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Hello Barnicles! It is that time of the year with the fresh beginnings of a new year, crispy morning cheer, and the faint scent of new Spring flowers. Amidst this feeling of excitement and hope, there also looms the aura of “Final Examinations”, be it the Board exams or the final culmination of all the students’ efforts right from primary classes till Class 12.

Exams play a very crucial role in our learning process as students. Along with testing our knowledge and understanding of the subject, it also helps to alert us to our weaknesses and identify our strengths. Exams test our mental and physical abilities and can push us to the pinnacle of success.

There are indeed many challenges faced by the students, the teachers, and the school management team. The key challenges include an overemphasis on rote learning and memory, instead of using higher-order skills like application, analysis, critical thinking, etc. Some students also face dilemmas regarding examinations conducted by different boards and universities, as they reach the crucial stages of senior classes. These challenges are being addressed and deliberated upon to ensure the students’ best interests.

Nelson Mandela once said, “Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.” These are such powerful and apt words for all of us to get inspired by. Some of us will be stepping into higher classes, and some of us will be stepping out of our uniforms to stride for higher studies in various portals of learning to become leaders in so many fields, imagined and unimagined. We will rise and soar on our wings, like our school motto “ I shall rise with the strength I have received.”



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BARNES NEWS

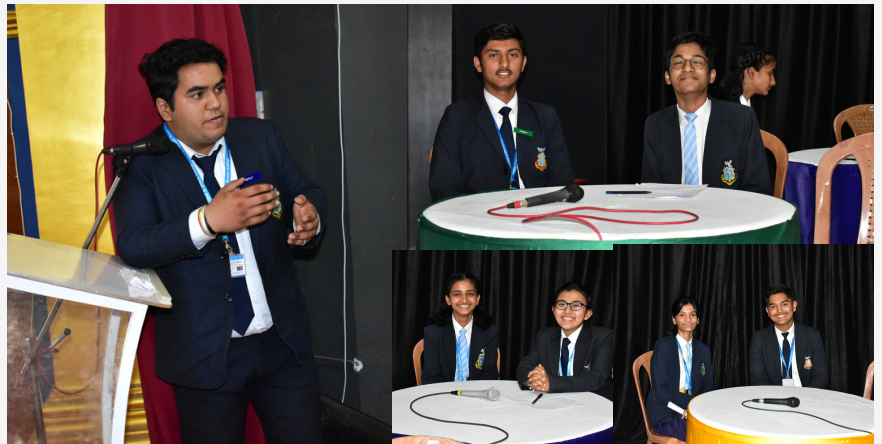


Fete 2024

The Barnes Annual fete was organised on 28 January 2024. The fete was organised in School grounds which was new venue this year. It had various stalls like games, food stalls, snacks and many more. The games included coin drop, ludo, carrom and many food stalls of various tempting food menu like shawarma, momos, pav bhaji, sugarcane juice, ice creams and many more delicacies. This year there were also stalls providing challenges to the visitors like the famous Ronaldo Jump challenge which requires the challenger to jump a height of 2.93m and also a spice challenge stall. For the first time there was a Disco setup in which the students could go and dance.

Cultural Fest

The cultural fest is a platform for students to show their talent in the fields of dance, play, debate and mathematics. The cultural fest has been organized for the students in three batches the first one for students of standards 5th and 6th, the second for standards 7th and 8th. Likewise, we are expecting the third one for students from Standards 9th and 11th.



Founders Day

Barnes School was founded on 29th January, 1925. Every year, the School celebrates the day as Founders Day. This year our school marked its 99th anniversary and entered in its 100th year, which is a great milestone for our school and my generation as well.

Final examination:

Final examination for academic year 2023-24 are scheduled in March 2024. Looking forward towards successful examination and wishing all the best to all Barnites.

CURRENT AFFAIRS' ROUNDUP: JANUARY 2024

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Russia-Ukraine War. The war in Ukraine, which started in February 2022, continues against a backdrop of escalating Russian strikes against Ukrainian infrastructure and population centres. The Ukrainian military's counteroffensive, launched in June 2023 in the South and East of the country against occupying Russian forces, has made less than expected progress. There are arguably several reasons for this stalemate. Key among them is Russia's defensive line- the largest and most fortified in Europe since the Second World War. A declassified U.S. intelligence report assessed that the Ukraine war has cost Russia 315,000 dead and injured troops, or nearly 90% of the personnel it had when the conflict began.

Economics In spite of global uncertainty, confidence in the US markets remained high. Market pricing now foresees US inflation falling below its 2% target rate. Oil saw a weak trend, as a result of low Chinese demand due to economic downturn in China. Of greatest interest to the international economic community will be the US elections, where the possibility that former President Donald Trump will return

to Presidency will likely raise concerns about shifts in US economic policy.

The UK showed positive economic mood as falling yields and improving inflation boosted returns, particularly in more economically sensitive areas of the economy which make up a large chunk of the market. Growth remains a concern however, with GDP dropping in the third quarter of 2023.

The Eurozone finished the year strongly as inflation fell to 2.4% in November. The data stands in stark contrast to last year's figures where the annual rate of inflation was 10.1%. Still, it was not all good news, with forecasts of economic uncertainty this year.

There is a broad consensus that the cost of failing to provide Ukraine with enough support in the Russia-Ukraine war would be far greater than the cost of assisting it. But the current funding model relies heavily on tense last-minute negotiations among lawmakers in the US and the European Union, and the resulting uncertainty inflicts enormous costs on Ukraine's economy and undermines its political stability, while adding to the economic strain of the donor countries.

The prospects for Asian economies seem brighter, both in the near and longer term. While Chinese economic growth is expected to slow from its pre-pandemic levels, GDP is still forecast to expand at a relatively strong pace over coming years. It is encouraging to see indications that Chinese government policy may be becoming more focused on growth at home and more open to collaboration with the West. India and other Asian countries can look forward to years, if not decades, of strong growth and productivity increases thanks to the structural and social changes (including digitalisation, urbanisation and the expansion of the middle class) currently unfolding across the region.

Global markets have largely completed a transition to a new regime that will be characterised by higher interest rates, variable liquidity, and more geopolitical volatility.

Global Politics & International Affairs Political turbulence generally persisted in December 2023 throughout globe, ushering in a new wave of global uncertainty in the build up to the 2024 election cycle. This year will see elections held in an unusually high number of large or geopolitically significant Nations compared to previous years, but for the most part, continuity in Government of the ruling parties is anticipated.

Campaigning is under way for the US Presidential Election, and a repeat contest is expected between President Joe Biden and his predecessor Donald Trump. President Biden is the oldest candidate in US history, and Ex-President Trump is facing a series of criminal trials. Unlike previous U.S. elections, such as in 2016, where there were no fewer

than 10 candidates in the fray during the presidential debates, this time a considerable skew in voter preferences towards Mr. Trump is evident in the run-up to these elections.

The Parliamentary Minority leader in the Maldives, Mr. Ali Azim, has called for the removal of the country's President, Mohamed Muizzu. This comes in the aftermath of the derogatory remarks made by some Maldivian Ministers against Indian PM Narendra Modi. Maldives has also asked for removal of deployed Indian Defence personnel from the island Nation. There are speculations that the Chinese influence is fueling such anti-India sentiment. India has proposed cutting aid to the Maldives by 22% for the financial year 2024-25, as per the Interim Budget document released by the Government.

A global split was evident as China's human rights record was simultaneously criticised and defended at the United Nations five-yearly review, held on 23 January. The review meeting saw Western countries criticise Beijing for its treatment of Xinjiang Uighurs and restrictions in Hong Kong. Meanwhile, a number of non-Western states agreed with Chinese claims that it has made progress in a number of areas, including in socio-economic progress and development. Geopolitical tensions with the US and efforts by some Western nations to reduce dependence on China or diversify their supply chains have also hit China's GDP, currently at 5.2%, a mere shadow of former figures

SUDOKU-BEGINNER

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FUN SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

‘Milk Bottle Xylophone’

Materials required : : 6 glass bottles or jars of the same size, water and a spoon

PROCEDURE:

Step 1. Place the glass jars or bottles with no lids in a line.

Step 2. Put water in each of the jar. Pour 60 ml of water into the first jar. Add 120 ml of water to the second jar. Continue in 1/4-cup additions, adding 180 ml of water to the third jar, 240 ml of water to the fourth jar, 300 ml of water to the fifth jar, and 360 ml to the sixth jar.

Step 3. Pour a few drops of different colour paints in each bottle/jar.

Step 4. Tap each bottle/jar with a spoon.

OBSERVATION:

When you tapped the jar, it vibrates. The vibrations travel from the jar to the water to the air and to your ears. The jars with more water have a low pitch. The sound waves vibrate more slowly because they have more water to travel through. The jars with less water have higher pitches. The sound waves vibrate faster because they have less water to travel through. A jar with no water in it makes the highest pitch because it has the least substance to travel through.





COLDPLAY

Coldplay, one of the most iconic and influential British rock bands of the 21st century, that has captivated audiences worldwide with

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their melodic tunes, tuneful lyrics, and captivating live performances. Formed in 1996, the band consists of lead vocalist and pianist Chris Martin, guitarist Jonny Buckland, bassist Guy Berryman, and drummer Will Champion. It all started over with a good game of pool when the members of the band bonded over their fondness of music.

Coldplay's debut album, "Parachutes" (2000) is one of the best albums of the 21 century. This album has wonderful rhythmic tunes which should be a must listen on your playlist. The great part of Coldplay is that the lyrics make people feel like they are understood. Their lyrics have a lot of emotional depth into it which makes it so understanding and comforting where in people feel safe and understood.

One of Coldplay's defining characteristics is their ability to make music feel fun and safe at the same time. Beyond their recorded music, Coldplay's live performances showcase their talent and showmanship. Taking the stage at sold-out arenas and making headlines at major music festivals, the band offers an unforgettable experience of a lifetime for their fan base. With mesmerizing stage setups, light displays, and amazing energy, Coldplay makes sure their concerts become an unforgettable experience. Chris Martin's charismatic stage presence, combined with the band's chemistry, creates an electric atmosphere that leaves audiences in awe.

However, Coldplay takes part in active social issues. The band supports various charitable organizations and social causes, using their platform to promote positive change, to their commitment to raising awareness about climate change, Coldplay demonstrates their dedication to making a difference in the world. Through their music and the band encourages their fans to think beyond themselves and contribute to a better society. In conclusion, I would like to say that Coldplay is a thrilling band with some amazing beats to just chill around with. It for sure is something to add onto your playlists and makes you feel a sense of nostalgia. Some of my favourite Coldplay songs are as follows; Sparks by Coldplay, Yellow by Coldplay, Clocks by Coldplay, Fix you by Coldplay,

REVIEW OF NETFLIX SERIES

Brooklyn Nine-Nine, a sitcom created by Dan Goor and Michael Schur, has garnered a massive following since its premiere in 2013. The show follows the professional and personal lives of the detectives in the 99th precinct of the New York City Police Department (NYPD), led by the charismatic and laid-back detective, Jake Peralta (played by Andy Samberg). Through its clever writing, diverse cast, and unique blend of comedy and drama, Brooklyn Nine-Nine stands out as a refreshing and hilarious depiction of law enforcement. Brooklyn Nine-Nine While it is primarily a comedy, it does not shy away from addressing important issues faced by law enforcement officers in a thoughtful and respectful manner. For example, the show examines racial profiling through the experiences of Sergeant Terry Jeffords (played by Terry Crews), who is often mistaken for a suspect solely based on his appearance. By humanizing Jeffords and exploring the emotional toll that racial profiling takes on him, Brooklyn



Nine-Nine raises awareness about the everyday struggles faced by people of color in the criminal justice system.

Moreover, the show has a diverse cast that reflects the reality of a modern workplace. From Detective Rosa Diaz (played by Stephanie Beatriz), a strong and assertive Latina detective, to Captain Raymond Holt (played by Andre Braugher), an openly gay African-American police captain, Brooklyn Nine-Nine showcases a range of characters from different backgrounds and identities.

The comedic elements of Brooklyn Nine-Nine are what truly make it shine. The witty dialogues, sharp one-liners, and hilarious situations create an irresistible blend of humor. Andy Samberg's portrayal of Jake Peralta, a talented detective with a penchant for mischief, is a standout performance that perfectly balances goofiness with emotionally resonant moments. The show's ensemble cast is undeniably talented, with each actor delivering impeccable comedic timing and chemistry.

VALENTINES DAY

Valentine's Day is celebrated on 14th February as a day to celebrate love and share gifts such as chocolates, letters, gifts, and much more. Your valentine can be a loved one, family member, friend, or anyone who u love with your heart.



Well you must be wondering how this wonderful holiday started History reveals Valentine's Day traces back to ancient Rome when Emperor Claudius II forbade young men to get married because he taught that single men were better soldiers. However, a priest named Valentine did not agree with Claudius II. Valentine proceeded to perform marriage as he taught marriage was essential for life. Claudius II found out about this and was enraged he ordered the execution of Valentine. While Valentine was in jail he fell in love with the jailer's daughter and wrote a heartfelt letter to her in which at the end he wrote "Your Valentine".

I think that Valentine's Day can be celebrated with your friends, family members, loved ones, and frankly anyone you love.

And, there is no special day to applaud your special ones, Here are some gifts you might give to celebrate your love:

- 1. Heart Chocolates*
- 2. A photo album of you and your valentine.*
- 3. Teddy bear*
- 4. A warm hug*
- 5. Locket*



A talk with Spandan Patole and Meet Patil

winners of the Debate Competition in the
Interhouse Cultural Fest, 2024 (Grade 7 & 8)

Topic for the debate: Should students be allowed
to grade their teachers?

Spandan – Against

Meet – For



Q.1 Why did they choose to for or against?

Spandan: Students are still immature and should not be allowed to grade teachers.

Meet: If students were allowed to grade their teachers, they would pay more attention in class and interactions between a student and a teacher would increase.

Q.2 How did you'll practice?

We practiced through voice calls and we met and read out the speech to one another in the zero lecture as well as practiced for the re-battle.

Q.3 How did you feel once you'll were on stage?

Very nervous but excited. After going on stage, its not as nerve-wrecking as it is a night before the event.

Q.4 How was your reaction after winning?

Super happy that all the hardwork paid off.

Q.5 What did you both learn from this competition?

We learnt no matter what people say, you have to give your best when you have the opportunity to. Our public speaking skills have definitely improved.

Q.6 Spandan, you were there last year as well. What improvement did you see in yourself in comparison to how you had performed last year?

I was more confident this time. I knew what exactly to prepare.

Congratulations for getting the best speaker!

Spandan: Thank you!

A Talk with Mr. Hanif Qureshi



Barnes has taught me to set principles in life and walk in it.

Baarnes School and Junior College was honored to host an interview with one of its loved alumni, Mr. Hanif Qureshi

1. Kindly fill us in with your current job profile and the place you are residing.

Ans: I am blessed to be an owner of a Hotel Business at Bombay Central.

I reside in Bombay.

2. How long have you spent in our esteemed school?

Ans: It was almost 10 wonderful years.

3. Who were your most loved teachers and subjects?

Ans: Ms. Young who taught me History and my favorite subject was Arts.

4. What life lessons have you treasured from Barnes?

Ans. Barnes has taught me to set principles in life and walk in it. Like, to be good to others, be truthful and always behave yourself.

5. Kindly enrich the students and readers of our magazine with a piece of advice.

Ans. The school must enhance her boundaries by marketing and advertising. Also to continue the polished living standards.

6. Please share some of your cherished moments with Barnes.

Ans. Barnes always made us feel like we are home far away from home. We never felt like returning to our respective homes. Equality was maintained, we were always in unison, there was no discrimination. All of us still share a warm bond with each other and cherish our old days.

7. What did you learn being a boarder?

Ans: It taught me everything. It helped me to conduct my life well and eventually rule it.

8. Did being a boarder help you to be where you are?

Ans: Yes, of course. It has helped me to come up in my life.



**Interviewed by,
Krizanne D'Cunha**

HOPE

WHERE AM I?
WHAT AM I?
WHO AM I?
THESE QUESTIONS BOTHER ME?
I'VE GOT TOO MANY QUESTIONS
TOO MANY TO LET THEM BE

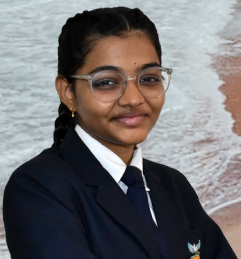
WHERE AM I?
IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE HOME,
IT FEELS LIKE I'M STUCK IN A STORM

WHAT AM I?
I'VE BECOME SOMEONE I'M NOT
I FEEL LOST, I FEEL CAUGHT

BUT MAYBE, JUST MAYBE
NOT ALL IS DARK IN THIS WORLD
MAYBE HOPE IS THE LIGHT I NEED
WHEN EVERYTHING FEELS LIKE ITS SHATTERED

WHO AM I?
I BARELY RECOGNISE THE PERSON
STARING ME IN THE EYE

MAYBE
WHERE I AM
WHAT I AM
IS YET TO BE KNOWN
BUT HOPE WILL GUIDE ME
THROUGH THIS STORM



Kimaya Mungekar

Grade 11



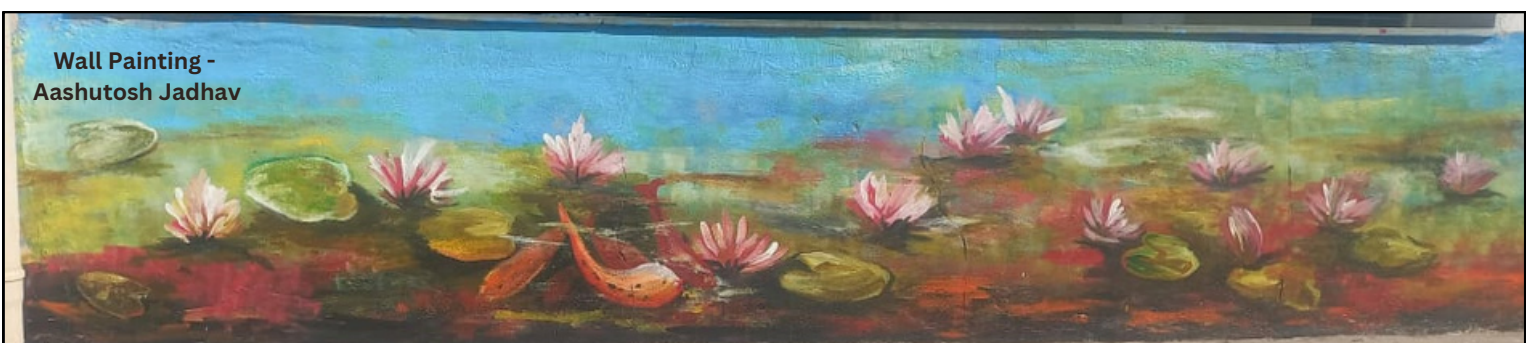
Art Work



Pushkar Khattar
Grade 11



Alok Jadhav
Grade 9



Wall Painting -
Aashutosh Jadhav

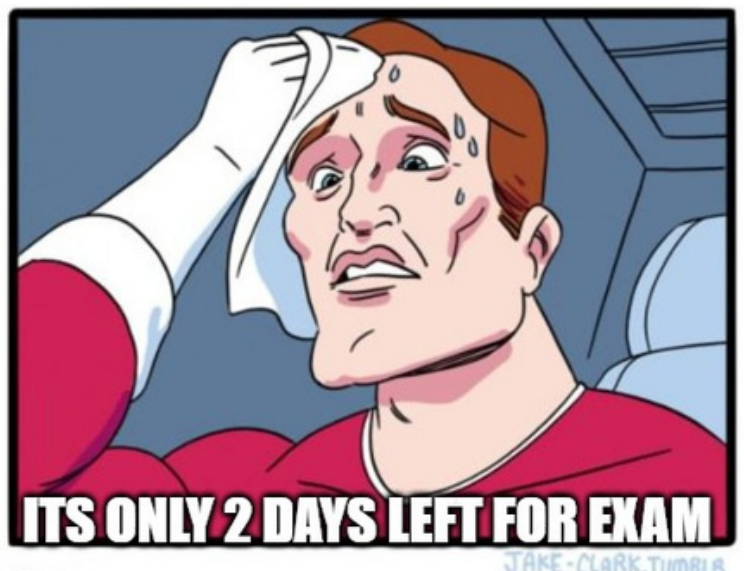


Mili Kekobad
Grade 11





Jannat Sayyed
Grade 11



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