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# A CANDLE AND A JINGLE

Aastha Raisurana and Ritvi Jain

do not really want to brag about it but it is my birthday today. You Uthenas are invited to my birthday party, except there is no party. Apparently, you girls have decided to leave me alone on this exuberant day. No worries, on the brighter side I have grown a full year older, have a whisker about 2 inches long with a tooth sharp enough to cut through diamond. I could go on and on but I do not want to be a gooseberry and ruin my day. Whiskers out!

Everybody who has helped 'The Informant Committee' throughout its journey, a big thank you to them. It has been due to the support of our young enthusiastic Uthenas that we have completed a full circle of 365 days. The time has flown swifter than falcons, we are already here to celebrate the first birthday of 'The Informant'. This past year has been a whirlwind of immense hard work and dedication that went into putting together the pieces of our newsletter. All our efforts pay off, when students count days until the next edition arrives. Presently, it is time for merrymaking, raising our spirits and enlivening our souls with the jingle bells of Christmas, so grab a cup of hot chocolate and curl yourself in a cozy blanket as we take you through a heart-warming tale about the one and only Cleo Holmes.

With noiseless paws and stealthy moves, Cleo followed the little match girl through the cobbled streets. The

entire city was buzzing with eager last minute shoppers who were desperate to reach home and have their fill of the mouthwatering Christmas dinner. Cleo cut his way through the crowd only to find that a little girl in ragged clothes had been struggling to sell matchsticks to the passers-by. Cleo, invisible to the eyes of the

common public, crouched beside the girl who had finally given up all possibilities of earning even a single penny that night. Cleo sensed the pangs of hunger the girl felt even before he heard her growling stomach. Jubilant and cheerful voices singing carols and laughter among the loved and dear ones floated out of the windows of a nearby house. Cleo was struck by the irony of the situation that even though he was a cat, he was more compassionate and kinder than all the inhabitants of this ignorant city. Cleo helplessly watched as the girl tried to keep herself warm by tucking her legs close and rubbing her hands together.

He realized with a start that she would not have the fortune of seeing the morning sun cascading the city with rays of hope and happiness. Cleo did the only thing he could; he gave her the comfort and warmth she had been searching for, her whole life. With every succeeding matchstick she struck, she envisioned all the luxuries of life she had been deprived of. The warm stove radiating a sense of security and protection, the Christmas tree with branches so wide that it appeared to conceal the entire night sky and the delicious roast goose stuffed with apples and prunes. At the end, the girl departed this biased and unjust world with a smile on her lips and Cleo silently prayed that she might find all the happiness that she deserved in the next world.

Cleo made it his mission to save all the other children who like the little match girl had been divested of love and basic needs their whole life. Similarly, the Uthenas have decided to take forward Cleo's mission and save hundreds of children who die merely due to lack of proper clothing. Project Woolen' is an initiative taken up by the girls wherein students collect at least ten woolen garments and distribute them among the poor who do not have sufficient clothes to protect themselves from the harsh cold. So, let us all join hands and make this Christmas truly 'warm' for all those who suffer due to inadequate clothing.



# Humanity, Bonding and Sensitivity

t is a human tendency to find companionship and form close ties with people around us. We, at Unison, for long have held the reputation of a 'student friendly' and 'community oriented' school. However, the changing disposition and discerning temperaments of girls have raised alarm for many. It is saddening to be confounded with reality

that girls have steadily lost respect and civility for others. Our system of discipline is mangled with voguish impertinence that does not penalize the inappropriate acts. This is reflected in the disrespect and disregard shown in one's betowards havior one's peers.

An instance of this declining attitude of girls

is revealed when they dauntlessly evade food queues in the mess. This is a matter of concern as it reflects impatience and thoughtlessness. Such a behavior can be amended by adherence to the decorum of the mess by joining the tail of the queue and giving up on the urge of moving ahead.

Frequent name-calling and unacceptable behavior with fellow members recounts to the lost sense of sisterhood. Use of disrespectful words may appeal to many. However, it not only lowers your own worth for using these words with frivolity but also degrades the respect of the institution you belong to. Constant reprimands from teachers, repeated warning from prefects are paid little heed to.

inappropriate behavior towards sahayika didis is also in need tween the two senior batches is that of social isolation. The partial ignorance and misbehaviour on the part of some girls is a matter of concern. Though they may not be labelled for these acts, their actions have undoubtedly left a lasting impression. Mocking and jeering along with belittling of a companion's spirit has become rampant.

> It probably is easy to misbehave because others choose to remain silent. Does the guilty party ever find their sense of humility and sensitivity? If yes, then they must make efforts to redeem their actions. If not, then they must become conscious their insensitivity by paying attention to their conscience.

Advocating appropriate behaviour and attitude is of vital importance. One must take time to retrospect on one's ideals and morals. Psychological studies prove that most of our chardevelopment takes place during our adolescent years. That very fact makes it imperative that we shape ourselves into young adults who understand and value the true meaning of principles like integrity.

Cartoon: Ritvi Jain



# **EDITORIAL**

of rectification. They are the ones who look after the well-being of the girls once they are in the boarding house. However, the treatment meted out to them is of thanklessness and scorn. It is but a constant quibble over futile issues which shifts from resolving one's grievances to impudence.

Another subject of rancor be-

A Thousand memories in a thousand strands

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# A Thank you Note

ALL OUR EFFORTS WOULD GO IN VAIN AS WE'D TRY AND SNEAK A PEEK INTO THE DANCE ROOMS OR MPH. TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE TEACHERS HAD IN STORE FOR THE 14TH OF NOVEMBER, 2019. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD HEAR AN EARFUL IN OUR SNOOPY ATTEMPTS. IT WAS ALL WORTH IT, WHEN THE TEACHERS PUT UP A SPECTACULAR SHOW FILLED WITH UNEXPECTED DANCE PERFORMANCES, MELLIFLUOUS MELODIES AND RIDDLES. ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY, THE INFORMANT WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE TEACHERS AND STAFF MEMBERS FOR CONSTANTLY CARING FOR US, MAKING US GIGGLE, LAUGH TILL OUR TUMMIES HURT AND FOR MAKING EVERY DAY FEEL LIKE CHILDREN'S DAY.



# Which Shakespeare Character Art Thou?

If a character unfolds without suspense, we generally sense that we already know all there is to know about them when they first appear onstage. However, Shakespeare does not let us get the hook so easily. He shows us that his characters are simply not who they say they are, instead they are made up of many virtues and vices. Shakespeare shows us through his characters the sine qua non of human development — that in order to change ourselves we must first discover ourselves. The legendary playwright, through his characters, manifests a variety of qualities ranging from loyalty to treachery, that we can relate to even today.

#### Gratiano

#### (The Merchant of Venice)

He is a character known for his boldness and for being 'loud'. These people have opinions about almost everything and certainly do not care for anything at all. They are happy-go-lucky sort of people with a keen sense of humour and an infinite capacity to chatter.

Names-Tanvi Khandelwal, Nandini Mishra, Annika Goenka.

### Launcelot

#### (The Merchant of Venice)

Launcelot is a quick-witted young fellow. Such people have a comic nature and are capable of lightening even the most tensed moods. Surely jesters, they are merry devils who are often seen playing pranks on other people.

Names- Lavanya Kapahi, Shreya Ranjan, Zainab Ali

### **Portia** (The Merchant of Venice)

The well-off, intelligent and elegant heiress of Belmont, with high ethics and moral values, the Portias in UWS have a staunch determination to achieve their goals. Mature women, they are ready to go to any length to do what is just. They are witty and know how to handle any situation.

Names-Saakshi More, Falguni Somani, Uditi Gupta

### Ariel

### (The Tempest)

A spirit on the island, Ariel obeys every order of his master Prospero. Ariel displays qualities of loyalty, allegiance and faithfulness towards Prospero. Surely enough there are many students in our school who display the same qualities towards their teachers; although they may not necessarily be 'forced' to do so! For them, it is out of their sense of responsibility and their duty towards the school.

Names- Drishti Manju, Anushka Barik, Khushi Malpani

### Puck (Midsummer Night's Dream)

Puck is a mischievous, miscreant spirit who has a capricious humour. Such people tend to captivate their viewers. They are usually pranksters who love creating mix-ups to confuse people but end up failing due to their tendency of making unfortunate mistakes. Such people are usually the ones who add lively sparks to boring and monotonous lessons.

Names - Aakriti Karnani, Prisha Verma, Eshika Agarwal

## **Pyramus** and Thisbe

#### (Midsummer Night's Dream)

These characters are head over heels in love. They have an unwavering amount of support for their partner and display firm confidence in the other's talents. They are the perfect epitome of young adoring lovers.

Names- Sir Modeste & Ma'am Tella, Sir Aldred & Ma'am Manmeet, Sir Rajeev & Ma'am Sarita

### Prospero (The Tempest)

He is a character of immense importance. Throughout the play,

controls every situation and other characters around him. He is the master puppeteer and everyone obeys his commands. He has eyes everywhere and certainly can get anything done

Names-Ma'am Sushma (D.O.Act), Ma'am Paromita (D.O.A), Ma'am Arundhati (D.O.P)

#### Mark Antony (Julius Ceaser)

People associated with Mark Antony display complete loyalty towards their friends. They are brave and are ready to confront anyone when it comes to defending their friendship. Such people are the embodiment of trust-

worthiness.

Names- Husnal Kaur Sahni, Saakshi Mittal



**URAW** 

# Au Revoir Ma'am Aadya

It is highly disheartening to bid farewell to one of the oldest teachers of UWS. We are very sad to know that you will be leaving us soon but we wish you all the best for any venture that you take up in future. Thank you for all your help, support, guidance, and cooperation that you have shown us over the years. Your outstanding advice and efforts to bring out the best in us is immeasurable. We, Uthenas, might have exasperated you quite often but we will always hold you in high regard. We hope you have enjoyed your time at Unison. You will always be embossed in our hearts and our memory. Farewell.

# Stepping Stones to your Career

when someone asked you diverse when you grow up? From remember three points: an astronaut to the Prime Minister, 1. Each opportunity that comes your proficiency, your extra-curricular crossed your mind. That might best to experience it to the fullest. work for a six year old, but certainly 2. Although college school, so this article will help further. where, how and why a 'proper teachers and parents may guide you

application process' is required. Middle school students in Grades IX and X might feel that they have sufficient time before they can begin, but they need to realize that it is vital they 'start now'.

In the intermediate years of your life, while working hard for an appreciable matric percentage, you need to start analyzing where your interests lie. Participating in competitions, Inter-School community service and exchange programs will play a crucial role in on the right path, but ultimately you your college application. It is know yourself best. essential for students of Grade IX Here is an outline of the College to have decided a career related to Application process: their interests by now and start • Discover your interests. interests, your capabilities and subject combination. you remember that making your intrigue you. passion as your profession, would • Make sure that you look up for XII. This stage in your life can be value. extremely challenging and will • Follow the entry requirements of

hat was your first thought require consistent hard work in your college, which may vary, on Ensure fields. what you want to become throughout this process, you always India

all sorts of professions must have way has its own purpose. So try your

applications not for a sixteen year old. The require time and effort, considering career fever is spreading across the it a burden will only stress you out

clarify your doubts about when, 3. Have faith in your decision. Your



- taking courses. Analyze your Choose a stream and find a suitable Lastly, your university decides
- make a strategy. It is imperative Surf the internet for courses that
- help you achieve greater heights. colleges that specialize in your However, the fact that the process course, and not just for high-ranking is more intense than it appears universities. After all, the best would hit you in Grades XI and education is what holds the greatest

that whether you wish to study in orabroad. Colleges generally look for your academic achievements and your results of IELTS, SAT, TOEFL and other standardized tests. Bear in mind that you need to appear for such exams well before their deadlines, so that you may get due time to reappear if you do not get your expected results.

- Finalize your university choices and be vigilant with their application deadlines.
- Take your time and fill out the applications through university portals (UCAS, common app etc.). Later on when your applications are sent, be patient for the university's response and keep providing whichever documents they ask for.
- Letter Your of Recommendations(from your respective teachers), statement of purpose and CV will act as an imperative factor in this process, so be aware and work hard to get the best results.
- whether you get a seat or not. Nevertheless, always keep your doors open and never restrict vour career choices. yourself going, and never, ever give up.

Article: Mannat Saharan Cartoon: Chitra Shah

# 5 Jobs soon to be in Demand

Data scientist

Median annual pay: \$91,000

These professional are responsible for collecting, analyzing and interpreting extremely large amounts of data. They're part mathematicians, computer scientists and trend-spotters. It is key information that requires analysis, creative curiosity and a knack for translating high-tech ideas into new ways to turn a profit.

Financial Managers

Median annual pay: \$125,080 These managers produce direct financial reports, investment activity, reduce company costs and plan for the organization's long-term monetary goals. More than 108,000 of these roles will be needed within this decade.

Information Security Analyst Median annual pay: \$72,130

These professionals plan and execute security measures to shield an organization's computer systems and networks from infiltration and cyberattacks. They prevent, monitor and respond to data breaches and cyberattacks, which are becoming more common these days.

Actuaries

Median annual pay: \$102,560 Crucial to the insurance industry, actuaries analyze the financial costs of certain risks or life and events like death, sickness and natural disasters in order to help businesses develop policies to minimize that risk and maximize profitability.

Marketing Analytics Manager

Median annual pay: \$63,120

These professionals responsible for providing data-driven insights to various stakeholders and leveraging information from marketing automation and customer relationship management software, and other business intelligence tools.

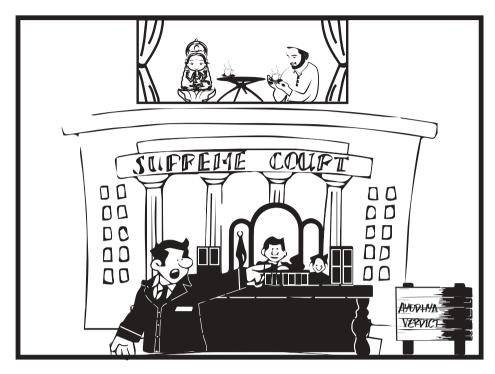
# Times of Ayodhya

sat on the front steps of my school accompanied by my friend Amita Modi, the one who was most unlikely to give me a neutral opinion on the subject that

had recently managed occupy my mind. Recently the Supreme Court has given the most awaited verdict on one of the most prolonged issues in Indian history. Thereby forcing the citizens of this diverse country to again question our principle of secularism.

While Amita was busy prattling about how happy she was that the land had been rightly given to the Hindus, I on the other hand could not understand

why our country had been divided for the past five centuries over a mere piece of land. The two warring sides, Hindus and Muslims, had built temples and mosques over and over again in Ayodhya just to be destroyed by the other, disputing entitlement. In my opinion, the disputed land could have been equally divided between the Hindus and Muslims to ensure an unprejudiced allocation. Moreover, the



five acres land granted to the Sunni Waqf Board could have been used to construct a hospital or a school that would have benefitted both the religious groups.

My friend had a different opinion

altogether. She was a firm supporter of the Ayodhya verdict and so would go around telling people about the same. "They quoted from the Ain - i- Akbari! Even Akbar agreed that the

> land belonged to the Hindus! It is time for us to rejoice. Soon there will be a Ram Janam Temple!" Amita Bhumi exclaimed.

shook my head disappointment as I realized that while half of the population is sinking in poverty, a Trust is being established to build a temple. While this decision will continue to haunt me, all I can do is to rest my hope on the future generation. I am sure they

will understand the true meaning and fraternity and significance of secularism in a country that needs it the most.

> Article:Nandini Mishra Illustration: Preet Jakhar

# **Vedic Maths**

Vedic Though evokes Hindu connotations, also make it fun for them. the fact is that it is a system accurate calculations.

strong urge to write a book. only reduce the fear of dents but with Vedic Maths,

Maths mathematics in students but

He believed that there is of simple arithmetic which no point in making students can be used for complex intelligent if they are not calculations. It is a way of morally sound. Once they using 16 sutras (aphorisms) have correct moral conin Sanskrit discovered by science, they will under-Swami Bharati Krishna stand the basic essence of Tirtha, a saint during 1911- life; and then if he succeds 1918 CE for quick and in eradicating their fear of mathematics through Vedic To strengthen the moral sutras, the students of today conscience and reduce the will grow into intellectual fear of Mathematics in stu-beings of tomorrow with dents, Swami Tritha had a profound moral conscience.

For students, mathemati-The book contained Mathe- cal calculations have always matical tricks in form of been a matter of great fear moral stories which if con- and Maths is the Nemesis veyed correctly, would not of millions of school stu-



the most difficult subject is made easy.

His vision was to make students better in mathematics using fun techniques. As Mathematics is the most dreaded subject for all, the best way to overcome its fear is to enjoy learning it. With Vedic Maths, students can transform terror-filled, sleepless nights before Maths exams to peaceful nights with sound sleep.

Article: Siya Chadha Cartoon: Chitra Shah

# Trust Me, We are Like You!

had myriad with conversations students and have wondered why children feel that their teachers are different from them. This causes a rift between both the parties. This makes them perceive the latter with a different eye. Yes, respect is an integral part of any interaction that one has on a typical day. However, if the conversation is laced with fear or intimidation, it does not really provide the results it should.

So, this is an attempt to show you that your teachers them are kids at heart. Yes. Even now! We feel just as bad as you do when our melts and ice-cream turns warm-cream. We become too when someone exburant compliments us. We get disturbed by arguments with our loved ones. We too run to safety when an animal is chasing us! It is only that,



we are a tad bit wiser. This is because we have lived a little more than you have and therefore have experienced life slightly more. But, we might not have experienced your life and lived through the struggles that you have dealt with. Often, after getting to know your experiences, we are in awe of you as a person and how far you have come.

We know how some exaggerated behaviours that come our way are because of an underlying reason. Yes, we too were students and have felt pain just like you do. So, we understand that there might be somethings you are going through. My advice is that you must not keep it inside. Talk it out. The biggest remedy of any psychological pain is talking about it. We do scold you sometimes, but that is only because we have seen the repercussions ourselves. We sometimes push you to do certain things that are out of your comfort zone, only because we have faith in your abilities. We too were shy to speak in front of people once but are now able to teach classes full of students. We are similar in ways more than you can think of. We listen to the same music as you do. We dress the same when we are not in our formal attire. But, after living all these years and feeling every emotion you feel, we have understood that you are magical, each one of you. You are unique and therefore, you bring to this world an exclusive addition which cannot be replicated by anyone else. Thank you for being yourself.

> Article: Ms. Manmeet Sidhu Illustration: Preet Jakhar, Kaavya Gupta

# Holocaust or Hollow-cause?

Summer of 1940.

I was having the best time of my life- playing hide and seek with my friends. The disputes of the world were the least of my concerns. Yet, little did I anticipate that due to those very conflicts, I would end up playing hide and seek my entire life as I'd try and hide from those whom I once considered to be my own.

What I once presumed to be a shiny star badge that enhanced my outfit, was actually classification and a bonfire was the incineration of my school textbooks. When my parents were home more often, I thought they wanted to spend time with me and not hide away in secrecy from the society.

Exclusion is a powerful tool. It can break one's morale piece by piece until it eventually shatters it. That is what der Fürher did. He blamed it all on us, the war, the crisis and the lost prestige of our fatherland. Those who commit sins have to pay for them; so did we. My sister dishonoured, my brother beaten and my parents ruthlessly slain, it still wasn't enough. The next 10 years made me realize that it was never going to be enough.

The most brutal violations of human rights lay printed in History textbooks. It is essential we realize that it is not for

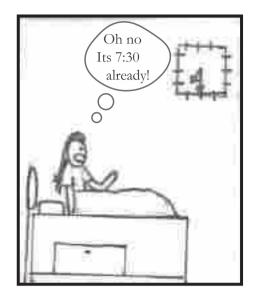


us to simply read, but to reflect. The human race has had many cruel faces. Our duty is to ensure that we shape ourselves and the generations that come after us to lay emphasis on the fact that even the simplest violation of human rights should not be overlooked. A little ignorance will ripple out, harming everyone that comes its way. We participate in MUNs, Video Conferences organized by the school and have discussions about latest news issues – all of these guarantee that we are doing our best to prevent another war. For after all, if humans don't safeguard Human Rights, who will?

Article: Hiya Arya Artist: Navya Verma Photograph: Tulika Murarka

# A Series of Unfortunate Events

~ESHIKA AGARWAL AND SINJINI BHATTACHARJEE













# The Unfolding Night Ridhima Arora

The night sky would dominate the day, As the sun's rays would soon die down,

The sunny days are going away, And the winters are taking the crown.

The breeze that flows is now all cold For it gives me chills as it touches my face.

The nature would soon unfold, The snowy days at its full pace.

The snow that would fall from up high, Will cover the whole land soon. The falling snow would quietly lie, And make the land as white as the moon.

The time has come for the weather to change,

Fuzzy woolens you must arrange. As hot coco and marshmallows are shared,

For the unfolding winter, be prepared!

# LAWS OF E-MOTION

## •Law 1: The Law of Emotional Inertia

"An Uthena who is excited will remain excited and an Uthena who is emotional will remain emotional unless an external force is applied to the situation."

We Uthenas get exhilarated at the smallest of things and continue to remain on cloud nine until we are given a reality check by either our prefects, our teachers or the much-feared examinations.

## •Law 2: The Law of Emotional Acceleration

"An emotional person will be moved to make an agitated decision when confounding forces are thrust upon them with intensity."

In the UWS life we Uthenas encounter this law numerous times each day, from being indecisive about bunking sports or making two braids or resolving friendship dramas, we face dilemmas every day and the consequential extreme pressure compels us to make rash decisions.

### •Law3: The Law of Emotional Reaction

"For every emotional action there is an equal and opposite reaction"

Pain creates empathy, isolation creates longing and accomplishment creates jealousy. This law chains two contrary emotions together. From the torment caused by appying oil on our hair to the empathy, we feel for others with oiled hair; bragging about our accomplishments to being eaten by the green-eyed monster at others success, we encounter this law quite often in our daily life.

This is how the Uthenas face the perils of 'The Three Laws of E-motions' in the UWS life.



Article: Niyati Khanna and Sneha Lohia Illustration: Yashvi Tikmani

# XENEX O'21: The Batch with A Vision

The journey of the batch Xenex O'21 started in 2012. Since then they have made countless memories and has witnessed in action a galaxy of versatile students. From a batch of ten students to seventy-two, not only has this batch increased in number, but also in diversity and talent.

## Meaning:

'Xenex' stands for self-discipline, recognition and optimism. The name represents people who are not only talented but also have a radical attitude who exhibit an aura of youthful exuberance. The



#### "A name that will be celebrated. A batch that will be remembered."

animal spirit of 'Xenex' is an owl, which is symbolic of wisdom and knowledge. Furthermore, the vibrations from the name are that of peace energy and the

spirituality chart associated signifies excellence. 'Xenex' aim to leave a positive impact on the minds of the young Uthenas.



#### **Christmas**

"Jingle Bells" was the first song broadcast from space, in a Christmas-themed prank by Gemini 6 astronauts - Tom Stafford and Wally Schirra.



## Lollipop

In 2011, parents all over the U.S were buying lollipops that had been licked by children who had Chicken Pox in hopes of giving their children the virus to build their immunity without the vaccine.



## English

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious is not the longest word in English. Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanokoniosis, a type of lung disease, is the longest word in English language.



## Octopus

The Pacific octopus has 3 hearts, 9 brains and blue blood. Moreover, there is a small brain in each of their eight arms - a cluster of nerve cells that biologists say controls their movements.

# lleo told me

1.The SOPHOS technicians were seen visiting the server room on 25th and 26th November.

Do you know the reason why?

The ICSE Board Evamination

**2.**The ICSE Board Examinations are going to be replaced with home boards from next year.

**3.**The next batch of Grade IX will have to choose two subjects among Science, Mathematics, Economics and Environmental Science.

**4.**Diwali break for the coming year has been cancelled as the students reported late this year.

**5.**Next year Uthenas won't be allowed to participate in Milestone.



# **Urban Dictionary**

Search for a word





# vershobia

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an extreme fear of or phobia of Ma'am Versha.

"Ananya Tekriwal is an extreme case of vershobia."

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