

PENS & BRAINS

Quarterly Interactive Magazine for IVWS Parents & Students

Riddles

1. What is served but not eaten?
2. Which room cannot be entered?
3. Which fish cannot be eaten?
4. Which cherry cannot be eaten?
5. What jam cannot be put on the bread?
6. Which key cannot open any door?
7. We are two brothers staying next to each other yet we cannot see each other. Who are we?
8. Can you make a fire with one stick?
9. How are prisoners and astronauts alike?
10. When is a house not on land and on water?
11. If you look, you cannot see me. If you see me you cannot see anything else. I can make anything you want to happen, but later everything goes back to normal. What am I?
12. What two things you cannot have ever in your breakfast?
13. What has arms and legs but no head?
14. What starts with 'e' and ends with 'e' ?
15. I am something many people don't enjoy having as a friend. But I am called upon anytime someone is injured. I have 5 letters and when my last letter is put before my first letter I become a country. What am I?



Answers:

1. A tennis ball 2. Mushroom 3. Selfish 4. Pondicherry 5. Traffic Jam 6. Donkey
 7. Eyes 8. Yes, if it is a matchstick. 9. They are both interested in outer space.
 10. When it is on fire. 11. Your imagination 12. Lunch and dinner 13. Arm chair 14. Envelope
 15. 'Pains' - No one enjoys being in pain, when you're injured you have pain, and when you move 's' to the front it becomes 'Spain'.

- Abhilash Khuntia & Aanchal Dhar, Class VII B



Esha Debnath- VII B



Ashmita Mondal- VII B



Editor's note

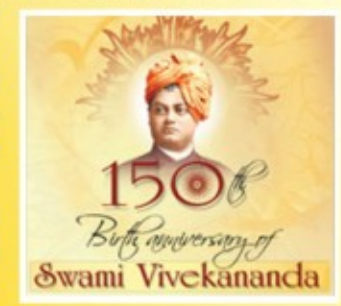
Man is the only rational being. The difference between any other animal and man is that, while other beasts are driven merely by impulse, man is blessed with the ability to think; he can reason out things logically. As a child grows up, this power of judgement develops and with this grows the sense of responsibility.

As students, all of you should learn to shoulder certain responsibilities, however small they might seem. For example, everyday, before leaving for school, you should take your ID card and it should not be one of your parents who remind you of it. One of the foremost duty of students is to maintain discipline, abide by the rules and regulations of the school and to listen to all their elders, whether it be their guardians or teachers. Recently, it has been noticed that some pupils bestow too much importance to their peer group and defy whatever their elders say. But such an adamant attitude is not at all acceptable, as children should realize that elders are always there to guide them and to show them the right path. In today's world, most of the young adults feel bogged down by tremendous peer pressure. But why is it so? A balanced individual should remain unperturbed by baseless criticism and should possess the conviction that what he does or thinks is right. If your friend owns a particular computer game which you don't, stop grumbling. Instead, that very moment think about the numerous wonderful things you have and learn to value them more. Dear children, derive pleasure from the little joys of life and treasure them, because that is what makes life worth living.

-Debirupa Mukherjee

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

"They alone live who live for others." These are inspiring words of Swami Vivekananda, one of the most inspiring personalities of India and the pride of Bengal. As we celebrate the 150th Birth Anniversary of this great philosopher, friend and mentor let us pay tribute not only to this great soul but also to his rich legacy of culture, teachings and inspirational works which continue to influence millions all over the world.



Swami Vivekananda was a great social reformer and a very inspiring personality. His contribution to reform and purify people is beyond all praise. He was of the opinion that a person, who cannot see God in the poor and sick, but claims to see God in the idol, is not a true worshipper. He travelled to every part of the country carrying his message of love, emancipation and true worship and earned the name, 'The wandering Monk'. Thirty years later, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, on return from South Africa, followed the example of Vivekananda by travelling the length and breadth of the country to understand its problems.

Vivekananda's greatest achievement was his espousal of the cause of unity of religions at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago on the 11th of September 1893. "As the different streams having their sources in different places, all mingle their water in the sea, so O Lord, the different paths which men take through different tendencies, various though they appear, crooked or straight, all lead to Thee." These words touched the hearts of all those present at the World Parliament and they stood up in unison to applaud him. Today, these words have not lost their significance but instead they continue to influence and bring more and more people together.

-Joseph Mathew



QUOTES TO REMEMBER

1. A man's worth is in no way greater than his ambitions. - Marcus A. Antonious.
2. As long as you are going to be thinking anyway, think big. - Donald Trump
3. A man must be big enough to admit his mistakes, smart enough to profit from them and strong enough to correct them. - John C. Maxwell
4. In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure. - Bill Cosby
5. Opportunities are like buses, there's always another one coming. Make sure not to miss the next one. - Richard Branson
6. The most valuable thing you can make is a mistake - you can't learn anything from being perfect. - Adam Osborne



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IVWS - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Six months of the academic year 2012-13 have come to a close, another term has begun and during the past six months students of IVWS tasted wonderful academic and CCA activities. The digital content (Pearson) of CBSE curriculum has added impetus to the assimilation of class room learning. Besides the academic enhancement, the students had great opportunities to enhance their CCA interests.

The month of July saw the children trying to improve their spoken English with correct pronunciation. This was culminated with an inter-class / inter-house elocution competition. Every student from Grade I to X had to perform first in the class and get selected for competition. The finals was completed on 20th July and a number of students showed that they have mastered the art of speaking.



IVWS students celebrated Janmashtami in the school through little skits, speeches, special assemblies etc. The celebration brought home the idea that God comes down to man at different times in different forms and it's only natural for man to nourish his spiritual needs.



Independence Day was celebrated at IVWS with great feelings of fervor and **nationalism**. An inter-house skit competition was held on that day by the students of Grade VI to X, based on the theme '**freedom**'. The skits were written and directed by the teachers. The students performed exceptionally well and the importance and true meaning of freedom was effectively conveyed.

On 24th August the pre-primary children had a wonderful day at IVWS enjoying a Magic show / puppet show.



The painting competition (Pot-painting) and Mask making competition was held on 31st August. Many showed their skill in giving ecstatic colour combination to pots. The best products are exhibited at the entrance to the school.

Children at IVWS have received fantastic display shelves to exhibit their art work. The display with light effect looks simply wonderful.

Led by the students of Grade X, IVWS celebrated the Teacher's Day on 5th Sept, with great pomp, colour and festivity and the teachers felt the day was indeed one to be mentioned in their diary. Students performed and fed the teachers with due respect and love.

Congratulations to the organizers and performers.

On 25th August 2012 IVWS was the proud host of an Inter-School Chess Competition. Eight of city's best chess playing schools participated in this grand event. We were honored to have **Grand Master Dibyendu Barua** to inaugurate the event. The tournament was a great success. IVWS was very happy to take home 4 trophies.



'Yoga' competition was one of the events that drew the attention of all at IVWS. The inter-house Yoga competition was held on 3rd Sept. There were about 60 finalists belonging to different age groups. The judges led by Mr. Tirthankar Nandy was greatly impressed by the performance of the students.



The inter-house Table-tennis tournament at IVWS was held on 8th Sept. We had more than 40 participants (Boys & girls) to prove their skill in this game and it was indeed a spirited event. At the end of some breath taking moments of the event, it was clear to one and all that IVWS has some great players who can now put up a challenge to some state level players.

On 29th Sept the teachers of IVWS had a whole day workshop at the school premises on topics like Classroom management for 21st century, Personality development and leadership, Contextualised Pedagogy etc. The resource person, Fr Paul Pudussery, Ph.D

from Boston College turned out to be a charismatic speaker who touched the heart and soul of every participant.

The first week of October saw IVWS students participating in an inter-school competition at National High School. Our students participated in Dance, Band, Quiz, debate, singing and performed very well. **Saptarchita Dutta of Grade X** was adjudged the **best speaker** in debate and our quiz team won the 3rd position. The quiz team consisted of Saket Srivastava and Adhishwar Bardhan of CI-X. congratulations to all the participants and winners.

Before the school closes for Puja vacation the students will have Inter-house debate competition and the Quiz competition.

The Editorial team of 'Pens and Brains' wish all the readers A VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL PUJA.

Willy very Silly

There once was a boy named Willy
Who always made mistakes which were silly
He always tried
But in turn always cried
Whenever he tried not to be silly



One day Willy got ready for school
He thought the weather was cool
So Willy went wearing a sweater
Because he was sure it was December
When Willy got on the school bus
He thought how silly everyone was!
For no one was wearing a sweater
But little did he know that it was the start of September!

Now Willy was really quiet silly
He wrote a "d" when he wanted an "e"
Everyone really liked Willy
Though they laughed at his mistakes
which were silly.

-Jiggya Kapish, Class VII A

My Nocturnal Friends

WHAT COULD I DO?

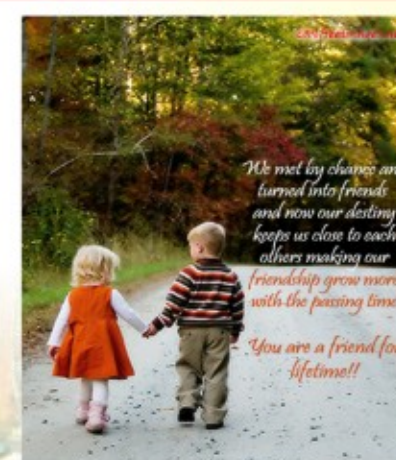
I woke up just after midnight hearing a strange noise. I was extremely curious, opened the door and went out. Suddenly I saw a huge black creature with red eyes and clumsy nose. I got scared and ran into the house and tried to close the door. But it entered the house. I went to my room in search of my cell phone to call mom and dad. I was alone. I felt the night darker than a black cat. What wrong have I done that he entered my rooooooom also? What could have I done rather than running like a tornado! So I fled upstairs to the store room but suddenly saw more horrible black creatures having a gala time in the room. What a horrible moment it was! Only one question was hammering my mind 'What to do now?' All the horrible creatures were slowly coming towards me. My heartbeats became faster and I fainted. I got a feeling that the horrible creatures were gonna splash gallons of water on my face. When I opened my eyes I saw that the horrible black creature, was my Mom Ah! It was a dream. I knew that this was the effect of the horror movie I saw the previous night.

-By Danika & Ishita

My School Indus Valley World School

IVWS is my beloved school
Everything here has a rule
It's a place much like a fairy land
Where children find pleasure as they stand.
Teachers help us in every field.
And with their blessings we succeed
Students are always prevented from going astray.
We have to leave our beloved school one day.
But for its prosperity I shall forever pray.

-Debdyuti Roy, Class VII A



Friendship

Friendship means a bond Between two or more. This human bond may be formed within a few moments with the coming together of two persons of the same nature. A person may make friendship with another person by virtue of his or her will. But friendship may be real or fake. Some friends may walk out of our life, but true friends leave important prints in our hearts. They help in every aspect of our life. The popular saying 'A friend in need is a friend indeed' is true. A true friend can sacrifice everything for his pal. His friend in turn should understand his / her love for him and be ready for any kind of sacrifice. This is a true bond that removes loneliness and helps in every aspect of life.

- Suprava Bapari
Class VII C

The 'Bat' Night

Have you seen the movie, "Batman Begins" in which the protagonist was afraid of bats? There was a horrifying scene in which he was frightened when hundreds of bats came flying right across his face!

I play cricket every evening from 5 to 6pm. It's September, so days are shorter and 6'0 clock in the evening seems like 9'0 clock at night. Yesterday when I returned home my house was as dark and silent as outside. I locked the main door from inside as instructed by my mother and sister before they had left for an invitation in the neighbourhood. I switched on the lights of my bedroom and lay on the bed. As I was following the blades of the moving ceiling fan right above, I suddenly felt like the whole room was dark again and soon a shadow like thing went past my head. I saw that the shadow like thing was a bat! I was very startled and at the same time very frightened. It was flying round and round. Sometimes, it sat on one wall and sometimes on the other. It was hanging upside down and was making no sound. As we know, bats sit upside down and make a certain sound. These animals can locate their food with the help of sound waves. But, this bat was making no characteristic sound. Wherever the bat was sitting it left a particular scent. I was trying to get rid of the bat. I switched on different types of lights and opened some windows but the bat was not going out. I thought that it might be an abnormal or injured bat. After getting terribly frustrated, I tried to kill the bat. While I was just trying to kill it with my badminton racket, it started making noise and came flying right at my face. As it came closer and closer, I felt as if someone was pushing me very hard. Then I heard my mother's voice saying, 'wake-up!' I suddenly opened my eyes and the dark room became totally bright. I saw the ceiling fan rotating and my mother trying to wake me up!

-Soumyabrata Chakraborty
Class VII B



My Lovely Childhood

My childhood is wonderful indeed;
I get almost everything I need!
I like to sit and count the flowers,
And watch movies on T.V for hours!
You'll always find my things littered
here, there, everywhere.
And also find me scream - when I
see a NIGHTMARE!



In games like badmintonI always make a mess!
But if you ask me what I play, may be it's chess!
If you're talking about subjects, I love Science and English;
And about my food habits.....I hate fish!
Mom says I'm extremely lazy.
But my friends say I drive them crazy!
They often say I'm cool!
But mom often calls me a - FOOL!
I fear cockroaches and spiders a lot!
And seeing Maths I forget what I was taught!

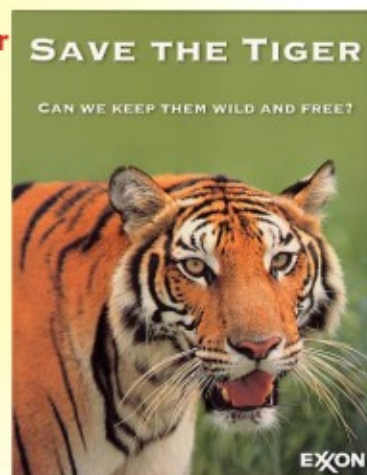
Shouting at me for anything is in vain.....
Because I'm as good as deaf when you scream.

-Esha Debnath
Class VII

Tiger Conservation

'SC Bans tiger tourism' There are only 1907 tigers left! We hear these news through various means of media but most of us are not taking steps against the people who kill tigers for their own benefits. Just imagine if your condition were to be like the tigers who cannot freely move around and who live a life of misery. People from different regions and countries like China have started killing tigers for their bones, skin etc. It is time, friends we pull up our socks and spread awareness about this matter so that our national animal can live a secured life. Save TIGERS!!

**-Jigyaa Kapish &
-Anupama Shanker**
Class VII A



My Holiday Destination

My Holiday Destination must be a unique place. Not only the place itself must be beautiful but also it should be a place with beautiful and good-hearted people. It should be a place where mountains touch the heavens and birds fly till the sun is down completely. It should be a place where flowers sway to and from and sing among themselves. Birds chirp and sing the whole day. It should have a nice cuisine too!

It should have good hearted and caring people. I think I should not imagine so much. Maybe there is no place like this in the world. But I would be the happiest of all if there is a place like this. I hope.....

-Anusha Chaudhury
Class VII C



Life

Life is easy
Life is difficult
Life is a hard nut to crack
Life is love
Life is hate
To get success we have to wait
Life is failure
Life is comfortable
Life is miserable,
But hope should never give up

- Chandrima Sen
Class VII B



Mother Earth

Let us save our mother earth
As earth is where we have our birth.
Turn off the lights when you are not in room.
This will save the earth from doom.
Always throw trash in a bin
This will keep our earth clean.
Whenever you can plant a tree
A greener earth we will see
Recycling paper and metals succeeds
By doing these small deeds
We know that saving the earth is not impossible.

- Rupsa Dhar
Class VII A



Akash Hazra VII A

Run

In the run,
Is the fun,
Time to rest,
Is a waste.
Time to work,
Is the best.
Heed in time,
Need in time.
Time to waste
Is a waste.
In the run,
Is the fun.

-Nikita Yadav
Class VII B



Rupsa Dhar-VII A

The Great Escape

This story was told to me by my mother's sister. She used to travel by taxi to her college everyday. Then one day, WBSTC introduced a new bus 1A. It went from Ballygunge to Jadavpur. Only one bus was dispatched which had a WBSTC sticker on its registration plate. The conductor often used to joke about it all the time. One day, my aunt was going to her University. It was a winter morning and it was tremendously cold and foggy. She got on the 1A and sat on the seat just behind the door. Some more passengers trooped in and the bus started. On its way to Jadavpur, the bus came to Sukanta Setu. But in 1987, it was just newly built. The ridges of the bridge were not built just yet. The bus got on to Sukanta Setu. On coming to the middle of the flyover, suddenly the bus lost control. The front wheels had skidded and it was falling from the overhanging ridge. As my aunt's seat was near the door, she had jumped out. In front of her eyes she saw the 1A falling 105 feet down into a pond below. She immediately called the police. Nobody survived the fall except my aunt. Indeed it was a great escape for my aunt!

- Rounak Haolader
Class – VII A



Puja Shopping

Kolkataans go shopping spree during the autumn months. Kolkata's streets – busy at the best of times - swell to bursting point with crowds and vehicles just before the 'Puja's.' During this period people hurriedly make their purchases for the festive season. Not only do ordinary home-keeping housewives come out to take saris and other items of clothing and household use, but also villagers from distant districts come in groups to the city to buy new clothing for the whole family.

And what a spectacle the city presents during these months! The city looks terrible on these days. Tempers run high; there are fights and cuffs, rows and excitement. Sometime parents accompanied by their children visit these shops, and the children are seen persuading their parents to buy dresses of their choice. At times elderly ladies come and ask for dresses that would suit them and their purse. All these activities in a shop give salesmen a hard time.

Some shops prominently display sales notice claiming to have cut prices down drastically. Often these claims prove bogus. Prices are artificially raised and then lowered. Thus a

shirt costing Rs 70/-, is sold for Rs 50/- at the sale. But some shops do offer a discount. Others find alternative methods of attracting customers. They offer gifts, cups and spoons and all sorts of boring things. Women customers show a special fondness for this sort of bargain. They are more interested in the 'gift' than in the main item they are buying. For the shopkeepers it is a big occasion for selling different items and making as much profit as they can. The most horrible shopping I have ever seen in my life is Calcutta's. Have you completed your 'Puja Shopping'?

- Debdyuti Roy, Class VII A



My Dog Lives on the Sofa

My dog lives on the sofa
That's where he wants to be
He likes to sit there night and day
And watch what's on TV
He surfs the channel constantly
By chewing the remote
Then watches what he wants to watch
I never get a chance to watch a match.
He is fond of movie with animals
He takes in nature show
Whenever there's a tennis match he nearly comes on glued.

I got him for a pound
I took him for a watch dog
But this isn't what I meant!

-Shreya Mondal
Class VII C



HOW FUNNY!!!



Teacher : How old is your Dad?

Student: He is as old as I am.

Teacher : How is it possible?

Student: Because he became Dad only after I was born.

Teacher : Sam, what is the outside of a tree called?

Sam : Skin

Teacher : Oh Sam, Bark Sam Bark!

sam : Bow,wow,wow!

Teacher : Johnny, don't you know you can't sleep in my class?

Johnny : I know, but may be if you were just a little quieter, I could.

Teacher : How do you like your new house?

Student: Oh, we like it very much. I have a room of my own. Each of my sisters has a room each. But poor Mom still she has to share a room with dad!

Father : Well son, how's your performance at school?

Son : Underwater!

Father : What do you mean?

Son : Well its below C-Level.

First man : Which is the best month to marry?

Second man : Oct-September.

First man : There is no such month, you fool!

Second man : Exactly, you fool!

The following is a letter from a son at boarding school to his father.

Dear Dad

\$chool is ace. I have made lot\$ of new friend\$ - \$imon \$tephen and \$tanley. I really can't think of any \$tuff that I need just now. If it i\$ okay with you though, \$end me a note or letter a\$ it would be \$o \$o nice to hear from you

Your loving \$on

The reply came

Hello Son

I kNOW that EcoNOMics, oceaNOgraphy and astroNOmy are more than eNOugh to keep you busy. The pursuit of kNOWLEDge is a nOBle and hoNOurable task so you can never do eNOugh studying.

Take care. Hope you have enjoyed receiving my Note.

Love Dad

- Debdyuti Roy & Deblina Chatterjee
Class VII A

David Johnson's Watch

This is the story of an ordinary man. He works in a government office and receives moderate salary. He is married and has two sons. They live in Park Street and sometimes go shopping. They cannot afford expensive things so they stay well on economical ones. The man sometimes takes an evening walk on the streets. Once it so happened that during a regular evening walk, a car crashed against a street lamp post just beside where the man was walking. He fell down but fortunately did not get hurt, but his watch was damaged.

He did not have a watch at home so he went to a watch shop opposite the Park Street cemetery to buy one. The shopkeeper showed him numerous watches and at last the man chose one.

It was an old watch. It looked like a British "Sahib's" watch. On the dial, it was written in bold letters "Johnson's". The man bought the watch and headed towards the street. While he was walking down the street, he thought, "Yes I remember now one of my close relatives is buried here in the Park street cemetery. Let me go to the cemetery and place some flowers at the grave".

He bought a bouquet of flowers from the florist and kept them on the grave of his relative and then went and sat on one of the benches.

It was 4:30 pm when a tall man came and sat down beside him. He was wearing a, lawyer's black coat, long boots and a hat just as the earlier British wore. After looking at the watch of the man for a long time, the tall man said, "Impressive watch!! From where did you get it?" "From the shop opposite to the cemetery", replied the man. The two men continued their conversation and became friends. After that the tall man asked. "What is your name?" "Amar Biswas, and yours?" asked the man. "Johnson, David Johnson" saying this the man got up and walked out of the cemetery gate. For a moment, Amar thought that his name was in his watch. He saw the time, it was 5:30 pm. He went to the watch shop and enquired about the history of the watch. The keeper told, "It was a very old watch, sir. It was one of the Sahib's watch. He was found dead on the street and then I collected it and kept it in the shop". "What was his name?" asked Amar. Most probably, David Johnson, sir". A cold chill ran up his spine. Who was he talking to for an hour? Was he really

-Soham Mukhopadhyay
Class VII B

