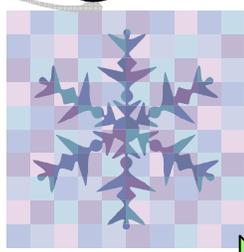


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Kids of
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budding Bangla Writers
throughout this issue!



Winter

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AT PICS FROM
OUR EVENTS!! pg. 11 & 13

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Edition

My Little Sister

- Tanya



I have a little sister
and she is very small,
She has two little dimples
but she simply can't get tall!
She loves her little pillow
and even takes it to school,
I try to teach her Bangla
but she rather play the fool!



The *Winter* Wonderland

- Neela

It all started on a cold snowy day in the month of December. I was walking to the bus stop in the snow, wearing a scarf, hat, mittens, and boots. As I was walking to the bus stop I noticed no one was there. I only saw little elves and reindeers. I wondered where I was and then I remembered it was almost Christmas and I was in the winter wonderland place where Santa and the reindeers were getting ready for the big day!! I was really surprised that I was really there! Many questions circled my head like how did I get here? Who brought me here? And when did I get here?

I was really excited! I wondered what would happen next! Then I heard a sound that said, "Wake up Neela, it is Christmas morning! Then I noticed that the winter



wonderland place was just a dream!" I knew that it was a great dream!

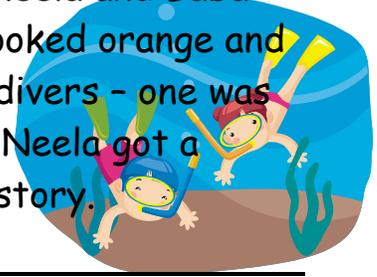
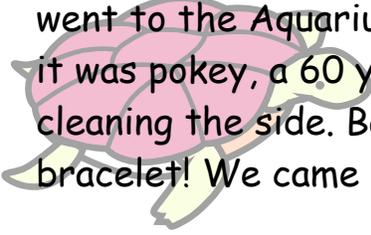
I Went to Boston

- STORY BY ROHIN

I went to Boston in a car. Baba was driving the car, I was in the back with Neela and Mama was there also. I saw trucks and cars on the road. I saw an airport.



I went to the hotel and Mama had a meeting. I, Neela and Baba went to the Aquarium. I saw sharks, a crab - it looked orange and it was pokey, a 60 year old turtle. There were 2 divers - one was cleaning the side. Baba got me a shark truck and Neela got a bracelet! We came in a taxi to the hotel. End of story.



আমাদের বাক্য লিখছি

- অনিতা দাস

আমাদের বাক্য class বুঝার দিন হয়। আমাদের ছয়জন টিচার আছে। আমরা বাক্য ডায়া, গান, এবং নাচ লিখছি। কবিতা, নাটক, গান, এবং নাচ practice করি। এখন আমরা বাক্য লিখতে লিখছি। Class-এর শেষে আমরা অবশি snacks খাই, এবং homework নিয়ে বসে যাই।

Italy Rocks!!

- Puloma & Tori



Italy rocks! When I got into the airport I was even excited then and even when I was in the plane. The minute the plane started my ears got clogged. When we finally got to Rome, our hotel, the lobby was like a palace even though our room wasn't. I must admit jumping on the bed was fun. I went out to the Coliseum and saw six dogs and one stray cat. The Coliseum is a place where gladiators used to fight a long time ago. We went back to the hotel and explored and watched Bugs bunny cartoon on TV.

The next day I climbed up the dome of St. Peter's Basilica. The staircase was very narrow and I needed tired...there was a rope at the top flight of the staircase where it did not have a banister. Finally, when we got to the top, it was really high! We saw the sunset on the city of Rome. When we came down, I was much more tired. So I had a yummy gelato and went to bed.



The next day we took the train to Florence. Our hotel room was the best room ever! It had two floors and a balcony! We brought our Webkinz hippo, which Puloma named Hillary and Skipper

the bunny is mine. We took the bus to Sienna and saw cool statues, like Michael Angelo's David. We took the bus back to Florence at the end of the day.

Then we took the train to Venice where I saved a piece of bread after breakfast and went outside for a walk at St. Marks Square. I feed hundreds of pigeons. One bird came up and perched on my hand and ate from it.

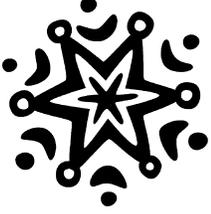


Then we went to Milan where we ate yummy pizza with truffles. Next, we went to the airport. But we missed our flight, so we had to buy new tickets for another flight. When I got to the plane, we stopped at Switzerland saw the mountains through the airplane window and ate chocolate and went home. Home, sweet home!

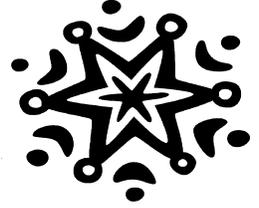
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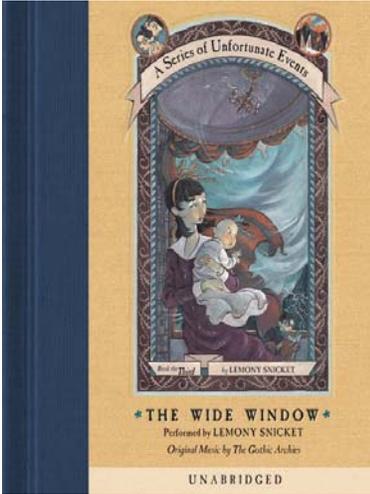


আমি শীতকাল ভালবাসি। আমার
তুষারঝড় ভাল লাগে। শুখন চাবিদিব
সাদা হয়ে যায়। দিদি আর আমি
আমাদের শিহনের মাঠে বরফে খেলা
করি আর Snowball ছুড়ি। মাঝে মাঝে
আমি বরফ দিয়ে আমি নিজেকে
তেকে দেই। আমি বুঝতে পারিনি
কেন সবাই শীতকাল ভালবাসেনা।



THE WIDE WINDOW

- critiqued by Puloma



Do you want to read a book on happy little elves? Then put down this book right now. "The Wide Window" by Lemony Snicket, takes place in the present day in a little holiday town that is not crowded at all, because Hurricane Herman is soon to come! Although nowhere near the ocean, in Lake Lachrymose anything can happen!

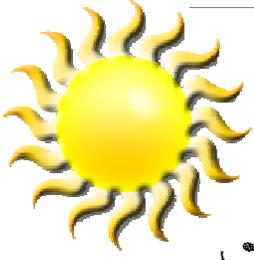
Violet, Klaus and Sunny Baudelaire are the main characters. Violet likes to invent things, fourteen years old, she is very smart. Klaus, twelve years old, wears glasses and likes to read all kinds of books. Sunny was a baby who likes to bite



things. They were at a beach which saved them from the house fire that killed their parents.

The Baudelaire children were informed of the death of their parents by Mr. Poe, a banker, who takes care of the fortune inherited by the children. Plump, with glasses, he always wears a black top hat... (continued on page 7)





দুর্গানুষ্ঠে ঈশা বিলায়

করবমলে দুর্গানুষ্ঠে য়।
আমি মা-কাকর মায়ে
তিন দিন পুজে তেখেতে
নেছিলাম। একমেনে কোনে
মেঘ ছিল না। আমি দেখলাম
যে মা দুর্গা অমুর কে মারছে।



a SPY IN DELHI

By Nikhilesh

One warm night in the bar of Skylark, two men sat talking. As they finished their drinks, one of them said to the other, "I fly out from Kennedy tomorrow. I will wait for you in Heathrow. If you don't show in 3 days, I'll fly on without you." With this, he left.

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A few days later, hundreds of miles away, in the city of Kolkata, completely oblivious of anything around them, 7 boys were playing cricket. As they threw, caught, and hit, they noticed 2 oddly dressed men. As they came closer, one of the men asked them in English, "Do you know the way to Tollygunge station?"

"No. Sorry."

The next morning, in Delhi, Calcutta, Mumbai, and just about everywhere else in India, sellers of newspapers were calling "Break in at the government! Find out what was stolen! Learn who did it! Keep your eyes open for the thugs and collect a reward!" Everyone from big cities to isolated farms knew about the break in. Two oddly dressed men had been seen, and the authorities assumed that they had stolen the top secret plans for a new military jet. What the authorities didn't know was how the newspapers knew that...

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THE WIDE WINDOW

(con. from page 5)

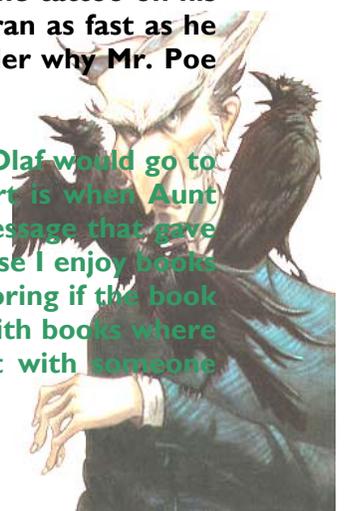
Aunt Josephine is very good at grammar. In the note she left a message for the children, so she did not entirely abandon them. The message, which is “Curdle Cove” she deliberately made spelling mistakes that gave the children a clue about her hideout. Aunt Josephine is scared of many things, for example, she is scared of answering or dialing the phone or turning on the stove for even a second. She is not a good guardian because at the least fear from a threat from Count Olaf, she runs away leaving the children behind.

Count Olaf is the villain. He is an actor with no talent. He is greedy and wants to steal rather than to pay for something he wants. He wants to steal the Baudelaire fortune. In this story Count Olaf is trying to steal the Baudelaire’s fortune by dressing up as a person called Captain Sham. More like “Captain Evil”! by making an impression on Aunt Josephine.

The main problem in this story is that Count Olaf is trying to steal the fortune of the Baudelaire children. He is doing it by dressing up as a man called Captain Sham. Gaining Aunt Josephine’s trust, then calling as Count Olaf, makes Aunt Josephine jump out of the window. She had to hide in Curdle Cave. She left a note for the children, which had a secret message in it. The children were able to make out the secret code that read as “Curdle Cave”. To get there, they had to sail across Lake Lachrymose. No big deal? But to sail across a lake with leeches in the middle of a hurricane is a big deal. They found the cave and Aunt Josephine inside. She did not want to leave. Klaus had to say to her that the cave was for sale and that there would be many realtors visiting, knowing her fear of realtors. It worked; Aunt Josephine agreed to sail back with them. When they sailed back, Sunny vomited. The leeches with a keen sense of smell caught it and started knocking on the boat, then became angry and smashed through the boat itself! In a matter of seconds, the boat was filled. Was this the end of the Baudelaire orphans? No, Count Olaf revealed himself to Aunt Josephine and pushed her into the water of the lake filled with leeches.

Count Olaf, disguised as Captain Sham came to bring the Baudelaire children to live with him. Mr. Poe as usual discounted the words of the children who tried to convince him about the true identity of their prospective guardian. Sunny snuck up on Captain Sham and bit off his peg leg revealing the tattoo on his ankle. Count Olaf’s disguise did not fool anyone anymore and he ran as fast as he could. At least the children were safe and had each other. I wonder why Mr. Poe does not believe the children. Will he ever?

I enjoyed the book, but in the end, I really wish that Count Olaf would go to jail. Just a happy ending and it would be perfect! My favorite part is when Aunt Josephine writes a message but in her message she left another message that gave the children the clue about her hide-out, it’s my favorite part because I enjoy books where the people have to think how to solve their problem. It is boring if the book lets the main character take a free ride, right? I have enjoyment with books where the main character solves their own problem by themselves, not with someone else’s help.



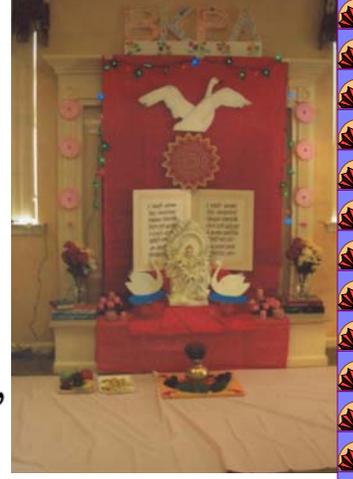
আমার ২০০৮ সরস্বতী পূজা

শীতকালে, মাঘমাসে হলো আমাদের ২০০৮ সরস্বতী পূজা। ঐ দিনে আমি সকালে অনিতার সংগে ক্লাবহাউসে পূজার জায়গাটা সাজাতে গেলাম। আমরা বাংলা ক্লাসে যেসব ডেকরেসন করেছিলাম সেগুলো দেওয়ালে টাঙিয়ে দিলাম। পূজা শুরু হলে আমরা চুপকরে বসেছিলাম, ২ ঘন্টার মত সময় ধরে। পূজোর পরে প্রসাদ খেলাম, তারপর আমাদের প্রোগ্রাম হল। অনেক জন বাজাল, গান করল, আর কবিতা বলল। সবারই খুব আনন্দ হল।

এবার বৈশাখী শুরু হবে, আর সবাই আমাদের প্রোগ্রামে নিশ্চয় আসবে।

- শুভাশ্রী সামন্ত

(আমি নিজে টাইপ করলাম)



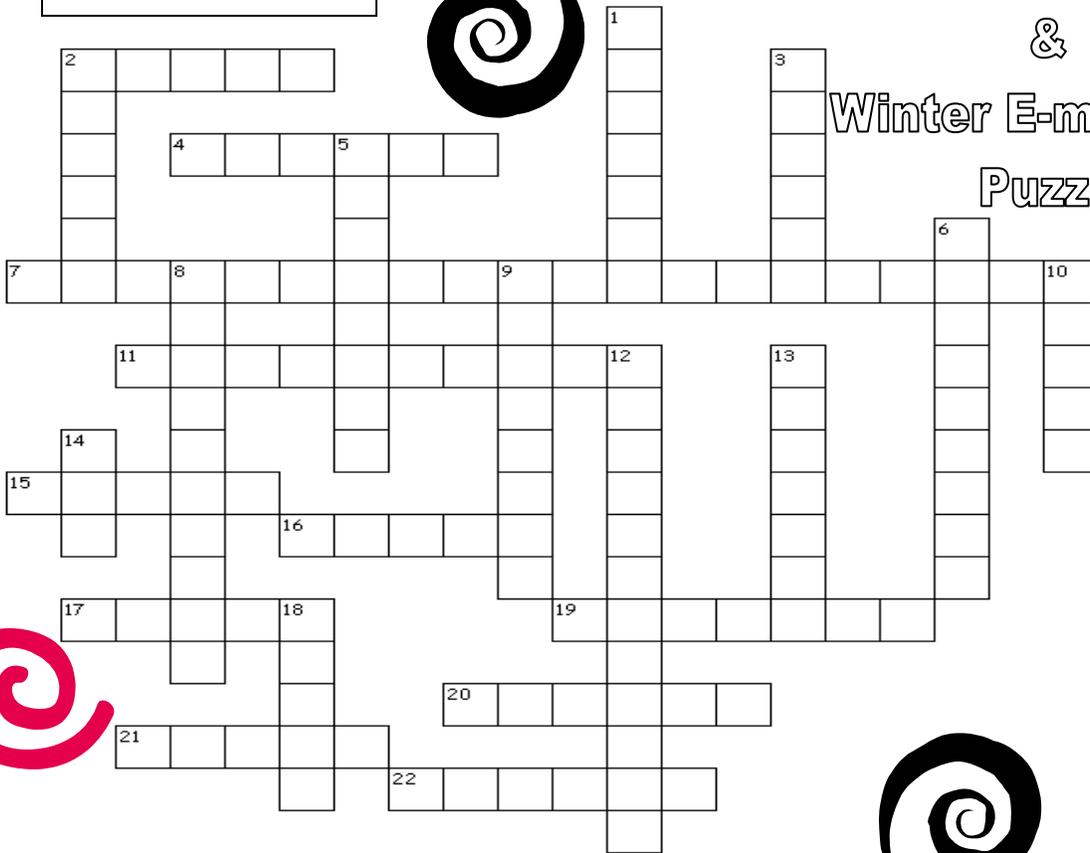
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Puzzle



Across

2. Rohin got a shark ____.
4. We eat ____ at the end of bangla class.
7. The name of our bangla school is _____ (no spaces).
11. The ____ children are the main characters of "The Wide Window".
15. Tori and Puloma ate yummy pizza with truffles in ____.
16. We are now learning to ____ bangla in the bangla class.
17. Isha wrote about her ____ Puja experience.
19. Puloma critiqued a book by Lemony ____.
20. Arnob wrote about the season ____.
21. We welcomed the year 1415 with our ____ Nabobarsho event.
22. Tanya's sister loves her little ____.

Down

1. The boys playing _____ in A Spy in Delhi notice two oddly dressed men.
2. Rohin saw a 60 year old ____.
3. There are __ vowels in the Bengali alphabet.
5. The ____ is where Tory saw six dogs and one stray cat.
6. Subha wrote about the ____ Puja.
8. ____ used to fight in the Coliseum.
9. Neela saw elves and ____ in The Winter Wonderland
10. ____ is a baby that likes to bite things.
12. The name of our e-magazine is ____.
13. Nikhilesh's story begins in the bar of ____.
14. Anita said we have ____ teachers in our bangla class.
18. Where did Rayan and Romi go?

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MATH SQUARE

Answers on pg. 16

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x		+		-	
	x		+		44
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Try to fill in the missing numbers.

Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations.

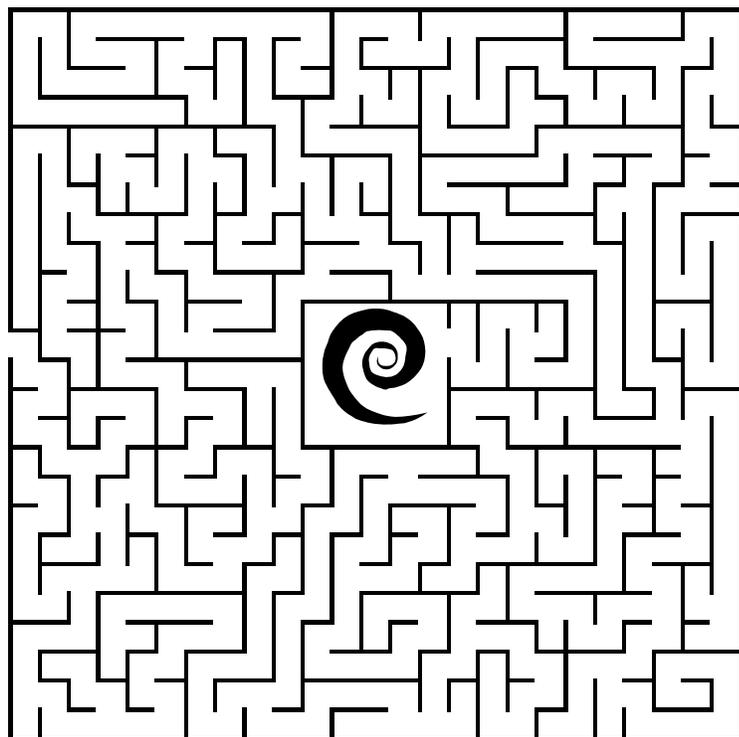
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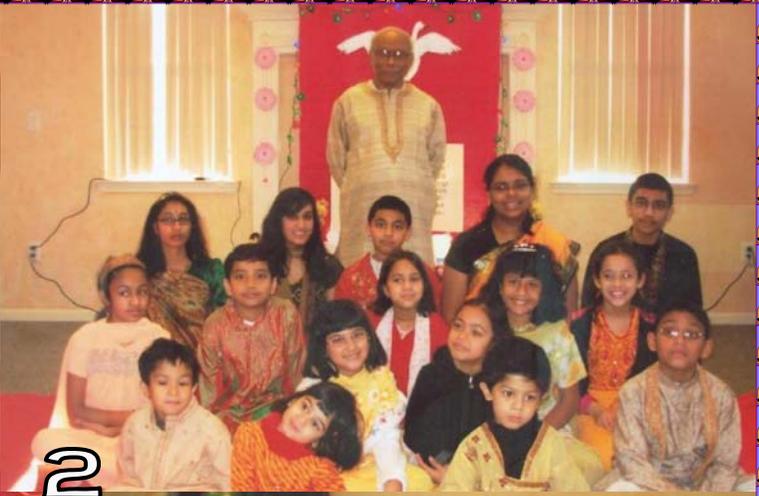
Each row is a math equation. Work from left to right.

Each column is a math equation. Work from top to bottom.



MAZE





2008 Srawati Pujā

a SPY IN DELHI

(con. from page 5)

Because of the importance of the plans, every security force in India was alerted. Then the Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, called up the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Mr. Gordon Brown and the president of the United States, Mr. George W. Bush, and told them about the plans' theft. The description of the strangers was circulated around the world. Every security force in the world (except for Iraq, Egypt, Israel, and Palestinian, who had bigger problems to worry about) knew about the theft, the strangers, and what the plans contained.

Meanwhile, two men who looked nothing like the strangers told each other, "Blast, we were too slow. I wonder who has them. HQ ain't gonna to be happy about this."

His partner replied, "We'll just have to find the plans. The first 2-man nuclear fighter jet! If they fall into the wrong hands, the whole world's in danger."

"Let's hope we find a way out of this mess."

"We'd better make sure that we're armed and ready before we go after them."

"Of course."

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The U.S. Secretary of Defense (Robert Gates) was in a conversation with the president, the Secretary of State (Condoleezza Rice), and a few other officials.

The secretary of defense was saying, "It looks like Eagle and Hawk failed to warn the Indian government, and now everybody is looking for them. We've got to send in someone else to help them."

The army Special Forces commander said, "Their best chance is their team. We can have Air Squad over there in less than a day."

"Ok, brief Falcon and the rest of the crew. Who is there anyway?"

Another minister piped up, "There is Osprey, Raptor, Tomcat, and Hornet."

The president spoke up, "What are their real names?"

"That's classified. Actually, only they know, and the former commander."

"The MIA one?"

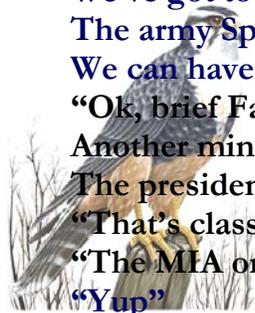
"Yup"

"OK. Go send them. And warn them about the danger. They will be able to find our missing men, right?"

"Don't worry. They aren't part of the JSF elite for nothing."

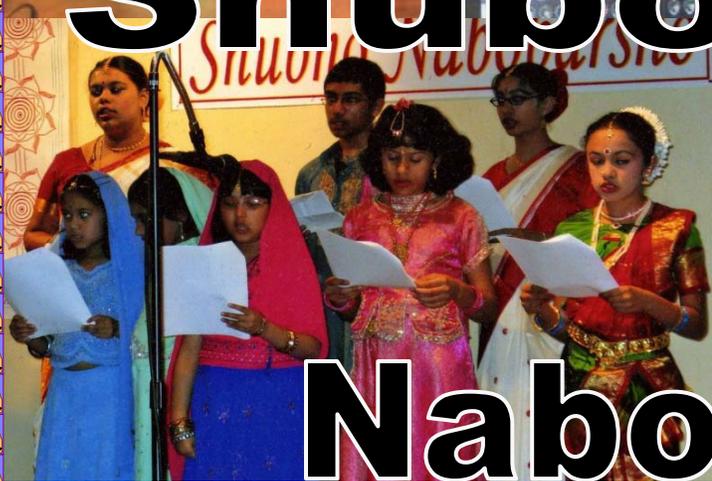
"That's what I'm worried about."

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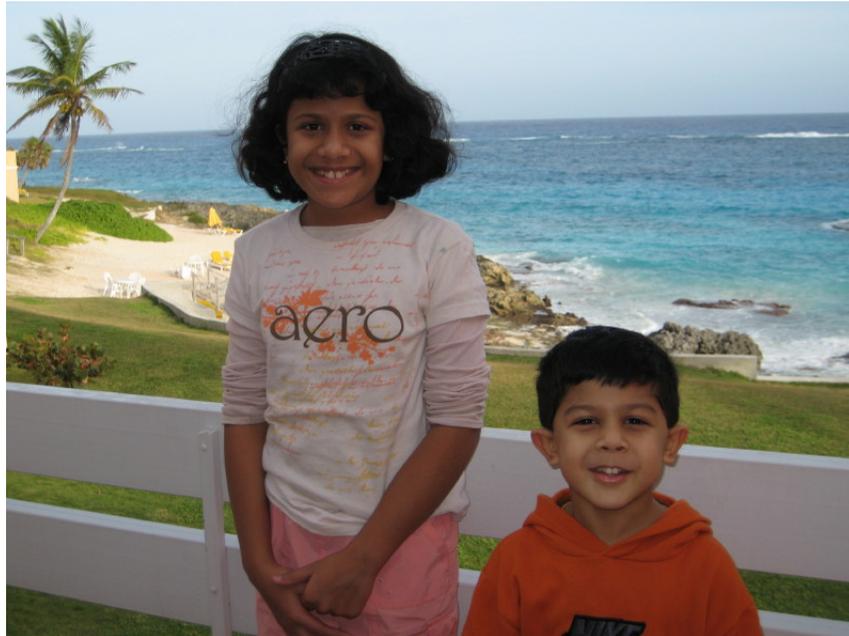


Nabobarsho



1415





Our trip to Aruba
Romi and Rayan



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Our Next Events of 2008 Are...

- Bijoya Sammelani (Saturday, Nov.15, 2008)
- Winter Holiday Party (Saturday, Dec 13, 2008)

elections!!!

A committee's term is 12 months long – from September to August. So, it's time for a **new committee!**

And this year we'll be **voting** for our new committee! YOU get the opportunity to nominate the committee members!

Send in your nominations for: (You don't need to nominate someone for every position)

- President (1)
- Vice Presidents (2)
- Treasurers (2)
- Secretary (1)
- Game Planners (2)
- e-Magazine Coordinators (1-2)
- Cultural Events Coordinators (2)
- News Updaters (2)



to president@bkpa.org by August 8!

- Nominees will be considered by the Advisory Board before final candidates for elections are selected.
- You *may* nominate yourself.
- If a nominee does not wish to run -- when informed of their nomination, express your wishes.
- If someone is nominated to run for more than one position – they can. After elections, if they have been voted into both positions, they will choose which they would rather do, the other position will be given to the next candidate with the most number of votes.
- **Stay tuned for more info – we'll be holding a meeting in August to vote!**

PUZZLE ANSWERS

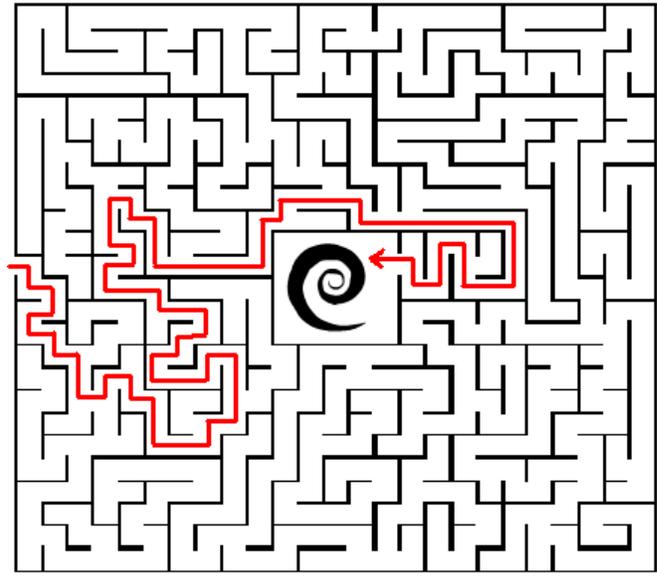
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Crossword puzzle grid with the following words filled in:

- 1 C R I C K E T
- 2 T R U C K
- 3 T W E L V E
- 4 S N A C K S
- 5 C K S
- 6 S
- 7 B E N G A L I H E R I T A G E C L A S S
- 8 G A L I H E R I T A G E C L A S S
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- 10 S
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- 15 M I L A N X T O W R I T E R
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- 18 A
- 19 S N I C K E T
- 20 W I N T E R
- 21 S H U B O A
- 22 P I L L O W



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FOR
READING!!!

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~ Neela
&
Subha

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