

# GRAPEVINE

1 December - 7 December

## *This Day, That Year*

December 2, 1984 marked one of the darkest nights in India's industrial history. The Union Carbide pesticide factory in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, experienced an irreversible methyl isocyanate (MIC) leak. Thousands of individuals were affected in a matter of minutes as the toxic gas silently spread around the sleeping city. The tragedy left deep scars - people not only suffered with immediate health impact but also with long lasting emotional trauma. The tragedy served as a catalyst for changes in India's environmental and safety regulations in the years that followed, serving as a global reminder of the huge duty that businesses have when handling hazardous substances.

## *Word of the Week*

### *Felicity*

/fə'lisiti/ (noun)

True happiness; a blissful state.



*Advik Mehra 7E*

## *Anticipated Events*

We anticipate the submission of the presentations for the Humanistic Design Summit - an impactful and empowering event, as participants bring forward their inspiring ideas.



*Samarth Nainani 6E*

## *Around the World in 100 Words*

Important diplomatic developments and changes in the economy occurred in the first week of December. Experts praised India's decision to keep interest rates lower as a strong signal to boost the economy and restore investment momentum. Citing the need for constructive yet balanced action, India decided to abstain from a resolution at the UN General Assembly regarding the forced relocation of Ukrainian children. Meanwhile, a five-year economic strategy aimed at increasing trade, energy cooperation, and technology exchange was agreed upon between Russia and India, strengthening their long-term collaboration. Taken together, these developments revealed a week shaped by thoughtful decisions and evolving relationships across borders.

## *Weekly Scoop*

The Interset Music Competition was held on 6th December. Additionally, The orientation sessions of the Humanistic Design Summit 2026 which is being hosted by our school, in collaboration with BML Munjal University, was held on 2nd and 3rd December marking the beginning of the prestigious event

## *Certainty in Uncertainty*

You were burning at the edges,  
all flint and sudden anger,  
and I still don't know the spark  
— but knowing wouldn't change  
What I need to tell you,  
Life rarely is complete.  
for people like us,  
the over-awake ambitious ones  
who feel that every failed plan  
as would a stone in the chest.  
I thought of Life of Pi:  
a boy and a tiger on a little small  
boat,  
months of terror and hunger  
braiding their lives together.  
On land, the tiger simply walks  
away,  
no backward glance, no farewell  
—  
and the boy's conception of  
meaning  
breaks on that shore.  
That's how life moves:  
no perfect ending,  
no neatly folded farewell—  
things happen, take shape,  
And then they just are.  
I'm not asking you to bow  
to fate, to drift through days.  
Fight for the win, hold your  
beliefs—  
but know when you have lost,  
when you were misled,  
when the story is done.  
Be certain of life's uncertainty.  
Carry it like quiet wisdom,  
and you may find,  
Between broken plans and small  
surrenders,  
a gentler, truer kind of  
contentment.

*Viraj Lahoti 12B*

## *Sudoku*

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