

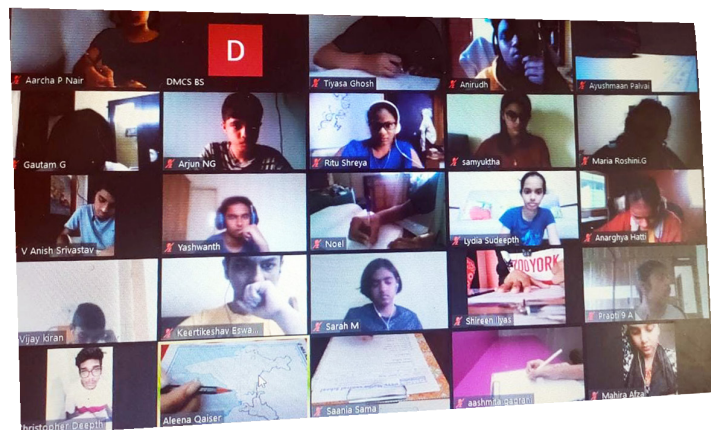


With the escalation of Corona virus into a pandemic, schools made the difficult decision to close their doors—forcing an abrupt and nearly universal shift to digital learning that proved challenging for teachers, students and parents .

Due to this prolonged change in teaching and learning contours, Deva Matha Central School came up with creative and efficient options to organize Online Assessment and Examination for its student community. DMCS teachers therefore started using tools that could stimulate and motivate the students to maintain a robust time table and study routine. The online teaching bore fruits by providing a platform for the teachers and the students to effectively interact and facilitate active learning. The learning goals were effectively achieved through virtual classroom- the school opted for video conferencing platforms such as Zoom and Google meet. With the onset of full-fledged online classes, it was imperative to measure the learning quotient of the students and hence was conceived the emphatic concept of DMCS Online Assessment and Examination.

DMCS has mainly five layers or levels of student learning. It is divided into Kindergarten, Primary, Middle, High school and Higher Secondary level. For each of these levels, different assessment techniques were administered, to ensure optimal and fair system of examination. To give the students a demo of the whole examination experience, DMCS administered mock examinations for its students, in the first place. The exam paper was made in two parts – MCQ and descriptive type questions, submitted through 'file upload' option. Quite notably, in addition to all these mock assessments, teachers also conducted class tests during their live sessions. Revision classes were also regularly conducted before each assessment was slated to go live.

Periodic e- assessments were conducted wherein an e- committee was set up to convert the questionnaire prepared by the teachers to Google forms and also to monitor the process of assessment. The assessment had two sections part A containing MCQ's while part B included descriptive questions. Google forms came in handy as it had the feature to prepare questionnaire having MCQs, which were used for part A and descriptive questions, which were used for conducting part B. The assessment was conducted successfully and the Google forms aided the teachers to evaluate the papers. In cases where Google forms were not used as a mode of examination, carefully prepared word files were uploaded for



conducting examinations.

DMCS also beautifully explored the option of monitoring students via Zoom. The e- assessment committee members hosted the examination sessions on the scheduled dates. They shared the question paper and students took the test with their live videos. Many a times, Google Classroom was also successfully used for submission of answer scripts. Teachers could efficiently evaluate and allot marks to the students. Students could also go through their answer scripts after the evaluation. The students who couldn't upload in google classroom due to unavoidable reasons, a dedicated subject wise email ID was provided to send the answer sheets. For Internal Assessment marks , each subject was infused with thought provoking activities and projects. Post assessment, telephonic Parent Teacher Meeting was also conducted as part of the monitoring process, to keep a vigil on the growth of the student's learning curve.

Most importantly, the basic premise of conducting the DMCS Online Assessment and Examination is the fact that it is based on the virtue of INTEGRITY. We sincerely believe that our students will show extra ordinary self-discipline by engaging themselves in a fair system of examination and will answer questions, guided by their merit and knowledge. We are hopeful in acknowledging the fact that students will answer the examination honestly, based on ample self-monitoring and moral rectitude.

All the Best for the upcoming examination!

DMCS Examination Committee



'I smile at you, you smile at me, 1 plus 1 smile, makes 2'-as a young child I have heard this adage umpteen number of times from my Mathematics and English teachers, who used it so generously ! It has affected me profoundly and has somewhere attributed to my becoming a better person.

With technology spreading its gigantic wings around, life and its simplicity have almost got lost somewhere. Professional and personal commitments are on a high, pulling us away from moments of enjoyment and family time. I often question myself too ! When was the last time I had a hearty laugh over a cup of coffee, with my friends.. With each passing day, smiling has become scarce, having deep impressions on the mental as well as physical health.

Smile has a therapeutic effect on mood swings and mental sombreness. It pulls us towards a healthy social life and boosts our confidence for interacting with more and more people. Infact

Let's S-MILE our way through...

there is no harm in establishing smile as a practice and make it a part of our daily lives. If that was not the case, the laughter therapies and concepts like laughter parks wouldn't have made such an impact on our daily lives. Smile combats stress, tension, anxiety and welcomes positive vibes of feelings and emotions. The immune system gets the most desirable boost and it's a win-win situation for all of us.

Sometimes, forcing a smile on oneself also does the trick ! It can pep up our spirits and give us the courage to see a problem with fresh insight and new born attitude. We may not be assured of a solution, but we will definitely be in a better mental space. Also, in scenarios where we are greeted with a smile, the tendency to move the conversation forward becomes huge too . People who smile more often are rewarded with more friends around and are never considered alone !

I thoroughly intend to convince each of you of the power of that one single smile that God has bestowed us with. So after reading my words, if you can treat me with one single smile of yours, I will consider my job done !

Keep Smiling !

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My Torchbearer- My Teacher

One day someone asked me to say,
Why am I smart?
I told about someone I care,
Someone's heart I will never tear.
That someone who made me bright,
Like the stars & the moon shining in the night.

That someone made me say,
I can do it, in my own way!
The one who made me,
Stand on my feet.
And that one person,
Was never the least.
My Teacher is the BEST!

*Bless Miriam Koshy
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The Litmus Test- Covid 19

A deadly virus has spread across countries,
It harms people without any pity,
We've been locked inside our city,
And can't mingle with others of our community.

Covid-19 is its name,
With us it's been playing this weird game,
All of a sudden from nowhere it came,
The problems faced by people due to this are insane.

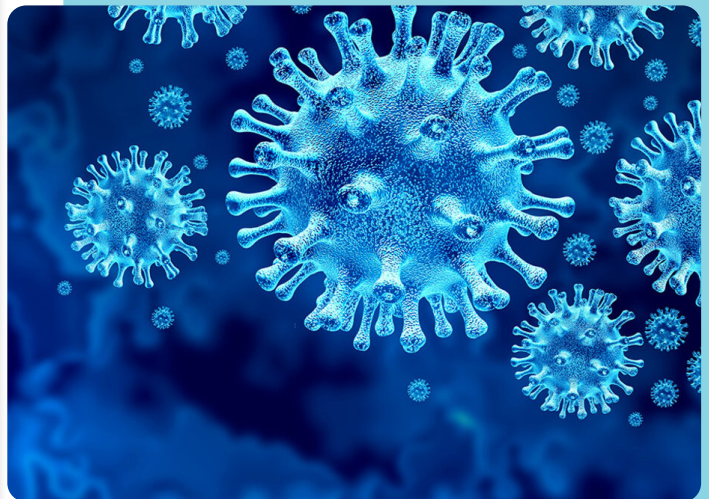
Of our health we must take care,
So that we don't fall into the virus' lair,
Masks we all must wear,
To stop the coronavirus' scare.

But no one is denying the fact,
That one good thing has come out of that,
Families are able to spend time together which lacked,
Happily they're all able to interact.

It's strange when the world is seen at a glance,
For we always find the virus's quick advance,
While stopping the virus' quick expanse,
We can leave nothing to chance.

To us this virus is definitely not dear,
We should not allow it to come near,
The virus should be removed from here,
So, with high hopes, I'm looking forward to a fruitful
coming year.

Kritika Mohanty - Std. VI



WHITE NOISE

Many people have the peculiar habit of doing their daily errands, while listening to music. White noise, which consists of low, medium and high-frequency sounds played together at the same intensity level- it kind of creates a soothing hum, easing the environment with welcome ambient sounds. The white noise has also been acknowledged to reduce stress, increase focus and improve cognitive performances. Individuals with lower attention span or insomnia have particularly benefitted from the same. White noise enhances phasic dopamine release, thereby modulating activity within the superior temporal sulcus and leading to increased attention span and memory formation. Many a times white noise has also been encouraged to enhance the lexical capacity of individuals. A white noise machine, also known as a sound machine, helps us create a more relaxing sleep environment that fosters healthy, deep sleep. In addition to white noise, these devices often produce natural sounds such as chirping birds and crashing waves. It is noteworthy to mention that White noise doesn't benefit all aspects of cognitive performance and its effect may not be the same for all individuals. It many a times may have distractive implications and has to be dealt with wisely.

Jeyani Shekar- Std. X



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THE
PHOENIX



THE SYMBOL OF PHOENIX

The Phoenix is about overcoming darkness and rising to the challenge to become powerful and succeed. It has a spiritual connotation and represents resurrection and being reborn. Regeneration is the key element symbolising the phoenix. It is the ultimate symbol of strength and renewal. It is an immortal creature continually rising from the ashes. We humans need to remind ourselves of these attributes of a Phoenix, to stay strong and overcome every challenging situation with tenacity.

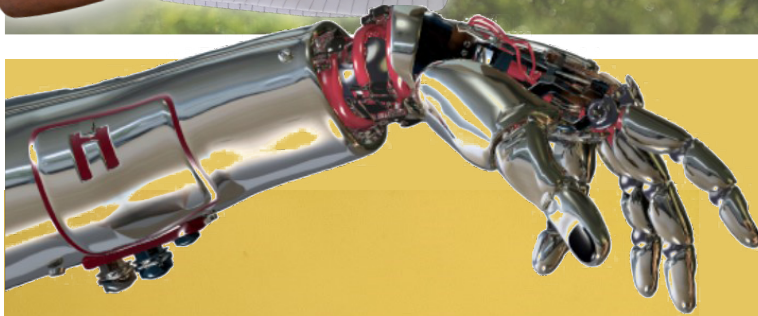
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Nature is wonderful!



Take a pot and plant a seed,
 Help your friends who are in need.
 Give the animals water and food,
 Then this will make you definitely good.
 The birds having the wings and feather,
 The sky has clouds making the weather.
 The water, plants and nature is wonderful,
 The green chlorophyll of environment is beautiful.
 The jungles and forests are green,
 And this is the most beautiful of God's dream.
 The birds make their nests on trees,
 The hive is the home of bees.
 Let us care for Mother nature always,
 By listening to everything that she says.

Hrishikesh S. – Std. V



HUMANS VS ROBOTS



Humans are one of the smartest creatures existing on planet earth. They have an exceptionally complex and intricate mechanism of the functioning of our body. As the time elapsed and evolution reached its pinnacle, humans could do things that our ancestors like the apes could not do. Building monuments, writing beautiful versus, creating marvellous art-work, discovering new formulas, are few of the towering human accomplishments.

Robots are in fact a creation of the brilliant minds! They too can do various simple things and perform tasks like drawing, cooking, and much more. They also have a compound structure of their Artificial Intelligence. The robots are being developed at awe inspiring speed and the day would not be far enough when they would completely take over performing our daily errands.

But, there is a catch!! A few experts say that we might have a war between the magnificent minds of the humans and the robust, high performance, mechanical-structures!

What a nail biting battle it would be. Are we ready for this?

Thanish Shetty-Std. VII



GLEE TIME

Field hockey is the National Sport of India and it has won medals in the Olympics.

There is a floating post office in India which is located in Dal Lake, Srinagar.

Ayurveda, one of the very first forms of medicine has originated in India.

A certain cricket ground in Himachal Pradesh, known as the Chail Cricket Ground, stands at an altitude of 2,444 metres, making it the world's highest cricket ground.

Shampoo was first discovered in India. It actually referred to the method of massaging herbs onto your hair. It has been derived from the Sanskrit word 'Champu' (meaning massage).

Freddie Mercury, the legendary lead singer of the band 'Queen' was originally a Parsi and was named Farrokh Bulsara by his parents.

One of the most popular board games-Snakes and Ladders, originated in India and was known as 'Moksha Patamu'.

Geethanjali K. – Std. VII

Recipe Corner

Biscuit Wholesome Poori

Ingredients –

Makes 20 Numbers

Maida- ½ Kg.

Mustard seeds - 1 tablespoon

Black Gram -1 tablespoon

Finely grated dried coconut - 1big cup

Cumin seeds -1/2 tablespoon

Chili powder - 1tablespoon

Curry leaves - 2-3 leaves

Garam Masala - 1 tablespoon

Chiroti Rava - 7-8 tablespoon

Red chilies - 2-3 numbers

Salt to Taste

Sugar -1 to 2 tablespoon



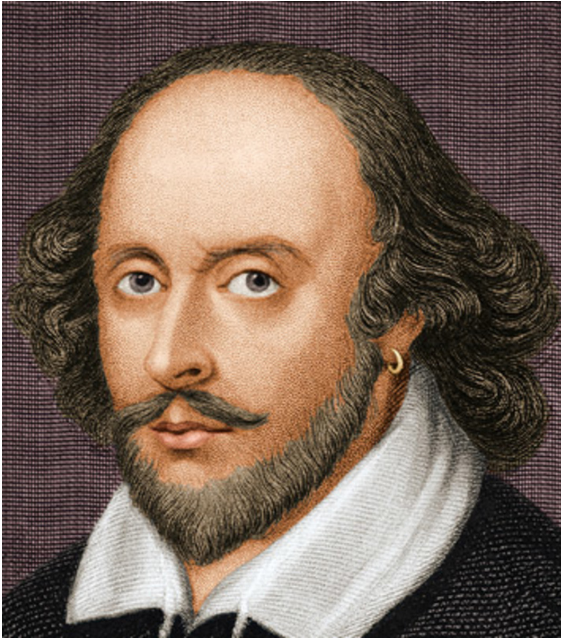
Method (Preparation of Filling)

Keep a pan on a medium flame, add 2 spoons of oil. When the oil gets heated, add mustard seeds, black gram, red chilies and curry leaves to it. Once the seasoning starts splitting, add 4 spoons of chiroti rava and fry for 2-3 minutes. Now add the grated dried coconut and fry it for 5 minutes. Add chili powder, garam masala, table salt, sugar (1 tablespoon) and fry again for 3-4 minutes. Keep it aside for sometime.

Preparation of Dough:

In a bowl add maida flour, chiroti rava(4 table-spoons) , heated oil (1 tablespoon), sugar (1 tablespoon), salt to taste and add water to it, as required. Knead it to a smooth dough and keep it aside for 15 minutes. Now roll the dough into a log and cut it into equal doughs of lemon size, flatten it with rolling pin and add masala between, then roll it again. Flatten it again with a rolling pin into a size of poori. Deep fry this in a kadai on a medium flame, until it turns golden in colour. Now the crispy Biscuit Wholesome Poori is ready to serve !

Anushree V.- Std. VII



They Said It

A SLICE OF LIFE

"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players. They have their roles and their entrances and one man in his time plays many roles"- William Shakespeare

This quote from Shakespeare has a very long lasting and deep effect on the readers. A simple sentence, yet so powerful ! It states that life is a stage and we are just actors. Birth and death is inevitable and should be seen as a cycle of events. . The power of accepting it and moving on is the greatest acceptance. People play their own roles in different ways and when time arises, he or she shall leave. I have this quote etched deep in my heart, because of the universal truth it holds. It is so simple yet so powerful.

Neha Satish -Std. - X

Sarojini Naidu – Nightingale of India

Women Empowerment

"As long as I have life, as long as blood flows through this arm of mine, I shall not leave the cause of freedom... I am only a woman, only a poet. But as a woman, I give to you the weapons of faith and courage and the shield of fortitude. And as a poet, I fling out the banner of song and sound, the bugle call to battle. How shall I kindle the flame which shall waken you men from slavery..."

Sarojini Naidu has been one of the most prolific poetess and writers, the Indian soil has produced. Sarojini was a student of the Girton College, Cambridge. She was exceptionally brilliant and was one of the key activist in the freedom struggle of India. Gopal Krishna Gokhale was one of the few who truly inspired her to take up the cause. Her literary skills were extraordinary, which showed beautifully in each of her exemplary writings. While her first poetry collection named the ' Golden Threshold' was a reader's delight, her memorable piece of work in the form of 'In the Bazaars of Hyderabad' is a literary miracle. Her last book 'The Feather of the Dawn' is also considered as one her finest writings. She was fondly called as the 'Nightingale of India' by Mahatma Gandhi and her birthday is celebrated as 'National Women's Day' in India. Sarojini Naidu lived a life worth emulating and has been an inspiration to millions of Indian women.



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Ellora is a UNESCO World Heritage Site which is located in the Aurangabad district of Maharashtra. The most striking feature is that it is a rock cut monastery temple cave complex. It also features the largest single monolithic rock excavation in the world, the Kailasha temple, a chariot shaped monument dedicated to Lord Shiva. Overall a staggering 100 caves and more are located at the site. The Rashtrakuta Dynasty and Yadava Dynasty played a pivotal role in constructing the caves. Today the Ellora Caves are a major tourist attraction in Maharashtra and have remained as a protected monument under the Archaeological Survey of India.

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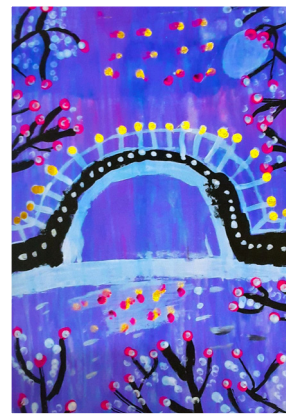
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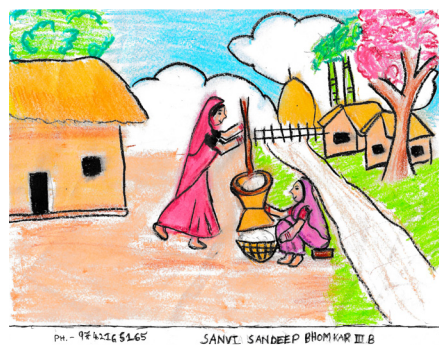
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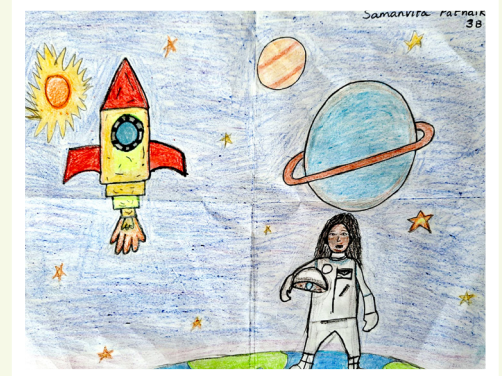
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