

Vasant Valley TODAY

FROM THOSE THAT SEEK ASYLUM IN THE PA ROOM

When we first walked into the PA room, it was just a room with a piano, a small computer, two desks and brown boards, with a poster of Freddie Mercury in his signature golden jacket on the wall. Little did we know that it would soon become the perfect little asylum for two outsiders, who soon grew to learn and love the people and the culture that is Vasant Valley School. We stumbled into school 4 years ago, overwhelmed by an entirely new culture and a batch of just 90- most of which had been together for the past 11 years. Would we fit in? Was this where we'd find the lifelong friends we had always been searching for? Was this ever going to be home? If you had asked us that question 4 years ago, the answer probably would have been a blatant no, but today it is a resounding yes.

This place is a lot different from what we'd imagined it to be. When those who had been here for ages spoke about taking naps in the first grade, constantly forced to eat lunch in classrooms and tales of the ghost 'Badi' in second grade-- we couldn't help but feel like we had missed out on such large pieces of the Vasant Valley experience. But yet, there was something about this place that made it so much more than just welcoming. Amidst the melodies of the piano keys and subtle conversations, we discovered an integral part of the school. As we sat gazing out of the windows and doors of this room, we could see the constant bustle of students switching from one class to another and teachers frantically chasing miscreants through the hallways; we gradually familiarised ourselves with the collected chaos of the institution.



Be it on the icy glaciers of Yamunotri or the slippery slopes of the Lakhmandal trek - there is always someone looking out for you. The constant texts exchanged on WhatsApp about 'unfair' exam schedules, and the solidarity when everyone had a bad paper- we saw it all. The tunes of 'Yeh Vakt Na Thera Hai' are set in the minds of every student that stands in the senior school quadrangle with heavy eyelids that craved for 'just 10 more minutes' in bed. Vasant Valley is incomplete without the united spirits on Track and Field and Mark D'Souza when it is HOUSE FIRST. The cheers will always echo through these maroon and beige walls- seniors with their hoarse throats and juniors with their unbounded effervescence.

SCHOOL WATCH

Map Quest Results, December 2018

Class 6: Sara Mehta, Jai Kalra and Aanya Sooda

Class 7: Darsh Puri and Sumaya Beri

Class 8: Taanvir Sood

Class 9: Adarsh Choudhury

Class 10: Shrijeet Kolley

Class 11: Maahir Sachdeva

Class 12: Vijayrajeshwari

National School Games 2018 at Agartala (Tripura)

Maya Malik of class 6A has been selected for the National School Games and will represent the Delhi Team in the under 14 Category - Artistic Gymnastics

Essay Writing- Life Science, Class 5

1st: Kaavya Mukherjee Saha

2nd: Nirvaan Manaktala

3rd: Ritika Panwar, Inika Gour Tirath and Kavya Malik

Sub Junior Boys Inter House Hockey Tournament

Winner- Yellow House

Best Player- Jehan V S Bhandal

Best Goal keeper- Veer Anmol Singh

Highest Goal scorer- Taanvir Sood

Over the days when we were handed our worst papers to the days when we finally missed the entire day for rehearsals - we found our friends. And just like you need the ebony and ivory keys to make good music, in good times and bad, we had those that we needed most. Had it not been for this place - we would always be misfits, wondering if there was somewhere we'd belong. Somewhere between the long lines for rajma chawal and the evergreen Punjabi songs in class acts - we found our place.



Yes, there were times when we felt misunderstood, times when nothing seemed to go right, times when nobody was on our side and coming to school was a gargantuan task only surmounted by getting through the day without breaking down. But through these experiences, we found that even when it seemed that there was absolutely nothing to hang onto- it was only about looking for the right places. And for us- it was within the octagonal walls of the PA room.



And as we leave today, we cannot help but thank everyone that made this place feel like home. And remind those out there who doesn't know if they belong that there is something to look forward to. If nothing else, Vasant Valley gave us hope. And hope goes a long way.

Sahir Singh, Aditi Singh (12)

भारत बनाम आस्ट्रेलिया टेस्ट श्रृंखला

इस साल भारत में करारी हार के बाद आस्ट्रेलियाई टीम ने भारत को अपना मेहमान बनाया है। २१ नवंबर को 0-20 से शुरू करने के बाद से इस श्रृंखला ने बड़े ही अन्तरंगी रूप दिखाए है। कभी भारत जीतता तो कभी आस्ट्रेलिया अथवा बारिश पूरा खेल बिगाड़ देती।



पर मुद्दे की बात है अभी हाल ही में होने वाली भारत बनाम आस्ट्रेलिया टेस्ट श्रृंखला। ६ दिसंबर को इस श्रृंखला का आगाज हुआ था और इस बार भारत के दल में पृथ्वी शाव की जगह लोकेश राहुल ने ले ली क्योंकि प्रेक्टिस गेम में चोट के कारण वे पहले टेस्ट और चल रहे दूसरे टेस्ट का हिस्सा नहीं बन सके।

प्रथम टेस्ट में जीतने के बाद विदेश में 'फ्लॉप शो' का कलंक मिटाने में कामयाब हुई 'टीम इंडिया'। ३१ रनों से एडिलड में हराकर १० साल में पहली बार जीती आस्ट्रेलियाई ज़मीन पर। इस टेस्ट में चेतेश्वर पूजारा ने शानदार शतक जड़कर भारत का स्कोर २५० पार पहुँचाया जिसके जवाब में आस्ट्रेलिया ने केवल २३७ रन बनाए। अपनी दूसरी पारी में भारत ने ३०७ रन जड़कर आस्ट्रेलिया को ३२२ का लक्ष्य दिया। पर अश्विन, बुमराह एवं शामी की शानदार गेंदबाजी के तहत भारत ने आस्ट्रेलिया को ३१ रनों से हरा दिया और इस ४ टेस्ट की श्रृंखला में बढ़त पायी।

दूसरा टेस्ट १३ दिसम्बर को शुरू हुआ पर्थ के मैदान में। यहाँ भारत ने पहले टोस जीतकर गेंदबाजी का निर्णय लिया, और तीसरे दिन का खेल देखकर यही लगता है कि भारत का ये निर्णय ग़लत था। पिछले दस सालों में विदेश में जब भी भारत ने पहले गेंदबाजी की है तब तब वह हारा है। इस बार भी विशेषज्ञों का यही मानना है कि भारत के जीतने के आँकड़े केवल २७% ही हैं। पहले दिन खराब गेंदबाजी के चलते आस्ट्रेलिया ने ३२६ रनों का विशालकाय पहाड़ भारत के सामने रखा। इसके जवाब में भारत केवल २८३ रन बना पाया जिसमें विराट कोहली के १२३ रन की भागीदारी रही। इसके अलावा कोहली का साथ देने में कोई सक्षमता नहीं दिखा सका। तीसरे दिन के खेल में आस्ट्रेलिया ने १७५ रन की बढ़त प्राप्त की है, जिससे यह साफ़ मालूम पड़ता है कि आस्ट्रेलिया अपना दबाव भारत के गेंदबाजों पर डाल रहा है। तीसरे दिन के अंत तक आस्ट्रेलिया १३२ रन पर ४विकेट के नुकसान पर खेल रहा है।

अब आगे देखने पर ही पता लगेगा कि क्या इस बार भी भारत डगमगाते हुए अपने आप को हार के शिकंजे से बचाकर जीत पाएगा या फिर इस टेस्ट को बराबरी की ओर ले जाएगा।

श्रीजीत कोले, ११

Anjalika Kapoor Drama Festival



The school has been preparing for the last event of the year with great enthusiasm and vivacity. The Anjalika Kapoor Drama Festival is looked forward to by all of us mainly because of the unwavering effort put in, the riveting themes and their creative interpretations by the four houses. This year's theme, 'Life after Death'

caught similar attention, with the participants' brain-wheels spinning their ideas into the most captivating storylines.

Green House's play revolves around a funeral, where the family of the lost man is left dysfunctional and rather unsure about their future. Grieving gives way to hatred and, struck by the sudden adieu of the protagonist as well as the task of dealing with his decisions, the funeral becomes an event not just of eulogies but of recollection, resentment and malfunction.

Yellow House set on another interesting note of treating death like a person, where death itself is missing and the repercussions of such a situation can too be unwanted. They did, however, also battle another idea dealing with the death of an important figure and how life carries on after their death, in an uncertain and curious way.

Blue House chose to deal with the concept of heaven and hell, and using themes of selection, destiny and the soul, they have tried to delineate the story of error in the afterlife. Error being an integral part of human nature, seems to be alien to life beyond the material realm and this is where the story gets stimulating.

Red House chose the tale of a diseased person and the good and bad angels that influence the person, who is nearing death. Their play encircles conflict, decisions and their outcomes making the concept relatable and extremely thought-provoking.

Each of the houses have been working hard on their plays to deliver great performances. They have found basic storylines and are building around them with collective contribution. Most of us are, thus, curious to visualise the final product and compare it to the conclusions each of us has come up with using the rough ideas we have gathered through chats and sneak-peeks.



Katayani Jha, 9

COMMIT TO BECOME FIT

It is apparent that the generation of today has yet again, fallen victim to another social evil. This it's not a video game or challenge but rather a quest to have the perfect physique. Ranging from diets to workout regimes, trending gadgets and apparel, fitness has taken the world by storm.

Experts say that the best way you can treat your body is to eat EVERYTHING in MODERATION accompanied with some physical exercise everyday. However, due to people's preference to always take the 'short-cut', they wish to achieve their goal by no exercise and just cutting down on food or resorting to diets. The word 'diet' today, has become synonymous with the phrase 'not eating enough'. The Keto-Diet, Paleo-Diet, Blood-type-Diet; all of them are just reasons to run away from a healthy amount of physical activity. Research suggests that these diets are not effective in the long term and only result in building cravings and ultimately gaining all the weight lost by binge eating. So, fellow fitness freaks, gear up and take a walk with your pet outside or play sports instead and soak in all the much needed vitamin D!



The other aspect of fitness that has resulted in unfortunate situations are fancy gadgets and softwares that help one track his/her calorie consumption, count steps, calories burnt etc. Surveys have confirmed that 9 out of 10 people have succumbed to anorexia, depression, anxiety or ultimately weight gain after using fitness trackers. It has been proved that fitness trackers are inaccurate in terms of counting calories, can make one too dependent on it and result in one getting obsessed with wearing the band all the time which is again, unhealthy for both physical and mental health.

So friends, the bottomline is that if you wish to achieve a fit body with a healthy mind, devote your time into making sure to be conscious of your eating habits and include some physical activity every day. Searching the diet regimes of Victoria's Secret models or investing in expensive gadgets might give you the motivation, but at the end of the day, listen to your body because no-one knows it better than you!



Arshya Gaur, 9

What to expect next year...

Class 6: You can expect much more freedom as you enter senior school. It's not that hard adjusting to senior school and you will interact with several new teachers, although you'll definitely miss your old ones. Getting confused about the science labs is part of the routine in class 6. While it may be challenging to start giving exams for the first time, don't worry and class 6 will be a breeze.

Class 7: Studies are slightly harder and the pressure for exams is more. You will be given more responsibility and be provided with a lot more opportunities. Otherwise, it's just like class 6, have lots of fun!

Class 8: It's going to be a lot of fun. The syllabus is easy but the marking is comparatively harder. Take every opportunity you get and don't forget to go to Bhutan!

Class 9: As you make your way to the uppermost floor in senior school, you can expect a lot more responsibilities. Class nine is definitely a tad bit harder than class 8. Science and Social Science branch out into more subjects which make the syllabus seem much larger. But don't stress, and don't procrastinate. As long as you're regular with your work, class 9 is not going to be very hard for you.

Class 10: "It's a board year. So get serious from the beginning of the year." You'll hear this several times. While that statement is completely true, don't let the boards stress you out. Submit all your assignments on time and don't leave everything undone till the last second.

Class 11: You have a lot more liberty and freedom in class 11. Organise yourself and manage your time well. Don't stress out before your exams. Since you are studying subjects that you are actually interested in it will be much easier for you to do better.

Class 12: Always give up your assignments on time and finish your practical work (files) beforehand. Start studying from the very beginning. This is going to be the most important year for you so work hard and don't procrastinate but at the same time don't forget to have lots of fun!

Vedika Bagla, Reana Soni (10)



CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

Cirque Du Soleil, which has revolutionized the circus around the world, aims to make a positive impact on people, communities and the planet using creativity and art. As a motley lot of performers in

1984, Cirque Du Soleil used Quebec's celebration of Jacques Cartier's discovery of Canada as an opportunity to go on an official province-wide tour. The tour was a success and, slowly, the Cirque Du Soleil gained its current position at the pinnacle of modern day circus. However, the Cirque is riddled with controversies due to the deaths of several performers, bringing up issues about safety.

The Cirque tries to help the world using their four pillars: talent, community, procurements and partnerships and environment. These pillars involve ensuring access to arts, reaching out to the youth and using art to contribute to the personal and social development of the participants by fostering self-esteem, confidence, social skills, citizen development and creativity while reducing environmental footprints. Cirque Du Soleil has also set up One Drop, an international non-profit organization to provide access to safe water.

Cirque Du Soleil should be regarded, if not as a troupe brimming with talent though wrapped in controversy, as an organization working to help the world.

Tara Jing Gopinath, 9

Microfiction Mornings:

The tiniest and most entertaining way to read new literature

The day was dark and dull. The wind was whistling. The rain was pattering. As the sky cleared, the snow began to fall, blessing the ground below. (Snow)

Saara Mehta, 6

She played in the snow, oblivious of him watching her. He sat there, still. He couldn't take his eyes off her. (Snow)

Noor Srivastava, 6

Though her life was dark and miserable, she was bony and fragile, almost broken. Her eyes lit up with festivity, and as she saw the Christmas tree, all her troubles faded away. (Festive)

Saanya Anand, 7

*Christmas lights shine all around,
Bells and carollers spreading cheer.
A festive Christmas is what she wants,
But in her fragile heart she knows,
She will not celebrate yet again,
The walls of her orphanage much too thick,
Keeping out sounds of joy and merriment. (Festive)*

Sumaya Beri, 7

*Three shots, a deafening silence.
The booming of shuffling feet.
In one bold sweep, her life destroyed.*

A void where the love of family had once been. (Family)

Aryan Agarwal, 8

"What is family? Is it just a namesake? Is it just be defined by blood? Isn't family simply the people who stick around, the people who love you no matter what?" The orphan asked his newly acquainted parents. (Family)

Samaira Tomer, 8

A holiday: The bright spot at the end of the bleak horizon of existence. (Holiday)

Kavyini Garodia, 9

The cold stirs the city into wakefulness. The mist hung down in tattered strips, torn loose by the cars. It hangs down in strips like torn decorations. The holiday begins. (Holiday)

Tara Jing Gopinath, 9

She belted out her inner secrets through song and prayed for the discovery of her son's sound. He carried on, unresponsive and mute, his voice begging to escape his body. They both had their carols, one just couldn't be heard. (Carols)

Simran Kumar, 10

As the snowflakes began to fall, the children's hymns and carols grew softer- to admire a snowflake's serenity. (Carols)

Ananya Malhotra, 10

*I wish that during times of terror,
When all band and evil would hail,
A knight in shining wreath would show,
And the mistletoe would prevail. (Mistletoe)*

Karamvir Chopra, 11

As the faint smoulder of embers bled into the ashen hearth, he stood beneath the mistletoe, the subtle glow of remembrance hidden in his nostalgic eyes. (Mistletoe)

Kathleen Kyra Ireland, 11

CLASS II NIGHT STAY



On the 23rd of October this year I had Night Stay in school. A Night Stay is when you stay away from your house and be with friends. I had the night stay because next year when I go to class three I will go for camps so I need the experience of being independent. First, I went to the PE field and played Kabaddi. I was excited and enjoyed the game. It ended with medals. The medals were unique because they had a chocolate in them. Next I ate a very delicious snack. Then I made my own paper crown. I also painted a Diya. I peeled my own potato for dinner. After that I went and kept my bag in class 1C. We changed into our night clothes. We practiced our performance. We had a dance

party. Then we ate a delicious dinner. We heard a story and went to sleep. In the morning we changed our clothes and ate breakfast. We did yoga too. We went home. This was my best experience in school. Navya Modi II - C

The Night Stay was on the 23rd October. First we had to play a game called Kabaddi. Kabaddi is a very old game. When I was playing Kabaddi I was feeling nervous because I was playing it for the first time. At the end of the game we got medals made of dairy milk chocolate. Next we had a snack and made paper crowns of our own, painted diyas and peeled potatoes for dinner. After that we kept our bags in 1C and changed into our night clothes. We practiced our performance and had a dance party. Then we ate a delicious dinner and went to sleep with our friends. Finally, when we woke up we ate a snack of hot chocolate and cookies. Then we changed into our day clothes, did yoga and went home. I loved the Night Stay! **Namyaa Munjal II - C**

An e-mail from one tree to another

Dear Jacaranda Tree,

I am talking to you after a long time. I wanted to tell you about the brand new nest on me. It has two eggs in it and two birds too. I also wanted to tell you about my first flower, it was bright, tiny and yellow.

Well, there is also some bad news. The squirrel living on my fifth highest branch got attacked by an eagle and broke its left leg. Lockjaw (the squirrel) can't even climb properly now. The racoon on my second lowest branch is having a baby soon.

So, it's very busy here and I am missing you a lot so, please talk to me soon and tell me if Spike and Lazer's (the Mynas) eggs have hatched. Bye!

Your friend,

The Laburnum Tree

Kyra Oberoi V - C

Yawn! I sit up straight and stretch - What is better than the second day of summer holidays? A thin orange and white light came through the window going all the way across my room to the clock kept on my dressing table that showed 08:03 am. This is one of the innumerable benefits of summer holidays- you can get up whenever you want to. The door opened, I turned my head. It was my mother. She told me that Arman had left school and joined the British School.

I was heart-broken. Why did my best friend have to leave school? Sadly, I went down for breakfast. I ate my sandwich disheartedly. I went back to my room, dragging my feet up the stairs. I looked out of my window. The sky was grey. Gradually, after two minutes, it started to pour cats and dogs. Even the Gods seemed to be sad. I was bored. I went down to ask my mother if I could do some S.T. (In our house, we call watching T.V. or playing games S.T. [Screen Time]) My mother refused. I got a bit angry and a bit sad.

In the evening, when I was thinking of snoozing, my mother came into my room with a huge box. (I was going to remind her to knock on my door to enter next time, but after seeing the box, I controlled the urge). I perked up and was very curious and somewhat excited. She slowly opened the box. I gasped. I was spellbound! A new computer! My mother told me that she had not allowed me to do S.T. as she wanted me to use the new computer. I also realised that I had won this computer as a prize for winning an inter-state competition. I played a bit on my brand-new computer and then put it on the table, music still playing on it. After two minutes, a face-chat request appeared on my screen. I saw it. Guess who it was from Arman! He told me to visit him that month.

As I drowsed off to sleep, I thought 'this day had started off on a bad note but ended on a happy one'. And I was happy about that...

Udai Relan V- C

कलम की आत्मकथा

मैं एक कलम हूँ। मैं अपने जीवन के बारे में आपको कुछ बताना चाहती हूँ। मेरा जन्म एक फैक्टरी में हुआ। वहाँ मेरे और भी भाई-बहनों का निर्माण हुआ था। हम सबको फैक्टरी में बनने के बाद वहाँ से एक दुकान में पहुँचाया गया। शाम का समय था, कुछ बच्चे उस दुकान में आए। एक बच्चा मुझे बहुत ध्यान से देख रहा था। उसे मैं पसंद आ गई। उसने दुकानदार को पैसे देकर मुझे खरीद लिया। वह मुझे अपने घर ले गया और एक रंग-बिरंगे डिब्बे में रख दिया। दूसरे दिन वह मुझे लेकर अपने विद्यालय गया और सबको दिखाने लगा। सभी बच्चे मुझे पकड़ कर पन्ने पर लिखने लगे और मेरी प्रशंसा करने लगे। वह बच्चा भी मेरी तारीफ़ सुनकर बहुत खुश हो गया और मुझे प्रतिदिन विद्यालय लेकर जाने लगा। रोज़ इस्तेमाल करने से मेरा रंग फीका पड़ गया था और मैं पुरानी दिखने लगी थी। तब उस लड़के ने मुझे जमीन पर फेंक दिया और मैं टूट गई। मेरे सभी भाग एक दूसरे से अलग हो गए। इस तरह उस लड़के ने मेरा अंत कर दिया अन्यथा मैं आगे भी इस्तेमाल में लायी जाती पर उस लड़के को मेरे पुराने हो जाने से ऐतराज था। **तान्या सरदार ५ - 'ब'**



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Congress, India's main opposition party, won elections in three states that had previously been controlled by the Bharatiya Janata Party, which runs the national government.

Japan's parliament voted to allow more than 250,000 foreign workers into the country to help ease a labour shortage.

Emotional support animals are to be banned from flights lasting longer than eight hours by Delta Air Lines.

Michael Cohen, Trump's former lawyer, was sentenced to three years in prison for lying to Congress, among other things.

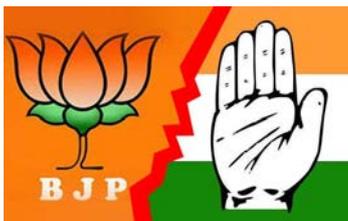
ROAD TO 2019

2019 will be an important year for India. After a politically dynamic spell that has lasted five years, we will experience the general elections to select the 15th Prime Minister of India. The two main contesting parties are the BJP and the opposition. There is a strong possibility of a Congress-led Mahagathbandhan of several other parties as well.

By their recent haul of victory in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Chattisgarh, Congress has possibly repaired their previously dented image. Throughout the last four years most assembly elections have been won by the BJP but now the Congress has made themselves an equal contender for the 2019 elections.

The Modi led BJP government may have done well for India at the world stage, but what about in U.P?

Congress may have the upper hand but they don't have a clean sheet either. They have continuously accused the government about the Rafale deal. The Supreme Court of India has said that the Rafale deal should be continued and are not paying much attention to the Congress allegations. The role played by Congress leader Sajjan Kumar in the 1984 Sikh riots case has also raised questions about the Congress shielding criminals.

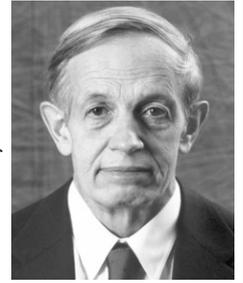


These six months will decide what will happen next. Will the Rahul Gandhi led rejuvenated Congress have the momentum to beat the current BJP government? Over the course of the next few months, we shall find out.

Daksayani Chandra, 8

THE PIONEER OF GAME THEORY

If you're interested in economics or mathematics, there is one name you most definitely have heard of—John Nash. Born on June 13th, 1928, Nash attended Princeton University where he started developing his equilibrium theory, later known as the Nash equilibrium. His contributions to game theory are of incomparable importance to the modern world we live in and the decisions we make. In 1994 he won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences.



However, in 1959 Nash began to show clear signs of mental illness in the form of paranoia. He spent several years in a hospital and after 1970 his condition slowly improved and he was able to get back to work. On May 23, 2015, Nash and his wife were killed in a vehicle collision on the New Jersey Turnpike near Monroe Township, New Jersey. They had been on their way home from the airport after a visit to Norway, where Nash had received the Abel Prize.

John Nash is the only person to be awarded both the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences and the Abel Prize.

Yuvraj Mamik, 11

KEEP YOUR DATA SAFE

In today's world, every aspect of our lives is somehow connected to electronics. With technology's growing importance, cyber security becomes an essential issue.

A common method of attacking a computer is using a virus. There are a lot of types of viruses, most of which are circulated through emails or web pages. These viruses usually ask you to perform an action before they infect your computer, generally through a link. By clicking on the link a rogue program is executed on your computer. Such viruses are common but easy to avoid by not clicking on links from unknown sources. Another way to avoid these viruses is to avoid links without the safety approved "HTTPS" in their web address.

Worms disseminate without user intervention. They typically start by exploiting a software vulnerability. Once the device has been infected with it, the worm will attempt to find and infect other computers. Similar to a virus, worms can spread via email, websites, or network-based software.

A Trojan horse program is software that claims to be a safe program while at the same infecting your device by performing something different behind the scenes. For example, a program that claims to speed up your computer may actually be sending confidential information to a remote intruder.

Often while traveling, on the pretext of saving mobile data, we tend to connect to random wireless internet connections. What we do not realise is that this connection may often not be secure and hackers may be getting your personal data. There have been incidents where hackers have gotten access to all the users' password by accessing a public network.

Phishing is a common act done in which hackers create fake pages to steal information. This mainly involves sending an email from a legitimate company in the same format that the company uses. The email claims that you have to carry out an action that involves re-typing some or the other password. What many don't realise is that this website that the email points to is not genuine, even though it may seem to be a legitimate website.



This may be cliché to say but it is very important to have complex passwords which are difficult to guess. Many browsers such as Firefox, Chrome and Safari automatically suggest you secure passwords and it is logical to use those passwords as your computer automatically remembers them. Other steps you can take to stay safe are to use a firewall, not randomly clicking on harmful websites, be a selective sharer and to keep all software up to date.

Jai Relan, 8

Which iconic Christmas movie are you?

1. What do you enjoy most in a movie?

- Comedy
- Sentimentality with a touch of comedy
- Romance
- A feel good and happy ending

2. How do you feel around Christmas?

- Excited
- Grim
- Indifferent
- Optimistic

3. What is the best thing about Christmas?

- Being around family and friends
- Nothing
- The holidays
- The lights and the  presents

4. How would you describe yourself?

- Funny
- Grumpy
- Cynical
- Cheerful

5. What is your favourite season?

- Summer
- Monsoon
- Winter
- Autumn



If You Got... Mostly A's you are Home Alone
You love comedy and can laugh at absolutely anything. You understand the importance of family, even though they can irk you at times

If You Got... Mostly B's you are How the Grinch Stole Christmas

You enjoy comedy, but appreciate sentimentality in a movie. You can be a pessimist at times.



If You Got... Mostly C's you are It's a Wonderful Life

You are slightly cynical, but secretly enjoy happy endings. You also love elements of romance and fantasy in a movie

If You Got... Mostly D's you are Elf

The world is your oyster! Nothing can get in the way of your optimistic spirit. You are also incredibly determined to finish what you started.



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Winter Reading List!

1. **A Christmas Carol (Charles Dickens)**- A story that captures the zeitgeist of the mid-Victorian Era, following the spooky adventures of mean ol' Ebenezer Scrooge.

2. **Let It Snow (John Green, Maureen Johnson, Lauren Myracle)**- Three different stories, a multitude of unusual circumstances, and an odd assortment of characters, all connected by one thing, and one thing only- winter!

3. **The Polar Express (Chris Van Allsburg)**- A precious holiday tradition, The Polar Express is a magical novel that emphasizes the importance of believing, even when others may not.

4. **The Book Thief (Markus Zusak)**- A heartbreaking yet inspiring novel, The Book Thief tells the tale of a girl and her passionate connection to literature in a time where such hobbies were dangerous and is narrated by Death himself.

5. **The Twelve Days of Dash & Lily (David Levithan, Rachel Cohn)**- The sequel to 'Dash & Lily's Book of Dares', this novel is hilarious to no extent, and follows Dash and his friends in their attempt to help Lily recapture the holiday spirit of New York City.

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