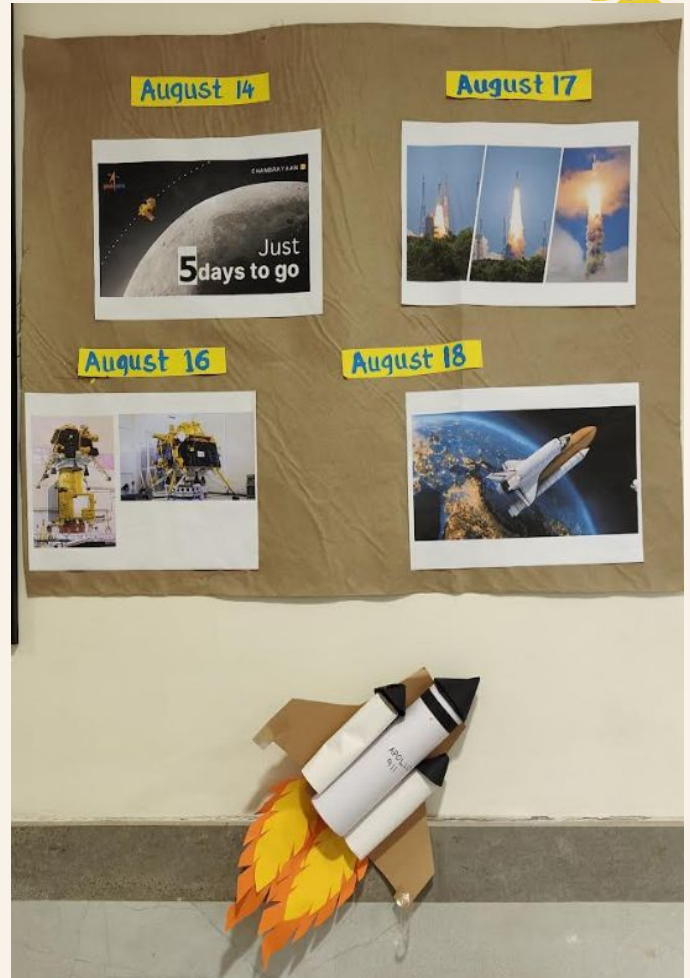
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Chandrayaan 3 Inspires Tomorrow's Astronauts

In an exhilarating moment of scientific achievement, middle school students had a front-row seat to history as they witnessed the live-streamed landing of India's Chandrayaan 3 mission on the lunar surface. The event, which took place on 23rd August 2023, left an indelible mark on these young minds, igniting a passion for space exploration and inspiring dreams of becoming future astronauts and scientists.

The live-streamed event undoubtedly etched into the memories of these students, serving as a powerful reminder that no dream was too big and no goal too distant. As they looked towards the future, they carried with them the inspiration and determination to reach for the stars, fueled by the awe-inspiring achievement of Chandrayaan 3. The school corridors had also been beautifully decorated in celebration of this historic occasion.

- Dorothy Chowdhury



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Alumni Homecoming 2023: Connecting Past and Future at NIS

NIS recently hosted its annual Celestial Cluster Alumni Meet, a cherished tradition that serves as a bridge connecting the past and present. This event reunites former students with their alma mater and fellow alumni, creating a heartwarming sense of nostalgia and camaraderie.

The day was filled with memorable moments as our esteemed Celestial alumni strolled through the familiar school corridors, reacquainted themselves with teachers, and shared stories with their peers—all while indulging in our beloved cafeteria cuisine. The meet provided an opportunity for alumni to reflect on their school days and celebrate their personal and professional accomplishments.

One of the highlights of the evening was the interaction between our alumni and current A Levels and IBDP students. Our graduates generously shared their experiences and offered valuable guidance on selecting the right university for higher education. This enriching exchange allowed current students to ask questions, express their concerns, and gain insights from those who had once been in their shoes.

In conclusion, this evening was a heartwarming celebration that deepened the bond between our Celestial Cluster alumni and alma mater. It was a time to share cherished memories, rekindle old connections, and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our NIS family.



-Navkeerat Kaur



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★ Ready to Ignite Your Career? NIS Career Cell Lights the Path!

NIS Career Cell has always been committed to fostering an enriching environment, empowering students to explore their full potential while preparing for an unpredictable future. Our Cell provides a diverse range of opportunities for students in Grade 8 and above, both within India and abroad. These include engaging in university fairs, attending informative sessions, and participating in masterclasses conducted by University Admissions Teams and Professors.

In the past two months, our students have had the privilege of interacting with an impressive roster of 65 to 70 University Representatives during the UK and Canada/US University Fairs. This invaluable experience provided our students with insights into program offerings, prerequisites, and cross-cultural communication skills. They had the unique opportunity to engage with advisors from prestigious institutions like King's College, London, Queens Mary University, University of Rice, Syracuse University, McGill University, and Queens University, among others.

Moreover, our students also benefited from a series of workshops spanning various fields of study, including Design, Music, Law, Humanities, and STEM. These workshops were meticulously designed to equip our students with the knowledge and insights needed to make informed decisions about their future careers. ★

By consistently providing such enriching opportunities and valuable resources, we have successfully empowered our students to take charge of their academic and career paths. This dedication reaffirms our unwavering commitment to nurturing their dreams and aspirations, preparing them for a successful future.

-Theresa Joseph



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Active


Learning



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From Gateway of India to Jog Falls: EY3's India Exploration



Keeping with the significance that the 15th August has on our country the children of EY3 delved a little deeper into learning about the beauty of our nation. They started by exploring our state of Maharashtra and a few of its neighboring states like Telangana, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh. They explored the state's food, culture, animals found there and some landmarks. They looked at the map of India and were excited to identify the states by their outline and could also recognise their names through a sight word activity.  The children enjoyed this learning journey and are looking forward to exploring more of the beauty that our country possesses.



Irregular Verb

★ Adventure: Fishing for Language Skills

Our students recently embarked on an exciting journey into the world of irregular verbs through the "Fishing Irregular Verbs" game. This engaging activity allowed them to distinguish irregular verbs from regular ones by sorting them. The interactive experience brought to light the distinctive feature of irregular verbs, which is their lack of the -ed suffix.

Armed with this newfound understanding, our students put their knowledge to practice by incorporating irregular verbs into their writing, participating in various activities, and solidifying their grasp through worksheets. It was an adventure in language learning that will serve them well on their path to becoming grammar experts.

-Sheeba Passanha



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G for Great Learning: Exploring 'ग' with Grade 1

In a vibrant and engaging learning session, our students were introduced to the Hindi letter 'ग' in a way that made learning both fun and educational. Through colorful visuals and interactive activities, these young learners not only discovered the intricacies of the letter but also enjoyed the entire process.

This exciting adventure is a testament to our commitment to providing engaging and enriching educational experiences for our students.

-Sheeba Passanha



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Middle School Science: Forces and Matter Marvels

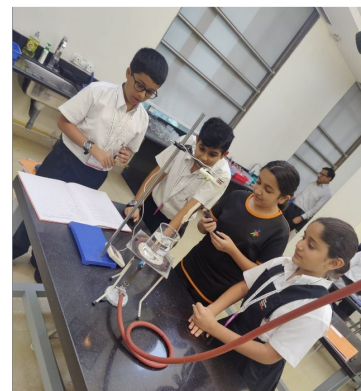
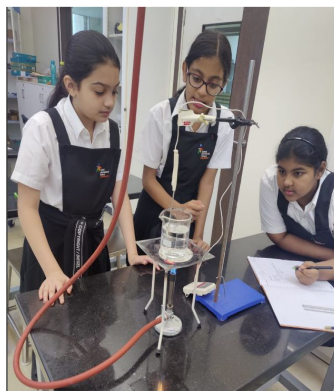
Physics Exploration: Unveiling Forces

As part of the 'Forces' unit in Physics, students measured forces using Force meters, followed by a lively mini "Tug of War" to grasp the concept of balanced and unbalanced forces. They then took their understanding further through a PHET interactive lab on school iPads, investigating various situations to identify effects and resultant forces.



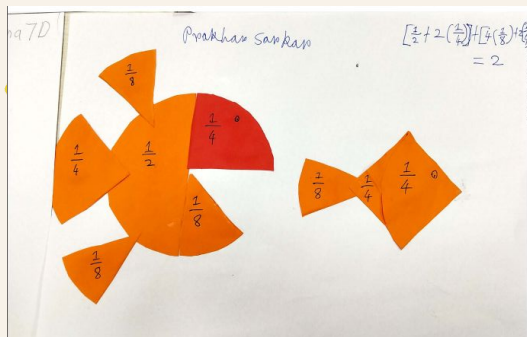
Chemistry Adventure: States of Matter

In the realm of Chemistry, students delved into the fascinating world of "States of Matter" through engaging roleplay activities. They explored particle theory for solids, liquids, and gases, and conducted experiments to determine the boiling point of water. Analyzing temperature readings, they explained their findings in terms of particle theory. This marked their inaugural visit to the Chemistry lab, where their enthusiasm shone as they used scientific equipment and meticulously recorded their experiments in well-labeled scientific diagrams in their lab notebooks.



Fraction Artistry: Bridging Math and Creativity

Grade 7 students recently ventured into the world of fractions, armed with scissors and imagination. With two circles as their canvas, they embarked on a mission to cut and combine fractions, creating stunning artworks that beautifully merge math and creativity. This engaging exercise not only enhanced their understanding of fractions but also highlighted the power of hands-on learning and the seamless integration of art and mathematics. We applaud our students for their enthusiastic participation and their ability to transform mathematical concepts into captivating works of art



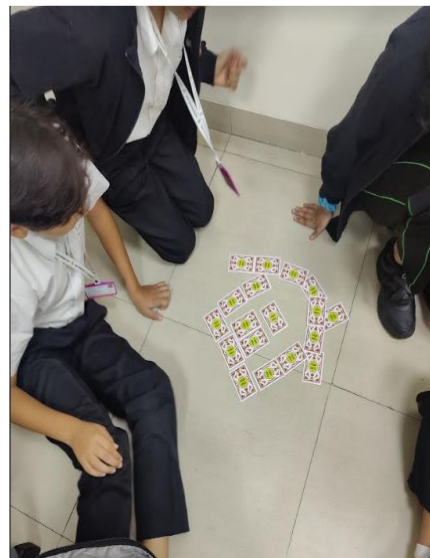
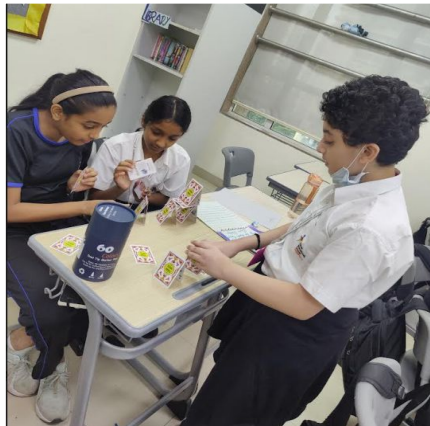
- Anuja Nikam

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From Play to Skill Building: Exploring Card House Construction

Grade 6 students in Global Perspectives explored 'Sports and Recreation,' and they discovered that building card houses was more than just a childhood game; it was a valuable learning experience. From unleashing creativity to developing fine motor skills, fostering teamwork, and embracing patience and critical thinking, these students stacked up a variety of skills while having fun with cards. Building card houses wasn't just a game; it was a journey of learning and growth for these young architects! Their adventures with card houses left them with a newfound appreciation for the educational possibilities hidden in everyday activities, reminding us that learning is everywhere, even in play.

-Kiranmai Rao Mathur



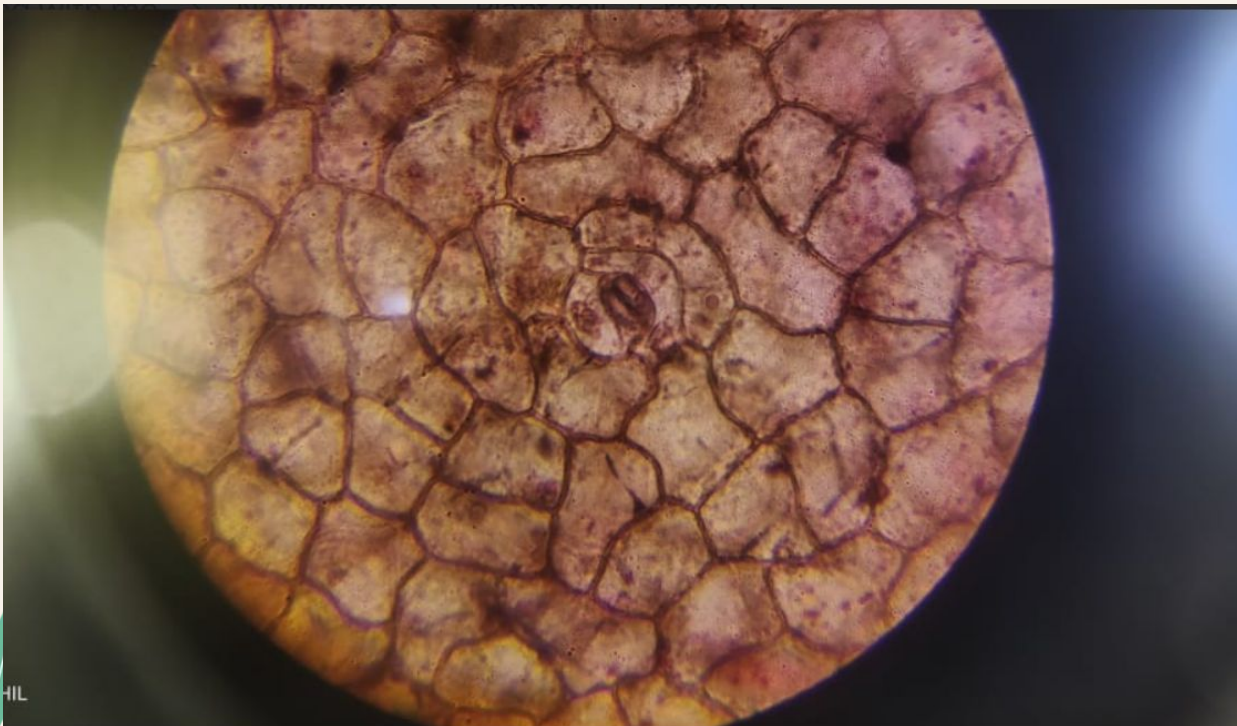
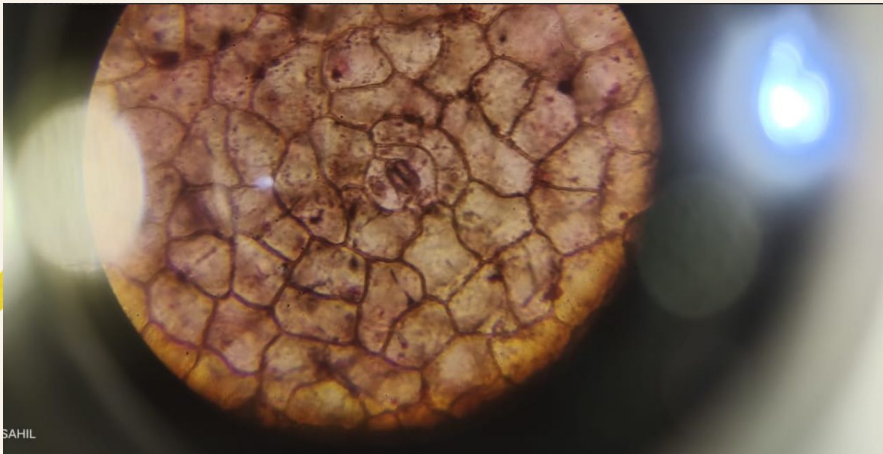
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Unveiling the Microscopic World: A Hands-On Cell Exploration

Grade 9 students had the opportunity to unveil the microscopic world through a hands-on exploration. Each student was equipped with their own leaf specimen, which they meticulously dissected and examined under microscopes. This practical experience not only deepened their understanding of plant and animal cells but also prepared them for future hands-on studies. As they observed the intricate structures and functions of cells, the students found the session both intriguing and immersive, making their academic journey increasingly exciting and interactive.

- Zoha Ahmed



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Students', Column



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In the realm of creative expression, Nimisha Goenka, a talented Grade 10 student, has crafted two captivating poems that illuminate the power of words.

"Lost in Thought" invites readers to journey through the intricate corridors of the mind, where Nimisha's verses beautifully intertwine thoughts and contemplation.

In "Talentless?," Nimisha explores the universal struggle of self-doubt and the quest for personal worth and talent. Her verses encourage us all to reflect on our unique paths of self-discovery and growth.

Nimisha's poetry is a testament to the creativity and talent flourishing within our student community. We take pride in having her among us, as her words continue to inspire and enrich our lives.

Keep writing, Nimisha! Your words have found a special place in our hearts and in the pages of our newsletter.

Lost in Thought

I wander through the corridors of my mind,
A labyrinth of thoughts, both gentle and unkind.
I get lost in the twists and turns of my own creation,
A world of imagination and a place of contemplation.

I ponder the mysteries of life and love,
And the secrets hidden in the stars above.
Everything is lost in the beauty of a sunset,
And the magic of a moment I'll never forget.

I get lost in the depths of my own soul,
And the emotions that make me feel whole.
I explore the corners of my heart and mind,
And the memories that I've left behind.



I get lost in the rhythm of my own breath,
And the beat of my heart, a constant caress.
I find solace in the silence of my own thoughts,
And the peace that comes when my mind is caught.

So let me wander, let me roam,
In the vast expanse of my own home.
For in the depths of my own mind,
I find the answers that I seek to find.


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Talentless?



As another day flies by,
I look up and wonder why.
Time doesn't stand still,
Should I run away from the twists and turns, or should
I let myself crash and burn?



I wonder why I can't compare,
And why my talents seem so rare.
When others shine so bright and bold,
I feel lost, alone, and cold.

In this world of endless strife,
They all have talents, skills, and life.
While I am just a victim of regret,
Stuck between the borders of my own silhouette.

Maybe things will change tomorrow,
Life would be less hollow.
Yet still, I wonder why,
Time doesn't stand still, which cup I couldn't fill.

But I know one day,
They'll have nothing to say.
I will stand up proud and tall,
Even though I may not be the best of all.

I thought and I reflected,
On all the things I've perfected.
Although not all of me is great,
I have worth, and I create.



Mentors' Column



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Diving into the world of words–NIS' Lifelong Literary Journey

A love for reading is a gift that keeps on giving. It opens the door to exciting adventures, sparks imagination, and enriches one's knowledge. Books are lifelong companions that never let you feel alone. Moreover, reading together creates precious moments for families to bond and enjoy each other's company.

The Journey of Young Readers

At NIS, we truly believe that reading is fundamental to the intellectual and emotional development of a child. Our aim goes beyond acquiring vocabulary and knowledge; we aim to ignite a passion for reading in our students.

According to Carol Anne St. George, a literacy expert at the University of Rochester's Warner School of Education, "The closeness of snuggling up with a favorite book leads to an increase in self-confidence and imagination. It helps children gain a wealth of knowledge from the books you share. And it only takes a few minutes a day of reading together to nurture this growth."

Why Reading Matters

Reading is not just about learning; it's about lifelong growth. Instilling a love for reading from an early age is the key to unlocking a world of learning opportunities. Furthermore, early exposure to reading enriches a child's vocabulary, builds independence, self-confidence, and fosters social-emotional skills and imagination.

Fostering a Love for Reading at NIS

As the English Language Coordinator for the Primary division, I've been dedicated to making reading an integral part of our curriculum. Our classrooms are filled with daily reading activities, including read-aloud sessions, group silent reading, text analysis, and comprehension exercises which cultivate a daily reading habit in our students.

Our Reading Oasis: The School Library

Our library is a haven for book enthusiasts. It provides access to a vast variety of genres and offers our students the freedom to choose books independently. This fosters a positive attitude towards reading, enhances engagement, and makes the reading experience more enjoyable.



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Book Clubs and Beyond

Our dedicated reading classes and Book Clubs create a platform for students to discuss books, authors, and ideas. Children take pride in reviewing and recommending their favorite authors and books to their friends, thus motivating and inspiring each other to read more.

So parents, let's join hands with the school in this magnificent journey to explore and discover new worlds through books. Let us take a pledge to keep aside 15 -20 minutes every day for our children, read a book together or discuss what they are reading.

****Happy reading!****

-Ms. Debrupa Guha



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Feature of the Month

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76 Glorious Years: NIS Ignites the Spark of Patriotism

Independence Day at Nahar International School was celebrated with fervor, uniting students, teachers, and staff in patriotic delight. The event highlighted unity and learning as students from different grades joined in the festivities. The school corridors were adorned with patriotic decorations, creating an immersive atmosphere for all.

Flag Hoisting and Drill:

The day commenced with the school's principal leading the flag hoisting ceremony, a momentous occasion symbolizing India's hard-fought independence. Adding to the spectacle, the student council drill students, representing the school's houses, presented a captivating drill that showcased discipline and teamwork.

Cultural Presentation by IBDP and AS Students:

IBDP and AS level students took center stage, presenting a cultural program that enchanted students across Grade 6-12. They kicked off with a moving musical performance, singing in various Indian languages to celebrate unity in diversity and India's rich cultural heritage. A thought-provoking comedy act addressed internet safety, emphasizing the importance of preserving cultural values online. The stage then came alive with a Western vocal performance accompanied by piano and guitars, blending India's traditions with global music. Graceful dancers concluded the celebration, showcasing our nation's unity and diversity.



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Grade-wise Contributions:

EY children celebrated Independence Day by painting flags, adorning corridors, and embracing the spirit of freedom and heritage. Grade 1 recited poems about Indian symbols, Grade 2 performed "We Shall Overcome" in English and Hindi, emphasizing unity and resilience. Grade 3 presented a lively dance symbolizing freedom and aspiration, while Grade 4 recited a poem dedicated to Jhansi ki Rani. Grade 5 stirred patriotism with an earlier rendition of the national anthem.

Nahar International School's Independence Day celebration left students with lasting memories and a deeper understanding of their nation's journey to freedom and progress.



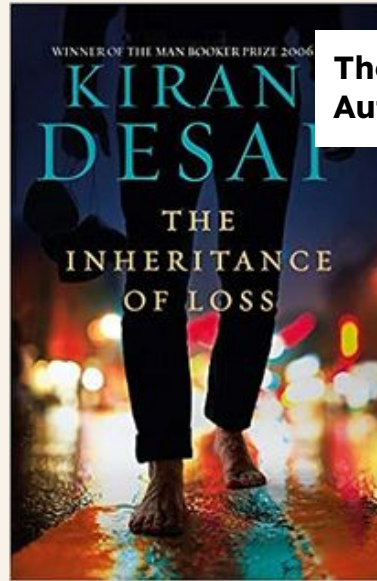
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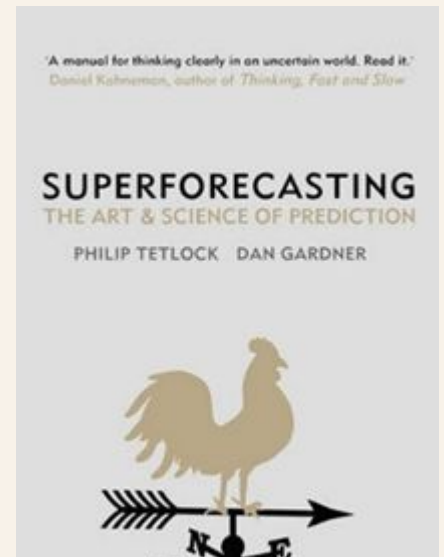
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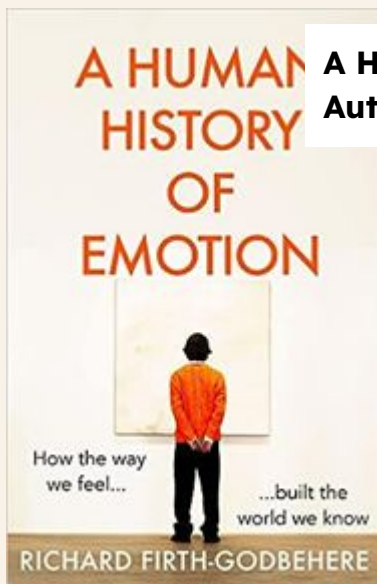
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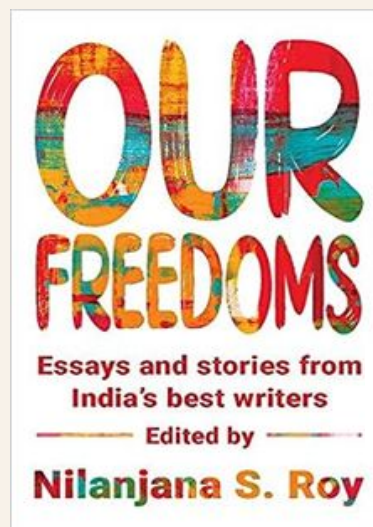
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Superforecasting: The Art & Science of Prediction
Author: Philip Tetlock



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Author: Richard Firth-godbehere



Our Freedoms
Author: Nilanjana Roy



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Upcoming Events

- Ladakh Trip
- MUNRISE
- Pre-primary art day
- Grade 7 Cultural day
- Next genius scholarship university fair
- University application process
- IBDP orientation
- Workshop on Law
- Workshop on careers in design



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