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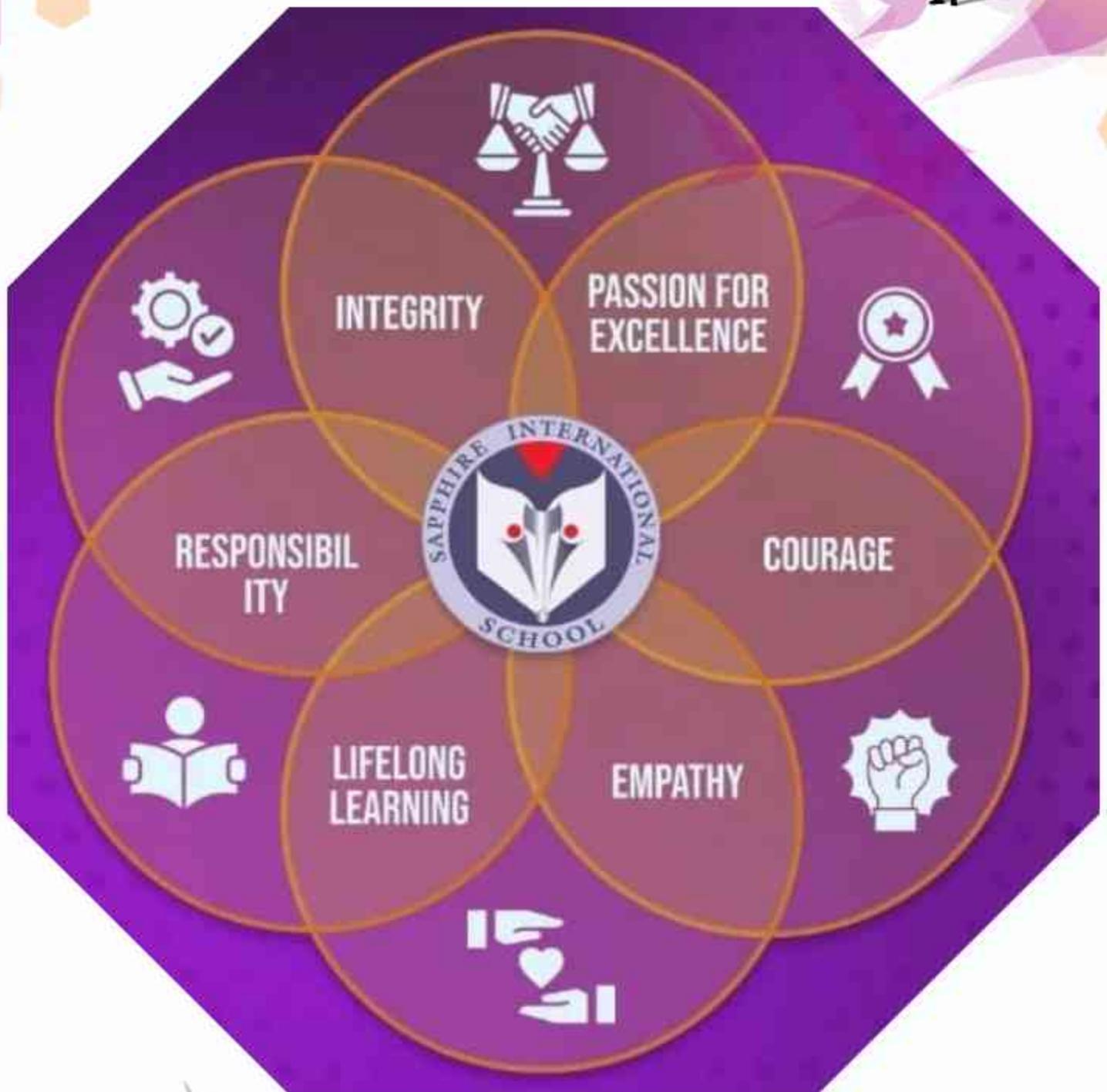


THE QUILL

'WHERE EVERY WORD INSPIRES AND SOARS'



Every Child Is A Leader



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

“The School is affiliated to CBSE. It is compliant to the Board and the National Goals as envisaged in NEP 2020 and provides a wholesome approach to learning through an empowered and passionate faculty, parents as partners and community as collaborators.”

Leading With Vision & Nurturing With Passion

Message From The Head Of School



Ms. Ekta Soni

(Head Of School)

Dear Learners

As the year draws to a close and the festive spirit of Christmas fills our hearts, I extend my warmest wishes to each one of you for a joyful season and a bright, hopeful New Year. This edition of The Quill once again showcases your creativity, thoughtful expression, and growing confidence as learners and individuals.

With the annual examinations approaching, remember that true success lies not only in marks but in consistent effort, clarity of concepts, and self-belief. Prepare with a calm and organised mind — revise regularly, practise thoughtfully, and trust the work you have already put in. Manage stress by taking short breaks, staying physically active, and maintaining a healthy routine. A balanced body and a peaceful mind are your greatest strengths. Equally important is caring for your mental and emotional well-being. Speak up when you feel overwhelmed, support one another, and never hesitate to seek guidance from your teachers and mentors. Resilience grows when challenges are met with patience and positivity.

As we look ahead to the upcoming academic session, let us carry forward lessons learned, set fresh goals, and embrace new opportunities with renewed energy. May the New Year bring growth, confidence, and purpose to your journey.

Wishing you success in your examinations and a future filled with curiosity, wellness, and joy.

Warm regards
Principal

Future of Schools- Vision 2040

Members meet of FICCI Arise in Hyderabad

We are pleased to share that our Director, Mr. Saurabh Sehgal, participated in an energising, future-focused session in Hyderabad hosted by ARISE, where he engaged with remarkable thought leaders to visualise what the world, education, and schools could look like in 2040.

He emphasised a powerful message for all of us in education: adaptation cannot wait and execution must be swift. With Gen Zs and Alphas moving at the speed of now, we too must evolve with urgency.



Certified as Institution of Happiness (IOH)

Sapphire International Schools have been certified as QS I-GAUGE Institution of Happiness (IOH) 2025 - 26, recognising our commitment to student well-being, joyful learning, and a strong parent-educator partnership.

Adding to this honour, our director, Mr Saurabh Sehgal, spoke at the Institution of Happiness Conclave 2025 - 26, sharing insights on resilience, failure-acceptance, and mental health literacy among school students in India.

PROUDLY AWARDED ON STAGE AS
A QS I-GAUGE
INSTITUTION OF HAPPINESS 2025-26



Eldrok India K-12 Summit



The Head of the School, Ms. Ekta Soni, was invited as a panelist at the Eldrok India K-12 Summit, Delhi NCR, held on 9th December 2025. She contributed to the panel discussion titled “Fostering a Culture of Innovation: Encouraging Creativity and Critical Thinking,” sharing thoughtful insights on nurturing creativity, critical thinking, and designing assessments that go beyond rote memorization to promote higher-order learning.

In recognition of her impactful leadership, she was also honoured with the India Top School Award 2025 (IKA-2025, Delhi NCR) for Excellence in Promoting Creative Skills for Inclusive Growth.



39th National Junior Girls Chess Championship



A massive round of applause for our very own Shubhi Gupta who has been crowned the CHAMPION of the prestigious National Junior Girls Chess Championship 2025! Over weeks of intense competition in Jamshedpur (Dec 16th - Dec 24th), Shubhi displayed incredible skill, composure, and tactical prowess to clinch the title. Her dedication and hard work have truly paid off. We are incredibly proud of her achievement!



National Women Chess Championship



Heartiest congratulations to Shubhi Gupta of Grade X for securing 4th position at the 51st National Women Chess Championship 2025, held in Durgapur, West Bengal. Her remarkable performance earned her a cash prize of ₹3,50,000 and the achievement of her second Women International Master (WIM) norm. This outstanding accomplishment is a matter of great pride and reflects her dedication, skill, and perseverance in the sport.



Open State Skating Competition



Heartiest congratulations to our young skaters for their remarkable performance at the 3rd Open RGOI UP State Skating Competition 2025, held at DPS, Dasna, Ghaziabad. Yuvan (Class 2D) and Harusha (Class 2D) clinched Gold medals, Abhijeet Choudhary (Class 3B) and Anisha (Class 2A) earned Silver medals, while David Yadav (Class 5B) and Vidinshi (Class 2B) secured Bronze medals, making the school immensely proud with their dedication and sporting excellence.



District Hockey Championship



Fair Play Award- Proud moment at the District Hockey Championship held at Gurukul – The School, Dasna, celebrating the true spirit of sportsmanship! This award reflects respect for the game, teamwork, discipline, and integrity on and off the field.



Founder's Day Celebrations



Sapphire International School, Crossings Republik celebrated Founder's Day with great reverence and joy, honouring the visionary ideals that laid the foundation of the institution. The ceremony began with the traditional lamp lighting, symbolising knowledge and enlightenment. Students presented soulful prayers, graceful classical and fusion dances, and a powerful theatrical performance depicting the school's inspiring journey. The Principal's address motivated all to uphold values of integrity and excellence. A nostalgic "Memory Lane" presentation and reward distribution ceremony highlighted achievements and milestones. The celebration concluded with heartfelt gratitude, reaffirming the school's commitment to nurturing young minds and shaping a brighter future.



Capacity Building Programme on “Use of Artificial Intelligence in Classroom”



Sapphire International School, Crossings Republik, hosted a one-day Capacity Building Programme on “Use of Artificial Intelligence in Classrooms” on 13th December 2025, with participation from facilitators of different schools. Led by CBSE resource persons Ms. Sweety Singh and Mr. Vivek Giri, the session focused on practical classroom applications and ethical use of AI in education. The programme provided a meaningful platform for professional learning and collaboration, empowering educators for technology-enabled teaching.



Foundational Wing



Engaging Thinkroom activities



December saw young learners actively engaged in Thinkroom sessions through fun, hands-on activities that promoted thinking, communication, and collaboration. Learning remained joyful, meaningful, and age-appropriate.



Active Participation in Online Thinkroom Sessions

December online Thinkroom sessions included celebrations of Christmas and Makar Sankranti, along with discussions on various other topics, keeping learning engaging, meaningful, and interactive.



Preparatory Wing



Representatives of Mother Dairy at SISCR

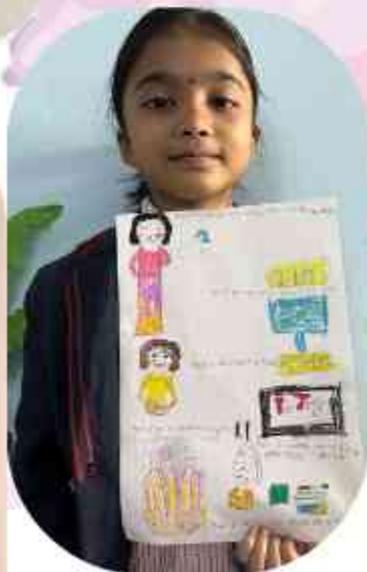
Representatives from Mother Dairy visited SISCR to share insights about their new initiatives and the varied uses of dairy products, especially cheese. A few volunteers got the opportunity to create innovative dishes using cheese and participated in an engaging quiz. Learners also received Mother Dairy goodies, making the session both informative and enjoyable.



Mathematics week (Online mode)

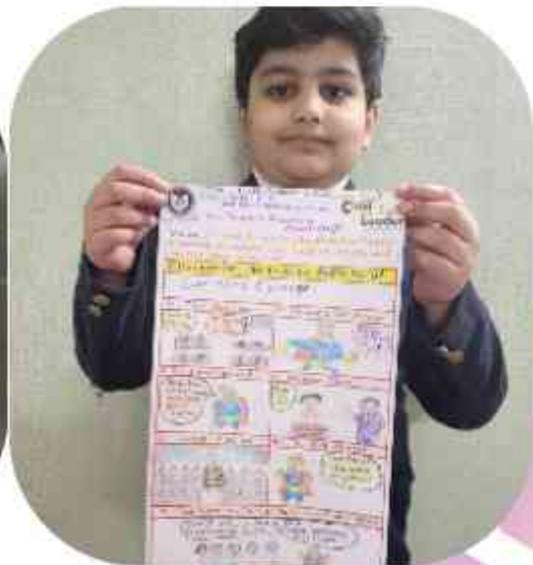


SISCR learners celebrated Mathematics Week online on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sh. Srinivasa Ramanujan through a variety of thoughtfully planned activities. Puzzles, quizzes, math games, problem-solving, and hands-on tasks such as tangram, fractions, and clock activities kept learners actively engaged throughout the week, making mathematics enjoyable and meaningful in a virtual setting.



Active Participation in Online Thinkroom Sessions

Our Grades III–V learners showed great enthusiasm and commitment during online classes. They participated actively in discussions, shared ideas confidently, and remained engaged throughout the sessions, reflecting their eagerness to learn even in a virtual environment.



Middle Wing



Celebrating National Mathematics Day



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The celebration aimed at strengthening numeracy skills, encouraging logical and critical thinking, and helping learners connect mathematical concepts with real-life situations. It also promoted collaboration, confidence, and a positive attitude towards Mathematics, making the week both meaningful and enjoyable.



The 19th National Jamboree of the Bharat Scouts and Guides

Our learners were honoured to be part of the 19th National Bharat Scouts and Guides Jamboree, held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, in the esteemed presence of Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India, and Shri Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

The week-long jamboree, themed “Viksit Yuva, Viksit Bharat” (Developed Youth, Developed India), brought together over 33,000 participants from across India and several Asia-Pacific countries. It was a vibrant celebration of unity, adventure, leadership, teamwork, and service, offering learners enriching experiences, meaningful cultural exchange, and learning beyond classrooms.



Secondary Wing



India Meteorological Department Visit through MMGEIS Program



Students of Grade IX from Sapphire International School, Crossing Republik visited the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on 15 December 2025 after qualifying up to the Master Mentors (MM) level of the MMGEIS program. We are proud to share that Vaanya Srivastava, Anishka Kukreja, Manya Chauhan, Prisha Srivastava, and Arpita Shukla earned this prestigious opportunity through their dedication and academic excellence. During the visit, students interacted with eminent personalities including Shri A. S. Kiran Kumar, Former Chairman, ISRO; Shri Vinit Goenka, Secretary, Centre for Knowledge Sovereignty; Dr. K. J. Ramesh, Advisor, RIMES and Former Director General, IMD; Lt. Gen. Girish Kumar, VSM (Retd.), Advisor to the Government of Haryana and Former Surveyor General of India; and Shri Agendra Kumar, Managing Director, Esri India Technologies Pvt. Ltd. These interactions provided valuable insights into weather forecasting, climate monitoring, and disaster preparedness. Vaanya Srivastava also received a special opportunity for face-to-face interaction with the Master Mentors and Advisory Board members.



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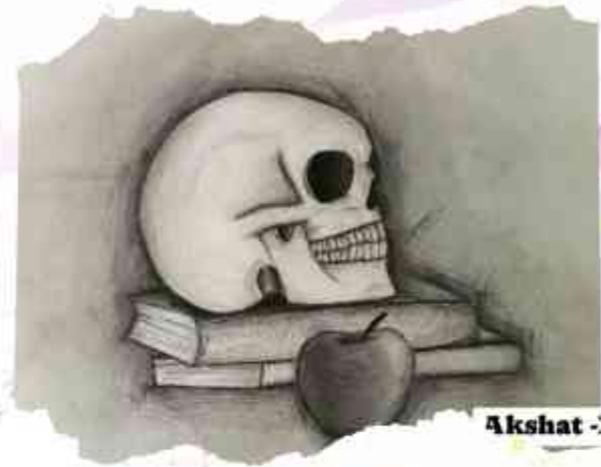


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Brushstrokes of Imagination



Ananya Goel- XII



Yaganya-XI-C



विश्व हिंदी दिवस

विश्व हिंदी दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष 10 जनवरी को मनाया जाता है। यह दिवस हिंदी भाषा के वैश्विक महत्व, उसकी सांस्कृतिक गरिमा तथा साहित्यिक समृद्धि को रेखांकित करता है। हिंदी केवल संप्रेषण का माध्यम नहीं, बल्कि भारत की आत्मा की अभिव्यक्ति है। इस भाषा में हमारी सभ्यता, परंपरा और लोकजीवन की अनुभूतियाँ सजीव रूप में प्रतिबिंबित होती हैं। कबीर की वाणी में जहाँ सामाजिक चेतना दिखाई देती है, वहीं तुलसीदास के काव्य में मर्यादा और भक्ति का भाव मिलता है। आधुनिक युग में प्रेमचंद, निराला और महादेवी वर्मा जैसे साहित्यकारों ने हिंदी को नई दिशा प्रदान की। आज हिंदी विश्व के अनेक देशों में बोली और पढ़ी जा रही है, जो इसकी व्यापक स्वीकृति का प्रमाण है। विश्व हिंदी दिवस हमें प्रेरित करता है कि हम हिंदी भाषा का सम्मान करें, उसका शुद्ध एवं सृजनात्मक प्रयोग करें तथा इसके संरक्षण और प्रचार में सक्रिय भूमिका निभाएँ।

सोनाक्षी गुप्ता

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Christmas Joy

**Christmas comes with lights so bright,
Stars that glow in winter night.
Bells are ringing, hearts are gay,
Spreading joy in every way.**

**Trees are dressed in red and green,
Prettiest sights we've ever seen.
Candles shine and prayers are said,
Thoughts of peace in every head.**

**Gifts are small but love is true,
Sharing smiles the whole day through.
Christmas teaches us to care,
To spread kindness everywhere.**

**Anishka
IX-A**



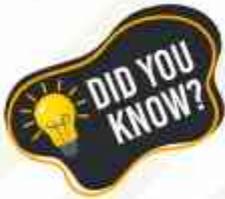


Brain Teasers: Where Maths Meets Science

Put on your thinking cap — here are fresh riddles that blend maths and science!

1. I am a number. When you add 8 to me and then divide by 2, the answer is 10. What number am I?
2. What has a heart that doesn't beat?
3. Rearrange the letters in "EARTH" to form a word related to nature.
4. I'm a number that sounds like a letter. What number am I?
5. Which gas do plants absorb during photosynthesis?
6. I have a face and two hands, but no arms or legs. What am I?
7. A scientist mixes 2 litres of blue liquid with 3 litres of yellow liquid. What colour will the mixture be?

I measure time, but I have no clock. What am I?



Did You Know?

I think of a number. Triple it and subtract 6. The answer is 15. What is the number?

- What has a neck but no head, and wears a cap?
- Rearrange "RACE" to form a word related to speed.
- Why does metal expand when heated?



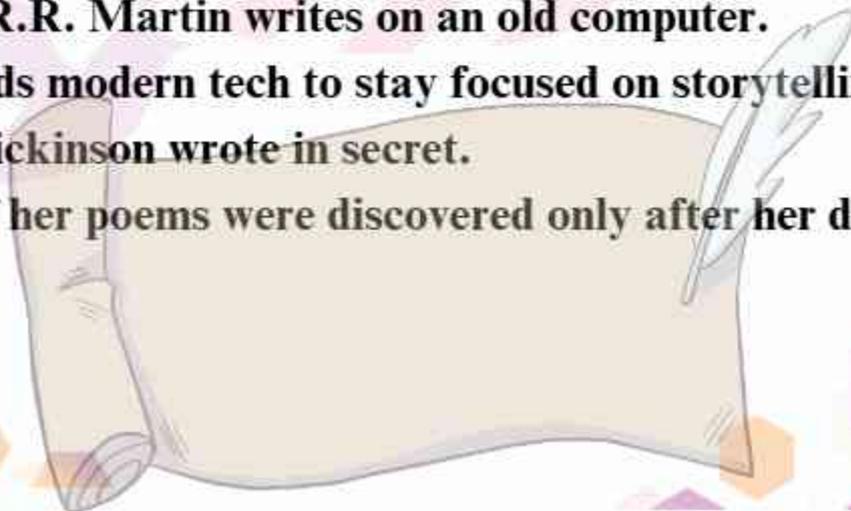
Brain Sparkers: Think, Tinker & Test

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Quirks & Quills” Authors in Their Eccentric Element

Great stories often begin with unusual habits! Let’s explore some fascinating literary quirks:

1. **Agatha Christie ate apples in the bath.**
She planned her mysteries while relaxing in warm water.
2. **Charles Dickens walked miles every night.**
His long walks helped him think clearly and creatively.
3. **Mark Twain wrote in bed.**
He often lay down while writing his famous stories.
4. **Truman Capote believed in lucky positions.**
He refused to start or finish writing on Fridays!
5. **George R.R. Martin writes on an old computer.**
He avoids modern tech to stay focused on storytelling.
7. **Emily Dickinson wrote in secret.**
Many of her poems were discovered only after her death.



Word Wonders

Discover the power of expressive words



★ Illuminate (verb)

Meaning: To light up or make something clear.

Example: The science experiment helped illuminate the concept of reflection.

★ Ingenious (adjective)

Meaning: Clever and creative in solving problems.

Example: Her ingenious model won first prize at the exhibition.

★ Tranquil (adjective)

Meaning: Calm and peaceful.

Example: The tranquil garden was perfect for quiet reading.

★ Tenacious (adjective)

Meaning: Determined and persistent.

Example: His tenacious efforts paid off in the final match.

★ Eloquent (adjective)

Meaning: Fluent and persuasive in speech or writing.

Example: She delivered an eloquent speech on environmental protection.



Be the First to Win!

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Attention learners

Here's your chance to win an exciting gift—just by answering one simple question!

How to win:

- Read our latest newsletter and find the hidden answer.
- The first person to respond with the correct answer will receive a special prize.
- Don't miss out—click the link to find the question and reply quickly.
- A great reward is waiting for the fastest learner!

Question Link:

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Winner of the November Edition

Sara Kukreja

IVA

Every
Child
is a
Leader
they just need wings to fly high

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”

Martin Luther King Jr.



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