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# Editorial

*Dear Reader,*

2020 has been quite the roller coaster of a year. Although working online has been tough, the snapshot team, with the articles, artwork and other components you have contributed, were able to overcome this challenge to bring you the twenty sixth edition of the snapshot magazine.

The magazine covers a vast variety of topics. We have the hot news section which helps keep readers up to date on the numerous key events that have happened in our school. There is a lot to unearth in this section. The 'open boat' segment houses the creative work of the students. Beautifully illustrated drawings, carefully handcrafted origami, scenic photographs, and intriguing stories, this section has it all. Next, is the section of 'dazzling science' which gives the opportunity for all the science enthusiasts of our school to shine. 'Voice' is one section which showcases the individual talent of our students. On top of this there is the 'Junior corner' which is dedicated to the primary school students. The 'blooming buds' segment is for our kindergarten students to showcase their talent. The 'expressions unlimited' segment is completely dedicated to our expression clubs. Finally, we have the review corner which houses reviews of a wide array of topics.

If interested, you can send us any artwork, articles or anything else you would like to showcase. We, the snapshot team hope you enjoy this snapshot issue and wish you a happy 2021.

**- Vittal, Gr 9G**



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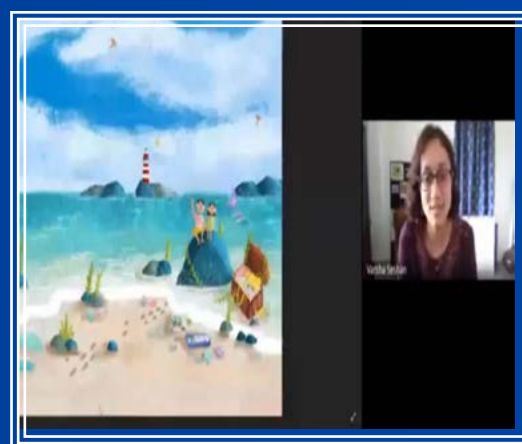
## Author Task

Hey!!! We met Varsha Seshan for an author meet on August 03, 2020 evening organized by our librarians in collaboration with Scholastic India Pvt Ltd. She penned "Dragonflies, Jigsaws and Seashells". It was an interactive session where Ms. Varsha was super cool to answer all our queries in a pleasant way.

Ms. Varsha introduced herself and gave a brief note about her writing journey, books and awards. It was really nice to see the slide show presented by the author about her interest that she had in writing. A few cover pages of her recent books and others were a visual treat for all of us. She educated us about the importance of observation. There was a surprise activity conducted by the author – "Jigsaw" and we all jumped on that to participate.

We enquired about her curiousness to write and the number of books that she wrote. We also got an opportunity to interact with the author. We had an online quiz and we moved to question and answer session. We were excited when we got an opportunity to speak with the author and we asked her questions related to the talk, books, writing and publishing with her. The author patiently answered all the questions and enjoyed the session. Since we had already crossed the time Ms. Varsha agreed to answer all our questions through e-mail. We ended our session on a happy note.

- *Krishna, Gr 5C*



## Illustrator Meet

We had our illustrator meet with the famous celebrity cartoonist Mr. Ajit Narayan organized by our Librarian in collaboration with Scholastic India. The event happened on August 13, 2020 with 81 participants. It was cool to see the illustrator and cartoonist during the online live session, being very punctual and completing the session on time.

The session began with the brief basics about cartooning and illustration followed by educating our students step by step cartooning, meeting the age group of our students. It was an eye opener to learn the importance and impact of drawing simple flow of lines for illustration / cartooning. Next, it was a visual treat for us to learn about drawing facial expressions and the tricks that we may use while creating or changing the expression or illustration. Thirdly, adding visual marks to make the illustration stand out hilarious. Mr. Ajit Narayan shared ideas on how to do cartooning on real time expressions and how to execute it by practice. We were thrilled to know 'what next' and there he doodled creating simple and effortless human figures and running pose cartoons from standard one to extreme run. Also, Mr. Ajit highlighted where and how to differentiate between these two 'runs' in the cartooning. We were also given the time and opportunity to draw those on the paper at our end.

We thoroughly enjoyed 'Illustrator Meet' and learnt 'cartooning tricks' and "valuable insights" from Mr. Ajit Narayan. It was really exciting to see Mr. Ajit Narayan at our school as expressed by him in the next academic year. It was a fun cartooning evening!!!

- *Vibha Jeyanthilal, Gr 8D*

## From the Librarian's Desk

At APL we have created a library website where books can be read online in a PDF format. We have a good list of collections updated at our school library; unfortunately, due to this pandemic outbreak it is inevitable to roll our work at home online. The library user and book lovers are the best affected by this change in scenario. As we were pondering the possible ways where we could bridge the gap, there emerged the library website.

This colourful library website displays collections according to the school level. The website has various pages to start with home page where recent and hot news at APL and across the globe may be found. There is a small introduction about the librarians and few useful links for users. Another tab deals with library literacy which aims to educate users about library access. And the most awaited tab that comes to play the key role: books and magazines. That's not the end - we do have an activity corner where fun learning activities compartmentalized to the level of students are posted on weekly basis. A gallery tab displays recent library events and activities' snaps for a quick look. An exclusive tab created for "Intra-school talent show" to exhibit our students' amazing handprints and talents to the whole school on a single platform. There is a service tab where queries to the librarians (if any) may be posted for librarian support and guidance.

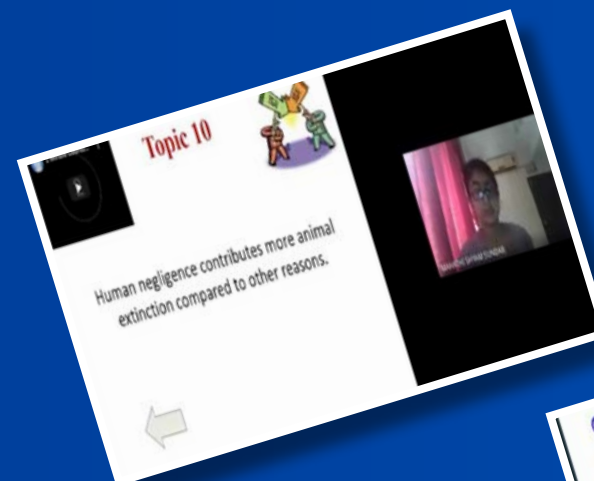
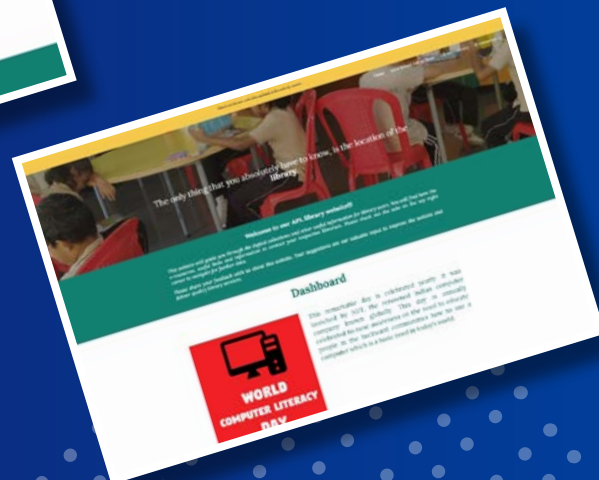
**Website Link:** <https://sites.google.com/apl.edu.in/apl-school-library/home?pli=1>

## Children's Day

Seeing people wearing uniforms identical to yours, walking around the familiar school corridors, brings you certain sense of belonging and connectedness. Those feelings are what we all miss most during these times. That is why the children's day celebrations were a way for us to remember and reconnect with our wonderful community. Our thoughtful teachers organised tons of virtual activities; we were able to play interesting games, watch dance routines, and listen to brilliant music. Best of all, we were able to catch up with some teachers and classmates that we hadn't seen in forever.

It's moments like these that remind us of the value of having such supportive staff and the joys of being a part of this community; these memories are our bittersweet future nostalgia.

- **Vaishnavi Nanda Kumar, Gr 11G**





## Intraschool Cultural

Intra school competitions were an overall opportunity to express the talent of each student. When I heard about the talent show I was quite happy about this as the school had included many activities that students could choose. This was great as everyone had options as to what they wanted to participate in.

I participated in about 3 events and 1 of them I registered on the spot. The best thing about the spot registration was that people who did not know about the event could join. This led to many people participating in the various events. The events were organised very well and was full of fun.

The events that the school chose were very interesting and easy to be played online. The live events were quite nice as the teachers had organised all the events very beautifully. The record events were cool too! Some of the events were like the ones we used to play at school so I found that really nice. One of my favorite parts of the record events was seeing 2 of them dance and vocals. I liked seeing others do these events because they always do really well and I enjoyed it.

The teachers had done a great job on making these events too. They had made sure everything was nice and organized and all of it was a great process. One of the other things that I really liked was that we were able to meet other classmates for the events. I enjoyed this because I was able to meet other students from different classes in our grade!. This gave us the opportunity to interact with others. The other thing about the events was that everyone had fun in it so this shows that the teachers have done a really good job. I had tons of fun participating in these events and some events helped me find things that I liked to do.

- Nidarshana raghu, Gr 7



# BUNS TO TICKLE OUR TASTE BUDS

This is a small venture we (Arifa 18 and Allisha 13) started amidst the global pandemic nearly 3 months ago. As active students and teenagers being forced to be indoors was a challenge as we had too much time and energy in hand. We wanted to put our time to good use, hence we started baking initially for our kith and kin which later lead us to opening our own Instagram page and serving our fellow chennaites.

A dominant gene that was passed to us by our mother, whom we grew up watching cooking and baking everything from the mughalai biryani to the creamiest of pastas and anything in between. But why buns you may ask? Well Mexican buns were our favorite tea time snack as kids when we lived in Malaysia and it was only right we started with them. We are thrilled to launch our first savoury item to our menu; character bao buns which are stuffed with Chinese fillings and will be served with an authentic homemade Asian style dipping sauce. Our character buns are not only new to our menu but also one of its kind in Namma Chennai. Our aim for mammaroti is to be the one stop shop to serve various types of bread from across the globe in our very own Chennai. To begin with, we have introduced mexican buns and Chinese steam bao. We will soon be expanding our menu to include different types of 'ROTIS'.

**Instagram Page:** [https://instagram.com/mamma\\_roti?igshid=1cotfkayoj2j8](https://instagram.com/mamma_roti?igshid=1cotfkayoj2j8)

**- Rahmath Arifa, Gr 12G**



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## MAMMAROTI

CHENNAI, INDIA

### OUR BUNS

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| ORIGINAL        | Rs.150.00 |
| NUTELLA         | Rs.200.00 |
| WHITE CHOCOLATE | Rs.200.00 |
| CARAMEL         | Rs.200.00 |

### BOX

|          | MINI      | BIG        |
|----------|-----------|------------|
| BOX OF 4 | Rs.300.00 | Rs.600.00  |
| BOX OF 6 | Rs.450.00 | Rs.900.00  |
| BOX OF 8 | Rs.600.00 | Rs.1200.00 |

An additional charge of Rs.50 will be charged for a mini assorted box

### BAO

Chicken bao  
*Fresh chicken sauteed with diced onions and garlic in an Asian wok style*

|          | ORIGINAL  | CHARACTER |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| BOX OF 6 | Rs.480.00 | Rs.510.00 |
| BOX OF 8 | Rs.640.00 | Rs.680.00 |

Veg bao  
*Diced mushrooms, onions and garlic sauteed in an Asian wok style*

|          | ORIGINAL  | CHARACTER |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| BOX OF 6 | Rs.450.00 | Rs.480.00 |
| BOX OF 8 | Rs.600.00 | Rs.640.00 |

Complementary Asian style dipping sauce served along with every bao box

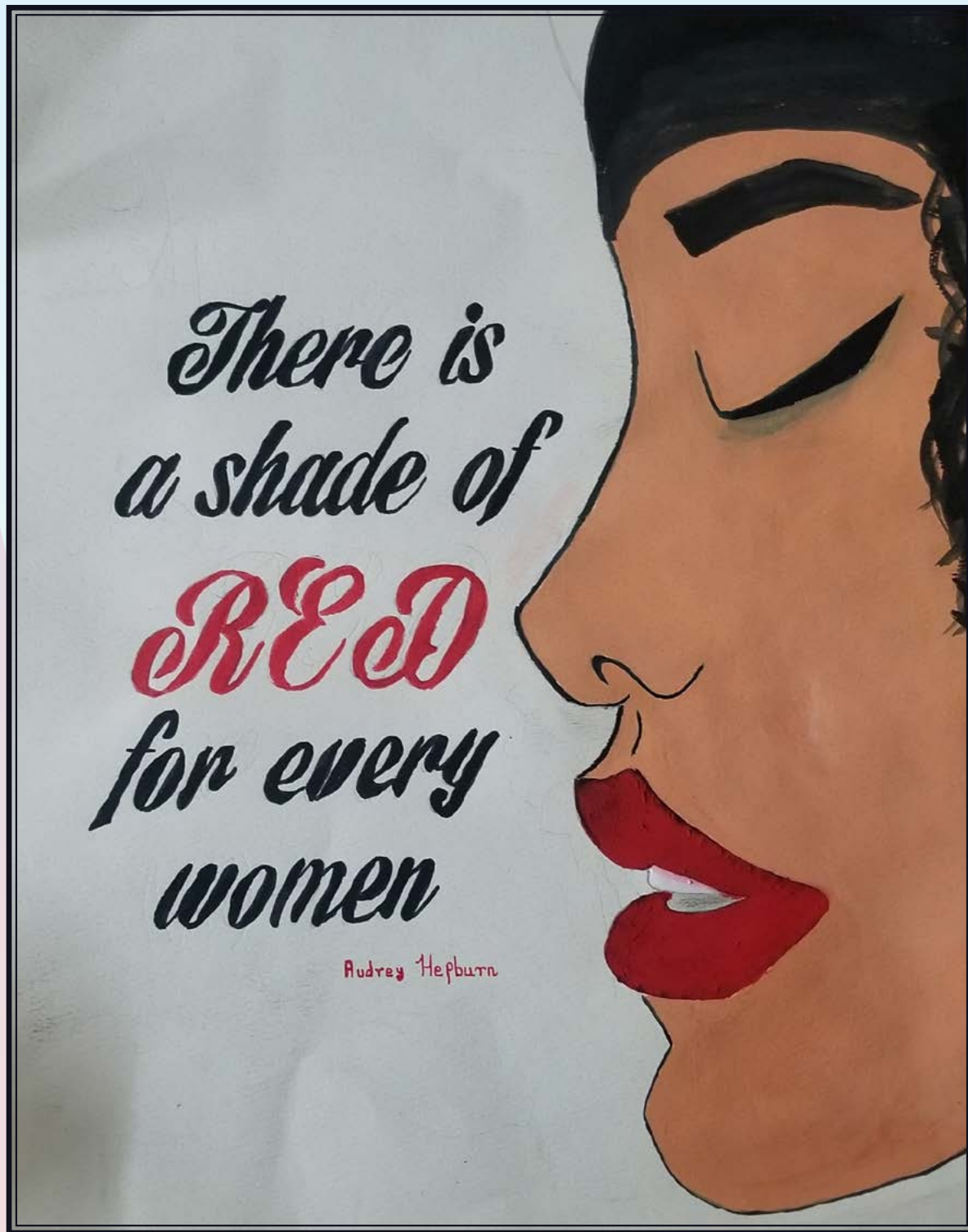
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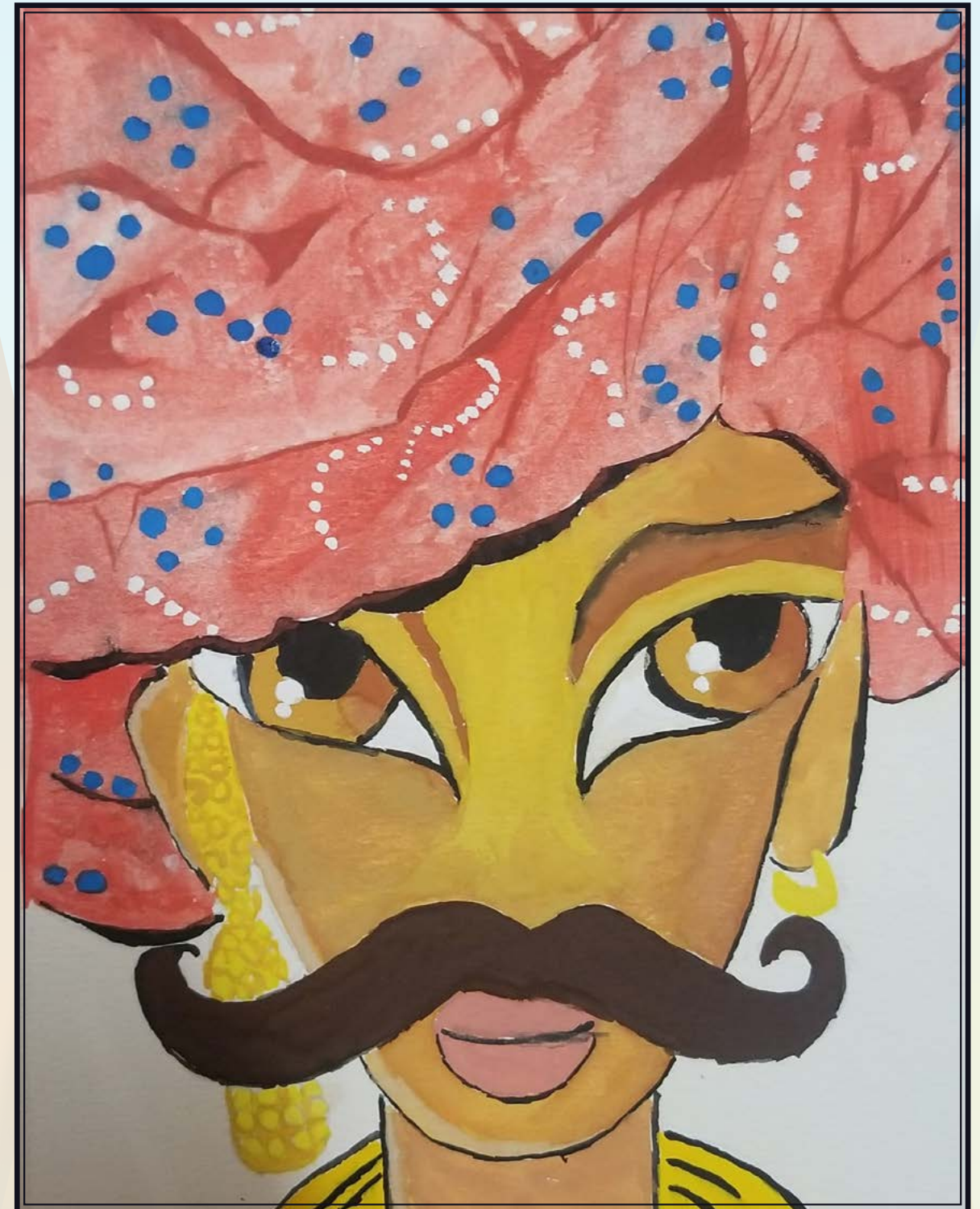
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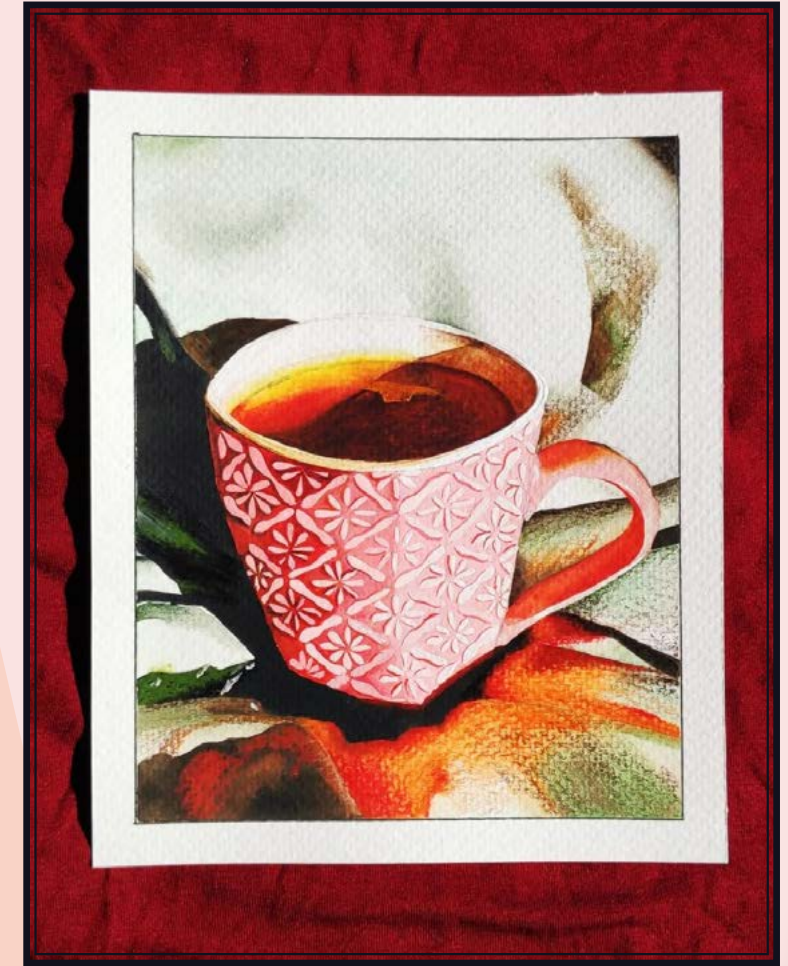




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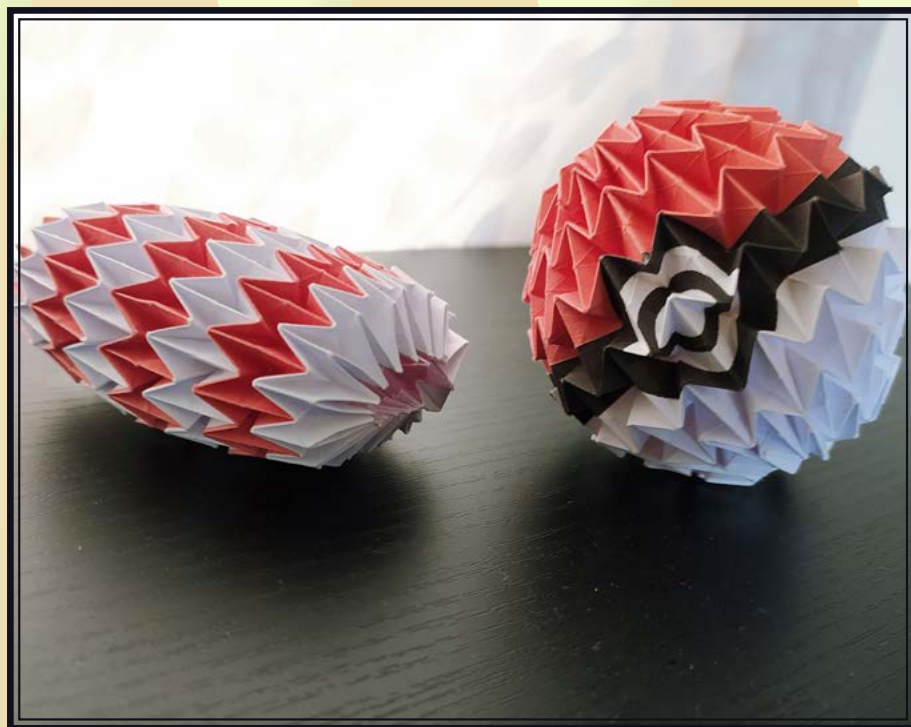


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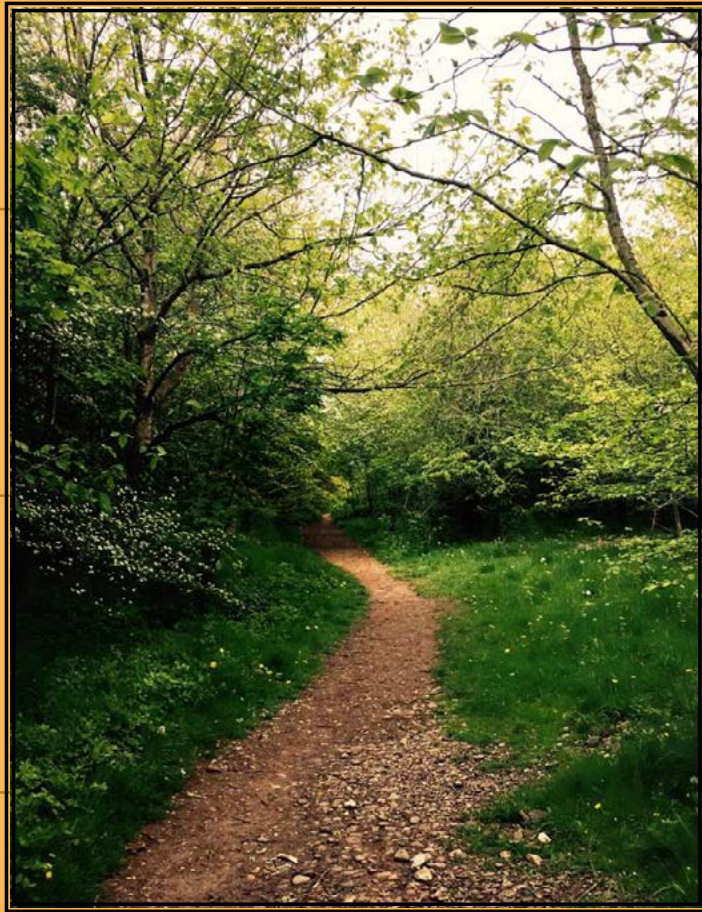
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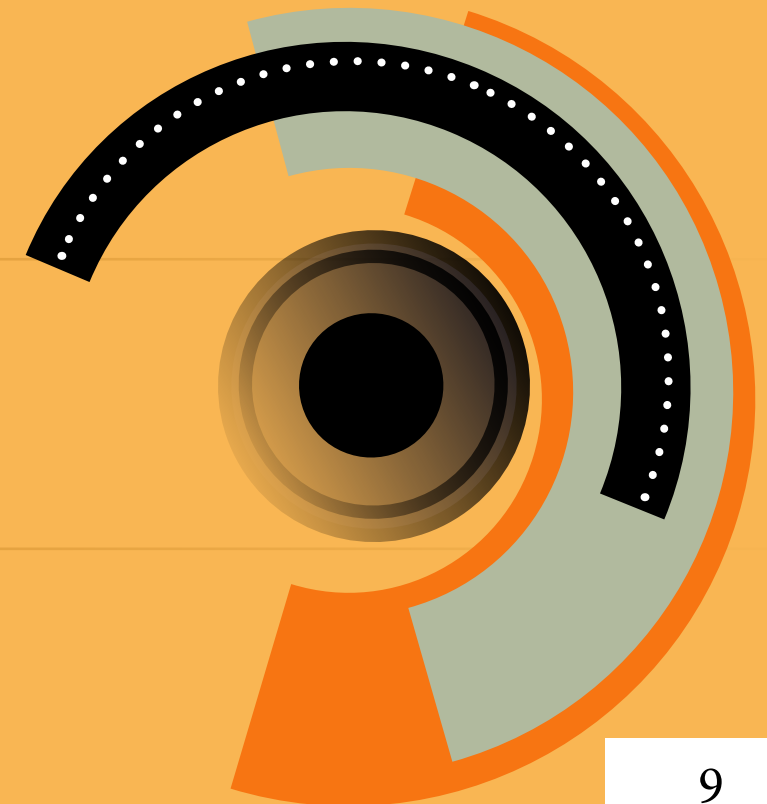
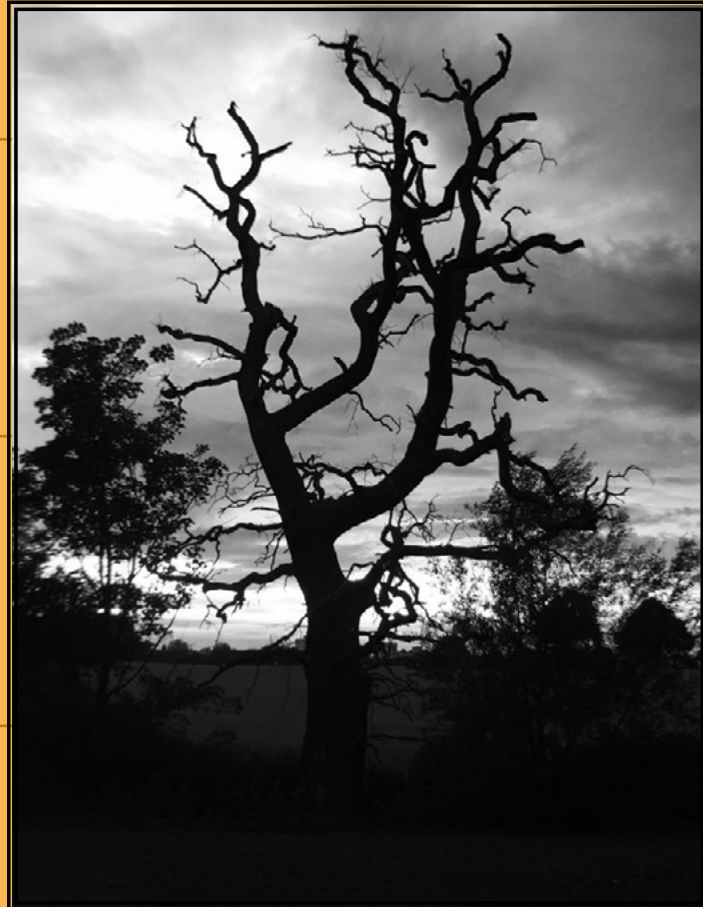
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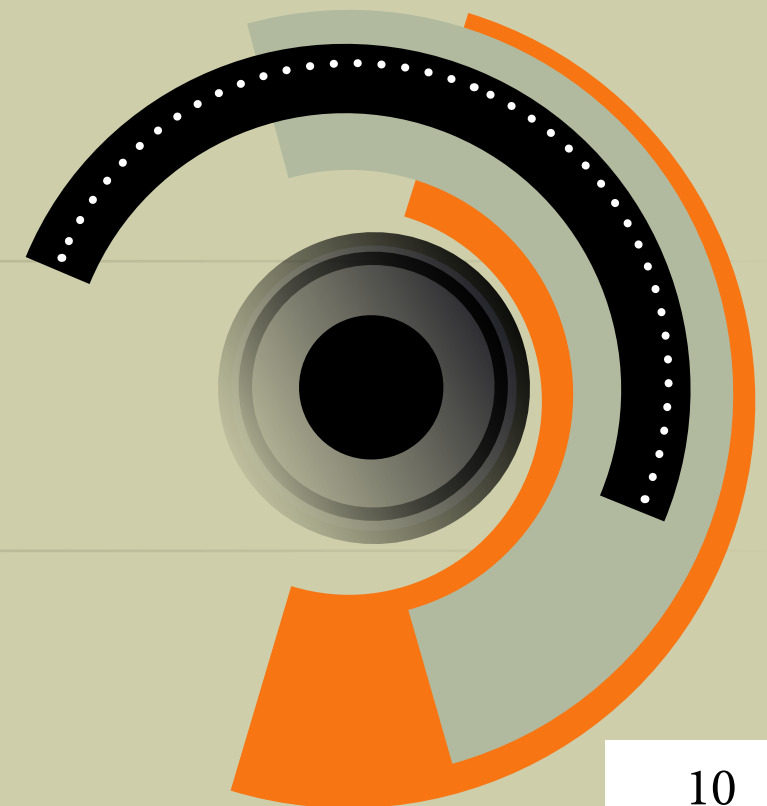
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## The rich, the paranormal and the weird

"...So, until the Justice League can figure out how to recreate the anomaly that brought all of you here, you will have to stay in Wayne Manor, with me staying here in order to monitor you." Bruce finished his speech, directed at the four strange individuals before him: two war-hardened leaders of a Rebellion against a galaxy-wide Empire; an FBI agent who studied the paranormal; and a toy who was somehow sentient. Woody then asks "Uh, Batguy? How long do you think we'll be here, because I kinda got places to be and my friends may be losing their minds trying to find me?"

"Our people will be needing us, as well." The camo-clad blaster-wielding Princess Leia stated, talking about both herself and Lando, "Rebellions tend not to work well when their leader has disappeared, and my friends will be worried too."

"I understand your concerns, but you have to understand that whatever anomaly that happened, managed to bring people from three separate Universes into another Universe altogether. It may take some time to recreate this, so you may be stuck here for at least a few days." This statement from the Dark Knight was followed by multiple groans and worried looks at one another. "It may help if you told me what you were doing before you were transported here. Did you see anything strange or unusual?"

"I was working with my partner, Mulder," Agent Scully says "on investigating some paranormal occurrences in Arkansas, when I saw a blue crystal in our car. I warily tried to take it to show to him, but as soon as I touched it, I was enveloped in a bright blue light and heard a high-pitched noise."

Woody, with widened eyes, then jumps in. "That happened to me too! I saw a rock I'd never seen before on the porch of the house I live at. But the one I saw was glowing green."

Leia hesitated before speaking. "We also saw something like what you both saw. But... that rock is a kyber crystal, a crystal used to power our blasters. They aren't exactly known for their teleportation abilities, as they don't have any!" "Maybe Luke would be surer about things like that. I mean, we aren't exactly experts on kyber crystals, but force-users like him are," Lando mutters, placating Leia.

This statement from Leia got Bruce thinking. Glancing at her blaster, he asked "Leia, you said that these crystals are used in your blaster?" Bruce asked. Leia quickly responded by saying "That's right." Bruce came up with an idea and said "Then, in theory, can't we use the crystals in your blaster to send you and the others

back to your respective worlds?"

"Hold on," Dana says panickingly, raising her hands as if to slow him down, "You would have to recreate exactly whatever happened to those crystals in order to send us back. And last I checked, no one here knows what supercharged those crystals. Besides, if they really are these "kyber" crystals that are native to whatever alternate universe those two are from, how did they get to my world, or even Woody's world? And why would they send all four of us here?!"

"Hey, calm down there, FBI. We have a possible lead, a possible chance at getting home. We don't have to get the answers to all our questions; all that matters right now is getting home, right?" Woody asks her rhetorically, while raising his hands in a placating manner, like one would do to calm a stray dog, "So just relax. It'll probably take a few days, maybe weeks for these superheroes to cook up our exit, but it's not like we can do much about it except try and not trouble them too much by staying in this mansion. So, calm down, all right?"

His oddly-identical-to-Tom-Hanks voice was a calming force, releasing most of the worry in the stressed agent, and even in the Galactic Freedom fighters. He must be the leader of the group in his world, Bruce thought to himself with interest.

- *Saivinayak, Gr 11 C*

## 'A day in the MM household'

Jon Snow wakes up at around 8 in the morning and goes downstairs for his morning coffee, T'challa is already there at the table eating breakfast while watching one of the reruns of his favourite show, F.R.I.E.N.D.S. "Would you turn that off? its not healthy to be watching the tele while you eat." says Jon. "Where did you read that? Buzzfeed again? I'm telling you that this site is full of nonsensical information, they're only famous for quizzes like 'what kind of bread are you?'"

"Buzzfeed is right most of the time, T'challa, aside from their bizarre quizzes every now and then."

"My sister begs to differ, Jon." Jon sighs while making his instant coffee and he then sits at the table with T'challa. He reads the paper instead.

"Where's Fox? He's usually already down here and ready to tell us his conspiracy theories regarding the virus." Asks Jon curious to see that there's been a change in scene. "Glad you asked!" Fox says breathlessly while walking towards the table covered in sweat. He explains that he'd been out on a stroll in the neighbourhood for the first time in his life.

Slowly the whole house has woken up and they all sit at the table eating yesterday's chinese takeout instead of making some normal breakfast. "Should we really be eating chinese? I mean those fools started this whole mess." Furiosa exclaims but still continues to eat the delicious food. Hermoine almost bursts out laughing at Furiosa's stupid statement but holds back and tells her it doesnt work like that. Furiosa didn't seem to be done with insulting the chinese, "Did that one guy really have to eat that bat? Is it even normal to have a craving to eat small flying animals? The chinese are absolute dimwits in my opinion, I never want to see another chink in my life!!"

"Actually I think it was aliens who did this. They probably saw that earth was dying and decided, 'hey, why not kill off half the population, that'd do the job!' you get what i'm saying right?" Fox states while stuffing some dumplings into his mouth.

"Did you hit your head as a child, Fox?" Hermoine asks, absolutely flustered.

"Hermoine that's not very nice of you, say sorry to Fox, he's just voicing his opinion on the matter."

Jon being the righteous person he is, says to Hermione in a motherly tone.

"Fine, I'm sorry, I won't say something like that again. But in my defense, his theories are absolutely mental! there's no such thing as aliens. to think that something of that sort existed in this modern day and age is quite dim of Fox."

"Hermoine are you really saying that? I'm literally from the MCU and you used to go to a school that taught magic." T'challa chuckles as he states the obvious.

"Well you're not wrong, i'll retract my statement then."

The day goes on normally until they run out of snacks.

"Alright, who in their right mind finished the skittles i had left for later all by themselves HUH?!" exclaims Furiosa as she holds up the empty skittles packet that was kept back in the fridge instead of being thrown in the garbage can.

"It wasn't me, I don't even like them that much." says t'challa as he backs away from the kitchen slowly.

"I didn't eat them either, I'm not a fan of sweets." claims jon snow who heard the screaming and came downstairs.

"I might've eaten a bit more than required but it was only because i needed something to rejuvenate my energy! I've been working this whole time!" Fox states, confident that he won't get a beating from Furiosa.

"Then i suggest you take yourself to the supermarket and buy me a new pack before she loses her temper and starts throwing the furniture again." Hermoine advises Fox.

The day ends with Furiosa being bought 10 packs of skittles by Fox.

- Kiara, Gr 11C





## A morning at the Table Mountain, South Africa

The sun has barely begun to rise. It can only be seen at the very bottom of the sky, like a ball of fire somebody very far away is throwing at you. It looks small now but soon it will fill up the entire sky and then, there is no escaping it.

Where I stand, there is still a little darkness. However, it is not dark enough to not notice the thousand foot drop just a few steps in front of me. In the distance, I can see many rocks like the one I am standing on, threatening to fall down any second, into the never-ending blue sea beneath me.

On the left of my view, there is a group of birds, perched on the edge of a rock. The sun now has risen a little and so, the birds are only silhouettes. One of them began to fly. It spreads its wings, which I now notice are extremely big. He rises and travels upwards. Now he is flying straight upwards and both his wings can be seen. His giant, black outline against the red-orange sky has my full attention. At this point, I want to stop his flight and take a picture so I will have this scene forever. But before I can even move my hand towards the camera bag, the entire flock joins him in the sky.

There are so many more than I had seen on the ledge. They fill up the sky, flying in all directions. Soon, the sky is black with only spots of orange, and not the other way around.

Never in my life have I seen an act this spontaneous yet planned at the same time. I am lucky to have witnessed such a scene as this.

- Niyati, Gr 11H



## The Farewell Party

People from all over the town came to honor Sergeant McKenzie at his farewell party. It would possibly be his last moments with his family as he was going undercover in Afghanistan for the better part of a decade. The party was massive and crawling with the local community. As the clock struck nine, The Sergeant sent his final goodbyes to his family and friends and made his way to his car. However, as he entered his vehicle, he noticed that the car was lacking sufficient gas and that the tires were slashed. The Sergeant was stuck at his farewell party.

He looked around the driveway to find any viable cars but noticed that they were all slashed. Someone did not want the Sargent to leave. He called his fellow officers only to receive the dire news that they were in the same situation. If the captain heard that the squad was late, and they were partying their jobs could be at risk.

The Sergeant quickly searched for possible public transportations available. After vigorous searching, he found a bus that would take them near the airport . He called his colleagues to meet at the nearby bus stop. With one final goodbye, Sergeant McKenzie sprinted down the street.

All the influential people in town had come to Sergeant McKenzie's enormous farewell party. There was an entire bar with multiple bartenders and drinks of all colors and flavors. Similar to the drinks, the dining hall was covered with various assortments of chips, cookies, and a large chocolate cake with chocolate coated sprinkles. Small pieces of candy were delicately placed on the corners Of the cake. Icy cold air flew into the room from the massive ac, forcing people to wear their jackets inside. Constant chattering could be heard from all the rooms drowning out the chewing and gulping sounds of the kids who raided the snacks.

Finally, the Sergeant exited the party to leave. With one wave of his hand, the sergeant departed.

-- Roshan, 11C

*Farewell*

# Coronavirus

*what happens when we contract the deadly virus!*

What is coronavirus ?

*COVID-19 is a virus that makes our body weak and mainly damages the respiratory system. They multiply and damage each part in the respiratory system which can further lead to heart attacks.*

How does we contract Corona?

- 1) We are most likely to contract the virus when we have close contact with people who are already infected.*
- 2) When we are beside them when they sneeze or cough.*
- 3) Corona also gets in us when we are speaking to the infected person.*

What happens when we contract the Corona virus?

*The virus is contracted in our nasal cavity which is located inside our nose. The virus starts to stick to the skin or the layer of the nasal cavity and moves from there and starts to spread till it reaches the windpipe or trachea. The virus moves further into the lungs and to the alveoli or the air sacks which are being carried by the bronchioles! When the virus spreads inside the alveoli, the sacks become smaller and start to swell which indicates that the virus has started to inflict damage. The damage starts to grow weakens the alveoli which further leads to pneumonia, and infection. When this happens, our lungs start to inflate which leads to difficulty in breathing. Due to this inflation of the lungs, infected people will find it harder to breathe because of the lack of oxygen taken in. This in turn will further damage the respiratory and circulatory system.*

Symptoms caused when our body is infected by Corona!

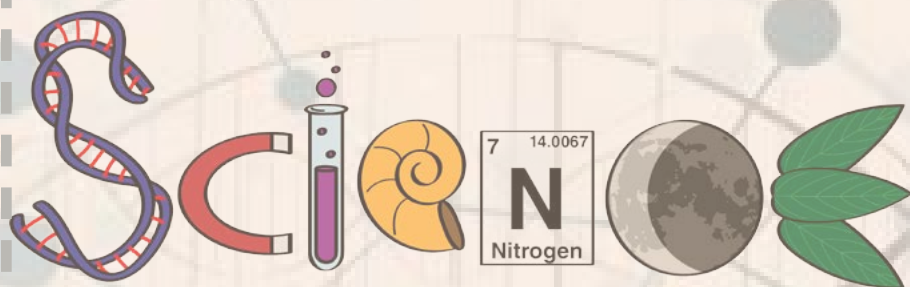
- 1) It will be hard to breathe.*
- 2) Pneumonia might affect the body.*
- 3) The lungs will start to inflate.*
- 4) Not much oxygen is taken or not much carbon-di-oxide is let out which leads to the improper function of the circulatory system.*
- 5) Cells will not get oxygen to breathe.*
- 6) Can even lead to heart attack or death.*
- 7) Coronary arteries will be blocked.*

How to prevent Corona?

- 1) Wash your hands every 1 hour.*
- 2) Take homemade medicines like kashayams\**
- 3) Wash all the objects that have been exposed outside and sanitize them before you take it into your house.*
- 4) Maintain social distancing.*
- 5) Do not go out often.*

*\*may not be factually correct*

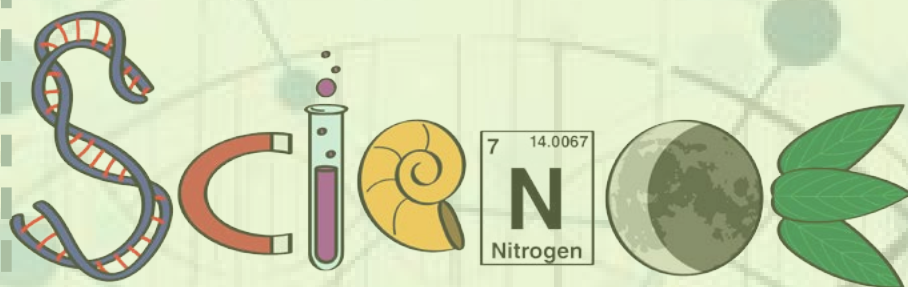
- Akshara Periyasamy, Gr 7E





Did you know?  
 Bursting Crackers  
 Can pollute the air and  
 also scare animals,  
 but this time people  
 can get affected by  
 Covid and it also  
 makes it hard for  
 Covid people to breathe  
 SO JOIN US THIS  
 Diwali TO GO  
 CRACKERLESS!!

Pradhika.S, Gr 10C



Here are 3 interesting facts  
 on Animals!

Giraffes have  
 NO vocal chords.

An ostrich's  
 eye is bigger than  
 its BRAIN.

A rhinoceros' horn  
 is made of  
 HAIR.

Dazzling

Roshini Sivakumar, Gr 11C



## CARMEN'S ENCHANTED ESCAPADE



Once upon a time, there was a youth or a teenager called Carmen. Carmen was living in a small village called Yagalatown. There was not much to do in Yagalatown, they usually did agriculture, and they relished growing Plants. Carmen at first had not enjoyed growing plants. Since Carmen's parents are not very rich, they could not find the money for affording their child's education. The child, Carmen, had to garden to get food. Hence, Carmen goes to the backyard every day; he spends his time planting vegetable seeds, so they can harvest it and sell it for money. Carmen had got used to this daily routine, growing plants and veggies, and had started adoring and appreciating it.

On the second of September 2019, Carmen was tired of working. So, his parents had decided that he needed a sibling to help him do his work. They had gone to the Orphanage to search for a kid that would fit him the best. Carmen was a kind person, so they found exactly the person they wanted. She was a young, kind, and hard-working sister. She was very pretty too. They adopted the child and paid the adoption fee to the government. They named her Camilia. Camila meant helper to the priest. When the parents returned with the kid, Carmen was very happy. He hugged his sister, and they went to work. Carmen had worked with her sister for days and months, but no fights or any other incidents. On the fifteenth of August 2020, the sister, Camilia, had gone to get water for the plants. Her brother had told her to come as soon as possible, to not end up getting in trouble. He heard a scream from the bathroom and rushed to see the situation. She was not there.

Carmen was shocked, he had not expected such a horrible situation at nine in the night. Carmen had told his parents and had rushed to save her. He packed a bottle of water, six sandwiches, and a blanket for warmth. When he started walking, he saw weird footprints on his way, he had followed them, seeking trust that he will find



his sister. While all of this had happened, it was already late in the night. So, he had decided to take some rest and set of the next morning, "Zzzz Zzz," Carmen snored that night, he had been so restless throughout the day, he slept like a gorilla in the night. The next morning, Carmen had started walking. Soon after he started walking, he met a fairy, he asked the fairy if she had seen his sister. The fairy exclaimed "I saw a person being carried by bulky men. They were going towards the wizard's rock. Go right and you will find the rock soon." Carmen asked "is it the wizard who has taken my sister?" the fairy replied, "No, the wizard does not do such nasty stuff, I trust him." Carmen nodded and set off to see the wizard.

A few hours later, he met the wizard in the wizard's rock. Carmen asked, "Have you seen my sister? The fairy told me to meet you." The Wizard replied, "I don't know if it is your sister, however, I noticed someone being carried by big men." Carmen questioned, "Do you know which direction the girl went?". The wizard answered to his question mumbling, "She has gone north. I recommend, that you need the truth-teller, while you go along. Let me emphasize, she is in the north." Carmen asked, "Is she the person who carried my sister?" The wizard responded, "No, she is innocent, rather I would guess, that she would help you locate your sister." Carmen was pleased to hear this, and was grateful, that he was guided by the wizard and walked further.

Soon after, he met the truth-teller. Carmen asked the truth-teller, "Have you seen two bulky men carrying a little girl and walk along this path?". The Truth-teller looked puzzled initially, but thought for a while and directed Carmen saying, "Yes, I have seen them. Indeed, I know the bulky men, who carried her. They are the snow queen's guards. They are heading to the snow queen's palace. It is north-west from here. I suggest, that you leave this place immediately as it may take a few hours to reach the palace." Carmen said, "How do I save my little sister, without getting us both into trouble with the guards? They seem too big for me to handle!" The truth-teller whispered in his ears, "Let me tell you a secret to save yourself and your sister. The guards love to eat good food. They are very fond of meat. You could hunt for some meat on your way. Be sure to cook them near the gates, where the guards are positioned. The smell of the cooked food is likely to tempt them to leave the gate unprotected, and walk around to get the cooked meat. In the meanwhile, you should secretly tiptoe into the palace to find your sister. She is most likely to be in the prisoner's room near the entrance. I hope this helps you save your sister." Carmen was thrilled by the idea and left immediately to save his sister.

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## CARMEN'S ENCHANTED ESCAPE

On his way, he killed the mountain sheep and made smaller pieces of it, so that it is easy for him to cook. He was happy, that he could follow the first instruction of the truth-teller. He put the meat in his bag and rushed to the snow queen's palace. He gathered a few logs of wood, and limestone to heat the fire.

He reached the palace and started cooking the meat, instantly. The truth-teller's plan worked magically as predicted, it lured the guards, that left the palace unprotected, and he was able to sneak into the palace, as planned. Soon, he found the staircase to the prisoner's cell and ran as fast as he could to see if his sister was there. He found his sister crying in the corner of the cell. He was relieved to see her. So, was she, happy to see him! He broke open all the prisoners' cells and saved all the prisoners, not just his sister!

All of them escaped the palace when the guards were still eating the delicious food. On his way back, he met all of the magical people, he met on his way to the palace, and thanked them and gave big hugs for being there when he needed them most. He left a goodbye and went back home with his sister, happily. Their parents were very happy to see them and emotional on their homecoming!

After all the magical events in their life, they hoped to never encounter anything like this, and live happily ever after.

**- Ihsaan Bava, Gr 6B**



## DEMON'S GIFT

Hush!! You demon's gift.  
Giving curses to the world.  
Making relationships drift.  
We will kill you in a swirl.

This coronavirus called covid-19.  
Which recently came.  
Poisonous as a setrpent is covid-19.  
But we will kill its own game.

Don't you lose hope.  
We will find the medicine soon.  
So please don't mope.  
We will kill that dwarf-like goon.

Hush!! You demon's gift.  
Saying hello and keep giving lifts.  
Wait till a god sends you running to hell.  
And giving us back our bliss.

**- Keshav Rajiv Subramanian, Gr 7E**





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" Life, colorful like flowers.  
Together we stay stronger  
for better tomorrow"



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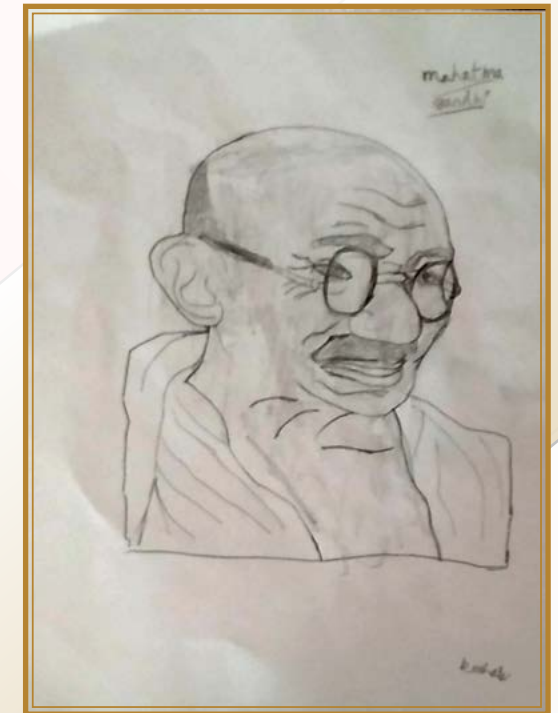
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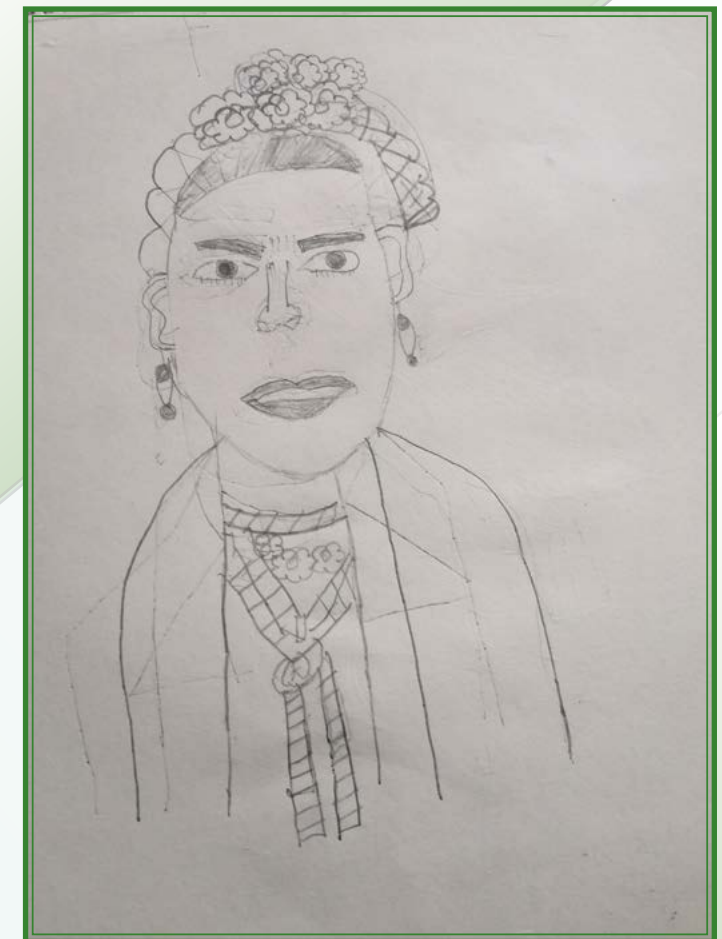
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## Feedback Section

Children's day events were very enjoyable and interesting even though it was a virtual one. Although, all the activities were my favourites I thoroughly enjoyed "Dumb Charades" and "Guess the Child". I truly appreciate and thank all the teachers for taking efforts in coming up with such an event to entertain us on the special day and to make us happy.

- Pradhik Prabhu, Gr 6D

Children's day was really fun even though it was online. This was a pretty new experience because I joined this year and it was virtual school too. We all got to do many exciting and interesting activities during the day. We also got to pick the activities we wanted to do by going in and out of all of the activity links any time we wanted.

- Karpaggalakshmi V, Gr 6D



I really enjoyed the children's day/Intra School week. It was fun to watch the performance done by students in various fields like music, dance, and art. It gave us opportunities to try new things. The carnival was very interesting. We could participate in various events like freeze and dance, identifying childhood photos, and solving riddles. I really liked the fact of taking a break from homework and academics for one week. All the teachers had put a lot of effort into this children's day and carnival. Some of the teachers danced and sang for our happiness. This children's day week provided the scope for us to interact, and engage ourselves once again.

- Vaageesan S, Gr 6D



APL Girl Up is a club started in 2018 as a student club under the UN's Girl Up Campaign which is aimed at providing young women with the opportunity to advocate, communicate, fundraise and organise events that would help bring about gender equality.

Our club endeavors to achieve gender equality by the eradication of gender roles and misogyny. We aim to educate our community about feminism and stress on its significance. As strong supporters of the LGBTQ community, the Girl Up club at APL Global School aims to promote liberty, equality, and fraternity among everyone.

This year we have both held and are currently holding events aimed at education and fundraising.

Since the beginning of this year we have been hosting multiple face to face and virtual events! The first event of the year was **#OrangeTheWorld** where the students from 9th grade to 12th grade wore an orange accessory to help stand in solidarity against domestic violence. This was followed by the introduction of the **Pen Pal Program** in which each member of APL Girl Up was designated a member of Girl Up A.C. Reynolds to get to know one another and work on interesting projects together! **The Lone Pack: Anonymous Letters** was our third event where students from 9th grade to 12th grade in APL were asked to submit supportive artwork, poems, writing and so on to send to Lone Pack to help strangers cope with their mental health.

During these trying times APL Girl Up has put in efforts to organise webinars and campaigns to help keep everyone productive and energized during quarantine! These include the **21 Day Quarantine Challenge**, a successful social media campaign via @aplgirlup on Instagram, the **Girl Up Lebanon X APL Girl Up Webinar** where we discussed toxic masculinity, stereotypes and the #MeToo movement. This followed another **Girl Up Lebanon X APL Girl Up Webinar** which was used as a platform to discuss the past, present and future of the feminist movement. Soon after we had the **APL GirlUp X GirlUp TISB Public Webinar** in which we held an honest conversation about the society that we are growing up in by breaking down toxic youth culture, streaming it live on youtube! Lastly we held the **Girl Up Virtual 5k** with Rohini Manohar, a well-known yoga instructor, an hour long session was held to help us relieve ourselves from stress.

Additionally, APL Girl Up has maintained a strong, informative and active Instagram (@aplgirlup). For **Mental Health Awareness Month**, glossaries about mental health terms and storytelling posts called #MyBattleStory was posted and people were allowed to put up articles and poems that would help someone going through difficult times. For **Pride Month** several posts about different identities were put up, song playlists and book recommendation lists that had good LGBTQ

representation were shared along with informational speeches about the history of pride internationally and nationally! This was followed by The **LGBTQA Webinar** where APL GirlUp held a discussion about the lack of media representation and prejudices faced by members of the LGBTQ+ community in India with Dr. Aiswarya Rao. Furthermore, after a series of posts on our instagram account about the **Jayaraj and Bennics police brutality case** and how to combat the issue we received support from major Bollywood and Kollywood celebrities such as Alia Bhatt, Sid Sriram, Sonam Kapoor, Jhanavi Kapoor and Bhumi Pednekar. APL GirlUp has also discussed countless other issues on our social media account such as the EIA, Women in STEM and Sports, Sexual Abuse and a broad range of activism related topics.

Apart from this, APL Girl Up has partnered with **Privando**, an all Indian female, youth-led company which uses innovative tech to tackle the sexual harassment issue in India and has helped spread the word about their organisation while asking people to participate in their recent online event by sending in a video of themselves posing like the Privando logo. The next event was hosted by **STEM 4 Girls** with Dr. Laura Helmuth which was used to help promote and ask questions at a recent webinar.

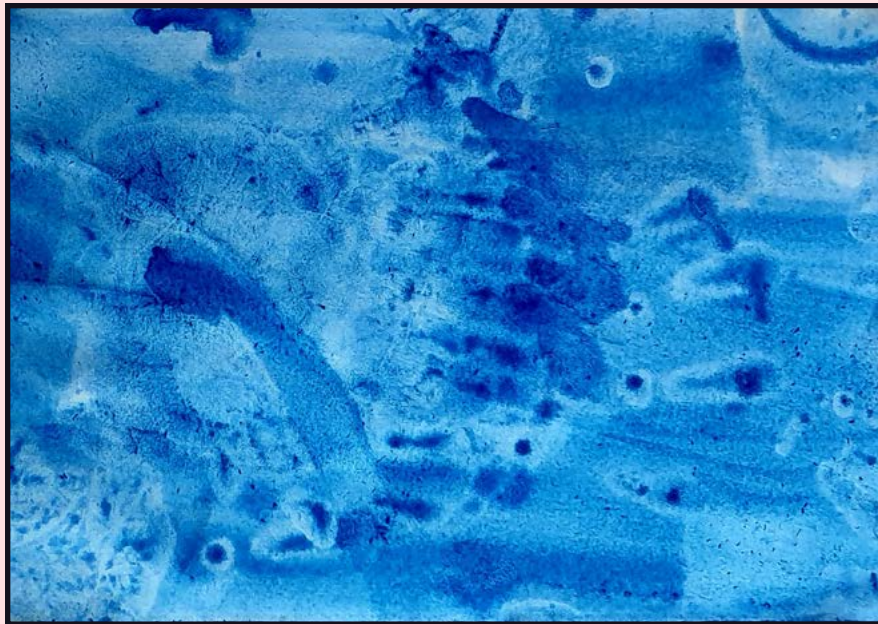
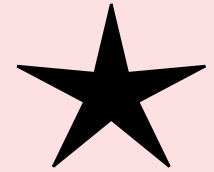
Following this, APLGirlUp plans on hosting a series of webinars and one exhibition with **Chennai Photo Biennale Prism (CPB Prism)** aimed at bridging the gender gap in photography. We also partnered with Bubbles of Hope to a fundraiser concert with **Bubbles for Hope** that would help raise funds for masks, sanitizers, hand soaps and sanitary napkins for those who cannot afford them. Both of which will be held soon!

If you would like to participate in our events or get more frequent updates then feel free to email us at [aplgirlup@gmail.com](mailto:aplgirlup@gmail.com) or follow us on Instagram: @aplgirlup

- **Abarajetha, Gr 11H**







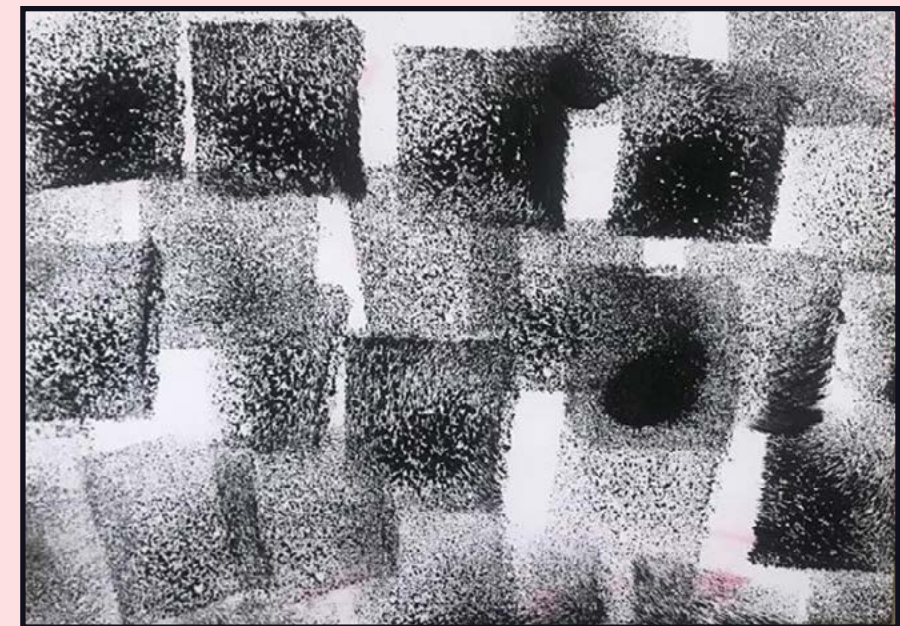
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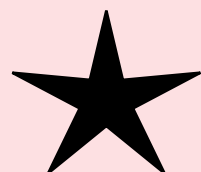
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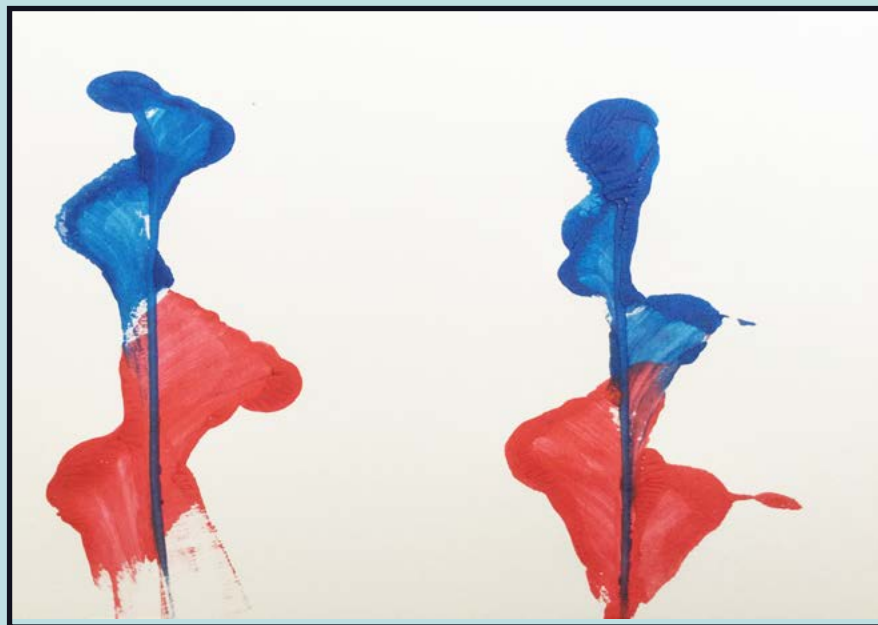




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## Online schooling- For the better or worse?

As much as I would like to say only optimistic things about online schooling I would be lying if I said there are not any drawbacks. However, I wouldn't say there aren't any perks either. For years going to school, sitting in classroom, answering your roll call and chatting with your friends before the class has become established almost like a sacred tradition people don't want to change. Now do not get me wrong I am all for dropping orthodox methods and embracing the new ways. However, I would like to know a few things from the teachers: don't you miss the feel of the chalk in your hands; don't you want to go back to interacting with your students face to face: don't you miss seeing students scribbling away furiously in their notebooks? But whether we like it or not due to the corona virus pandemic online schooling has been thrust upon us and it was up to us to handle to the best of our abilities. Now that it has been three months its time to review if we have indeed still managed to retain the integrity of our academic careers.

### ***The classrooms:***

Classrooms were, are and always will be a place of learning and education. Classrooms are places that you will inhabit for the entirety of your school year. They are a place where you will mark your place, pick a spot near your friends or near the blackboard or at the back of your class- in short, a place where you feel comfortable your place for education, a familiar place. So, if you were to think about it, online classroom maybe a dream to a lot of people. Who would complain about sitting in the comfort of their bedrooms to study? Lean against the banister of your bed or sit in your favourite chair. But like everything this also has its fair share of disadvantages. In school there is always this unspoken rule of formality and discipline, in online schooling you can just turn off your cameras and snore and you might go unnoticed until you are asked to answer some question. It is safe to assume while classrooms may be convenient, they may not be the most effective.

### ***The teaching and learning process:***

What is the main reason we attend school? To gain knowledge and receive formal education. In online schooling I personally believe the inherent value is lost. While our teachers try their best to upload enough material and worksheets for the students learn and attempt it hasn't made an impact in fact it feels very flat. While I have immense respect for my teachers who work extremely hard- I don't think anyone in our grade has felt like they have actually learnt any of the subjects. I am glad the introduction of live classes has been slightly more useful but it still doesn't make the same impact live school has. Teachers have to struggle to make their classes more interactive and students trying to keep up with the assignments and submitting them in either unrealistic deadlines or doing the extreme opposite and slacking off. While I do genuinely believe online schooling is not the right way to go there are a few perks I won't deny having.

### ***Advantages:***

1. It is very organised and there is one particular place where students can receive information from. We have all had frustrating times when we miss out on information and have to go begging for it like puppy dog craving a chew toy but not being given one. GCL is definitely a great place to share and receive information from and it is perfect for organizing your assignments and notes.
2. It is extremely easy to access and utilize. I have to say so far, I have never had any lack of choice or even problems handling and using GCL. It is very basic and not at all complicated to work through. It also provides a lot of choices and I can choose what format I would like to upload/turn in /do my assignments in.
3. You get immediately notified whenever new material assignments, or any other type of upload or announcement is made. I also receive reminders to turn in my assignments which is pretty handy.

In conclusion I have to say I am not a big fan of online schooling and I have made a pretty strong point against it. However, in these unusual and troubling circumstances coming up with an education system to keep the students on their toes and not ceasing to educate is very impressive and I pledge to use it to the best of my abilities. And lastly but definitely not the least Thank you, teachers for working hard and trying to get us to work!!

- *Niharika.B, Gr 9E*







### Online class experience of organic farming

Every man, every woman, every bird, every animal, everything has its pros and cons. Today we are going to talk about the pros and cons of online classes of the interesting expression club 'Organic Farming'. Organic farming is a club where students learn about regenerative agriculture and have hands on experiential learning, which means the classes will never happen indoors but will always happen outside where the students will experience the learning.

#### *Now let's look at some of the pros.*

**Home Gardening:** during regular class, the students usually go to the school garden which has around 200 varieties of plants. During this lockdown every person would feel mentally down. If you did not know this, gardening is therapeutic which means gardening is also something that will make you feel happy and help you better cope with stress and challenges. Researchers have found that bacteria in soil actually helps to activate brain cells that produce serotonin which is a hormone that makes you happy. Through the online classes students have started their own home garden throughout the lockdown. If the online platform was not there, then students would have not got proper ideas and explanations from the teacher. During regular classes many of the students have busier schedules and may not find the time to garden at home. However, with the pandemic, we are forced to stay home and may be more inclined to start a home garden.

**Biodiversity:** There are other small creatures like earthworms and other insects. Through home gardening the students invite a whole bio-diversity and gives them a nice habitat. These insects are totally harmless and students will understand that by watching them. Through the online platform every student is giving a home to many creatures.

**Encouraging others:** Through online classes not only did students start their own garden at home they even encouraged their family members and taught them the benefits of gardening. The whole family will cope better during the pandemic

**Physical activities:** Gardening is also like an exercise for your whole body. Students physically exert themselves through home gardening. This is not only good for the body but also for the mind. Home gardening will keep the atmosphere clean and filled with oxygen and with more oxygen around the students will stay energetic.

**Regenerative agriculture:** This type of agriculture uses the waste from plants to regenerate more plants. It's like a cycle. A plant grows then dies and acts as compost or humus and gives purer soil for the next plant. The student learns about how the biodegradable waste from their houses can be used for gardening. This also reduces trash from going to landfills and kitchen waste is turned into a resource. This is also good for the environment and us.

These are just some of the pros of online classes. Organic farming has its own benefits and online classes made it better by addressing the initial challenges and turning it into an opportunity to garden at home.

Now let's look at the cons. Remember, every problem has a solution. We will also be talking about the alternatives as solutions to the cons.

**Internet connectivity:** When we think about online classes the first thing that pops in our head is the internet connection. It's a fact, there will be problems for students to connect with the internet. For some, the power goes off or the internet does not work, but like I said before every problem has a solution so there are recordings of the session which can be accessed by the students who are not present for the class. The students can always communicate with teacher through mail or the google classroom.



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**Availability of devices:** Almost every member of the family has work or classes. During this time the number of devices in the house might not be enough for everyone's personal use. However most of the children these days will have either a laptop or an ipad for their use. If not most of the parents are willing to purchase a new device. And yes there might be students who might not be in a financial state to purchase a new one

**Exposure:** The exposure at home is not as much as in school. The school garden has more variety of species and also soil that has been made fertile with the addition of bio-degradable waste like dry leaves, twigs and cafeteria kitchen vegetable and fruit peels. The students will have more exposure learning at the school garden. However the home garden is nothing less. The students can even use an unused vessel or take away a container that they can re use as a pot and also use kitchen waste as manure. They will also miss the physical support of the teacher but the online platform is just as efficient as regular school.

**Conclusion:** Online classes have their problems and benefits but there are always solutions for a problem. Online classes would be very useful if they are conducted properly. To conclude, the students got an opportunity to start their own home garden which is highly beneficial but there are some difficulties faced by some students. While the world is being churned, the online platform is the best alternative for regular school. Let's hope we all survive through this pandemic.

- Shivanarayan, Gr 9G







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