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Admission Notice

FOR PLAYGROUP, NURSERY, LKG AND UKG FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

Dear Parents, Hari Om!

Registration forms for admission for the academic year 2022-23 for PLAYGROUP, NURSERY, LKG & UKG can be downloaded from 24th September 2021 onwards from the website www.newhorizonvidyamandir.in

Filled in registration forms to be submitted at New Horizon Vidya Mandir or can be submitted online to the following email ID: admissions@newhorizonvidyamandir.in

Parents are welcome to visit the campus after submission of the application form.


Timings: Monday-Saturday: 9.00am to 2.30pm

An interaction/online interaction with your child will be conducted commencing from 22nd October 2021. Admissions will be confirmed on a first come basis and based on the interaction.

Please submit the filled in registration form with the following enclosed:

1. The latest passport size photograph of the child
2. Photocopy of the birth certificate
3. Aadhar copy of the child

The child should have completed 1 year and 10 months as on 1st June 2022 for admission to Playgroup. For admission to Nursery, the child should have completed 2.9 years on 1st June 2022, for LKG and UKG the corresponding age will be considered.


Mrs. Usha Vasudevan
Principal-NHVM


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**ADMISSION PROCESS
FOR NURSERY to Std VII FOR THE SESSION 2022-23**

Registration forms for admission for the academic year 2022-2023 for Nursery to Std VII will be available on our website: www.nhps.in

Filled in registration form to be submitted online on our website along with

- 1) The latest passport size photograph (size less than 100 KB in jpeg/png format)
- 2) Scanned copy of the marks card (For Std II to VII) of the previous school attended.
- 3) Scanned copy of the birth certificate of the child (PDF format less than 1 MB)
- 4) Aadhaar card

The child should have completed 2 years 9 months as on 1st June 2022 for admission to Nursery. For other classes, the corresponding age is taken into account for admission.

Registration fee: 500/- ₹

NOTE:

- The number of seats available for the above mentioned classes for 2022-23 are limited
- The e-prospectus is available on our website
- There is no vacancy for Grade II. Kindly do not register

Anupama Sethi
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INDIAN CONSTITUTION DAY- 26th November



"However good a constitution may be, if those who are implementing it are not good, it will prove to be bad. However bad a constitution may be, if those implementing it are good, it will prove good"

~Dr. B. R. Ambedkar



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY- 10th DECEMBER



“Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being’s entitlement by virtue of his humanity.”
~Mother Teresa

Human Rights Day is observed every year on the 10th of December to commemorate the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948. The UDHR is a milestone document, which proclaims the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, gender, language, birth or other status.

HUNGAMA – Phase 3 – MAD ADS – 27th NOVEMBER

Hungama – Phase 3 – Mad Ads, the final family event for this academic year was held on 27th November. The theme MAD ADS was the perfect platform where creativity met madness in every sense. Over the years we have seen ads that touch our heart, ads that play on our emotions, ads that tickle our funny cells and ads that even have a social message. MAD ADS was all about seeing the families of our little ones market products using complete madness in the creativity of ads that they advertised. What we got to hear were creative puns, experienced some crazy humour and watched some hilarious comedy.

The creative streak in each one of them dazzled through beautifully scripted acts combined with innovative brand names highlighted by rib-tickling tag lines. A memorable family event indeed !!





UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY- 19th NOVEMBER



A day of and for the children was celebrated on 19th November as Universal Children's Day. Children understood the significance of the celebration all over the world pertaining especially to 'Right for education of children without disruptions'. Although at a very tender age, our little ones are tuned to their emotions. A beautiful story on empathy brought out views and opinions from the hearts and minds of our children. An interesting session on 'Open your heart' with the question 'If you are asked to take decisions on your own for a day, what will you do?' set the thought process in motion for them. How can a day of celebration be complete without a dash of fun and games? Well, they had their share of excitement with some fun-filled games that kept their mind on alert and them on their feet.

DANCE COMPETITION

Childhood is an age of innocence where emotions are reflected through like a mirror without any pretense. For our little ones 'dance' is the language of the body to express their utmost joy and happiness. The celebration of this emotion was done on 3rd De-



ember through the Dance competition in the Pre-primary division. Rhythm of the music in each song was matched with every dance step that our children grooved with. Dressed in costumes as in the original song, our little children looked like they have sprung straight out of the song. A plethora of performances with the likes of classical, freestyle, Bollywood showcased the versatility of dances that we as Indians have been portraying over the years.

The proficiency in the dances by our little ones surely made judging a very difficult task indeed !





The Incomparable Ocean

The beautiful ocean, O the mighty ocean,
Is such a magnificent jewel!

All the ships gliding
And all the sea horses paddling
Is such a mesmerizing sight!

All the fine coral reef,
the starfish being a thief
stealing our gaze upon the sea!
The delicate foam and bubbles,
the fine bead pearls beneath their shells
makes the sea look incredible!

The Persian blue color,
The sparkling glitter
is such a fantasy sight!

No words express of its vast importance can survive life to abundance

The ocean with no end,
the waves which rise and bend
can never be compare ever!
The beautiful ocean, O the mighty ocean,
Is such a magnificent jewel!

Prisha S

6B



3,200 YEAR OLD CIVILIZATION



One grain has made the entire world look at Tamil Nadu, a state in India. A carbon dating analysis of rice with soil, found in a burial urn at Sivakalai in Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu, by the Miami-based Beta Analytic Testing Laboratory has yielded the date of 1155 BC, indicating that the Thamirabarani civilisation dates back to 3,200 years. This was announced by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu said studies would also be conducted in Southeast Asian countries, such as Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam, where King Rajendra Chola had established his territories.

It all started when the archaeologist found a grain mixed with soil in an earthen pot. This grain of rice was sent to the laboratory. Surprisingly, it is proven that the Thamirabarani civilization is the oldest civilization in Tamil Nadu. The Chief Minister informed the Assembly. The finding has established that the Porunai River (Thamirabarani) civilization dates back to 3,200 years. It is the task of the government to scientifically prove that the history of the Indian sub-continent should begin from the Tamil landscape.

We, Indians never fail to make the world look back and get mesmerised by our culture and we never fail to prove our soil is full of tradition and emotion. It's time to re-write history.

Adhithi K

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TEACHER'S CORNER

EFFECTIVE PARENTING



EFFECTIVE PARENTING: "To be in your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today."

Try to set a side time on a regular basis to do something fun with your child.



Both the parents should have an equal share in the responsibility of discipline as much as possible.



Help your child learn to express how he feels. Say: "You seem frustrated." "How are you feeling?" "Are you upset?" "You look like you are angry about that." "It's O.K. to feel that way."



Use a soft, confident tone of voice to redirect them when they are upset.



What you do matters. Whether it's your own health behaviors or the way you treat other people, your children are learning from what you do. "This is one of the most important principles," Steinberg explains. "What you do makes a difference...Don't just react on the spur of the moment. Ask yourself, What do I want to accomplish, and is this likely to produce that result?"



You cannot be too loving. "It is simply not possible to spoil a child with love," Steinberg writes. "What we often think of as the product of spoiling a child is never the result of showing a child too much love. It is usually the consequence of giving a child things in place of love -- things like leniency, lowered expectations, or material possessions."



Be involved in your child's life. "Being an involved parent takes time and is hard work, and it often means rethinking and rearranging your priorities. It frequently means sacrificing what you want to do for what your child needs to do. Be there mentally as well as physically."

Being involved does not mean doing a child's homework -- or correcting it. "Homework is a tool for teachers to know whether the child is learning or not," Steinberg says. "If you do the homework, you're not letting the teacher know what the child is learning."



Establish and set rules. "If you don't manage your child's behavior when he is young, he will have a hard time learning how to manage himself when he is older and you aren't around. Any time of the day or night, you should always be able to answer these three questions: Where is my child? Who is with my child? What is my child doing? The rules your child has learned from you are going to shape the rules he applies to himself."

"But you can't micromanage your child," Steinberg notes. "Once they're in middle school, you need to let the child do their own homework, make their own choices and not intervene."



Avoid harsh discipline. Parents should never hit a child, under any circumstances, Steinberg says. "Children who are spanked, hit, or slapped are more prone to fighting with other children," he writes.

"They are more likely to be bullies and more likely to use aggression to solve disputes with others."

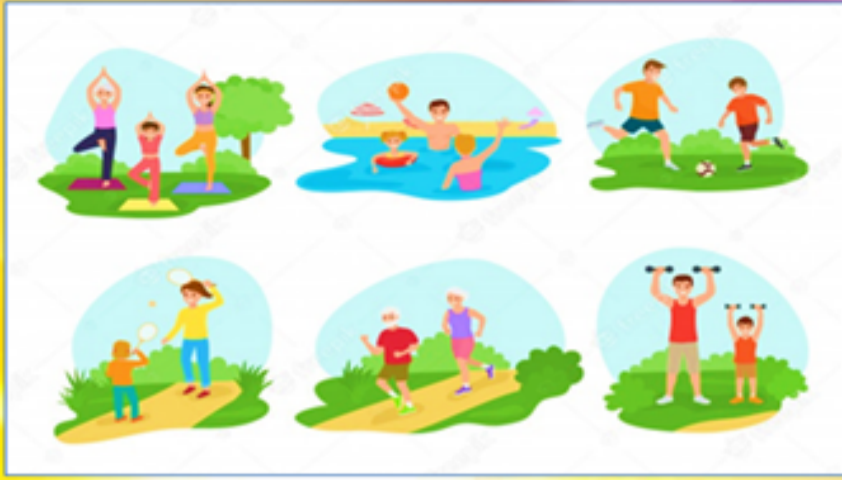
"There are many other ways to discipline a child -- including 'time out' -- which work better and do not involve aggression."



Treat your child with respect. "The best way to get respectful treatment from your child is to treat him respectfully," Steinberg writes. "You should give your child the same courtesies you would give to anyone else. Speak to him politely. Respect his opinion. Pay attention when he is speaking to you. Treat him kindly. Try to please him when you can. Children treat others the way their parents treat them. Your relationship with your child is the foundation for her relationships with others."



Expose your child to a variety of physical fitness activities and sports. Your child will likely find the combination of activities or sports that are most enjoyable for him or her and will not become bored of one activity.



Show That Your Love Is Unconditional. As a parent, you're responsible for correcting and guiding your kids. But how you express your corrective guidance makes all the difference in how a child receives it.



Make Communication a Priority. You can't expect kids to do everything simply because you, as a parent, "say so." They want and deserve explanations as much as adults do. If we don't take time to explain, kids will begin to wonder about our values and motives and whether they have any basis. Parents who reason with their kids allow them to understand and learn in a nonjudgmental way.



**Jayanthi Ramakrishna
Headmistress**





It's that time of the year,
As the curtains are set to fall,
Let's be thankful with all our heart,
To those who made us smile,
On a rainy day!
To those who had our backs,
During the needy times!
To those who believed in us,
When our self belief was shaken!
To those who rooted for us,
When we felt challenged at times!
Let's be thankful with all our hearts to,
The support of our family,
At all times, high and low!
The sudden hugs and smiles,
That soothes our hearts and makes us aglow!
The caring and sharing shown,
Uplifting our mood, on a trying day!
It's definitely the time to reminisce,
The wondrous memories made,
The lasting friendships created,
As the year is drawing to a close,
Let's all be thankful with all our hearts for everything today and every
single day!

Radha Rajesh
Teacher



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF GITA JAYANTI



Gita Jayanti also referred to as Bhagavad-Gita Jayanti, is celebrated across India and abroad, on the eleventh day (Ekadashi) of the bright half of the month of Margashira (December-January) by all Krishna devotees. In celebrating the birthday of the Bhagavad-Gita, we also celebrate its long interpretive history. This year Gita Jayanti falls on December 14th.

It is on this auspicious day around five thousand years ago, that the Supreme Lord Krishna delivered the immortal knowledge of devotional service in the form of the Bhagavad-Gita to His dearest devotee and friend Arjuna, and to humanity at large.

On the very first day of the 18 day-Kurukshetra war, the great warrior Arjuna became distraught over the prospect of fighting against his cousins, Gurus, relatives and friends. Lord Krishna expounded the truth of life and the philosophy of Karma and Dharma to him and persuaded him to engage in the upcoming battle, thereby giving birth to one of the world's greatest scriptures, the Gita. When Arjuna turned to his spiritual master for guidance, the Lord alleviated all his qualms by teaching him the four-fold Yogas of Karma (action), Bhakti (devotion), Gyana (knowledge) and Prema (love).

The entire text of Gita is written in the third person, narrated by Sanjaya to King Dhritarashtra as it transpired between Lord Krishna and Arjuna. (Sanjaya was blessed by his Guru Vyasadeva with the power to remotely view the events taking place on the battlefield.)

The Bhagavad-Gita, which is a small portion of the epic Mahabharata, consists of 18 chapters and 700 verses. This marvellous scripture not only focuses on the decorum of war but also on the religious practices, philosophical issues and ethical dilemmas that concerned the Indian subcontinent at the time of its composition. A striking eminence of the Bhagavad-Gita is that it adapts to the present and confers an issue by delving itself into the present. It has the ability to address contemporary issues and has been solving both the trivial and vital anomalies of humanity for many millennia.

The Gita is not just a mere book or a scripture; it is a source of power and wisdom. It inspires us when we feel disconsolate and strengthens us when we are weak and fragile. It explains us how to follow the path of virtue and how to resist taking the route of unrighteousness. It is said, "The teachings of the Gita are broad, sublime and universal. They do not belong to any particular cult, sect, creed, age, place or country. They are meant for all. They are within the reach of all. The Gita has a message for the solace, peace,

freedom, salvation and perfection of all human beings.”

Lord Krishna says in the Gita, “And I am seated in the hearts of all; from Me are memory and knowledge, as well as their absence. I am verily that which has to be known by all the Vedas; I am indeed the author of Vedanta, and the knower of the Vedas am I”. Thus, the voice of the Gita is the call of the Supreme and through it the supreme Lord guides and helps all his devotees understand the purpose of life, the way to surrender to Him and acquire eternal bliss and immortality in the process.

At all the temples of ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) across the globe, Gita Jayanti is celebrated with special offerings to Lord Krishna. Mass recital of the Bhagavad-Gita is performed throughout the day. In some places like Mayapur, a Gita-yajna is performed while devotees recite verses from the Bhagavad-Gita. Gita Jayanti is also celebrated as Mokshada Ekadashi. On this day, devotees observe fast, and on Dwadashi, (the 12th Day) the fast is broken by taking a ritualistic bath and performing Krishna Puja.

The significance of celebrating Gita Jayanti is to recall the teachings of Gita and to apply them in our daily life. It gives us the courage to lead an active and virtuous life, that is also fruitful and productive to mankind. As we celebrate this auspicious day, may we all be sanctified by the illuminating light of Gita! May the Gita, the sacred Mother of the Vedas, guide and protect us all!

Hare Krishna!

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SPORTS



Basketball-The Charging Bulls:



Of the many surprises this new season, one of the most shocking has been the breakout success of the Chicago Bulls' roster, with a star studded core of Lonzo ball, an astute passer and someone who has been able to consistently knock down 3s at a rate of 41% this season, Zach Lavine, who has proven himself as a consistent all star level shooting guard, with his athletic finishes and highly efficient shooting from behind the arc, DeMar Derozan, someone who has shocked everyone by revitalising his career, producing at the highest rate since his Raptors days, and has got everyone rooting for him, Derrick Jones Jr, an explosive role player, and last but not least, Nikola Vucevic, an ever reliable big man who can both stretch the floor and clean up boards, while locking down the inside. This team, at face value, while powerful, is aided by something that will not reflect on any scoresheet: The immaculate fit of all the players, and how their playstyles perfectly complement one another. Every member of this team brings some crucial attribute to the table, be it explosiveness, shooting, defence or rebounding. Their already strong core is supported by a bench of top tier roleplayers such as "The Bald Eagle", Alex Caruso and the skilled young guard, Coby White. This team has had a season start most other teams could only dream of, improving on their last year's record of 31-41 with a record of 25-10 in the current season so far, a conference high and a whopping jump of 10 positions in the eastern conference. A team which didn't even make the playoffs last year is now expected to make it to the conference finals, maybe even a possible contender to take home the 2021-22 season championship trophy. The team has a plethora of offensive threats that will leave any defender at their wits end; leaving any one player on the floor open is as good as giving them points for free. Infact, I , along with many others would go as far as to say this team is an all-time Bulls lineup, rivalling the likes of the Big 3 of Jordan, Pippen and Rodman in the 90s, and the early 2010s team led by a pre-injury Derrick Rose, the youngest MVP of all time and to this day one of the most explosive point guards we have ever witnessed. Only time will tell where the Bulls will go this season, but until then, we NBA fans will continue to enjoy this team's energetic plays.

Prahlad Prakash Kini

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Football- New Year, New Signings:



Another year has gone by and the world of football is crazier than ever. As we welcome the new year, the Winter Transfer Window arrives and this time it's huge as the transfers deals are going to be larger in quantity and volume.

(Confirmed Transfers-)

In the first week of January we've already seen some important deals come through: Ferran Torres to Barca, Vitaly Mylenko and Nathan Patterson to Everton, Kieran Trippier to Newcastle, Maitland Niles to Roma on a loan, Tuanzebe to Napoli on a loan, Philippe Coutinho to Aston Villa on loan.

Andre Onana has signed with Inter as a Free Agent for the summer.

(Transfer Rumours-)

Erling Haaland after having taken the Bundesliga by storm, is all set to leave Dortmund this summer. Clubs like Manchester City, Manchester United, Chelsea, Liverpool, Real Madrid, Barcelona are all interested and it is likely that Mino Raiola will start talks with each club that are willing to pay the price soon. January and the next couple of months will be very interesting and could determine the future of Erling Haaland.

As we entered the final week of the summer transfer window, the Mbappe to Real Madrid Saga began which had everyone intrigued. PSG managed to keep Mbappe then but now his contract is expiring and a Pre-Contract with Real Madrid is very much possible. This will be a huge step in the Real Madrid Rebuild. Chelsea and Newcastle are reportedly looking for a Left Back. Chelsea need a short term fix for Ben Chilwell's injury and Newcastle look to begin their new project with this signing. Lucas Digne is set to leave Everton and is a viable option for these clubs but he has rejected Newcastle project and Chelsea seem doubtful on his valuation of 30 million pounds. Aston Villa are the only other club interested that could still swoop in for him.

Newcastle are looking to spend big this window as they look to upgrade the current squad to survive relegation as well as set up a good foundation for the seasons to come. They seem to have prioritized the defence this window and that's a good early sign in their project.

With the Trippier deal out of the way, they are now pushing to sign Sven Botman from Lille and Diego Carlos from Sevilla. If these deals are worked out soon they will be moving on to a leftback and possibly a Centre-Mid and Striker.

Manchester United are looking for a midfielder in this transfer window and they are reported to be interested in Boubacar Kamara (Marseille). This transfer is looking like a real possibility as it would be cheap and very low-risk. It would be a very sensible January signing. Manchester City continue to pursue their search for a striker and according to reports they have prioritized Erling Haaland for the summer. Harry Kane and Dusan Vlahovic are possible alternatives that interest them.

Arsenal are interested in signing Dusan Vlahovic. While it is highly unlikely that Fiorentina sell Vlahovic in January, it is reported that Arsenal lead the race for his signature. A new Centre-Mid is also a target this window and they are pursuing Bruno Guimares of Olympique Lyon. Though it is a tough deal Guimares would definitely fit into the Premier League as we have seen players from Ligue 1 flourish in England.

These are the latest reports as of when I am writing this and as we know things can always change in football very fast. It will be very interesting to see what goes down in the coming weeks. Olympique Lyon. Though it is a tough deal Guimares would definitely fit into the Premier League as we have seen players from Ligue 1 flourish in England.

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Ankit Satapathy

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Cricket- India's Historic Win at Centurion:

Prior to December 2021, no Asian team had won a test match at the delightful Centurion Stadium, also called the SuperSport Park, in South Africa. Our glorious team India broke this record by becoming the first team to do so. Before talking about everything that makes India's win at the Centurion so special, let us go back a decade to understand a little bit about how it all started.



Jacques Kallis' poses with the Man-of-the-Match award

On a marvellous Monday morning, back in December 16 2010, a determined Indian team led by Captain cool, MS Dhoni, was to face one of the best, if not the best South African test squad, led by their reliable Graeme Smith. This squad of South Africa's consisted of Amla, AB, Steyn and Morne Morkel. Not to mention probably the best all-rounder and one of the best wicket-keepers of all time, Jacques Kallis and Mark Boucher respectively, were also part of that squad. This was one hell of a team India were up against.

With Smith winning the toss and opting to field, two of India's finest openers Sehwag and Gambhir walked into the field ready to attack. Sehwag was sent back to the pavilion with Steyn providing the untimely breakthrough for South Africa. Every single upcoming batsman was sent back quite quickly with South Africa being handed breakthrough's in swift succession. With numerous single digit scores and with only Tendulkar and Dhoni scoring just over 30 runs, the Indian first innings had ended within just 40 overs of day's play. The South African openers Graeme Smith and Alviro Petersen set foot to give South Africa a respectable start. The upcoming 130 overs were going to be a total nightmare for India and they had no idea about what was coming their way. With the first 5 batsmen catering to their roles perfectly, the South Africans were on cloud nine. Skipper Smith scored a solid 62 along with Petersen who hit 77. Amla and AB both knocked 140 and 129 respectively and Kallis, the legendary all-rounder, smashed a breath-taking 201* and after all these wonderful knocks by the South African batsmen, they ended up declaring at 620-4.

After India's pathetic show in the first innings, you'd only expect something similar to happen this time as well. Thankfully for India, with a totally fresh mindset entered Sehwag and Gambhir. With Gambhir scoring 80 and Sehwag 63, India was off to a decent start. Ideally this would be considered a fabulous start, but I humbly use the word "decent" here considering the hammering we received from just 5 South Africans. Anyway, with Dravid scoring a 43, Tendulkar smashing a 111* and Dhoni whacking a 90, all the Indian players were sent back at 459-10. Despite these heroics, India lost the game by an innings and 25 runs. Jacques Kallis was indubitably awarded the Man of the Match award. Along with scoring the double-century, he bagged two wickets in the match. A complete performance him indeed.

The two teams met again at the same venue over 7 years later on January 13th 2018. This was a whole new team India with only Ishant Sharma being a part of this squad and the 11 who got annihilated back in 2010. It was a fresh South African team too where only 3 players who played back in 2010 played this game. With India being under the leadership of Dhoni's successor, King Kohli, this team looked quite deadly. The toss, this time too going in favour of South Africa, skipper du Plessis decided to bat first. It was a no-brainer, India would have wanted to bat first too. This being the second test of the series and with South Africa winning the first one, they had got the perfect start to this series.



New Captains- Kohli(L) and du Plessis(R)

The anthems were beautifully sung by the army band and both teams were ready to go. India's proud 9-Test Series win on a trot was under serious danger. Kohli dropped Bhuvi, at the time arguably India's best new-ball bowler and replaced him with Ishant. Then, he lost the toss. Everything was loaded against India as the players strode out to the middle. Bumrah was tossed the ball to open the attack and he was to bowl to Dean Elgar and Aiden Markram. With South Africa losing only 2 wickets in the first 60 overs of day's play, they were looking very relaxed. India managed to fight back by getting them all-out at 335 which was pretty reasonable considering the start South Africa had. Markram's 94, Amla's 82 and the skipper Faf's 63 were the key knocks of the South African first innings.

Murali Vijay and KL Rahul were the two who opened for India and India did not get the start they wished for. Rahul was caught and bowled by Morkel after scoring just 10 runs. South Africa had some extra luck come their way with Pujara, India's one down batter, sent back to the pavilion immediately in the form of a run-out from debutant Lungi Ngidi showing off his athleticism. It was a run-out and there was absolute madness on the field. Terrible from Vijay as well. Just as India's hopes came crashing down, Virat Kohli, India's skipper entered the field. You know how when you see someone with a lot of confidence walk into a room, he lifts up each and every other individual's spirit? This was one of those moments. With all the upcoming batters showcasing a poor display of their capabilities India were struggling. The only ray of sunshine for India was that their skipper was still out there. Kohli's wicket was the last wicket of the Indian innings after he scored a fantastic 153. His innings consisted of 15 boundaries and watching that innings would just make anyone's day! The class with which Kohli played, phew! Apart from Kohli's performance, Ashwin and Vijay provided with the bat as well scoring 38 and 46 respectively. Despite Kohli's magical innings India were trailing by 28 runs granting South Africa the upper hand.

The only goal South Africa now had, was to hit a total good enough which India would find uneasy to chase. The Indian bowlers just had to pick a few quick wickets to mess with the opposition's minds and they believed that they could win this game. I mean they had the talent, and they had their captain's perpetual enthusiasm on the field. What else did they need?

India got off to a good start getting the first innings' heroes Markram and Amla out for 1 run. Both of them were sent back by Boom-Boom-Bumrah. Luckily for South Africa, Elgar and de Villiers were at the crease for quite some time with each of them scoring 61 and 80. Both of them hadn't really got going in the first innings but this being red-ball cricket, they grabbed their opportunity in style. Their captain du Plessis too joined the party scoring 48 runs. Missed out on the half century but was a good innings from him to keep the scoreboard ticking. Eventually South Africa put up 258 on board, 77 runs lesser than what they put up in the first innings. Was this something India should have been pleased about? Not so much. This was because as the days progress it gets tougher to bat and hence even the not-so-formidable target of 287, wasn't going to be a piece of cake.

India got off to a terrible start. Losing 7 wickets withing 90 runs, they were looking in awful shape. Rohit got going at one point in time, but with hardly any batters left to keep him company, he lost the motivation and his wicket. It was truly painful to watch for Indian fans as after their bowling performance in the second innings, it seemed as though things would go our way. Rohit scored 47, and Shami scored 28. These two were the only players in our side who managed to score more than 20 runs. India lost the game by 135 runs and with that they lost the series as well.

The day was December 26th 2021. Lovely morning! The two captains Kohli and Elgar met for the toss. India won the toss this time, unlike the previous two occasions here. India opted to bat. Bold call from Virat to bat as it was overcast and there was grass, but looks like he backed his batters to see the team through. Not many changes in both the teams since the last test played at Centurion. Ishant was part of both the previous games at Centurion but this time Siraj got the nod over him. Pujara and Rahane were picked despite them not really meeting their potential for a long time now. No Shreyas or Vihari. Marco Jansen made his debut for South Africa.

Just before the singing of the national anthems a minute's silence was observed due to the passing of South Africa's Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The home side were also wearing black armbands as a mark of respect. The South African bowlers would have been glad to bowl with overhead and ground conditions.

Rahul and Mayank the Indian openers were at the crease after receiving encouragement from the Indian players. Rabada opened the attack for South Africa.

India got off to a tremendous start with both openers scoring half centuries and bringing up the 100 run partnership. A brilliant foundation laid out by the openers got the game going in India's favour. South Africa were handed their first breakthrough in the form of an lbw. Mayank Agarwal was sent back into the pavilion by Lungi Ngidi. A stroke of luck for South Africa as in the immediate next ball they got rid of Pujara. Pujara continuing to give the selectors reasons to bench him. The skipper came in next and scored 35 runs. He did miss out on a big innings which every Indian is still waiting for but his constant rotation of strike did help the team. After Virat's wicket, Rahane walked in. Rahul scored a century in the end of Day 1. This was his 5th century outside Asia. At end of the Day 1 the score was 272-3 and India were eagerly looking forward to Day 2.



K.L. Rahul

Day 2 was a total disappointment with it pouring rigorously throughout the course of the entire day. Not a single ball was bowled and this meant that if there had to be a winner in this match, both the teams had only 3 days remaining.

Day 3 was a bright and beautiful morning. After the washout on Day 2 the forecast was excellent for a full day's play. The day started off nice and slow but took a massive turn with India losing wickets at regular intervals. Rahul had got out for 123 and Rahane smashed a gritty 48 before getting caught behind off of Ngidi. With all the upcoming batters (except Bumrah) not making the double digit mark, India were all out



Indian team celebrating victory

for 327. Can you believe it? Within 45 runs, India lost 7 wickets. It wasn't really a problem for India considering that the openers had got off to a good start which helped them reach a respectable total. But with that start we got off to, everyone expected the first innings total to be way-way higher.

The South African innings didn't start off great and they ended up putting a total of only 197 on board. The highest scorers of the innings were Bavuma making 52, de Kock knocking 34 and Rabada the tailender hitting 25. The Indians could not have been happier. Restricting South Africa to lesser than 200, they now had a lead of 130.

The Indian 2nd innings wasn't that great. Rishabh Pant who scored 34 was the highest scorer and with Rahul scoring 23, 100 runs lesser than what he scored in the first innings, the Indians were all out for 174. Although 174 is a small number it wasn't really causing trouble as India's lead before the 2nd innings was huge. The target the Indians had set for South Africa was 305.

South Africa failed to perform as their only scorers in the fourth innings of the game were skipper Elgar, hitting 77 and Bavuma staying strong till the end, 35*. South Africa's batting unit perished at 191-10 and India won the match by 113 runs!

Measured celebrations from India, they had now grown quite used to these overseas wins off late. India had finally conquered at this venue! What a moment! As a result of this victory, this team became the only Asian team to win a test match at the SuperSport Park. Despite one day being completely washed out India managed to grab a win. With this win, India has also registered their 3rd win against South Africa in the 27 tests they played. Ashwin became the leading wicket taker in 2021 in tests taking 54 wickets. Shami became the fifth Indian pacer to cross 200 wickets and Rahul became the first Indian opener to score centuries in seamer-friendly pitches of Australia, England and South Africa. With this win India got ranked as the top Test team in the world having a 400-point lead over New Zealand at the second spot. All of this makes the win at Centurion so much more special and memorable. India have never won a test series in South Africa. With this historical win, they had set the foundation for the series. This Indian team is more than capable of achieving the un-achieved. Just ask the Aussies :)

Shantanu Kadiyali

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SPIN A YARN

Area 83



Bubble soccer

It was New Year's Eve when our parents decided to take us to an amusement area called the 'Area 83'. It was one of the most enjoyable experiences of my life; it was with a couple of friends, and we were bound to have limitless fun. We started by going to an area with a unique concept called Bubble Soccer. We were put into an enormous, heavy bubble and began kicking and pushing each other with a ball. We enjoyed our first activity thoroughly; it kept us excited for the rest of the campaign. Following that, one of my friends and I went boating. At first, we thought it would be boring, but by the time we started rowing the boat into the middle of the lake, it was the most peaceful place in the world. Later, we continued our journey and played paintball, which was the most enjoyable thing on the entire trip. The concept of paintball is that there are structures that we can hide behind for cover. With our costumes and helmets on, we can shoot our opponents. If anybody gets shot twice, they're out. It didn't feel like a kiddish game; it seemed realistic as we could feel the hit by the paintball regardless of the suit we had worn. All of us were dead tired by the end of those activities. After refreshments, we rushed home since it was getting late. We enjoyed a fun ride home dancing and singing in the jeep, ending the day with a sweet start to the New Year.

Aditya Karthik

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The Farmhouse



Last summer, Nagraj had gone with his family to their farmhouse in Hassan. He used to play badminton with his brother in the open fields every evening. One evening, the sky was suddenly covered with thick black clouds. Heavy rain forced them to take shelter in a small cabin. Not far away, they saw a small group of farmers huddled together under the cement housing above a 16 metre deep well used to pump water for irrigation. To their horror, they heard a young boy's scream coming from the farmers' group. When the two got close to the well, they were told that a five-year-old boy named Hari had accidentally slipped and fallen into the well. Something came over Nagraj and he decided to go into the well to save the boy. He quickly knotted together a flimsy rope belonging to the labourers and asked them to lower him into the dark well. "I hope the rope holds", he prayed. While descending into the well, he noticed the metal rungs on the wall of the well. He grabbed hold of one and started climbing downwards. That's when he saw the boy trembling in fear while hanging from a pipe that hung right over the middle of the well.

He grabbed Hari by stretching out his hand and then started climbing, praying that the old rungs wouldn't give away and plunge them both into the fast waters below. Their luck held and within a few minutes, Nagraj and Hari made it to ground level. He then handed over Hari to his sobbing father who wrapped Hari into a tight hug. The farmer fell at Nagraj's feet and invited him for dinner at his house. The village's farmer community then came together and organised a grand dinner in order to appreciate Nagraj for his bravery. That night, Nagraj felt very grateful for being able to save another's life and enjoyed a lavish meal. Today, he is an inspiration to all the little kids in Hassan as well as his own little brother. They all want to be brave and strong like Nagraj, one day.

Shreyas Pai

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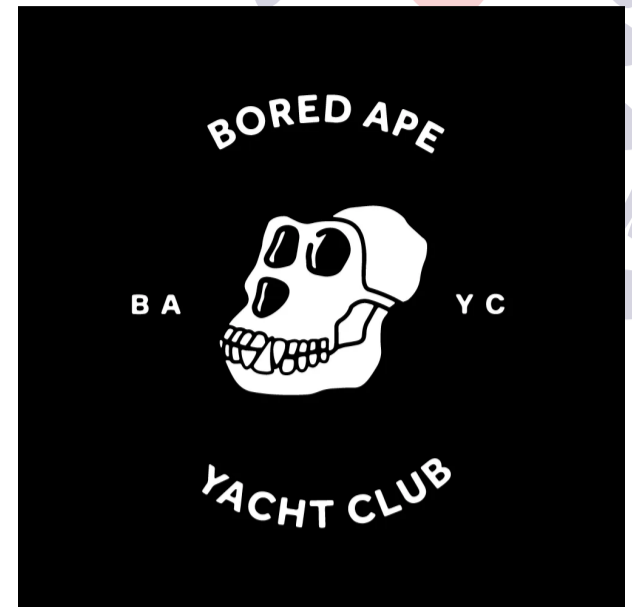


BAYC Quickly rises into popularity as many celebrities have started to purchase NFTs from them

Bored Ape Yacht Club or commonly known as BAYC is a Ethereum based NFT blockchain. Started out at April 2021, this collection sold one NFT at a price of 0.08 ETH or \$190 USD at that time. Today, each NFT costs about \$200,000 USD. Many celebrities such as Steph Curry, Marshmallow, Jimmy Fallon and Post Malone have purchased from this collection.

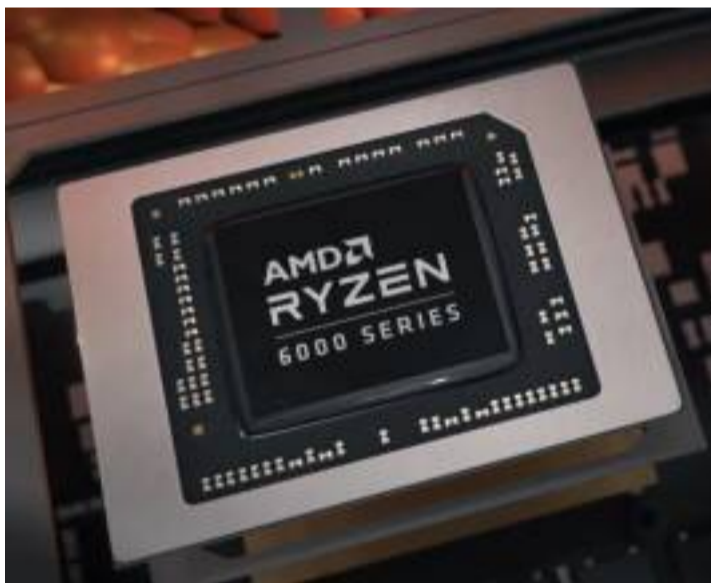
Beyond the celebrities that are buying in, Bored Ape Yacht Club is increasingly becoming an off-chain brand. (That is,

a brand that exists outside of the blockchain.) Adidas partnered with BAYC for its first NFT project, a mobile game is in the works and one ape from the Club last year graced the cover of Rolling Stone Magazine.



AMD announces Ryzen 6000 laptop processors and Ryzen 7000 debut in late 2022

After the new intel 12th Gen 'Alder Lake' series has taken the top spot in the processor line up AMD has finally decided to compete with intel by releasing their new Ryzen 6000 series.



AMD has also unveiled its Ryzen 6000 series mobile processors for laptops at CES 2022, based on its Zen 3+ core and paired with AMD RDNA 2 architecture-based on-chip graphics. The new processors are claimed to deliver up to 30 percent faster performance and over two times faster graphics than the last generation Ryzen 5000 series. AMD also claims that the Ryzen 6000 series is capable of delivering up to 24 hours of battery life. In addition to the Ryzen 6000 series, AMD teased the launch of its next-generation Ryzen 7000 desktop chips

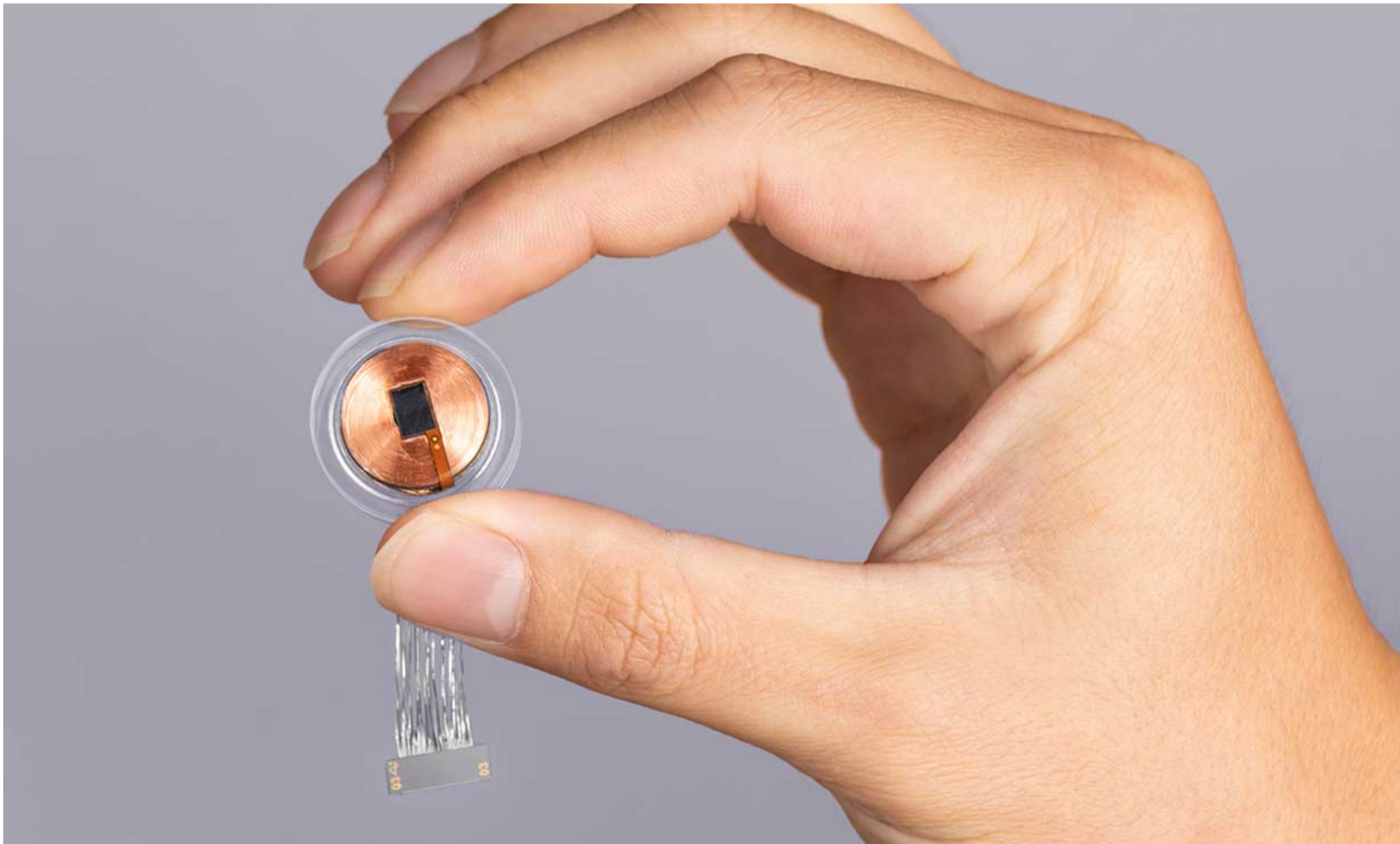
based on 5nm process technology. The chipmaker also expanded its Radeon RX6000 series mobile graphics family and introduced the Radeon RX 6000S mobile graphics lineup.

Aside from the Ryzen 6000 series, AMD at its CES 2022 keynote announced that it is working on the Ryzen 7000 desktop processors. The new processors will be based on the company's latest Zen 4 architecture CPUs and will be compatible with all-new AMD Socket AM5. The Ryzen 7000 series will come in the second half of the year. It will take on Intel's 12th Gen 'Alder Lake' Laptop and Desktop CPUs that also debuted at this year's CES.

AMD also announced the Ryzen 7 5800X3D desktop processor that is claimed to be the world's fastest gaming processor, delivering an average of five times faster full-HD

(1080p) gaming across select titles than the competition. The octa-core chip is based on the Zen 3 core architecture and has up to 4.5GHz of boost frequency, along with 100MB total cache and 105W of thermal design power (TDP).

The Ryzen 7 5800X3D will be available later in spring 2022 for Socket AM4, the company said.



Elon Musk hopes to start implanting its brain chips in humans by 2022.

Elon Musk, the owner of Neuralink, his brain-interface technology company, hopes to start implanting its microchips in human beings next year.

Founded in 2016, Neuralink is developing a chip that would be implanted in people's brains to simultaneously record and stimulate brain activity. It is intended to have medical applications such as treating serious spinal cord injuries and neurological disorders. During a live-streamed interview at The Wall Street Journal CEO Council Summit on Monday, Musk was asked what Neuralink planned to do in 2022.

Musk said: "Neuralink's working well in monkeys and we're actually doing just a lot of testing and just confirming that it's very safe and reliable and the Neuralink device can be removed safely." He added: "We hope to have this in our first humans — which will be people that have severe spinal cord injuries like tetraplegics, quadriplegics — next year, pending FDA approval."

Musk said that Neuralink's "standards for implanting the device are substantially higher than what the FDA requires."

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