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MIXED BAG

1 Meet author Paro Anand at 6.30 pm on https://www.facebook.com/TOIStudent/

2 On toistudent.com participate in the Wishbox section and share your views

3 Special: How to know if a WhatsApp message is real or fake? Special story for Apr 7

4 Watch out: About the Dalgona coffee and why it's a trend in our edition tommorow

5 Quote of the day: No one is perfect - that's why pencils have erasers...

WEB EDITION

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dr Deepa Chandran, Senior Principal, Greets Public School, Ernakulam, has sent this letter to parents to keep wards occupied.
- Pattern drawing
- Cursive writing practice
- Learning the spelling of five new words daily
- Take their help in cooking of small snacks or salads and juices
- Utilise this time to revise math tables and poems
- Teach them skipping
- Teach them the scriptures, stories, anecdotes, value based stories of their faith.

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Dear principals, do you have a note to share for your students? **Please send on timesnie175@gmail.com**

HAVE YOU READ?

Central Board of Secondary Education(CBSE) has released a notice based on the queries on promotion policy of classes I to VIII, classes IX and XI and decision to conduct exams for Class X, XII.

Salient features:
1. No revised date as yet.
2. All decisions would be taken after consultation with authorities. Students will be informed 10 days ahead of the examinations.
3. Schools affiliated to CBSE to promote the students of Classes IX and XI to the classes X and XII respectively, on the basis of school-based assessments. **Read the entire story at www.toistudent.com**

X PLAINED

INDIA and RECESSION

What: The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the UN trade and development body has warned that the world economy will go into a recession this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. The trade report, however, adds that India and China are likely to be the exceptions.

How: Four engines drive India's economic growth - private consumption, exports and public and private investment. Private consumption contributes nearly 60% of India's GDP and it is domestic demand that has driven the economy in recent years. Though it has taken a hit in recent months, with global trade taking a hit too due to the coronavirus pandemic, domestic demand will now play an even greater role. If some companies shift focus from the export market to make things that Indians want and can afford, it may help bring life to private investment. The crisis is already helping fire the other engine of economic growth—public investment— as the government and the Reserve Bank of India take measures to keep the economy afloat.

Meanwhile, China's manufacturing rebounded in March as authorities relaxed anti-disease controls and allowed factories to reopen. Global lender World Bank warned that about 11 million people could be driven into poverty in East Asia and the Pacific as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Arogya Setu the coronavirus tracking app!

The Indian government has officially launched an app — **Aarogya Setu** (a Sanskrit phrase meaning 'a bridge of health'). Here's all about it

- The app functions by using your phone's location data and Bluetooth to assess if you've been near a person who was infected by COVID-19, by looking through a database of known cases.
- It specifies that all your data is on the device in an encrypted form. Looking at the code, it sends your data to the server in an anonymised form to check if you're near an infected person. To do that, the app will rely on **BLUETOOTH TO CHECK IF YOU'VE BEEN WITHIN SIX FEET OF AN INFECTED PERSON**
- Arogya Setu shares your data with the government in case you've been tested positive for coronavirus or have been in close contact with a person who was tested positive. For what it's worth, the app's privacy policy suggests your data won't be shared with third-parties.
- It also has some interesting features such as a chatbot to help you determine if you may have coronavirus symptoms, rolling updates from the health ministry, and a list of helpline numbers for each state in India.

GO FIGURE

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whichever operators you want to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

The operators:

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| EASY | | | | | | | = | 7 |

| 3 | 5 | 6 | 9 |

| MEDIUM | | | | | | | = | 29 |

| 3 | 5 | 6 | 6 |

| HARD | | | | | | | = | 19 |

| 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 |

SOLUTIONS:
Easy $6 - 3 - 5 + 9 = 7$
Medium $3 \times 6 + 5 + 6 = 29$
Hard $4 \times 6 - 3 - 2 = 19$

HOW TO

Tips on how to write a FILM REVIEW

It's never too soon to start. Here are tips by the New York Film Academy for writing a film review that people will want to read...
1. Watch the film.
2. Express your opinions and support your criticism.
3. Consider your audience.
4. No spoilers 5. Re-read, rewrite and edit 6. Find your voice

We show you how
SCHOOL OF ROCK
A rock guitarist becomes a substitute teacher for an elementary school to earn some money. Sadly all he knows is rock'n' roll and here begins the fun. The movie highlights the essence of music to hone values like hard work, team spirit and dedication. Watch this one for a rock-solid performance by Jack Black and of course, the kids.
– Ritika Kumar

Challenge for you! Send us a 60-word review for a film you like and we shall publish it on Friday. Challenge accepted?

TO DO

Want to write a headline for any article/story? Here are key points to ponder

TIP: 1 Use simple but powerful language

TIP: 2 Target a keyword with 'High Search Volume'

TIP: 3 Make a bold statement

TIP: 4 Include numbers in your headline

TIP: 5 Ask a strange or funny question

TIP: 6 Create a sense of urgency

TIP: 7 Leave an air of mystery

Remember a headline that made you go wow! Share with us at timesnie175@gmail.com or make your own headline and send to us... we would love reading it...

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this week you could...

MONDAY

Learn five new words from a third language of our choice.
Where to go for this? Give these apps a try!
1. DUOLINGO
Incredibly well-designed and user-friendly, Duolingo is a free site that teaches users languages through reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
2. LIVEMOCHA
If you want to interact with native speakers, try Livemocha, which provides lessons in more than 35 languages.
3. BUSUU
Beginners' lessons use flash cards for learning new words and phrases, but advanced lessons involve writing and answering questions that will be reviewed by native speakers on the site.

TUESDAY

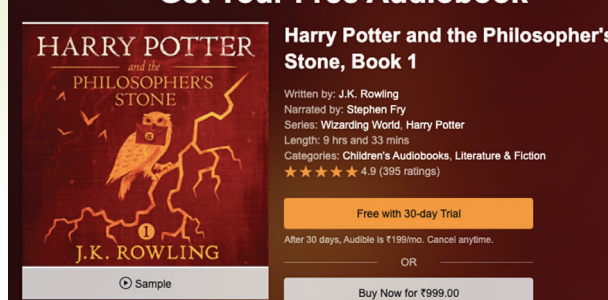Get inspired by Sirena Huang!

On Ted.com, listen to violinist Sirena Huang give a technically brilliant and emotionally nuanced performance. In a charming interlude, the 11-year-old praises the timeless design of her instrument.

WEDNESDAY

Hear 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' narrated by Stephen Fry for free

A free audiobook version of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone', Book 1 in Harry Potter series has been made available on the Audible app; in English and several different languages and the app requires no subscription.

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Narrated by: Stephen Fry
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Sample

THURSDAY

Work Out Live with Joe Wicks
Where: On YouTube at 9 am (UK time)

What the UK-based body coach says... "I am holding LIVE PE lessons at 9am Monday to Friday on my YouTube channel for children of all ages... For 30 minutes a day, I can take over and energise the kids to get active, bounce around and have fun. Parents can even join in with the kids... This is going to help millions of children and parents feel happier for 30 minutes and beyond every day."

FRIDAY

Watch a movie with your elders...
Which one? We have you sorted! Go for any of these.
1. Up
2009 animated film directed by Peter Hans Docter
Why we recommend it: This film can inspire courage and hope in all the elderly people who risk feeling empty and useless. At any age and perhaps especially as an elderly person one can have a lot to offer, especially to the boys, who need wise, strong, loving guides.
2. Le Petit Prince (The Little Prince)
A 2015 animated film directed by Mark Osborne
Why we recommend it: Grandparents are often irreplaceable points of reference for children. This film shows how enriching it is for older people to keep up with the younger ones to maintain an active and "sparkling" mind, just as it is important for kids to listen to those who have a lot to tell.