

EDITORIAL...

The Hustle and Bustle of the students is back in the corridors of NVS; so is the echo after a long relaxing summer break. To add on to the holidays the rains have further freshened us up and we are ready to face another challenging year at school; the focus with other things also being on SELF DISCIPLINE – which is the theme given to us this year by our Principal. The summer was a hot and happening one. It wasn't just the 40+ temperature that made it hot, but the happenings added to the heat. It took off with the fairy tale wedding of Prince Williams and Kate. Just can't believe that U.K. is going through an economic crisis. What an extravaganza!!! A little bit of self discipline would have definitely helped them curtail the expenses. But then I feel more than half of the world watched it live and we do look forward to such once in a life time events. So... no complains.

Then we had the U.S. Seals dropping down quietly in Pakistan and killing Osama Bin Laden without even the neighbors realizing what was happening. It was their Self Discipline that enabled them to carry out such an important mission successfully. The minutest lack in discipline on their part could have proved to be fatal for them.

Next India was "awakened" by the "Civil Society" plus the so called "babas" of the country after a 63 year long slumber on the ever existing issues of corruption. Isn't self discipline the best remedy to this problem of corruption? Then why go in for such extreme measures which disrupt the entire nation's peace and above all give an opportunity to all politicians to get maximum footage on various news channels and fulfill their political ambitions which are to secure their own future and have nothing to do with the country's future.

So, Self Discipline is the most desirable quality in all of us which would help our nation grow in every dimension of life and we at Nath Valley have already taken our first step towards it. A lesson for all to learn...isn't it?

-International activities and newsletter club...

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NEWS BITES.....

1. Scientists have created the world's 1st artificial leaf that can turn sunlight and water into energy which could pave the way for a cheaper source of power in developing countries.

2. Ayman al-Zawahiri becomes the new Al Qaida leader after US Forces slay the 9/11 master-mind Osama Bin Laden.

3. HRD minister Kapil Sibal said the Lokpal bill joint drafting committee will not have members representing the civil society.

4. Yoga guru Baba Ramdev carried out an indefinite fast on June 4 in New Delhi to pressurize the Government and take initiative to eradicate corruption, but ended up breaking his fast due to poor health.

5. Novak Djokovic underlined his new status as the world's top tennis player by shattering Rafael Nadal's winning streak at Wimbledon to add his own name to the roll of honour at The Championships for the first time.

WHAT'S ON CAMPUS

✍ 9TH JUNE THURSDAY: TEACHERS HAD A WORKSHOP ON HOW TO MAKE THE SCHOOL A HAPPY PLACE!!

✍ 13TH JUNE MONDAY: SCHOOL FINALLY REOPENS.

✍ 14TH JUNE TUESDAY: CLUBS WERE INTRODUCED BY THE TEACHERS .

✍ 15TH JUNE WEDNESDAY: A BASKETBALL MATCH WAS HELD BETWEEN THE ALUMNI AND N.V.S WHICH ENDED WITH NVS WINNING A NAIL-BITING THRILLER

✍ 16TH JUNE THURSDAY: ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN AND VICE CAPTAIN WERE HELD. MITALI GUPTA WAS ELECTED AS THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN AND MOHIT MALHARA THE SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN.

✍ 20TH JUNE MONDAY: THE NEW STUDENT COUNCIL WAS APPOINTED AND THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY WAS HELD.

✍ 23RD JUNE THURSDAY: THE CLASS PREFECTS WERE APPOINTED AND GIVEN THEIR BADGES.

FASTING - THE LATEST FAD... ?

Frustrated? Clash of egos? I guess fasting would be the best option. Yes, my friends, you read right. Why not? It is just what every politician wannabe will be up to, isn't it? If you want to create hype in the political world today, then what you do is, quite insanely, copy exactly what our political idol, for example M.K Gandhi, does. Do precisely as he did: create havoc in the society over some not-so-important issue and say, "Hey, Gandhi went for a fast, so should I", right? Wrong.

Have any idea how this so called 'yoga guru' (yes Baba Ramdev) out of nowhere transformed and turned into a talk-of-the-town political icon? Well, frankly speaking, nobody does. Today's picture clearly justifies that Ramdev aims to redefine the meaning of Satyagraha into a mere seven day fast. At the time of the Indian freedom struggle, excuse me, the 1947 one that is, the Father of our Nation carried out fasts, to actually eliminate the evils of the society and make the nation a better place to live in. But according to Babaji's redefinition, a mere publicity stunt with a crowd of directionless supporters (negligible, that is) is what it means. If Baba Ramdev actually intended to do any good, then he wouldn't have emerged out of the blue and gone for haphazard fasts. He would have taken a few steps, adequate ones, and slowly but surely then raised his voice against the issue. But what he did was, he tried to get himself involved in an issue against which work was already being done, and failed miserably.

So what a common man can conclude from the above scenario is that protesting is not all about 'fasts'. It's about facts. It's about creating awareness. The youth, the masses need to be told about what is happening in the political world. The spark needs to be ignited in them so that it can turn into a fire, a blazing fire, which will burn down the 'betterment' (as we just saw) that ever was. Getting inspired by countries like Egypt and Libya doesn't mean that India has undergone a metamorphosis and turned into a fasting centre.

To friends next time you see a yoga lunatic crying his heart out on the streets, do the following: stop him from collapsing, do not take him for granted, all he needs is a little bit of food. Please give it to him.

*-Pinak Kulkarni X A
- Rishikesh Dharap X C*

THE CHAMPIONS ARE BACK...

Even before the French opens started critics had written Federer and Nadal off. Nadal was unable to overcome, and was himself overpowered by the Serbian born Novak Djokovic who had beat Nadal in the previous 4 meeting - all in finals. Nadal had lost his aura of invincibility Federer too was going through a clean patch of his career and he too was unable to break the Serbian jinx. Bookies had predicted that this time around Djokovic would steal the glory and Djokovic lived upto their expectations till the semi finals. This was the match which showed why Federer is still called a champion. With unmatched class and elegance he beat Djokovic. Nadal, on the other hand never really looked throughout the tournament. The killer instinct was missing. But he too just like Federer found his form at the right time. With his raw power and brute strength, he easily overpowered Murray. At the centre court of Roland Garres the world witnessed another of Nadal- Federer epic finals. All of us know who won that match.

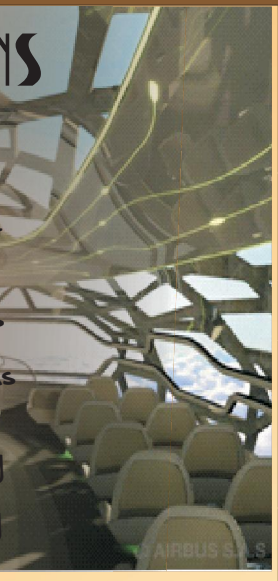
The Wimbledon has begun and it is going to be very interesting to see whether it is the king of clay- Nadal or Federer with his class and temperament or Novak Djokovic who is in red hot form with his 42-1 win loss record who managed to clinch the 3rd Grand Slam of the year. I have put my money on another Nadal- Federer final. But who knows, after all, it is THE CLASH OF THE TITANS.....

*-Akshat Pawar
X-C*

NEW HORIZONS

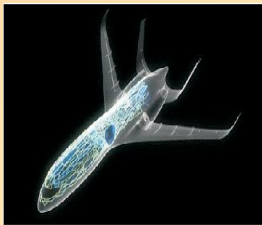
Touching the skies..

Airbus has recently unveiled the transparent plane we could all be flying in 2050. If you fancy a Disney World experience when you are flying, then Airbus is for you. The walls of the airplanes, by 2050 will be see through'. These planes are not for the 'faint hearted' as you will have a 360 degrees view of your flying experience. Passengers petrified of heights are advised of not taking this flight as it may terrify you even more! During your flight you will be able to enjoy many unusual experiences and pastimes, never offered by an airline in the past or present



i - Logic Sound Hats...

These beat box beanies are a blast. Pop on an iLogic Sound Hat, plug it into your iPod or any MP3 player, and you'll be amazed at the sound quality from the integral speakers that fit over your ears. White or Black.



Frozen in time

Its twilight,
As the monotony of the atmosphere surrounds me,
I stare outside my window,
All I can see on this crisp dawn is a Gulmohar,
Royal, it stood like the queen of the land.
I am suddenly mesmerized by it's flamboyant,
The tree sparkled as the sun rose and the dew drops gave it a scintillating shade of orange.
The colour with the background setup of the daybreak is simply captivating.
I wonder how I could ever miss such a ravishing panorama, so generously placed, just outside my room.
I am ready to sit here all day long just so I can see its different shades of beauty.
Throughout the day, into the nightfall as the twinkling stars blanket the sky.
Perhaps I had forgotten to find joy in simple things.
Perhaps I was caught in the web of the world.
I wish you could see what I see.
It's changed me for the day that lies ahead,
What's more?
It doesn't cost a penny.
-Uroosa Syed
XII Commerce

KAHAANI MEIN TWIST!!!

HAD CINDERELLA NOT LOST HER SANDALS.....

PRIMARY ANSWERS....

- >>She would quietly go to her house and start working again.....
- >>The prince wouldn't have had to roam around the city...
- >>She would have been able to run very fast..

SECONDARY ANSWERS....

- >>The prince would have searched her on facebook!!!
- >>The fairy godmother would have arranged for another ball.....
- >>Fairy God mother wouldn't have had the need to buy new sandals!!

WHO'S NEW???

Mrs. Neelima Bansode
Ma'am teaches Geography to classes 9th and 10th. She has done her Masters in GEOLOGY.

Mrs. Meenal Shah
Ma'am teaches Hindi to classes 5th, 6th and 7th. She likes learning foreign languages. Also, ma'am is a good dancer, artist and debater.

Mrs. Ritu Rawat
Ma'am is the class teacher of class 4th A. She is an artist and an amazing singer. Ma'am enjoys participating in co-curricular activities and likes watching cricket.

Mrs. Seema Suresh
Ma'am has done her masters in Commerce as well as B.E.D. Ma'am enjoys cooking and was a state level badminton player.

BRAIN TEASERS

CAN YOU.....??

1. How could the 22nd and 24th U.S. Presidents have the same parents, but weren't brothers

Ans) Grover Cleveland was elected twice to become the 22nd and 24th U.S. President!

2. Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?

Ans) Mt. Everest was still the highest mountain even before it was discovered!

Prove that $2=1$

Let $a=b$

$a^2 = ab$

$a^2 - b^2 = ab - b^2$

$(a+b)(a-b) = b(a-b)$

$a + b = b$

$2a = b$

But

$a = b$

thus,

$2 = 1!!!!$

YOU SPEAK!!

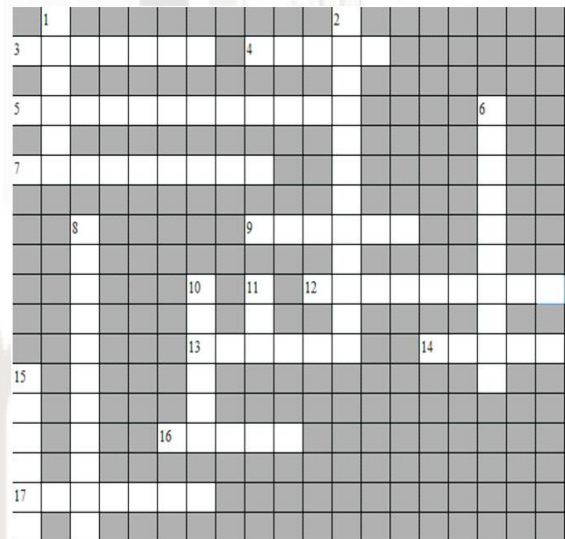
Would Gandhi be appreciative of today's satyagraha?

yes : 32.1 %

no : 67.9 %

ACROSS

3. WHERE WAS THE 'JANA GANA MANA' FIRST SUNG ?
4. WHAT IS THE CAPITAL OF BOLIVIA?
5. WHO HAS BEEN CALLED THE 'NAPOLEAN OF INDIA' ?
7. WHAT IS CALICUT NOW CALLED?
9. WHICH IS THE LARGEST ISLAND IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA?
12. WHO DISCOVERED AUSTRALIA?
13. WHAT SUBSTANCE HELPS IN THE DIGESTION OF MILK?
14. WHICH IS THE SECOND LARGEST MOON?
16. WHAT WAS THE NAME OF WORD 'QUIZ' WHEN IT WAS 1ST COINED?
17. WHICH FISH CAN TASTE WITH ITS WHOLE BODY?



DOWN

1. 'VATICAN CITY' IS THE SMALLEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. WHICH IS THE NEXT SMALLEST...
2. WHICH COUNTRY HAS NEVER SHOWN ITS NAME ON THE POSTAGE STAMPS?
6. HE WAS KNOWN AS NATURE'S POET. WHO IS HE?
8. IN WHICH COUNTRY IS THE LARGEST CHURCH LOCATED?
10. WHICH IS THE LARGEST STRAIT IN THE WORLD?
11. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP 90% OF THE CHINESE POPULATION ?
15. WHOSE NATIONAL FLAG HAS AN EAGLE & A SNAKE?

- ANEESH THAKUR - X-B
- RISHIKESH DHARAP - X-C
- SIMRAN TULI - X-C