

2.3

A Wall Magazine for your Class!



Students of VI A bubbled with enthusiasm all the time – be it sports, hobbies or studies. This year they surprised the rest of the school by bringing out a wall magazine. The idea became so popular that soon there were unique wall magazines in almost every class in the school. This is what Class VI A did to plan and prepare their wall magazine.

First, the students and class teacher of VI A brought several children's magazines and pages of children's sections in periodicals and newspapers to the classroom.

They studied the contents to see what all was included in the magazines. There was a tremendous variety – stories, poems, puzzles, riddles, craft ideas, informative articles, interesting tidbits of information, jokes, board games, book reviews, quizzes, study tips, health tips and even recipes! There were also columns about students' achievements, doubts and problems. These columns were run with the help of teachers or parents.

After studying all the material, a discussion was held in the class to choose sections for their own magazine. It was decided that:

There would be at least four issues of the magazine. There would be a separate team for each issue. The team would have an editor, one or two

sub-editors, illustrators (artists) and writers (those who actually copied or typed the issue in beautiful letters.)

Anyone in the class could send contributions to the issue. The editors would select the articles to be included and their decision would be final.

Thus, there would be four different teams to work on the four issues.

The columns (regular features in all four issues) were planned with the help of the class teacher. Apart from the editorial teams, more groups were made to run columns like Craft Ideas, Recipes, 'I need help!', Science Corner, etc. It was the job of these groups to collect material for their respective columns.

With the teacher's help, a prominent place was fixed to display the magazine in the classroom.

A long discussion was held to choose a good name for the magazine.

Are you tempted to do something similar for your own class? What are you waiting for? Go ahead!

On the next few pages, you will find some specimens from the wall magazine of VI A. We are sure you can create even more interesting pages, if you use your own ideas and talents!

For the teacher : Please use the procedure outlined here to bring out Wall Magazines prepared by your students. Give them freedom to choose regular features or columns. Please see that every child contributes something to the magazine or shares some of the work.

JOKES



Teacher : Wally, why are you late?

Wally : The train had a flat tyre.



'What are the three words most often used by students?' the teacher asked the class.

'I don't know,' sighed a student.

'That's correct!' said the teacher.



Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

Because his students were so bright.

Teacher : I wish you'd pay a little attention.

Student : I'm paying as little attention as possible.

Dad : How did you find your maths exam?

Son : Unfortunately, it wasn't lost!



Teacher : Your daughter's only five and she can spell her name backwards? Why, that's remarkable!

Mother : Yes, we're very very proud of her.

Teacher : And what is your daughter's name?

Mother : Anna.

Fun with words

Which bird can lift the heaviest weights?

The crane.



What can you serve, but never eat?

A tennis ball.



What jam can't you eat?

A traffic jam!



What's the difference between a hungry person and a greedy person?

One longs to eat, and the other eats too long.



SCIENCE CORNER

Why do water, tin sheets become hot in the sun, but not a tree?



Water and tin sheets are non-living. When they receive heat, they get heated according to their properties and may even change the state in which they are. Water turns into vapour, and even tin sheets melt at very high temperatures. They do not make any attempts to cool themselves.

But you know that bodies of living things carry out different processes that help them to survive or to adapt to their surroundings. Plants carry out a process called transpiration. In this process, water is absorbed by the roots and is sent up through the stems, up to the leaves. On the underside of leaves, there are pores (or holes) called 'stomata'. Plants use up some of the water they absorb and the rest is given out through these stomata. This process helps plants to cool themselves.

(Humans also use a similar process to cool themselves. Can you guess what it is? Yes, sweating!)

Also, you know that big trees have trunks. The trunks consist of wood. Wood is not a good conductor of heat.

You may relate this information with what is given in your science textbook (Responsiveness to stimuli, Heat, States of Matter, etc.)

Some questions for the next issue :

- Why do the sun and moon change their size?
- How can we see many channels on the same TV set?
- Why do we see one image when we have two eyes?

I am confused. Please help!



My best friend is ignoring me this year : I feel angry and unhappy about it, but I still think of her as my best friend. Why is she doing this to me?
I am confused. Please help!

Expert advice from senior friends !

Hmmm ! Don't we all feel this some time or other ? Don't worry. Let's see what we can do. First, please think about it without getting upset. Is she really ignoring you ? What are the things that you used to do together, but don't do any more ? For example : sitting on the same bench, having your tiffin together, coming to school or going back home together and so on. If you still do most of these things together, you may be wrong in thinking that she is ignoring you. You can talk to her about it. Find out if you have hurt her in some way, if there is a misunderstanding and that is why she is not as warm towards you as she was before. If that is so, you can simply say sorry and she will immediately be friends with you again.

Has she made new friends ? Is that what is making you feel a little jealous and sad ? Well, you can always be friends with her new friends ! Your friend may appreciate it.

If your last year's best friend has really started ignoring you without any reason, do not keep brooding about it. You can make friends with others. Maybe after a few days, your old friend will also be close to you, once again.

What could be some other problems for the next issue ? —

The Little Rose Tree

Rhyme and Rhythm

Every rose on the little tree
Is making a different face at me!
Some look surprised when I pass by,
And others droop — but they are shy.
These two whose heads together press
Tell secrets I could never guess.
Some have their heads thrown back to sing,
And all the buds are listening.
I wonder if the gardener knows,
Or if he calls each just a rose?

– Rachel Field



Lyrics

a flying horse



Did you ever see a horse fly,
a horse fly, a horse fly?
Did you ever see a horse fly,
a horse fly, fly, fly?
Did you ever see a pen stand,
a pen stand, a pen stand?
Did you ever see a pen stand,
a pen stand, stand, stand?

a horsefly



You can use these funny phrases in place of 'horse fly' or 'pen stand'. Enjoy the puns (different meanings)!

shoe lace, hair pin, tooth pick, eye drop,
neck tie, eye lash, yard stick, ear drum

One Bright Day ... (A Hand-clapping Rhyme)



One bright day in the middle of the night,
Two dead soldiers got up to fight.

Back to back they faced each other,
Drew their swords and shot each other.

A deaf policeman heard the noise
And ran to save the two dead boys.

If you don't believe this lie is true,
Ask the blind man, he saw it too.