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EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to the June 2023 edition of JSSPS' VERVE! We are extremely proud and happy to share some exciting events and programs that were conducted in our school on the last month of the term, alongside few excellent contributions from the students. This edition showcases the exceptional talents of our student body, update you on modern happenings and amuse you with games and riddles, book recommends for the young readers, very own curated June's Playlist for the music lovers, and so much more in addition to exhibiting the capabilities of our faculty community to the world. We would like to thank CEO Sir, Mr. Govindrao Naik, our Principal Ms. Chitra Sharma, and Vice-Principal Ms. Bindhu Rajiv for their ongoing support in our endeavor. We will continue to give our best by enriching our content for your entertainment. You are welcome to share your contributions to Verve on or before the 20th of every month.

Sit back and enjoy this edition of VERVE! Do share in your comments and suggestions to vervejssps@gmail.com. Thank you all for your continued support!



**Taj Mahal,
India**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM KINDERGARTEN

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Environmental awareness helps young children stay connected with nature. On the occasion of World Environment Day, the little enthusiasts of KG2 made a compost pit which helped them reflect on ways to make earth healthy with sustainable measures.



INTRODUCTION TO NEW THEME - RECYCLE HERO

The young kindergartners were introduced to their very own Recycle Hero in their theme introduction. He taught them to be everyday heroes through recycling. Teachers with the help of students explored how recyclable items are collected and then sorted in different boxes.



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LEVEL UP READERS

JSSPS Kindergarten promotes and inculcates reading habits from a tender age and to appreciate this effort, the affluent readers of the term were awarded with Reading Champion certificates which would further motivated them to read more and rekindle the love for reading.



Experiential Learning-Ambulance Visit

The JSSPS kindergartners were amazed at their ambulance visit where they got a chance to climb up inside an ambulance, test out the chairs and the bed and have a go at some of the equipment. They were also given basic first aid knowledge and the meaning of emergency. They were also told which number to call for the ambulance



VISIT TO THE SCHOOL MOSQUE

The young kindergartners excitedly visited the school mosque where they were taught how to offer salah which they also tried replicating. They were amazed to know the benefits of offering salah in the mosque. They happily made heartfelt duas too.



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FUTURE FIESTA

JSSPS kindergartners participated in Future Fiesta - Story to Stage, an inter school competition organized by DPS Dubai where they created a customized story based on SDG goal 15: Life under water. The creative students bagged a second runner up position and made everyone proud



Kindergarten Vocabulary Parade



VOCABULARY PARADE- KG2

The little kindergartners participated in a Vocabulary Parade where they dressed up as their favorite character and flaunted a vocabulary word related to it with its meaning. The day concluded with a Show & Tell.

FATHERS' DAY

“Dad: A son’s first hero, a daughter’s first love.” JSSPS Kindergarten celebrated Fathers’ Day by recording a secret message on cards that they made specially for their superheroes – their dads.



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CHARACTER PARADE- KG1

The JSSPS Kindergarteners participated in a grand character parade. The corridors were filled with excitement as they walked through with their gowns, prince costumes, king crowns, red hoods and fairy wands.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

International Yoga Day at JSSPS Kindergarten celebrated the physical and spiritual prowess that yoga has brought to the world. The students were engaged in a power packed yoga session practicing various asanas and perfecting them.

MATH WEEK

Math Week at JSSPS Kindergarten had been an amazing week where the little kindergarteners learnt all about Financial Literacy in the most innovative way. They participated in Show & Tell, dressed up as professionals and learnt the value of earning through work. It culminated with the Arabian Souq where they made items and sold them in a souq set up. Overall, it was a great experiential learning.



ARABIAN SOUQ

JSSPS Kindergarten Arabian Souq provided the much-needed platform to showcase creativity and talent. The little kindergarten entrepreneurs got an experiential learning experience in a pretend souq where they sold their handmade craft items and learnt to handle real money.



Great Wall of
China, China

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Youhue App

At JSSPS, we believe in equipping our students with tools to cultivate mindfulness and inner peace. As the exams approached, our incredible students embraced the Youhue app, a transformative experience that allowed them to delve into their emotions and share their feelings. With Youhue, our students embarked on a journey of self-reflection and self-expression.



Handwriting Competition

We witnessed a handwriting competition for grades 3-5 students this week. It is a crucial activity for students since it encourages them to improve their fine motor skills and confidence. The kids' writing was evaluated based on its smoothness, elegance, and flow.



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Superheroes

Superhero play provides children with the opportunity to go outside their own or external limitations. When a child dons their superhero's outfit or persona, they feel they have all the power and abilities of that hero. It helps them to look at all their options to find the best possible solution to a problem. Children who like to play superheroes often are attracted to feeling powerful and in control of their world, which they might not experience in other ways. This can develop their self-confidence. It also helps children to imagine themselves in experiences they might be frightened of and how they can overcome their fears.

Our Grade 2 students stole the show by donning their favorite superhero characters, taking on the world with their innocence, charisma, and confidence. The children also enjoyed a wonderful puppet show performance by the senior students reliving their favorite superhero stories.



General Assembly

On Friday, the general assembly was conducted for the students of Grades 1 & 2. Our Literary Stars of the Month, along with our Shining Stars of the Week were invited on the stage and appreciated for their hard work, discipline, and sincerity. Our lovely kids, who were celebrating their birthdays this week, were also invited to come up on the stage. They were regally wished by all their peers and teachers. the winners of the Emirates Level Royal Spell Bee were felicitated with trophies and certificates.



World Ocean Day

Grade 2 students along with teachers of JSSPS participated in a Beach clean-up in partnership with Dubai Municipality an initiative to spread awareness on account of World Oceans Day. It was an enriching experience for our students. They enthusiastically collected trash around the beach to help spread awareness of waste reduction and responsible waste management.



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Prize Day Ceremony

Students, professors, and parents celebrated the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony for the Academic Session 2022-2023 on June 21st in our school premises with great passion and fervor.

The program was overwhelmingly attended by the students, teachers, staff members, and guardians. Principal Ms. Chitra Sharma, Vice Principal Ms. Bindu Rajiv, and upper primary supervisor Ms. Martina Gomes felicitated the students with medals and trophies for their exceptional performance in academics and other co-curricular areas.

The event also featured the awarding of the winners of the house competitions held the previous year.



Book Fair

The school, in partnership with Jashanmal Publications, conducted a week-long book fair for our students and staff from June 19 to June 23, 2023, as part of our initiative to encourage reading within our school community.

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Meditation

In the quest for academic excellence, our dedicated JSSPS teachers understand the importance of nurturing both the intellect and the spirit. Before the exams, they encouraged our students to embark on a journey of tranquility through meditation and mindfulness. In the serene corners of our classrooms, students found solace in moments of stillness, allowing their minds to quieten amidst the flurry of exam preparations. Breathing in and out, they let go of any tension and anxiety and welcomed a sense of calmness within. Our amazing teachers recognized that a peaceful mind is a receptive mind, capable of embracing knowledge with clarity and focus. By encouraging meditation, they empowered our students to cultivate resilience, enhance concentration, and tap into their inner strength.



Well-Being

Well-Being - There were well-being activities for children where they learned about resilience. They participated in art therapy and identified themselves as warriors. They also went through movement therapy, where they learned different hand gestures to help them think more clearly and regulate their emotions.

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SLC Meet 2023 PA-1

We ended the week when the students and parents met the teachers. The students led the sessions by speaking about their strengths and where they needed to focus more. The teachers also gave their input so that the student could further hone their skills. It was a pleasant interaction.



Beach Clean-up

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Community Helpers

To enhance the Social Science curriculum and provide the students the opportunity for experiential learning and revolutionize the learning process social explorer activities were conducted during the social studies period.

On account of the same Grade 1 students learned how they would contribute towards society.

Enthusiastic students portrayed characters like teachers, doctors, policemen, soldiers, etc, while defining their special attributes. They also expressed about what is their contribution as a community helper in society.





Petra, Jordan

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL



ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

An Islamic Conference was held on the 1st of June.. The Quran was recited at the outset, followed by the UAE National Anthem and the Chief Guest's motivational address. The main goal of the conference was to get the students working together to develop fresh, sustainable approaches to resource conservation. The students' creative solutions made the occasion successful. Mr. Khaleem had conducted the conference with the assistance of the Islamic Committee. This was a truly amazing project because in order to appreciate various cultures and beliefs, we must take into account learning about them. This enables us to be global citizens, embracing all religions.



MATH-O-MANIA

Math-O-Mania was an assembly conducted by the students of Grade 6A, talking about the importance of Math and the consequences of being weak in Math...

It was held on 02/06/2023 in the School Auditorium. It included a skit where a small girl kept complaining about her weakness in Math and how she was frustrated with the subject. So, her parents wanted her to understand the importance of Math and its application in real life.

It was truly a splendid, well-conducted, short and crisp assembly with a dance performance connecting with the topic of Symmetry in Math.

-PRANAV CHELLAPRABHU, 7A



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FRENCH ASSEMBLY

An incredible assembly dedicated to honour the richness and significance of the French language was organized on the 6th of June. It was an innovative initiative taken by the students of Middle School to foster a deeper understanding and appreciating of the French language. There was an enlightening and well-executed skit about how and why people are learning or have taken interest in the language. There was also a band performing a rhythmic and melodic song as part of the skit. It was an engaging way to expose students to the beauty of the French language. It really highlighted the school's commitment to providing a well-rounded education that nurtures the students' appreciation for different cultures and languages. Through assemblies like this, the school empowers its students to be global citizens who embrace cultural diversity. It was really a well-organized assembly by the Middle School students and French teachers.

–ARADHANA RAJARAM, 8F



STUDENT LED CONFERENCE

As always, once the exams concluded we had the SLC (Student Led Conference) on the 22nd of June. The SLC is a meeting where the students and their parents meet with the teacher to discuss the academic performance and progress of the student. The students were made to fill out the 'Colored Hats' form where they wrote about their strengths and areas of improvement in different subjects. The Pre-Midterm exam papers

and results were also shown to the parents and teachers discussed the areas each student may need improvement in.

–RYKA VARGHESE, 6F

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PRIZE DAY

Annual Prize Day, an event showcasing the outstanding achievements and remarkable talents of the students, was conducted on the 20th of June. It is meant for recognizing the dedication, hard work, and accomplishments of the school community. Awards such as The Genius, The Specialist, Virtuoso and Versatile were presented to deserving students who excelled in various academic subjects, demonstrating their dedication to learning. It is essential to appreciate the constant support of the parents and teachers as it is because of their contribution, hard-work and encouragement that has made every achievement possible for the students. JSSPS has always ensured a safe, conducive, and challenging learning environment which has contributed to the success of both the school and the students. Wishing all the well-deserving prize winners a heartfelt congratulations!

-ARADHANA RAJARAM, 8F

JSS PREMIERE LEAGUE

"Believe, Achieve, Celebrate"

A very pleasant quote to start with watching our unstoppable and unshakeable champions of cricket, badminton, swimming, football, and KhoKho, who were standing high till the end of the JSS Premier League, 2023 - 2024. As usual, the P.E Department had made this event spectacular by guaranteeing that every player had the best experience in this event. They had shown their different qualities and potential to their game, thus showing us that the passion for it is very much contagious. It was a great challenge but an opportunity for the players to grow. The results have been out and the winners have been chosen. I would like to congratulate all the participants for their great efforts towards the team.

-Samarth Wadgavi, 7B





**Christ The Redeemer,
Brazil**



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CHARITY GALA

A truly wonderful initiative taken by the Hope Committee of Phase 4, the Charity Gala took place on the 26th of June, serving as both a charitable event as well as a celebration of the last day of school before the summer holidays!

The event played a major role in contributing a large amount of money as donations to the charitable organization, Dubai Cares. It also gave our students an opportunity to come out and have fun! The charity gala had fun games, music, dance, and delectable food, and was overall an extremely fun and enriching experience for our students!



COOKING WITHOUT FIRE

The Health and Safety Committee of Phase 4 had organized a “Cooking without Fire” competition on the 23rd of June. Students had to prepare a main course of their choice and a dessert within the given time onsite. The participants were judged based on the taste as well as the presentation and nutritional value of the dish.

THE WINNERS:

1st Place: Anay and Pranav [12D]

2nd Place: Manushree [12E]

3rd Place: Eric and Nachiket [12C],
Paarth and Mayank [11A]



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INDUSTRY VISIT

On June 7, 2023, SPARK students from Phase 4 headed on a field trip to the Alokozay Tea Factory in Jebel Ali. The purpose of this factory trip was to demonstrate to the students how the finest tea is made and sold to consumers. Students gained a comprehensive understanding of the labor-intensive process involved in producing quality tea thanks to their visit to the Alokozay Tea Factory in Dubai.



AVENUES: COMMUNICATION FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Malavika Varadan's (Presenter, TedX Speaker, entrepreneur, and Managing Director at The Hive) talk on "Communication for a Better Future" among schools was enlightening and impactful. They emphasized the significance of effective communication in fostering understanding, collaboration, and empathy. The session was extremely interactive and provided valuable insights and strategies for improving communication skills, paving the way for a harmonious and progressive future among schools.



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JSSPS INTRA MUN

On June 9 and 10, 2023, JSSPS held its first prestigious Intra-MUN with the theme "Building Bridges for a Sustainable Future: Collaboration, Justice, and Equality," resonating deeply with the challenges we face today. It reminded us of the importance of working together, across borders and boundaries, to create a sustainable and equitable world for future generations. Through this event, JSSPS has set the stage for growing a generation of socially conscious and globally-minded individuals ready to influence a better future by providing students with the skills needed to tackle difficult global challenges.



SMART CAREER DAY

The Inclusion and Pastoral Care Department at JSS Private School organized a Smart Career Day on Thursday, 15th June 2023. The Smart Career Day is meant to provide students with more insights about new possible opportunities and help them refine their skills so they can design their own Career Road Map with greater confidence. Over 25 universities came to the school auditorium and provided insights on admission placement opportunities and course structure which gave the students an overview of various universities from around the world.



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BEACH CLEAN-UP DRIVE

The environment committee of the senior school extends its heartfelt gratitude to the students of grade 2 who participated in the beach cleanup in celebration of World Oceans Day. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and love for the ocean made this event truly special. Together, we made a tangible difference and helped protect the marine environment we cherish. Participating in the beach cleanup showed that each and every one of us has the power to make a positive impact on our environment.



ALYX MUN 2023

The students of JSS Private School attended the AlyxMUN 2023 held at the University of Birmingham in Dubai on 16th-18th June. They had the opportunity to be placed in different UN committees and discuss major world affairs, which helped them gain experience in the art of debating. Our students Hiranmayi, Laiba, Manishita, Sahana, and Tejasvi attended the 3 day event, and Sahana, who was in the DISEC committee, secured the award of Honorable Mention! Kudos to our students!!



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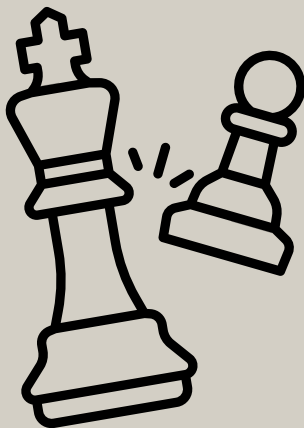
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INTERHOUSE CHESS COMPETITION

The House Captains of Phase 4 organized an Inter-house Chess Tournament for the senior grades with the help of the Sports Department, Sports Captains, House Vice Captains and House Prefects. The tournament took place in the school library among the 4 houses with competition that left us on the edge of our seats. The results put Macaws on the top of the board, followed by the Flamingoes, Falcons and Hornbills respectively, with the podium players being: Chitraksh at 1st place from Macaws , Naina at 2nd place from Falcons and Pranav N at 3rd place from Macaws. Kudos to the House Captains for organizing such an exciting event!





**Machu Picchu,
Peru**

ACHIEVEMENTS!



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Awards and Medals

Kannan's exceptional achievements in the swimming competition deserve recognition. He showcased his remarkable skills and determination, earning a well-deserved gold medal in the 100m freestyle event. In addition, he displayed his prowess in the water by securing a silver medal in the 100m backstroke. Furthermore, Kannan's talent extended to the 50m freestyle and backstroke events, where he clinched two bronze medals, further highlighting his versatility and excellence in swimming. His impressive performance reflects his dedication and hard work, setting him apart as a true standout in the pool.



Pro Sports proudly recognizes Sean as the Basketball Player of the Month. This prestigious title highlights his outstanding skills, dedication, and contributions to the sport. Sean's exceptional talent on the basketball court has set him apart from his peers, making him a deserving recipient of this esteemed recognition. His relentless efforts, teamwork, and passion for the game have made a significant impact on his team and the basketball community as a whole. Congratulations to Sean on this well-deserved honor!



Yuval from 3 C has been awarded an ASDAN certificate for completing his challenge! This is a significant accomplishment, and we are very proud of him. The ASDAN program is an excellent way for young people to develop their skills and gain confidence in their abilities, and Yuval has demonstrated that he can rise to the challenge and succeed.

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Nazra secured **4th position in 50 fly** in 5th All Stars Swimming Championships conducted at Hamdan Sports Complex on 3rd and 4th of June 2023. She has also won

9th position in 50 back

7th position in 200 IM

11th position in 50 free



It gives me immense pleasure to share with you Zarar's achievements in the 5th All Stars Swimming Championship conducted at Hamdan Sports Complex on 3rd and 4th of June 2023. Zarar has participated in.

50 free 50 breast

100 free 100 breast,

His performance was appreciative, that he dropped his previous timing by around 10secs!!



Rish Penha won

3 GOLD medals

2 SILVER medals

1 BRONZE medals, became the overall Winner.



Samrudh secured **1st position** in Inter School Sudoku and Math Quiz competition

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Swimming Competition

Our talented JSSPS students are making waves as they showcase their exceptional skills and sportsmanship in the ongoing Swimming Competition. With immense pleasure and pride, we are excited to share the stupendous result of the UAE CBSE Cluster swimming competition held in the New Millennium School, Al Khail on 12th, 13th, and 14 June 2023. Our skillful swimmers of JSSPS Primary School bagged 1 gold, 13 silver, and 4 bronze medals totaling 18 medals in various arduous and cut-throat aquatic events. A rapturous applause to all our champion swimmers. As ever, enthusiasm was in abundance with a good display of technique and water fitness by our students.



Hetansh of Grade 5 A received three certificates in "Athletics Champions in the summer meet."



WRITINGS!

LEARNING TOGETHER

by Jovin Dsouza, 4-E

Here I come to Grade 4
I guess I am wanting to learn more
Grade 4 is a special place
See the big smile on my face

NUTS, JELP, Arts, Singing, Dancing
Make our learning more interesting
Diwali, Christmas, Eid, National day
We learn and celebrate the festival days

Our class is a great team
We make our teachers beam
We work hard each busy day
Then out to the yard we play

CAT4, NGRT, IStart Arabic, Achieve
3000

Oh! All these extras also to learn
Isn't it going to make us bold
To face the challenging world

Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication,
Division are fun

If you get correct you score one
Learn the math's facts one through
ten

And practice them again and again

Working hard till the year ends
We are classmates and good friends
We are proud of the progress we have
made

We are getting ready for next grade

Reading, writing, spelling too
So much to learn and so much to do
SST, MSC, EVS, too
We learn about other planets too

Here I come to Grade 4
I am sure I am wanting to learn more
Grade 4 is a special place
See the big smile on my face.



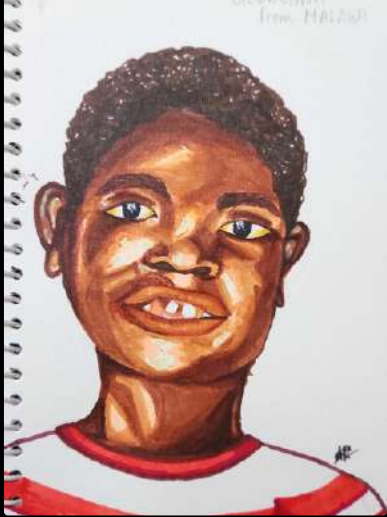


Chichen Itza,
Mexico

ARTWORKS



AAYUSHI RAMAKRISHNAN 12A



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AAYUSHI RAMAKRISHNAN 12A



JOANNA VINOD 12E



KHANAK AGARWAL 12D



JOANNA VINOD 12E



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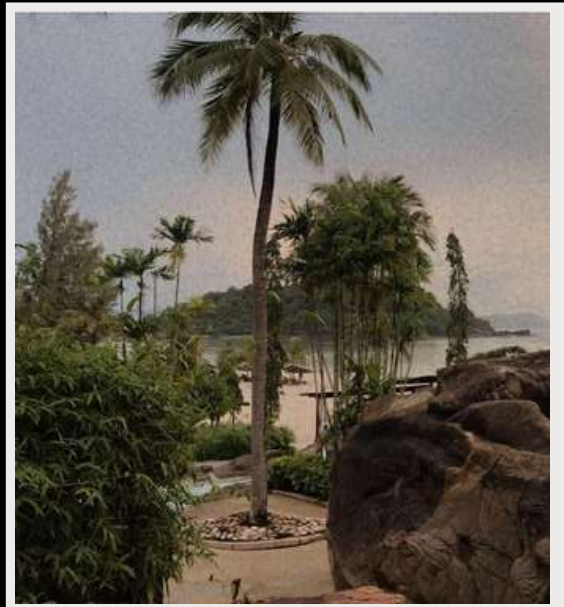


The Colosseum,
Italy

GALLERY



Captured by: Nisha 12C



Captured by: Nisha 12C



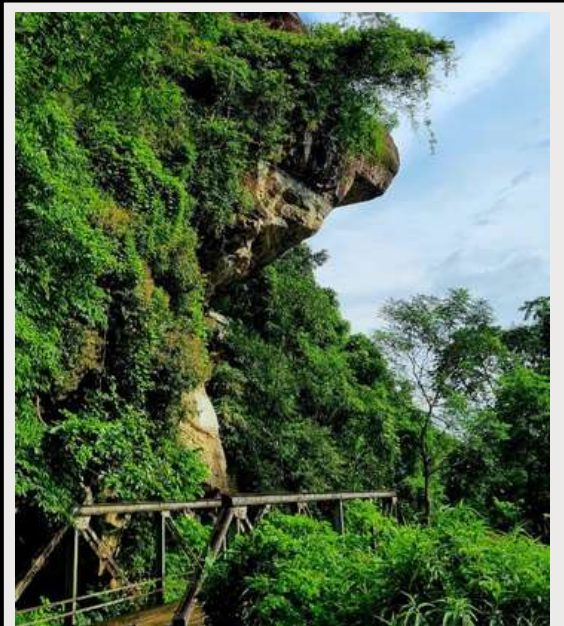
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Captured by: Nisha 12C

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS



'SPIDER-MAN: ACROSS THE SPIDER-VERSE' VS 'THE FLASH': WHO IS WINNING BOX-OFFICE BATTLE?

In a surprising upset, "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" secured the top spot in its fourth weekend with \$19.3 million, crossing the \$300 million mark domestically. However, DC's "The Flash" faced a disastrous decline of 72% with \$15.3 million, totaling \$87.6 million domestically. "No Hard Feelings" opened to \$15.1 million, surpassing expectations.

For "The Flash," this catastrophic performance with a \$200 million budget signals that ticket sales won't rebound during its theatrical run. Thus far, it has only amassed a meager \$67 million at the domestic box office, falling short of the film's projected debut earnings.

In the midst of this chaos, Sony's "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse" reclaims the top spot at the box office (in its fourth weekend, no less) with an impressive \$19.3 million.



NIALL HORAN'S NEW ALBUM- THE SNOW

ENTERTAINMENT

Zayn Malik struck gold with "I Don't Wanna Live Forever" in 2017. Harry Styles spent all of 2022 in the limelight thanks to various hit songs on a hit album called Harry's House. Now, it's time for another former One Direction member to shine: Niall Horan.

Horan will be releasing his third studio album, *The Show*, also on June 9. It's his first album in 3 years since his 2020 project *Heartbreak Weather*; an album he was never able to properly promote or tour due to the COVID-19 pandemic. So far, he's released the singles "Heaven" and "Meltdown." He's said, "What makes this record incredibly special to me is it's a reflection of where I am in my life today, as a person, a musician, and of course, as a songwriter. Can't say I'm not a little nervous, but hopefully, you'll still like this version of me when you listen to the new record."





SPORTS NEWS

PAKISTAN FOOTBALL OFFICIAL SAYS THE INDIA-PAKISTAN GAME COULD BE A TURNING POINT FOR SPORTS

On June 21, the football teams of India and Pakistan faced each other for the first time since 2014. The match took place in Bangalore as part of the SAFF Championship 2023. India, at 101 in the FIFA rankings and led by Sunil Chhetri, thrashed their opponents, ranked 195, 4-0. Chhetri was in his element as he often is, netting a hat-trick.

Haroon Malik, the leader of the committee overseeing the Pakistan Football Federation, expressed optimism about the future of Indo-Pak sport. "It could be a turning point. Football unites the world, and we need to enjoy playing each other and have fun. The emotion of playing India is always special," Malik said.



DENVER NUGGETS TAKE HOME FIRST NBA CHAMPIONSHIP WITH 94-89 WIN AGAINST MIAMI HEAT

DENVER — Confetti flying in Denver. The Nuggets passing around the NBA championship trophy.

The Nuggets outlasted the Miami Heat 94-89 in an ugly, frantic Game 5 that did nothing to derail Nikola Jokic, who bailed out his teammates with 28 points and 16 rebounds on a night when nothing else seemed to work.

Nikola Jokic starred with 28 points and 16 rebounds on a night when nothing else seemed to work.

Jokic won the Bill Russell trophy as the NBA Finals MVP — an award that certainly has more meaning to him than the two overall MVPs he won in 2021 and '22.

“We are not in it for ourselves, we are in it for the guy next to us,” Jokic said. “And that’s why this (means) even more.”

“It was ugly and we couldn’t make shots, but at the end we figured it out,” Jokic said. “I am just happy we won the game.”



A painting of a busy city street, likely New York City, featuring tall buildings and people walking. The scene is rendered in a painterly style with visible brushstrokes. The text "CURRENT AFFAIRS" is overlaid in white, bold, serif capital letters on a semi-transparent dark band across the middle of the image.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

RAJINDAR SINGH DHATT RECEIVES POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD

CURRENT
AFFAIRS

On a special occasion during the UK-India Week celebration, Rajindar Singh Dhatt, a veteran soldier, was presented with the prestigious Points of Light award by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Rishi Sunak.

Rajindar Singh Dhatt has been the driving force behind the “Undivided Indian Ex-Servicemen’s Association,” an organization focused on uniting British Indian war veterans. The Points of Light award acknowledges Dhatt’s exceptional service and his relentless efforts to bring together these veterans.

During the Second World War, he joined the British Indian Army, demonstrating his dedication to serving his country. Through his commitment and hard work.

After the war, Dhatt returned to India before eventually settling in London with his family. He remained devoted to the welfare of veterans, establishing an online community for them to share personal stories and connect with one another.



UAE: 3-MONTH MIDDAY BREAK FOR WORKERS BEGINS JUNE 15

CURRENT
AFFAIRS

The Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization (MoHRE) will begin implementing the 'Midday Break' from tomorrow (June 15) until September 15, banning work in open spaces or under direct sunlight from 12:30pm to 3pm.

The Ministry said: "The Midday Break embodies the UAE's commitment to consolidating a humane and positive work environment and implementing the highest standards for occupational health and safety. Ensuring the wellbeing of the workforce and creating a safe, flexible, and attractive work environment with an effective governance system is at the forefront of the Ministry's strategic objectives."

"There is high awareness among employers in the UAE about the importance of the ban and its positive impact on the work environment, as we prepare to implement it for the 19th consecutive year. The Midday Break is a notable milestone for workers, enhancing the leadership and competitiveness of the UAE

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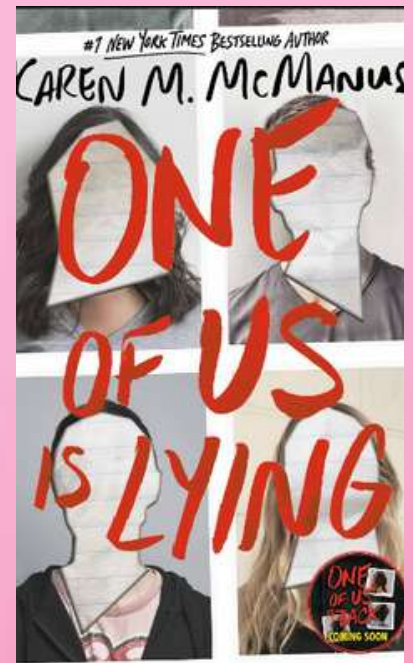
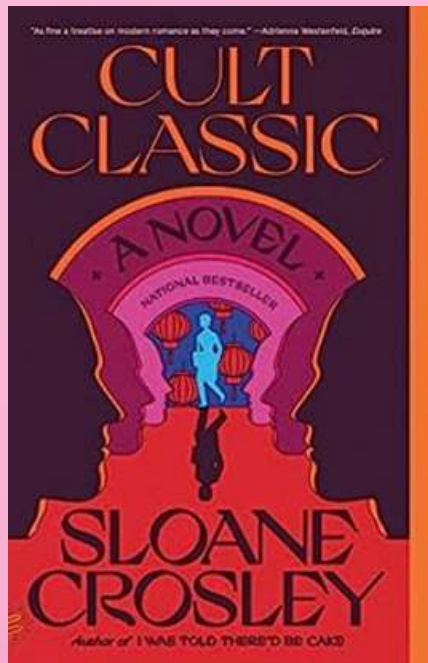
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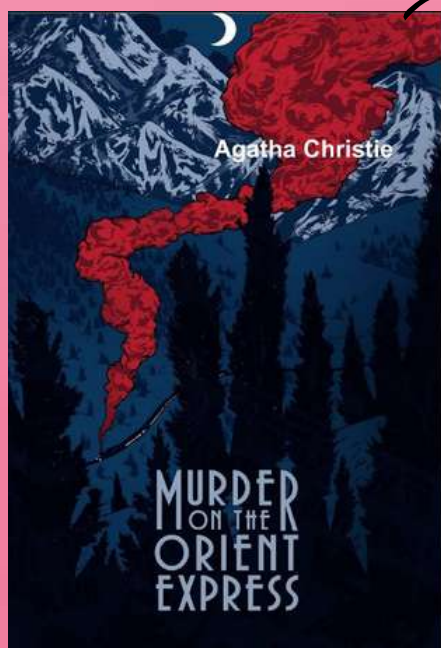
BOOK RECS



GENRE: Mystery- thriller
AGE RATING: 15 and Up
DESCRIPTION: In Megan Abbott's gripping thriller, "Beware the Woman," a small town's dark secrets surface when a charismatic stranger arrives, exposing a web of lies, jealousy, and deadly consequences.

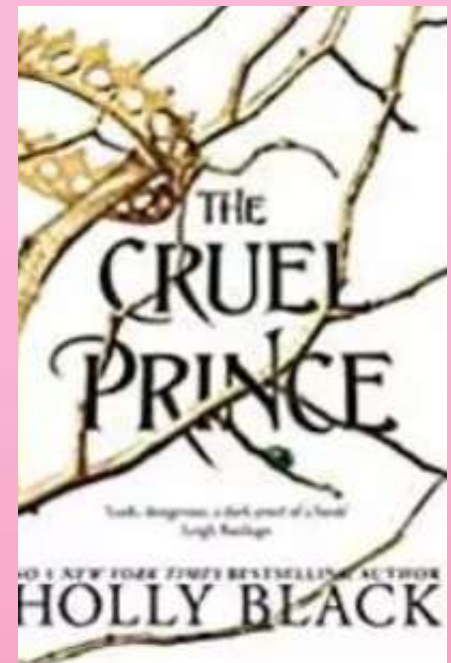
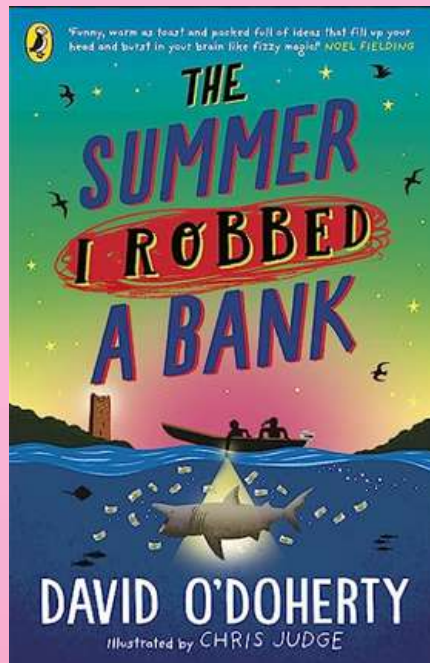
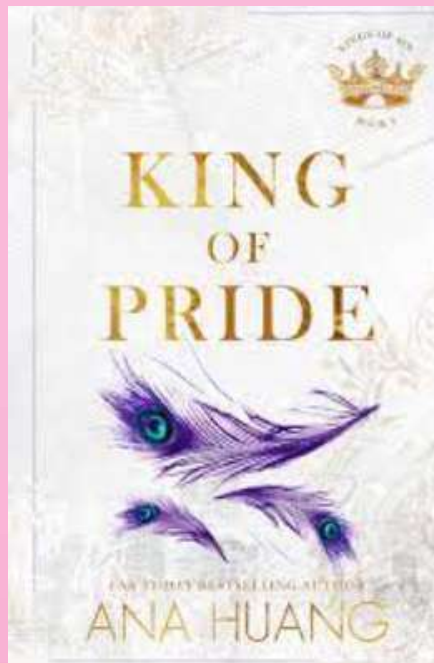
GENRE: horror
AGE RATING: 15 and Up
DESCRIPTION: The "Cult Classic" delves into the eccentric world of a secret society, where unique characters navigate a blend of wit, mystery, and unexpected alliances, blurring the line between reality and illusion.

GENRE: thriller
AGE RATING: 14 and Up
DESCRIPTION: In "One of Us Is Lying," when five high school students enter detention, only four leave alive. As secrets unravel, suspicion mounts, leading to a thrilling hunt for the true culprit.



GENRE: mystery-thriller
AGE RATING: 14 and Up
DESCRIPTION: In "Murder on the Orient Express," detective Hercule Poirot finds himself on a luxurious train where a murder occurs. With a web of suspects, he must unravel the truth before time runs out.





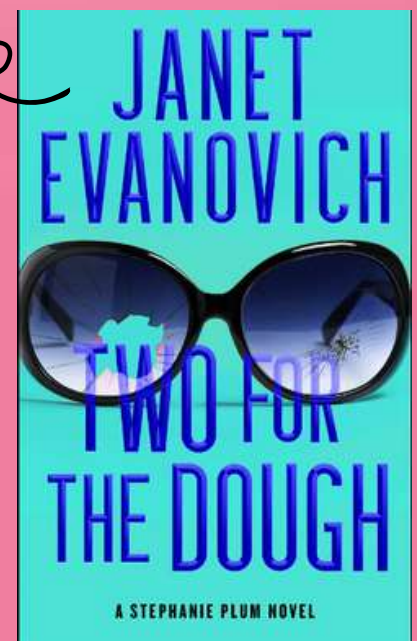
GENRE: Romance
AGE RATING: 14 and Up
DESCRIPTION: King Of Pride is a classic opposites-attract romance. The novel follows an asian-british billionaire and an aspiring writer as they fall in love and overcome difficulties due to their differences in the name of love.

GENRE: thriller
AGE RATING: 12 and Up
DESCRIPTION: Rex's parents have split up and, to make matters worse, he has to spend his summer holiday with his unruly uncle who.... plans to rob a bank and he needs Rex's help!

GENRE: thriller
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GENRE: Mystery
AGE RATING: 12 and up
DESCRIPTION: In "Two for the Dough," bounty hunter Stephanie Plum is on the case again, tracking down bail jumper Kenny Mancuso while navigating a web of danger, humor, and eccentric characters in Trenton, New Jersey.



Sun-Kissed Classics

Timeless Summer Delights



Morning Delights

Cinnamon Rolls



Prep: 40 min
Cook: 40 min

Serves: 12
kcal: 415

Ingredients

- 500g strong white bread flour
- 7g sachet dried yeast
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 50g golden caster sugar
- 200ml warm milk
- 2 eggs
- 225g butter
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 150g light brown soft sugar
- 2 tbsp ground cinnamon
- 50g soft cheese
- 50g icing sugar
- ¼ tsp vanilla extract

Method

1

Tip all the ingredients for the dough, except the butter and golden syrup, into the bowl of a stand mixer with 1 tsp salt. Use a paddle attachment to combine everything until it begins to come together into a dough, then tip out onto a floured surface and knead until smooth, about 2 mins. Put it back in the bowl and gradually add the softened butter, 1-2 tsp at a time, while mixing on a medium setting. Alternatively, knead the butter in by hand until smooth. Flatten the dough to a square roughly 20 x 20cm, then cover and freeze for 30 mins, or chill for at least 1 hr.

2

Meanwhile, butter and line the base and sides of a deep baking tray, roughly 20 x 30cm. To make the filling, mix the sugar with the cinnamon and a large pinch of sea salt, then set aside 2 tbsp. Beat in the butter to form a thick paste.

3

Lay the dough on a floured surface and roll to a neat rectangle roughly 35 x 25cm. Spread over the filling so it's completely covered. Fold the bottom third of the dough into the middle, then fold over again to cover the top third. For the best results, chill the dough again for another 30 mins.

4

Re-roll the dough to another rectangle about 40 x 30cm, then roll it up along the long edge into a tight log. To get the neatest spirals, cut in half, lift onto a tray and freeze for 15 mins to firm up, then cut into 12 equal-sized slices. Arrange the slices, spiral side-up, in the tin. Leave to prove in fridge for at least 1 hr, or up to 24 hrs.

5

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Bake the buns for 20 mins, then scatter over the reserved cinnamon sugar and bake for 10-15 mins until deep brown.

6

Meanwhile, mix the golden syrup with 2 tsp boiling water. As soon as the buns come out of the oven, brush them with the syrup glaze, then leave to cool a little. To make the icing, beat the soft cheese, icing sugar and vanilla together, then gradually add 1-2 tbsp boiling water to create a thick but pourable consistency. Drizzle the icing over the buns.



Chill & Grill

Grilled Pizza

Prep: 10 min
Cook: 15 min

Serves: 2
kcal: 615

Ingredients

- 8 oz. pizza dough
- Extra-virgin olive oil, for brushing and drizzling
- 1/2 lb. thinly sliced mozzarella
- 1 large tomato, thinly sliced
- 1 c. cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 c. ricotta
- Freshly chopped basil, for serving
- Pinch of crushed red pepper flakes



Method

1

Heat grill over medium-high heat. Divide pizza dough into 2 balls and use your hands to stretch out into a circle that's 8" wide. Brush both sides with oil, then place directly on grill grates. Cook until bottom is golden, 1 to 2 minutes, then flip. Immediately top crust with half the cheese, tomatoes, and ricotta, and continue cooking until bottom of pizza is golden, about another minute. Repeat with remaining dough.

2

Top with basil, red pepper flakes, and a drizzle of oil.

Sweet Surprise

Strawberry Cake

Prep: 10 min
Cook: 45 min

Serves: 6-8
kcal: 515

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/4 c. cornmeal
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 c. unsalted butter, plus more for greasing the pan
- 1 c. packed light brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/3 c. buttermilk
- 1/2 lb. small strawberries, hulled and halved
- 2 tbsp. turbinado sugar (optional)
- Powdered sugar, for serving
- Sliced strawberries, for serving

Method

1

Stir together the flour, cornmeal, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a medium bowl. Set aside.

2

Preheat the oven to 350°. Butter a 9-inch deep dish pie plate, and set it aside. Beat 1/2 cup butter and brown sugar until fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the egg and vanilla, and beat until just combined. Add half of the flour mixture, the buttermilk, then the remaining flour, beating until combined after each addition.

3

Spoon the batter into the prepared pie plate; spread in an even layer using the back of a spoon or a spatula. Scatter the berries evenly over the top of the batter; do not press them down. Sprinkle the berries and batter with 2 tablespoons turbinado sugar, if using.

4

Bake until the top is golden brown and a wooden pick inserted into the cake comes out clean, 40 to 45 minutes. Let cool before dusting with powdered sugar and serving with more sliced strawberries, if you like.

Cool Quencher

Snow Cones

Prep: 30 min
Total: 30 min

Serves: 6-8
kcal: 90

Ingredients

- 2 cups (10oz/300g) ice
- 1 cup (5oz/150g) raspberries (frozen or fresh)
- 1 cup (5oz/150g) mango (frozen or fresh)
- 1 cup (5oz/150g) blueberries (frozen or fresh)
- 1 cup (5oz/150g) pineapple (frozen or fresh)
- 2-3 tablespoons sugar per fruit (depending on the sweetness of your fruit)



Method

1

In a medium saucepan combine the sugar and fruit. Simmer until the fruit has softened and the sugar dissolved, roughly 3-4 minutes.

2

Transfer your fruit mixture to a food processor and blend the fruit into a smooth puree. If you don't have a processor try passing it through a fine sieve. Once pureed strain over a bowl to remove any seeds or bits from the fruit. If you find the syrup a bit too thick at this stage thin it out with some juice or a little water. Store the syrups in the fridge for up to 7 days.

3

Place ice cubes in a blender and pulse to create fine shaved ice. Store in the freezer if you are not using it straight away. Scoop your shaved ice into serving dish of your choice and pack it tight together. Pour over your fruit syrup and enjoy immediately!

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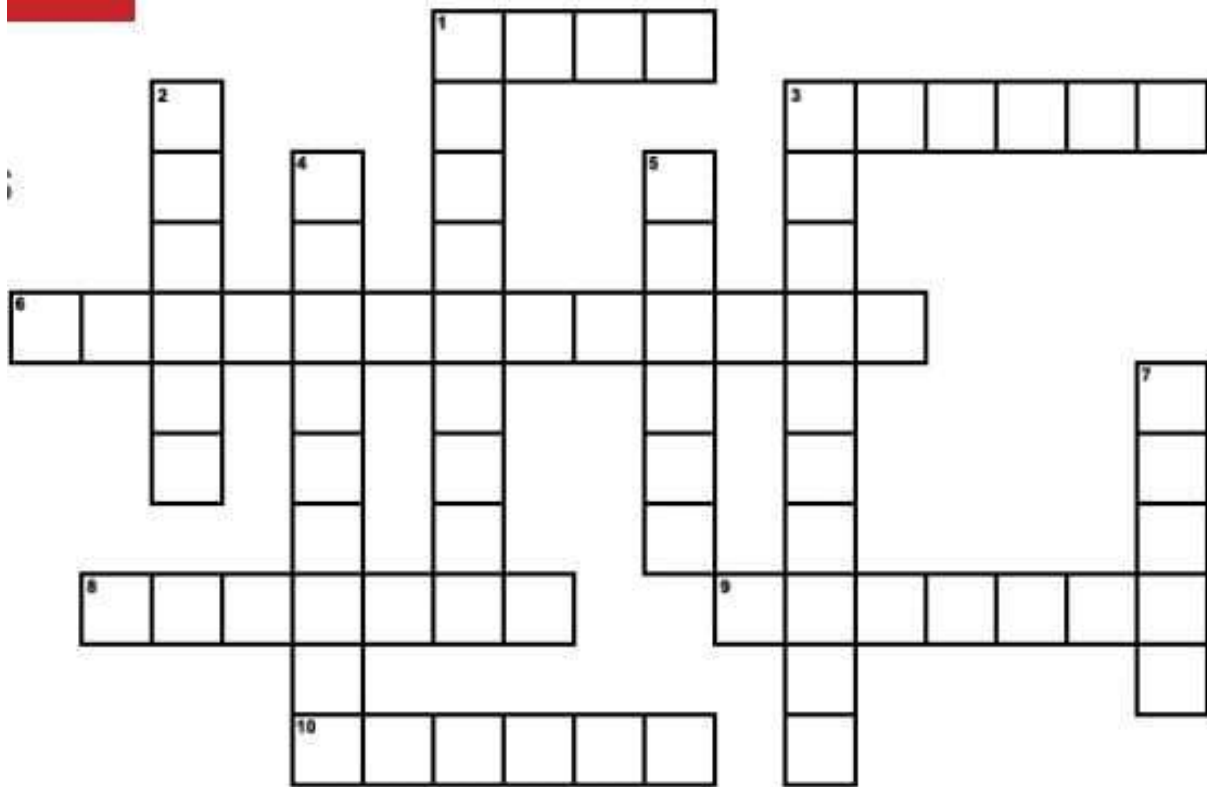
To make a rainbow snow cone, pour your individual flavors into a squirt bottle or jug with a spout. Pour each flavor in a line across a scoop of ice, creating a rainbow effect.



FUN GAMES AND PUZZLES

TICKET TO SPACE

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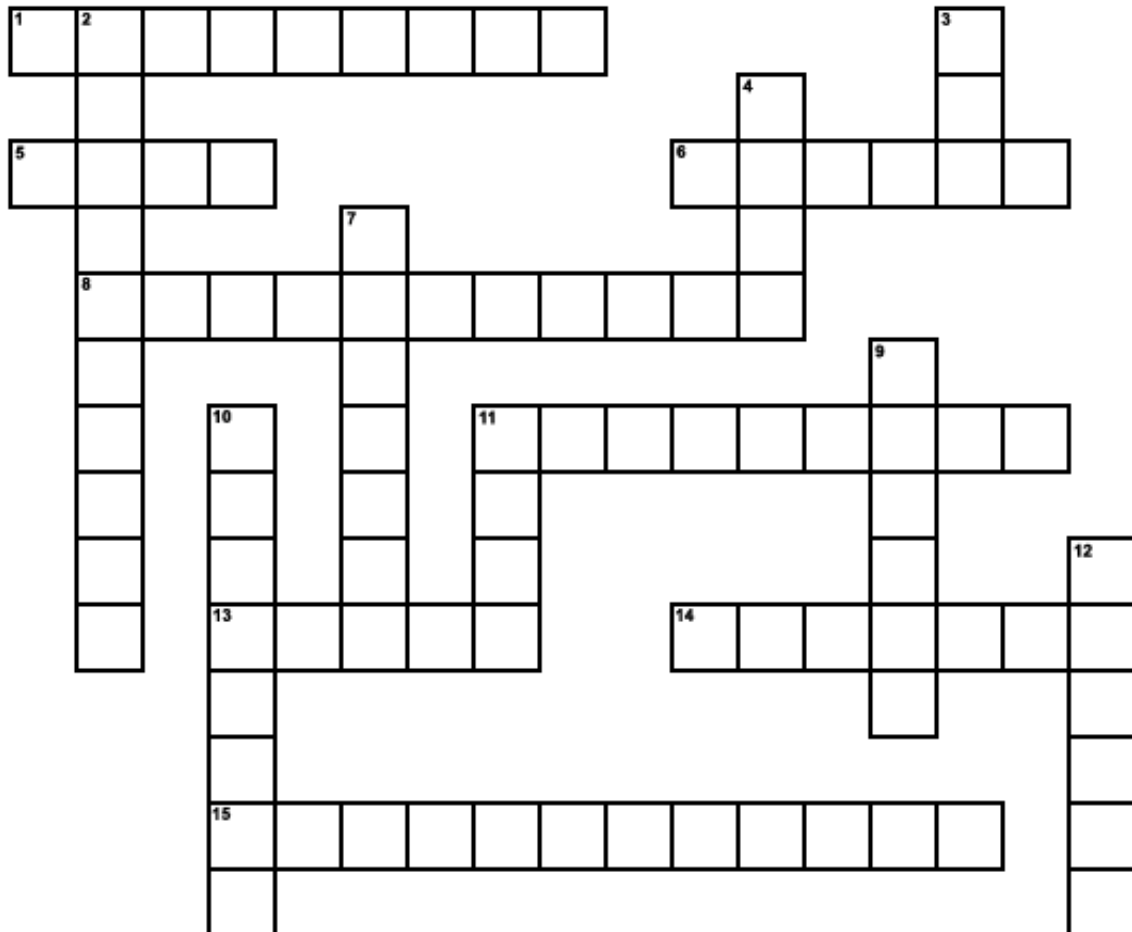
1. a large ball of burning gas in space that produces light and heat
3. _____ 11 was the first manned mission to land on the Moon.
6. a group of stars that forms a particular shape in the sky and has been given a name
8. the 5th planet from the sun
9. the 8th planet from the sun
10. the 6th planet from the sun

DOWN

1. an object in space (such as a moon) that moves around a larger planet;
a machine that is sent into space and moves around the earth, moon, sun, or a planet
2. the 7th planet from the sun
3. the layer of gases that surrounds the Earth
4. very large chunks of rock in space that are larger than 100 meters
5. a piece of rock or metal that is smaller than 100 meters, that burns and glows brightly in the sky as it falls from outer space into the Earth's atmosphere
7. an icy object in outer space that develops a long, bright tail when it passes near the sun

TICKET TO SPACE

2



ACROSS

1. the scientific study of stars, planets, and other objects in outer space
5. the 4th planet from the sun
6. a bright circle seen around the sun or the moon
8. traveling through an unfamiliar area in order to learn about it
11. a person who travels in space
13. the 2nd planet from the sun
14. the planet closest to the sun
15. the upper layer of the Earth's atmosphere

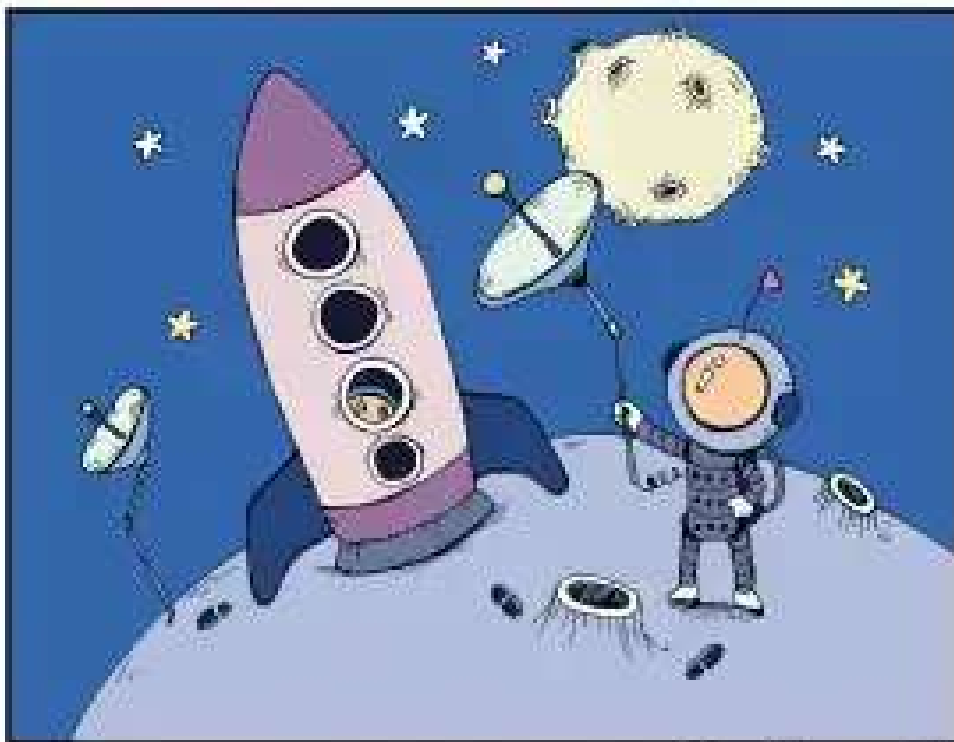
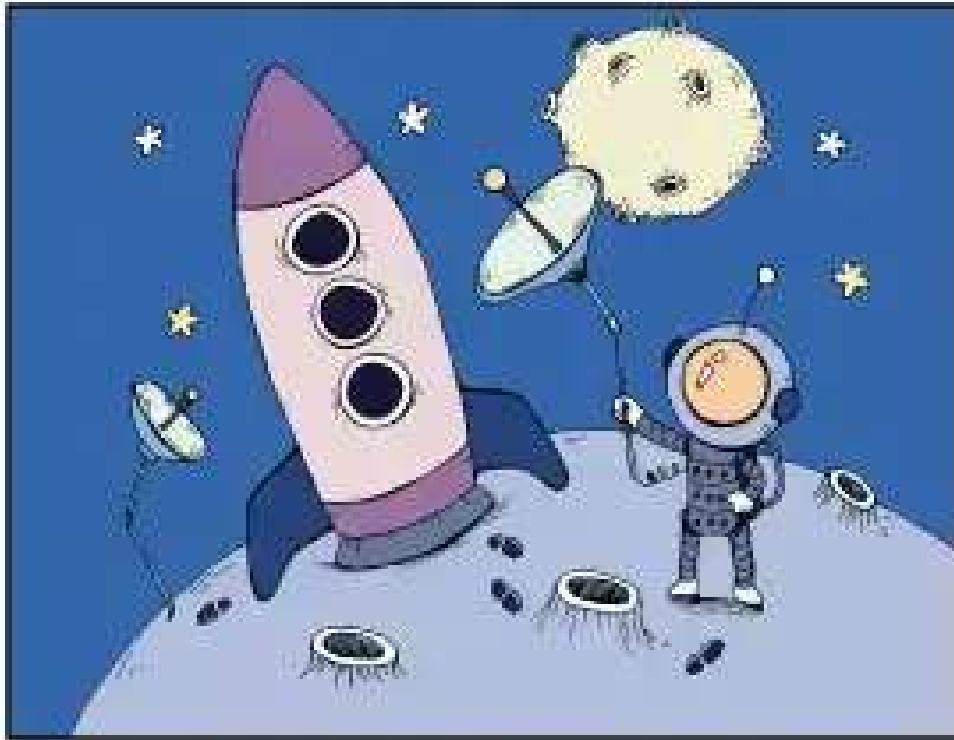
DOWN

2. a vehicle that is used for travel in outer space
3. the star that the Earth orbits around
4. the natural satellite of the earth
7. the line where the earth or sea seems to meet the sky
9. to send or shoot a rocket into space;
the earliest part of a flight when the rocket lifts off the ground
10. all of space and everything in it including stars, planets, galaxies, etc
11. the imaginary straight line that goes through the Earth's core (from the North pole to the South pole) which the Earth rotates around
The Earth spins on its ____ once every 24 hours.
12. solar ____

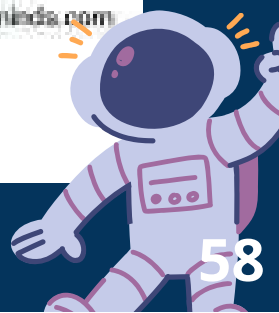
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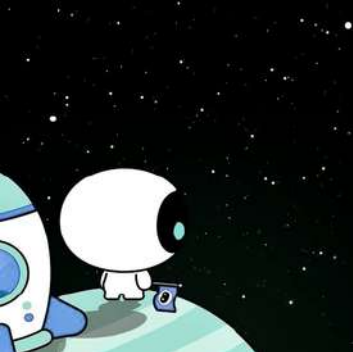


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SPACE MAZE



The poor astronaut is lost in space! Can you help him get to his spaceship so that he can get reach his home?



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WORD SEARCH

Summer Holidays



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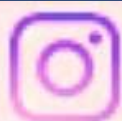
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