

# The Doon School WEEKLY

"I sketch your world exactly as it goes." -Arthur Foot  
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### THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Tragedy, revolution, war, and independence, historic legend.

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### BOWLED OVER

Deadly shots, razor sharp bowling, near-miss catches, they had it all.

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### WEEK GONE BY

PT(M), activity sandwiches, and turning a new leaf all around.

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## How was your Midterm experience?

As Chandbagh wrapped up its tiring Trials and gave the opportunity to thrill seekers like me to witness the world outside our beautiful bubble, there was a keen sense of anticipation. Preparing hastily for the midterm has been quite a recurring tradition for DoscOs. With far too many bags of *Takataks* poking out of my rucksack, and all the essentials missing, the compasses were set north. We reached the grasslands of Dayara Bugyal where the party feasted on the *pabadi paranthas* and *kadak chai*, all the while also feasting our eyes on the prepossessing views of fluffy clouds and snow capped mountains. We set forth for our first hike of nine kilometres to the village of Chirbasa where we camped, lit a bonfire and tried to fall asleep after listening to eerie ghost stories. To our surprise, the snow gods had rustled up a miracle for us, which took a sour turn when our trek was found slippery and freezing. Through sheer will and determination, we pushed through our limits and summited, finding an awe-inspiring sight which displayed the Gangotri peaks and the Garhwal range. Overall, this Midterm provided me with a strong sense of achievement and adaptability along with the pleasure of making fond memories with several of my form mates.

-Devansh Jitu

Aiming for a destination like Roop Kund this time was ambitious, and we all knew it. Yet we set out with more fizz than an *Appy*, and it was probably the most incredible Midterms I've been on. After a mind-numbing 10-hour drive to Lohajung and a giddy night of repacking, we were ready to set out for camp on day two. A sharp descent and ascent through the valley were incredibly tiring, surrounded by dense alpine forest and bright pops of rhododendron trees, contrasted by the shock-white lichen growing on fallen trunks. After setting up camp at 11,000 feet, we were hit by snowfall, but so light that we could not anticipate what the next day would bring. So, we sipped our rhododendron juice in blissful ignorance. The next day, we climbed 2,000 feet over the course of three hours, reaching a small enclosure with huts and a crop patch. We began our gradual ascent along a narrow and interminable ridge, which took us to 14,000 feet and our next camp. Tragedy (or fortune) struck when we reached the very end of the ridge, mere minutes away from crossing into the next valley, and a fierce snowstorm descended upon us. Another four hours would pass before it died down, and during that time, a series of events occurred that forced us to call off the trek to our original destination. Our mules, unable to find grip on the fresh and icy snow, slipped and fell down the mountain, dropping and losing equipment, food, and sleeping bags. Unable to make the next camp due to the low visibility and trouble with the mules, we turned back after our guides retrieved the supplies. We descended back to the enclosure, where we rode out the storm in a stone hut with no door, finally coming back down to camp an hour later. Needless to say, summiting an alternate peak was no less fun, and climbing to the top of Asia's largest alpine meadow wasn't too bad either. We learned that making the decision to come down is just as hard as the one to push on, and it's about the memories made and sights seen, not the destination itself. Ghost stories and bonfires, adrenaline and apathy — this was a Midterms I'll never forget.

-Zubin Dhar

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## This Week in History

**1912 CE:** The British luxury passenger liner *Titanic* sinks en route to New York City from Hampshire, England, after striking an iceberg during its maiden voyage.

**1943 CE:** The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising began and was later quelled four weeks later, on May 16.

**1965 CE:** United Nations forces recapture Seoul during the Korean War.

**1980 CE:** Zimbabwe achieves independence from the United Kingdom.

**2011 CE:** *Game of Thrones*, based on George R.R. Martin's fantasy book series *A Song of Ice and Fire*, debuts on HBO.

### LISTENER'S CHECKLIST

What members of the School community have been listening to this week:

**Ayaan Suraksh:** *Hope* by XXXTentacion

**Aarav Agarwal:** *Bones* by Imagine Dragons

**Viren Jindal:** *Little Bit More* by Surliel Hess

**Ranveer Goyal:** *Country Roads* by John Denver

**Jansher Grewal:** *All The Stars* by Kendrick Lamar

### READER'S CHECKLIST

What members of the School community have been reading this week:

**Shiva Malikarjun:** *The Shining* by Stephen King

**Sohan Enugula:** *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

**Siddham Tater:** *Why Can't We Just Print More Money* by Rupa Patel

**Ssavya Garg:** *The Psychology of Money* by Morgan Housel

**Aadvik Agarwal:** *Divergent* by Veronica Roth

**Viraj Singh:** *The Fault In Our Stars* by John Green

**Sarosh Kamal:** *The Godfather* by Mario Puzo

### UNQUOTABLE QUOTES

*You was a part of the Echo.*

**Aradhya Jain,** echo-chambers abound.

*The link is not linking.*

**Kabir Takhtar,** gonna need a bigger link.

*Deadline means deadline, not lifeline.*

**DKM,** Kaun Banega Failpati.

## THE WHO?

### Who is Farrokh Bulsara?

**Armaan Singh:** A WWE wrestler

**Aarav Kathuria:** A lead guitarist

**Omar Malik:** A chef

**Aradhya Jain:** A social activist

Farrokh Bulsara, known professionally as **Freddy**

**Mercury,** was a British **singer, songwriter and record producer** who achieved worldwide fame as the lead vocalist and pianist of the rock band *Queen*.

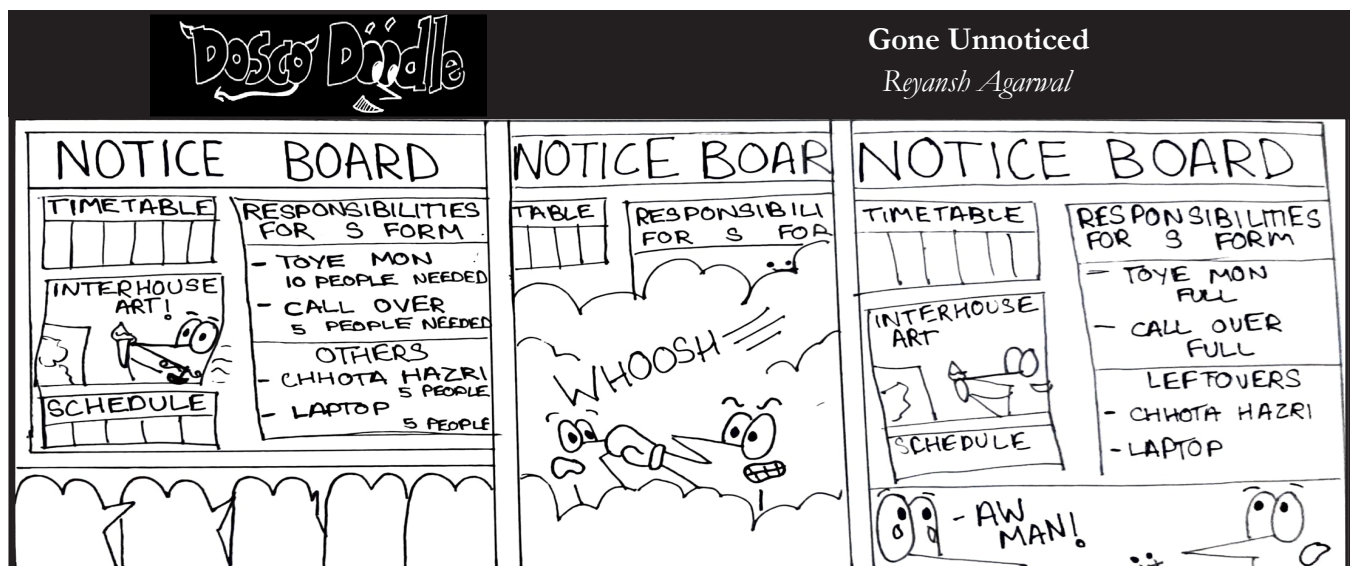
### Around the World in 80 Words

Iran launched over 300 drones and missiles at Israel in an attack escalating tensions. Heavy rain and flash floods killed 50 in Afghanistan. The BJP released its election manifesto — the *Sankalp Patra* — for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, with its focus on the uplifting of women and youth. India's retail inflation rate dropped to a 10-month low. Chennai Super Kings defeated the Mumbai Indians in the Indian Premier League. Sunrisers Hyderabad beat their own previous record against Royal Challengers Bengaluru.

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If you genuinely want something, don't wait for it — teach yourself to be impatient.

Gurbaksh Chahal



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I left the gates of Chandbagh earlier this week like most reading this, embarking once again on the Midterms and in classic Dosco fashion, singing along to any song that came to mind with my beloved form mates. We arrived at a relatively luxurious lodging for Midterms on the first day before leaving for our base camp the following day. We rested there, gearing up for our destination, the snow-capped peak of Kushkalyan. Although we were unable to reach the top, our long awaited chance to play in the snow presented itself the following afternoon as there were snowfalls, three times over! We took in our last sights of the beautiful, white mountains as we started our trek down on the fourth day, returning to our original stay for one last night before returning to School. The fifth day was a long bus ride home with a reward at the end of the road in the form of Barbeque Nation and limitless desserts. We returned to our beautiful campus with stuffed stomachs and a new collection of good memories.

-Ritvik Agrawal

## Bowled Over

*A recounting of the School Cricket Team's performance at Pilibhit.*

After quite a long hiatus, the School Cricket Team finally had the chance to expand its victories past its home ground by going on its first official "tour" of the season.

The tour was kickstarted with the School Team playing its annual fixture against the Lalit Hari Sugar Factory, Pilibhit, where they played two matches against a team of Old Boys and players from the Pilibhit academy itself. This year we witnessed two highly contested matches between them and the School Team. The School Team showed great grit and determination but were unable to break the 16-year old losing streak.

The first match saw the School lose in a rather close match, winning the toss and opting to bat first. School saw a top-order collapse, losing three wickets within the first six overs but a commendable partnership between Rohan Jalan and Arjun Prakash of 49 and 42 runs respectively, putting the team at a respectable total of 176 runs in 35 overs. The School Team started well but were unable to face the highly experienced batsmen of the LHSF team. Commendable bowling performances were shown by Daksh Jindal and Arnav Agrawal. and for his commitment and performance Vedant Mangal was awarded the best bowler of that match taking two wickets and being economically strong at the very same time.

In the second match, the School won the toss yet again and opted to bowl first. The opposing batsmen wreaked havoc on the team by scoring a mammoth total of 186 runs in just 25 overs. Arjun Prakash was awarded the Best Bowler and Player of the Series for his remarkable performances. In the following half of the tour, the School turned colours by going from the conventional red-ball

cricket to the faster-paced white-ball cricket, and played against The Lawrence School, Sanawar and Pinegrove School. We showed an exemplary bowling performance against The Lawrence School and sent the host team back to the Pavilion at just 80 runs in a 20-over match. Meritorious bowling performances were demonstrated by Arnav Agarwal who took three wickets followed up by the two-wicket hauls of Daksh Jindal, Arjun Prakash and Rohan Jalan. On the batting side, Ekagra Kasana and Rushil Agarwal were able to chase the target within eight overs. Arnav Agarwal was awarded the man of the match, while Pranav Gupta was awarded the best fielder.

The School Team performed exceptionally well against the Pinegrove School, winning the first match. Losing the toss and batting first, Pranav Gupta's 77 runs in 47 balls and Arjun Prakash's 68 run innings helped them reach a mammoth total of 204 runs in 20 overs. In a second match against Sanawar, School again won by a comfortable margin, key players like Mridul Jain and Pranav Almal got a chance to prove their mettle. Jai Rana took three wickets and Udathveer Pasricha was awarded the man of the match.

In the last match of the away tour, the School Team once again shook hands with Pinegrove and batted first. This time, they set a target of 185 runs, with Rohan Jalan showcasing his batting prowess with a scintillating innings of 85 runs off just 38 balls, including nine sixes. Despite their valiant effort, The Doon School were unfortunately not able to defend their total, as Pinegrove School emerged victorious in a closely contested match.

# The Week Gone By

Arav Khanal

As usual, I find my humour failing as I try to write an account of this week, but there isn't much to talk about so this will have to suffice. I suppose it is what happens when the term has induced itself into chaotic normalcy. But to all my readers, I hope you enjoy this *Week Gone By*.

While the A and Sc Form fret over a potentially devastating PTM today (which I hope is surely not the case), the final stretch of April begins with its signature pressure, as every Inter-House competition under the beating sun grows exponentially closer. The Midterms definitely gave the entire School a much-needed break, and acted as

a detox for many enslaved by their passions, yet the double weekend ended all too soon as classes resumed normally from Monday onwards.

But that's the least of your troubles. Every P.T. Leader seems ever so fervent in his enforcing of rigorous practices, as the storm before the storm, so to speak, and dreaded haircuts approach. An even further sense of alertness arises in the sports field, as even though our School Cricket Team has had their recent share of success, the School Basketball Team is gearing up for three back-to-back tournaments.

The same can be said at the Inter-House level, with our daily routine now having turned into a cycle of Art, Swimming, Hockey, and more. This exposure to the arts was only heightened by another SPIC MACAY performance this week, a pure delight of the *Dastangoi* tradition. Classes nowadays are the

least delectable filling of an activity sandwich, where we are inundated by practices for the dance, play, and band competitions. Plus, it is not like our Sc Form can relax and let loose as they are maintaining top shape over the weekend for Monday night's Socials, hopeful for something more after the awkwardness of the last.

All else seems to be fine as the S Form now steps out from their broken shells taking on newer responsibilities, and it is with this observation that the Sc batch has truly realised the finality of the final year. Stepping up will surely not be easy. Yet the limelight lies with all. Keep well, and sleep well, because it's only going to get more hectic. Till then, good luck!

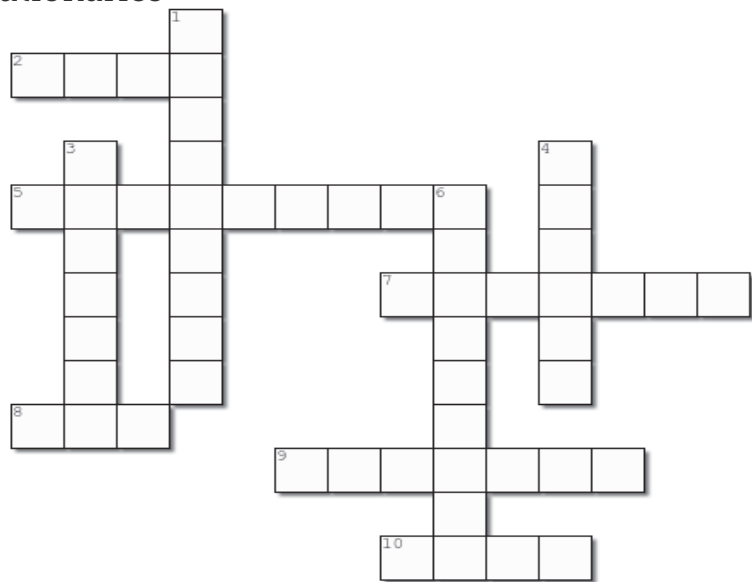
## Crossword | Famous Revolutionaries

### Across

- 2. The only Indian freedom fighter known to be a Nazi ally.
- 5. A revolutionary thinker and workers' rights activist, she contributed to the Spartacist Uprising.
- 7. A key figure in the Russian Revolution, his face was wiped from multiple photographs.
- 8. A Chinese Communist leader and founder of the People's Republic of China.
- 9. Leader of the Scottish independence and headed the resistance against English rule.
- 10. Led the communist forces against the French with a city named after him in Vietnam.

### Down

- 1. One of the United States' founding fathers, the principal author of the Declaration of Independence.
- 3. The Marxist leader whose first name was Ernesto, fought for a global socialist revolution.
- 4. Cuban revolutionary and dictator, often associated with the Bay of Pigs invasion.
- 6. Staunch Italian nationalist and military leader, he helped create the kingdom of Italy.



<b>Across</b>		7. Trotsky	10. Minh
2. Bose	8. Mao	9. Wallace	3. Guevara
5. Luxemburg	1. Jefferson	6. Garibaldi	4. Castro
<b>Down</b>			

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