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MIXED BAG

1 CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S 131ST BIRTH ANNIVERSARY: Did you know that once Chaplin went to a Charlie Chaplin look-alike competition and came in third. More trivia collated by our student on [Page 2](#)

2 ONLINE COURSES FOR FREE: Harvard University is offering 67 courses for FREE during this pandemic. There is a beginners guide on web programming and coding too. **HOW TO ACCESS:** Visit online-learning.harvard.edu/catalog

3 QUOTE OF THE DAY: You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think - **A A MILNE**, author/poet. Send us your favourite quote and we feature it

STUDENT EDITION

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020



WEB EDITION

IRECOMMEND



BOOKS

TO READ
BY NITYA SHUKLA

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett.
Mary is sent to live with her uncle. She hears about a garden and wants to know more. (Ages 9-12)

Fing by David Walliams
A hilarious story about a girl who has everything, but still wants more, more, MORE! (Ages 7 +)

The Book of Dust by Philip Pullman
Follows the journey of Lyra Belacqua and her fight against a theocratic organisation known as the Magisterium. (Ages 13 years and older).

The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
Meet Ferdinand, a bull, who would rather stop and smell the roses than fight in bull fights. (3 years and above)

APP-TITUDE

APPS TO HELP YOUR GEOGRAPHY

1 Geo Challenge: Geo Challenge is a fun and challenging geography quiz game with beautiful graphics and animation to test your geography knowledge of the world. It has 4 quizzes daily.

2 MAPS OF OUR WORLD: 'Maps of our world' is not only an entertaining educational game but also a valuable reference tool for people of all ages looking to expand their Geography knowledge.

3 PLANET GEO: Planet Geo-geography App is a game and information app that tests students knowledge of many countries, dozens of cities, and UNESCO's World Heritage Sites.

When will life be normal?

ANTIBODIES TEST MAY BE THE ANSWER

A major answer to the question of when — and how — people can return to public places like work and school could depend on something called an antibody test, a blood test that determines whether someone has ever been infected with the coronavirus.

People who are believed to be immune may be able to safely return to school. It would be especially important to know which healthcare workers are protected from getting infected and could continue to care for sick people.

ANTIBODY TEST

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently announced that it would begin using antibody tests to see what proportion of the population has already been infected.

What's a serology test?

A serology test looks for signs of an immune response — in this case, to the new coronavirus. When your body encounters a virus, it takes some time



for it to recognise the invader and begin to scale up an immune response.

What can it tell us?

The tests are more effective at detecting the presence of antibody responses across large numbers of people, not just to determine who is immune but how widely the virus has spread in the population.

Knowing the scope of the pandemic would help governments to decide when to end social isolation measures



99-year-old WWII vet beats coronavirus in Brazil

A 99-year-old World War II veteran in Brazil was released from hospital with military honours Tuesday after recovering from COVID-19.

Second Lieutenant Ermando Piveta, who served in the Brazilian artillery in Africa during World War II, was brought out of the Armed Forces Hospital in Brasilia to a burst of trumpet music and



Wearing an army-green side cap, he raised his arms in the air as he left the hospital after eight days as a patient.

ONE WORLD, ONE HOPE

applause. "He won another battle, this time against the new coronavirus. He was released from hospital the same day Brazil is commemorating the 75th anniversary of its troops' successful campaign in the Battle of Montese in Italy during World War II," the army said in a statement.

Piveta served in the army's fourth artillery regiment, which trained in Dakar in 1942, soon after Brazil entered the war on the side of the Allies, the army said.

"GHOSTS" PATROL STREETS TO KEEP INDONESIANS SAFE

A village on Java island has deployed "ghosts" patrols, hoping that they will keep people indoors and safely away from coronavirus

Kepuh village in Indonesia has been haunted by ghosts recently - mysterious white figures jumping out at unsuspecting passersby, then gliding off under a full-moon sky. The village on Java island has deployed a cast of "ghosts" to patrol the streets, hoping that age-old superstition will keep people indoors and safely away from the coronavirus.

"We wanted to be different and create a deterrent effect because 'pocong' are spooky and scary," said Anjar Pancaningtyas, head of a village youth group, that coordinated with the police on the unconventional initiative to promote social distancing as the coronavirus spreads. Known as "pocong", the ghostly figures are typically wrapped in white shrouds with powdered faces and Kohl-rimmed eyes. In Indonesian folklore, they represent the trapped souls of the dead. But when they first started appearing this month they had the opposite effect.

Instead of keeping people in

rate of coronavirus deaths in Asia after China, some communities, such as Kepuh village, have decided to take measures into their own hands, imposing the ghostly patrols, lockdowns and restricting movement in and out of their village. "Residents still lack awareness about how to curb the spread of COVID-19 disease," said village head Priyadi.



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WHAT CRICKETERS ARE DOING DURING LOCKDOWN

From Virat Kohli having his hair cut by his wife, to Ravindra Jadeja remembering his love for horses, India's cricketers are making the most of their enforced break. At a time when the Indian Premier League (IPL) would normally be in full swing, Indian captain Virat Kohli has sent out a number of video messages telling

people to stay indoors. But the one tweet that got him the most media coverage and likes was one posted by his actress wife Anushka Sharma, of her cutting her husband's hair. At the same time, Kohli also chatted with former England batsman Kevin Pietersen about "what is happening the world over at the moment." He put up those video chats for all to watch.

Would you like to read about our cricketers at-home fitness strategy?



Home is for hobbies

Meanwhile, all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja has been reminiscing about his love for horses, posting a video of himself riding a white stallion. He was also seen sprinting shirtless on a treadmill. Paceman Jasprit Bumrah said he's using "this time to reflect on the aspects of my life..."



A time for family

Batsmen Shikhar Dhawan and Cheteshwar Pujara, and fast bowler Mohammed Shami were just happy to be able to spend more time with their families. The BCCI's official Twitter handle posted pictures of these stars at home. Shami is "having the most amazing time" with his dog Jack, while Dhawan posted a skit of him doing chores.

5 TIPS for feeding your wanderlust

Do you love going on holidays with your family? Missing the adventure of exploring new places with your cousins? Until life gets back to normal, satiate your love for travel by trying these fun things:

- 1 Reminisce about your memorable trips by going through old photo albums or looking at pictures of your favourite places.
- 2 Share about your adventures through words and pictures. Write about some of your life-changing travel experiences, meaningful

interactions with locals, wildlife experiences and more.

3 Now is the time to invest in travel books or exchange travel magazines with a friend. Reading about different places, people and culture would mentally transport you to a new place.

4 Watch wildlife and travel documentaries to see places of interest. It will increase your knowledge.

5 Have too many travel souvenirs? Use them creatively in your study room or living room.



DID YOU KNOW?

World's highest mountain - Mount Everest is shut due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. No mountaineer was allowed to climb the iconic peak this spring. The ban has been announced by the China Tibet Mountaineering Association (CTMA), the governing body that permits for the same as well as for all travel across the Tibetan plateau.

Everest height is **29,035 feet**; Age: **60 million years**

FACT

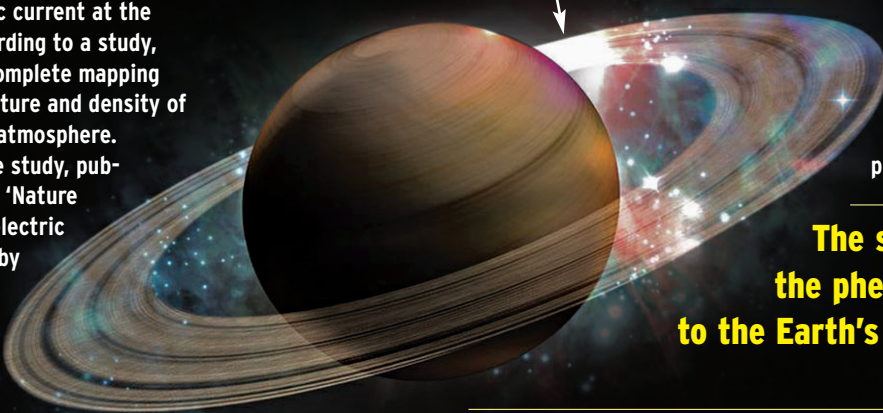
Despite being so old, Everest grows by about a quarter of an inch (0.25") every year

What makes Saturn's atmosphere hot?

The outer layer of Saturn, Jupiter, Neptune and Uranus, are hot just like the Earth's likely due to electric current at the planets' poles, according to a study, which is the most complete mapping yet of both temperature and density of a gas giant's upper atmosphere.

According to the study, published in the journal 'Nature Astronomy', these electric currents, triggered by interactions between solar winds and charged particles

SATURN ATMOSPHERE



from Saturn's moons, spark the auroras and heat the upper atmosphere. It said the phenomenon is similar to the Earth's northern lights, or auroras, indicating that the process can shed light on what's going on in the atmosphere of other planets.

The study revealed that the phenomenon is similar to the Earth's northern lights, or auroras

INNOVATION CHALLENGE

With an idea to develop a Video Conferencing Solution in India which is at par with the global products, the government has announced an Innovation Challenge under the Digital India Initiative. Initiated by the Ministry of Electronics and IT, the Innovation Challenge is open for participation from industry, startups and individual experts. With the country under a lockdown, both

government and corporates have been relying on organisations video conferencing tools mostly by foreign companies to run their business.

The idea is to build a made-in-India tool which is as good as foreign apps and has the highest standards of data security and privacy built in.



FUN-ZONE

Can you click/snap your fingers? Can you whistle? Can you balance on your tiptoes? Can you touch your nose with your tongue? Can you raise one eyebrow? These are just some things that the human body can do - but not everybody can do them. See how many of them you can do. Ask your family and friends as well!

Carefully trace your hand and foot onto a piece of paper. Maybe you can trace your family's hands and feet too - make sure you ask them first! When you're done, colour and decorate your drawings.

Did you know that lots of parts of the body are named after people - like the Adam's apple and Achilles tendon? Make a list of the most interesting ones you can find. What are the stories behind them?

Check out a few of our favourite books on the HUMAN BODY

Created by HarperCollins Children's Books India

Connect the Dots

Solve B for Baseball

In each problem, solve for "b" (for baseball) then connect the dots to discover the picture.

$10 - 6 = b$ $b + 7 = 12$ $15 = b + 9$ $b = 13 - 6$
 $9 = 6 + b$ $4 - b = 2$ $b + 5 = 6$ $14 + 1 = b$ $7 = b - 7$ $b = 3 + 10$ $9 = b - 3$ $b - 5 = 5$
 $b - 9 = 7$ $b = 8 + 9$ $10 = b - 8$ $6 + 5 = b$ $10 + 10 = b$ $b = 15 + 4$

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S.F. AND COMIC KIDS

Which two dinosaurs are exactly alike?

Answer -- Numbers one and four.

WUZZLES

WORD PUZZLES BY TOM

1. SKIR
2. BULB

Print Your Answers Here:

1.
 2.

Today's Answers:
 1. A short skirt
 2. Light bulb

Answers:
 1. A short skirt
 2. Light bulb

THEY SAID IT

The years teach much which the days never know.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.

Albert Einstein

TEACH TALK

SOME WORK AND ALL 'PLAY'--2

Answer each of these questions on Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice'--Act II, by choosing correctly from the four options.

1. Whom does Shylock refer to as 'that fool of Hagar's offspring'?
 A. Bassanio
 B. Gratiano
 C. Launcelot D. Antonio

2. Which of these words does Lorenzo not use to describe Jessica?
 A. fair B. kind C. wise D. true

3. To which country did a prince, slain by the scimitar of one of Portia's suitors, belong?
 A. Persia B. Greece C. Egypt D. Babylon

4. Who tells Salarino about a shipwreck in the English Channel?
 A. Bassanio B. Gratiano C. Launcelot D. Antonio

5. Which is the only casket that bears an inscription with the word 'much'?
 A. gold B. silver C. lead D. another casket

Answers: 1) C. Launcelot 2) B. kind 3) A. Persia 4) D. Frenchman 5) B. silver

IDENTIFY THE PERSONALITY

He was an Indian painter; he was regarded as India's most prolific, controversial, and world-renowned artist.

Answer: Mughool Fida Husain

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I'll be back as soon as I check on the children."

Painters' Gallery

KANAK GUPTA, class VI A, Kalpa School, Hyderabad

real heroes
Police Doctors
People

KAVYA RAJPOOT, class III, Bhai Parmanand Vidya Mandir School, Delhi

ARCHISHMAN GHOSH, Class XII, MP Birla Foundation HS School, Kolkata

HARSHITA WALIA, class VIII, AKSIPS School, Sector 65, Mohali

SHRUTI JAISWAL, Class VII, Jewish Girls' School, Kolkata

As we know, during the worst time only we learn the best lessons in life. Similarly, we can learn lessons in this lockdown as well. During the first few days of lockdown, my family followed a routine; we woke up at 7 am and did meditation. We have divided works for everyone. We also often sit and watch TV. Watching the news and discussing the problems. In the evening, we play badminton at the terrace of my house for an hour or so. Then we make ourselves comfortable at the bed and watch 'Ramayan' on Doordarshan. I sometimes think that lockdown has brought families closer, and also taught lessons like helping our parents, our grandparents, doing household chores like washing utensils or helping our mother in kitchen and spend some quality time with family.

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Fruitfully Spending the Lockdown

During the country-wide lockdown, I spent my time reading my favourite books, watching 'Friends', attending Online Classes conducted by my school, completing homework, having long conversations with two of my favourite seniors, playing Scrabble with my mother, attempting to cook basic Indian dishes (and succeeding), continuing my Graphic designing course on Udemy and most importantly, writing articles and stories. To be honest, this period proved to be an excellent time to do things one loves to do (and to discover more), for staying at home was the only option and as Indians, we always find ways to cope with the situation. I did too.

Hina Naela, Xi, G D Goenka Public School, Lucknow

CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S 131ST BIRTH ANNIV

Here are some lesser known fun facts about the legendary comedian and one of the pioneers of the television industry on his 131st Birth anniversary.

- Charlie Chaplin openly pleaded against fascism, war, capitalism, and WMDs in his movies. He was slandered by the FBI & banned from the USA in '52.
- In 1978, Charlie Chaplin's body was stolen and held for ransom. His widow refused to pay ransom demands of £400,000 because "Charlie would have thought it ridiculous." The body was found 11 weeks later.
- When Einstein met Charlie Chaplin, Chaplin remarked, "The people applaud me because everybody understands me, and they applaud you because no one understands you."
- Charlie Chaplin was so popular in 1917 that nine out of ten men attending costume balls that year went as Chaplin.

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