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THE MAHATMA

-Rianna Lingjel Irom, X

On Gandhiji's 70th birthday, Einstein famously wrote "Generations to come, it may well be, will scarce believe that such a man as this one ever in flesh and blood walked upon this Earth". The truth to this statement continues even as we celebrate Gandhiji's 155th birth anniversary. In a country that tends to worship its idols, Gandhiji remains a bulwark of sacrifice, patience, and perseverance.

Mahatma Gandhi is a man who is regarded with many mixed sentiments. Even posthumously, his name spills from a thousand lips each day as people continue to discuss his life and his legacy and all the controversies surrounding them. However, students falter when Gandhi's life before him becoming a spiritual leader comes into question.

Before he became the father of our nation, Gandhiji was a boy named Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi born in Porbandar, on the 2nd of October, 1869. He was the son of the Diwan of Porbandar and the Diwan's fourth wife. He got married to his wife at the age of thirteen while his bride, Kasturbai Gokuldas Kapadia, was fourteen.

During his childhood and up to his adulthood,

the results of Gandhiji's education were quite mediocre. Even when he was sent to London to study law and train as a barrister, the venture did not produce spectacular results. He was called to the Bar on the 10th of June, 1891, and was subsequently enrolled in the High Court of England. Gandhiji journeyed homeward the day after and in India, he started to practice law first in the High Court of Bombay, and later in Rajkot. His career in law would not take off until he came to South Africa.

The case of Dada Abdulla propelled his confidence and pushed him to hone and sharpen his skills. He based his practice of law on the firm principles of truth and non-violence, which would follow him to India where he began to lead the masses. Gandhiji was also known to accept whatever fees his clients were able to pay him, and sometimes even worked for free if the situation called for it. It can be said that it was his life in South Africa that shaped Gandhiji to be the man he became. It was his experiences in South Africa that helped him blossom into a competent lawyer, negotiator, and arbiter. It was also in South Africa where he would, quite famously, face discrimination on a train ride which would

push him to fight against it. A common question that comes up during many discussions about Gandhiji is: would we have gained our independence without him?

Whichever way that answer may rally, the truth is Gandhiji's philosophies and his teachings shaped the course of a country at the brink of its independence. Gandhiji played a major role in the fight for Indian independence from British rule and gained the moniker

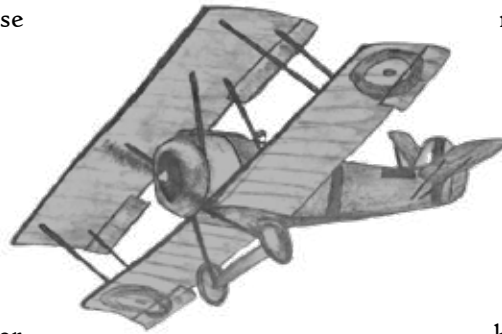
'Mahatma' (great soul) for it. The actions he took and the decisions he made for India's independence are well-known and well-documented. From a plethora of iconic moments, Gandhiji's Salt March remains etched in popular memory as it showed him leading a country and a billion people to claim what was rightfully theirs- their country. It brought Gandhiji and the national movement to a global platform.

WINGS OF FAITH

-Ranvijay Singh, VII

The name itself gives the thrills. It is not a job, it is a passion that puts everything on the line for nothing more than a gravestone. The world's 6th most powerful and formidable power is always on standby, ready to launch at any time. This story however is not about the power, strength and capabilities of the Indian AirForce.

This story is about a day in the life of Navtej a 12-year-old boy, whose father is a group captain in the IAF (i.e. a colonel in the army). One Sunday morning Navtej woke up at 9:00 ready to spend the day with his father. He hadn't been able to spend much time with his father and was looking forward to today. His mother, a very hard-working woman who worked as support team for the AFWWA (AirForce Wives Welfare Association) let out a heavy sigh 'Your father has gone for a special operation. But he will be back in the afternoon.' This response sent Navtej to his room in a fit to wait patiently for his father. Poor Navtej did not know what was in line for him. Eventually at half past 2, Navtej's returned home. Navtej's mother served a simple and basic lunch as the



deputed ration for the family had been delayed. Navtej's father quietly said 'I have something to tell you two. A Pakistani post has been found inside Indian territory. Our entire squadron, including me have been selected to go and destroy the post. They have new high-tech missile launchers, radars and drones! I do not want you to

worry about me. Under all circumstances

remember Navtej, that you must be responsible and look after your mother.' Navtej found it difficult to process what his father was telling him.

That it was possible his father may not return. That his mother could become a widow. That evening

he waved his father goodbye for perhaps the last time. Hours turned to days and days turned to weeks. Navtej and his mother refused to lose hope and continued to pray for the return of Navtej's father. The next morning, Navtej's mother got a call from AFWWA that her husband was well and had just landed after a successful operation. Navtej had never felt happier in his entire life and he wept in relief. Well, we can sum it up in one line 'colleagues share food but wingmen share faith.'

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THE HOSPITAL

-Dorothy Tokheho Yephoui, VIII

Outside the city, there was an old village where people still lived. It was said to be dark and there were a lot of rumors about the place. Some say that if anyone enters the village they never come back. Although the talk about the village was absolutely outrageous, Linda

still decided to explore and check it out. She left early in the morning. The entrance to the village was quiet and the breeze of a cold wind sent chills down her spine. However that wasn't enough to scare her and she still went through. There was a deep fog that made it difficult to see where she

was going. Stumbling, she reached the gates of an eerie hospital which looked abandoned and nonfunctional for years. It crept Linda out. Afterall, she was alone in the woods. She was about to step inside the hospital when an old lady pulled her towards the bush and warned her before she entered. That still didn't stop her, she thought of the whole ordeal as weird. She stepped inside fearlessly. There were corpses and blood-stains all over the place; rotting bodies lying helplessly on

the ground. She found a room darker than any other. She moved closer and closer to it. Somebody pulled her by the leg and dragged her inside the room. She screamed for help but the sounds of her screams along with the horrendous stabbing of a knife could only echo through the hospital corridors. Everything turned black. Linda opened her eyes laying on the grass before the hospital. She would never go a second time. It would start all over again.

thomas

-Lizonthung Ezung, VIII

It was an especially long day in the office. I even had to work overtime to fill in for Bob. From the corner of my eye, I saw Thomas. I waved at him. He waved back. My boss saw this odd interaction, and urged me to take my pills and get back to work. I have Schizophrenia. I have had it ever since I was a child. I never fussed about it though. My imaginary friends were always there for me; even when my real ones left me.

I took the pills out unwillingly. I wanted to talk to Thomas. It had been a tiring day so I just pretended to take the medicine, when I never really did. To avoid suspicion, I acted like I was talking to myself. I liked Thomas. He always understood me. Like he was a part of me.

I left the office, exhausted. Thankfully my home was only a few blocks away.

I felt weird, I could sense something eerie. This was my first time going back home this late. I wished Thomas goodbye and took the pills. I continued my walk. Suddenly, I heard something. A voice. Very familiar. Sounded like Thomas. I called out to him and, to my surprise, he replied back.

It didn't make sense; how could he be there? Hadn't I taken my pills already? Regardless, I took them again. A rattle around the corner grabbed my attention. I looked behind.

I saw it. A shadowy figure, dimly lit by the street lamp. I started walking faster. I looked behind but to my surprise, it had disappeared. At this point I started running. Suddenly I hit my head against something. I looked up. It was the figure again. It said "I am Thomas, Did you forget me?"



Illustrated by Tanveer Ahmed, XI

FOOD

-Lanchenba Luwang Thounaojam, V

Foods like fruits, vegetables, wheat, and other foods that give us protein, calcium, vitamins C and D, make our body fit and healthy. For example- milk which gives us calcium. Calcium makes our bones grow stronger, and makes us taller and sharper. These foods are known as healthy foods. On the other side, there is another type of food known as junk food. This food gives us carbs, sugar, and protein in high amounts and if taken in large quantities, it will make us unhealthy. It also makes us weak. Put junk foods as your priority, if you want obesity. If you want to be healthy, stay away from junk food. Junk Foods might be tasty, but can put you on bedrest!

LAWN TENNIS

-Adhiraaj Jugran, V

Lawn tennis is my favorite game. It is played on a hard, flat surface with a 3-foot-high net, a ball, and a racket. First, a player serves the ball, and you hit it in one bounce; if you hit it after two bounces, your opponent gets the point. And if your opponent hits the ball after two bounces, you will receive a point. Two or four players can play tennis. Tennis imparts valuable life lessons, including how to handle setbacks, which provide the groundwork for success, to stay committed, give your all, and take care of your health.

JUST A DREAM

-Nishika Patodia, VIII

Everything starts moving. I'm packed up in a box with millions of spiders starting to crawl all over me. My heart beats erratically. All of them, staring right into my soul. I try to open my mouth but their claws have restrained me. Everything stops. Silence. I'm back in history class. Ugh! Boring! In no way am I going to show the slightest bit of interest in Union Legislature right now. What happened just now? Never mind. I don't want to know anyway. I just zoned out of history class. Right now, I feel nauseous. Everything starts moving. AGAIN! My classmates turn into soulless eight legged creatures. Walls collapse. They are crawling towards me. I think I'm gonna die. WHAT IS HAPPENING?? Time stops for a jiffy. I cannot run. They have sucked my soul. I am one of them now. Someone shakes me. I whimper. I can't possibly wake up. I'm dead. RIGHT? No. Just a dream. Back to the Parliamentary form of government.

The Great Train Journey

-Kanav Dokania, VI

Standing on a forested slope outside a tunnel close to Kalka, I witnessed my first train chug in. Suddenly, an engine that was green and black emerged from the darkness of the tunnel with a loud whistle and a large puff of steam. I turned and sprinted in Dad's direction. "A dragon!" I let out a cry. "The dragon is emerging from its lair!" Something about seeing trains makes me feel amazed and excited. I want to learn more about all those passengers, whose lives are as strange as their destinations, and whose mysteries I wish to solve, like unsolved puzzles in a suspense novel. Nothing is more joyful than riding a train through the tunnels and the forests and passing through farms and villages; when tiny children shout and wave at me, I happily wave back.

SPORTS: A JOURNEY

-Aarav Aadukia, V

Playing sports is a great way to work out. Numerous sports exist, including football, basketball, tennis, squash, and more. Football is my favorite sport. There are two teams in it, with eleven players in each. I enjoy badminton and swimming as well. Put down squash, cricket, table tennis, and horse riding. Every sport possesses both benefits and drawbacks. To name a few benefits, they give us strength and fitness. One drawback is that it could occasionally cause us serious harm. Every sport benefits us in a variety of ways. It strengthens our lower body, sharpens our attention, enhances our timing and hand motions, increases our speed as well as our endurance. Sports is a journey; never give up, no matter what happens.

Sketching

-Amaira Dhamija, V

In our spare time, hobbies allow us to unwind, enjoy ourselves, and express our creativity. Drawing is one of my favorite pastimes. I can have fun and express my creativity with it. I adore drawing human figures, anime characters, and TV show characters. I have become more skilled in painting by concentrating on minute details such as jawlines, facial characteristics, and the way light hits objects. To make my sketches more realistic, I try experimenting with shading and trying out new approaches. Witnessing my imagination come to life on paper fills me with pride, excitement, and happiness. In addition to helping me become a better artist, drawing is a great way for me to learn new things and de-stress.

THE CLIMATE CRISIS

-Pragyan Choudhary, VII

The climate crisis is one of the most pressing issues in our world, affecting every corner of the globe. The extreme weather conditions include heat waves, wildfires, floods, and hurricanes. It is caused mainly due to human activities such as burning of fossil fuels, cutting down of trees and industrial pollution; which ultimately leads to global warming. The climate crisis also affects our economies and societies. It reduces agricultural yield, leading to food shortage with higher prices. People are also forced to leave their home due to rising sea levels and other such natural disasters. This leads to overcrowded cities and increased competition for resources. To conclude, the climate crisis affects every aspect of life on earth. However, by adopting some sustainable practices, we can overcome this challenge.

THE PERFECT PICTURE

-Zavino Nakhro, VII

No one ever really talks about how surreal the campus of AVS is. The MSB filled with prep defaulters, the pavilion filled with sweaty athletes playing like there is no tomorrow, the magical bliss of the riding field. There is always something or the other adding to the already hectic schedule of an Aviator. Even so, my favourite part of everything is the flawless campus filled with nature. The birds chirping, the monkeys scaring the students, the perfect sky, the sunsets and sunrises, the occasional flock of birds, the brightly coloured flowers, the unexpectedly friendly dogs and, of course the people. It almost feels like a perfect painting. It is the perfect picture and I am thriving in it.

HORSE RIDING

-Abhiraman Dutta, V

Although difficult, it is enjoyable. Some believe that “riding does not need skills of a rider because it is the horse that does all the work.” However, it is incorrect since riding involves numerous motions, such as galloping and cantering which requires skills of the rider. It takes one to three years to learn how to ride properly. Only then can we acquire safe riding techniques. We need a healthy diet to ride. I understand that you will be afraid to ride for the first two days, but as they say, difficulties eventually lead to ease. To win in contests, we must give it our all. Consider giving riding a try; you never know—you might be a pro! Once more, I would like to say that riding is enjoyable so come and try it for yourself

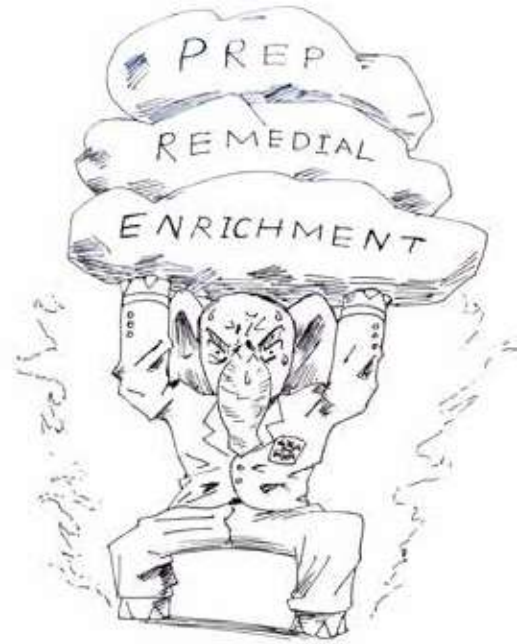
INTERHOUSES

-Aahil Faraj, VII

The competitive nature of interhouses is very powerful, and even overwhelming at times. It is where the different houses show their talents in all the various aspects, be it, sports or activities. There are way too many interhouses to mention so I'll just talk about my favourite one- the Inter House Debates. In this event the different houses show their argumentative nature, their speaking skills and engage in a fierce battle of words, which usually results in heated discussions amongst the audience, leaving them in a parallel debate on who spoke better. This Inter House is very exciting, and you can almost feel the tension in the air. As I write this, I hope to even capture a bit of the football interhouse, because there is just so much to talk about it. The football Interhouse is more than just kicking a ball around. Every single match takes hours of planning, tactics, plays and, obviously, skills. Underneath all this exhilaration, there is one great lesson that these interhouses teach us; behind every success there is struggle, hard work, determination and the team spirit of an entire house.

Campus Caricature

TRIPLE THREAT



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CAMPUS NEWS

MASTERCLASS

-Mr. A.S. Huidrom, Head of Pastoral

A Report on “Supporting Students at Risk and Safeguarding”

On 13th September, 2024 Mr. B. Moses Herick and I attended the “Summit for School Principal and Educators” workshop on “Students at Risk and Safeguarding” organized by Institute of Counsellor Training Research and Consultancy (ICTRC), New Delhi at Hotel Daaysco, Guwahati for the N-E region. It proved to be a highly informative and insightful learning experience for educators and school leaders. The session emphasized the need for a comprehensive approach to identifying and addressing the needs of students who fall into different categories of risk.

Key Learnings: In order to effectively support students in these zones, the workshop introduced and stressed on Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS):

1. Identifying Zones of Risk:

- o **Safe Zone:** Students thriving in their environment, requiring only universal support.
- o **At Risk Zone:** Students showing early signs of struggle or vulnerability, needing targeted support.
- o **Danger Zone:** Students facing severe challenges, requiring intensive intervention and support.

2. Multi-Tiered Systems of Support:

- o **Universal Support:** For students in the Safe Zone, this level ensures all students have the resources and attention needed to maintain their well-being and success.

o **Targeted Support:** For students in the At Risk Zone, this involves more focused interventions tailored to their specific needs.

o **Intensive Support:** For students in the Danger Zone, it provides a deeper level of individualized assistance to address critical challenges.

The crux of the workshop emphasized that one caring adult in a child’s life can make a world of difference. This highlights the powerful impact of relationships in the education process, ensuring that no child is left behind. The focus extends to making sure that every child matters, no child left behind and no parent left behind, and educators serve as guides- similar to how Google Maps helps travellers navigate their journey.

In the 21st century, the most essential skill is fostering relationships. Relationship-driven and sensitive support systems, coupled with continuous improvement, are key to addressing the challenges faced by students at risk. Rather than labelling students as “at risk” the workshop advocated a shift in perspective, referring to these students as possessing & “untapped potential”.

This approach empowers educators to focus on nurturing each child’s unique strengths, ensuring every student can reach their full potential with the right support system in place. The workshop underscored that with the right guidance and support, every student has the potential to succeed.

INTERHOUSE VOLLEYBALL

INTERHOUSE FOOTBALL

Results:

Best Player Upper School Boys- Arshpreet Dahal
Best Player Upper School Girls- Memin Tam and Jyoti Liyak

Best Player Lower School Boys- Sarthak Mahatta and Gitartha Rabha
Best Player Lower School Girls- Remum Nangram

Overall House Positions-

Winners: Bhoroli-Lohit
1st Runners Up: Subansiri-Namdang
2nd Runners Up: Jinari-Manas

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INTERHOUSE SQUASH



Results:

Best Player Upper School Boys- Aarnav Dutta
Best Player Upper School Girls- Adrika Dey
Best Player Lower School Boys- Tame Rikham
Best Player Lower School Girls- Marcia Das

Overall House Positions-

Winners: Jinari-Manas
1st Runners Up: Subansiri-Namdang and Bhoroli-Lohit
2nd Runners Up: Kopili-Dhansiri

THE OUTPOST

Israel inches towards Iran even as it lands blow after blow on its proxies the terrorist groups Hamas and Hezbollah. PM Netanyahu wants to take out prime Iranian oil fields and military bases to ensure that Iran can be of no further threat. While this would mean an all-out war with Iran, it does not bode well for the world and for India. War in the middle-east will lead to a sharp rise in all essentials especially oil. This could leave a substantial impact on an aspiration economy like ours. The days ahead loom large with fear and apprehension.



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Ripple #236

-Aanya Paul Sarkar, XI

He smiled. "I enjoy dining with my victims. It's intimate."

The interviewer frowned.

"Why?"

He whispered, "You are what you eat."

Tongue Of Slip!!

1. "What stuff does he does?" - Aanya Paul Sarkar, XI (*Hopefully better English.*)
2. How coat is your big?" - Marvel Hulang Anal, XI (*Definately bigger than your brain.*)
3. "Debating is just argumentating." - Tanveer Ahmed, XI (*We could argue on your grammar.*)
4. "Let go me." - Atoti Zhimomi, XII (*We think you let your English go.*)
5. "I speed runned this"- Khichu Kath, XI (*Perhaps you should slow run your English classes.*)

Keep It Reel!

Founders' Fever

-Pradyumn Bhajanka, XII



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