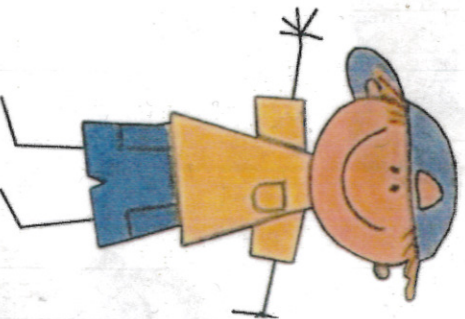


ANDY LEARNS HOW TO VISIT

By Navshaid Bhandari

Once upon a time there was a young boy called Andy. He lived in South Africa. His biggest dream was to go to school but he could not because his parents were very very poor and could not pay for it.

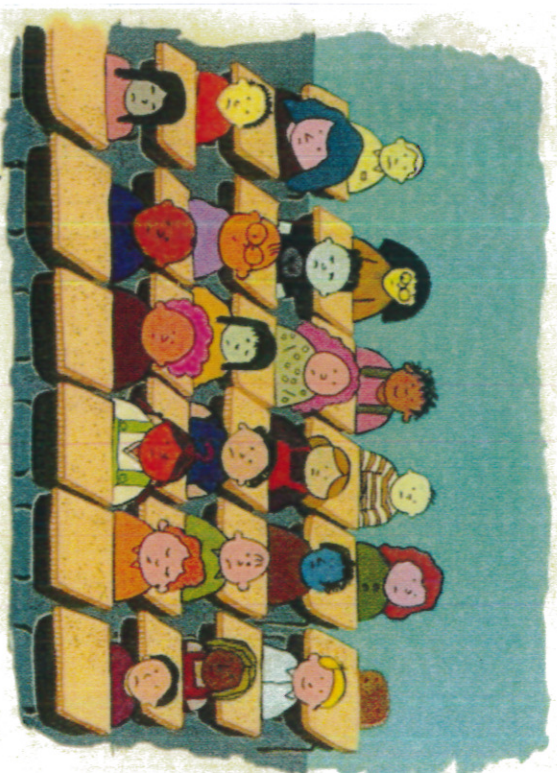
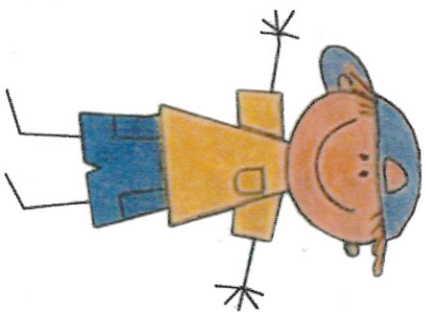
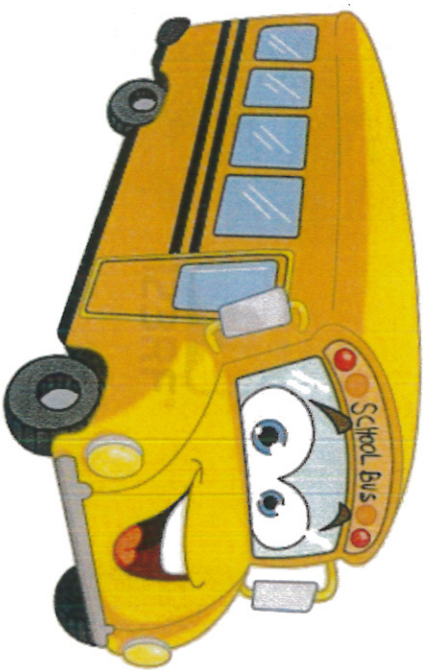
One day Andy was walking through the city. He suddenly saw a poster.



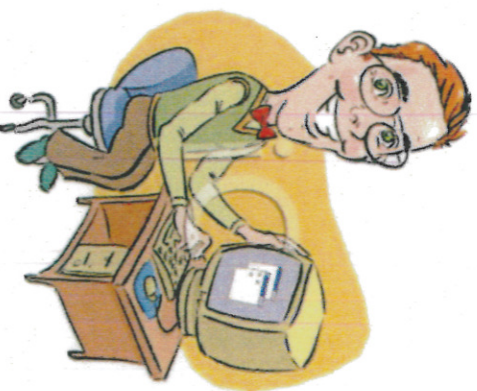
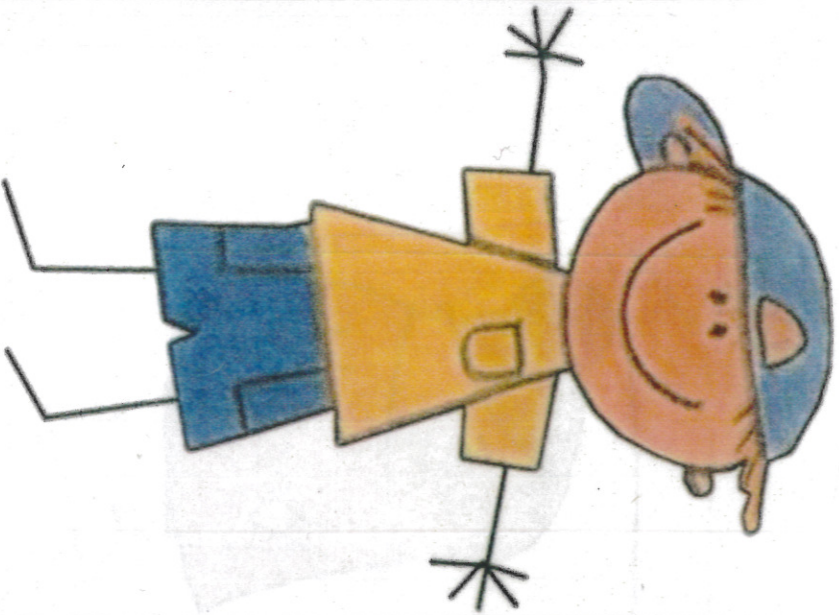
It said "V.com the school on wheels which helps children get a good education for free. All you have to do is come to V.com's office in the city". So, Andy went to the V.com office.

As soon as he entered the office, he approached the information desk to ask about schooling options. He was then directed by an officer to a small classroom inside a moving van. Over there he met many other kids who had the same dream as him.

The teacher first introduced himself. He said "Hello kids my name is Mr. Klank". I welcome you to this mobile school. I hope you are ready for an adventure at school! We will do Maths as a start, and for that each one of you will get a calculator.



Now I want you to try again and research what the magic word is. Andy kept searching what the magic word is but he could not find the answer. When the teacher asked him again about the results of his research Andy said "I could not find the answer". Then the teacher showed a book to him which was on a shelf in the classroom. On the first page it said "The magic word is Please". Then Mr. Klank said "Andy this was your second lesson. It teaches you that you should also use books not only the Internet".



A few months later Andy participated in the National Contest for Using ICT. The winner would win 450 U.S dollars. He planned that if he got the prize money he would buy a computer with it. And then he would teach the children in his neighborhood how to access the internet and open a new world to them. This way he could spread the knowledge he was lucky to get through V.com.



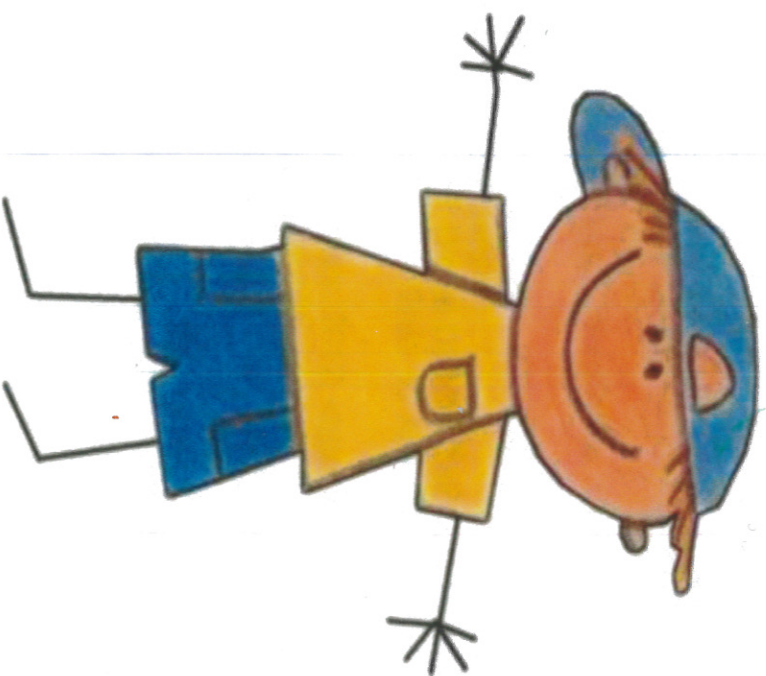
When Andy went to the Contest he had to answer three questions for winning. And guess what the questions were? No surprises here! The three questions were

1. If you were given free use of Internet for an hour, what will you do with it?
2. Do you think in this computer age books are irrelevant?
3. How will you encourage your grandparents to feel comfortable with computers?



At first Andy was puzzled by the questions. Then he had a sudden recall of his first few lessons from Mr. Klank at V.com. He was soon penning down the answers.

The sincerity of his answers captivated the Judges and yes, you are right, he won the prizel And, true to his resolution he bought a computer and when I visited him last evening he was teaching the small kids in his neighborhood the marvels of technology.



Pictures Cited for book

1. Cartoon. <http://www.thethinkingblue.com/>. The Thinking Blue. Web. 16 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.thethinkingblue.com/temppics/blankbillboard.jpg>>.
2. "Nerdy Computer Teacher." Cartoon. CLIPART GUIDE. Royalty Free Clip Art Illustration. Web. 16 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.clipartguide.com/pages/0511-0810-2000-1420.html>>.
3. Pearce, Sam. "Cartoon Library." Cartoon. <http://www.wordsworthreading.co.uk/blog/>. WordPress, 13 Jan. 2012. Web. 17 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.wordsworthreading.co.uk/blog/?p=802>>.
4. "Rory." Cartoon. <http://spmnovelform5.wordpress.com/>. SPMNovelform5. Web. 16 Apr. 2012. <<http://spmnovelform5.wordpress.com/3-literature-component/character/major-characters/>>.
5. Tony. "Cartoon Vector Illustration of a Stylized Blue Calculator with "dollar Sign" Digital Display. Thick Outlines Make This Image Suitable for Viewing at Small Sizes." Cartoon. IStock.com. IStock.com. Web. 17 Apr. 2012. <<http://secretlair.com/index.php?ratboy/C78/>>.
6. Weiss, Yael. "Cartoon School Bus-10318646." Cartoon. 123RF. 123RF. Web. 16 Apr. 2012. <<http://us.123rf.com/400wm/400/400/yayayoy/yayayoy1108/yayayoy110800026/10318646-cartoon-school-bus.jpg>>.
7. William, Anjul. "Grandma." Cartoon. <http://indianfusion.aglasem.com/>. <http://indianfusion.aglasem.com/>, 28 Apr. 2011. Web. 16 Apr. 2012. <<http://indianfusion.aglasem.com/?p=6695>>.
8. Works Cited
9. Dairev. "Computer with Cartoon Kids and Dog - Vector Illustration." Cartoon. Masterfile. Masterfile. Web. 24 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.masterfile.com/stock-photography/image/400-04911194/Computer-with-cartoon-kids-and-dog---vector-illustration->>.
10. "Sack of Money, Stack of Coins and Bills Cartoon." Cartoon. MindMillion. MindMillion. Web. 24 Apr. 2012. <http://mindmillion.com/MONEY/cartoon_money_dollar.htm>.

Andy is a normal boy just with poor parents. His biggest wish is to go to school but his family can not pay for it. His whole life changes when he goes to the school on wheels. Over there he gets to know the three golden rules for using technology. What could they be? A fun to read out to a child.

Scan me for more information about
Digital Divide



