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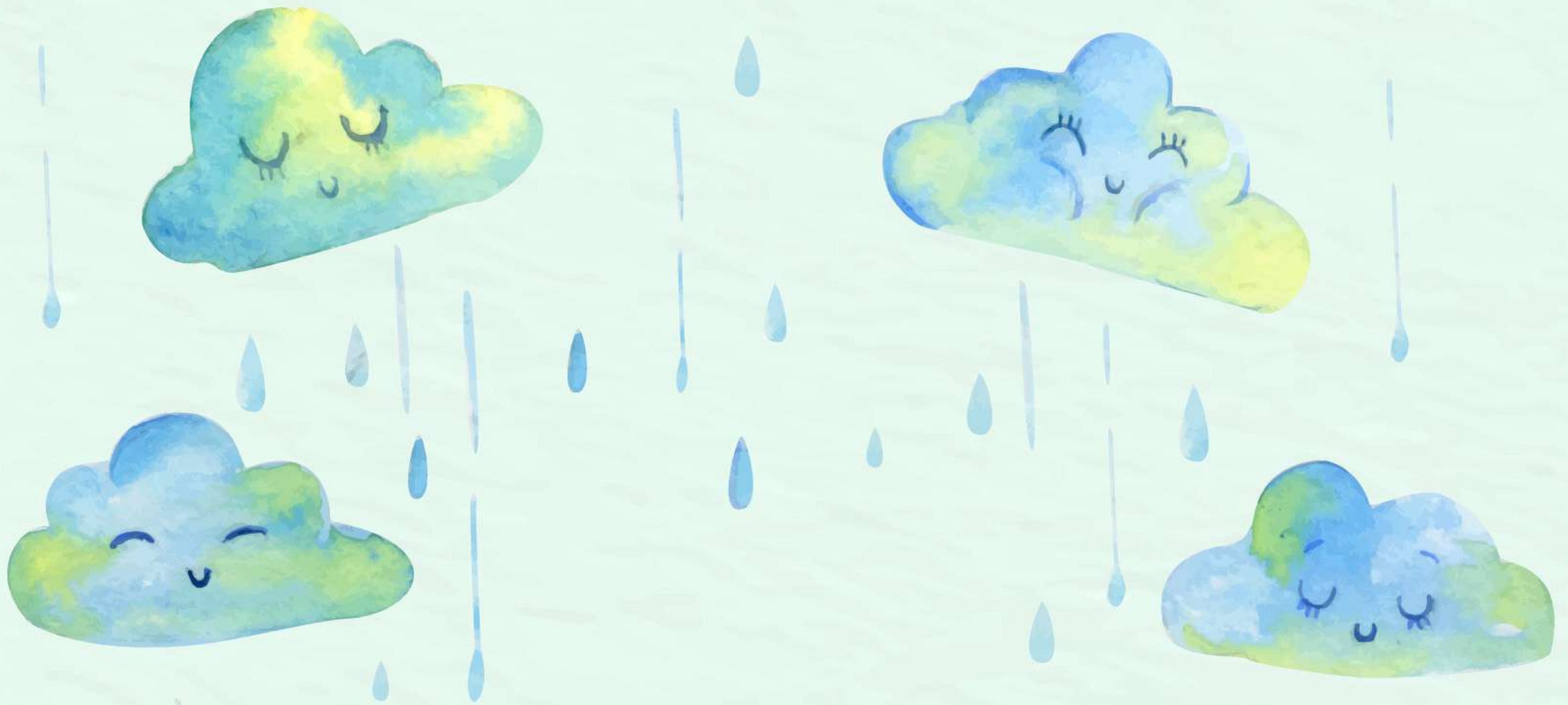


“Planet vs. Plastic”, is the theme of this year’s **‘EARTH DAY’**, **observed worldwide on April 22, 2024**. “Since its inception in 1970, Earth Day has grown into a global movement raising awareness about pressing ecological issues”, and one of the more critical of these problems is the massive amount of Plastic waste generated by our daily dependence on plastic products. Plastic, as we should all be aware of, is not biodegradable, that it is not capable of being decomposed by bacteria or other living organisms and thus a nightmare in combatting pollution. The harsh reality is that we are literally being runover by mountains of plastic that is being dumped all over the place. Even our pristine North is at the mercy of disgusting tourists, who leave plastic trash so brazenly dumped all over our natural preserves and habitats. And how many times is it trumpeted that the sale of plastic shopping bags will be banned? Well, like everything else that should matter, this existential threat to our planet and thereby the people’s well-being, is mere hypocritical posturing by those in power. If not collectively, all of us can individually do whatever we can to minimize our propensity to be a part of the insensitive majority, which is simply in a state of denial of our responsibility as ‘guardians of our planet.’ Just start by being a proactive and concerned citizen in reducing any form of pollution that you might be guilty of!





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STORMY DOWNPOURS

Like elsewhere on Planet Earth, we too have been reeling with the after-effects of Global Warming. Since records have been kept, 2023 was the warmest year ever recorded. Average temperature of the world has increased by 1.5 degrees Celsius. Pakistan is one of the five countries most impacted by global warming. The recent monsoon like rains, in Balochistan and elsewhere, can be directly attributed to climate change. And through it all, LOSC remains focused on broadening the horizons of its students, and to inculcate virtues of collaboration, cooperation, and communication, so as to usher in a culture of shared experiences that fosters understanding and respect for human values.



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A SATURDAY OF JOY AND LAUGHTER!

Eid Gala – 2024 was just that and more – a glorious Spring- day, with deep blue skies and whiter than white clouds sailing serenely up above. A picture-perfect setting that complemented the mood and tone of the celebrations. Dressed in colorful ensembles, students were in their elements, spirited and boisterous, they had a rollicking time. Whether they were the adorable preschoolers, or the precocious primary juniors, to the self-assured secondary seniors – all of them celebrated with verve and panache. Foodies relished the awesome range of delicacies, both homemade and at stalls with some further mouth-watering options. To top it, camel rides produced the inevitable squeals and screams. A 'Jolly Good Time' was had by all!





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CHECKPOINT # 1

The tests of Checkpoint # 1 have commenced from Monday, April 22, 2024, and the first period of sixty minutes, everyday through the duration of the tests, has been designated as the 'Checkpoint Test Hour.' We wish all our students the very best in these tests. GOODLUCK to the entire student-body (grades I to VIII)appearing in these assessments.

EXAM PROTOCOLS

- Be punctual; there are no re-tests or extra time allowance for late-comers.
- Bring your own stationery; borrowing during exam proceedings is not allowed.
- External material is allowed in the examination hall.
- Communication with fellow candidates is prohibited.
- Complete all your details in the relevant spaces before starting the test.
- Review your answer-sheet before exiting.
- Calculators are permitted only for Grades VI, VII & VIII.
- Maintain discipline in the exam hall.
- Any student indulging in unfair means will be dealt as per school rules and policies.
- Water-bottle is allowed.

GRADING

Passing Percentage – 40%



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SEARCH ENGINES

Google is without doubt the most powerful of all search engines but a big concern is that they share your personal information with others and one's privacy is compromised. There are other search engines worth mentioning:

1. Duck Duck Go Search

Most significantly, this engine does not track information about you or share your search habits with others. It has an extensive data capacity and scrolling it will present you with infinite possibilities. Give it a try, it is simple and clean.

2. Bing

This is Microsoft's attempt at unseating Google, arguably the second-most popular search engine today. Bing tries to support your research by offering suggestions; it also offers search options across the top of the screen. Not that it will push Google from its pole position, but it is worth trying.

3. Google Scholar

It focuses on scientific and hard-research academic content that scholars and scientists have scrutinized. Example content includes graduate theses, medical and physics research papers, economics and world politics. If critical content is what you are looking for, then Google Scholar will be helpful.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Communication Skills are key to one's success in today's ever-evolving high-tech and connected world. An ability to successfully engage with others, involves processing a broad spectrum of thoughts, ideas, opinions, dissertations, and developing studied and logical responses. The key to this is being a good listener in order to articulate your thought process. Communication is a multi-faceted art that can be described as a sensory experience. All our senses are engaged in communication with others, and our mind filters what transpires, into a fluid exchange on whatever is being discussed. We need to further refine these skills, with keener perceptions about things that interest and motivate us.

GRADE X CLASSES

Students of Grade X, girls and boys, will begin their Academic Session, post their Grade IX Federal Board Examinations, from **Thursday, May 2nd, 2024. Parents and Students to take note**



PROFILE – Abdul Muqeet and Abdul Moiz

Gifted brothers from our Preschool, who have converted their gaming skills into developing their own games. With the help of coding tutorials, apps and software, they have created their own games, highlighting their passion and creative skills at a very young age. It augurs well for an exciting future in AI related ventures, that await them, even as they continue their learning quest. Inspirational role models indeed for their peers!

Congratulations Muqeet and Moiz!