



Message from Mufti Hamza Rehman

Dear Youngsters and Children

As we all know that we have been created by our creator Almighty Allah SWT, the magnificent and the most exalted, it is not our choice to be here in this world but it is rather Allah SWT who has brought us into being, so our very being on the face of this planet and the amount of time we are going to stay here is all under the complete control of our great Allah SWT, if Allah SWT wanted not to create us we would have never been created, similarly if Allah SWT ceased us to be alive, we can never live for a moment beyond our destiny decided by Allah Almighty, hence our very existence here in this universe, and the entire universe where we live in and fulfil our needs to sustain in this life, is not in vain, without any purpose as Allah SWT says in surah Al Mu'minoon.

أَفَحَسِبْتُمْ أَنَّمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ عَبَثًا وَأَنَّكُمْ إِلَيْنَا لَا تُرْجَعُونَ - Qur'an (23:115)

Do you think that you have been created in vain and will not return to us ? Surely not, we have rather been created for a very noble objective in this world, which is to please Allah SWT by living the life which Allah SWT wants us to live, and not following our own desires which arise in our mind without thinking about Allah SWT's guidance and instructions with regards to them.

After our creation Allah SWT has shown us two opposites paths, the path of Allah and the path of our own desires and shaytan, and the Almighty Allah has clearly stated in the Quran that whosoever suppresses his evil desires in this world by following what Allah has told to follow and not doing whatever comes in ones mind irrespective of its being halal or haram, right or wrong, he has definitely become successful in this world and hereafter, while on the other hand who chooses the path of his evil desires and commits sins by doing haram wrong ,evil things, he will be humiliated in this world and here after. Allah says in Surah Al-Shams –
وَنَفْسٍ وَمَا سَوَّاهَا ۖ فَأَلْهَمَهَا فُجُورَهَا وَتَقْوَاهَا ۝ ٨ - Qur'an (91:7-8)

So Dear Youngsters and Children the conclusion we can draw from this is that whatever we may do in this world we must not forget about our creator Allah, we can do whatever we may like to do but we must bear this in our minds that we cannot do anything which goes against Allah SWT's direction, we can please ourselves and enjoy in every possible way but not in any way which displeases Allah SWT, since our pleasure in doing something which causes Allah's displeasure is ultimately unattainable.


I would end this with a beautiful advice from a great poet of his time Akbar AalahAbadi who once said


تم شوق سے کالج میں پڑھو
پارک میں پھول بو جائز ہے
غباروں پہ اڑو چرخ پہ جھولو
پر اک سخن بندہ عاجز کا رہے یاد
اللہ کو اور اپنی حقیقت کو نہ بھولو

Which means You study in colleges play in parks with complete freedom and joy but remember the following statement from this humble person - **Never forget Allah and your reality.**

Dear Kids

Hope this note finds you all still riding the wave of awesomeness! 

We just wanted to take a second to give each and every one of you a massive shoutout for making our very first youth magazine a hit!  Your vibe, your words, your art – you guys brought the cool factor and made it something special.

We know everyone's got a million things going on, so the fact that you jumped in and shared your thoughts, your stories, your sensitivities, and creativity means the world to us, seriously, it wouldn't have been the same without your unique touch. 

This very first initiative by *Deccan Club of Ireland* in the form of a youth mag is not just a collection of pages, it's a piece of us, a slice of the youth circle, and you all made it something we are all proud of.


Lets keep the good vibes rolling and look forward to more collaborations in the future. You guys are the heartbeat of **DCI**, and we can't wait to see what else we can create together!

Thanks for being the awesome individuals you are. 

Cheers,

The Deccan Club of Ireland Management

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Dive into Young minds

All About Me!



Hi my name is Amra
And I'm very good at art.



When ever there's a competition
I would love to take part.



I love eating fruits and sweets
and I am very smart.



I really love sports and
I would love to go on go cart.



On a sunny shiny day
I would love to go to the park.



I like the light and bright
and I don't like the dark.

I love to swim in the ocean
but I'm scared of shark.



I would love to travel very far
somewhere like Denmark.



I like the Surah Nuh
because it's about an ark.



Whenever there is a test
I always get good marks.



Thanks for reading my poem
and I hope I get good marks.



By Amra Arif
Date 5/1/2024
Age 9 yrs

Poem by: Amra Arif (9 years old)



SAVE
PALESTINE

ART BY Talha MOHAMMED.

Artwork by: Talha Mohammad (6 years old)

What I would do if I was invisible

If I was invisible I would:

Sneak into a movie theatre and watch movies for free at the weekends whenever I'm bored.

Play pranks on my friends and family by moving random objects for them to think there's a ghost in the room. Visit a zoo after closing time and hang out with the animals all night. Go to a theme park and ride all the attractions without waiting in line and get all the snacks for free.

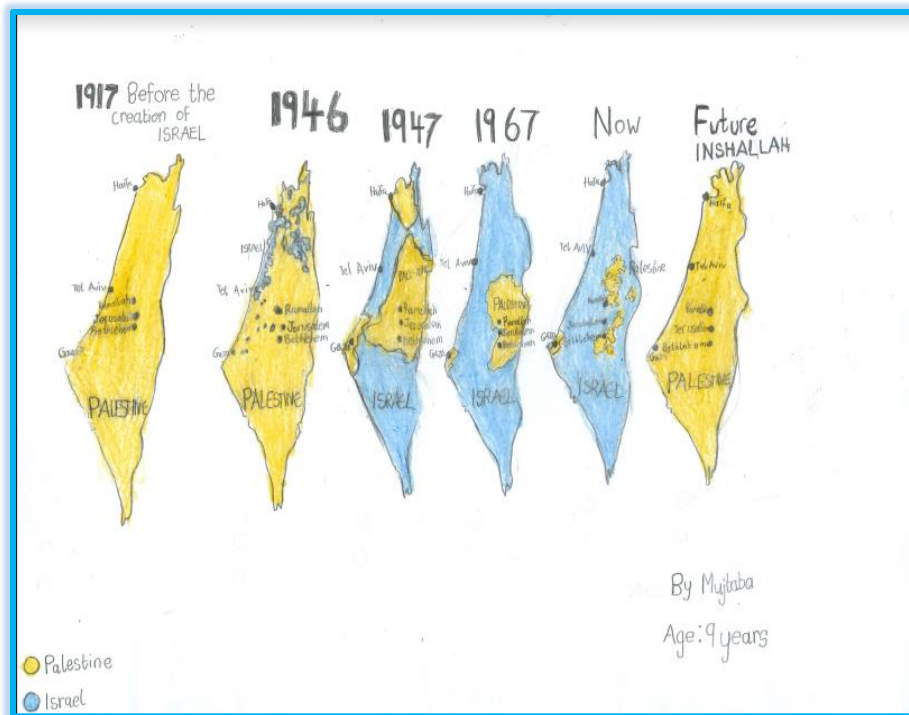
Explore abandoned places at night time to see if there's anything scary. Win every game of hide and seek by standing still in a corner.

Rob a bank and get rich. Go to the library and read all the books I want. Sneak into a museum and explore all the exhibits by myself. Go on a midnight adventure in a haunted

house. Travel the world for free by walking past security. Explore a hidden cave. Explore the woods in the middle of the night. Go on a scenic hike and enjoy breathtaking views of nature. Sneak into an Aquarium and enjoy the views of marine life.

These are only some of the things I would do if I was invisible, and the possibilities are endless.

Essay by: Minsa Salahuddin (10 years old)



Art by Mujtaba Ali Khan (9 years old)

My Trip to the Aviva Stadium

On the 29th of July me and my uncle went to the Aviva Stadium to watch Celtic play against Wolves in the Club Friendlies my uncles preferred side was Celtic and mine was Wolves .

After we got to the Stadium everywhere I looked there were only Celtic fans but I saw maybe like 20 Wolves fans at the entrance. After we got to our seats we watched a choreography on the other side of the stadium , after the choreography the game got kicked off by Celtic player Callum McGregor.

Celtic had an early chance from a corner kick but they could not score. After a few minutes Celtic got another counter attack but still could not score (also it started raining at around 2:15).

In around the 20th minute Celtic were pressing against Lemina and he lost the ball and Furuhashi got a good goal for himself. Now the score was 1-0 to Celtic. Then Celtic got another good counter but couldn't score again and then I started to worry because half time was soon. There were no more critical chances until half time.

At the half time break I ate a Chicken Roll. Then the 2nd Half kicked off by Kilman and I had a bit of luck then because Wolves were getting better chances but time was running out and then my uncle told me that Wolves would get a Late penalty but at the state that Wolves were in I thought it would have been impossible. The game got very boring until around the 75th minute.

Celtic got a crucial free kick just outside the box but they missed and then at the 87th minute Wolves got a penalty and Matheus Cunha scored the penalty and then the match finished 1-1.

Essay by Abdul Samad Ali Khan (10 years old)

Flowers



Spring gives us lots of flowers,
Look up and there's flower showers.

Wait some hours, go outside,
You can see them out and wide.

When they're small,
Grow them tall.

Wow! Its taller
Than the wall!

When its spring,
Bring something,
To help a flower!

*Poem by Syeda Anabiyah Afaaq
(9 years old)*



Art by Abdul Moeed (8 years old)

What Career would you choose in future and why?

A career I would choose in the future is to become a researcher. I find being a researcher an interesting job because I would have to carry out and hypothesise, and I would be able to discover new things that haven't been learnt about before or develop a product that has already been made e.g. how medicine has improved.

Skills needed of being a researcher are to have good time management skills, patience, being able to work individually, being able to communicate with others, critical thinking, collaborative mindset etc...

I believe that I have most of the skills needed, except patience which I am working on. I believe that I am improving my level of patience by the day.

Being a researcher means I would have to work 35- 40 hrs a week and on some occasions, I would be expected to work over time or go to the lab in the weekends to complete certain tasks. But most organisations offer flexible working hours.

If I want to become a researcher, I would mainly aim at getting a bachelor's and master's degree first. Some universities offer a dual program which combines them together and then consider additional certificates, when I have figured out the type of research I want to do.

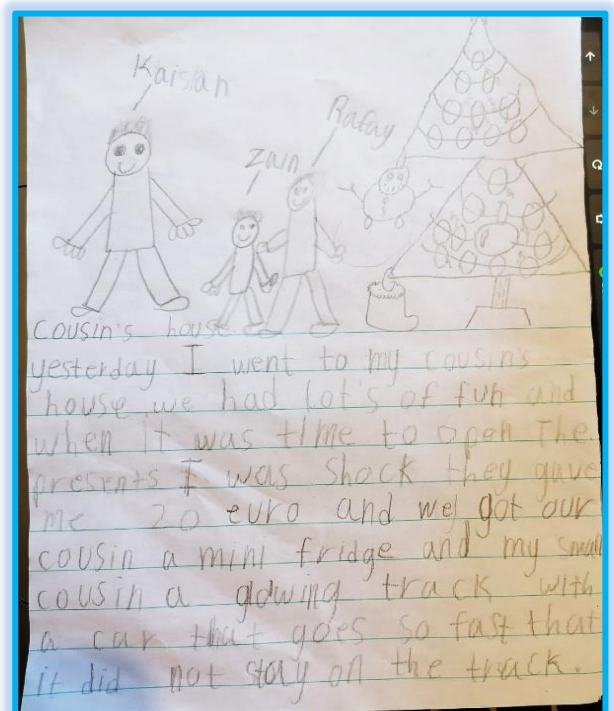
If you are interested in medical research then a bachelor's degree in chemistry, medicine or biology or if you're interested as an information research scientist than a degree in computer science or information technology is appropriate and topics that are studied in master's degrees are focusing on research work include writing for research grants and advanced statistical courses.

In conclusion I would find that being a researcher is a job that would suit me and I am hoping to achieve this dream in the future.

Essay by Sofiya Khan (14 years old)



Artwork by Syeda Amanah Afaaq (7 years old)



Essay by Rafay Mustafa (8 years old)

Silent Tears

In a land where olive trees grow tall
Whispers of history echoes the hall.
Natural beauty thrives the land
The sun shines upon the golden sand.

Palestine's story to be told
Their mighty glory unfolds.
The river runs through the stream
Palestine's dream to be seen.
Only to gaze towards a mighty sky
Suffocated by war planes, that destroy the light.

In Gaza's alley shadows dance
Echoes of resilience in every glance
Gaza Gaza don't you cry, Palestine will never die!

Through the rubble and the pain
May peace emerge like gentle rain.
Your spirit cannot be shattered
From the cage that's keeping you battered
Among the ruin in the night
The stars shine bright in the sky.
In the heart's whisper, a fervent plea
In a land where all can be free.

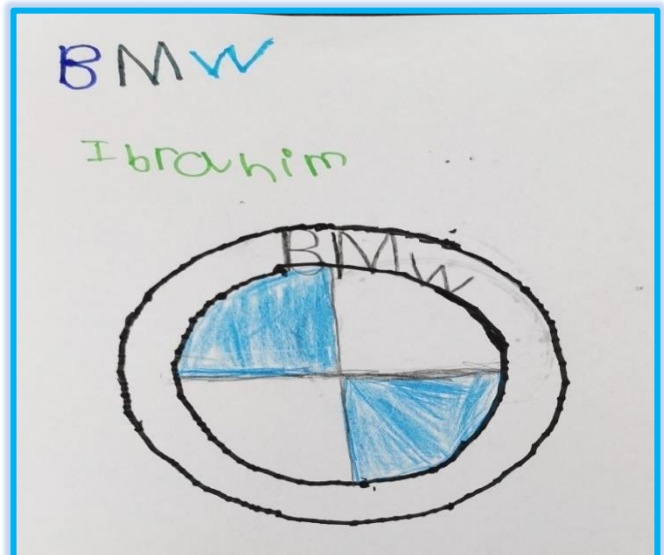
Poem by Manaal Ahmed (12 years old)



Artwork by Saad Khan (8 years old)



Coloring by Rafay Mustafa (8 years old)



Artwork by Mirza Ibrahim Baig (7 years old)

Donegal Trip

Hi, my name is Sarah, and today I'll be talking about my favourite outdoor trip, and this trip was to Donegal, the reason this is my favourite outdoor trip is because we took six families, went on a four-hour road trip, and stayed four-nights. I had two friends that came with me, Iqra and Minsa. We all were super excited to go on a holiday together.

Finally, the day came, all six families met up at one home and we took off to Donegal. As we drove, we stopped at a Gas station to get petrol and to have some lunch.



We all sat at some benches and unpacked the tasty food and ate our lunch. After everyone finished eating, we all went back into the car and continued our long journey. While we were driving, we made a few quick stops to look at the beautiful mountains and souvenir's, we took lots of pictures and got back into the car and continued to drive.

4 hours later we finally arrived at our destination, it was a huge purple house everyone got out the cars, took their luggage and went inside. It was a very cool experience. Me and my friends went upstairs and picked our room, we started unloading our bags and explored the house.

After we explored the house, everyone went to bed and waited for the next adventure. The next morning everyone went down for breakfast and were excited to explore Donegal. After breakfast, we all went out again to see mountains, hills, and rivers.

After we explored, we got back home, and everyone changed into their swimming clothes, and we all walked to a nearby beach and had loads of fun. Finally, we walked back home, showered went to bed and waited for the next journeys!

*Essay by Sara Amtul Mohammed
(11 years old)*

My favourite trip

On 11th of August some of our friends came over to stay for a few days away from the United Kingdom. We all were baffled and excited to visit Wexford.

It was our family friends' last day until they went back to the United Kingdom. So, we had to do something extra unique. We decided to go to Wexford with our friends and to our surprise they told us they have a mobile home. We left our home early with the families. It took 2 hours to reach Wexford. We had so much fun along the way. We were joking, talking, playing, and having so much fun.

When we reached our destination, we went straight to the mobile home. When you walk in, the first thing you would see is a lovely kitchen. I was amazed when I saw the whole mobile home. There were 2 bathrooms with one shower, 3 bedrooms and an amazing beach nearby. That's not all, there was a basketball court near the mobile home nearby. When we reached the mobile home and got freshened up, all our friends bounced at the basketball court and had so much fun. Then we went to a pet farm. There were so many adorable and cute animals such as goats, cows, rabbits, kittens and so many more cute animals. After that we craved ice cream. We all got hungry, so we came back to the mobile home, and we had an amazing barbecue. It was so tasty.

Then we decided to go to a fun fair. It was so fun there was a ride that was really frightening, and we all screamed to the bottom of our lungs. My little brother and his friend got a prize from the fun fair by participating in a game. That day was so memorable to all of us. It was a wonderful experience.

Essay by Sara Ameal (11 years old)



Artwork by Syeda Aiman Sarah (8 years old)

900 Days: A Guide to Hifz

The human mind possesses many remarkable capabilities, and among them are the seldom used traits of determination and discipline. These qualities are the key to achieving anything, such as memorising the Quran. In this piece I will be discussing the basic principles of memorisation and how you can start. Firstly, I must describe the method used by the majority of people when it comes to hifz, called "rote learning". This is where one repetitively recites a verse over and over again to learn it. While undeniably effective, this method can often be unfortunately long and tedious and is only suitable for learning only a few lines at a time. This is why I have devised my very own method of memorisation named ARCTIC – Auditory learning, Repetition and recording, Comprehension, Time management, Intention, and Conservation. These simple steps are a tried and tested technique to hifz and helped me finish in exactly 900 days.

A - Auditory learning: This involves listening to a recitation of the verses you intend to learn repeatedly throughout the day, helping with subconscious memorisation and preventing pronunciation or rule mistakes. By listening to a reciter countless times, you are able to effectively hear the recitation in the back of your head whenever reciting, making this an effortless method of memorisation.



R - Repetition and Recording: This second step constitutes the bulk of memorisation as it is very closely related to rote learning. Start by reciting the verses by looking inside around ten times, and after extensive listening, you will find it surprisingly easy to memorise those verses through rote learning (repetition of verses). The most important part of this step is voice recording yourself reciting from memory and listening to that recitation, which can be done using a phone or recorder. This significantly increases the strength of the memorisation as it helps with prevention of mistakes.

C - Comprehension: In my opinion, this step is the simplest and most straightforward way to strengthen memorisation, yet it is neglected by 99 percent of everyone who does hifz. This step does not take longer than a few minutes and involves simply reading the translation of the verses once before and after memorising them. This allows one to grasp a general understanding of the meaning of the verses.

T - Time management: Utilising time efficiently is a very important factor to memorisation. If time is available, it is of utmost importance to take advantage of it. This can be done by dedicating certain times in the day or week to memorise. For example, most students find it easier to memorise in the morning, and some find it easier at night. Another thing that greatly helps is dedicating an entire weekend to just hifz (if possible and also if one is busy during the week), which can help one memorise an unimaginable amount of Quran due to the extra free time, which is crucial not to waste.

I - Intention: Also known as niyyah, this is the single most important aspect of hifz. It is a major sin to do hifz with the intention of doing it for worldly matters and not for the sake of Allah. It is reported by Muslim, at-Tirmidhi and an-Nasa'i that a man will come on the day of judgement having memorised the Quran, and he will be one of the first to be thrown into the fire for the sole reason of not doing it for the sake of Allah. As for the one who did hifz with the right intentions, they will be rewarded immensely.

C - Conservation: When one starts memorising, it is obligatory on them not to forget any of it, therefore conserving what they have becomes a priority to them. This simply means that one has to keep revising and revisiting what they have memorised in order to keep it fresh in their memory. This is often where most people struggle in hifz, mostly due to their quality of initial memorisation being weak or simply due to a lack of time. If one can stay consistent with their revision, then they have succeeded.

After having discussed this simple step method to memorisation, one must consider the time required every day to finish hifz. For instance, with consistent effort, memorising half a page daily could lead to completion in around five years, whereas learning a whole page daily could help one finish hifz in less than two and a half years. Bear in mind that the average time it takes to learn half a page is roughly 15 to 25 minutes, and one page can take from 30 to 45 minutes, so the idea of becoming a hafiz is well able to be reached by anyone who can dedicate just a few minutes a day to learning.

To summarise, this self-developed "ARCTIC" method forms the fundamental foundation for efficient memorisation, engaging the senses and mind, as opposed to menial rote learning which solely relies on repetition to learn, whereas the above method relies on multiple factors such as listening, repetition and understanding. However, these are just the basics to hifz, and retaining it implores you to regularly revise what you have learned. That being said, the best time to start is right now, as highlighted by the verse: "And we have certainly made the Quran easy to remember, so is there any who will remember it?" (54:17).

Essay by Nabeel Salahuddin (15 years old)



Artwork by Mirza Ibrahim Baig (7 years old)

Disneyland

On the 25th of October my family and family friends went to Disneyland.

The first ride we went on was Big Thunder mountain. This ride is in frontierland. It was so fun and I loved the way we went around an island in the middle of a lake. The first time we went on it we were put in the middle and then the second time we managed to get at the front. The front seat was way better than the middle as you get to see the view properly and you get the splash when you drop. I loved this ride so much.

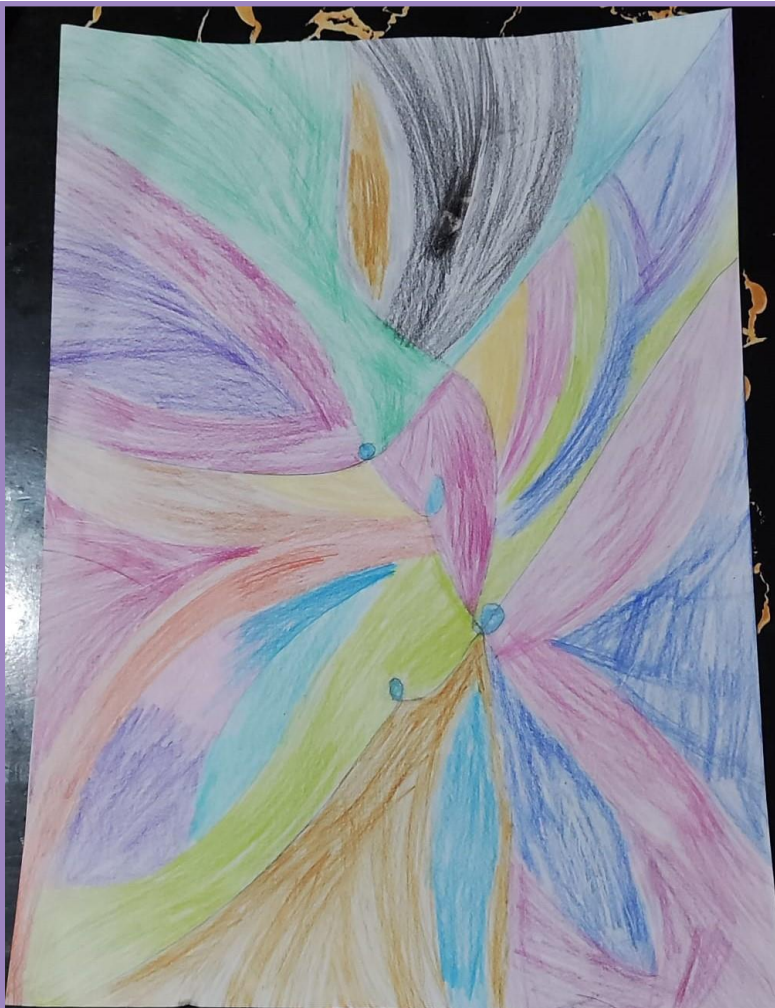
The next exciting ride we went on was Tower of Terror. This ride is situated in Walt Disney Studios which is the other world apart from Disney World. Tower of Terror was so scary yet fun. As we went on the ride we were strapped into our seats and then the lady closed the lift door and we dropped.

We screamed and then we were pulled back up those 8 stories we were dropped. The doors then opened and we were looking out at the park. Then suddenly we dropped back down and went back up really fast. We were floating up and grabbing onto anything we could with our seatbelts stopping us from floating. We all loved this ride but our parents vowed to never go on it again.

The next exciting ride we went on was Crushes Coaster. This ride is not at all what I expected. When we sat in the shells we started spinning slowly. Then the first drop came which brought us into the fun part of the ride. We were spinning and turning until the ride was over.

This was one of the best holidays ever. I loved it

Essay by Zahra Shaik (14 years old)



Artwork by Fatimah Kareem (7 years old)



Artwork by Saad Khan (8 years old)

Umrah Trip

Asalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,

My name is Musa Arsalan Habeeb and Alhamdulillah I am 10 years old,

I have three siblings an elder sister, an elder brother and a younger brother and I have my two wonderful parents that takes care of me and my siblings Alhamdulillah (may Allah swt bless them)

So for this project I will be talking about my journey to Umrah/Saudi Arabia,

Let's begin!

We took a flight to Saudi around the October mid term break in 2019. It was a safe journey and we stayed at the Clock Tower hotel and it is attached to the harmain shareef area and it was very convenient because we could directly go to the Kabba since it was right in front of us. Our family wanted to go and get the amazing experience of Umrah because we're seeking Allah's (SWT) mercy and blessings and also spiritual cleansing.

Since I was young at 6 years old I really didn't know what was exactly going on but I felt a connection and was amazed by the beauty of Makkah and Medina. I also realised I got so many barakah for the deeds. I've gotten the great feeling there by praying, doing dhikr and helping out anyone in need alhamdulillah. And I did tawaf, made dua while touching the kaaba and it felt so unreal alhamdulillah, I really enjoyed the safa and marwa experience as well.

We met our relatives and they welcomed us into their house and it was a gigantic house And it had 3 large living rooms. It was like a mansion and it felt so luxurious but the problem was me and my family did not understand what they were saying because they were all speaking Arabic except for one close relative that we could communicate with since he knew some english. They gave us rice which we love and we ate a lot of chicken, my favourite!! I really enjoyed my time learning some arabic from them too, it had a very strong accent as well!

And as a tourist as well I've been to a variety of places such as the malls, halal restaurants and it was very different compared to Ireland, there were many halal fast food chains and the one I've really liked the al-baik restaurant it was really yummy! The hotel was very comfortable and we had amazing room service. Now let's head on to Medina, we stayed at the Crown Plaza hotel It was a very high end hotel, but I preferred the clock tower because it felt more like home compared to crown plaza. In the end we gave sadaqah thankfully and from Umrah we got souvenirs such as the perfumes also known as bukhoors, the clock tower mini statue piece. Jazakallahu Kairana for your time and reading Insha Allah a winner will be announced.

Essay by Musa Arsalan Habib (10 years old)

GAZA

Assalamualikum

Myself Mariya Arsheen khan, age 9 years, studying in Muslim National school. I would like to tell you Some of the Things, what would I do if I had the power of invisibility Inshallah, I will use it for the sake of Allah and all Muslim in the whole world.

Firstly I will use the power to protect the people at GAZA, who has been destroyed by Israel. I use my invisibility power in stopping the world by teaching a good lesson to the enemies, specially Israel people who are killing Palestinians . I use power to read the enemies mind and their thinking, I would stop them from doing by scaring them as ghost.

Secondly , I use my power to pick underground children, women and men who dumped with bricks, stones and sand. I use my superpower to heal their wounds and retain their normal health. I also quickly unite parents and children who are separated. I also use my power to rebuild back the damaged buildings to normal and establish good facilities like food, clothes , transportation, education to all our Palestinians brothers and sisters, I also protect Masjid e Aqsa and other holy places, forest, birds, animals and environment from getting damaged.

Finally my invisibility power will be used to fire against the crime and illegal act and I also empower arabic education to all the children in the whole world and make them strong to respect parents, teachers and our elders, In sha Allah I will remind all pillars of Islam.

Free Free Palestine , from the river to the sea , Palestine will be Free

Essay by Mariya Arsheen Khan (9 years old)

My Trip to Saudi Arabia

First, we went to Madina by flight and reached hotel by taxi. It was very warm there. Once we arrived at the hotel I went to sleep as I was very tired. Next day, we went to Masjid e Nabvi and It was so warm outside and crowded. We went again and again there for most Namaz. There were umbrellas, can open and closed. And it was much colder in the morning than afternoon. After 3 days we went to an Islamic Museum. It was so fun and learnt Islamic history. The people there are nice but sometimes not. Next day we went to the Masjid and I was reading the Quran, and my mom was taking rest. After a while it was time for Maghrib Namaz. Next day it was our last day in Madina, and we were going to Makkah. I was so excited to go to Makkah but sad because I loved the Masjid in Madina.

We went in a taxi to go to Makkah. It was a 4-hour ride. We arrived. First, we dropped our parents friend in their hotel then we went to ours. Hotel was huge & I loved it. My favourite was the food. We went to our room. After doing wudu we were ready to go to the Kaba. We went to Kaba and did our Tawaf. Then we did Saahi 7 times between Safa and Marwa and then we finished our Umrah. I was so happy! After a couple of days, we went in a taxi for ziyarat and then we went to a Islamic Muesum it was fun but we missed half of it. I got a new bottle! After a couple of days, it was 27 th of December. We got ready to go. I was going to miss this place. I had so much fun in Makkah and Madina It was 8:00pm we left in a taxi and arrived. We did security check and got on the plane we arrived in Turkey we did the same in Madina then we arrived in Ireland. I was so happy. It was so windy and cold.

Essay by Humaira Zaheen (11 years old)

Hyderabad Trip

My name is Rehan Siddiqui, and I am a student of 6th class primary school.

Thank you, DCI platform, for allowing us an opportunity to share our holiday experience. In July 2022 me and my family went to Hyderabad India to meet with our relatives. While we were there, we visited many different places. After a while we celebrated Eid Ul Adha. The first thing we did on Eid was that we woke up early to go to the mosque to pray with my family. After that we came back home and slaughtered the lamb as a sacrifice to Allah (SB). We then distributed the lamb meat to all our relatives, neighbours and friends.

After Eid, we visited an old age home (Maa Help Home Physically and Mentally Handicapped) with my brothers and parents. While we were there, we cooked and distributed food to the residents living there. We also spent some time talking and interacting with the young and older people. At the same time, we thanked Allah (SB) for giving us an opportunity to visit Maa Home.



On my parents' 20th wedding anniversary, we visited Falaknuma Palace. Our tour guide gave us a tour of the palace and we were fascinated by the history of the palace that was more than 140 years old. The palace was designed by William Mard Marret and built by Nawab Viqar-ul-Umra, on March 3rd, 1883. It is now one of the biggest tourist attractions in Hyderabad. We then had dinner there in a restaurant called Adda and we had some authentic Hyderabadi cuisine.



Essay by Rehan Siddiqui (11 years old)

Entrepreneurship

Hello my name is Mohammed Ashraf Siddiqui, I am 16 years old and I am currently a student in my 5th year of secondary school. In the future, I aspire to pursue a career as a pilot. Alongside that ambition, I'm drawn to entrepreneurship and leadership. These career paths resonate with me due to the skills they encompass, such as communication and time management, which I deeply enjoy. Entrepreneurship involves using your creative skills to develop products for consumers. In 2021, I competed in the NFTE (Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship), a nationwide competition focusing on youth entrepreneurship. While I secured a top-three spot in the finals, I unfortunately didn't win. However, I cherished the journey, appreciating the need for skills like time management and communication. I also have great interest towards leadership because I find joy in assisting others inclusively. Teaching and sharing knowledge to foster others' growth is something I'm passionate about. By choosing leadership, I aim to serve as a role model. Communication is integral to effective leadership, something I enjoy, particularly during collaborative projects.

In 2023, I had the privilege of working twice with the Government of Ireland. In the summer of 2023, I was invited to Dáil Éireann to launch Foroige's new branding, Foroige Go-Digital Youth Work. Foroige, Ireland's leading youth organization established in 1952, focuses on empowering young people to actively participate in their own development and that of society. Additionally, in November 2023, I was invited to participate in a project concerning children's rights with the Department of Children, Equality, disability, integration and Youth. This project is aimed to explore ways to enhance the lives of young people in today's Ireland.

Foroige Go-Digital

Link : <https://www.foroige.ie/blog/foroige-welcomed-oireachtas-digital-youth-showcase>

Young Ireland: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=287353320958453>

The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/80ac4-young-ireland-the-national-policy-framework-for-children-and-young-people-0-24-2023-2028/?referrer=http://www.gov.ie/YoungIreland/>

Essay by Mohammed Ashraf Siddiqui (16 years old)

An Intriguing Trip

Author: Maaria Kareem

An intriguing trip abroad on 4th July 2019 I had come home excited from school as we were going on a trip abroad to Dubai. Our flight was sometime in the evening and we, well my sister and I were ecstatic. Our father's friend had offered us a ride to the airport. We arrived shortly and bit farewell as we headed inside everything went smoothly as we made our way to the gate. Soon enough we boarded the flight I had gotten the window seat and what I thought would be an exciting flight turned out to be quite the opposite. The flight was long and tiring. I had watched a good few movies and had fallen asleep quite a few times and after what felt like an eternity we had arrived in Dubai. We arrived early morning got our luggage and went through security only to find my uncle and Aunt waiting outside the airport for us we went over to their place and rested before going to the hotel. Soon after we got our hotel room and I just jumped in bed after the long airport. The next few days in Dubai were wonderful. My mother went to a mall with my sister and Aunt for the day while my uncle's father and I went on a safari trip. We had a great time, we got a great ride through sand hills, rode camels and even watched a dance show there. Although I enjoyed a lot that day I was wrecked when I came home the. Next day was fantastic we had plans to visit LEGOLAND and the Burj Khalifa.

We were overjoyed when we heard the news from our parents, but I had gotten sick due to intense heat from yesterday's trip. I was able to go but I would be very tired and not enjoy as much as I would have. It was a short journey to LEGOLAND, and it was a sight to see. There were loads of rides, a cafe and a place where everything was built out of. From famous buildings to places and even small people were made from Lego. My sister and I had built a few things before going to the rides, the food was also delicious. After that we headed to a mall beside Burj Khalifa. We visited a huge candy store, saw an aquarium and had dinner before the main event of the day. Outside the whole place was lit up, even the huge water fountain, the light shows and fireworks were incredible. The Burj Khalifa was lit and decorated beautifully. We took a load of photos and had a great time in Dubai. The next day we packed our luggage as we were going to India in a few hours. Bye for now.

Essay by Maaria Kareem (12 years old)

Law

Hi, my name is Umair, I am 13 years old and today I'm going to be talking about what career path I want to choose when I get older. The career path I want to choose is Law, I want to choose law because I want to help people with their cases, another reason is because I want to learn more about what you can, and you cannot do and other stuff like human rights. I wanted to choose this career path just pretty recently as I have taken an interest to it because beforehand, I did not know what I wanted to be because nothing else really stood out to me.

And this profession looked really cool to me, But I know this path isn't going to be easy. So, I am going to try hard and focus on achieving this goal. The specific lawyer I want to be is called a barrister which is a lawyer that argues on behalf of their side in court. they are also accompanied and given cases from solicitors, but I also wouldn't mind being other lawyers like a real estate lawyer too, but I mainly want to focus on becoming a barrister. another reason I want to choose law is because being a police officer or a garda stood out to me but not as much as lawyers did and I didn't mind it because they both do the same things and help the society and I like watching stuff about crime and other stuff like that another reason is so that I can help my family and friends so that they don't get discriminated in any way so that's all I am going to say about what career I want to choose and why I want to choose it when I'm older BYE.

Essay by Mohammed Umair Abdullah (13 years old)

Valentia Island

My family and I went to Valentia Island in Co. Kerry on 15th July 2023 for a week. We arrived in Kerry at the ferry stop. The ferry was named as Valentia Island ferry. After the ferry arrived we drove our car onto the ferry to go to our cottage. The cottage name was "Shore Cottage" in Reenglass, Valentia. Near our cottage there was amazing scenery of the Atlantic Ocean. As we went inside our holiday cottage we could already see the beauty of our house. Our house had 3 bedrooms, a big living room, a big kitchen, laundry room and 2 bathrooms. We went outside and saw enormous backyard. I took a responsibility of feeding little robins. I fed them porridge flakes it was really fun. So I went to the Slate mines, Kerry cliffs, the skelligs chocolate factory, Geokaun Mountain, Derrynane beach, Waterville, Charlie Chaplin statue, Rossbeigh strand, Muckross house and Inch beach.



We also went to see Eighth Wonder transatlantic cable station which connects underwater cable from Valentia to Newfoundland, Canada.

Chapter 2 Killarney - In Killarney we had an amazing time it is a big city. We went for horse riding and it was a 30 mins ride. Then went to Killarney National Park and we went to a playground in Killarney and a fair. In the fair I went on a train, tea cups, bumper cars and the terminator then we went to see Torc waterfall.

Chapter 3 Dingle - Dingle is an amazing place to go on holidays. There are a lot of fun and interesting things to do. In dingle we went to Dingle aquarium where we saw first time sharks, stingrays, colourful fish, penguins, butterflies and many more underwater creators. After the aquarium we went on a ferry named as Dingle boat tours. On the ferry a man thought us about Fungi the dolphin that is missing for long time.

Chapter 4 Kells Bay Garden - Kells bay garden is a beautiful garden. There is a lot of historic Mother Nature. In Kells bay I went on the sky walk, it was above a river. Last of all I saw wooden carved dinosaurs. Thank you Allah for taking us to such an amazing place and bringing us back home safely to Dublin.

Trip to Center Parcs

We woke up at 8:00 o'clock in the morning we were super excited. We were going with our grandparents. So we got in the car and drove for 1 hour. After about an hour we stopped for breakfast.

I had hash browns toast and beans. Once everyone was finished, we went back to the cars and drove to Center parcs. Once we got through the gates of Center parcs we were all very excited. After a while getting parking and getting in we went into the swimming pool and went swimming. After that we went to the sports plaza.

We had dinner at an American restaurant and had Halal food. After that we went to the cabin and slept.

We woke up at 10 o'clock and went swimming after. We went back to the cabin and had a pool tournament. My grandad won. After that we played football and tennis.

On the last day we went to the pancake house, after that we went to play badminton and an interactive wall and went to a Indian Restaurant in the park. I had Biryani and Naan. It was very yummy but everyone was exhausted so we went to sleep and we left in the morning and we were all very happy.

Zaman Shaik (11 years old)

A trip to the Eiffel tower

My family and my friends Sara, Mariam and Ammars family went to Disneyland for 4 days and we spent one night in Paris. There were loads of landmarks to visit so we chose the Eiffel tower.



While we were queuing up we saw 2 elderly people behind us (they were desi) so we let them go ahead of us.

But to our surprise 50 more of them just walked in front of us. Then we realized it was a tour group.

Ameear Uncle then went to speak to there tour guide. There was a little bit of back and forwards but eventually we got past the queue.

We went up a lift all the way up to the second floor. We took a lot of photos then made our way out. It was a great day out in Paris.

Zayan Shaik (12 years old)

Funderland

Part 1

We went to Funderland at 12 o'clock. We were so excited. I went with my mommy, daddy and my siblings. The first ride was a rollercoaster we went on. It first did 2 turns and then went up. Then it did 6 turns down. Then, it done a turn into a big drop. Then a turn made us go sideways and we were going up another lift hill, then going down another 6 turns and then the ride was finished.

Part 2

After the ride we went inside. The first ride we went on inside was the wall ride. There was a row of seats attached to a wall and the seats would go around in a circle fast. And after we went on wall ride, we went on the storm ride. Your on a boat and your in a storm. You go around in a circle. The boat gets faster and faster until you go really fast. After we got Eddie Rockets.

Part 3

After Eddie Rockets we went on the octopus ride. It's twister but you lift up. Then, we went on bumper carts. I went twice, one with Daddy and another with Zahra Didi. Daddy kept on hitting everyone! Then we went on frog ride. It goes up and down. And finally we went in the fun house. The end.

Zak Shaik (9 years old)

Disneyland

On 25th October 2023, our family and our close friends went to Disneyland. I was quite hesitant because I was not a fan of rides. On that day, we woke up early in the morning, and headed to the airport. When we finished checking in, we all got snacks. We were so tired, lazy, and exhausted.

When we boarded the plane, I was excited and baffled because it had been years since I last travelled. When the plane took off, my heart dropped, and I was very uncomfortable. After a while the sunset was incredible. It was breath-taking, I had to take pictures. Lucky for me I was at the window seat.

When we landed, we checked out, and hopped on a bus. When we reached our hotel, we checked in and got our room. We got fresh and headed towards Disneyland Park. My favourite rides were Tower of Terror and Thunder Mountain. After standing in a queue for ages we finally got to go to the ride, the tower of terror. We were very frightened. When we sat on our seats, we all expected that it wouldn't be that bad, but it was crazy and unexpected, the way we fell 16 stories and flew up caught me off guard.

After that bloodcurdling experience we all craved popcorn. The popcorn was mouth-watering. Then we headed to Thunder Mountain. It was amazing the water was surrounding us and the roller coaster was fast. It took us to a tunnel. After the ride we went to a restaurant and the food was delicious. We hurried back to see the firework show and it was beautiful.

The entire trip was memorable, and I really miss Disneyland. It was one of the best trips I have ever experienced yet!

Essay by Maryam Amear (11 years old)

Rose

Once Upon a time there was a girl named rose one day rose woke up after a deep sleep and found out that she had a power of being invisible vandross found out that she was invisible she thought of a great idea she decided that she was going to surprise her family by cleaning the whole house, her family was on holiday anyway.

First, she went to a shop to get some cleaning supplies, next, she got home and started cleaning the house then rose went to get the laundry and wash it up after that rose Cleaned up all the cleaning supplies she used finally call mom rose cooked up some dinner to eat and rose said tomorrow my family will be back.

Today Rose's family will be back from holidays today roses power will be gone, rose only has two hours left.

Rose was bored at home so she decided to clean the kitchen, rose realized that all the hard work she had done she forgot to clean the kitchen, rose took all the cleaning supplies out , rose cleared the kitchen and everything was clean, and then the doorbell rang roses parents was home just when rose touched the handle she was not invisible any more

when rose's parents came home they were very happy.

Essay by Samiha Shaik (9 years old)

Jamaat

Hi my name is Raheel, I am 10 years old. Here is my blog about my favorite trip.

My favorite trip is a jamaat to Ennis in the county Claire. I learn about the etiquettes of sleeping eating and going to bathroom and much more.

Me and my dad 1st decided to go to Athlone but it was late at night so we had to go Galway and stayed there for the night. In the morning we decided to go Ennis mosque and we spend 2 days there. I corrected my suras and learn more surah like AL-Jinn & al Muzammil, the best thing I saw is Akram e Muslim,

Akram e Muslim is helping Muslim brothers and calling brothers to Islam.

Syed Raheel Ahammed (10 years old)

THE MEADOW:



DAFFODILS IN THE MEADOW
THE OAK TREE LEAVES A SHADOW
UPON THE GRASS COVERED IN SNOW
TIL THE SUN RISES AND GREEN WILL SHOW



BY: MINSA SALAHUDDIN

Poem by Minsa Salauddin (9 years old)

London eye

Couple of months ago my dad planned to go to the UK so my dad booked flight tickets mom packed our bags and got us ready to go my uncle dropped us at Dublin airport took flight and arrived UK airport my father's friend received us at the airport and brought us to their home they have an apartment the ate dinner and slept rest of the night.

Next morning Ramadan Eid Day. All of us wore new clothes and went to the mosque for Eid prayer and then we all went to the restaurant for breakfast. In afternoon we ate home food like biryani and eat sweet call sheer korma add the dinner we went together party it's on behalf of eid celebrations.



On the second day we went to London (heart of the city) from UK to London the journey time takes one hour by car. Then we arrived at London City it looks so beautiful my mind was blown away then we went to the London Eye (sphere wheel) we were so high up in the air that I couldn't see anything beneath me like ship cruise, London Bridge Big Ben clock tower and we took so many snaps that my parents did not pay attention to how high we were up in the air we did all round in the sphere wheel (London Eye), it was a wonderful time after that we went on a big open boat and a long ride about the bridges of London and I sat in the front seat the tour guide talked about all the magnificent buildings and bridges so I really amazed finally it's evening time so we go back home and take rest.

On the third day we went to Legoland I saw wonderful wonder of world made with big Lego imagine people could do such incredible after that we went for a laser show, ninja go section 4D it looked real and a bit scare for my sister.

After we did so much riding like roller coaster, dragon coaster, up and down coaster hula hoops and balloons ride. Later we went on a small boat it showed storytelling and characters are made by lego when we keep going down the stream news stories they're told that also incredible. Finally closing time so we had lots of fun and enjoyed to spend their time. Next early morning, time to go back home, went to airport and arrived home.

The end

Going abroad to India

A couple of months ago me and my family went abroad to India and 1st we went to the shopping center to buy some gifts for cousins and relatives afterwards we packed our bags and went to airport. At the airport there were queues at the immigration and luggage. I was so tired and starving, Mom gave us some food we also tea and coffee at the café. Waiting for the flight took so long to pass the time we looked around some of the shops there were shoes clothes jewelry books and toys for sale.



Finally it was time to board the plane as the flight was taking off my ears sore luckily my mom had chewing gum which helped. On the flight we got complimentary playing cards I played snap with my brother we were also given books and toys! The meal on the flight was very tasty When we landed my aunt collected us and took us to grannies house. When we entered in the house people are so happy and gave us Grand like cooked special food sweets and cool drinks. After few days later one of the get together party with friends and family members at the farmhouse, there was a swimming pool ,big garden we enjoyed so much like playing cricket badminton, singing and cooked so much food we had such an amazing time.

After that we attained the marriage, the bride looked so beautiful and food so delicious.

Next day's later we went on one of the park with family members and cousins we did their boating watches water shows swings and ate in restaurant.

Finally days went by lots of memories. It's time to go back to Dublin we did so much shopping for flight and home we came back Dublin home and I miss those days.

Classic snake game using Python programming language

Here are the instructions to run the program:

1. Download or save the attached program file to your local folder
2. Go to the location the file is saved
3. Double click the file
4. Press the left,right,up,down arrow keys on the keyboard to play the game

Here is my code used for creating the snake game

```
import turtle
import random
import time
```

```
score=0
delay=0.1
highscore=0
```

```
def up():
    if(head.direction!='down'):
        head.direction='up'
```

```
def down():
    if(head.direction!='up'):
        head.direction='down'
```

```
def left():
    if(head.direction!='right'):
        head.direction='left'
```

```
def right():
    if(head.direction!='left'):
        head.direction='right'
```

```
def move():
    if(head.direction=='up'):
        y=head.ycor()
        head.sety(y+25)
    if(head.direction=='down'):
        y=head.ycor()
        head.sety(y-25)
    if(head.direction=='right'):
        x=head.xcor()
        head.setx(x+25)
    if(head.direction=='left'):
        x=head.xcor()
        head.setx(x-25)
```

```
win=turtle.Screen()
win.title("Snake Game")
win.bgcolor("pink")
win.setup(600,600)
```

```
win.tracer(0)
win.listen()
win.onkeypress(up,'Up')
win.onkeypress(down,'Down')
win.onkeypress(right,'Right')
win.onkeypress(left,'Left')
head=turtle.Turtle()
head.speed(10)
head.shape("circle")
head.color("light blue")
head.penup()
head.goto(0,0)
head.direction="stop"
```

```
food=turtle.Turtle()
food.speed(0)
food.shape("circle")
food.color("green")
food.penup()
food.goto(0,100)
```

```
segment=[]
```

```
pen=turtle.Turtle()
pen.penup()
pen.color('white')
pen.goto(0,260)
pen.hideturtle()
pen.write('score=0 and
highscore=0', align
='center',font=('Brodeline',20,
'bold'))
    while True:
        win.update()
        if (head.xcor() > 290 or
head.xcor() < -290 or head.ycor() >
290 or head.ycor() < -290):
            time.sleep(1)
            head.goto(0, 0)
            head.direction = 'stop'
            for seg in segment:
                seg.goto(1000, 1000)
            segment.clear()
            score = 0
            #delay = 0.1
            pen.clear()
```

```
pen.write('score:{
highscore:{
highscore), align = 'center', font =
('Brodeline', 20, 'bold'))
```

```
if (head.distance(food) < 25):
    x = random.randint(-290, 290)
    y = random.randint(-290, 290)
```

```
    food.goto(x, y)
    seg1 = turtle.Turtle()
    seg1.speed(2)
    seg1.shape('square')
    seg1.color('brown')
    seg1.penup()
    segment.append(seg1)
    # delay -= 0.001
    score += 10
    if (score > highscore):
        highscore = score
    pen.clear()
    pen.write('score:{
highscore:{
highscore), align = 'center', font
= ('Brodeline', 20, 'bold'))
    for abc in
range(len(segment)-1, 0, -1):
        x = segment[abc -
1].xcor()
        y = segment[abc -
1].ycor()
        segment[abc].goto(x, y)

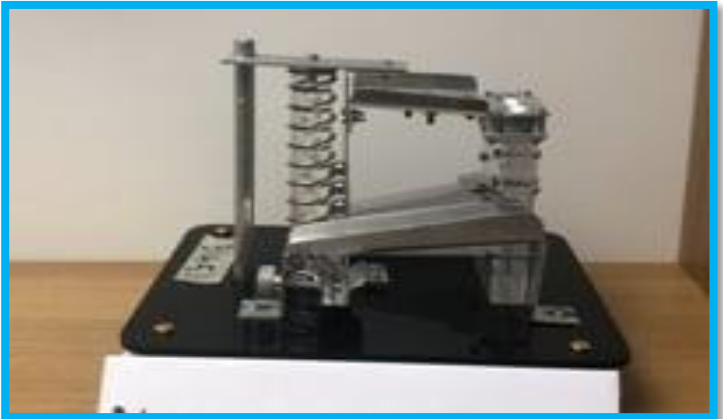
    if len(segment)>0:
        x=head.xcor()
        y=head.ycor()
        segment[0].goto(x,y)

    move()

    #check for head colision with
the body
    for xyz in segment:
        if (xyz.distance(head) <
25):
            time.sleep(1)
            head.goto(0, 0)
            head.direction = 'stop'
            for seg in segment:
                seg.goto(1000, 1000)
            segment.clear()
            score = 0
            delay = 0.1
            pen.clear()
            pen.write('score:{
highscore:{
highscore), align = 'center', font
= ('Brodeline', 20, 'bold'))
            time.sleep(delay)
win.mainloop()
```




Jassim explaining his Classic snake game



Nabeel's STEM Project

Nabeel's Project: This is the engineering final project for the Junior Cert of 2023, a model helix elevator. It is a simple mechanism designed to raise a marble using a motorised spring. This presentation will briefly outline what the project is & describe the general processes for making it.

What is a Helix elevator ? To answer this question we first must need to know what a helix is. A helix is a 3D spiral shape, such as the threads on a screw or a spiral staircase. An elevator is simply a mechanism which raises and lowers objects. Therefore a helix elevator is a sort of lift that uses a helix shape, in this case a spring, to raise an object. Details of the Project ↓

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Project by Nabeel Salahuddin (15 years old)

Engineering Higher Level Project -ATV

In 1908 Antarctic explorer Robert Falcon Scott presented his view that man-hauling to the South Pole was impossible and that motor traction was needed. At that time snow vehicles did not yet exist leading his engineer Sir Reginald Skelton to develop the concept of a caterpillar track for snow surfaces. The stage for future development of the All Terrain Vehicle (ATV). This revolutionary innovation set was Originally developed as utility vehicles, advances in engineering design and technology since then, have provided manufacturers with the scope to produce a full range of recreational and competition versions of the ATV. Inventions such as the Track 1 all-terrain electric skateboard, developed by Flux Design Company and the DTV Shredder produced by the DTV Motor Corporation have extended the boundaries of technological innovation. These extend the best characteristics of traditional skateboard sports, into an exciting new power sport.

Design a model Electric Tracked Skateboard to the general specifications below. The board should be your own unique design and should:

- (a) Have a tracked propulsion system;
- (b) Incorporate a front-wheel steering mechanism;
- (c) Include fold-down utility handlebars.

Presentation of the completed project should ensure that:

- (a) All main operating features are clearly visible without dismantling;
- (b) The longest dimension does not exceed 400 mm;
- (c) Electric power does not exceed 9 volts.

Special Note: Modified toys or recycled projects are not acceptable

Details are in the following link

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Project by Bilal Salahuddin (17 years old)



Art by Fareeha Fathima (7 years old)

My Umrah trip

Last May I went to Saudi Arabia to do Umrah with my family. When our flight landed it was around 8:30pm. It took us two hours to reach our hotel, and as soon as we got there, we got ready and went to do Umrah. The part I loved while doing Umrah was getting the chance to touch the Kaabatullah. After we did Umrah we went to pray Fajr and the people at the masjid were really nice. They gave us sweets out of kindness every time we went there. My most favourite part of the trip in Makkah was praying in front of the Kaabatullah and going to see the three domes in building of the Kaabatullah.

We also visited the library there. We had a lot of mango juices and slushies as it was very hot in Makkah. The breakfast was really good, and everything was halal. After we ate breakfast, we got onto a train and rode to Madina. After we arrived in Madina, we went to Masjid an Nabawi. It was really peaceful. Mamma, Anum and I said salaam to beloved Nabi ﷺ and prayed at Riyazul Jannah, next me and my family went to Masjid Qiblatain and Quba and prayed there. I loved the mountains of Uhud because it was really fun to climb, also Prophet ﷺ had said We love Uhud and Uhud loves us. There were automatic umbrellas and fragrant water fans to protect us from sun and heat in Madina, that was thoughtful in my opinion.

My favourite part of the trip in Madinah was sharing sweets with other kids, feeding birds and petting the cats. We ate lots of ice-creams, biryani and desserts, also we did a lot of shopping in Madina. Finally, we returned to Ireland with lots of good memories. I will definitely go there again if I get a chance InShaAllah.

Essay by Syeda Alishba Afaaq (11 years old)

The Pros and Cons of Artificial Intelligence (A.I)

Artificial Intelligence has been introduced to the world in the past few years and is currently spreading. Even if it may not seem like it, many of us use AI every day. Services such as the ChatGPT software from OpenAI is an obvious example, but facilities as regularly used as Apple's virtual assistant, Siri, are also powered by A.I With Artificial Intelligence growing into our lives every day, it is important to be aware of the effects it can have on us.

There can be many benefits of Artificial Intelligence. For example, many people use Grammarly on their writing projects, as it can fix human errors and improve the message conveyed in the piece. It helps many people refine their work to meet better standards. Another example of the benefits A.I gives us is that we have answers at our fingertips. Google Assistant is a system based on A.I, that is designed to give answers to any concern without the need to type it out. In some versions, Google Assistant can lend you a helping hand without you even needing to use your hands, as it will use voice recognition to respond to only saying "Hey Google?". This makes it very accessible for our needs.

Although Artificial Intelligence has many pros in our lives, there will always be cons. A major negative effect from it is that our brain will start losing its ability to work like it does now. As A.I gives us an easier and faster way to do things than our brain can, it will eventually be replaced, in a sense, as A.I takes the lead. An actual example of this is the evolution of the vestigial muscle in our wrist called the Palmaris Longus. Our ancestors had this muscle to help with climbing in the past, but as the need to climb eventually ceased, so did the muscle. It has now completely evolved out of the human muscular system for 15% of humans today.

This shows that while we can use Artificial Intelligence sometimes, we mustn't be largely dependent on it. It's Mind vs. Machine, and we are the mind. Artificial Intelligence should merely stay an assistant.

Essay by Syeda Anum Afaaq (14 years old)

Editor's Note:

Hey everybody,

I really enjoyed putting all of your wonderful entries into the very first children's magazine planned by DCI. It was a great experience to be able to help in this project and I hope you enjoyed reading these detailed essays and STEM projects and laying your eyes on the great art and poetry displayed in here!

It's amazing to see an insight on the minds of us children and teenagers, and I really appreciate the contribution from you fellow students in this compilation.

I would like to thank the management of DCI for giving me, and us all, this opportunity of sharing our interests and thoughts on different topics. And I thank you, the youth, for participating in this activity and I encourage you to keep taking part in flourishing the community of Deccan Club Of Ireland.

- Syeda Anum Afaaq