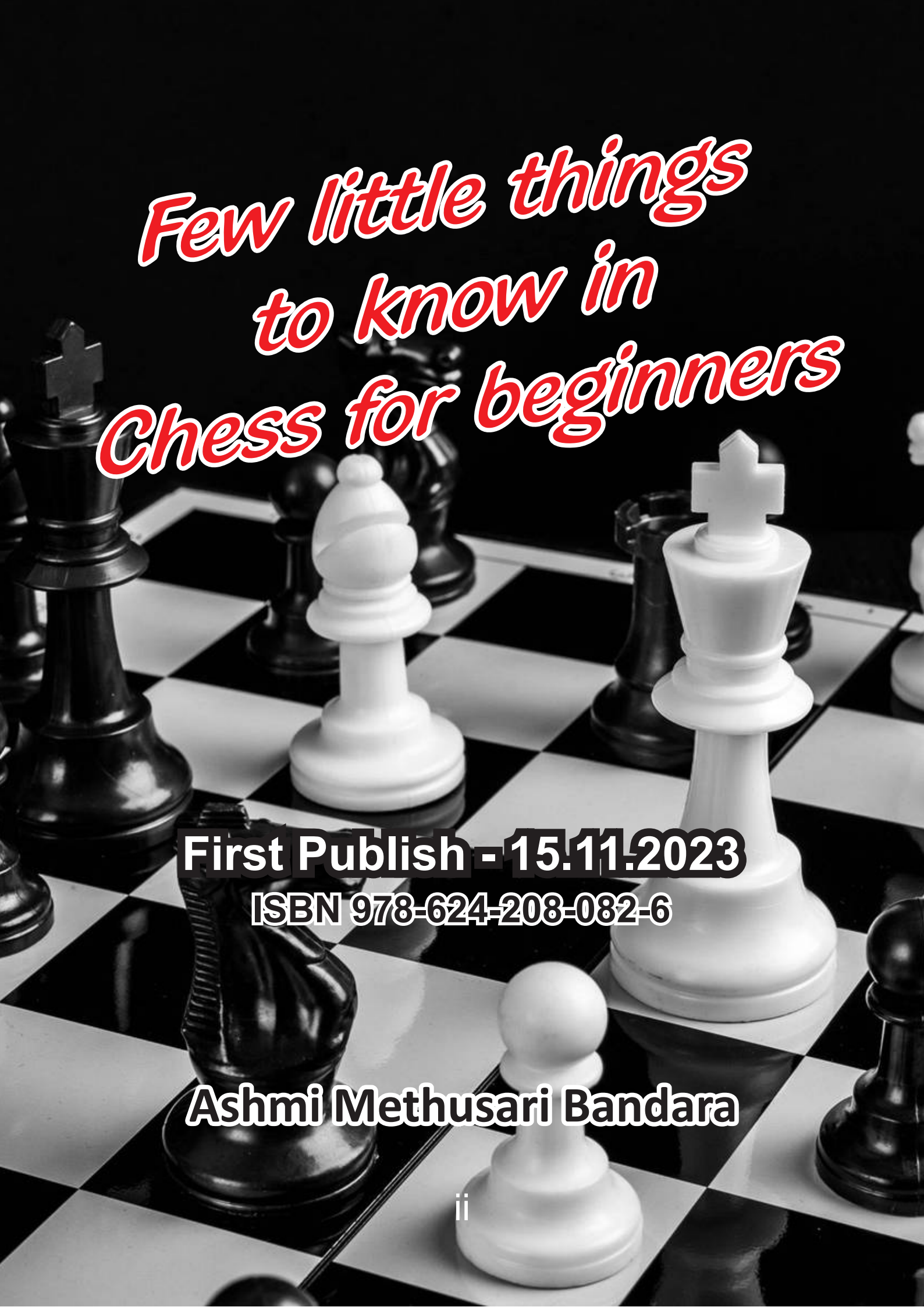




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**I will offer this
book to
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Coaches**

Preface

The primary goal of the current educational system is to mould a productive citizen and a caring family member who is equipped with knowledge and skills. The main responsibility of the school is to identify and recognize children's talents, as well as to sharpen their skills to meet the needs of the nation and the world.

Our Alma Mater is constantly guiding and assisting children who are creative. This project has been an ongoing process at our school for many years, particularly in terms of writing books. Many skilled and enthusiastic young writers participated in this exercise for years, producing novice writers to field of literature. We regard this as a great victory and a national need at this hour.

To continue this effort, we have adopted digital technologies and an e-book project this year. I am confident that this unique event provided youngsters with valuable experience and challenges that will benefit them in the future.

The Ministry of Education has hailed the project as an important step toward motivating young authors in schools. As principal of Mahamaya Girls' College, I am grateful to all of the students throughout the country who contributed to this endeavor. I commend and applaud all of the young authors of these books for their perseverance and devotion in this difficult task.

I would like to thank our school management committee, employees, parents, for my students, administrators, and teachers from other schools who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.

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I would like to introduce few terms that are used in Chess.

Ranks, files and diagonals

Ranks

Ranks are rows that goes from side to side across the chess board and are referred to by numbers.



Files

The columns of the chess board known as Files and are referred to by English letters.



Diagonals

The lines of adjacent same coloured squares are known as Diagonals.



The value of pieces

Pawn = 1

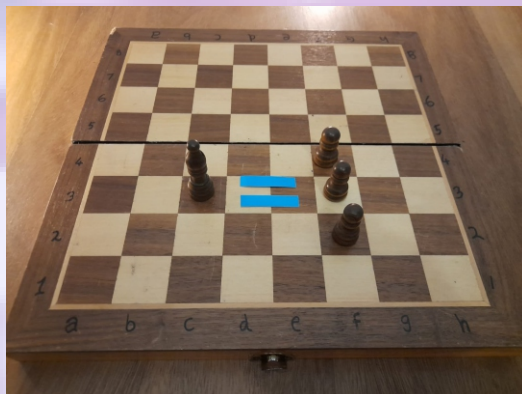
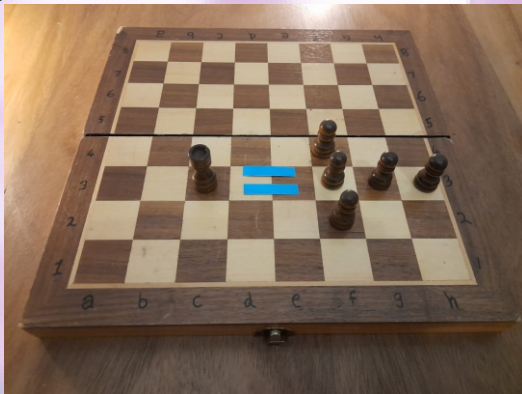
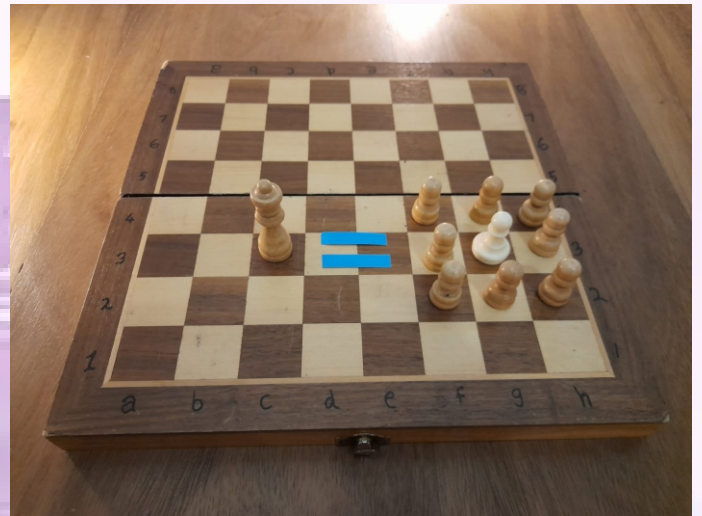
Queen = 9 Pawns

Rook = 5 Pawns

Knight = 3 Pawns

Bishop = 3 Pawns

King = Value is infinity



Check

When the king is attacked, it is called a check. If a player is in check, they must get out of the check.

If you are in check and cannot get out of the check, then checkmate has occurred and the game is over.



Discover check

A discover check happens when a piece moves out of the way to uncover a check given by another piece. The discover check is a kind of discover attack.

Before

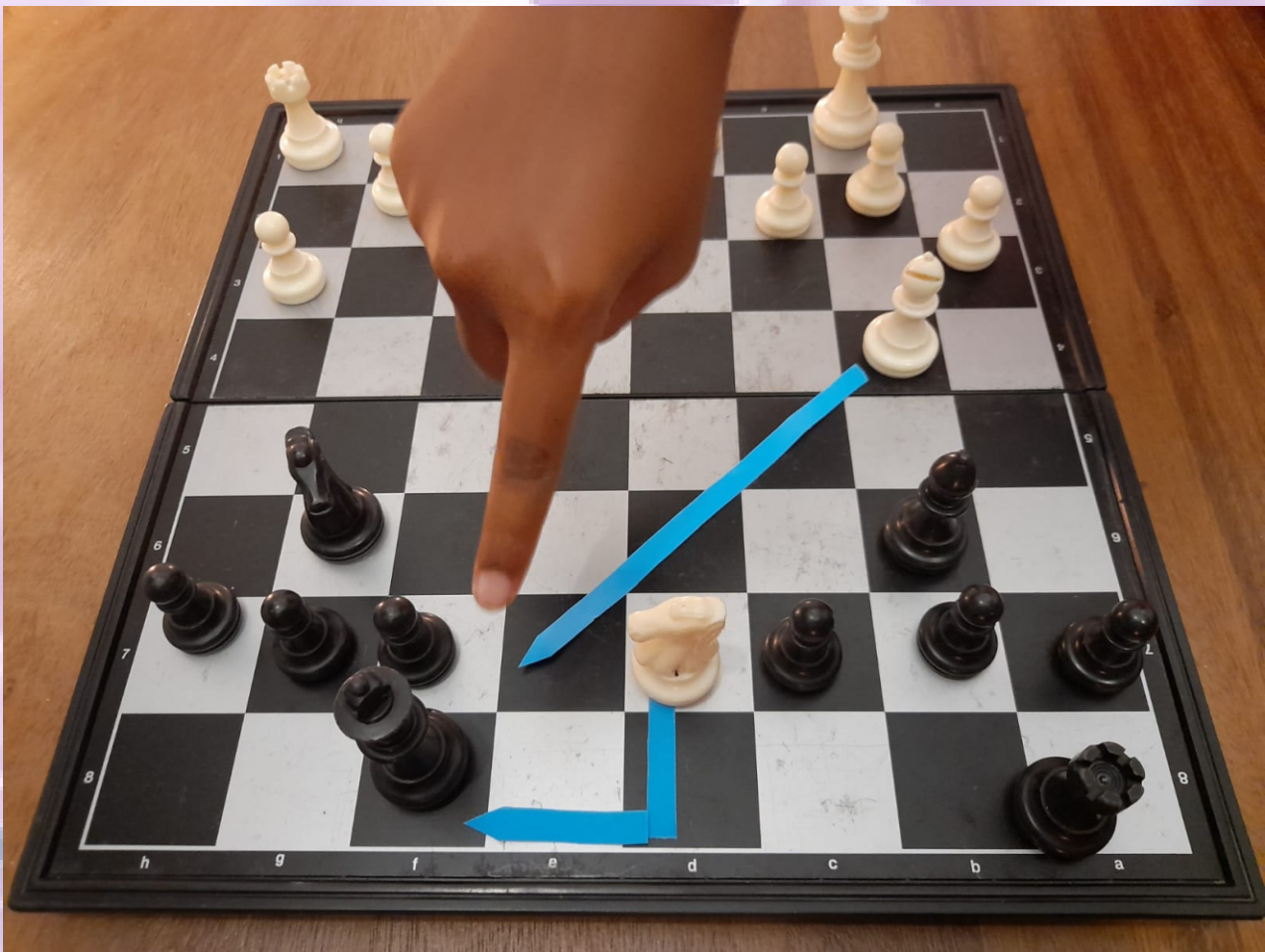


After



Double check

A double check is a check delivered by two pieces at the same time and this is one of a smart thing to do in a game.



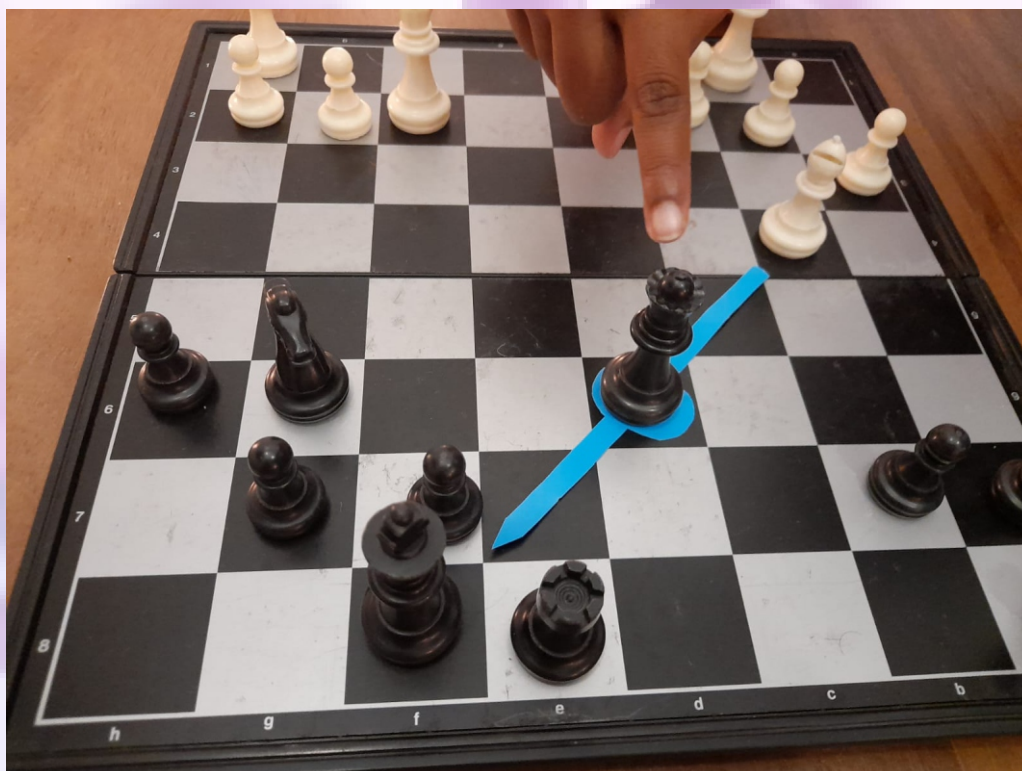
Double attack

A double attack happens when a single piece attacks opponents two pieces at the same time.



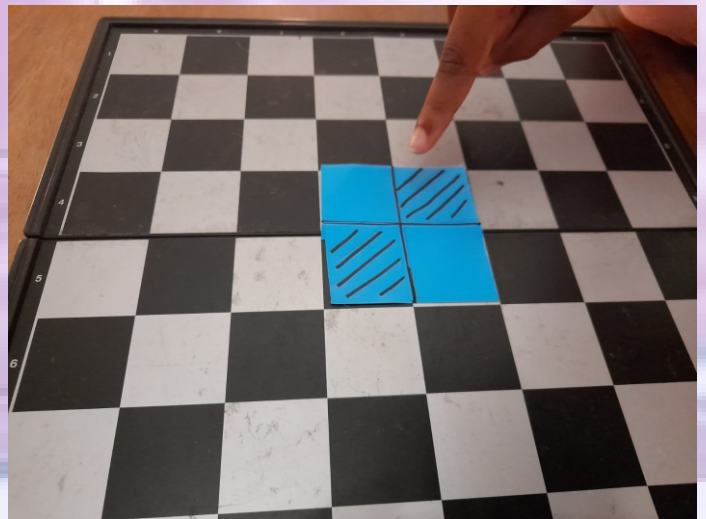
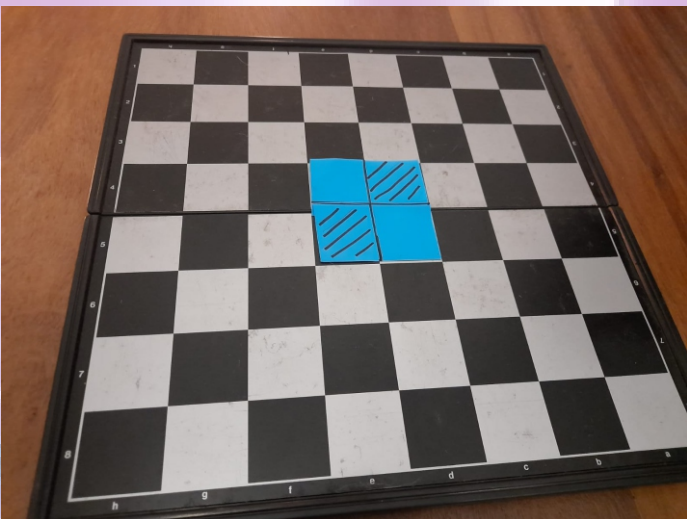
Pin

A pin is a tactic you can use to restrict one or more of your opponent's pieces. You can make your opponents surprise with pin.



Center of the chess board

It is the four squares in the middle of the board: d4, d5, e4 and e5. It becomes more powerful in the opening. We should take control of the center as in a good game.



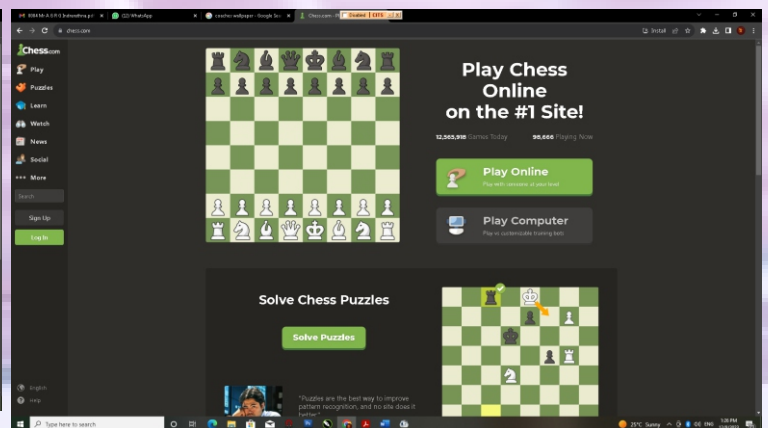
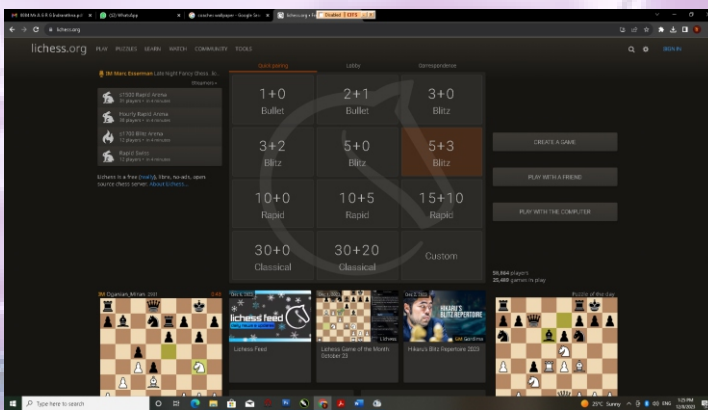
Open files

A file with no pawns of either color on it, is known as an open file. An open file can give a line of attack for a rook or queen, making it a valuable point in the game.



Online chess platforms

Online chess games are fun. You can play with a friend, a person in another country or with the computer itself. You can see your own mistakes and can learn a lot from these. I usually play with <https://lichess.org> or <https://www.chess.com>



My victories

I have started chess from grade one at Mahamaya Girls college Kandy. I have participated in many tournaments and won many medals and trophies. Many times I have been selected to play all island tournaments as well. I would invite all of my friends to join with this fun game and win many more prizes.





Afterword

As modern technology permeates the social and economic arenas, students tend to distance themselves from the creative process, relying more and more on technological tools. To reduce this risk and help aspiring young writers produce their own books, I sought and presented a research proposal to the Ministry of Education in 2014. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their enthusiasm and knowledge. The students of Mahamaya Girls' College achieved a record for the most books written, paving the way for a new level of innovation.

The e-book project will enable the students to reach international readers, and I am confident that they have gained new experiences and challenges that will enable them to face the future with resolve.

I wish all of the young writers the best of luck in their future endeavors

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