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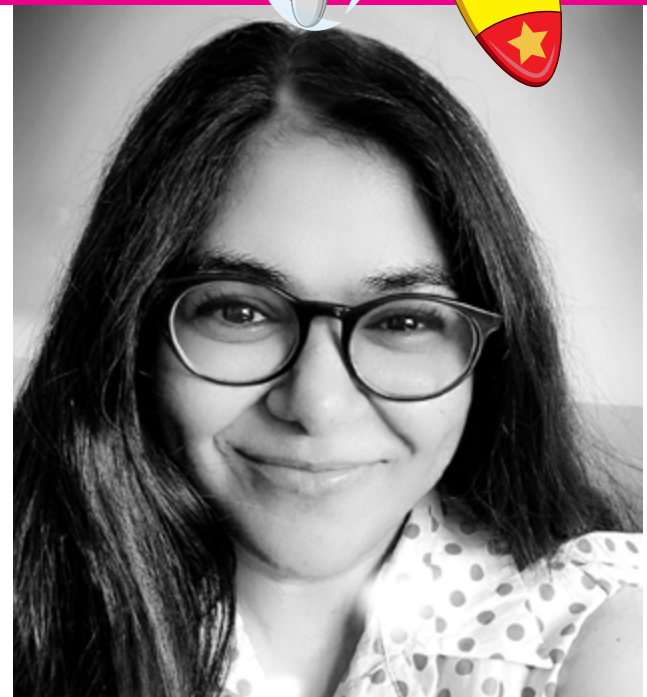
And we are back!!! I can't believe, we are already in the middle of 2022. It's July already!!!

After a short break of a few months, we are back with yet another exciting newsletter issue. I want to thank you for so many messages and emails asking me about the newsletter or telling me how much you missed the it. I'm humbled at the immense love you have given us in the past year. These gestures help us do better each day! Every month we come up with some innovative ideas for our newsletter. This month too the editorial team has come up with an amazing idea: Travel.

Isn't it wonderful to capture the memories in the form of pictures and also caption it? Or isn't it nice to write about your favourite travel or even better maintain a travel diary. By the time you grow up you would have ample of memories of various travels. This issue has a glimpse of all of this and more. You will find travel dairies, photos with caption and travel blogs. That is not it, you will find more deeper meaning of travel through poems, articles and art and craft.

This month **Sandbox** also went on a special journey, we went looking for Dolls from all over the world. We read stories, sang songs and made different types of Dolls in our block sessions.

We have also decided to make a travel in the minds and souls of our dear kids through a new program we have launched called **Meraki**. An intensive personalized workshop focusing on helping adolescents know their

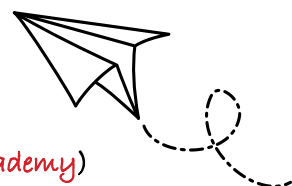


own self, assessing possible career paths, understanding industry expectations, enabling them to take more informed decision about education and profession. We will handhold the children and guide them step-by-step as they choose the path they would walk. To know more about it you can write to us at merakiwithsandbox@gmail.com

We hope to create more magical newsletters in future, but that is only possible through your valuable feedbacks and suggestions. Looking forward to yet another season of creativity, talent and love.

Stay Blessed!

Sulbha Shantwan
(Founder & Principal, **SandBox Academy**)





travel diaries

stories & poems

MY VACATION IN KUWAIT



by Pranjal Gund - 13 years



Hi, I am Pranjal. We are not yet at the half mark of 2022 and after a hard lockdown in India, the world is enjoying a new freedom to travel. So, my dad booked tickets for us to Kuwait City. Kuwait City is the capital of the gulf nation of Kuwait. My dad is already working there so my mom and I traveled there.

Our flight was from Mumbai on 02.05.2022. It was a late night flight, so, was tiring. When we landed in Kuwait city the next day; it was a pleasant morning with a cold breeze around. I was excited to explore the city!

Very next day 04.05.2022 after reaching Kuwait City; we chose to visit Kuwait tower first. The Kuwait Towers are a group of three thin towers, standing on a promontory into the Persian Gulf. The Kuwait Towers were officially inaugurated in March 1979 and are regarded as a landmark and symbol of modern Kuwait.

The main tower is 187 metres (614 ft) high and carries two spheres and was served as the venue for TEDx Kuwait City event in 2018 and 2019. The lower sphere holds in its bottom half a water tank of 4,500 cubic metres. The upper half of the main tower consists of a rotating restaurant that accommodates 90 people, a cafe, a lounge and a reception hall. It completes a full turn every 30 minutes. We can enjoy a full city view 360 Degree with the help of binoculars fixed in it. We enjoyed it very much!



Into the unknown

by Azriel Shantwan - 12 years

Take a step into the dark see what your brothers made,
Across the world, country or continent you go to see what people find fascinating!
You use the things that man has made to go to the end of the land,
Just to get the feeling of thrill that you think will last.
Then you try to fit into places which you know nothing of,
But you know that a photo is enough to make your acquaintance jealous!
You like to eat, drink and play in several different lands,
Just flaunt your reach and time to all who find you sane.
At last, you find that you're sick of staying in one place,
Then pick up your act and go back to your state.



EXPLORING NASIK

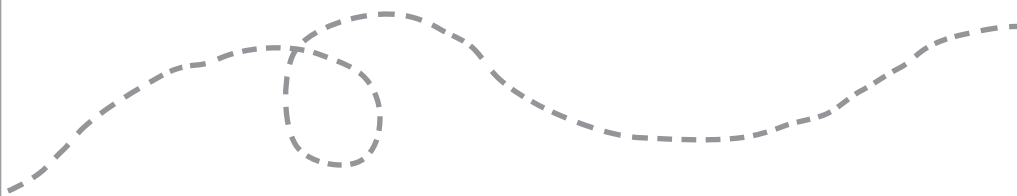
by Georgia Brown - 12 years

As the pandemic hit, it was impossible to go anywhere, let alone meet people.

When things started to get back to normal slowly, masks were not mandatory anymore, my parents decided to take a small vacation. We did not want to go to a destination that would be crowded. Hence we decided to go to Nasik, a quaint town, with a small population.

About 70 kms from Mumbai, on the Nasik expressway, is a village called Vasind. Here, my parents have a farmhouse, where we decided to break our journey in parts so that the drive would not be tiring. We left for Nasik early in the morning from our farmhouse, it took us about 2 hours. The drive was very scenic, there were fields alongside





the highway and we drove around a small hill with winding roads.

We reached Nasik at lunch time. My parents took me to a restaurant, which served delicious local seafood. After lunch we checked into our hotel, The Vern.

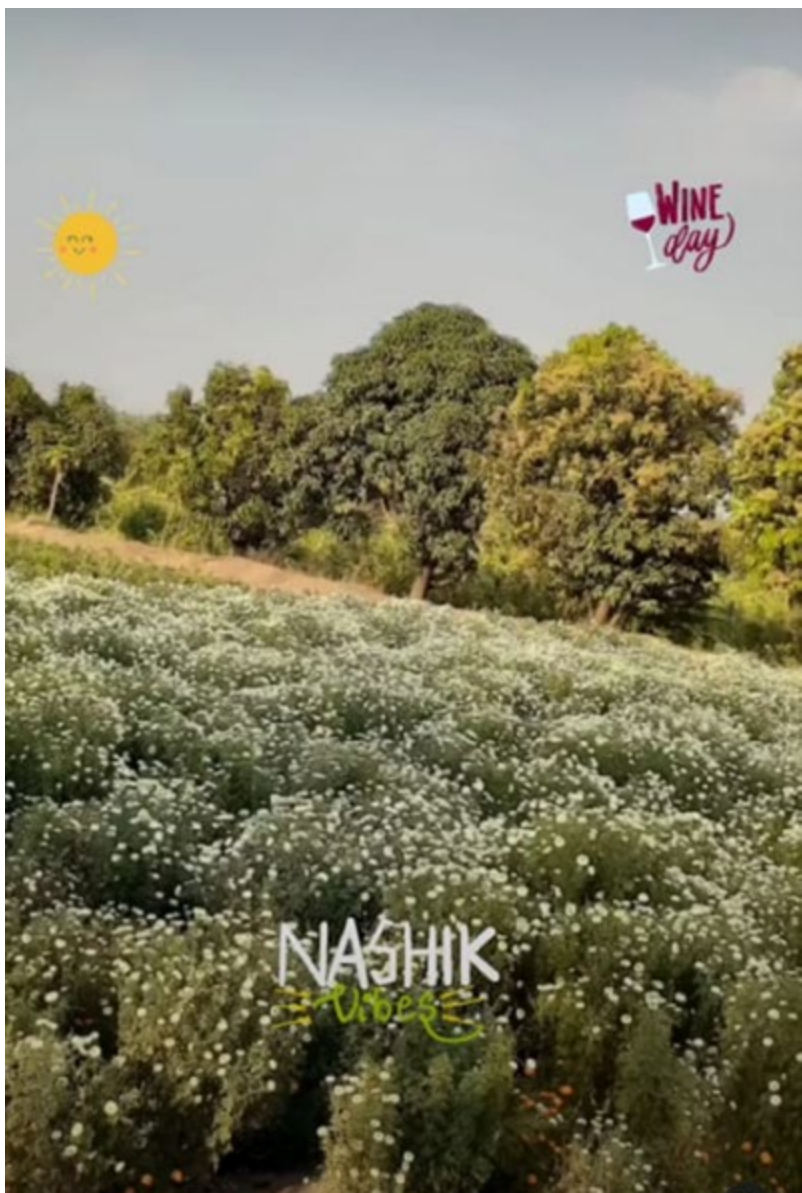
The next morning, we went to Sula and Soma vineyards. The vineyards were endless, they seemed to merge into the horizon. The view was breathtaking, overlooking the hills - by a lake. The weather was lovely in March, the nights were chilly, and days were pleasant.

As we were driving, my dad spotted something moving in a distant hill. We stopped, super excited he asked us to spot what he was looking at. It was a peacock! We tried to spot it from afar. One moment it was there and the second it was gone!

The roads to the vineyards are not large enough to accommodate 2 big vehicles, we had to drive away since we were blocking the way.

My parents have friends in Nasik whom we met the following day and also went shopping. This was the part I naturally enjoyed the most :)

It was time to head back home, I thoroughly enjoyed the trip. I have documented moments from this trip and will cherish them!



MY RECENT VISIT TO KONKAN, MAHARASHTRA

by Shlok Rupesh Samel - 10 years

On 25th May'22 we started our journey.
We visited the following parts of Konkan.

VELAS

- Velas is located 67 km to the west of Mahad, 118 km from Raigad and 215 km away from Mumbai.
- **Bankot fort** is of historical significance in Velas. It was captured by the Portuguese by Adilshah in 1756. Later was conquered by **Admiral Kanhoji Angre** and renamed '**Himmatgad**'. Later it was again captured by the British and renamed '**Fort Victoria**'. Bankot was the first residence of the British Raj in Southern Konkan.



VEER

- Veer is located 26 kms from Saswad.
- Veer's famous temple, **Laxmi Mallamardhan temple**, has a historical significance! The Statue (on right) was found in the confluence of rivers called Juve near Veer, Taluka Chiplun, Dist Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, India.



HARNE

- Harnai is a village in Dapoli, in Ratnagiri district, Maharashtra state in Western India.
- Harne Bandar has a historical significance of **Suvarnadurg Fort**. In 1660, the fort was captured by **Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj** from **Sultan Adilshah of Bijapur**. **Kanhoji Angre** helped to capture the fort. Later in 1713 **Sahu Raja** handed the fort to **Kanhoji Angre**.

GANESHGULE

- Ganeshgule is 6.8 kms from Pawas.
- The historical significance of Ganeshgule is the **Ganeshgule temple**, 1.5 kms from the beach. The temple is a popular religious place and is visited by many pilgrims from the Konkani religion. This temple has an idol of lord Ganesha that is known as **Swayambhu**. The trunk of lord Ganesha is to the west in the temple. In addition, the temple also contains a well from the **Pandava Era**.
- The Ganeshgule beach is filled with lots of mushy sand and has roaring waves! It has a lot of homestays that serve you a crabs!!!



GANPATIPULE

- Ganpatipule is a small town located 25 km north of the city of Ratnagiri in Ratnagiri district on the Konkani coast of Maharashtra, in the subcontinent of India. The town of Chiplun is located to its north.
- Ganpatipule has a historical significance. Hindu god Ganapati, taking umbrage at a remark made by a native lady, moved to **Pule**, from his abode **Gule**. Thus, the region was called Ganapatipule. The 400-year-old Ganapati idol at Ganpatipule is said to have sprung up from the soil.
- Ganpatipule is generally a very crowded place with lots of beaches and trees.

KATALSHILP (ROCK CARVINGS)

- There are a lot of Rock carvings in unexplored Konkani, but the rock carving at the village of **Ukshi**, that is an elephant, is the most famous one.
- The petroglyph or rock carving can be found in Ukshi, 25 kms away from Ratnagiri.
- A **Katalshilp** is two different words. **Katal** means rock and **Shilpa** means sculpture. They were drawn by prehistoric men.
- Katalshilps are amazing and we sit wondering how those prehistoric people drew their drawings on these rocks.



PAWAS

- Pawas is a village in the Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra. Pawas is 16 kms away from Ratnagiri and 285 kms from Mumbai.
- This fort is known as one of the forts that **Kanhoji Angre** used to sustain British forces and raid them. This fort was also used to trade with other Europeans.



SARKHEL KANHOJI ANGRE
SAMUDRALA SHIVAJI



DISCOVERING THE CITY OF ORANGES - NAGPUR

by Rishaan Nair - 10 years

Hi my name is Rishaan Nair and I went to my grandma's house for my summer holidays. It might not sound fun but it was, I promise! So, I woke up and all I knew was that we were going to Nagpur and I thought that we were going by car but we were going by train. We left at 8:00 am. We got ready, and took a cab to the railway station. After that we all sat in the train. 30 min before the train started, I got hungry so I ate a bread and cheese slice. The train started, and to make the long story short, we reached Nagpur. Nagpur is the second capital of Maharashtra and it is known for its Oranges. After we reached, we were all exhausted so we did not do anything exciting, except a party at home with my family.

The next day we went to **Nagpur Central Museum**. We looked at some Dinosaur fossils, ancient Inscriptions, coins and artifacts,. After that we went to a restaurant and we ate some butter naan and paneer. It was really good. Then we hit the sack.



On the following day, we went to a place called **Raman Science Center**. It was filled with confusing and cool stuff. There was a lot of animals like rabbits, swans and ducks. You could feed them but we were a bit late. Apart from that there was a movie room!!! We watched the 3D movie of a Dinosaur. It was pretty nice. There was also a Planetarium show, Pre-historic animals show. It was lot of fun .



We also visited **Zero mile** which is the Center of India.



And we finished the day off with an ice cream. That's it for now!



Zero Mile Stone is a monument built by British during the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India in 1907 in Nagpur, Maharashtra. The Zero Mile Stone consists of a pillar made up of sandstone and another small stone representing the GTS Standard Bench Mark, and four stucco horses that were added later. The height of the top of the pillar is 1020.171 feet above mean sea level.



PLANNING A TRIP? - SOME TIPS

by Angelyn Ross Abin - 12 years



TIPS FOR A HAPPY TRAVEL

- Buy the necessary things for a happy travel.
- Treat yourself to what the place has got to offer you.
- Wake up a little early to beat the crowd.
- If the place you travelled to is hot, then go for a nice swim to beat the heat.
- Eat the local cuisine.
- Bring a portable camera to take amazing shots.
- Do not be afraid if you get lost.
- If you have a day plan then do not over plan your schedule.
- If you want to explore more places then carry only the very essential items.

THINGS NEEDED FOR TRAVELING

If you are going for a camping trip then here is a list of things you must carry -

- Sanitizer
- Flash light
- Sleeping bag
- Comfortable shoes
- Portable Charger
- Power Surge Protector
- Travel pillow
- Filter water bottle
- First aid box
- Lightweight bag

WHERE TO GO ON YOUR TRIP

Any trip is enjoyable and memorable with a companion. Second is your budget and time. Choose a destination that best fits your budget and can be covered within your time frame. Take time to think about what kind of environment you like to experience. Pay close attention to what your heart longs to see and feel, be it the food, culture, villages, nature, animals and so on. Choose the kind of troposphere you need or ask a friend who travels often.



PHOTOGRAPHY

by Bhavatharini - 12 years



Cloud tsunami!



In the sky



Wildlife



Feeding time!



Leaf Beauty



Perspective



Something you miss everyday



Cross

MY JOURNEY TO KERALA

by Tushar Abhilash Menon - 12 years

I went to Kerala for my summer vacation, with my mom, sister, uncle, cousin brother, massi, my mama and his wife, my other mama, his wife and their one year old daughter and my naani. We went to Chatrapati Shivaji Airport and checked-in our luggage. Then we waited to board our flight. A bus took us to the plane. Once settled in our seats, our plane took off and landed in Kochi. We stopped for some food and then went to our hotel. While waiting for rooms to get ready, we went for lunch. Later, we went in our respective rooms, and rested. After waking up, we ordered some tea and hot chocolate. Then we went for dinner and after that played a game of house and slept.

DAY 2 - We went to get breakfast. Then went to the game area where there was carrom, chess and 8 ball pool table. After the games, we went out for lunch and after coming back just chilled.

DAY 3 - We packed and left for our second hotel. On our way, we went for lunch and headed for the hotel. This one was pretty good because there was a swimming pool and a bunch of desserts. Since we arrived late, so we just took a bath and went for dinner.

DAY 4 - Me and my cousin went for a swim and then we all went for lunch. After that we went to an Ayurvedic place where they gave us some knowledge about the trees, plants and other stuff. And after that we went for a jeep safari which is basically going on the mountains with a jeep. That was a lot of fun and then we came back to the hotel. We had dinner, played another game of house and retired for the day.



DAY 5 - We checked into the best and last hotel. It had the best food, a swimming pool and a gaming area. We first went for a swim. My sister didn't come because she had to go to shoot for her music album (It's on youtube if you want to see it). So me, my cousin and my two mamas went to the pool again. I love swimming, so I had a lot of fun there. After that we drank some tea, and went back to our rooms. We played in the gaming room for some time and went for dinner. The food was really good, so I had a good time.

DAY 6 - It was my birthday!!! So we went on a houseboat and it was EPIC!!! The food was also very good there and we played antakshari and had a good time. Then it was time for my cake cutting so I got ready and then cut my cake. It tasted very good (Trying to tempt Shlok because he didn't give me his hot chocolate when I asked him to give it to me lol)

DAY 7 - We had to go to my dadi's house, so we packed everything and went to meet her. She was very happy to see us after years and she was very sweet and took care of everyone. We had a good time there and the food was pretty good too. And then at night like 2 am or something we had to head back home. So, we got on the bus and went to the airport. Everyone was kind of sad because this was probably the best week of their lives (maybe not for some). We boarded our flight and came back to Pune and said our goodbyes!

I am sharing some pictures of this memorable holiday with my family!





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events
& *more*

At **SandBox**, we are constantly creating innovative learning concepts through these special days and festivals. Through these, we teach our children over and above the academic curriculum. This June we did just that with these following celebrations. Do click on the links and watch the videos of our children participating in some fun & learning sessions.

ENVIRONMENT DAY :

This World Environment day, our super talented children could make 'Best out of the Waste items'!!!

We have compiled those lovely creations and also the awareness poster to save our Mother Earth.

<https://youtu.be/5BZBxEDv16w>

FATHER'S DAY :

It's not just mothers but fathers do need a day to be appreciated for their love, sacrifice and hard-work. Here is a compilation of our kids as they list their favorite Fatherly character and also speak their heart out about their Fathers...

<https://youtu.be/vGMeKVEvIWM>

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY:

Inhale and exhale the future!!!!

On June 21st, we observed International Yoga Day.

We would really like to thank **MRS. SMITA** for sparing her valuable time to teach the kids the importance of yoga. The kids were taught a few basic asanas and were encouraged to practice them. Click the link below to catch few clips:

<https://youtube.com/shorts/9sLmKc9HXBg?feature=share>

WORLD MUSIC DAY:

Music is Life itself!!!

The children were given time to exhibit their talents. The kids danced to the beat, enjoyed their freeze and dance moves and they created their own music with the chords they had learnt during their music class. Big appreciation to **NIOM SAMSON**, for helping us with weekly music classes.

<https://youtu.be/prJ8TP2OFbA>

father's day



celebrations

LIKE MY FATHER

by Vaibhavi Khairnar - 14 years old

Strength in his eyes,
The untold lies,
When I grow up,
I want to be the person my father is like.

The pain and sorrow he has,
Still the overwhelming smile he gives,
I want to be a person,
How my father is like.
I reverie somedays,
How does he do that?
I'd be a Santa to fulfill our wishes.

He has no complain at all,
Just listen to us.
I want to work as my father does,
The answer to all my questions was love.

Happy Father's Day to all the heroic
fathers!



Kush Patil - 9 years



Yuvraj Phule - 5 years



Sana Doi - 6 years



Myra Vernekar - 12 years



Bhakti Chawan - 11 years



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world
environment
day

best out of waste

On the World Environment Day, we organised a project session with the kids - 'Best out of Waste'. All the kids came up with such creative and innovative ideas. Here are few of the projects done by our children!



Doodles by Bhavatharini



Bird feeder by Hamza Mithi



Amoeba by Tushar Menon



Pen stand by Bhakti Chawan



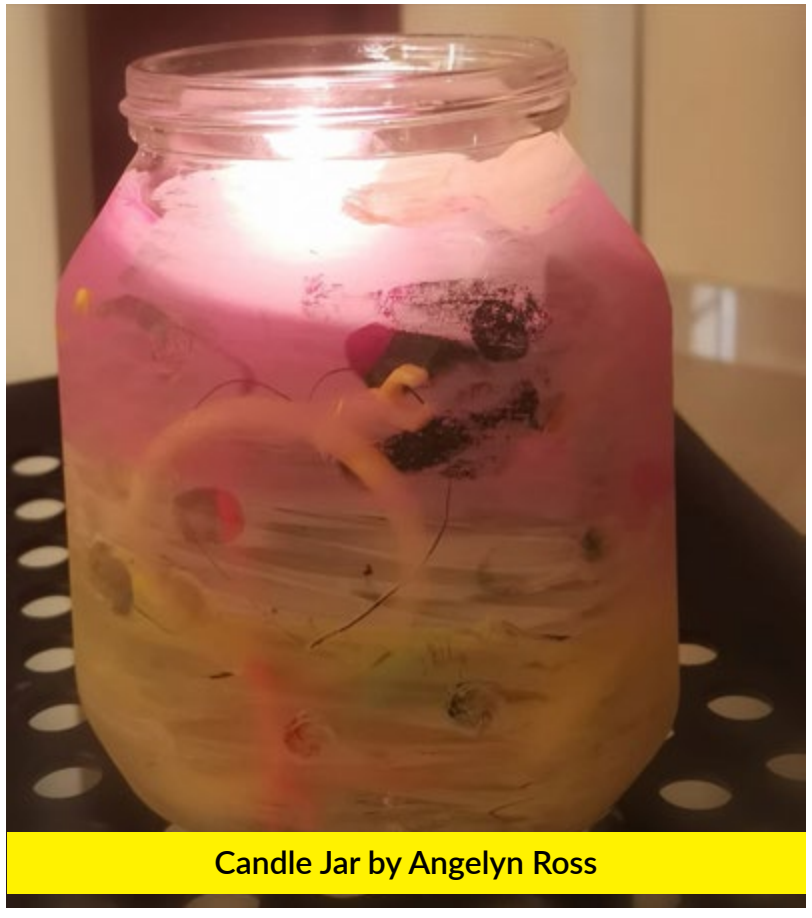
Planter by Paarw Engineer



Planter by Pranjal Gund



Folder by Myra Vernekar



Candle Jar by Angelyn Ross



POSTER DESIGNS

Our **SandBoxians** took inspiration from World Environment Day and created these thoughtful posters. It's great to see these young minds already thinking so much about the environment!

STOP GLOBAL WARMING

If the temperature increase continues to increase in the future, the consequences will be disastrous and irreversible.

Heatwaves can burden health and emergency services and cause scarcity of water, transportation is affected too, resulting in power shortages. People lose their crops or livestock due to extreme heat.

More than 400 million people worldwide are living with water scarcity.

The earth loses 18% of insects, 16% of plants, 8% of vertebrates.

Decline of coral Reefs

Sea levels rise causing floods, destroying home and damaging trees and plants.

Georgia Brown

Don't cut trees if you want a cool breeze

Feel free to plant a tree

If you cut a tree you cut your life

Every day I supply oxygen for up to 4 people. Dont you think I am worth saving?

Adopt me! They say my parents were killed by something called 'Development'

One tree can make a million matches. One match can destroy a million trees.

Myra Vernekar

**FISH THE OPORTUNITY TO STOP
OVERFISHING**



Overfishing sounds really fishy

Vaibhavi Khairnar

Vaibhavi Khairnar

THE
SOLUTION
IS LESS
POLLUTION

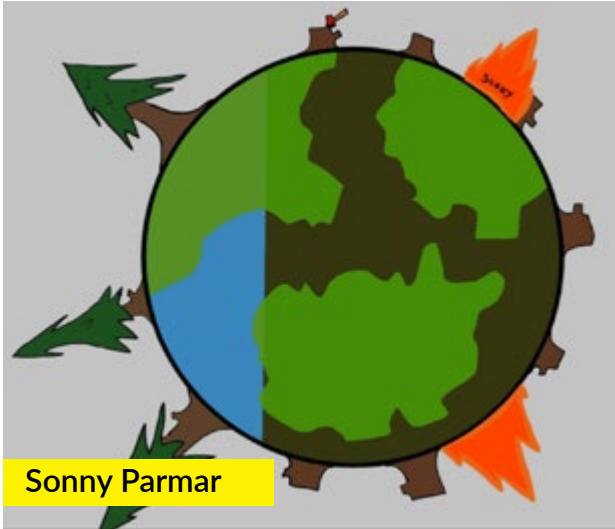
everyday is
**EARTH
DAY**

**KEEP
the
SEA
PLASTIC FREE**



Atharva Kadam

POSTER DESIGNS



Sonny Parmar



Ritvik Kirad



Paarw Engineer

Use a Car Pool service to avoid the pollution and get your cars serviced regularly! And don't forget to get your car's PUC updated regularly!



Azriel Shantwan



WORKSHOP

An innovative initiative by **SandBox**. To give an exposure to its students early on in their learning journey! We believe that this current generation is already exposed to a lot digitally and hence planned a Photoshop Workshop with **MANSI ENGINEER**, a homeschool parent & professional graphic designer. She has been teaching our senior kids the software. Here are some of the ads designed by our kids as an assignment.

Some of the perks of homeschooling :)



INTEGRATED CONCEPT - THE DOLLS



Learning becomes interesting when the kids learn it hands on. **With regard to the NEP 2020 the learning process includes a flexible, multi-level with Science, art, poetry, stories and games to be incorporated on a suitable basis. As per the new skill set of this century we work alongside with NEP guidelines focusing on Creativity collaboration, vocational study and integrated concepts.**

In order to map with the above, we have designed our own concepts involving Math, English, Science, Social and Art with one common theme. **The theme for this month was 'Doll'.** Under this we had four week sessions:

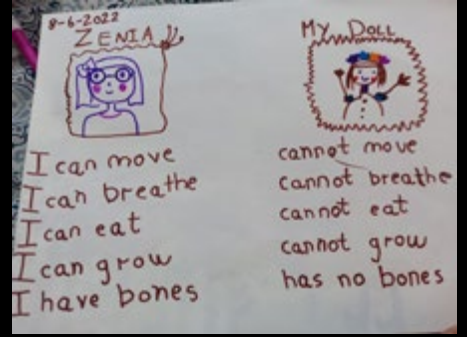
1. Me and my Family
2. My body
3. Emotions
4. Pets
5. Puppets

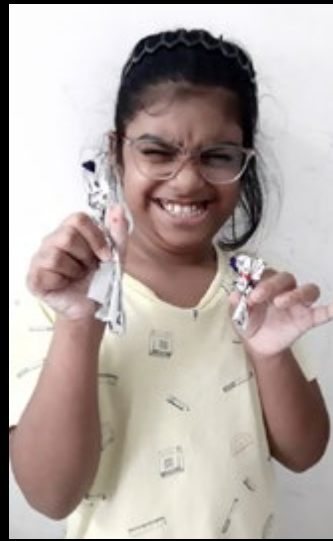
We had two special sessions from a guest speaker **DEEPALI PARMAR.**

The kids were asked to make their own dolls/toy and they were given time to show their handmade dolls and then speak about it. They came up with some of the most relatable sentences and proved their creativity. The kids did a Dolling up, which means decorating yourself as a doll. In continuation of that we did an activity where students had to decorate themselves as dolls using tissue paper and newspapers.

Find few glimpses of this months theme based learnings. Looking forward to many more learning together!

Happy Learning!







HAPPY BIRTHDAY

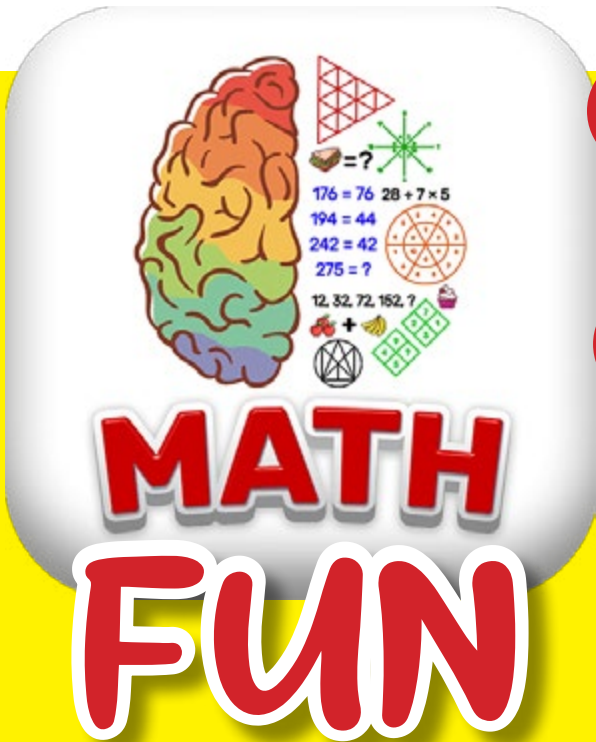
**SANDBOXIANS
CELEBRATING THEIR
BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE**

KUSH PATIL - 10TH JUNE

ATHARVA KADAM - 17TH JUNE

VASUDEV KRISHNA THENEZHI - 19TH JUNE

MYRA VERNEKAR - 25TH JUNE



1

How fast can you solve this math puzzle?

$$9 \div 3 \times (2 + 1) = ?$$

2

And this one?

	+		=	8
+		+		
	-		=	6
=		=		
13		8		



ACHIEVEMENTS

At **SandBox**, we are constantly encouraging extra-curricular activities! When our kids achieve something, we feel really proud of them! For the month of June, we would love to share two such achievements!

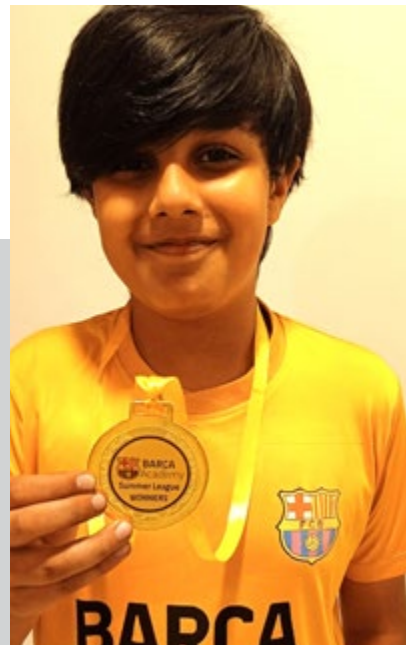
If you want to share your kid's achievements in our newsletter, please do mail us a write-up & picture for the same on editor@sandboxpune.in and we would proudly publish them in our next edition.



Azriel Shantwan had participated in a **Story Writing Competition** organised by **Hello Kids**. They had been given the topic **Mystery Story**.

He was the **winner** in his age group 12-13 yrs.

Do look forward to his story in our July'22 newsletter!



Paarw Engineer has been learning football from **Barca Academy** since the last two years. Every year they organise the **Summer League** - an annual football event.

Paarw & his team members (under 14) won every single match throughout the season and got through the finals too, each winning a gold medal!



RIDDLE FUN!

by Murtaza Master - 12 years



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DO YOU WANT TO PUBLISH SOMETHING IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF PANDA'S BOX? CHECK OUT THE RULES BELOW:

1. What has a bank but no money?
2. What has to be broken before you can use it?
3. What month of the year has 28 days?
4. What is full of holes but still holds water?
5. What question can you never answer yes to?
6. What is always in front of you but can't be seen?
7. What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?
8. What can't talk but will reply when spoken to?
9. The more of this is, the less you see. What is it?
10. What has many keys but can't open a single lock?

1. Next issue theme : 'MONSOON' based on subjects. Send in your entries, to us on or before **15th July'22** for the July edition of the newsletter. **Entries after this date will not be accepted.** So don't be late in sending your entries!
2. You can write a story, a poem. Show us your talent in any art form, images or you can even share your special achievements with us.
3. Articles, poems, to be sent only in word format. Images in a hi-res jpg file format. Please ensure you write your full name & age with your entry. Entries with incomplete information will not be accepted.
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