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A change requires strength, time, self-reflection, exchange of views, maturity, a quick reaction to the surrounding world, constant activity and willingness to do extra ordinary effort, somehow we try to manage to find out the need of change to make our school more efficient and progressed.

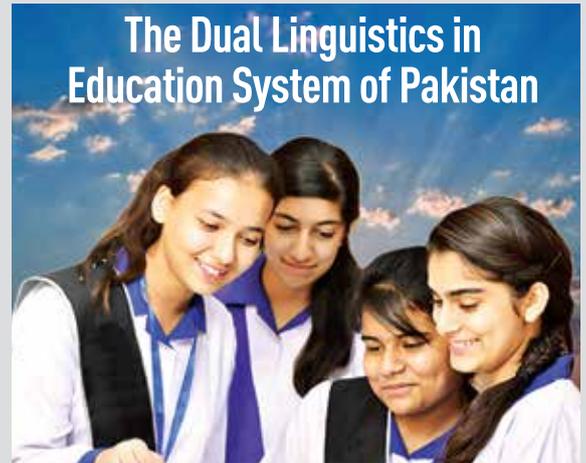
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Editorial NOTE

Importance of education tells us the value of education in our life. Education means a lot in everyone's life as it facilitates our learning, knowledge and skill. It completely changes our mind and personality and helps us to attain the positive attitudes. We must give importance to the education than other targets in life as it is the only source of real happiness in our life.

Education is very important tool for everyone to succeed in life and get something different. It helps a lot in lessening the challenges of life difficult life. Knowledge gained throughout the education period enables each and every individual confident about their life. It opens various doors to the opportunities of achieving better prospects in life so promotes career growth. Many awareness programmes has been run by the government in enhance the value of education in rural areas. It brings feeling of equality among all people in the society and promotes growth and development of the country. Education plays a paramount role in the modern technological world. Now-a-days, there are many ways to enhance the education level. The whole criteria of education have been changed now. We can study through the distance learning programmes after the 12th standard together with the job. Education is not so costly, anyone one with less money may study continuously. We can get admission in the big and popular universities with fewer fees through the distance learning. Other small training institutes are providing education to enhance the skill level in particular field.

Education is must for both men and women equally as both together make a healthy and educated society. It is an essential tool for getting bright future as well as plays a most important role in the development and progress of the country. Citizens of the country become responsible for the better future and development of the country. Highly educated people become the base of the developed country. So, proper education makes the bright future of both, the individual and the country. It is only educated leaders who build the nation and lead it to the height of success and progress. Education makes people as perfect and noble as possible. Good education gives many purposes to the life such as enhancement of the personal advancement, increase social status, increase social health, economical progress, success to the nation, set goals of life, make us aware towards many social issues and gives solutions to solve environmental problems and other related issues.



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Letter to the editor

Hello Editor,

Through the means of your magazine, I would like to raise my voice against the most devastating problem which children are facing today and that is, "Child Abuse". This issue is really jolting the norms of our society. Therefore, I believe; parents need to be more aware about their children, and on the other hand children also need to have an eye for the strangers out there.

M. Ahmad

Hey Informal,

It's been an excellent experience to read your last month's cover story. Before reading it, I use to think - only worst has happen to the educational sector of Pakistan, but after reading your cover story, I discovered the positive side of our education system. Keep on exploring the positivity!

Rizwan Ali

Hey Editor,

Your magazine is doing a really good job, by giving all important segments in one set. The thing I liked the most about your magazine is, your selection of topics. I personally like the "Travel" section, which I read when I want to please myself and find out the part of this planet.

Hamza Murtaza

Hey Informal,

I enjoy reading your magazine when I'm not doing my general studies. Your magazine always bliss me with utmost information, which I like sharing with my friends as well. The new series of invention stories are very interesting yet informative. Keep on doing it.

Adeel Junaid

Hi Informal,

The story I liked the most was the cover story of this month, which showed the other side of the education system of Pakistan. We all know that education system of Pakistan is really struggling to a great extend, but still not everything is negative in it. There are some positive highlights of the education system of Pakistan as well - and you guys updated us about it.

Arslan Ali

Hi Editor,

Your magazine has a very good composition of interesting and informative content along with a wide range of topics. I liked many stories in the issue of this month, and I'm looking forward to the magazine of next month - to thrill myself yet again.

Hina Ch

Hey Editor,

It is a wonderful experience to read your magazine; it is perfect for teenagers especially. From the first page to the last page, everything is simply good. You are doing a good job. I would love to see my letter in your magazine.

Nahl Sohail

Hi Informal,

I just want to say that your magazine is very informative yet interesting! It assists me in learning and getting some outside the box information at the same time. Your cover story was an eye opener for us and for the many people out there. Your magazine is always packed with exciting new stories, and information.

Tayyaba Butt

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We recived too many letters from our valued readers every month through mail and e-mail, however, due to shortage of space we are publishing only few selected letters.

In Talk with Moazzam Khan Klair



Moazzam Khan Klair is the Chief Executive of “The Educators Elite Campus”.

Q. What is the educational background of your institution, where and how it started?

Ans. It was the time, back in 2003 when we legally started this schooling system. At beginning, it was hard to define the ideas and mind-set but with the consultation we came forward with this idea that quality education is the need of our country. Working with white-collar workers, today, I'm able to achieve great success and establish our own great empire.

Q. Share some limelight features of your institution.

Ans. With the help of Allah Almighty today we own two main campuses with five, on count, total branches having two wings;

- 1) Elite campus
- 2) Elite campus 2

From pre-schooling to 4th grade, we give co-education while from five to onwards the boys and girls have separation education, as a need of society. We ensure quality teachers with creative courses that build students to innovation.

Q. Where do you see your students, after completion of schooling from your institution?

Ans. It's always been pleasure to see students of this institution in higher professional fields such as doctors, IT engineers or pilots. Our students are prominent in every field, because we taught them course with ethics and theory with practice. And the very example to this is my daughter herself, she did schooling from “The Educators” and now today she's a successful doctor.

Q. What do you think would be the remedy of fatal issues of Pakistani educational sector?

Ans. The remedy from well-known educational issue would never be so easy. It was the very first duty of government to enact laws and policies in which; firstly, government should make the education equal at all standards and secondly, the entire

system and structure should be changed. The course and the method of education should be altered. Our government should introduce technology to students and provide very facility that any other student gets in foreign countries.

Q. What is the reason of the downfall of students in practical life?

Ans. On a lighter note, I would say that heavy lifted school bags are the main reason for their downfall. Doing the study of numerous books is not the game. The students are unfortunately, caught in limitations of books. They had lacking in inventing and research. They should never be bound to study selective course only.

Q. What is the method of education, opted at your institution?

Ans. We always aim at creativity, innovations and research. Our teachers are trained specially to use different tools to make things easy yet innovative for our students. In an interesting way we recreate the students, who not only stand in education but also in society. We teach manners and ethics to our students, which help them in their professional life.

Q. Do you think this profession is a “one-man show”?

Ans. No, not at all, I think this is the era of “collaboration”. In which nothing could be attained without cooperation and support. If today, I'm leading a big setup then it's all due to students, expert teachers and devoted staff that made it all possible for me.

Q. What would be your message for your champs!

Ans. The students should focus on their education, to shine their tomorrow and specifically country's future. They should serve themselves as individually as building blocks for country's integrity and prosperity. It's my wish to see the young generation with respect in their hearts, for their country, that they better don't live in it but they own it!

The Honest Taxi Driver

What all is involved in a taxi driver's life; physical labor and not much exercise for the grey matter. One such driver was Anwar. He got his driving license from the back door. He did not learn how to drive a car, neither was he aware of the traffic rules and regulations. He was however, a man with a generous heart, known for his hospitality.

One of the reasons why Anwar stood out amongst his mates was his wife. She never harassed him for extra money. The hard work that he put in was evident from his bronze rugged skin tone. Tanned from the hours, days, years that he had spent driving his cab, exposed to the merciless sun. He was so vigilant that he pierced the distance with the sight of an eagle soaring in the skies and nose-diving to pick up the prey from ground. Proof of his vigilance - "stop the thief," cried the lady, whose purse had been snatched. Nobody moved from amongst the onlookers. Anwar from a distance approached the scene of the theft; "move aside" he roared "corner the thief". The thief was a smart cookie. Dodging Anwar he entered the alley and hid behind a rubbish can. To the thief's misfortune a cat inside the can scared of the noise the thief made, leapt out of it. Anwar pounced on the thief and recovered the money from him.

Like the lady above, his work led him to interact with persons from various strata's of society. Sometimes there were persons from affluent families also. One bright sunny day when fate was to take a turn for Anwar, Mr. and Mrs. Ahmed sat in his cab. "We want to go to Nazimabad. Will you take us?" "Hope in." said Anwar. "We are going to this place for the first time. I hope you will be able to follow our instructions," said Mr. Ahmed. After clearing a few traffic jams, they finally arrived at the destination. They got off on the main road

and said they would manage on foot the rest of the way.

To his utter surprise Anwar found a parcel on the back seat of his cab. This was when he stopped for a meal after dropping Mr. and Mrs. Ahmed. The parcel had jewelry inside. He was somewhat anxious regarding how to locate them so that he could give them their parcel back. He searched for some form of identification, but to no avail. His friends tried to persuade him to keep the parcel. But he took pride in being honest and there was no way he would compromise over it.

Little did he know that this parcel was to seal the fate of a couple about to be married? The couple was Ammar and Shagufta. Ammar and Shagufta had been engaged for a year. It was customary to give dowry to the daughter. Not to display wealth, but to support her in her new home, till she was self-sufficient.

He reached home and asked his wife to keep the parcel in safe custody. Weeks passed, and lo and behold, he spotted Mrs. Ahmed. She was shopping in a market where he had just dropped a passenger. He hurriedly approached her and told her that she had forgotten a parcel in his taxi. She told him, she had searched for this parcel. She could not hold back her happiness and gratitude. "I was so worried. The parcel had jewellery, which was my daughter's dowry. I had fallen sick due to the loss."

"Welcome Anwar". Anwar was welcomed in a big way at the wedding. All the family were eager to know him, although he was not a rich man and the other guests were all, well, rich people. But who could deny, that Anwar was 'rich at heart' - The richest in the gathering at the wedding. He walked, in with his head held high. He felt so good, after returning the jewels. Although he was in a gathering of rich people, he did not feel lost as he was bestowed with 'wealth' of honesty.

And as Shagufta wore the wedding band, she looked at Anwar and smiled a smile of gratitude, before she was whisked off to her new home. Her wedding was memorable right from the beginning to the end. A new life lay ahead of her, and as she entered the threshold of her new home and prepared to remove the heavy necklace, she heaved a sigh of relief, recalling all that had happened.



Khewra Salt Mines

The world's second largest salt mine, said to have been discovered by Alexander the Great's horse.

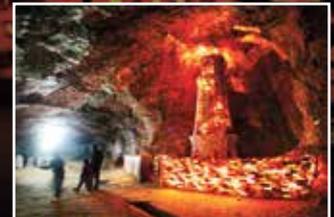
In 326 BC, Alexander the Great, the Greek King famous for conquering an empire ranging from Asia into Africa and Europe, was making his way across Pakistan. Stopping his army for a rest in the area now known as Khewra, Alexander's horse began licking the stones on the ground. Seeing that all the horses were doing so and taking note, a soldier himself tried one and found that the rocks were quite salty. The Khewra salt deposits had been discovered.

Today, some 2330 years later, the Khewra salt mines are the second largest in the world, behind the Sifto Canada, Inc., salt mine in Goderich - Ontario, turning out 325,000 tons of salt per year, and an estimated 220 million tons over its lifetime. This is barely even a dent in the massive salt stores here, which are said to be 6.687 billion tons. Officially, salt mining wasn't recorded until the 1200s under the Janjua-Raja' tribe, but salt has probably been mined and traded here since Alexander's time.

Covering an area of 110 sq. km, 228 meters or 748 feet deep (with 11 separate stories), the massive mine has over 40 kilometers of tunnels running some 730 meters, or nearly half a mile into the mountain under which the salt deposits are found. To keep the huge space from collapsing in on it, only fifty percent of the salt found is mined; the other half serves as support columns to hold up the mine. With such a massive area, a large workforce, and the ease of carving and building with salt bricks, some interesting sights have been built within the salt mine.

Built more recently, specifically to attract tourists, are small salt versions of the Great Wall of China, the Mall road of Murree, Lahore's Shimla hill, and the Minar-e-Pakistan in Lahore. Both the mosque and the miniatures are built from salt bricks, which vary in color from red to pink to white, and which are now lighted electrically and radiate a beautiful warm glow.

Other sights, include a 75-meter-tall "assembly hall" chamber with stairs spiraling up the walls, a 25-foot-long Salt Bridge called the Pul-saraat (an allusion to the Islamic "Pul-e-Saraat," a bridge you must cross on Judgment Day which is described as "thinner than a strand of hair and sharper than a sword"), brine ponds, and beautiful salt-crystal formations such as stalactites. Much of this can



be seen from the narrow gauge electric railway, in place since the 1930s, which once extracted salt from the mines and now brings tourists into them.

This included pregnant women and children, and a number of children were born within the mine. Strikes were met with violence from the British, and in 1876, twelve minors were shot and killed at the entrance to the mines. Their graves can be seen at the middle gates of the mines. One can taste the output of this salt mine by going to their local grocery and looking for "Himalayan Salt," a reddish or pink rock salt. It is significantly more delicious than your average table salt, and comes with a much more interesting back story.

How to get there?

Jhelum is a District and City of Punjab, Pakistan. Jhelum City is the district headquarter, it is in northern Punjab on the bank of the river Jhelum and at GT Road. One can reach Jhelum from Islamabad or Lahore via GT Road.

WHERE TO STAY?

- Al- Madeena Restaurant, GT road Jhelum
- Al-Bilal Hotel, GT Road near Kala Gujran.
- Makki Hotel, GT road Jhelum.
- Mehwish Hotel, adjusent GC GT road, Jhelum.
- Tulip River view Hotel, River Jhelum Bridge.
- Zeelaf Hotel and Restaurant, GTS Chowk,
- Kazim Kamal Road.

PLACES TO EAT?

- Tulip Restaurant • Jhelum Club
- Ever Green Hotel & Restaurant
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The Dual Linguistics in Education System of Pakistan

▲▲ It is the Government's duty to approve uniform curriculum for all institutions and then make sure that institutions must follow it. Uniform curriculum will be a bridge between the poor and the rich class and will eliminate the gap and unite them. ▼▼



Education is the light of the life. Education proves to one of the most important factors for the development of human civilization. Education enhances human status and leads everyone to propriety. It is a continuous and lifelong process. It attributes most important, precious and permanent property of an individual. Education provides manpower, strengthens national unity and uplifts public awareness. It invites positive and constructive change in life. It makes our life really prosperous and meaningful. Everyone wants to be well educated. Life can be successful by the help of appropriate education.

Learning a language and learning in a language are two very different things and not recognizing the distinction has a very high social cost. The Punjab Government School Education Department in Pakistan had converted thousands of its schools into English medium all over the province. The motivation for the move is stated to be "a bid to bring the quality of education in government-run schools on a par with private English medium schools."

Until a quarter of a century ago the debate whether Urdu should be adopted as the medium of instruction or not would come up in conversations. Now rarely does one hear such arguments that used to take place at conferences, in newspapers and magazines and staffrooms of schools and colleges.

When in the 1960s, Dr. Ishrat Hussain Usmani, the then president of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission, deliberated on the issue in his presidential address during the fifth annual conference of the Scientific Society, he enlisted a number of reasons that, according to him, were preventing Urdu from becoming the medium of instruction for sciences. Though Dr. Saleemuz Zaman Siddiqui, a world renowned scientist, had disagreed earlier and had favoured Urdu for the purpose, a large number of scientists concurred with Dr. Usmani and the issue was later discussed even at a vice chancellors' conference. Aftab Hasan, who was associated with Karachi University and was an ardent advocate of Urdu as the medium of instruction, vehemently opposed and wrote a booklet titled 'Urdu zari'a-i-taaleem aur istelahaat' (Urdu as a medium of instruction and terminology), dispelling the impression that Urdu lacked in that regard, citing the case of Usmania University of Hyderabad Deccan where all subjects were taught, including sciences, in Urdu about a century before the issue came up for discussion at the conference.

But gone are the days when Urdu was considered a symbol of our cultural heritage and

national pride. Forget that Urdu is likely to become a medium of instruction in the foreseeable future, rather its status as a compulsory subject too is under threat. Now Urdu is becoming a stranger at the higher education institutions as teaching Urdu at the primary level is not taken seriously. Even those who teach Urdu are looked down upon at schools and as a result society now treats Urdu as something redundant.

Study of education system claims dominance of Urdu and English is a barrier to effective schooling for all but linguistic elite and threatens to undermine social cohesion. Pakistan's commitments to using Urdu as the medium of instruction in its state schools and its ambition to widen access to English language teaching are creating barriers to effective education, limiting economic mobility and undermining social cohesion.

The report, Teaching and learning in Pakistan: the role of language in education, sets out proposals that, if implemented, would seek to raise the status of the country's main regional languages, lower barriers to higher-paid government jobs and help to strengthen ties between language groups at a time when political instability is straining national unity. The report's key proposal was to provide teaching to students in the language they are most familiar with and, for the first time, reflect Pakistan's multilingual identity in classrooms.

Current government strategy seeks to widen access to this English-only social stratum by improving the quality of English teaching in state schools. Yet the provision of effective teaching and materials has been uneven, with the result that the majority of learners are failing to make even basic progress in English. Education is the backbone of every society. Without education no country can survive. Education plays an important role in the development of the country. Education builds the nations and brings the prosperity and development in the country.



We are the citizens of Pakistan, where there are many education systems. There are different mediums of education. There is English medium school system, Urdu medium school system and Madrassa system. These all different



education systems are giving the different kind of education to the students. Diversity in syllabus offered to the students. No doubt that English medium schools are offering good quality of education. They are offering the oxford and British syllabus. They are different from the traditional schools.

The students of these schools are aware of latest technologies. They are able to survive in the modern technological world. They get best jobs opportunities, companies prefer to higher the people whom schooling is from beacon house or city schools etc. The students of these schools are more confident and independent. The students of these schools are unaware of teachings of Islam. There are Urdu medium schools which are usually under the government. The students of these schools are belongs to middle or lower middle class. The students are unaware of modern technologies. Computer education is not necessary at primary level. They could not pay attention on the extracurricular activities which made the students dull and boring. The students are less confident than students of English medium schools. Teachers of these schools are not able and hardworking they do not pay attention to enhance the abilities of the students.

People who get their education from these schools find difficulty in getting good jobs. Companies preferred people who are coming from English schools. It causes inferiority complex in the people. There are plus points of the Urdu mediums schools. They are providing very cheap education that everybody can afford it. They are not putting the burden of education on the students.

The other is madrassa system in Pakistan. They are giving the Islamic



education to their students and ignoring to giving the modern education. Most students studying in the Madrassa belongs to poor families. Poverty is an important factor that strict the parents to sent them in Madrassa because they are providing free of cost education. The students of the Madrassa are timid and shy they do not actively participate in the activities. They are unaware of modern technologies. They are unable to survive in the modern technological world. They do not find the jobs opportunities because they do not get the modern or technical education. After completing their education they have only one opportunity to earn money is becoming the Imam of any mosque.

These different mediums of education are producing different classes in the society. They are creating huge gaps between the people. We should spread awareness in the people that modern education is important as well as Islamic education is concerned. It is an alarming situation of education system in Pakistan. The government should take initial steps to make a unique education system in Pakistan. The quality of education is needed to improve. Professionally trained teachers should be higher in government schools especially rural areas of the country.

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How Geniuses Think?

How do geniuses come up with ideas? What is common to the thinking style that produced "Mona Lisa," as well as the one that spawned the theory of relativity? What characterizes the thinking strategies of the Einsteins, Edisons, daVincis, Darwins, Picassos, Michelangelos, Galileos, Freuds, and Mozarts of history? What can we learn from them?

Genius is not about scoring 1600 on the SATs, mastering fourteen languages at the age of seven, finishing Mensa exercises in record time,

having an extraordinarily high I.Q., or even about being smart. Creativity is not the same as intelligence. An individual can be far more creative than he or she is intelligent, or far more intelligent than creative. Most people of average intelligence, given data or some problem, can figure out the expected conventional response. Typically, we think reproductively, that is on the basis of similar problems encountered in the past. When confronted with problems, we fixate on something in our past that has worked before. We ask, "What have I been taught in life,

education or work on how to solve the problem?" Then we analytically select the most promising approach based on past experiences, excluding all other approaches, and work within a clearly defined direction towards the solution of the problem. Because of the soundness of the steps based on past experiences, we become arrogantly certain of the correctness of our conclusion.

When Charles Darwin returned to England after his famous trip to the Galapagos Islands, he showed the finch specimens he found there to distinguished zoologist John Gould. But Gould couldn't understand the significance. Thinking the way he always thought, he assumed that, since God made one set of birds when he created the world, the specimens from different locations would be identical. As a result, he thought Darwin's finches, which looked quite different from the English variety, represented a new species. He missed the textbook case of evolution right in front of him. As it turned out, Darwin, because of his unorthodox way of thinking, came up with the idea that shapes the way we see the world, despite the fact he didn't even know the birds were finches.

Geniuses think productively, not reproductively. When confronted with a problem, they ask "How many different ways can I look at it?" Genius often comes from finding a new perspective that no one else has taken. Leonardo da Vinci believed that to gain knowledge about the form of problems, you begin by learning how to restructure it in many different ways. He felt the first way he looked at a problem was too biased toward his usual way of seeing things. He would restructure his problem by looking at it from one perspective and move to another perspective and still another. With each move, his understanding would deepen and he would begin to understand the essence of the problem. Da Vinci called this process "knowing how to see." Einstein's theory of relativity is, in essence, a description of the interaction between different perspectives. Freud's analytical methods were designed to find details that did not fit with traditional perspectives in order to

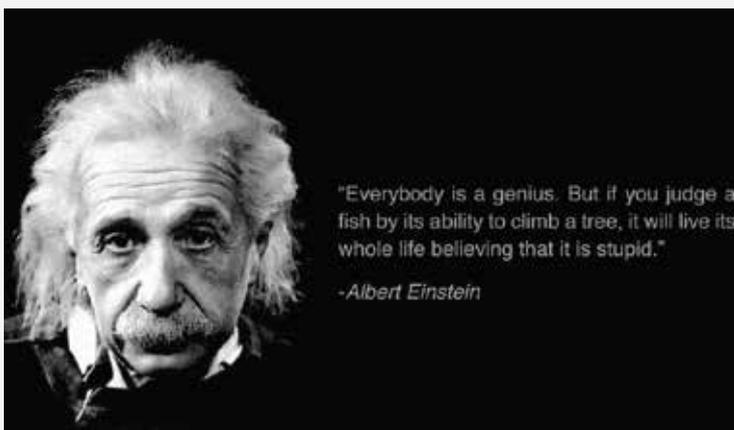
find a completely new point of view. By not settling with one perspective, geniuses do not merely solve existing problems, like inventing an environmentally-friendly fuel; they identify new ones. It does not take a genius to analyze dreams; it required Freud to ask in the first place what meaning dreams carry from our psyche.

Once geniuses obtain a certain minimal verbal facility, they seem to develop a skill in visual and spatial abilities which give them the flexibility to display information in different ways. When Einstein had thought through a problem, he always found it necessary to formulate his subject in as many different ways as possible, including diagrammatically. He had a very visual mind. He thought in terms of visual and spatial forms, rather than thinking along purely mathematical or verbal lines of reasoning. In fact, he believed that words and numbers, as they are written or spoken, did not play a



significant role in his thinking process.

However, what really makes geniuses different from the average person is not so much what they think, but the way they think. In general, the approach of geniuses towards problems tends to be a little different from the rest of us. Most of us tend to stop thinking once we have a reasonable idea, and abandon any ideas that seem too difficult or impractical. However, geniuses do things differently. They don't stop at an initial idea but keep searching for different ways of arriving at a solution. Also, they don't edit their initial ideas and discard them as impractical or too difficult.



Iran bans English from being taught in primary schools



Iran has banned teaching the English language in primary schools, calling the subject a "cultural invasion". The education ministry "envisages strengthening Persian language skills and Iranian Islamic culture of pupils at the primary school stage", its secretary told state media. Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has previously expressed concern about the teaching of English. "Teaching of foreign languages has not been recommended by any means" at primary level, Mehdi Navid-Adham, secretary of the Supreme Education Council, told the state-run IRIB news agency.

Education World Forum focuses on edtech benefits



The Education World Forum attracted nearly 100 of the world's education ministers to London. The event was opened by the newly appointed UK minister, Damien Hinds, and delegates came from as far afield as Sudan, Iran and Colombia. The US delegation was unable to attend, due to the short-lived federal government shutdown. Among the featured speakers was Andreas Schleicher, director of education at the OECD, who discussed the recently announced changes to the PISA. He made it clear that "global competencies" is far from just a buzzword.

Denmark hopes to claim back EU student debt



Danish officials are hoping that a European Union court can settle the issue of missing loan repayments from European students to Copenhagen. Under Danish and EU law, international students from other EU member states are allowed to draw student loans from the Danish state. However, Denmark is currently unable to force repayments once the student has returned to his or her home nation. According to a report from the Danish ministry of taxation, the state is now owed at least €105 million.

Mental health concerns for 35% international students in UK

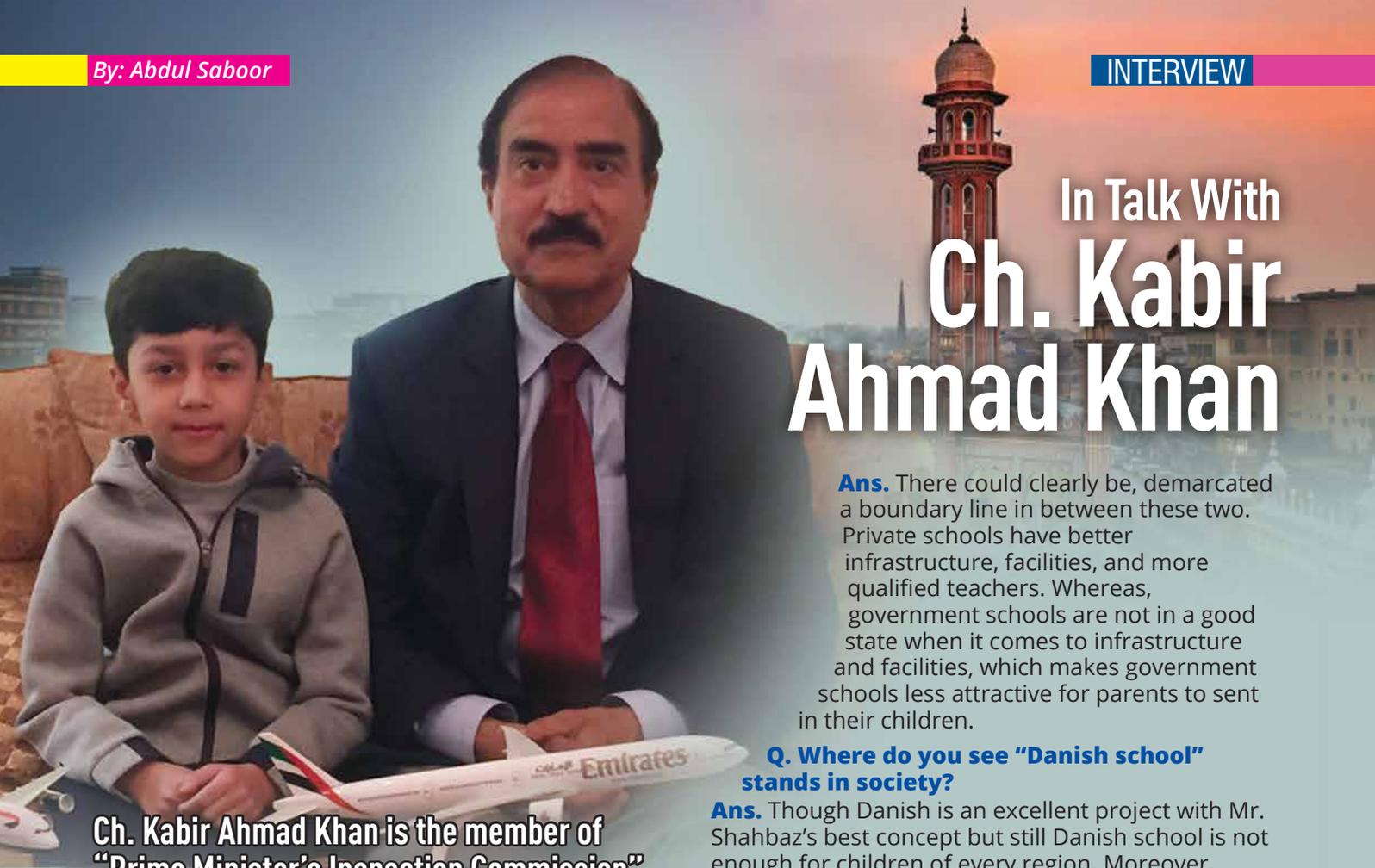


International students in the UK report fewer issues with mental health than UK-domiciled students, according to research carried out by accommodation provider Campus Living Villages and The Student Room. However, despite fewer visiting students reporting mental health worries, the findings are described as "concerning". The lack of awareness on the availability of help is a major worry, according to Campus Living Villages. The research took the form of a student survey, which asked more than 2,000 UK students about their experiences with mental health.

Public transport and education to get funding boost in N. Ireland



Education and public transport are to benefit from the reallocation of money across Stormont departments. The Department of Education will get an additional £14m. Of that, £6m will be for special educational needs and £8m will be used to facilitate access to school surpluses accumulated in prior years. The Department for Infrastructure will receive £9.3m to help tackle a deficit at public transport company Translink.



In Talk With Ch. Kabir Ahmad Khan

Ch. Kabir Ahmad Khan is the member of “Prime Minister’s Inspection Commission”.

Q. What is the difference in between schools of old days and schools of contemporary time?

Ans. Actually, I would not call the schools of present times as perfect, but still they are in a better condition as compared to the schools of old days, and this is all because - now people have the utmost awareness of what would be better for their children. Where I use to study, was “Tat-School” with no toilets, but now school have a proper infrastructure with adequate facilities for students.

Q. Who really is creating class difference in the education system of Pakistan?

Ans. It’s not only on the part of government, but some private associations have also created a huge class difference in between different communities of Pakistan. On one hand, “elite class” is paying a very high figure, and on the side, “under privileged” people are paying a dreadfully low amount - as school fee. This vast difference itself is initiating many other issues as well.

Q. What kind of education system is there in Pakistan?

Ans. Till now, government has no defined structure for education system of Pakistan. At a time, four to five systems are operating in Pakistan, as; Madrassas, Government Schools, Private Schools and Elite Private Schools. Until now, the government had been unable to which system is better for our country.

Q. According to you, what is the difference between private schools and government schools?

Ans. There could clearly be, demarcated a boundary line in between these two. Private schools have better infrastructure, facilities, and more qualified teachers. Whereas, government schools are not in a good state when it comes to infrastructure and facilities, which makes government schools less attractive for parents to sent in their children.

Q. Where do you see “Danish school” stands in society?

Ans. Though Danish is an excellent project with Mr. Shahbaz’s best concept but still Danish school is not enough for children of every region. Moreover, Danish plays somewhat a negative part, as it provides its student with elite facilities of studies to children belonging to underprivileged areas. It is hard for students of Danish school to cop-up with their families yet again.

Q. Do you think “Private School Association” creates hinders in the way of government?

Ans. The government undoubtedly, is contributing to make a balance in educational standards but each time it questions private schools for their fees or territory “the private school association” always stands in their way and protect the private sector in this regard. But still courts and government took notices in this concern and is trying to control this autocracy.

Q. What should government do on its part in education sector?

Ans. I think government should do two things on their part, firstly they should simply lower the expenses of elite and private schools, and secondly they should impose and raise the standards of government schools. Though this couldn’t be done in water tight compartment but still a balance could be made at both the end.

Q. What is your message to the parents of this busy world?

Ans. Keeping into mind, zainab’s case, I would say to parents to take special care of their children specifically: the little innocent angles. Parents should train their kids to avoid strangers. They should supervise and monitor their actions. Special coaching should be given from the side of fathers as well.

Health is Wealth

10 Tips to Stay Healthy



We've been hearing the statement "Health is wealth" since our childhood. However, not all of us are acquainted with its literal meaning. It means that no matter how wealthy you are, if we are not healthy, there is nothing we can cherish in life.

People are suffering from overweight, obesity, diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, heart diseases, kidney problems and so many other unknown problems, and a lot of these problems occur because of our lifestyle. What is the point if you can afford to go to a luxurious 5 star hotel for lunch but can't eat there because of your health, or you can't enjoy a drink with your friends once in a while simply because you over did drinking during your younger days?

1. Take Care of Food

Avoid unhealthy food that is high in calories. They gradually take a toll on your health leading to weight gain, heart diseases and cholesterol. Eat seasonal fruits that are rich in fibers, vitamins and proteins. Nobody asks you ban those delicious desserts all together at the very beginning. But a little moderation at the beginning can ensure that you never reach the stage where you can't have it anymore. Make it a point to eat healthy stay healthy.

2. Breakfast is Must

Never skip breakfast, our metabolic rate decreases leading to weight gain and digestion problems. Breakfast increases concentration, helps us focus better and controls weight.

3. Washing your Hands. Again and Again

Hand sanitizers were invented for a reason. If your hands are dirty, you clean them. But after that you stop. You have to. If you keep feeding your hands with sanitizers just like a loving mom feeds her baby with plain yogurt. But still, too much of this is also not a healthy practice. Research says that limited germ exposure is actually good as it builds immunity and an overly sterile environment is not good at all.

4. Avoid Mindless Eating

You are hungry, you eat. You are bored, you eat. You are angry, you eat. And you are lazy to do your chores, you eat again. Unless otherwise you

have plans of getting shifted to a hospital permanently, don't do this. Eat when you are hungry.

5. Check the Nutrition Labels

All we do is fill the trolley with whatever that comes to our hand. Just like we have the evergreen habit of avoiding them, nutritional labels have the evergreen habit of telling us what the food contains. And mind you. They are ruthlessly honest.

6. Balanced Diet

Incorporating proteins, minerals, iron, vitamins, calcium, and fat (good fat) in your daily diet is very necessary. Fruits, vegetables, lean meat, poultry, milk, whole grain foods make a balanced diet.

7. Late Night Meals

Having meals on time is as important as having a healthy meal. Having meals at-least a couple of hours before you hit the bed prevent obesity and other severe health complications. Also, late night snacking might result in indigestion which interferes with your sleep.

8. Exercise

Exercise is a must, workouts; aerobics, walking or jogging regulates heart rate giving you more energy to work hard through the day. Exercise early in the morning won't make you feel lazy in the day. It improves blood circulation and releases muscle tension giving you a stronger body and mind. Don't wait till you have the necessary equipment or till you join a gym. Exercise routines as simple as pushups or crunches (which can be performed at home) can go a great way in building health.

9. Control Your Drinks

Alcohol may relax you after a hard day's work, but it also reduces the number of white blood cells (WBC fights germs) and thereby indirectly weakens the immunity system.

10. Proper Sleep

Get a minimum 8 hours sleep because it relaxes your mind and keeps you healthy. The human body is a machine. And just like any machine requires rest and recharging, our bodies also need sufficient amounts of sleep.

Game Review on

DOOM VFR

It's one thing to step into Doom and witness its version of anguish in all its modern, HD glory. It's another thing entirely to step out of a portal in the new Doom VFR and suddenly find inescapably surrounded by fire and death. Hell has been made more harrowing and real than ever before, and Doom VFR leverages this to present a new tale. But a big issue is that compared to last year's hit, Doom VFR is more conservative with its action, stingier with the bloody, brutal joys that were part and parcel of Doom's successful return to the stage.

Doom VFR is a pseudo-sequel set one year after the events of the last game, where a milquetoast UAC employee, Adams, finds himself knocked out after a face-to-face encounter with a demon after a portal to Hell opens. When he wakes up, he's connected to a virtual reality rig, allowing him to pilot a holographic representation of his body around the facility to try and shut the portal to Hell for good. Right off the bat, the priorities are different than before. Adams is a generic, whose voice is present only to tell us what piece of expensive tech is broken in the Mars facility and how to fix it. That meticulous fawning over UAC equipment is the kind of legwork that the Dooms layer the series' faceless Marine protagonist never had a whole lot of time for. The guy who cocked his shotgun to the chugging beat of his own theme song has been replaced by a guy who's essentially reading a UAC instruction manual at the beginning of each stage, robbing the game of its familiar brutal charm.

Thankfully, when its demon killing time, Adams knows to shut his mouth and let the guns and Mick Gordon's metal soundtrack do the talking. There're three ways to play on PSVR: with a DualShock 4, with two Playstation Move controllers, or with the gun-shaped Aim controller. The DualShock 4 handles like the non-VR Doom,

just with a Teleport button, which has become the standard mode of movement in VR shooters. There's also a new Shield Burst ability, a crowd-control function allowing you to repulse all enemies halfway across the room with an overloaded electrical shield. The DualShock 4 is certainly functional for the game, but it's also the least immersive option available.

Playing with Move controllers fares the worst. Aiming with the right controller feels natural, but actual movement is handled by a quick dash function using the left controller's buttons as directional inputs, which leaves absolutely zero room for the kind of precision you need to survive.

For the most part, shooting your way through Hell's armies feels just as brutal as it does in the game. Demons explode into bloody, fleshy messes. Arenas are wide open, encouraging constant awareness of your surroundings, something made much more efficient with the Teleport function. The entirety of the enemy roster returns here, from the nimble, annoying Imps to the towering Barons, but VR puts them right in your face, making the physical act of pulling the trigger point blank all the more satisfying.

Perhaps the ultimate complaint is that for a game that's so good at delivering fast-paced combat, it's strangely shy about letting you do so for extended periods of time. The campaign itself is only about 4 hours long, minus extra time spent exploring for collectibles and power-ups, with only the added bonus of playing some old-school Doom maps in VR admittedly, a ridiculously fun, nostalgic bonus to pad things out. Much of your time in the game is spent wandering the UAC facility, waiting for the chance to unleash wrath on Hell's inner circle. When you do, it can feel great, but Doom VFR feels like a game unsure of whether that's the case. The result is a game that feels tentative about its own considerable power.

Invention Story of **RADIO**

Radio is indebted to two other discoveries for its birth- telephone and telegraph. These three technologies are very closely related. Radio started as wireless telegraphy. And it all began with invention of radio waves, which have capacity to send out speech, music, picture and all other data through air. A range of devices like radio, cordless phones, microwave TV broadcasts work with the help of electromagnetic waves.

During 1860s, James Maxwell, a Scottish physicist forecasted presence of radio waves. And in year 1886, Heinrich Hertz showcased projection of swift variation of the electric current into space in form of radio waves. Twenty years after invention of telephone, music was set down on telephone line and Guglielmo Marconi was responsible for the radio signals. This Italian discoverer demonstrated radio communication's feasibility. Fascinated by Hertz's discovery of the radio waves, he realized that it could be used for receiving and sending the telegraph messages, referring to it as wireless telegraphs.

His earliest radio transmissions, the coded signals transmitted to only a mile far in 1896. Marconi then recognized its high potential and offered the discovery to Italian Government that had turned it down. He then realized a patent and experimented further after moving to England. In 1898, he flashed the results of Kingstown Regatta to Dublin Newspaper's office, making first ever public broadcast of sports event. The following year, he opened his radio factory in Essex, thus establishing link between France and Britain. He then established link with USA in year 1901. And Marconi shared Nobel Prize in Physics for wireless telegraph in year 1909.

But his wireless telegraph only transmitted signals. Voice in radio came in the 1921. Soon after, in 1922, he introduced short wave transmissions. Marconi however was not the first one to invent radio. In 1915, Tesla tried to acquire court's injunction against Marconi. And in year 1943, Supreme Court US reviewed decision. And due to this Tesla was acknowledged as inventor of radio even when he did ever build working radio.

There has been tremendous growth of the radio over the years. Transmitters earlier were known as spark gap machines. It was established for ship-to-ship and ship-to-shore communication. The communication was just confined to two points then and was not public broadcasting as it is today. Wireless signals demonstrated effective



communication for the purpose of rescue in case of sea disasters. Range of ocean liners installed the wireless equipments and in 1899, US Army established the wireless communication. Just after two years, Navy adopted wireless system and it was relief as Navy had been using homing pigeons and visual signaling for communication.

Radiotelegraph services were instituted in Hawaiian Islands in 1901. Marconi station situated in Massachusetts carried greetings between King Edward VII and Theodore Roosevelt. In year 1905, Port Arthur's naval battle was also reported over wireless and US weather department tried radiotelegraphy for speeding notice weather condition. Eventually radio transmitters were improved. Overseas radiotelegraph services were slowly developed, basically because early transmitter discharged the electricity between electrodes and within circuit causing high interference. DeForest and Alexanderson alternator took care of many such technical issues.

Since that time, there has been no looking back. Radio has now become a popular medium of portable entertainment. In 21st century, technological advancements have given birth to internet radio. Satellite radio is also recent development in the field. One can listen to various international radio stations without any hassles. Besides all these latest editions, Ham radio would be next big thing. This technology is gearing up to hit the market soon. Radio lovers have a reason to rejoice as there is a lot in store for them.



Lead Cast

Directed by:

Dwayne Johnson

Kevin Hart

Jake Kasdan

... Spencer

... Fridge

Jack Black

Karen Gillan

...

...

Bethany

Martha

SUMMARY

In a brand new Jumanji adventure, four high school kids discover an old video game console and are drawn into the game's jungle setting, literally becoming the adult avatars they chose. What they discover is that you don't just play Jumanji, you must survive it. To beat the game and return to the real world, they'll have to go on the most dangerous adventure of their lives, discover what Alan Parrish left 20 years ago, and change the way they think about themselves or they'll be stuck in the game forever, to be played by others without break.

Narrative

In 1996, teenager Alex Vreeke (Mason Guccione) receives the original (and cursed) Jumanji board game after his father finds it while jogging on a beach, but puts it aside, dismissively noting that nobody plays board games anymore, instead playing a video game involving motorcycles. Overnight, the game changes so that the box's contents are now a video game cartridge, but when Alex puts it in his console and turns it on, he vanishes.

Twenty years later, high school student Spencer Gilpin (Alex Wolff) is sent to detention for helping his former best friend, Anthony "Fridge" Johnson (Ser'Darius Blain), with his homework by writing Fridge's essays for him. They are joined by Bethany Walker (Madison Iseman), a beautiful girl who was caught talking on her phone during a quiz, and Martha Kaply (Morgan Turner), a socially awkward girl who objected to being made to participate in gym class. For detention, they are charged by Principal Bentley (Marc Evan Jackson) with removing the staples from discarded magazines in an old storage area, but Spencer discovers the console containing the Jumanji game and convinces the others to play it with him. They are unable to access one of the five-player options, a pilot, but once all four others have been selected, the game draws them all inside it.

Finding themselves in a jungle, all four are shaken to realize that they have become the avatars they chose for the game. Spencer finds himself turned into Dr. Smolder Bravestone (Dwayne Johnson), a muscular archaeologist. Fridge arrives into the game as Franklin "Moose" Finbar (Kevin Hart), an expert zoologist, but Fridge is upset that his avatar is a foot shorter than he normally is. Martha becomes Ruby Roundhouse (Karen Gillan), "killer of men". Bethany is now Dr. Shelly Oberon (Jack Black), a cartographer that Bethany mistook for a woman because the description read "curvy genius" (and she becomes horrified upon seeing her reflection). The four freak out as they realize they are in the game. Almost immediately, Bethany is suddenly eaten by a hippopotamus that emerges from the river, but she swiftly reappears after falling out of the sky.

After emerging from the river, Martha realizes that she has been shot, but returns to the group immediately after her avatar explodes. Examining a series of line tattoos on their forearms, which originally consisted of three bars where Martha and Bethany now only have two, Spencer realizes that these bars indicate the number of lives they have in the game, guessing that they will die for good, both in the game, and in the real world as well, once they lose all three lives. As they prepare for their next step, Spencer and Martha admit that they have feelings for each other in the real world, while Bethany begins to bond with Alex.

The following week at school, Spencer and Fridge are friends once again, and Bethany is making plans to go backpacking, while Spencer and Martha start dating. When they hear the drumbeats of Jumanji, they take the console out to the back of the school and Fridge drops a bowling ball onto it, each intending that this will end the game once and for all.

However, at the end of the end credits, Jumanji's menacing jungle drums play once again, suggesting the game still exists in some form to play another of its dangerous games.



AREEJ GORAYA

MUSHROOM & ONION QUICHE (Short Crust Pastry)

Obesity is a worry. We all are concerned about getting our body in shape. Being health conscious we all prefer to eat healthy and light. Specially for old people who avoid sugary foods, I this time advice you to indulge yourself in the marvelous taste of savory dish which is a good source of protein, carbohydrates, fats, calcium, vitamin-A, potassium and phosphorous. It's easy to eat however; difficult to handle therefore you should follow the instructions carefully so that the recipe turns out to be good.

INGREDIENTS:

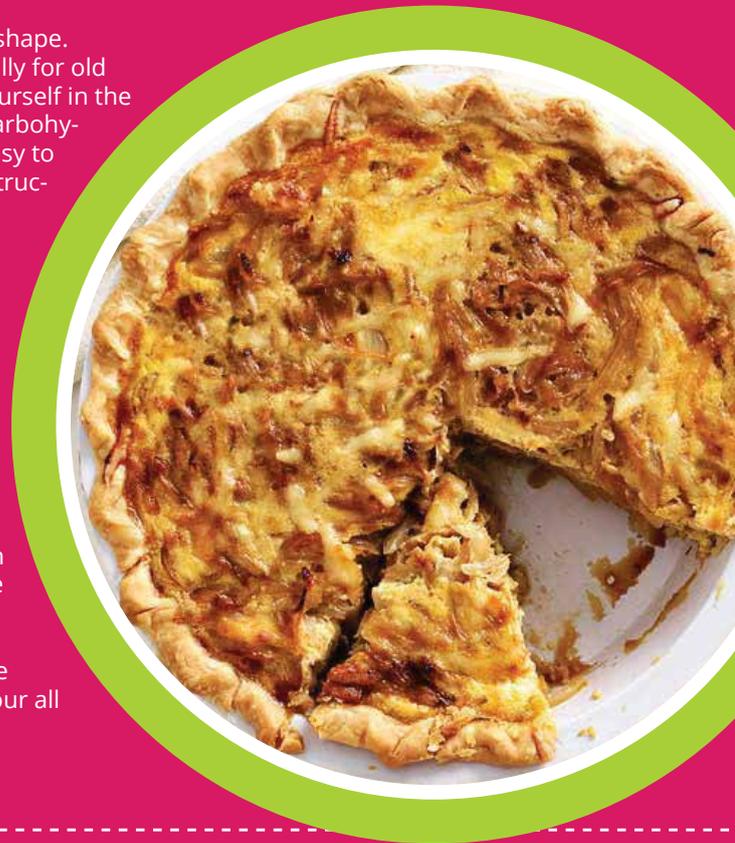
• 6 oz soft flour • 3oz butter • 4tbsp cold water

FILLING:

• 2 Onions • 4 oz Mushrooms • 1/4 oz Butter
• 2 oz eggs
• 3 oz cheese • 8tbsp Milk • 4 tbsp cream
• Seasoning (salt & pepper)

METHOD:

Sift flour and rub in butter to incorporate air. Make sure the ingredients for pastry should be cold e.g butter, flour and water. Add cold water and form dough. Once the dough is ready place it in a greased quiche tin and put it in a refrigerator. Meanwhile prepare the filling for the pastry. Chop onions and slice mushrooms and sauté in butter. Let them cool. Separately beat the eggs. Add Milk, grated cheese, cream and seasoning. Place the onion mixture at the base of the pastry and pour the liquid mixture on top of it. Don't pour all of it that it over flows.



Baked Chicken Nuggets

A real kid-pleaser! Kids will enjoy this recipe for a tasty appetizer, too! Serve warm with your favorite dipping sauces if desired.

INGREDIENTS:

• 3 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
• 1 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs
• 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
• 1 teaspoon salt
• 1 teaspoon dried thyme
• 1 tablespoon dried basil
• 1/2 cup butter, melted

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
2. Cut chicken breasts into 1 1/2-inch sized pieces. In a medium bowl, mix together the bread crumbs, cheese, salt, thyme and basil. Mix well. Put melted butter in a bowl or dish for dipping.

Dip chicken pieces into the melted butter first, then coat with the breadcrumb mixture. Place the well-coated chicken pieces on a lightly greased cookie sheet in a single layer, and bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes.





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The City School Boulevard Campus, Lahore

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Mr. Fahad Alam Khan has an amazing combination of outstanding achievements, he is laden with accolades in both academics and co-curricular areas. Mr. Fahad joined the network in 2013. He secured remarkable 10A*s in his Cambridge O Level with a glorious World distinction in Commerce and a Regional Distinction in Principals of Accounts. Then another fabulous AS Level Cambridge result defines his undisputed talent. He secured the position of being the top in Punjab in CAIE A Level Mathematics 2017 and received a Cambridge Learner Award. Now studying at McGill University, he is a true inspiration for others to follow.



Emaan Ahmed

Muslim Town Girls Campus, Lahore | Distinction in Pakistan Studies

Top in Pakistan | CAIE O Levels

Emaan Ahmed embarked her journey with The City School at the age of four and was acknowledging that she was provided the apt exposure and support which transformed her into her successful self today. She owes her accomplishments to her parents and esteemed teachers that tirelessly provided their support. She has been a Director CSMUN and was an active delegate of numerous other MUN conferences in her school life. Emaan is a responsible and talented individual who considers herself a global citizen, proudly representing The City School.



Hira Farooq

RAVI Campus | World Distinction | Distinction in Law | CAIE A Levels

Hira Farooq, a student of The City School since Class 3 is highly content about her achievements in A Levels. Currently a student of B.Sc. Economics and Political Science at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), she has set even higher goals of becoming a global professional. She is a debating champion who successfully represented The City School in Harvard Model United Nations, India in 2015. Her other achievements include being a finalist in Sonnu Rahman All-Pakistan U17 Debating Championship and was a semi-finalist at All Pakistan Parliamentary Debating Championship, 2016.



Muhammad Anas Gader

PAF Chapter, Karachi | Distinction in Computer Science

Top in World | CAIE O Levels June 2017 Series

Muhammad Anas is a gifted, competent and self-reliant child who believes in achieving the best in life. Throughout his association with The City School, he has always been a pride. His strengths include debates, sports, reading and managing events. He participated in The Kennedy- Lugar Youth exchange Programme and represented Pakistan as an ambassador in USA. Under this programme, he has studied in USA for one academic year. On his return Anas continued his studies at The City School and paved roads of success.



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Moomal Ahmed

**RAVI Campus | World Distinction
Business Studies | CAIE O Levels**



Moomal Ahmed is a bright citizen who developed into a resourceful individual with The City School. The values taught to her at the Alma Mater pooled with her extra-ordinary writing skills and unique interest in journalism has already opened avenues of success for her. Currently, she is working as a blogger with the Express Tribune and scribes thought-provoking articles highlighting current affairs of Pakistan.

Ashmal Noor

**PAF Chapter, Karachi | Distinction in Islamiyat
Top in Country | CAIE O Levels June 2017 Series**



Asmal is a dedicated child and an inquisitive learner who loves overcoming challenges and proving himself. He has been an active member of school sports team and participated in many regional and national level in-house sports events. Asmal is an ambitious student who has high goals for his life which destines him to reach summits.

Ayesha Saddiq

**The City School Bahawalpur Campus
Distinction in Pakistan- Second Language Urdu
CAIE O Levels June 2017 Series**



Ayesha has been a part of The City School, D.G. Khan Campus from her child-hood. Now nurtured into an inspiring individual, Ayesha secured a distinction in Pakistan in Urdu setting new benchmarks for those who follow. Ayesha has always been very eager to learn, challenging societal stereotypes and paving the way for a girl, who is strong and dedicated, by not only performing academically but also through her co-curricular success that has been equally important in her learning journey. Taking an extra interest in debating, Ayesha helped mentor many of her juniors who represent The City School today.

Hunain Zia

**The City School D.G. Khan Campus
Distinction in Pakistan- Second Language English
CAIE A Levels June 2017 Series**



Hunain Zia, the record breaking high achiever has been lauded on all fronts. What he achieved is no easy feat – a combined total of 42 A*/As in both O and A Levels, by January 2017, shattering all previous records, is not something seen every day. Now he has again stepped forward and aced his academic standpoint by securing a distinction in Pakistan once again at A level. His story is an inspiration to all 'Cityzens'- and students everywhere. His dream, has already started by using his online presence in the most positive way possible; providing academic support to any prospective and current O and A Level students who need it.

Lahore Science Fair 2018

The Khurmazmi Science Society and the Ali Institute of Education organised Lahore Science Fair on January 27-28, 2018. The Lahore Science Fair 2018 was a science fest, which showcased inventions, discoveries, experiments, science models and artifacts received from all parts of Pakistan. It gave an opportunity to engage all citizens, especially the children in celebrating science. The focus was on the marvel aspects of practical science accomplished through practical activities such as hands-on games and experiments that will appeal to our young boys and girls. There was no entry fee and the Fair remained opened for all citizens of Pakistan.

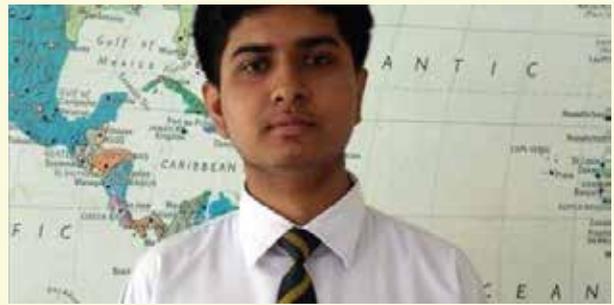
The Khwarizmi Science Society organizer said that a team coming from Iran will not only inspire young scientists, but also enlighten science students about theoretical and practical aspects of mathematics. As mathematics is considered to be a dry subject, it is one of the most important sciences and if taught well many children can be attracted to it.

Lahore Science Fair (LSF) was the very first occasion in Pakistan where the rich culture of Lahore did embrace the magic of science. The goal of Lahore Science Fair was not to teach but to have fun, hands-on activities, aimed at all age groups, that create a sense of inquiry and passion. Lahore Science Fair was the first of its kind occasion in Lahore, in which the public witnessed the amalgamation of science and culture. LSF provided an opportunity to engage citizens, of all ages and all backgrounds, through events that celebrate science, engineering, medicine, technology and innovation. LSF offered a fruitful interaction among scientists, educators, doctors, engineers and public and that, too, in the cultural hub of Pakistan - "Lahore".



Haider scores highest marks in Syllabus D Mathematics in the Cambridge Examinations

A Pakistani student Muhammad Haider Khan bagged the highest marks in Syllabus D Mathematics in the Cambridge Examinations. He is student of Karachi's Bahria College Karsaz. In his official statement he thanked the institution for helping him achieve the accolade, he further mentioned - he would keep on doing the hard work to shine the name of Pakistan.



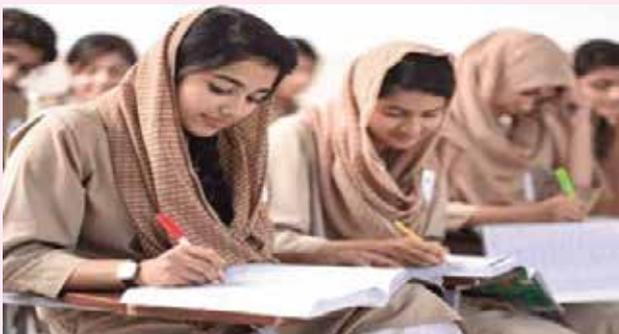
66 Pakistani students completed Chinese Language course

The first batch of 66 students under the initiative of "Shahbaz Sharif Chinese Language Scholarship Program" has successfully completed their language course at Beijing Language and Culture University. Addressing to the graduation ceremony held in the honor of students who rewarded CM's Chinese Language Scholarship Program, Pakistan Ambassador in China, Masood Khalid said, people to people connectivity is the crucial aspect of bilateral relation between two countries to promote culture.



Sindh Government to introduce life education for children

The Sindh government has taken a delayed but important step to add life skills education to be integrated into the syllabus of secondary students (grade 6-9); the Sindh Education Department made the announcement through its official Twitter account. The department said that the life skills education is being conveyed to the students of eight districts. The districts include Karachi, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Khairpur, Nawabshah, Dadu, Shahdadkot.



Another Test for Pakistani students by HEC

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) through its Education Testing Council has announced a Higher Education Aptitude Test (HAT), which will be needed to achieve HEC scholarships and get an admission in MS/MPhil programmes. The deadline for the online registration is January 31, 2018.

Pakistan Federation Baseball elected the new President

The Emergent General Council Meeting (EGCM) of Pakistan Federation Baseball (PFB) was held at Bahria Town, Lahore after late Syed Khawar Shah President Pakistan Federation of Baseball Association under the Chairmanship of Mr. Shaukat Javed Chairman (PFB) The participants offered Fatah khawani for the departed soul highly commended the services of late Syed Khawar Shah for the sports in Punjab and particular for the promotion of the baseball in Pakistan . In the meeting members also elected Syed Fakhar Ali Shah as president of (PFB) and Sheikh Mazhar Ahmad as Secretary General of the Federation



Dr. Asim Hussain Reappointed as Sindh HEC Chairman

The provincial government re-appointed Dr. Asim Hussain, the ex-Federal Minister and a leader of Pakistan People's Party (PPP), as the Chairman of the Sindh Higher Education Commission (HEC). A notification for the same was issued by the Sindh chief secretary. Although he has been re-appointed as the chairman of HEC, he also continues to enjoy the role of a provincial minister. It should be mentioned that this was the very same role for which he was arrested and taken into custody by Sindh Rangers back in August 2015.



Oxford University VC gifts book to BZU VC

Vice Chancellor Oxford University, Dr. Louise Richardson sent her book "What Terrorists Want" as gift to Vice Chancellor Bahauddin Zakariya University, Dr. Tahir Amin. The best wishes were extended and book was presented to Dr. Tahir Amin by Dr. Farrukh Arsalan Siddiqi on behalf of VC Oxford University. Dr. Siddiqi has recently qualified his PhD from Oxford University and during his farewell meeting; the VC gave her book for Dr. Amin.



Pakistan and Turkey approve 11 joint research projects



The Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan and the Council of Higher Education Turkey have mutually approved 11 joint research projects under Pak-Turk Researchers Mobility Grant Program. The Program is part of the Turkish-Pakistani cooperation within the scope of internationalization effort of higher education systems. The program supports new scientific and technological cooperation between Turkish and Pakistani higher education institutions through provision of funds for mobility of graduate students and academic staff.



UET organizes International Cultural Fiesta

The University of Engineering and Technology organised an international Cultural Fiesta 2018, in which a large number of local and international students participate. The University of Engineering and Technology organised an international Cultural Fiesta 2018, in which a large number of local and international students participated. Foreign students presented cultural and musical events covering a wide range of their native norms and cultures. A large number of students and University faculty members attended the event.

DFID, IMC to improve conditions of 85 schools in city

District Nazim Peshawar, Muhammad Asim Khan Wednesday briefed that Department for International Development (DFID) was working to improve the condition of 85 schools besides constructing, additional rooms, IT labs and lavatories in these educational facilities. District Nazim was briefed that work to improve working conditions of 31 higher secondary and 54 primary and middle schools is being initiated by DFID and IMC with an estimated cost of Rs.





Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

Strengths: Communicative, Original, Open-minded, Fair, Logical, Inviting

Weaknesses: Guarded, Detached, Self-destructive, Out-of-touch, Irrational, Desperate

Favorite Things: Computer programming, Teaching, Team Sports, Anything with a Cause or Mission, Independent Films

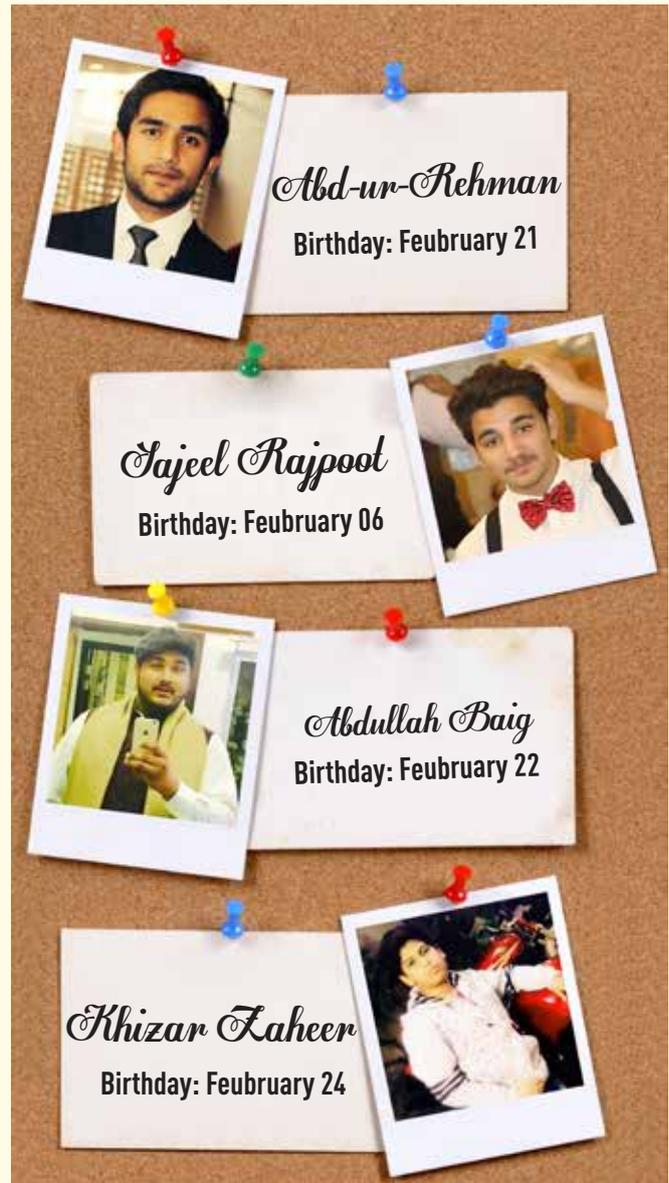
While the month of February can be credited with being the second month of the Gregorian calendar, with 28 days, it is also the year's shortest month. Once every four years, leap year brings a special 29th day to February, which is known to many as Leap Day. Among February's other special days are President's Day, in honor of the United States' great leaders.

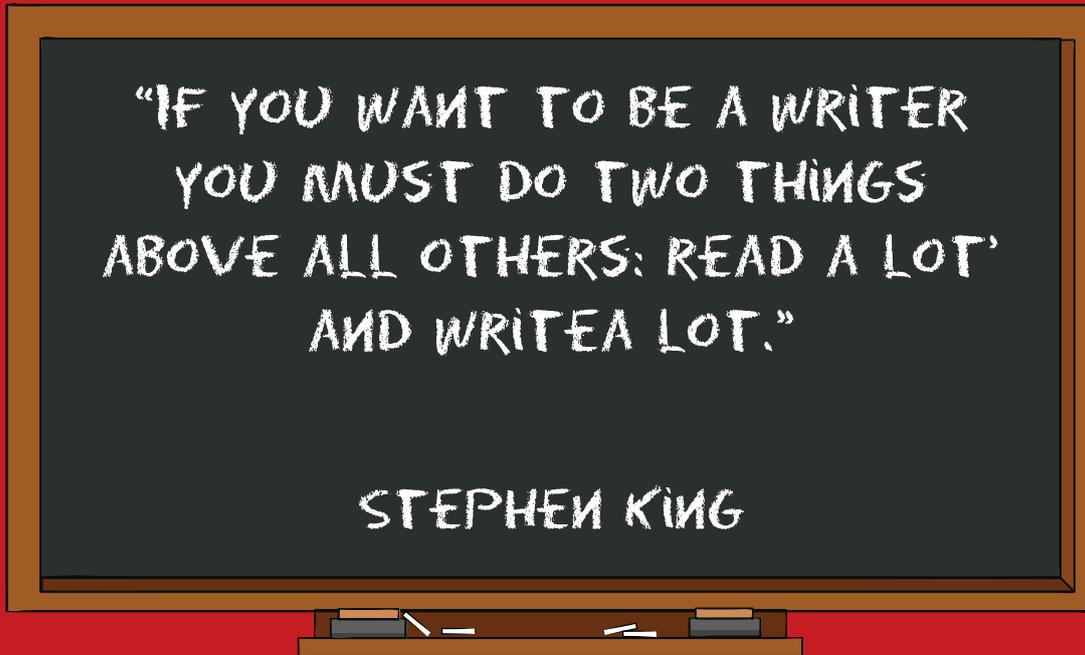
The two zodiac signs associated with February are Aquarius and Pisces. Those born from February 1st to February 18th are members of the Aquarius zodiac signs. Members of the Aquarius can be identified by their unique style and their flowing personalities. For people born February 19th to February 28th/29th, they are born under the influence of the Pisces sign. The Pisces is a dreamer, but luckily their determination can turn far-off dreams to tangible realities. For more information on those born in February, consult the horoscopes listed below.

Aquarius Zodiac

This is your month to shine, oh lover of brotherhood and humanity, the time every year when you begin your journey of life all over again. Take time to love and appreciate you for a change, before you go out and enhance the quality of life for everyone else with Venus, the planet of love, entering your sign on the 2nd. Appreciate your unique way of looking at the world and your desires to make changes that benefit all.

At the New Moon in Aquarius on the 8th, plant seeds to have the courage to revolutionize your life so that it reflects your one-of-a-kind nature. Before you can make the dreams for a better world come true, it's important to know what makes you happy. You function best in communities where everyone is encouraged to be who they really are. If you're not part of one, use this New Moon energy to create one.





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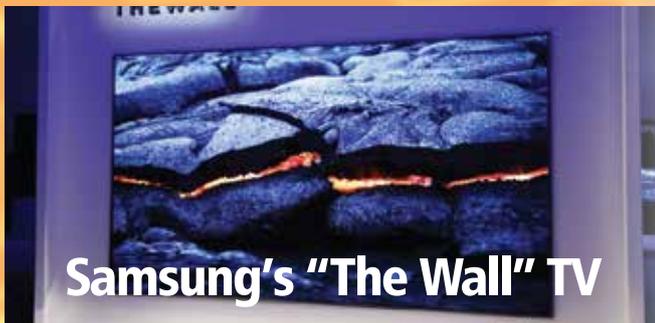
Lenovo Smart Display

Lenovo's Google Assistant-powered Smart Display feels like a sleeker, more attractive Amazon Echo Show. The Smart Display is a voice-activated computer with a screen for displaying supplementary information. When asking Google for restaurant recommendations, for example, the Smart Display will pull up information about nearby eateries. However, there are three key advantages Lenovo's Smart Display has over the Echo Show: It can play YouTube videos (unlike Amazon's device), it includes a larger screen, and it has a more polished design that more easily blends into the home.



Honda 3E Robotics Concept

Honda's new concept robots may be just as cute as they are useful. At CES, the company showcased its 3E Robotics concept, which includes several robot companions all designed to serve different functions. Robot 3E-A18 is Honda's social empathy robot. The company says it's meant to represent the idea that robots can support people by providing a sense of compassion and understanding. In a demo at CES, the roving robot's glowing face frequently changed its expression as it greeted the crowd. Honda's 3E-B18, comparatively, is a robotic chair concept, while 3E-C18 includes cargo space for transporting materials.



Samsung's "The Wall" TV

According to Samsung, TVs shouldn't have to be just one size. That's the idea behind its new 146-inch TV called The Wall, which the company is positioning as the first "modular TV." Samsung says users can alter the size and shape of The Wall so that it can function as a multipurpose display. In a demo on the showroom floor, the TV displayed what looked like a smaller TV in the center of the screen, while the surrounding area was set to blend in with the wall the TV was mounted on. And since the TV uses MicroLED technology, it should be able to produce even deeper black tones and potentially infinite contrast.



Vuzix Blade Augmented Reality Glasses

Considering Alexa has made its way into just about every Internet-connected product, it was only a matter of time before the digital butler arrived in smart glasses. The Vuzix Blade augmented reality glasses will support Alexa so that wearers can ask for things like the weather and directions. The Vuzix Blade's display also sits more prominently in the wearer's field of view than Google Glass and looks much more crisp and colorful. If developers create compelling apps that blend Alexa's capabilities and augmented reality, the Blade AR glasses could have some promising potential.



Lenovo ThinkPad X1 Carbon

Lenovo's long-running ThinkPad lineup is getting some worthwhile new additions at this year's CES. Both new ThinkPad computers include a dazzling HDR display, a built-in physical webcam cover, and far-field microphones for speaking to Amazon's Alexa and Microsoft's Cortana. The two laptops also run on Intel's newest eighth-generation processors. The most impressive feature by far is the laptops' HDR support, which makes colors look bold and vivid, arguably adding much more noticeable improvements than 4K resolution.



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