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India has made the country proud at the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) 2025 held in Australia. Six brilliant students from India took part and they brought home three gold medals!

### What's special?

- The team came 7<sup>th</sup> out of 110 countries.
- They scored 193 points—India's highest ever at the IMO!
- Kanav Talwar won a gold medal for the second time!
- Three winners are from Delhi Public School, Faridabad.

# How did they prepare?

- The students trained for weeks at a special maths camp in Mumbai.
- They solved tricky problems, worked in groups, and did practice tests every day.
- Teachers and experts helped them get better with lots of care and support.

### What can we learn?

- Practice and teamwork can lead to great success.
- Students from any school or town can do amazing things.
- Maths can be fun—and take you across the world!

Next year, the IMO will be held in Shanghai.

India hopes to see more girls and more young maths stars from across the country!

# International Mathematical

Divya Deshmukh, a 19-year-old from Nagpur, has made India proud by winning the Women's Chess World Cup in July 2025. She is now one of the youngest Indian women to earn the title of Grandmaster, which is one of the highest honours in the game of chess.

Divya began playing chess at the age of five. Over the years, she practised regularly, studied smart moves and learned to stay calm during every game. In the final round of the World Cup, she defeated a

well-known Indian chess player, Koneru Humpy and became a global star. What We Learn from Divya

- Success does not come overnight. It needs patience, effort and a lot of practice.
- · Staying calm and thinking clearly can help us in school, games and life.
- · Age is not a limit. Children and teenagers can also achieve great things.

Divya's journey teaches us that quiet confidence, steady practice and belief in oneself can lead to great success.

Activity - My Steps to Success

- 1. What is one thing you would like to become good at?
- Write it down in a sentence.
- 2. What will help you improve in that area? List two actions you can take (e.g. practise every day, ask questions, read more).
- Reflection:

What can you learn from Divya's story that you can use in your own life?

Our brave and strong Indian girls have done something amazing in Athens, Greece!

They took part in the 2025 U17 World Wrestling Championship. and came back with 5 medals - 2 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze.

# **Meet Our Gold Medal Heroes:**

Rachana - She made history! She won India's first-ever gold in the 43 kg freestyle by beating China's Xin Huang. The score? A clean 3-0 win!

Ashvini Vishnoi – She won gold too! In the 65 kg category, she beat Uzbekistan's wrestler with another strong 3-0 victory! Let's Cheer for Them!

These girls are superstars! They worked hard, stayed strong

and made our country proud. You can be a champion too — in sports, reading, drawing, dancing or anything you love!

**Believe in yourself** — you are stronger than you think!

# **Heartfelt Thanks**

# Dear Creative Kids,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to your team for creating such a wonderful newspaper for kids. The Creative Kids Today has been a delightful addition to our school, sparking curiosity, creativity and a love for reading in young minds.

# Impact on Young Readers

The engaging stories, informative articles and fun activities have not only entertained but also educated our children, broadening their horizons and inspiring them to learn more about the world around them.

Thank you for your dedication to providing

high-quality content that is both entertaining and enriching for kids. Your efforts are truly making a positive impact on the next generation of readers and thinkers.

# **Best Wishes**

We look forward to continuing to enjoy The Creative Kids Today and appreciate your commitment to nurturing young minds through the power of journalism. Sincerely,

Mrs Nikeeta Dias **Academic Director** St. John's Infant Academy & Senior Secondary School

# Your brain uses tiny sparks!

Your brain sends little electric signals to help you think, blink and even dream.

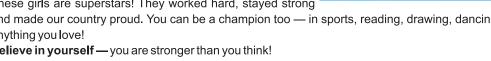
# Space is super quiet!

There is no air in space, so sound can't travel.

That's why astronauts use radios to talk.

# Earth is like a big magnet!

Earth has a magnetic field that helps compasses point north and keeps us safe from harmful space rays.



Imagine a robot that looks like a ball... but it can talk, glow, roll and even help you at home!

Ballie is a brand-new robot made by Samsung. It's small, round and very smart.

Ballie moves around your house, learns your routine, and helps you like a real friend.

# What Can Ballie Do?

- It can show videos and pictures on the wall like a cartoon or a homework reminder!
- It plays music, talks to you and follows you like a
- It can switch on lights, help with home gadgets and remind you to drink water or do your homework!

A robot that remembers, reminds and rolls with you!

Fun Activity – My Day with Ballie!

# Draw a picture of Ballie helping you in your home.

- What does Ballie do in the morning? What does it say at homework time?
- What does it do when you're bored?

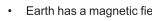
Write one or two lines about what makes your Ballie special!







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# VERCOMING Challenges AUGUST 15TH IS INDEPENDENCE DAY



## Sudhanshu Sharma – The Boy Who Never Gave Up

Not all heroes wear a cape or run fast. Some inspire us by going on, even when life is difficult.

Sudhanshu Sharma, a 15-year-old student from Nagpur, was born with quadriparesis, a condition that makes it hard to move his hands and legs. Many people thought he would need help to write his Class

But Sudhanshu wanted to do it by himself.

He practised every day—holding the pen slowly, writing one letter at a time. It was not easy but he kept going.

In 2025, he sat for all his CBSE Class 10 exams and wrote every word on his own.

When the results were declared, Sudhanshu had scored an amazing 86.2%!

# Why Sudhanshu Inspires Us

- He showed that challenges can be overcome with patience and hard work.
- He didn't give up, even when things were difficult.
- He proved that real strength comes from inside—not just from muscles.

Sudhanshu teaches us that quiet courage and strong effort can lead to big success.

Activity - Be Your Own Hero!

Think of a time when something was hard for you. What did you do?

Now complete these:			
1.	I found it hard to	:	
2.	But I kept trying by	:	
3.	After that, I felt	:	

# LET'S REMEMBER THESE DAYS

# August 6 - Hiroshima Day

This day reminds us that peace is better than war. We remember the people of Hiroshima.

Draw a dove and share one way you can spread peace. Let's learn the value of peace and kindness.

# August 12 - Youth Day

Young people like you can help the world with ideas and kindness.

Draw or write one thing you want to do to make the world better. Let's think about how we can make a difference.

# August 15 – Independence Day

India became free on this day. We celebrate our country with joy and pride.

Colour the Indian flag or sing a patriotic song with your family. Let's remember the people who made India

# August 19 - World Photography Day

Photos help us capture fun and special moments.

Click a photo of something you love like your pet, a tree or your smile. Let's enjoy noticing the beauty around

# August 20 - Sadbhavana Diwas

This day is about love, peace and getting along with everyone.

Say something kind to three people today. Let's practise harmony and kindness every day.

# August 29 – National Sports Day

This day celebrates Major Dhyan Chand and reminds us to stay active and healthy.

Play your favourite sport or try a new one with friends. Let's stay fit and enjoy playing together.

15 August is celebrated as Independence Day because India got freedom from British rule in 1947. On this day, the Prime Minister hoists the national flag at the Red Fort in Delhi. 26 January is celebrated as Republic Day, the day India got its Constitution in 1950 and became a republic. The President hoists the flag at Kartavya Path and a grand parade takes place. Both days are national holidays and fill us with pride for our country.



How to Celebrate Independence Day:

- Show Respect Stand proudly during the national anthem.
- Wear the Colours Dress in saffron, white or green.
- Fly the Flag Make a paper flag or join your school's flag-hoisting.
- Learn and Share Read a story or watch a video about our freedom fighters and share it with a friend.

# Challenge for You:

Do one patriotic act each day this week—like keeping your surroundings clean, learning about a freedom fighter or helping someone in need. Small acts can make a big difference!

# **Fun Fact:**

Did you know? The Indian national flag has three colours—

Saffron for courage

White for peace

Green for growth

And the Ashoka Chakra in the middle stands for truth and progress!

# MAGIC OF AI: MEET DIYA — YOUR READING BUD

Did you know there's a friendly helper who listens while you read? Her name is Diya and she lives inside an app called Google Read Along. Diya is not a real person—she is an Al, which means Artificial Intelligence. That means she is a smart computer voice that can understand what you say.



# What Can Diya Do?

- · She listens as you read stories aloud.
- · If you get stuck on a word, she helps you.
- She cheers for you when you read well!
- She speaks many Indian languages like Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, Bengali and English. With Diya, reading becomes fun and exciting—like having a reading friend by your side!

Activity - Design Your Own Reading Buddy!

Imagine your own reading helper like Diya.

Draw your reading buddy on paper. Then answer these:

- What is your buddy's name?
- What does it look like?
- How does it help you read?

Bonus: What else can your buddy do-tell jokes, sing songs or share new words?

Diya shows us how Al can make learning fun and helpful!

# LAUGHTER TIME

# Q: Why did the book look so proud?

- A: Because it had a great story to tell!
- Q: What do you call a robot who loves jokes?
- A: Agiggle-bot!
- Q: Why did the pencil get a time-out?
- A: It couldn't stop making a point!

Joke Challenge: Make up your own funny joke and tell it to a friend or family member! Who laughed the most?

# IZ CORNER

- 1. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
  - (a) Apple

(b) Strawberry

(c) Banana

- 2. Which animal has no bones in its body?
  - (a) Snake (c) Frog

(b) Octopus

- 3. Which is the tallest statue in the world?
  - (a) Statue of Liberty

(b) Statue of Unity

Christ the Redeemer

Send correct answers to us at: info@creativekidssolutions.com



Rare Caracal Spotted In Madhya



**New Cyprinid Fish Species** 



**New Gecko Species** Found In Assam

1<sup>st</sup> July

A rare caracal has been spotted in Madhya Pradesh's Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary for the first time in nearly 20 years. Captured on camera during Project Cheetah's wildlife monitoring, this sighting boosts hopes for reviving threatened species. Caracals, listed as threatened in India, face habitat loss. Conservationists see this as a positive step toward their protection. 7<sup>th</sup> July

A new fish named Pethia dibrugarhensis was found in the Brahmaputra River near Dibrugarh in Assam. Scientists found it while studying the river. This fish is special because it does not have whiskers like some other fish and has a broken line on its side. This shows that the river has many amazing living things and we should take care of our rivers to keep them safe and clean. 12th July

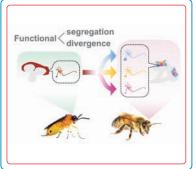
India has launched the world's first Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL), combining ancient medicine with AI. The platform preserves and protects systems like Ayurveda and Unani. Praised by the WHO, the project prevents misuse of traditional knowledge and supports modern research. India's efforts mark a global step in blending technology with heritage for better healthcare. 18<sup>th</sup> July

Indore, Surat and Navi Mumbai were named India's cleanest cities in Swachh Survekshan 2024-25. New ideas made the survey fair for all city sizes. Many cities won awards for better sanitation and safety. A new programme will clean old waste sites. Leaders praised teamwork and citizen efforts in making India cleaner, greener and more caring.

21st July

Scientists have found a new gecko species in Assam called Cnemaspis brahmaputra. It is active during the day and lives near the Brahmaputra River. The gecko is different from its relatives in Sri Lanka. This discovery helps us learn more about India's reptiles and shows why it is important to protect river areas rich in





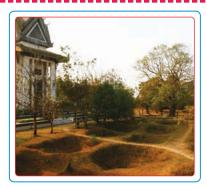
**Lightest Brain Control Device Guides Bee Movement** 

# **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

11<sup>th</sup> July

Scientists have made a very tiny and light device that can be placed on a bee's head to guide how it moves. This small machine sends signals to the bee's brain, telling it which way to go. In the future, this can help in finding people or keeping places safe. But bees can get tired and the device still needs more power, so scientists are trying to make it better. To understand this better, children can play a fun game where one child wears a <mark>blindfold</mark> and acts like the bee, while another gives simple directions like 'go left' or 'take two steps forward.' This shows how the device helps the bee follow the right path.

UNESCO has added three Khmer Rouge sites in Cambodia to its World Heritage List, including Tuol Sleng prison, M-13 prison and Choeung Ek Killing Fields. The move marks 50 years since the regime's rise and honours victims of the genocide. Cambodia sees the listing as a call for peace, education and remembrance of one of its darkest historical periods.



Khmer Rouge Sites In Cambodia Added To UNESCO Heritage List

Sachin Tendulkar's Portrait Unveiled At Lord's

Sachin Tendulkar's portrait was unveiled at Lord's MCC Museum, painted by British artist Stuart Pearson Wright. The event, held before the India-England Test, honoured Tendulkar's legendary career. He rang the match bell and reflected on his England journey. Tendulkar also praised Indian captain Shubman Gill for his calm leadership and strong form.

4<sup>th</sup> August

India and England played an exciting Test match at The Oval, which India won by just 6 runs. This made the whole series end in a draw, with both teams winning two matches each. Mohammed Siraj was the hero of the match—he took 5 important wickets and helped India win by bowling out the last few England players quickly. His strong and smart bowling made the victory possible and brought smiles to cricket fans all over India.



Mohammed Sirai The Hero Of The Match

# CTURE STORY

# THE ADVENTURES OF ROHAN AND THE PUPPY

Rohan was playing with the football. He cheered, imagining himself as a famous football player.



Rohan rushed home with the puppy in his arms. As soon as he stepped inside, his mother looked surprised.



Suddenly, he saw a small puppy stuck in a muddy puddle. The poor puppy's legs were covered in thick mud, and it struggled to free itself.



Rohan filled a bucket with warm water and carefully washed the puppy.



As Rohan got closer, the puppy's big, frightened eyes looked up at him.



Rohan thought hard about giving the puppy



Rohan laughed and played with Buddy in the backyard. They ran, jumped and even played the football together.

With a big pull, he managed to lift the puppy



Over time, Rohan and Buddy became the best of friends



Moral: Helping others, even small animals, is a kind and brave thing to do. It can bring joy and happiness into your life.

# Have you ever seen a hornbill?

It's a big, colourful bird with a long beak and a very important job! Now, these special birds have a safe place to live and grow. India has just opened its first Hornbill Conservation Centre in the Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu. This centre will help keep hornbills safe and protect their forest home.

### Why Are Hornbills Important? Hornbills love to eat fruits. When they fly, they drop seeds. These seeds grow into trees—so hornbills

are called farmers of the forest. But hornbills are in danger because:

# Trees are being cut down The climate is changing

Fewer safe places to build nests left for them

# What Will the Centre Do?

• Study hornbills and their nests • Work with local people to protect the birds

# Who Will Help?

People who live near the forest will: Look after hornbill nests

Collect seeds and plant new trees
Join nature walks and learn how to care for forests

Nature experts and forest rangers will also help with the project.

Why It Matters: Hornbills help forests grow. When we save hornbills, we also save trees, animals and clean air. Protecting them means protecting the planet!

Activity - Make a hornbill puppet or mask using paper and colours. Then act out a small play. Title: Hornbill's Message to Humans

# Say things like:

'Don't cut down my tree—it's my nest!'

Perform it with a friend or show your class. Let your voice be the hornbill's!

'I help new trees grow by dropping seeds!'

# Don't waste food.

Take only what you can eat. Share extras if you can!



# Donate old toys and clothes.

Give things a second life instead of throwing them away.

# Borrow books or visit your library.

Sharing books saves trees—and lets more kids enjoy them!

# Take care of plants around you.

Water school garden plants and tell friends not to pluck flowers.

Make crafts from old boxes, cans or paper.

# Turn 'waste' into art projects! Use both sides of paper.

Make sure each sheet is fully used before recycling.





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### Alexander Graham Bell – Big Ideas Start Small

Alexander Graham Bell was a curious child.

He loved asking questions like:

 "Can sound travel through a wire?" "How do people talk?"

He didn't just ask—he tried. He built small machines, made mistakes and kept learning. In those days, people could only send messages using letters or telegraphs (which sent beeps, not real voices). Bell wanted to help people talk to each other, even from far away. He worked with his helper Thomas Watson. After many tries, something amazing happened. In 1876, Bell spoke into a machine and said: "Mr Watson, come here, I want to see you." Watson heard him through a wire—this was the first telephone call in the world!

### How The Telephone Changed The World

- People could speak to someone far away faster in emergencies
- Families could stay in touch smaller and more connected

Today's mobile phones all started with Bell's idea

# What We Learn From Bell's Journey

- Be curious and ask "what if?"
- Small ideas can grow into big inventions
- Alexander Graham Bell helped the world speak across distances.
- What idea do YOU have that could help the world one day?

**Activity:** Design Your Own Phone!

Draw a picture of your own phone. Give it a new shape and fun features. What can it do besides calling? Can it help people learn, stay safe, or do something magical? Be creative—your phone could be the next big invention!

Twelve strong and smart Maratha forts have been added to the UNESCO World Heritage List!

These forts, built between the 1600s and 1800s, are spread across Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

They were made by the Maratha Empire to protect people from enemies. Built on hills and cliffs, they used nature's shape to stay strong.

### Famous forts include:

- Raigad where Shivaji Maharaj was crowned
- Shivneri his birthplace
- Pratapgad known for a brave battle
- Gingee Fort a smartly designed fort of Tamil Nadu

# What Is UNESCO?

UNESCO is a world group that protects special places like forests, forts and ancient sites.

Being on their list means these forts are now known and protected across the world!

Activity - IF I BUILTAFORT...

# Draw your own fort and answer:

- 1. Where would you build it?
- 2. What would keep it safe?

Help could arrive

It made the world feel

Try again, even if you fail

Your ideas can make a difference

3. What would you name it?

Share your design with your class or stick it on your school's history wall!

# August 2, 1870

Tower Subway opens in London, the world's first underground tube railway.

August 3, 1492

Christopher Columbus sailed from Spain with three ships, seeking a westerly route to reach India.

August 5, 1914

First electric traffic light installed in Cleveland, Ohio.

August 6, 1881

Alexander Fleming, who discovered penicillin, was born in Ayrshire, Scotland.

August 15, 1947

India got Independence from the British rule.

August 20, 1977

NASA launched Voyager 2 towards Jupiter, Saturn, Venus and Neptune.

August 22, 1962

World's 1st Nuclear-powered ship completed its maiden voyage from Yorktown to Savannah.

August 31, 1957

Malaysia gained independence from British colonial rule.

# Animal Corner

# The Hippo That Sweats Pink!

Did you know the hippopotamus has a secret superpower? Its body makes a pink liquid that looks like sweat.

But it's not really sweat. This pink fluid helps the



- hippo in two ways: • It works like sunscreen to protect its skin from the hot sun.
- It also keeps germs away, like a natural medicine.

Hippos spend lots of time in water to stay cool.

Fun fact: They may look slow but they can run faster than humans and are very good swimmers.

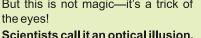
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# The Hill That Tricks Your Eyes!

In the beautiful mountains of Ladakh. India, there is a strange and exciting road called Magnetic Hill.

If you stop your car at a special spot there, something surprising happens. The car begins to move all by itself, even without the engine on!

It looks like the car is going up the hill! But this is not magic-it's a trick of



# Scientists call it an optical illusion.

The road only looks like it is going up. It is actually going slightly

Our eyes get confused by the shape of the land and the mountains around.

# Why It's Special:

- It's a famous natural wonder in India.
- It helps us understand how our eyes can be fooled.
- It shows that science is full of fun surprises.

Would you like to visit a place where cars seem to roll uphill on their own?

What else do you imagine would be different here?

# Amey and the Missing Sock Mystery!

Amey wasn't a big fan of helping at home. On weekends, when Mummy said, "Time to clean your room!" Amey would suddenly feel sleepy, thirsty-or even invisible! One Saturday, Papa said, "Amey, clean-up comes first. Cartoons can wait."



# Amey groaned but got to work.

He started folding clothes, arranging his books, and picking up toys from under the bed. Then—uh oh! He found only one sock from his favourite pair. He searched in his cupboard, under his pillow and behind the curtain. No luck.

Then he spotted their puppy, Bingo, hiding behind the sofa... with the sock in his mouth!

Amey couldn't stop laughing. "Bingo, you silly sock thief!" Later that day, Amey looked at his clean room and smiled. It felt good. Helping at home wasn't as boring as he thought—it was fun, full of surprises and it made Mummy smile too.

# We Learn from Amey:

Helping at home teaches us to care, be responsible and enjoy little wins—like a clean room or a big smile from Mum and Dad! Your Turn!

Think of one small job you can do every day—lay the table, water the plants or tidy your shelf. Draw or write what you did and how it made you feel!

