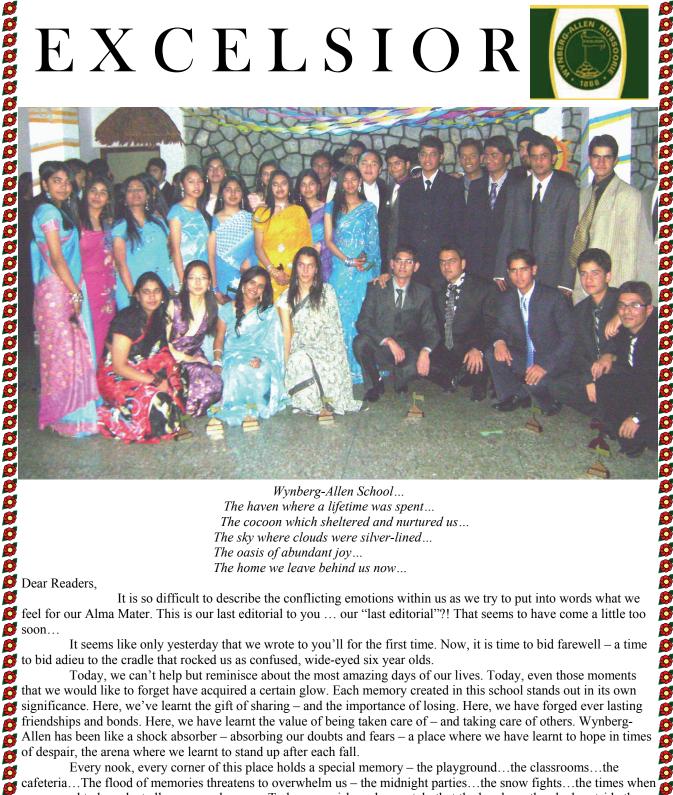


EXCELSIOR





Wynberg-Allen School... The haven where a lifetime was spent... The cocoon which sheltered and nurtured us... The sky where clouds were silver-lined... The oasis of abundant joy... The home we leave behind us now...

Dear Readers,

It is so difficult to describe the conflicting emotions within us as we try to put into words what we feel for our Alma Mater. This is our last editorial to you ... our "last editorial"?! That seems to have come a little too soon...

It seems like only yesterday that we wrote to you'll for the first time. Now, it is time to bid farewell – a time to bid adieu to the cradle that rocked us as confused, wide-eyed six year olds.

Today, we can't help but reminisce about the most amazing days of our lives. Today, even those moments that we would like to forget have acquired a certain glow. Each memory created in this school stands out in its own significance. Here, we've learnt the gift of sharing – and the importance of losing. Here, we have forged ever lasting friendships and bonds. Here, we have learnt the value of being taken care of – and taking care of others. Wynberg-Allen has been like a shock absorber – absorbing our doubts and fears – a place where we have learnt to hope in times of despair, the arena where we learnt to stand up after each fall.

Every nook, every corner of this place holds a special memory – the playground...the classrooms...the cafeteria...The flood of memories threatens to overwhelm us – the midnight parties...the snow fights...the times when we seemed to have lost all reason and sense... Today, we wish so desperately that the hands on the clock outside the Headmaster's Office could be turned back by twelve years.

We know that you have heard it countless times...but it cannot be said enough. These truly are the best days of your lives. Make the most of every opportunity that comes your way...every chance that helps you to find your true identity...every moment that completes and fulfils you. Good bye to all of you. God bless each one in this wonderful place.

Excelsior!!!

Editors-in-Chief

Ankita Rana 12C

Jannat Faiyaz 12S

As the final countdown begins for the ISC 2009 batch, they were asked to share some of their thoughts and feelings with us. As usual, the girls proved to be more communicative than the boys ... and so we have decided to share our own feelings about the latter!!

Here are some of the responses to the questions asked to them.

Sum up your life in Wynberg-Allen in two words.

Just perfect!!! Farah A. Bittersweet symphony

Pratikchha B.
Isn't that too few?! Nishi B
Wonderful experience. Himanshi G
A lifetime in twelve years...Sorry!!
I know that was more that two
words!

Earthly paradise!! Karishma K.
That's impossible! Surbhi S.
Quite good!! Kalsang Y.

Apart from the memories, what else are you taking with you as you leave school?

Friends...who I know will always be there for me...no matter what happens... Farah A. Friends for life Pratikchha B. The saying... Continue thou in the things that thou have learned...

Nishi B.

Strength from the experiences that I have had... Nedabia B.

Friends forever... Jannat F.

Friends... Himanshi G.

Everything I am today is because of this school. I came here not knowing how to utter even a single word in English – or even how to comb my hair!!Wynberg-Allen has created this person – "Karishma" – and that is what I am taking along with me!

Karishma K. A better understanding of life and the strength to face any challenge I might encounter

Ankita R.

A more self-confident "me"!

Kalsang Y.

If you could carry out one thing with

you, what would that be?
The paintings from the Art Room!
Farah A.

Mr. Cashmore's brownies!!

Nishi B

Mr. Cashmore's recipes!

Himanshi G.

Mr. Cashmore's kitchen!

Karishma K.
Ditto!! Ankita R.

Our awesome swimming pool!! *Kalsang Y.*

Describe something that would make you come back to school.

Mr. Cashmore's food and a reunion!!

Ditto!! Farah A.

Ditto!! Jannat F.
Ditto!! Pratikchha B.
Ditto!! Nishi B.
Ditto!! Nedabia B
Ditto!! Himanshi G
Ditto!! Ankita R.

My memories and the love of my

Karishma K.

How do you feel about leaving school?

teachers and a reunion.

Bad...bad... I just can't describe it in words. Farah A. I just can't believe it. Wynberg-Allen has been my life for the past eleven years. I can't imagine myself anywhere else. Jannat F. It's a very nostalgic feeling. Living in Wynberg-Allen for six years has taught me a lot. I can confidently say that I will be able to face any kind of situation with fortitude and endurance.

Pratikchha B.

I feel excited – and nervous about moving out of my comfort zone. I wonder if I will be able to accept new ways.

Nishi B

I still remember the time when I first came to school and introduced myself," "You can call me Neby...". There have been times when I felt the world was dark all around me but now I realize that this is the place I have found my BFFs —

best friends forever!! This is the place where I was taken the most care of, the place where I got into the most trouble. Now that I am about to leave everything behind, I realize – this school is like no other place...I love you, WAS!!

Nedabia B.

I can't believe how two years have just rushed by. I remember how I cried when I first came to this place – and now, the tears that I shed are of a different kind.

Himanshi G.

I still can't believe that I am leaving school for the very final time and that I will never return as a student of Wynberg- Allen. So, I don't really know how I will feel or am feeling about leaving.

Karishma K.

Nostalgic...I have completed a journey of twelve years and I owe all that I am today to Wynberg-Allen. Today, I am ready to go out into the world as a more confident human being.

Ankita R.

I can't really say. I am just so confused my feelings.

Surbhi S.

Nostalgic about leaving – excited about what the future holds for me!!

Kalsang Y



Do you know that hot drinks cool you down better than cold ones do?

Telephone inventor Alexander Bell never phoned

The ISC boys were extremely tight-lipped about their emotions. So, this is what we feel about them!!!

Sunny (a.k.a Pappi)

A walking talking bilingual dictionary who uses big words just to complicate sentences.

Enjoys hot water.

Favourite line- "This shows your upbringing!!"

Tenzing (a.k.a Gaming Lord)

Favourite line-"I've turned over a new leaf."

Future Gabbar (the electrician).

Ahmed (a.k.a Pinocchio, Candle Stand)

A 'maha' lazy, punctual(?) active Man U fan.

Enjoys napping, talking in his sleep.

Famous line while asleep - 'Ranjit, gaadi lehkar aao."

Tarim (a.k.a Kesu)

Favourite line- "If my leg was better I would......"

Gaurav (a.k.a Uncle)

Someone in whom everyone confides.

Aradhyanayan (a.k.a Greek God)

An accomplished Warcrafter but lost to Tsering Ukyab. Computer gaming's worst nightmare.

Rishabh (a.k.a T2, Rollo)

Favourite line- 'Alay alay t2 ka kal-la hay' A narcissist.

Neeraj (a.k.a Chacha)

Typist of the school.

Mr. Sharma's favourite line for him, "One day, this chap will die in the lab and I'll have to get him down." Tougher than leather (Chinese made).

Prateek (a.k.a JD)

Got hurt while bouncing alone (Foy House Play) A lazy pillar.

Favourite song: 'Lazy lamhe'.

Sheraf (a.k.a Captain)

No comments

Favourite line(s) -"I make this look better."

"Conversation over."

"Why are you getting so physical?"

Abhishek (a.k.a Trolla, Bonke, Mahe)

There's a million of him in every one.

Favourite poem: "There was a boy who had a toy

Favourite poem: "There was a boy who had a toy
The toy broke and the boy spoke,

'Mummy, I want another toy."

Under the impression that he's fitter than the fittest (which, in this case, would be Mr. Champa).

Farhan Ansari (a.k.a N. A)

Chandu (a.k.a Biriyani Boy)

Its difficult to find the words to describe him. Favourite line (in the play)- I likger ungle (I like her uncle).

Comments-N. A

Favourite line- "Silence!!!"

Favourite poem- N. A

his wife because she was deaf!

The Neanderthal's human brain was bigger than yours.

The first electronic digital

In Conversation With Mr. & Mrs. Pawar

The abruptness of the luncheon entailed that the questions asked were also informal. (Most of the questions were asked by Sheraf Sonam). Our personal inexperience in such issues (and also the fact that Pulakit Singh is not a bona fide member of the Editorial Board) is the reason for the 'paragraphical' nature of this interview.

Mr. and Mrs. Pawar were seated on one side of the dining-table. Mr. Pawar was wearing a pinstriped blue and white shirt, Mrs. Pawar was wearing a red one. Sheraf, Pulakit and Tsering (in uniform) were seated on the opposite side. After a brief period of awkward silence, Mr. Pawar broke it by commenting on the changes that he had observed in our school. Like all old ex-students, he expected his Alma Mater to remain as she appears in the old black and white photographs.

Mr. Pawar had studied in this school for two years (1959-60) in Class 5 & Class 6. After his two years in Wynberg-Allen, Mr. Pawar went to London. Although he doesn't remember his childhood years in school, one thing stands out brilliantly in his memory - the children those days used to get chicken once a month. Back then, it was considered a rare delicacy. (Unlike us, who are served chicken thrice a week and still......).

Mr. and Mrs. Pawar were on a vacation in India and planned to stay here for a month. They own a petrol pump in Kenya.

After having a few spoons of the lunch served to them, Mrs. Pawar (who was born in Kenya & studied there) said that Kenyan food was far more spicy than Indian food. Also, Kenyan national parks were a treat to visit, being rich different species of wild life. While discussing the prevailing situation in India, Mr. Pawar said that he felt that Kenya was a safer place to be in.

Mr. Pawar remembered that where the present swimming pool is, there used to be a bakery. He did not know any of the teachers of today, but he did remember Mr. Kidd (who was the Principal in those days), and a Mr. Kraven. It was their fourth visit to India, their last being in 2007, when he had to undergo knee surgery in Hyderabad. Mr. Pawar's brother also studied in Wynberg-Allen School. On a final note, Mr. Pawar said that he had experienced his first snowfall here in Mussoorie.

After having their lunch, Mr. Pawar went trigger happy with his camera by taking pictures of us wearing the uniform which has remained unchanged since his days here in school. Sheraf Sonam then took Mr. and Mrs. Pawar on a guided tour of the school and we returned to class after presenting Mr. Pawar with the previous year's issue of the Alwynian.

Pulakit Singh & Tsering Ukyab

In Conversation With Mr. Tamang

Mr. David Tamang, a busy person to track down, finally allowed us to catch him after the first Choir practice. One sunny afternoon, we sat him down on the benches near the Hooper Hall. Mr. Tamang seemed a bit hesitant because it was his first interview - not that we ourselves were brimming with confidence. Here's what we extracted.

Q -When did you begin playing the piano?

I was brought up in a church society and was always surrounded by music. Although none of my family members is into music, I always wanted to become a pianist for the church. I started learning to play the piano at the age of 10.

Q-Who is your all-time favourite musician?

I'd have to say Mozart.

Q-Are you into Hindi music?

I like ghazals.

Q-Do you like any of the new bands which are coming up?

No, I haven't heard much of them.

computer weighed 30 tons. There are 170,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 different ways to play the ten opening moves in a

He who would travel happily must travel light.

Q-What do you think about our singing?

You are still young and that's why you don't give much attention to your singing. You need to be more focused. I think there is scope for improvement if children are more determined.

Q-Where did you go to school?

I was born and brought up in Darjeeling, but I completed my musical training from Woodstock School. I graduated in Arts from Mussoorie and I have always wanted to pursue a Master's degree in Hospitality and Tourism.

Q-Is there anyone you feel indebted to for your talent in music?

One of my music teachers in Darjeeling a Mr. Samuel has always helped me.

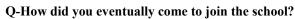
Q-Were you a naughty boy in school?

No, actually I was quite shy and quiet and wasn't into sports. I was more into studies and of course music.

Q-How would you react if a student misbehaved with you? (Laughs) Well, that's hard to say! It depends on the situation.

Q-Do you have any other hobbies apart from music?

I like reading a lot. Presently I am reading the 'Unwanted'. One of my favourite books has been 'Beautiful Garhwal' by Ruskin Bond.



I came to know about the vacancy here through an advertisement in a newspaper. I gave an interview in which I was selected.

Q-Do you play any other instruments?

I can play the guitar a bit.

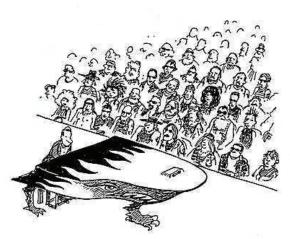
Q-Are you a good singer?

(Quietly) I do sing a bit although I prefer playing on the piano.

Q-What do you think about the Junior School?

Oh, I love them. They are very musical; they are very lively and fun to teach.

Q-Any past experiences that you would like to share?



Before I took up music, I remember one of music teachers had insulted me by saying that I couldn't pursue music. This actually motivated me into making music my profession.

Q-How do you get along with the staff and do you have any friends among the staff?

Well, they are very hospitable and nice but I haven't made friends yet.

O-Do you have any messages for the students?

All I would like to say is that school life is a golden period and it never comes back. Have fun. Don't do anything that you'll regret later on.

game of chess. The average person is about a quarter of an inch taller at night. Most lipsticks contain fish scales. Park Ranger

TIMES OF ALLEN

Snowfall!!

If you had thought that the 11th of February was going to be just another day, you would have been in for a big surprise! Classes Ten and above who reported faithfully to school were greeted by the famous snows of Mussoorie on the very first day of school. This was Mother Nature's special way of welcoming the Allenites, some of whom were returning from the sun-baked plains of India. The initial excitement dwindled though... when the teeth started chattering and chilblains seemed to become the latest trend of the season. Many day scholars suddenly became very cautious about their physical well-being and found the conditions to be "highly treacherous" for travelling.

Many boys were also seen trying to perfect their ice-skating skills – rather unsuccessfully. Certainly, they took off very well – and then followed the humiliating descent into a heap on the ground.

All in all, it was a welcome change that was enjoyed both by the teachers and students alike.

Welcome Back!!

Three and a half months of fun and frolic at home came to an end on the 5th and 6th of March as school re-opened for the rest of the classes from Class 1 to Class9. As always, there were some prodigal sons who arrived at the eleventh hour – with a whole universe of illegal tuck – which was promptly confiscated. (Hope springs eternal in the human breast – as they say.) There was the usual hullabaloo with coolies, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins (twice removed) and the lost

A warm welcome back to every single student! Gear up for the year ahead – it will flash by even before you realize it.

Class 12 Outing Sunday, 22nd February, 2009.

The Class Twelve students were honorably bestowed with the first outing of the year. At 8 a.m., Mr. & Mrs. Radcliffe, Mr. & Mrs. Misra and the Class 12 boarder boys and girls set off in the yellow school bus to the Tehri Dam. After devouring a packed breakfast from school (and generously giving a shopkeeper a year's profit), we reached Tehri after passing through Dhanaulti and Chamba.

Examination Fever!!

A year has gone by and we are once more at that stage when the tension is high and the nerves are weary!! Ask the ISC and ICSE students and they will tell you that they are living

through Doomsday every day of their lives.

As in the previous years, students were seen putting in that last effort in an attempt to revise all that they had learnt – or actually not learnt – over the year. As the nervous fever spread like an epidemic among the Board Examination classes, several teachers were seen advising the students on stress



management – but as they say – some things never change!! The most we can do is wish them the very best – we are certain that you will make us proud some two months hence!!

Staff vs. Students Hockey Match

Ummm....staff and hockey??... no...no...hockey and staff???...Nah!! Staff playing hockey????

Sorry! I was only trying to reconcile the idea of the staff playing hockey...since they can't!!

The Staff vs. Students Hockey Match began on a cold and grey evening. Mr. Tindale scored one goal – after 20(0) attempts (and, of course, only after deflection). Word has it that Mr. Wilson had tried to intimidate the goal keeper into staying away from the match. (Don't deny it, Sir!!) Mr. Champa's many attempts at dodging were highly unsuccessful and Mr. O'Connor couldn't see the ball coming towards him. (Don't blame him. How is the weather up there, Sir?)

As for the students, they obviously played with class and style. There was some superb dodging by Gurjeet, Johnny and Phuntsok. Pulakit shone as a master goal-keeper. There was excellent defending by Himanshu, Gautam and Amir. We must not forget Tsering Ukyab and his concentrated efforts to injure the teachers.

At the end of the match, (in which the skill of cheating was perfected), the score was 1-1.

However, don't let that influence your judgment – whatever it may be – in any way.

Tehri is a quiet place with a number of houses around the dam.
What I learnt during the short visit -

- -Tehri Dam has enough water to last through summer.
- -It has 3 main radial gates that open at a speed of 0.2m/min.
- -It has one maintenance gate with an opening speed of 1m/min
- -The officials-in-charge are off

duty on Sundays.

- -Due to security reasons, visitors are not allowed to enter the turbine rooms.
- -The gate is protected by some very loud Bhojpuri guards. (No racial slur intended.)
 After viewing the dam from various angles, we started our journey back to school.

Roy Sullivan was hit by lightning seven times. On an average, a four year old asks 437 questions a day to his teacher!!

CAMPUS RUMOURS

Camera or Solar Water Heater??!!!

"Look up; look, there in the sky"

"It's a bird"

"Its a plane."

"It's a hamburger?"

"It's for dinner."

"No it isn't."

"I KNOW WHAT IT IS!"

"SOLAR WATER HEATER!"

"No, it's a hi-fi 22x zoom+ snapshot+ video recording+ all weather resistant wireless camera"

"So, how many gallons can it heat?"

"Hey, I said it's a camera!"

EVERYONE IGNORING

With the installation of the first camera in the school the comments of the students were as follows—"It's wrong, it's wrong."

"Hey, what are you talking about, the solar heater?"

"I hope monkeys spoil it!"

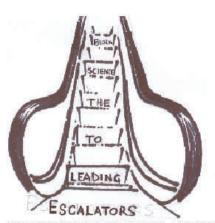
"Why, don't they like hot water?"

"Wow!!!"

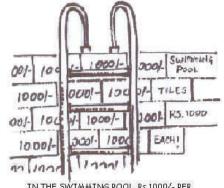
"Wow, 1000 gallons in one minute!!! Not bad!!"

"Now they'll come to know who is breaking the flower pots."

WORD HAS IT...



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An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping that it will eat him last.

The More I Think
The More Confused I Ge

JUNIOR QUIZ (FOR CLASS 7, 8 & 9)

- 1. WHAT ARE THE STEPPES, PAMPAS AND VELDT?
- 2. BETWEEN WHICH TWO STATES WAS THERE AN ENMITY IN SHAKESPEARE'S 'COMEDY OF ERRORS'?
- 3. Who saved Antonio from Death in the 'Merchant of Venice'?
- 4. What are Simoon, Dora, and Pampero? If so, where is Mistral found?
- 5. WHAT IS THE BIGGEST DISADVANTAGE OF THE SEWING MACHINE?



- 7. HOW MANY OSCARS DID 'SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE' WIN?
- 8. Who popularized the sign of victory?
- 9. WHICH LATE ACTOR ACTED IN THE MOVIE 'THE DARK KNIGHT'? (ITS NOT BRAD PITT)

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The prize awaits expectantly....

CHALFIER



WHICH WORD DO YOU SEE?

Riddles

A black dog stands in the middle of an intersection in a town painted black. None of the street lights are working due to a power failure caused by a storm. A car with two broken headlights drives towards the dog but turns in time to avoid hitting him. How could the driver have seen the dog in time?

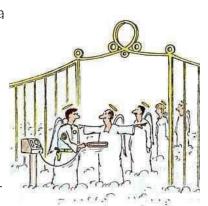
If I say "Everything I tell you is a lie," am I telling you the truth or a lie?

What English word retains the same pronunciation, even after you take away four of its five letters?

an electric guitar 11.63 m high and 5m wide. It took 6 people to play it, and yes, it was very loud. In 1859, a shower of fish fell

factoids

- -Ever heard of a "puwo"? That's a cross between a standard poodle and a wolf.
- -When a wolf's howl is high and quavering, it's scared.
- -Wolves don't just howl—they sing. There are tenors, sopranos, even baritones
- -A mathematical wonder: 111,111,111 multiplied by 111,111,111 gives the result 12,345,678,987,654,321.
- -The most common name in the world is Mohammed.
- -The term "the whole 9 yards" came from WWII fighter pilots in the South Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards."





(Class 10, 11 & 12)

- 1. WHICH IS THE MOST WIDELY SPOKEN LANGUAGE?
- 2.There are twelve Olympians. 10 of whom are zeus, Hera, Poseidon, Apollo, Athene, Aphrodite, Hephaestus, Hades, Hermes and Artemis. Name the other two.
- 3. NICOSIA IS THE CAPITAL OF WHICH COUNTRY?
- 4. WHAT IS SEMANTICS?
- 5. From which martial arts is judo derived?
- 6. WHAT IS A WATERSPOUT?
- 7. WHICH IS THE LAST LETTER OF THE GREEK ALPHABET?
- 8. WHICH IS THE FASTEST BIRD AND THE FASTEST FISH?
- 9 WHAT IS LUGE? (IT IS USED IN SPORTS.)
- 10. WHAT IS THE FULL FORM OF MRI/DVD?
- 11. IN BASKETBALL HOW MUCH TIME IS GIVEN WITHIN WHICH THE TEAM MUST SHOOT IN THE BASKETBALL, AFTER GAINING POSSESSION OF THE BALL?
- 12. WHAT IS THE HIGHEST ODI SCORE IN CRICKET?

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from the sky in Glamorgan, Wales. The fish covered the size of 3 tennis courts. In the language of falconers, any "falcon" is



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Samurai Sudoku Puzzles consist of five overlapping Sudoku grids. The standard Sudoku rules apply to each 9 x 9 grid. Place digits from 1 to 9 in each empty cell. Every row, every column, and every 3 x 3 box should contain one of each digit.

The puzzles on Samurai Sudoku have one unique solution which can be found with pure logic, no guessing required.

female. The male is a "tierce". The first animal to be on the list of endangered species was the peregrine falcon. Should mention

The road to success is always under construction.

Einstein's Riddle

ALBERT EINSTEIN'S RIDDLE

ARE YOU IN THE TOP 2% OF INTELLIGENT PEOPLE IN THE WORLD? SOLVE THE RIDDLE AND FIND OUT.

There are no tricks, just pure logic, so good luck and don't give up.

- 1. In a street there are five houses, painted five different colours.
- 2. In each house lives a person of different nationality
- 3. These five homeowners each drink a different kind of beverage, smoke different brand of cigar and keep a different pet.

THE QUESTION: WHO OWNS THE FISH?

HINTS

- 1. The Brit lives in a red house.
- 2. The Swede keeps dogs as pets.
- 3. The Dane drinks tea.
- 4. The Green house is next to, and on the left of the White house.
- 5. The owner of the Green house drinks coffee.
- 6. The person who smokes Pall Mall rears birds.
- 7. The owner of the Yellow house smokes Dunhill.
- 8. The man living in the centre house drinks milk.
- 9. The Norwegian lives in the first house.
- 10. The man who smokes Blends lives next to the one who keeps cats.
- 11. The man who keeps horses lives next to the man who smokes Dunhill.
- 12. The man who smokes Blue Master drinks beer.
- 13. The German smokes Prince.
- 14. The Norwegian lives next to the blue house.
- 15. The man who smokes Blends has a neighbour who drinks water.

ALBERT EINSTEIN WROTE THIS RIDDLE EARLY DURING THE 19th CENTURY. HE SAID THAT 98% OF THE WORLD POPULATION WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SOLVE IT.



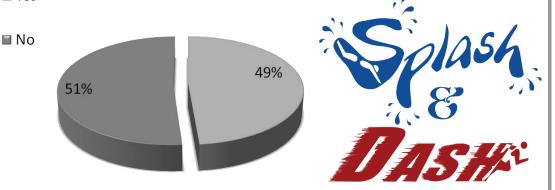
ANSWERS WILL BE WELCOMED...

that it is still on the list. No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, purple.

Everybody wants to go to heaven but no one wants to die.

Opinion Poll

- Question: Swimming should be introduced along with Morning Runs.
- Yes



* Girls aren't affected by this so their opinion wasn't taken into account

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