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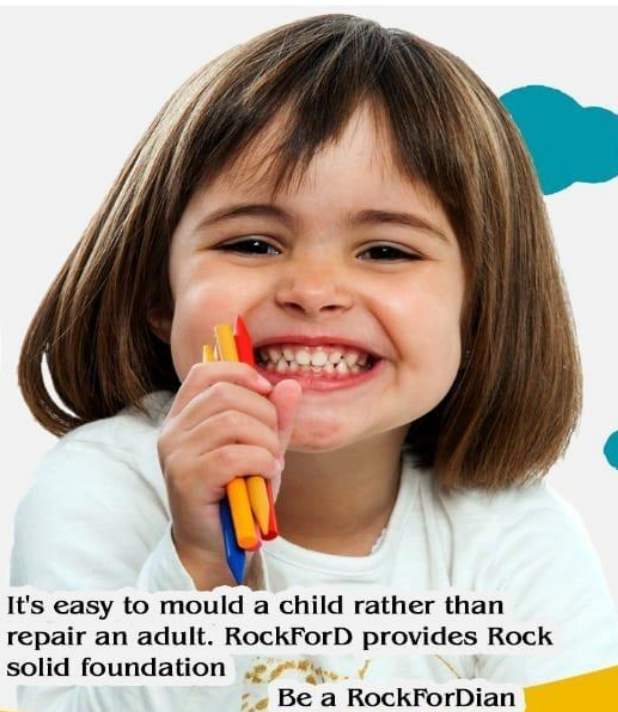
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Conservation of Water Resources

Class: IV

Subject: Science

Learning Outcomes: Students can learn that water is a fundamental necessity for life, and that its quality and quantity are important. They can also learn about the causes and effects of water pollution and scarcity.

Understands the usage of water.

Students can learn the responsibility of using the water, and how to reduce their individual water footprint.



விதை திருவிழா

Class: V

Subject: Tamil

Students got together for an informative and engaging activity for the Tamil lesson, "Vidhai Thiruvizha", wherein they were able to differentiate between the good and bad seed varieties and their uses and their availability as well. They were able to learn about the preservation and cultivation methods in regards with the climatic conditions of different regions as well.

Data Handling

Class: VI

Subject: Mathematics

This activity combines learning with fun and engages students in a practical way to understand graphs and data representation!



Continents and Oceans

Class: VI

Subject: Science

Learning Outcomes: Students should understand the differences between continents and oceans, such as the thickness of their crust:

Continents: Large, continuous land masses separated by water.

Oceans: Large bodies of water that are a major part of the hydrosphere.

கொங்கு மண்டல வணிகம்

Class: VIII B

Subject: Tamil

Students gave a fun filled, informative and easy demonstration on various businesses across the districts of Kongu region, for the Tamil lesson, 'Kongu Mandala Vanigam'. Students were able to learn about the contributions of the region to not just our country, but also on international scale through imports and exports predominantly from native to the region.



Surface area and Volume

Class: IX

Subject: Mathematics

Surface area and volume are basic calculations that can be used in our daily lives. Every object occupies some space and area calculation is necessary to determine amount of space taken by an object. On the other hand, volume gives us information about the capacity of containers and vessel to hold a material.



Natural Vegetation and Wild Life

Class: IX

Subject: Social Science

A great day for class 9th students when they conducted a seminar on their own in Geography, using 3D models and pictures to talk about natural vegetation and wild life. They learnt the chapter on their own and created a project. They actually taught each other about their own given topic. They asked questions and made the class very interactive and interesting.



Best Book Reviewers

Mr. Yashawanth S of Class VI, along with Ms. S. Payalkumari and Ms. Akshaya of Class VII, have been honored as the library's best book reviewers. Their reviews demonstrate exceptional literary understanding and enthusiasm for reading. Through their engaging critiques, they motivate their peers to discover the joys of literature. Their contributions play a vital role in fostering a vibrant reading culture in the school.

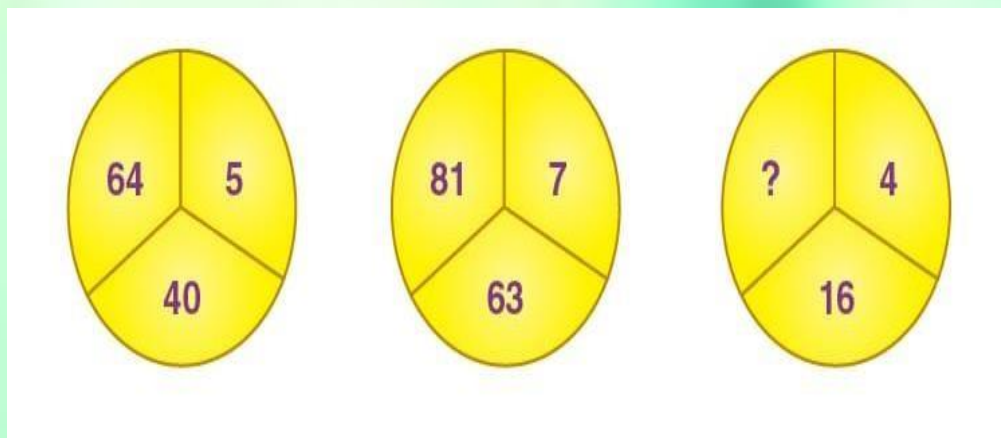


INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS MEET 2024

Our Rockfordians displayed remarkable skill, determination, and teamwork, securing an outstanding total of four gold medals and one bronze medal at The Asian Christian Inter-School Sports Meet 2024.



MYSTERY CHAMBER



WEEKEND READING

Bhikaiji Cama

Bhikaiji Cama - Mother of the Indian Revolution Bhikaiji Cama was born in Bombay (now Mumbai) in a large, affluent Parsi Zoroastrian family. Her parents, Sorabji Framji Patel and Jaijibai Sorabji Patel, were well known in the city, where her father Sorabji—a lawyer by training and a merchant by profession—was an influential member of the Parsi community. She unfurled one of the earliest versions of flag of independent India on August 22, 1907 and she was the first person to hoist an Indian flag in a foreign nation, at the International Socialist Conference at Stuttgart. Bhikaiji was by all accounts a diligent, disciplined child with a flair for languages.

In October 1896, the Bombay Presidency was hit first by famine, and shortly thereafter by bubonic plague. Bhikaiji joined one of the many teams working out of Grant Medical College (which would subsequently become Haffkine's plague vaccine research centre), in an effort to provide care for the afflicted, and (later) to inoculate the healthy. Cama subsequently contracted the plague herself but survived. As she was severely weakened, she was sent to Britain for medical care in 1902. She was preparing to return to India in 1904 when she came in contact with Shyamji Krishna Varma, who was well known in London's Indian community for fiery nationalist speeches he gave in Hyde Park. Through him, she met Dadabhai Naoroji, then president of the British Committee of the Indian National Congress, and for whom she came to work as private secretary. Together with Naoroji and Singh Rewabhai Rana, Cama supported the founding of Varma's Indian Home Rule Society in February 1905. In London, she was told that her return to India would be prevented unless she would sign a statement promising not to participate in nationalist activities. She refused.

That same year Cama relocated to Paris, where—together with S. R. Rana and Munchers Shah Burjorji Godrej—she co-founded the Paris Indian Society. In her appeal for human rights, equality and autonomy from Great Britain, she unfurled what she called the "Flag of Indian Independence". Cama's flag, a modification of the Calcutta Flag, was co-designed by Cama, and would later serve as one of the templates from which the current national flag of India was created.

Speaking in Cairo, Egypt in 1910, she asked, "I see here the representatives of only half the population of Egypt. May I ask where is the other half? Sons of Egypt, where are the daughters of Egypt? Where are your mothers and sisters? Your wives and daughters?" Cama's stance with respect to the vote for women was, however, secondary to her position on Indian independence.

Cama and Rana were briefly arrested in October 1914 when they tried to agitate among Punjab Regiment troops that had just arrived in Marseilles on their way to the front and was exiled to Southern France. In January 1915, the French government deported Cama to Vichy, where she was interned. In bad health, she was released in November 1917 and permitted to return to Bordeaux provided that she report weekly to the local police. In 1920, upon meeting Herabai and Mithan Tata, two Parsi women outspoken on the issue of the right to vote, Cama is said to have sadly shaken her head and observed: 'Work for Indian's freedom and independence. When India is independent women will not only have the right to vote, but all other rights.'

Cama remained in exile in Europe until 1935, when, gravely ill and paralyzed by a stroke and she returned to India in 1935 that left her paralyzed. She died in Bombay in 1936 at the age of 74.

Legacy of this wonder woman:

Bikhaiji Cama bequeathed most of her personal assets to the Avabai Petit Orphanage for girls, now the Bai Avabai Framji Petit Girls' High School, which established a trust in her name. Several Indian cities have streets and places named after Bhikhaiji Cama, or Madame Cama as she is also known. On 26 January 1962, India's 11th Republic Day, the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department issued a commemorative stamp in her honour.

