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is a  
**Leader**  
they just need wings to fly high

# NEWSLETTER

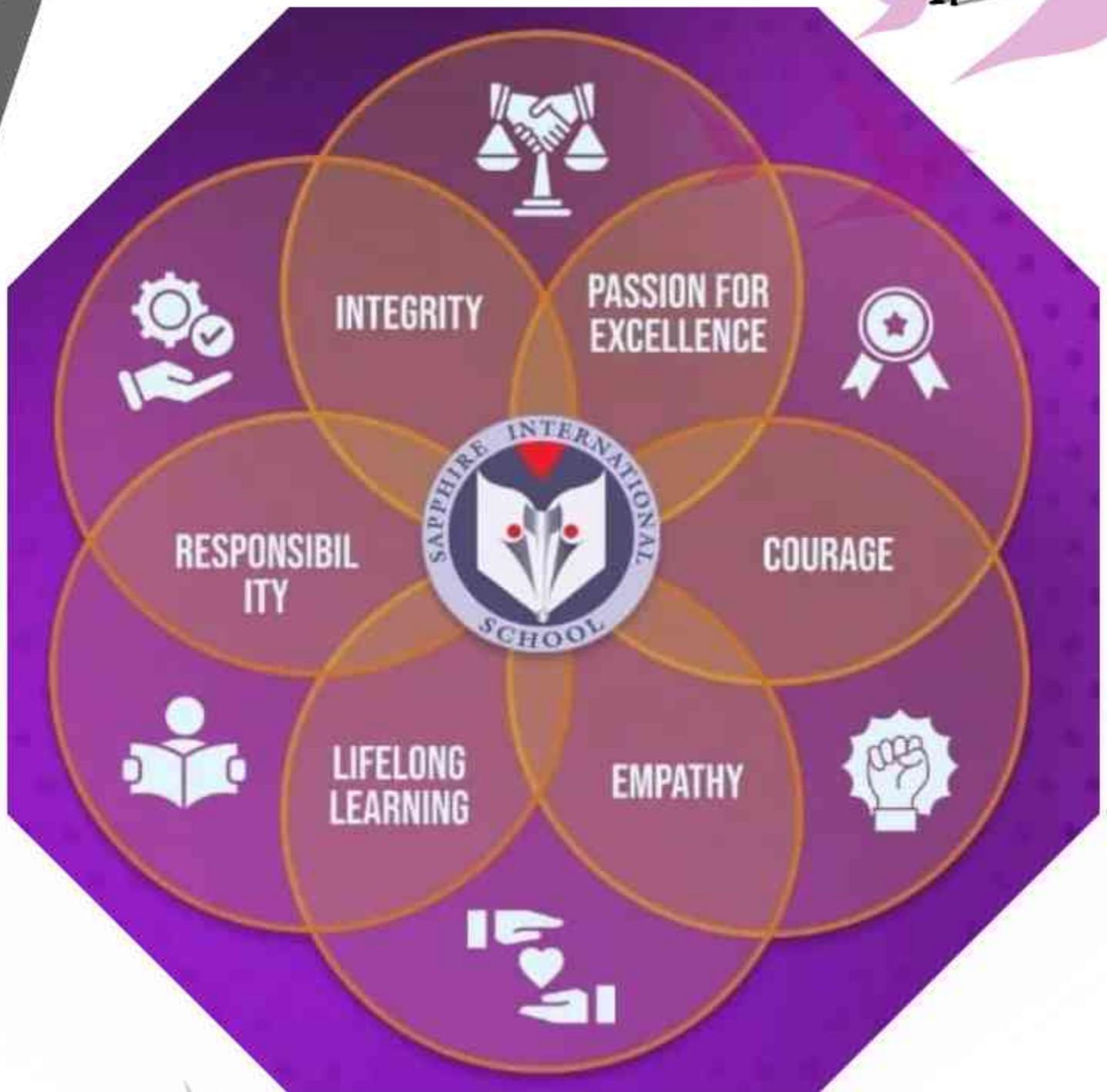
## October-2025



# 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 )

As we proudly present this new edition of “The Quill” for October, I would like to congratulate everyone involved in its creation. Your enthusiasm and creativity continue to inspire our whole school community. I encourage all learners to contribute your ideas, stories, and reflections — The Quill is your platform to be heard and celebrated. As we approach the next cycle of examinations, it is vital to remember that while academic success is important, your mental health and well-being are equally crucial.

I urge you to maintain a balanced routine — eat nourishing meals, take time for regular exercise, and ensure you get sufficient rest each night. A calm and focused mind paired with a healthy body is the key to performing at your best.

It is natural to feel some pressure during this time, but try not to let stress overwhelm you. Instead, view each challenge as an opportunity to grow and learn. Seek support when needed, whether from teachers, family, or friends — you are never alone on this journey.

As the colder months approach, I encourage you to embrace the change in season with positivity and care. Dress warmly, look after your health, and remain active to keep your spirits high. Winter is a season of renewal and reflection — a perfect time to set fresh goals and prepare yourself for new opportunities ahead.

Remember, success is built one step at a time, with perseverance and self-belief. Keep nurturing your passions, stay engaged, and continue contributing to The Quill. Together, we will make this academic year a memorable and rewarding chapter in your story.

Wishing you all good health, resilience, and inspiration as we move forward.

**Warm regards**

# Edu-Visionary Summit & Awards 2025

We are delighted to share that Mr. Saurabh Sehgal was invited as a panelist at the Edu-Visionary Summit & Awards 2025, hosted by IEDUCATIONALIZE at Holiday Inn, Aerocity, New Delhi.

As part of this prestigious event, he shared his insights during an engaging panel discussion on “Celebrating Educational Leadership: Recognizing the Visionaries Shaping the Future.”

The conclave brought together leaders and changemakers from across the education sector to exchange ideas, celebrate innovation, and honour excellence in educational leadership.



# Ultimate Warrior Karate Championship



**Heartiest congratulations to our young warrior Mishika Sharma of Grade III for clinching the Gold Medal in the Junior Category – Individual Kumite at the Ultimate Warrior Karate Championship 2025, held at Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Greater Noida!**

## District Tennis Championship 2025

**Congratulations to Ronit Singh of Grade IV from SISCR for securing the III Position in the District Tennis Championship 2025 (U-10 Boys Category), organized by the District Tennis Association, Ghaziabad at DPS, R.N. Extension from 8th–10th October 2025!**



# French Scholars Workshop



The French Scholars Workshop held at the India Islamic Centre on 8th October 2025 celebrated the outstanding academic achievements of our young French learners from Grades V–VIII. The event featured an engaging session by renowned author Ms. Preeti Bhutani, offering deep insights into the French way of life. Learners also enjoyed an interactive quiz and fun-filled activities, making the day both educational and memorable!



# Foundational Wing



# Rhyme and Rhythm EYPL to EYPL-II



Our EYPL learners—from Pre-Nursery to EYPL II—enthusiastically presented their rhymes on stage before a large audience. The children showcased impressive confidence, clear expression, and joyful participation. Their performances were beautifully supported by a variety of creative props, making each rhyme come alive.

It was a proud moment to see our young learners shine with such poise and excitement.



# Annual Presentation of EYPL-III



The EYPL-III learners of Sapphire International School, Crossings Republik, celebrated Diwali through their Annual Presentation “The Light Within: Celebrating Diwali with Kindness.” The event began with a Lamp Lighting Ceremony by Principal Ms. Ekta Soni, followed by vibrant performances including Ganesh Vandana, a musical drama “The Ramayana: The Story of Diwali,” and a Nukkad Natak “Be Kind, Be Green, Be Together.” The celebration concluded with a joyful Culmination Dance – “Light of Happiness.” Principal Ms. Ekta Soni appreciated the efforts of learners, staff, and parents in making the event a success that truly reflected the spirit of Diwali — spreading light, joy, and kindness.





# Educational Visit to National Rail Museum

Our Grade I learners had a fun and educational trip to the National Rail Museum! They explored historic trains, learned about the evolution of railways in India, and enjoyed interactive exhibits that made history come alive. A day full of curiosity, learning, and memorable experiences!





## **Educational Visit to National Science Center**

**Grade II learners visited the National Science Centre, where they explored exciting exhibits on space, energy, water, light, and simple machines. They also saw models, dioramas, and displays that showcased scientific principles, inventions, and everyday applications of science, making the trip both educational and fun!**



# Diwali Celebrations



Sapphire International School, Crossings Republik, lit up with festive joy as learners celebrated Diwali through dance, art, rangoli making, decor competitions, and eco-friendly initiatives. The celebration reflected togetherness, creativity, and the spirit of a safe and sustainable Diwali.



# Preparatory Wing



# Athletika Fiesta



SISCR organised Athletika Fiesta for Grades III–V on 30th October 2025, celebrating the spirit of teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship. The event began with the Torch Lighting, followed by a spectacular March Past by all five houses, a well-coordinated Mass P.T., and a graceful Yoga Presentation reflecting balance and focus.



The excitement peaked during the Final Races — Relay, Hurdle, Hoop Escape, and Flat Races — where learners displayed passion and determination. Parents added to the fun by participating in the Tug of War and Fun hurdle race, filling the ground with cheers and laughter. Every learner participated with enthusiasm, truly reflecting our motto — No Child Left Behind.



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# Middle Wing



# Diwali Market: A Celebration of Creativity and Entrepreneurship

Grades VI–VIII brought festive cheer to campus through a vibrant Diwali Market, featuring handmade diyas, décor, candles, artwork, festive hampers, and a delightful student-run bakery stall. Each product was thoughtfully crafted and sold by the learners, inculcating entrepreneurship skills along the way.

The celebration beautifully blended creativity, confidence, and teamwork—making the Diwali Market a joyful and enriching experience for all.



# Educational Visit to Mother Dairy Plant



Grade VII learners visited the Mother Dairy Plant, where they got an insightful look into milk processing, packaging, and quality control. They learned about hygiene, production processes, and the journey of dairy products from farm to table, making it an informative and engaging experience!



# Secondary Wing



# Career Fair



Sapphire International School organized an enlightening Career Fair 2025 on 9th October 2025 within the school premises. The event aimed to provide students of Grades XI and XII with valuable exposure to various academic and career opportunities in India and abroad. The fair brought together 17 prestigious universities and career institutions, offering students a platform to interact with eminent representatives, explore diverse programs, and gain insights into future career prospects.

## Participating Universities:

The fair witnessed the participation of the following renowned institutions:

1. Manipal Academy of Higher Education
2. Bennett University
3. Graphic Era University
4. Rishihood University
5. IILM University
6. Jindal Global University
7. SRM University, Sonapat
8. Sharda University
9. UPES (University of Petroleum and Energy Studies)
10. Pratham
11. Ecole Intuit Labs
12. Parul University
13. NIIT University
14. Ineduverse
15. Pearl Academy
16. Delhi Metropolitan Education (IP University)
17. Delhi Technological Campus (IP University)



Each university set up an informative stall where students could interact one-on-one with the representatives to understand admission procedures, course options, scholarships, and campus life. Learners showed great enthusiasm in exploring their interests and clarifying queries about career paths in engineering, design, business, humanities, media, and emerging fields.

# World Mental Health Day



Sapphire International School celebrated World Mental Health Day on 10th October 2025 with the objective of promoting mental well-being and creating awareness about emotional resilience among students.

The celebration began with an enlightening session on “Importance of Mental Health” conducted by the school counsellor for students of Grades IX to XII in the school auditorium. The session emphasized the significance of emotional balance, self-care, and seeking help when needed. This was followed by the Pinning of Teal Ribbons ceremony, symbolizing the school’s commitment to honouring and supporting mental health awareness.

Parallel classroom activities were conducted for different grades. Grade VI students created artwork on “**I feel happy when...**” to recognize emotions. Grades VII and VIII made posters on “Tough times never last, tough people do,” highlighting emotional resilience during adversity. Grades IX and X expressed empathy through letter writing to friends facing challenges, while Grade XI showcased creativity and insight through slogan writing on “Together we heal.”

To further foster openness, a Mental Health Booth was set up on the 2nd and 3rd floor corridors, where peer counsellors interacted with students and facilitated a “Question Box” activity. The booth served as a platform for empathetic listening and for breaking the stigma associated with mental health concerns.

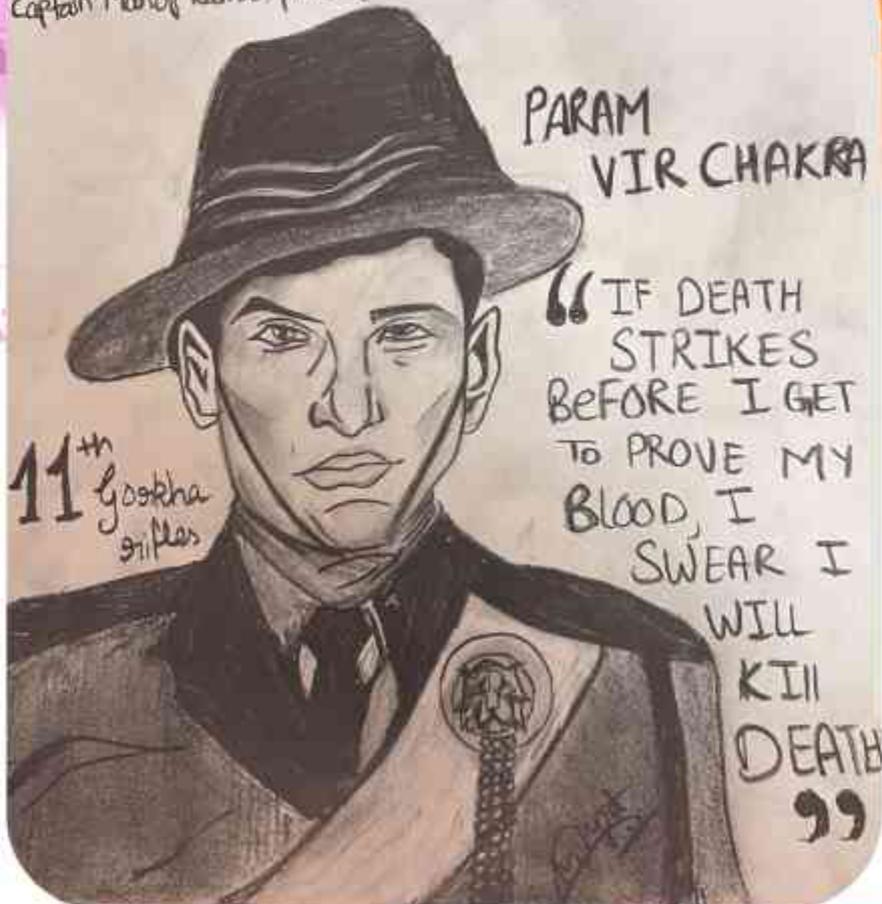
The event concluded on a positive note, inspiring every learner to nurture emotional strength and compassion. The observance of World Mental Health Day truly reinforced the message— “Together we heal, together we grow.”

Gratitude to the school Principal Ms. Ekta Soni for supporting and encouraging learners and faculty to prioritize mental health. Heartfelt thanks to school management for emphasizing holistic development and growth of our learners.

# Brushstrokes of Imagination



Captain Manoj Kumar Pandey -





## दीपावली के ऊपर कुछ पंक्तियां छात्रा की कलम से

अंधकार पर विजय का यह कैसा उल्लास है,  
हर घर आँगन में जैसे कोई प्रकाश-विवास है।

शरद की चाँदनी में, यह कैसी सज-धज है  
हर चेहरे पर एक नई, पवित्र सी हँस-गूँज है।

टिमटिमाते दीप जैसे टूटें तारे  
रोशन करते हर कोने को, सारे और न्यारे।

माटी के ये नन्हे दीपक, लेकर स्नेह की धार,  
हर तिमिर को हरने निकले, करते हैं उपकार।

तेल नहीं, ये प्रेम है जलता, रुई नहीं विश्वास,  
हर लो में एक कथा समाई, हर पल एक नया आस।

फूलों सी खुशबू बिखरती है,  
मुस्कानों की माला बनती है,  
स्नेह की रौशनी से जग सजे,  
हर दहलीज़ पर खुशियाँ बसती हैं।

आशी कसाना

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# Creative Chronicles



"In the end, it's not about being the greatest, but about being the most compassionate," Ashoka's legacy is a

reminder that the true greatness lies in kindness and compassion. His emphasis on non-violence and love resonates deeply, inspiring generations to follow the path of peace and righteousness.

Ashoka's legacy extends far beyond his own time and kingdom. His ideals of peace, non-violence and compassion continue to inspire people around the world. The Ashoka Pillar, a symbol of his legacy, stands tall, reminding us of the importance of integrity, courage and compassion.

As Ashoka said, "One who does good to his enemy, achieves his purpose"; his life's work is a testament to the power of kindness and forgiveness. By studying Ashoka's life and legacy, we can learn valuable lessons about the importance of compassion, tolerance and non-violence in achieving true greatness.

- Lavanya Chaudhary  
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# Creative Chronicles



## ASHOKA

### A SYMBOL OF COMPASSION AND WISDOM

Ashoka, the third emperor of the Mauryan Dynasty, is a towering figure in Indian history. His transformation from a warrior king to a champion of peace and non-violence is a testament to the power of compassion and selflessness. As Ashoka himself said, "Conquer by Dharma, not by violence" his life's work was dedicated to spreading the message of peace and non-violence. This quote encapsulates his shift from a militaristic approach to a more humane and righteous path.

Ashoka's reign is notable for his efforts to promote the welfare of his subjects. He built numerous stupas, temples and hospitals, and his edicts promoted the principle of dharma, or righteousness. As he said,

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## Dussehra Celebration

**“When darkness seems to rule the skies,  
And evil dares to rise again,  
The light of truth will always shine,  
To cleanse the hearts of mortal men.”**

Dussehra, also known as Vijayadashami, stands as one of India’s most celebrated festivals, a radiant symbol of the eternal victory of good over evil. Observed on the tenth day of the Hindu month of Ashwin, it marks the grand conclusion of the nine-day festival of Navratri, filling hearts and homes with devotion and joy.

This auspicious day commemorates Lord Rama’s triumph over the demon king Ravana, a story that reminds us that righteousness, courage, and truth will always overcome deceit and arrogance. In many parts of India, the sky lights up with the burning effigies of Ravana, Meghnath, and Kumbhkaran, a powerful spectacle representing the destruction of evil and the renewal of virtue.

Dussehra also celebrates Goddess Durga’s victory over Mahishasura, the mighty buffalo demon, symbolizing the strength of the divine feminine and the power of good that lies within us all.

Beyond its mythological roots, Dussehra teaches a timeless lesson, that even in moments of darkness, the light of truth, kindness, and justice never fades. It calls upon us to conquer the Ravana within, our anger, greed, and pride, and embrace the path of goodness and self-reflection.

As the flames rise and the echoes of celebration fill the air, Dussehra reminds us that every end brings the promise of a new beginning, one filled with hope, faith, and the light of goodness.





## "Ink & Oddities"-Unusual habits from the world of writers.

### Strange truths from famous literary minds

Ever wondered what fuels a writer's imagination? Sometimes, it's not just coffee and deadlines — it's apples in the bath, upside-down thinking, or writing in pyjamas. In this quirky corner of our newsletter, we uncover the bizarre, brilliant, and downright eccentric habits of famous writers — because behind every great story is a wonderfully strange storyteller.

1. **Agatha Christie ate apples in the bath while plotting murders.**

The Queen of Crime found her best ideas while soaking in the tub — apple in hand, mystery in mind.

2. **James Joyce used giant crayons.**

Due to his poor eyesight, Joyce wrote *Finnegans Wake* with red crayon on cardboard, lying on his stomach in bed.

3. **Dan Brown hangs upside down.**

The author of *The Da Vinci Code* uses inversion therapy — hanging upside down — to relieve stress and stimulate creativity.

4. **Truman Capote could only write lying down.**

Capote described himself as a “completely horizontal author” — he wrote lying on a couch, in bed, or even on the floor.

5. **Ernest Hemingway wrote standing up.**

Hemingway preferred a standing desk and often wrote early in the morning, believing it helped keep his thoughts sharp.

6. **Virginia Woolf listened to music on repeat.**

Woolf often played the same piece of music repeatedly to help her concentrate and drown out distractions while writing.

# Once Upon This Page



## "The Clock Maker's Gift"

In a sleepy English village, nestled between cobbled streets and ivy-covered shops, lived an old clock maker named Eliot.

He rarely spoke, but everyone knew his clocks — beautiful, handmade, always perfectly on time.

One rainy autumn, a young boy named Leo moved into the flat above Eliot's shop. Leo was quiet too, but not by choice — he hadn't spoken a word since his father died the year before.

His mother hoped the peaceful village would help him heal.

Leo spent hours watching Eliot through the shop window. Tick. Tock. Tick. Tock. He was mesmerised.

One day, Eliot invited him in with a nod.

He handed Leo a box of gears and a broken pocket watch.

"No rush," he said softly. "Fix it in your own time."

For weeks, Leo worked on the watch after school. He didn't speak, but he smiled now and then. Eliot taught him patiently, saying little.

One evening, the shop was closed. Eliot's window was dark.

A sign read:

"Gone to fix a clock bigger than all the rest."

Eliot had passed away quietly in his sleep.

Leo stood in the empty shop, tears on his cheeks, holding the watch he had finally repaired.

The next morning, the villagers heard a new sound — gentle chimes echoing from the shop.

The old grandfather clock, silent for years, was ticking again.

Leo had fixed it.

And beneath it, a plaque Eliot must have placed long before:

**"For Leo, who reminded me that even the quietest hearts can keep perfect time."**

That day, Leo spoke again — only one word, but clear as a bell:

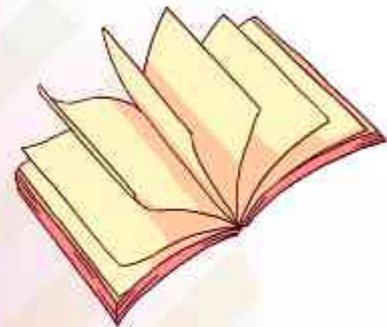
"Thanks."

# Out of the Box Thinkers



## Did You Know?

- Sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins — up to 40 minutes.
- Octopuses have three hearts and blue blood.
- Bananas are berries, but strawberries aren't.
- A day on Venus is longer than a year on Venus.



## Brain Teasers: Where Words and Numbers Collide!

- I am a number. Multiply me by 3, add 15, then divide by 3. The result is 9. What number am I?
- I shrink smaller every time you take from me, yet I grow bigger the more you add to me. What am I?
- Rearrange the letters in “SILENT” to make another word that describes a sound.
- A scientist has 3 beakers: one holds hot water, one cold, and one is empty. Which will reach room temperature first and why?



## Word Wonders

Unravel the magic behind powerful words!



Unveil the power of words that will elevate your vocabulary!

### Effervescent (adjective)

Meaning: Bubbly, lively, or full of energy and enthusiasm.

Example: Her effervescent personality lit up every room she entered.

### Tenacity (noun)

Meaning: Persistent determination; the quality of not giving up easily.

Example: With tenacity and focus, he overcame every obstacle in his path.

### Foster (verb)

Meaning: To encourage the development or growth of something, especially ideas or relationships.

Example: The club aims to foster a love for reading among young learners.

### Congenial (adjective)

Meaning: Pleasant because of qualities or interests similar to one's own.

Example: They found each other to be congenial travel companions.

### Indomitable (adjective)

Meaning: Impossible to subdue or defeat; unyielding.

Example: The indomitable spirit of the team inspired everyone watching.

# 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 September Edition

**Naman Singh**

**V-A**

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**“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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