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"THE GOAL OF EDUCATION IS NOT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE BUT TO CREATE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A CHILD TO INVENT AND DISCOVER, TO CREATE MEN WHO ARE CAPABLE OF DOING NEW THINGS." - JEAN PIAGET



EDITORIAL

With bated breath and eager anticipation, the moment has arrived – with pride to present Volume 13, Issue 1 of Amal Scroll 2022'. Within these pages lies a carefully curated compilation of the most cherished memories and unforgettable events that have woven the tapestry of the past year. It is a testament to the creative prowess of aspiring writers and poets, whose words possess a remarkable ability to inspire and evoke deep emotions within each reader.

"Fill your paper with the breathings of your heart," proclaimed the sage William Wordsworth, a sentiment that resonates profoundly in these pages. Every piece within these covers is a labor of love, a testament to the dedication and wholeheartedness with which it was crafted. For, as Wordsworth aptly noted, true brilliance can only emanate from the core of one's soul.

This edition stands as a comprehensive chronicle, capturing in vivid detail the luminous moments that have graced the esteemed Institution throughout the year. It assembles an array of artistic works that serve as a testament to the diverse talents of the community. The Amal Scroll goes beyond being a mere collection; it stands as an open stage, an opportunity for individuals to publicly exhibit their talents in both the written word and visual artistry. The heartfelt joy experienced while witnessing the influx of extraordinary literature and awe-inspiring art is immeasurable.

Contained within these pages are the threads that

weave the tale of events that have catapulted the school to newfound heights of glory. Every triumph, every milestone, has been meticulously documented, ensuring that the legacy lives on within this very scroll.

Compiling the Amal Scroll for the year 2022 has been a journey both exhilarating and arduous. The process has been infused with the spirit of fun, yet laden with the weight of meticulous craftsmanship. With each page turned, I hope you delve into the dedication that the students have poured into every aspect of this publication. Their hard work and unwavering commitment breathe life into the Amal Scroll, and it is an invitation to you to experience the vibrant energy.

With every stroke of the pen and every brushstroke on the canvas, a piece of their souls has been imprinted onto these pages. As you peruse the Amal Scroll, may you resonate with their spirits and appreciate the depths of their endeavors. This is more than a compilation; it is a living testament to passion, creativity, and collaboration. I, invite you to revel in its pages, cherishing the essence of the Amal Scroll – a testament to the remarkable journey of Amal International School, where heart and soul converge.

Teacher in Charge

Ms. Rehana Rasheed

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2022

The Sports Meet of Amal International School for the year 2022 was very significant to our Alma Mater as it marked the 31st Annual Sports Meet and Anniversary of the School. It was held on the 22nd of March at the Havelock Grounds, Colombo. The auspicious occasion rekindled Sportsmanship was graced by the Chief Guest, Former Sri Lankan Cricket Team Captain, Mr.Aravindh de Silva along with the Honorable Chairman, Mr.M.A.M.Hakeem with the Board of Management, Vice Principals of Administration, Academic, Extra curricular and Co- curricular and Non-academic Staff, Students, Parents and other important dignitaries.

The Sports Meet began with the traditional lighting of the Olympic Lamp by the Head Prefect Master Aasif Jalaldeen followed by the House Captains of the four great houses, namely Arqam, Aqsa, Azeez & Arafath. All four forces competed against each other. It was a test of practice, valor, victory, and most importantly sportsmanship. The houses were awarded points with every victory that the student-athletes brought their respective houses.

The Day was nearing its end as the Four Houses in Unison Marched under the leadership of the Head Prefect and their respective House Captains, in Honor and Respect of the Chief Guest and other dignitaries. The anticipated moment of the day was left to the final hour when the Victors were awarded and the Rankings of the houses were announced; Securing the Championship for the 2022 Annual Sports Meet

was Aqsa House led by Master Ishraf Ahamed along with the House Mistress, Miss. Rizniya Yoosuf. In Second Place was Arafath House led by Master Yusuf Sufi along with the House Mistress, Mrs.Kadheeja Fouzar. In Third Place was Azeez House led by Master Fahad Rawsdeen along with the House Master, Mr.Dhanushka Wickrama. And in Fourth Place was Arqam House led by Master Shafraaz Faizal along with the House Master, Mr.J.K.Ushara. The Champions celebrated their victory and the other Houses joined in Union as they all celebrated knowing that they gave it their best shot.

Khalid-Ur-Rahman

2021 O/L Batch





Basketball Match between Grade 10 and 11

Children's Day BASKETBALL Match

The Children's Day Basketball Match 2022 was organized throughout the course of the day. The students of the Junior Section and Senior Section of Amal International School were allowed to face their rival batches with friendly basketball games, which took place on the 28th of September 2022 from 8.00A.M onwards at the school basketball court in the presence of The Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Vikum Priyalal and the Vice Principal Madams, Ms. Muna Suby, and Ms. Minshaf Imtiyaz. The Sectional Head Ms. Shihana Hussain, the Staff, and the students of the Senior Section witnessed the amazing spectacle put out by the students on the court. The Occasion commenced with the recital of Qirath and the thereafter Sports Coordinator Mr. Greshan Anthony deciding the captains and discussing the general rules and timings of each game, The hype and vibe created by each game was nothing short of special. Commentating throughout the course of the games were Master Abdul Malik Fairoze and Master Shameem Jamaloon. The first game was between Grade 8's and the Grade 9's, Quarter by quarter the experience, skill, and most importantly the confidence and comfort with having the ball within their possession grew. The 9's dominated the game from the first blow of the whistle till the

last. The game ended with the score of 38-16 to the 9's. After the amazing spectacle of the 8's and 9's output on the court, The students couldn't wait for the main event which was the game between the Grade 10's and the Grade 11's. The battle fought for ultimate Supremacy. As the game progressed the confidence of the 10's just kept growing, the miscommunication of the 11s on the court showed the infuriation by all the players of the 11s on and off the court. The game ended with a score of 31-14 to the 10's who had put on a remarkable performance to gain Ultimate Recognition. The occasion concluded with the Champions of each game being announced by Master Abdul Malik Fairoze and conclusion with credits to the school for organizing such a wonderful event.

Malik & Saif

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CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Students of Amal International School were a given day to enjoy the day to their maximum as the school management had organized the "Annual Children's Day celebrations" which took place on the 3rd of October 2022 from 8.00 a.m onwards at the school grounds under the presence of the Chairman, Mr. M.A.M Hakeem, Director of Administration, Mr. Abdullah Azwar, Former Vice Principal Madam, Ms. A.R Mihlar, Former Sectional Head Madam, M.Z.M Meeyan, The Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Vikum Priyalal and the Vice Principal Madams, Ms. Muna Suby and Ms. Minshaf Imtiyaz. The celebration started with the recital of Qirath followed by the National Anthem and the School Song.

The first event for the day was the fancy dress parade by the pre-grade of Amal International School, where they dressed up as Engineers, Doctors, Astronauts, and much more. The lively parade which was to be followed by the special magic show brought by the wizards from "Just Fun for Entertainment". The tricks up their sleeves which brought a shock to everyone's faces got everything wondering about. Which was followed by a musical session for all the students who enjoyed it a lot. A special musical chair competition was organized afterward by the senior section teachers for grades 10 and 11, highlighting the talents and traits of all the young blood of Amal International School. The face painting session that took place in the scout's den parallelly to the eye-catching bouncy castle which had put smiles and created memories for the youth of Amal. The day ended with nothing short of smiles and laughter which was the main motive by the school management. The students had nothing to be disappointed in, A success story at its finest!

Abdul Malik

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ARTS AND CRAFTS

On the 28th of September 2022, an "Art and Craft" competition was held for the children of grades 1 to 6 in the main hall as a pre-event of the Children's Day Celebration. The event was hosted by the IT department of the school and was overlooked by the Head of Skills Development and Career Guidance of our school, Mr. M.T.M Sabry. Each grade was given its theme on what they had to base their art or craft on. The boys who wished to do artwork were sent to one corner while the boys who wanted to make a craft were sent to another where both groups got to work. Boys who had not bought any equipment for either competition were allowed to take part in some mini-games such as hand and feet hopscotch and cup stacking. The event concluded with children having smiles on their faces.

Zaid Rishan

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Magic Show



Art Corner



Magic Show



Indigenous Dance



Fancy Dress Competition



Group Song



Speech by Primary Student



Decorations

2021 O/L BATCH-TEAM BUILDING WORKSHOP

The Skills Development & Career Guidance Team of Amal International School headed by Mr. M.T.M.Sabry organized a "One-Day Team Building Workshop" for the students of the 2021 O/L Batch along with their mentors. The Workshop was held on the 15th of February at 8 am on the school grounds. It was a collaborative effort between the students and teachers, the students were divided into teams each team was led under the guidance of a mentor.

Various kinds of fun activities were held which helped improve teamwork amongst the students, as well as improve understanding and communication between the student and the mentors. The program also focused on motivating the students to help them achieve

better in their Ordinary Level Examinations, by boosting Mental Health and providing students with effective study techniques and preparations for their exams.

The program was deemed fruitful according to the feedback from the students & teachers.

Khalid-Ur-Rahman

2021 O/L Batch



Awarding the Winning Team



Motivating Students



Interaction of Students

PREFECTS' INVESTITURE CEREMONY

2022

The Prefects of Amal International School for the year 2022 were badged at the Prefects' Investiture Ceremony on the 9th of February 2022 from 2.30 pm onwards at the Dangra Hall honored by the Chairman of the Board of Management, The Academic Director, and Vice principals, Master in Charge of Prefects, Prefect of Discipline, Special Invitees, Sectional Heads, Parents and the Students of the Advanced Level Section.

The Event commenced with the recital of Qirath followed by the Addresses of the Vice Principal of Administration, Mr. A.W.M. Rimzi, The Chairman, Mr. M.A.M. Hakeem, and the Academic Director, Dr. Hafeez Rajudeen.

Following that, The Master in Charge of Prefects, Mr. M.T.M. Sabry gave a brief explanation regarding the Prefects' selection process and emphasized the duties and responsibilities of each prefect to make their Alma Mater proud.

The badging of the Junior and Senior Prefects of Amal International School took place with a new initiative introduced this year that the parents of the prefects were given the privilege of badging their children on stage. 50 Prefects were appointed to the Prefects Board for the Year 2022.

The significant event of the day which was the badging of the Deputy Head Prefects, and the Head Prefect of Amal for the Year 2022 took place.

Master Aasif Jalaldeen was appointed as the Head Prefect for the year 2022. While Masters Ishraaf Ahamed, Shafraaz Faizal, Yusuf Sufi, Zain Ukasha, and Shameem Jamaloon were appointed as the Deputy Head Prefects for the year 2022.

All prefects took an oath to serve their school wholeheartedly and to be honest to their badge along with the acceptance speech by the newly appointed Head Prefect. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the Vice Principal of Extra and Co-curricular, Mrs. Muna Suby.

Zain Ukasha

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Prefect Badges



Tokens of Appreciation



Pledge taken by the Prefects

SCOUT CAMP



Addressing the Scout Members

The Amal Scout Troop generally known among the scouts as the 79th Colombo Troop held the first-ever two-night troop training camping on school grounds on the 16th to 18th of September 2022. The training camp was overlooked by the school scout leader A.M.Izzath, alongside two other scout leaders. With a total of 35 students taking part in the program. The camp commenced with the National Anthem and proceeded with a speech from the vice principal of extra and co-curricular and a welcome speech by the scout leader. Instructors from the official scout headquarters were present to conduct lessons on different aspects that are important to a scout. Lessons regarding first aid, map scaling, and knotting were a few of the many lessons conducted over three days. The students spent the nights in tents prepared by themselves.



Conducting Lessons

The students had started their day off with Fajr prayers and a special exercise followed by scouts after following their morning routine. Patrol inspections to check the scout's smartness and neatness were held each day right after breakfast. Meals were made by the patrol in charge for that specific day with the support of one of the scout leaders. Many games were also held for the scouts to enjoy and improve certain skills at the same time. The main event, the campfire event that took place on the 17th during the training camp on the camping site for the families of the scouts to watch alongside the school management was a memorable moment. The campfire consisted of songs and dramas which the scouts did. The troop training camp came to an end on the 18th with the National Anthem followed by a speech from the vice principal of extra and co-curricular and the vote of thanks was delivered by the scout leader.



Campfire

MEDIA UNIT WORKSHOP

2022

A skill enhancement workshop for the senior students of Amal International School (grade 8 & Upwards) was hosted by the media unit of our school on the 4th of June 2022 from 11.30 am to 5.30 pm. The workshop was held to help the student uncover their hidden talents and also help improve their already existing Media skills and broaden their knowledge in the field of media. Multiple workshops were held by the old Amalians, the past members of the media unit in the diverse fields of media. The workshop started with an introduction to media by the former president of the media unit, Shazeen Thalha. The students were divided into groups according to what field they wished to be part of and were directed to the school IT lab for a briefing on the field, the workshop was conducted by a past member of the media unit.

The fields that were taken into consideration for the workshop were editing, photography, content writing, and public relations. Initially, the Editing workshop was effectively conducted by Master Shazeen Thalha in the IT Lab and the knowledge was imparted on the basics of Editing & Graphic Designing and the software required to help them out in the aforementioned field. Following that, the Photography Workshop was conducted by Master Kais Nadeem at the IT Lab as he demonstrated the functions of a camera and elaborated more on the settings of a Camera which will help for more enhanced performance and effective output. A complete demonstration of a one-hour workshop on the functioning of a camera in addition to covering an event utilizing that particular camera was illustrated. At the latter part of the Workshop Master Ashfaq Fazlin briefed the participants on the post-event on photo editing and how to utilize the Adobe Lightroom Software effectively.

The last workshop was a productive workshop on Announcing held at the School's Dangra Hall. It was conducted by Master Shafraaz Faizal as he shared tips and tops on being confident compere and he guided the participants to be smart and active anchorpersons.

The series of workshops were held for the boys who wanted to take part in multiple workshops and were able to follow up. The students were given an entire explanation of each field from all the basics to tips from professionals.

The workshop ended with a media talent show where the students were divided into teams and given a bunch of media-related tasks to be presented to the spectators in front of them at the end. Team Moss comprising Zaid Rishan, Aaqif Ahamed and Abdullah Zahid were declared as champions.

Zaid Rishan

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ETHIHAD 2022

Amal International School hosted its Awards Ceremony of "Etihad'20"- All island Inter-School Islamic Day was organized by the school's Islamic Majlis board of 2019/20 on the 21st of September 2022 at the school premises. Etihad'20 had a participation of over six hundred students from over sixty schools across the country out of which one hundred twenty students from twenty-seven different schools were awarded certificates, medals and trophies at the awards ceremony.

Mr. M.T.M.Nafeel, who is a founding member and the current President of the Centre for Islamic Studies (CIS) graced the occasion as the Chief guest. The event was also graced by the presence of the Chairman of the Board of Management of the School, Mr. M.A.M. Hakeem, the Academic Director, Dr. Hafeez Rajudeen, and the Extra and Co-Curricular Director, Mr. Hibshi Maulana along with other members of the Board of Management, Principal, Sir Wikum Priyalal, Vice Principals, Madam Muna Suby and Madam Minshaf Imthiaz, Sectional Heads, members of the school staff, Members of the Old Boys' Association and other dignitaries and guests. The Islamic day had a variety of events such as Qirath, Islamic songs and speeches performed by the students of the School.

Prior to the distribution of awards to the participants, A Special Ice Breaker event was conducted by the secretary of the Islamic Majlis, Master Aasif Jalaldeen to entertain the audience. This session involved 5 students from different schools who took part and went head to head in completing several unique and improvised tasks to showcase their skills and also to stand a chance at winning the special award.

During the latter part of the event, Muslim Ladies



College- Colombo was crowned as the Overall champions of the event as they lifted the Etihad'20 challenge shield high and proud. The Event concluded with a vote of thanks by the Secretary, Master Aasif Jalaldeen followed by the Salawath recited by the entire Islamic Majlis 2020 Board of Officials.

Yusuf Sufi

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Recitation of Quirath



National Anthem



Champions



LIQUIRA'22

The Championship Round of Liquira'22 - The Commerce Society of Amal International School Hosted "The All Island Inter-School Commerce Day Competitions" for the second consecutive year on the 10th of September 2022 at the Amal International School Premises.

The Championship Round of Liquira'22 proceeded following the preliminary rounds which were held virtually through various social platforms. A total of more than twenty-five teams consisting of one hundred fifty participants were engaged in the preliminary rounds of Liquira'22 out of which the least number of eligible participants managed to advance through to the championship rounds. The championship round consisted of each competition being categorized as Semi-Finals and Final rounds. The Championship Round of Liquira'22 consisted of twelve schools with thirty participants. Three competition categories, namely; Debate, Quiz & Multimedia Presentation was lively at the Amal School premises as all teams battled it out for the top three spots in their respective categories.

At the end of the hectic and successful championship round, the winners for each competition category were announced on stage.

The Debate Competition category results were announced after a series of intense and heated lively debates. At the end of the Day, Muslim Ladies College was Crowned as the Champions beating the Runner-up, St. Peters College in the Grand Finale. Royal College appeared to be the Second Runner-up in the Inter-School Debate Tournament and claimed

3rd place. Master Duraicannan Jishnudev from Team St.Peters College was recognized as the Best Debater of the Competition.

In the Quiz Competition Category, out of four Teams in the championship round, only three Teams were accomplished to conquer the top score. Gateway College Group A was Crowned as Champions, Team Insight College Group A announced as the Runners-Up and Team Insight College Group B became as 2nd Runners-Up.

For the Multimedia Presentation Competition Category, out of the five Teams which were in the Championship Round, the Champions turned out to be, Team Royal International School Group B and The Runners Up, Team Royal International School Group A. Only two teams were awarded positions in the Multimedia Competition Category.

The Event was concluded with a vote of thanks by the secretary and with the recital of Dua and Salawath to end the agendas of the day.





Anonymous



Shaheen Sand



Anonymous

CREATIVE EYE



Anonymous



Shaheem Saeed 13 S

POETRY

The Divine Harvest of 63 years

The world being under the darkness of idolatry
A person yet to come to show its misery
Wealth and fame was their interest
But never knew their end will be restless

Indeed The Merciful One is Ever Caring
Sends down His mercy as the greatest blessing
To emanate through the darkest nation
Protecting mankind from defamation

Then came the day;
The spring has bloomed from the sorrowful soil
Where he had to go through different toil
It was on him the greatest blessing destined
Where the greatest message is about to remind

It is the time to extinguish falsehood from the truth
While the people are far off from the sooth
Spreading the divine revelation
But was abused by the people calling him as the one who has no generation

Only if they knew that the key for intercession of a known day is none but him
Their arrogance made them go astray
While he knew what will be the end of those who are astray

His way of life being remembered as the roots of a shepherd's tree
Being his pathway as the Lily of the valley
His face radiating more than the well-known Sirius
It was his magnificent character made Islam prestigious

Completed the religion from the very soil to its peak
Never looked down upon on those who are weak
Accused him with different names that he was wrong
But the Divine words kept him strong

Came the day when the pen is lifted
Showering tears of warmness
Hearts of the people were thrown
Being the most sorrowful day ever known
But never did his teachings go

Shaheem Saeed-(5494) 13S

In The Sky

In the sky,
once blue and bright,
now smog and haze obscure the light.

On the ground,
once green and lush,
now trash and chemicals poison the soil.

What happened to the world we love?
What happened to the planet we call home?

Anonymous

The Vulture

I was outside reading a book
On a hot and humid day
Suddenly my book violently shook
And I looked up to see what stayed at bay

I looked up just in time
To meet with the eye of...
It was vivid and magnificent like lemon and lime
And from its throat emitted a horse-sounding cough

The vulture stared at me with its piercing green eyes
I reached out my hand
And stroked the Vulture's head
The vulture stayed as frozen as ice
Till with excitement and love it bled

A.H. Himas Asri (2409) 11C

Life

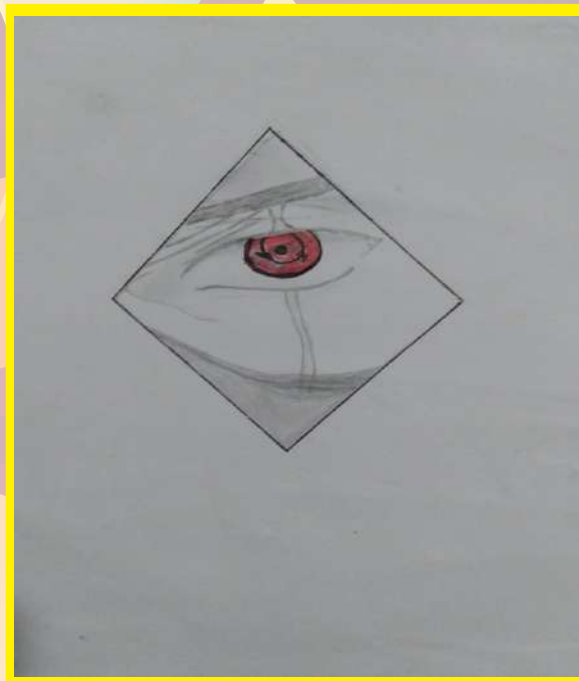
I wondered whether the moon is magic
And I wandered the world is a miracle
I always see the day
And also I see the night
I think it is a tragic

I think life is a magical world
Even the sun
The planets are miracles
So the whole universe is full of life

Zaid Rizwi - (2988) 11A

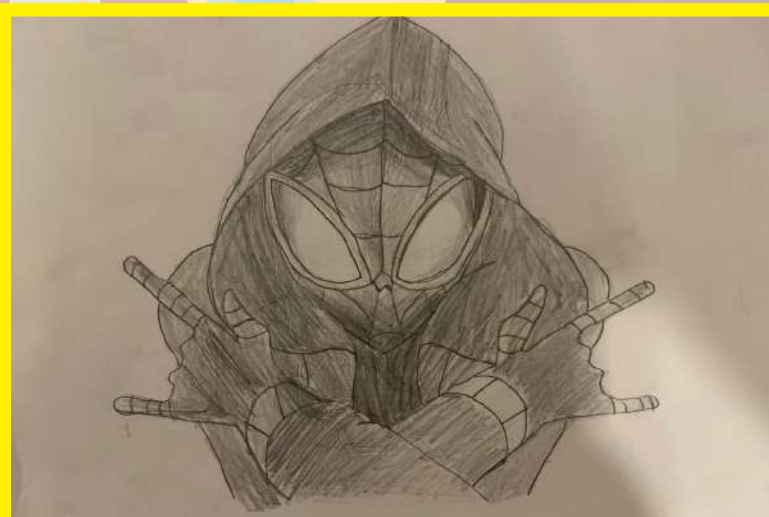


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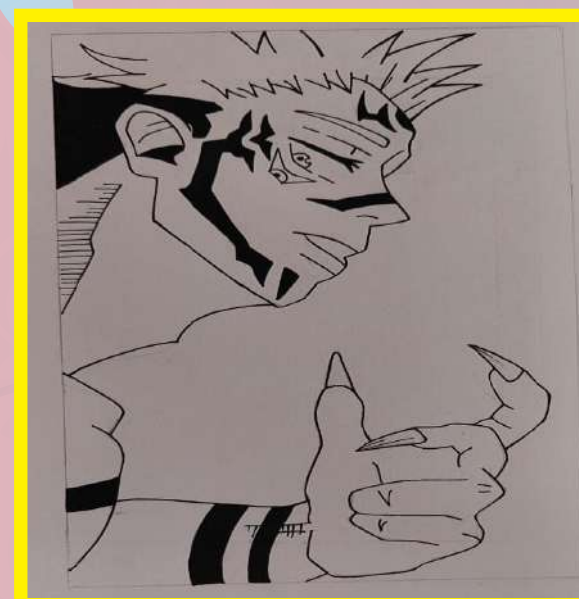
ART CORNER



Faaz Riyad



Mohamed Afzal



Mohamed Rushdi

TOUNGUE TWISTERS

1. Toy boat (Tell it 10 times fast!).
2. Active Adam asked Akmal for answers.
3. Swiss watch, Swiss cheese
4. Red Lorries, Yellow lollies
5. The porpoise purposely performed poetry on purpose
6. Four frozen flies were free to flee
7. Tiny Tim thought trippy thoughts
8. Both blue boats brought bait but borrowed Braydon's rods.
9. Corey's cooking class clapped Cara's crumble.
10. Sprinting Sally hurdled hurdles

Asjad Raza

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1. Six sick hicks nick six slick bricks with picks and sticks.
2. Fresh French fried fly fritters.
3. Rory the warrior and Roger the worrier were reared wrongly in a rural brewery.
4. Which wrist watches are Swiss wrist watches?
5. Fred fed Ted bread and Ted fed Fred bread.
6. The 33 thieves thought that they thrilled the throne throughout Thursday.
7. You know New York, you need New York, you know you need unique New York
8. Lesser leather never weathered wetter weather better.
9. The sixth sick sheikh's sixth sheep's sick.
10. A skunk sat on a stump and thunk the stump stunk, but the stump thunk the skunk stunk.
11. Thirty-three thirsty, thundering thoroughbreds thumped Mr. Thurber on Thursday.
12. Wayne went to wales to watch walruses
13. Seventy-seven benevolent elephants
14. Send toast to ten tense stout saints' ten tall tents.
15. I slit the sheet, the sheet I slit, and on the slitted sheet I sit.

Extracted from Internet

DID YOU KNOW THAT



The Monalisa has no eyebrows.

The sentence, "THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER THE LAZY DOG" uses every letter in the alphabet.

Ants take rest for around 8 minutes in 12 hour period.

All polar bears are left-handed.

Each king from the deck of playing cards.

SPADES-KING DAVID /CLUBS- THE ALEXANDER THE GREAT /HEARTS-CHARLEMAGNE / DIAMONDS-JULIUS CAESAR

It is impossible to lick your elbows.

Honey is the only food that doesn't spoil.

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.

The iPhone, the Harry Potter books, and the Rubik's cube are the top most-sold products in human history.

The most common name in the world is MUHAMMED.

Chocolate can kill dogs, as it contains Theobromine - which affects the heart and nervous system.

$111,111 \times 111,111 = 12,345,654,321$

And now 99% of people who read that (6TH POINT) R's impossible to lick the elbow would have tried it..!

Abdullah Riyas

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CLAWS OF DEATH

It was a Sunday and I had gone to school for sports practices. It was very cloudy; anyone could say it was going to pour very heavily anytime. It was so windy, that almost all the dry leaves started to fall off the trees in our school parking lot.

I was waiting at the school car park until my friends join me to go in for practice. Suddenly there was a gushing wind that swept all the fallen dry leaves toward my shoes. I bent down to clean the dust off my shoes when I noticed my shoes were stained Red. I took a deeper look into it and instantly realized it was blood and it stunk so bad. This made me shocked and confused to even think of where it could have come from. I looked around to find any possible signs of danger. To my surprise, I found some blood traces which lead me to the nearby parking slot. Then, suddenly I heard a mild, slow, and tired sound coming from the nearby drain and I was totally scared and started sweating and my heart started to beat very fast. I slowly looked into the drain to only see a cat screeching as it was badly injured. It was covered in blood as its tail was cut.

To my fondness for cats, I immediately wanted to help them get out of danger. I put my hand into the drain and held it to pull it out but unfortunately, that ended up in a failure. Then I noticed something very strange, a hand-like structure with sharp and dirty nails and dark brown hair covered with dirt was holding the cat tight as the cat was bleeding heavily. I was terrified after looking into the drain and started to shiver. I ran up to the security point of my school looking for help. The security guard of the school was fast asleep in the chair. I screamed at him and shook him until he woke up and suddenly noticed his hand that look exactly similar to the one, I saw in the drain. I was in total shock and didn't know what to do, and I screamed top of my lungs and began running not knowing where I was going, jumping over the bushes and benches and ending up in a classroom. I went inside and banged the door, locked.

I was uncontrollably breathing heavily while I was completely wet in my sweat. I was very much afraid and shouted very loud calling for help when I saw the door crash into pieces and the security guard came in. His face looked terrible and disgusting while there was blood all over his mouth and hand. His eyes were red which looked like they had almost popped out and he badly stunk because of the blood he was covered in. I was standing in the corner of the class with my eyes closed tight in fear, he came closer and closer to me and I splashed a whole huge bottle of water in his face and I felt my face wet. I started to experience strange things. Someone called my name out loud and was shaking me and I could hear someone trying to tell me something. I slowly opened my eyes while I was still breathing heavily and covered in sweat and saw my mom standing beside my bed with a huge jar and shouting at me telling me I was getting late to go to my sports practices at school. I looked at her with confusion as to why she was standing beside my bed, half asleep still I realized it was all a very strange nightmare that felt real even after waking up.

Mohamed Shakeel Sabar

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THE PANDEMIC

At first, the coronavirus didn't really catch my attention. As a 12-year-old, I felt terrible about the lives that were being lost and the challenges people were having to live through but I wasn't concerned about my safety. But not too much time passed until the first cases were announced in Sri Lanka. Now I was overwhelmed with all the changes that were happening. A late night in March we were notified by the news channel that schools would be closed until a later date.

Just like that everything started changing and the fear grew larger. I kept thinking the worst. What if something happened to my parents, grandma, or my friends? The shops were closed, nothing was open. Now we were officially in quarantine. Everything seemed like a nightmare I was unable to wake up from.

What made it even worse was the exaggerated and fake news people kept spreading all over social media.

We started online classes in the upcoming days. I can't complain. I was happy I wouldn't be left behind on my classes but it wasn't the same not being able to be with my friends physically. Overall I had a good time with my family.

It was nice to have everyone gathering around the table again with only each other to talk to. I am lucky me and my loved ones are safe and healthy and I am grateful for all the hardworking first responders that sacrificed so much to help us during this difficult time. I liked my life before the virus more. But it isn't bad now either.

Yazid Rishan

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ENDANGERED SPECIES

"Endangered species", what does it mean? Endangered is simply known as "some kind of an organism in danger of extinction throughout the world". Many of the animals and plants all over the world are almost extinct. There are many animals and plants that we and future generations won't be seeing shortly. We, human beings are the prime cause for this. The growth of the human population has been a great threat to these animals especially. As the number of humans is increasing day by day, more land is needed for various purposes. This means, the destruction of forests. Which are natural habitats of different kinds of rare species. Animals from the tiniest ant to the huge whale are also in danger. There are many ways that we can do to save these animals because animals and also plants help to maintain environmental balance in many more ways.

Animals will be extinct unless we help them. There are many associations and acts that conserve these

animals. We can protect animals from extinction in many ways, such as by establishing nature reserves, building up their habitats by planting trees, etc..... Some animals are facing extinction because of poaching by humans and invasive predators.

The IUCN red list indicates the species which are in danger by the number of species. The Amur Leopard in Russia is critically endangered by just 100 individuals remaining in the world. The Asian Elephant, Javan Rhinoceros, Giant Panda, Bengal Tiger, and African Wild Dog are endangered with nearly 1000 to 2000 individuals living in the wild and also in captivity.

We must keep in mind that animals or plants are a part of Earth just like us. So every possible effort must be taken by us to save the endangered species for future generations and to maintain a coexisting environment.

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