

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT, GR CAMPUS
Sagarika Newsline (May-Oct, 2020)

EDITORIAL

You have all heard your teachers, parents and elders stress upon the importance of reading time and again. Reading involves exploring beyond the scope of your textbooks and discovering new books that capture your interest, thus expanding your horizons. At first, it might seem daunting, a hard practice to get into, and is undeniably an acquired taste. However, once you are past the acquisition stage, it becomes a source of inexplicable pleasure and rejuvenates you. Reading lies at the core of the process of development and growth. One might think the advantages are limited to a linguistic enhancement however, it results in an intrinsic learning that seeps into other spheres of life.



Often, you might end up choosing books that are too hard to comprehend which results in a deep-seated fear and disinterest. So, it is important to remember that you should read books that are suitable to your level and slowly move up the scale. A rule of thumb to keep in mind while selecting books is, to open up the first page of the book and read it through. If you do not know the meaning of more than five words from one page, then you should look for an easier book. However, this does not mean that you should not try and learn new words. While reading a book, always mark words that you do not understand, look them up in the dictionary, write down their meanings in a notebook and try to make sentences using the newly learned words. Writing sentences is important because it helps you retain the meaning and learn the usage of a particular word.

Reading is a solitary activity that ensures you are never lonely. Books transport you to different worlds and envelop you in their magic. They can have such a strong impact that many of them get adapted into movies and plays, so the underlying message may reach a larger audience.

To start with, ask your parents or grandparents, your aunts and uncles to get you a book as your birthday present. Exchange books and stories with your friends and share your newly acquired vocabulary. Soon, you will find yourself asking for more and more books, and your knowledge will keep enriching. The more you read, the more you will comprehend and eventually you will find yourself looking for more books, more stories, more ideas.

Sapna Bahl
Chief Coordinator

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

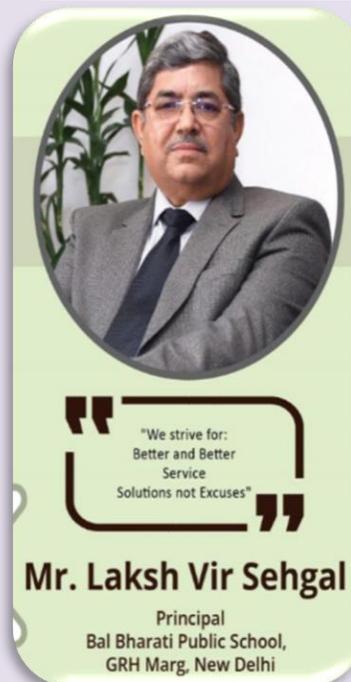


Leaders	
1	Bal Bharati Public School, Gangaram Hospital Marg New Delhi
2	Sanskriti School, Chanakyapuri
3	Air Force Bal Bharati School, Lodi Road
4	St. Columbia'S School, Ashok place
5	Ramjas School, Pusa Road
6	Modern School, Barakhamba Road
7	Delhi Public School, Mathura Road
8	Springdales School, Pusa Road
9	Convent of Jesus and Mary School, Bangla Sahib Marg
10	Carmel Convent School, Malcha Marg

Bal Bharati Public School ,GRH Marg continues to retain its First Position in Central Delhi in Leader's Category in the Times School Survey 2020, a prestigious school ranking survey conducted by the Times of India.

EDUCATION
TODAY JURY
AWARDS 2020

Yet another remarkable addition to the saga of our glorious achievements is that in the Education Today Jury Awards 2020, the Principal has been selected to receive an Award, in the category, '50 Effective Principals - 2020' on the basis of his exemplary contribution in the field of education



We are a Showcase School



MICROSOFT SHOWCASE SCHOOL 2020-21

The school has been bestowed the rare honour of being designated as Microsoft Showcase school, rendering it to be a part of an elite group of schools that exemplify the best of teaching and learning in the world. The stellar honour recognises and celebrates the school's impact in creating educational transformation.



ADOBE SCHOOL AWARD

The school was honored with Adobe Show Case School Award on 27 September 2020 for bringing in Adobe Creative Cloud technology into Teacher training and experiential learning for students. The school will be receiving certificate and trophy for kindling resourcefulness in the classrooms.



Our School received 'Certificate of Accomplishment' for maximum usage of Funtoot by Embibe.

The following schools emerged as the TOP 5 globally as of August 1st, 2020.

TOP MATH SCHOOLS (2020-21)		
RANK	SCHOOL	SCORE
1	Vivekanand School (Anand Vihar), Delhi	5204
2	Bal Bharati Public School, Gangaram	5068
3	DPS Gurgaon	4745
4	Delhi Private School, Dubai	4509
5	The Ashok Leyland School, Hosur	3841

TOP MATH SCHOOLS (2020-21)

RANK	SCHOOL	SCORE
1	Bal Bharati Public School, Gangaram	4831
2	Vivekanand School (Anand Vihar), Delhi	4705
3	DPS Gurgaon	4579
4	Delhi Private School, Dubai	4177
5	The Ashok Leyland School, Hosur	3666

DOMAIN 2: OUR SCHOOL SECURED THE SECOND POSITION IN TOP FIVE SCHOOLS GLOBALLY.

CLASH OF PI

DOMAIN 3: THE SCHOOL WON THE FIRST POSITION AMONG THE TOP FIVE SCHOOLS GLOBALLY

CLASH OF PI

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Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 | Grade 7 | Grade 8 | Grade 9 | Grade 10 | Grade 11/12

1		Vyom Khetarpal Bal Bharati Public School, Gangaram
2		Miraya Jain Lotus Valley International School, Noida
3		Ikshit Jain DPS Gurgaon
4		Savar Puri DPS Gurgaon
5		Ashlesh Deshmukh Global City International School, Bangalore



**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
BAL BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL
GANGA RAM HOSPITAL MARG, NEW DELHI**

INVITES YOU TO
ALUMNITE 2020
Sufi night
by Lakhwinder Wadali
TO COMMEMORATE
GLORIOUS 75
THE PLATINUM JUBILEE OF THE SCHOOL

DATE: 5th September, 2020
TIME: 6:00pm onwards
LIVE:  



Lakhwinder Wadali



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The programme also marked the closure of the 75th anniversary celebrations of the school and its apex body, Child Education Society (regd). Luminaries like Mr. Channa, the President of CES, Mr SK Bhattacharya and Principal Mr LV Sehgal in their address, spoke about the school's remarkable journey and its commitment to facilitate quality and futuristic education in all its institutions. The programme, further, consisted of soulful mellifluous Sufi renditions by Shri Lakhwinder Wadali, of the world renowned Wadali Brothers.

For the first time ever, this school organised a virtual celebration of Teachers' Day



LV Sehgal LR Channa SK Bhattacharya

On Teachers' Day, the Alumni Association of Bal Bharati Public School GRH Marg organised Alumnite 2020. The programme also marked the closure of the 75th anniversary celebrations of the school and its apex body, Child Education Society (regd), which was initiated in 2015-16. Year-long celebrations were held in all the 27 nationwide educational institutions of CES to commemorate its 75 years of service to the cause of education. The ceremony was streamed live on YouTube, enabling nation-wide stakeholders of Bal Bharati to celebrate together. The programme began with a brief presentation that highlighted the vision of CES and captured the vibrant moments of the schools. On the occasion, the former principal, SK Bhattacharya recalled the remarkable journey of his school and contributions of the stakeholders, staff, members and other stakeholders. LR Channa, President, CES, emphasised their commitment to continue facilitating quality, child-centric, and holistic education. Principal LV Sehgal focused on the futuristic vision of the school, which used the shift to online education, necessitated by the pandemic. Manish Arora, President, Alumni Association, paid a tribute to his alma mater. This was followed by soulful Sufi renditions by the renowned Lakhwinder Wadali. During the first ever online celebration of Teachers' Day, alumni got together and valedictory ceremony; the programme, symbolically, celebrated the spirit of oneness.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



The school celebrated the 74th Independence Day strictly following COVID -19 protocols. Special assembly programs were webcast by different departments to allow the community to join it safely from their homes. The national flag was hoisted in the school premises by the Vice Principal, other faculty and administrative staff. The virtual celebrations also included music and dance performances by the students.



WORKSHOP BY HT PACE

An enriching virtual workshop was conducted for Classes IV and V in association with HT Pace on Paper Craft, Waste Management and other Related Crafts on 29 August 2020.



VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP

With the core aim of fostering holistic development of our young learners and affording them opportunities to explore their innate talents, develop life skills and learn beyond the realm of books, a plethora of activities were conducted under the Virtual Summer Camp, organized from 15 to 30 June 2020. A myriad of activities to facilitate English Conversation, Cooking Without Fire, Fun with Science, Music, Art, Dance and Physical Fitness kept the children meaningfully engaged within the safe confines of their homes.



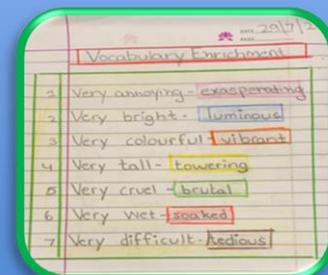
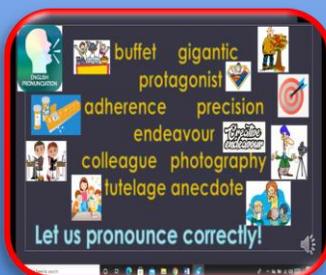
Project Covid

Adding a new dimension to our endeavour of Vocabulary Enrichment and for exploring the impact of the Pandemic, activities like Message Writing to Corona Warriors, Diary Entry and Letter Writing were conducted addressing the experiences during the Coronavirus outbreak. Two enriching modules for CRISP, which included a "COVID Dictionary", were created for the students to help them comprehend and use terms linked to Coronavirus.



Vocabulary Enrichment

It infuses us with feelings of pride and gratification that our endeavour of Vocabulary Enrichment has blossomed under the invaluable guidance and as per the recommendations of Ms Rekha Sharma, Educational Advisor, CES. A plethora of engaging and fun filled activities and exercises were conducted to enhance knowledge and language skills of children. These included activities to augment word power, use of prefixes, suffixes, homophones, and vocabulary quizzes. Videos showing correct pronunciation of words were shared to teach correct pronunciation which is of paramount importance for effective communication.



Art Integrated Project Work

was conducted as a pedagogical tool for experiential and joyful learning in classrooms and imbibing the Indian ethos through integration of Indian Art and Culture in the teaching and learning process. As per the guidelines issued by CBSE, Transdisciplinary Projects incorporating major art forms of Sikkim were formulated for Internal Assessment in Scholastic subjects of English, Hindi, General Science and Social Studies. Students worked wholeheartedly on projects like FolkTale Narration, Cuisine of Sikkim, Festivals / Dances of Sikkim and Virtual Trip to Sikkim. The initiative enriched them and widened their vistas of knowledge.





Inter School Competitions

Competition	Hosted by	Names of the Participants	Position/ Result
<i>Rendezvous 2020</i> (27.08. 2020)	<i>Air Force Bal Bharti School</i>		
<i>Soul-O-Expression</i>		<i>Paavani Verma (V C)</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Creative Folds</i>		<i>Vaari Narayan(V E)</i>	<i>II</i>
<i>Nritya Rang</i>		<i>Paridhi Batra (V A)</i>	<i>II</i>
<i>Antarman (Solo Singing)</i>		<i>Mihika M Menon (IV C)</i>	<i>II</i>
<i>The School won Overall Trophy</i>			

Competition	Hosted by	Names of the Participants	Position/ Result
<i>EXPLORIKA-Reckoning Eco Quiddity</i> (17. 08.2020)	BBPS, Rohini	<i>Nevaan Khetarpal (V A)</i> <i>Angad Singh (IV H)</i>	<i>II</i>
<i>EXPLORA VISION 2020 India Raga</i> (27 & 28.08.2020)	BBPS, Dwarka	<i>Anika Arora(V A)</i>	<i>III</i>
<i>Junior RJ</i>		<i>Samaira Nagpal (IV B)</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Chorus for Corona</i>		<i>Kovid Aggarwal (V E)</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>Atulya Bharat</i> (27 & 28.08.2020)	BBPS, Manesar	<i>Samaira Nagpal (IV B)</i>	<i>I</i>
<i>SDG Fest 2020</i> 25.9.20	Ahlcon International School	<i>Banee K Singh IV A</i>	<i>III</i>

EYE CARE

A virtual session was organised for the students of Classes IV and V. The session was conducted by Dr. Ankita Sabharwal, a fellowship trained Senior Eye Surgeon from Shree Jeewan Hospital, Delhi. The students and parents were enlightened about the ways to maintain optimal eye health. Additionally, measures to eradicate the adverse effects caused due to excessive exposure to screen were also shared in detail.

The Primary Department celebrated World Students' Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam which falls on October 15, 2020.

A myriad of stimulating activities were organised with an aim to help students learn about Dr Kalam's immense contributions in making India shine. Children were encouraged to research and present articles, poems, artwork, role play, videos and Power Point Presentations on the exemplary life led by Dr Kalam, his struggles and achievements, books written by him, awards conferred upon Dr Kalam, famous quotes by Dr Kalam and research on why the United Nations declared this day as World Students' Day.

Virtual Teachers' Day Assembly

To honour and celebrate Teachers, Class IV A presented the very first, Virtual Special Assembly on 4 September 2020.

To commemorate the birthday of Dr S. Radhakrishnan and Guru-Shishya Parampara, Teachers' Day was celebrated virtually through a beautiful and delightful presentation by the students of IV A. Role of teachers was appreciated, celebrated and lauded through various poems, songs and "Guru Vandana", a classical dance performance.

Critical Thinking Worksheets were shared through Connected Classrooms to enhance critical thinking skills of children and empower them to navigate the world outside by making them self-reliant.

National Sports Day Celebrations

To acknowledge the achievements and mark the birth anniversary of legendary hockey player "Major Dhyan Chand Singh" who was an integral part of 1928, 1932 and 1936 Olympic gold medal winning squad, the Primary Department observed the National Sports Day through various activities, to keep the spirit of sports alive.

VIRTUAL INVESTITURE CEREMONY

'Serve with pride, lead with confidence, inspire to impact lives.'

To honour and celebrate excellence, Class V A presented the very first, one of a kind Virtual Special Proctorial Board Assembly on 11 September 2020. Members of the Prefectorial Board were introduced through a visually delightful and informative presentation. The newly elected Head Boy and Head Girl of the School Council took a solemn oath with other office bearers to serve the department and school to the best of their abilities and abide by the school rules with utmost discipline and perseverance.

CLUB HUB

Astronomy Club

Giving a new dimension to cosmos exploration, the Astronomy Club provided an opportunity to the students of Classes IV and V to be a part of the Science Magic Workshop in association with Nehru Planetarium on August 20, 2020 via Zoom.

Under the programme, "Doorstep Astronomy", Nehru Planetarium, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library invited students to a weekly video magazine in planetarium format, to be streamed on YouTube Live, starting from 7 September 2020. The Club also announced National Astro Video Podcast Competition 2020, in the month of September, in collaboration with SPACE India. Students were required to shoot a short (3 minute) video on this year's theme: 'Satellites improve Life and post it on Social Media'.



Environment Club

To mark the occasion of Van Mahotsav Week (1 July 2020 to 7 July 2020), Environment Club organised the activities "Speaking Green" and "For the Love of Green" for students of Classes IV and V respectively. The aim of the activities was to sensitize students towards the need to save our environment.



Health, Wellness and Safety Club

'The key to a healthy mind is a fit body.'

Health, Wellness and Safety Club organised an activity "Health and Hygiene" for students of classes IV and V wherein the participants highlighted the importance of personal hygiene in maintaining good health and they also discussed the measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19 through a video presentation.



Literary Club

Reading is the gateway to knowledge and to inculcate reading habits in students and enhance their literary skills, the Literary Club conducted activities for the students of Classes IV and V. The students of Class IV performed an activity 'Create a Bookmark' and Class V students presented and shared their understanding of their favourite story through an activity 'Tell a Story'.



Performing Arts Club

To keep the spirit of learning alive during Covid-19 pandemic, Performing Arts Club of Primary Department organized a very interesting activity "BENGOL DHUN: SUNDORI KOMLA" for all the students. While performing this activity students recorded their videos as they sang and danced simultaneously.



Vernacular Club

Knowledge of vernacular languages is an essential component of a child's interaction with society and tradition. With this in mind, and an endeavour to promote linguistic diversity, Vernacular Club came up with interesting activities for students.

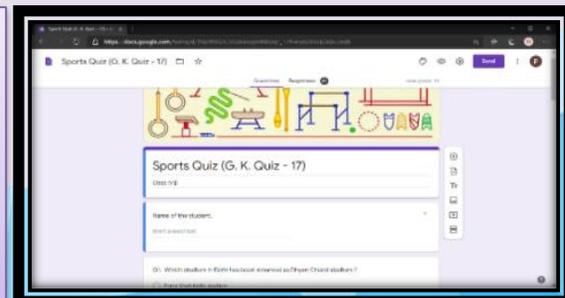
Class IV- **Ethnic Melody**

Class V - **World of Words**



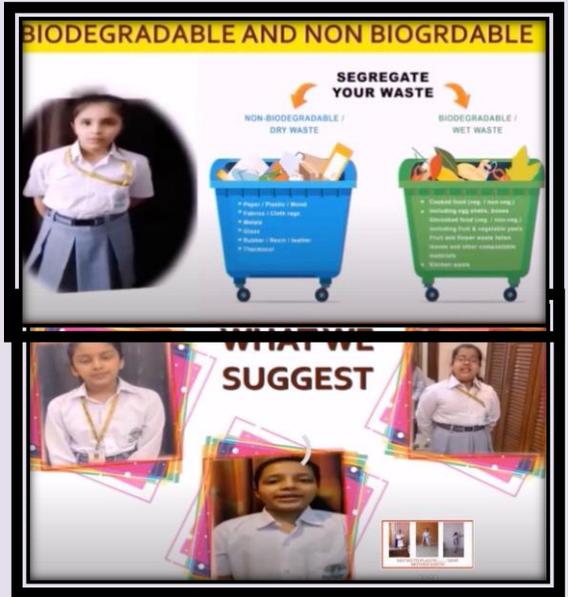
Quizzing Club

Unlocking knowledge at the speed of thought, the Primary Department has been conducting a weekly quiz (every Friday) for all the sections of classes IV and V wherein the students participate enthusiastically. Over the past quarter, the following topics have been touched upon – important dates/days, books – authors, famous personalities, Indian culture, entertainment and current affairs etc. A special sports quiz was also conducted on 4 September 2020 to celebrate National Sports Day.



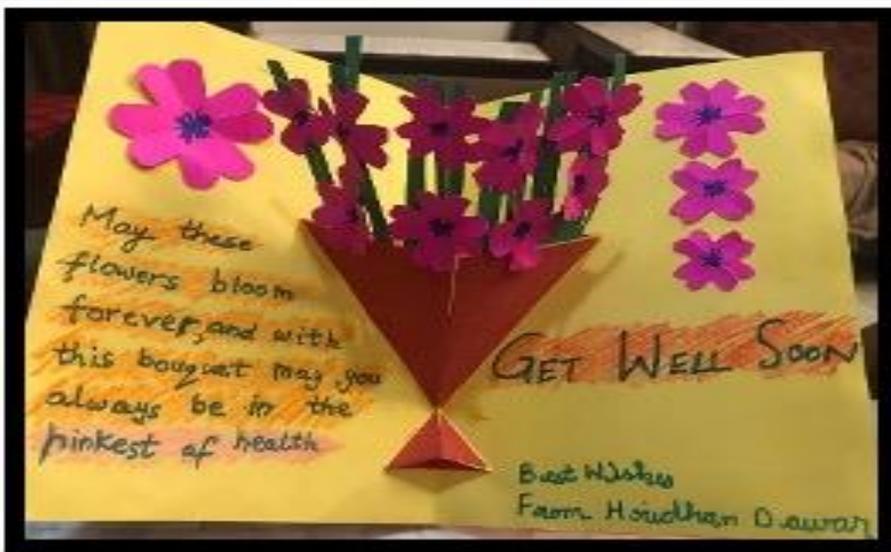
Children for International Community Club

Children for International Community Club conducted an assembly on 'Waste Management' as a part of ISA action plan for a secure and sustainable future on 18 September 2020. The students participated with exuberance and apprised us of different measures to reduce waste, use it in a productive way and make this earth a beautiful place to live. A collage making activity "Design our Future- From Trash to Treasure" was organized for the students of Class IV. Through this activity, the students were acquainted with waste management techniques.



Interact Club

The Interact Club conducted 'Card Making' and 'Poster Making' activities for the students of Classes IV and V respectively in the month of October 2020. As a part of these enriching activities, students of Class IV created beautiful cards for people who had recovered from COVID – 19 expressing their love, empathy and solidarity while the students of class V designed a poster highlighting five "Acts of Kindness" done by them during the lockdown.



DEAR Activity

Virtual DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) Activity was organized on **12 September 2020, Saturday at 10AM**. All the students from Classes IV- X participated in the activity. All students and staff members read a book of their choice for an hour. Some of the students also used digital mode of reading for ex-Kindle E-reader, I-pad, Tab or Mobile etc.

ServiceAboveSelf

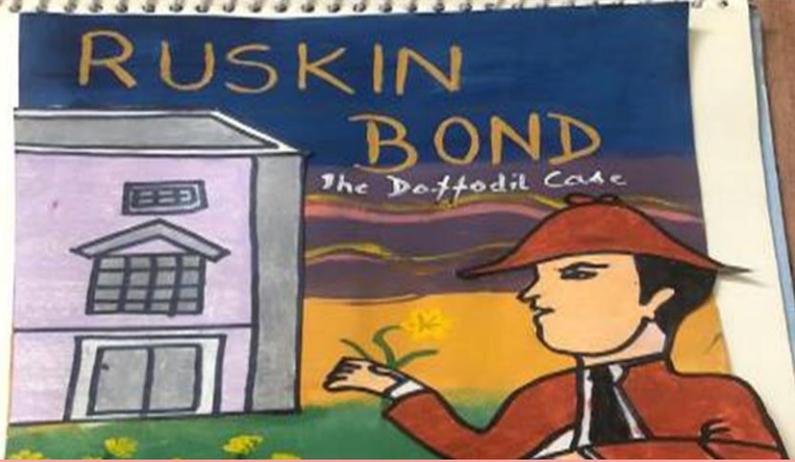
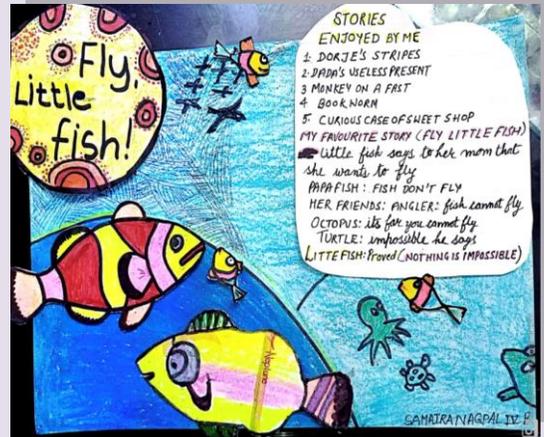
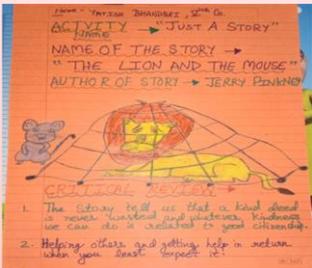


READING WEEK

(8 September 2020 to 14 September 2020)

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

To celebrate the joy of reading books, Primary Department observed the Reading Week from 8 September to 14 September 2020. CBSE celebrates the Reading Week to mark the International Literacy Day which is celebrated every year on 8th September as a means to promote reading skills among the students of all classes. Various interesting activities related to books and reading were organised throughout the week. Designing the Book Jacket, Dress as Your Favourite Character, Story Telling, Narrate a Folk Tale, Self-Composed Poetry were some of the many activities in which the students participated and showcased their creative skills.



Fit India Freedom Run

“Being fit is not a destination- it is the way of life”

With the motto “Running- The human body’s most raw form of freedom”, CBSE in association with FIT India Movement conducted Fit India Freedom Run from 15 August 2020 to 2 October 2020 in order to encourage fitness and promote a better lifestyle in this period of crisis.

The concept behind this run was “to run anywhere, anytime.”

The students actively took part in this initiative and thoroughly enjoyed the activity.



THE NEW NORMAL

The coronavirus pandemic has created an existential crisis for the entire mankind. The pandemic has **caused chaos** worldwide, sparing no one. Almost all major economies of the world are **crumbling** and left in ruins due to lockdowns, **curfews** and other measures undertaken to **control** the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Industries like travel, hospitality are staring at zero revenue for the last few months and with no possibilities of **comebacks** in the near future.

Educators and children have **convened** online to **continue** education during this **crisis**.

Commercial real estates are lying barren as **companies** and their leftover staff members after massive layoffs are choosing to work from home rather than risk venturing outside. Worldwide, governments are fighting the Covid battle on many fronts. Be it flailing economies, **completely** overwhelmed healthcare systems or trying to **control** the **constant** rising state of infections and deaths.

Now, governments have taken to **cautioning** people to learn to live with the virus defining this as the new normal. Work from home has become **commonplace** and masks, sanitizers and personal protection equipment have become **crucial** household items. **Concernment** for luxury is over in this fight for survival. People from all walks of life have begun to **comprehend** that incorporating technology in our daily life is the only way forward.

Social distancing **commands** our lives. Handshakes, hugs, high-fives and other **contact-oriented** ways to greet have given way to **contactless** greetings like Namaste. Washing hands and using sanitizer has become a **compulsion**.

It is pretty obvious to wonder – Will the world be normal again?

The answer is very simple and the earlier we accept it, the better it is! This is the new normal.

Nevaaan Khetarpal-VA



Lockdown Diary

Tuesday, 24 October 2020

10 pm

Dear Diary

Today when I woke up in the morning, I was happy to know that my online classes on Microsoft Teams will resume from tomorrow that is 1 July and mom had received the time-table from Ma'am on the official WhatsApp Group.

I felt ecstatic that I will be able to meet and speak to my classmates and teachers virtually. I'm grateful to my teachers who are working tirelessly for us.

Today I helped my mom in handing over breakfast to every member of the family.

I enjoyed sweating out in my last session of virtual Physical fitness class under the school summer camp.

In the afternoon I painted a few drawings in my art file.

Bhaiya brought a puppy to play with from the family living on the ground floor for some time. It was really cute and full of energy.

I enjoyed watching 'Mahabharat' on T.V with everyone at home

It was interesting to see Guru Dronacharya getting killed.

Now mom is asking me to sleep as I have my online classes resuming from tomorrow.

I love attending them as I've become more confident and independent in handling the laptop and using Microsoft Teams for my own classes.

I pray to God that this pandemic gets over soon so that I can meet my friends and go to school back with same normalcy.

Varchasva Babbar -V A



How Coronavirus Strikes...

One sunny day, I was sitting in the backyard playing with my younger sister. Suddenly, my grandparents called me inside and told me about a virus called the Coronavirus. This virus originated in a wet market, in China. They told me that this was a very infectious virus and that my school will remain closed for a long period of time and I cannot go out to play with my friends. I was shocked at this news. I quickly ran to my mother and asked her how this virus had originated. My mother told me that this virus originated in Wuhan, China from bats or pangolins that were slaughtered and eaten by human beings. Once inside the human body they mutated to spread from one person to another. In reality all common cold and cough viruses are Coronavirus. Some of these mutate and become more dangerous such as SARS, MERS and now COVID19. COVID19 has developed protein spikes that help it to penetrate human membranes in lungs and destroy them. It is a highly contagious disease. I then asked my mother what I could do to stop it's spread? She told me to wash my hands frequently with soap for at least 20 seconds. Avoid close contact with the people who are sick, coughing or sneezing and maintain social distance. Also disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. I have been following these instructions very carefully and have taught my younger sister and siblings as well. I trust that by following common hygiene and lockdown, we will get over this crisis soon. Stay home! Stay Safe!

Sia Kapoor V-F

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations

Many activities with varied themes were conducted in the department to mark the birth anniversary of the Apostle of Peace-Mahatma Gandhi namely,

❖ Truthfulness

Students of Class V composed poems on Truthfulness either in Hindi or English.

❖ Handwriting Improvement Campaign and Handwriting Competition

Students of Class IV & V wrote articles, poems or paragraphs on the topic of their choice in a good and neat handwriting.

❖ Cultural Activities (Cleanliness is next to Godliness)- VIRTUAL Assembly

Students celebrated Bapu's birthday with great zeal, enthusiasm and patriotism through a special virtual assembly held to give an insight into the life and beliefs of Mahatma Gandhi as a special tribute to our 'Father of the Nation'.

Waiting for a New Dawn

Jobs lost, salaries unpaid,
uncertainty in life, and everyone's afraid.
But, wait, who brought us here? Who is responsible for this?

Seriously, an invisible virus, snatched away our bliss?

The roads are empty, the crowds too small,
no trace of life outside, none at all.

No one is going to school anymore,
Nobody is even opening the door.

We remember, our giggles, our play, our swings and slides,

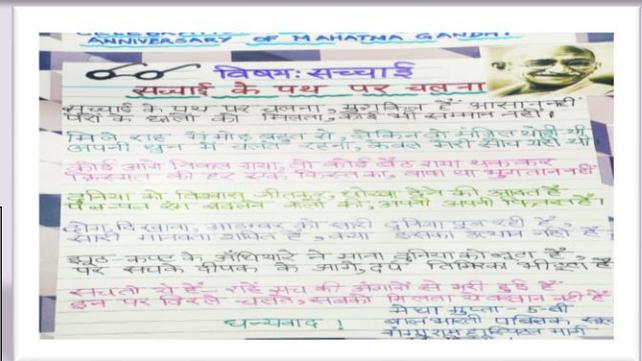
as we are caged in our homes and corona plays outside.

Carefully listen to footsteps of our warriors who are away from their home, they risk their lives for us, so for their sake please don't roam.

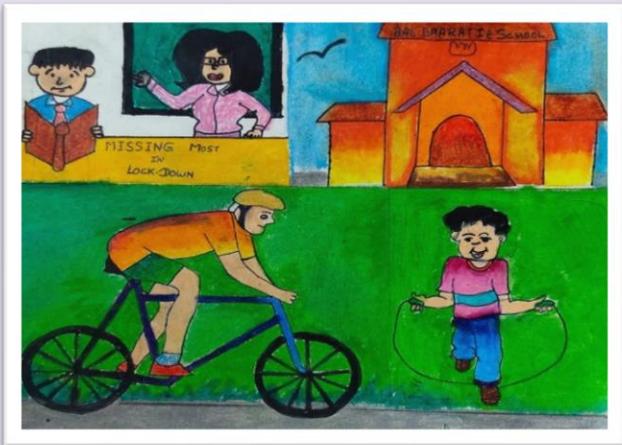
There is a deep silence on the streets, where once chaos hailed,
a fear is inside everyone's heart, but also a ray of hope prevails.

When can we really be free, when can we stick our heads out,
when will human race revive,
I hope soon our dawn will arrive.....

Vaari Narayan V-E



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