

Cultural activities are the cornerstone and high point of school life. They by far, are one of the best and most cherished memories of school life. Our teachers and students rose admirably to the challenge. The DMCS Management and teachers explored all technological platforms and made great efforts to observe Cultural celebrations for academic year 2020-21, with innovative and creative methods.

DMCS Vidyanarayapura celebrated Independence Day, in a solemn ceremony. The Principal, Ms. R Balasundari, accompanied by the Vice Principals- Ms. Roopalakshmi and Ms. Noorie Ayesha and members of the house-keeping staff, residing closer to school premises, hoisted the Indian Tri-colour and paid tribute to the Father of the Nation. Deva Matha Central School, Banaswadi also celebrated the 74th Independence Day on 15th August, 2020. Any social gathering was strictly prohibited on account of Corona Virus pandemic. DMCS School Director- Ms. Vrinda Coutinho along with the DMCS School Principal, Ms. Geeta Somanathan, DMCS Vice Principals- Ms. Fabiola I., Mr. Bhuwan Chandra; a few DMCS Teaching and Non Teaching staff, were present in the school premises for the flag hoisting ceremony.



On the momentous occasion of Teachers Day, in a noteworthy collaborative effort, the students of DMCS Banaswadi and Vidyanarayapura presented a mesmerising show to thank their teachers and shower them with love and affection. The whole programme was a beautiful mix of a breath taking Invocation Dance, melodious numbers, fashion show, dance performances interspersed with instrumental music, poetry recital; setting the virtual stage ablaze,

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marked with powerful discourse on significance of Teachers Day. Quite remarkably, the teachers were highly motivated by the extraordinary speech delivered by Dr. Joseph V.G.- Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Maldives in Bangalore and Chancellor, Garden City University. He lauded the exemplary efforts of the teachers in the pandemic situation and outlined the new educational policy envisaged by the government. He reminisced the quote - 'The future is bright if the teacher is right', and shared that everyday should be celebrated as Teachers Day.

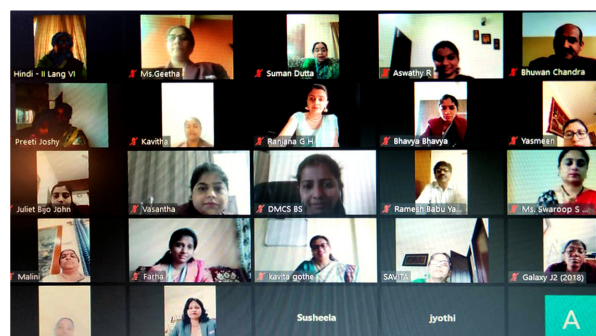
For DMCS Banaswadi, its first Virtual Investiture Ceremony was held on 04th September, 2020. It was a delight to see the DMCS parents carry out the sash and badge wearing ceremony, for their wards. The Chief Guest for the Investiture Ceremony was M. Deepa Kitturmath- Research Scholar in Mathematics. Her inspiring words truly motivated the children to achieve greater milestones. A beautifully coordinated programme was presented to the audience on digital platform.

The Investiture Ceremony of the Student Council, DMCS Vidyanarayapura, was held on 23rd September, 2020. The parents of the newly elected Student Council members presented the sash and badge to their wards. There were special messages of congratulations, felicitation and encouragement from the esteemed well-wishers of the Institution. Smt. Kusuma Manjunath, BBMP Corporator, Vidyanarayapura Ward; Lt. General CR Sampath Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM(Retd.) Former Military Secretary to the President of India; Padmashree Shekar Naik, Former Captain Indian Blind Cricket Team; Dr. Kiran Kumar, Chief Founder, Vidyanarayapura Cricket Team were the dignitaries who congratulated the Student Council Members and showered them with words of encouragement.

Amidst all these testing times, DMCS has left no stone unturned to provide quality education to our students, with the same zeal and teaching spirit. It has made sure that all significant cultural events are celebrated with the same enthusiasm and massive participation.

After all, the show must go on !

Ms. Mumtaz M. H., Faculty Member





A WORLD ON PAUSE

Ms. Sumathi Joseph
Faculty Member

COVID-19, the alarming term, started from one city of China, in December 2019, but in a short span of time, it overshadowed the whole world. Nearly 216 countries of the world are struggling for their civilization and livelihood, against the corona virus pandemic. Ever since then, there is an increase in the death toll all over the world and the grief and sorrow of the people on the loss of their near and dear ones cannot be articulated.

Proper strategies and funds were set up by WHO globally to protect the countries with special focus on poor and weaker health infrastructure, of developing countries. The aim was to reduce the virus spread in society, propagation of crucial information, providing proper healthcare and to minimize social and economic loss. WHO also focused on establishing a lucid, easy and effective diagnostic system to prevent the infection.

The students round the world and children have been impacted a lot during the crisis. Due to schools being shut down, the virtual classrooms have replaced them. The DMCS Management is organising various workshops with technical guidance cascading continuously to help teachers upgrade themselves and feel comfortable to reach out to their students.

The teachers conducted online sessions and shared worksheets and videos. Activities like art and craft, music and dance were also conducted. Competitions like CCA were held, children participated actively in a plethora of activities. Celebrations like Teachers Day and Investiture ceremony were held, virtually! Assessments were duly conducted to test the retention ability



of the students. A discussion session was held for the parents to interact with teachers, for query resolution. It is noteworthy to mention that a good response and satisfactory feedback was shared by the parent community. It really helped the teachers work more enthusiastically, and pushed them forward to work with greater zeal.

We hereby request everyone to practice the tips of hygiene and cleanliness, to be safe. Safety and social distancing should become a way of life .

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LOCKED UP IN THE LOCKDOWN LET'S GAME

The nation had just gone in lockdown and there was nothing to do other than play video games with my friends. My parents kept telling me to do something creative or I would regret wasting my time. After two weeks of playing video games, I gave myself a break for a day and thought to myself, "I am actually wasting a lot of time, what do I do?" and then an idea struck my mind - what if I spend this time on understanding, how to make games!

So, I enrolled my name in a game developing course by Camp K12. This was a two-month course, where I had three, one-hour classes weekly. My sessions started and my first project was a solar system. Even though this doesn't strictly fall within the purview of a game, it had given me an idea of how to visualize these objects and create them in this virtual world. As a game developer, you can decide on how things should move, how they should look and where you want them to be etc.

The next project that I had done was a 'Deadpool' animation. In this there were 4 different dances to choose from and you could decide on the dance you want him to do. This project taught me how to set objects/text in a certain place and interact with them.

The next project I worked on was a spaceship that can either take off by pressing the 'u' key or land by pressing the 'd' key. I also worked on a 'Minecraft Creeper Hunter' game.

The final and my most favourite project I worked on was a 'Zombie Survival' game wherein there are three levels of survival. This is my most favourite project of all as it had lot of complexities in terms of design.



I had learnt a lot from this course especially the basics which can help me in the future to learn more difficult game developing softwares like Unity, Java etc. Game developing is remarkably a good way to create your own world in your own imagination and build it the way you want to. Now when I am playing other games, I am able to appreciate the hard work and thought that goes into building the interface and the features it gives to the players. I can now see the satisfaction the game developers must be having than the gamers themselves - to be a creator and not get bogged down by the creation.

Manav George John – Std. VIII



EARTH DAY

By the dawn of the day,
The world would perish and keep us at bay.
It is in the bare hands of us to save it,
Would you join hands with me, for ways to pave it.
Take a step ahead, let us rise!
And let our environment not jeopardise.
Let's not banish them into extinction,
They are our brethren, without restriction.
They give us shelter, they give us oxygen,
So let's save trees and be good citizens.

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Book Review

Nivedita S. T. – Std. VI

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Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief is one of the most outstanding fiction books, I have come across. The main protagonist of the book is Percy Jackson who goes on an adventurous mission, involving dangerous monsters, to avoid a war between the Gods. Percy Jackson, hereby mentioned, is the son of the Sea God, Poseidon. This Greek mythology based, novel by Rick Riordan really made my lockdown days, well spent. It was fun-packed with jokes, and a very gripping story for you to absolutely love the series. Percy Jackson and his friends, travel halfway around the world, fighting monsters, rescuing people, trying to defeat the great Titan, Kronos. The story is very suspense driven. However, the very hilarious story set up made me never give up on this fantastic piece of work. If you want to read a book that has a perfect combination of adventure, fantasy and thrill, go grab your copy today!



NAVRATRI

Navratri is a nine day festival that celebrates nine forms of goddess Durga. People fast on these nine auspicious days. It is believed that this festival brings in improved health, wealth and strength. The festival also popularly known as Dussehra, also signifies the destruction of evil, negative energy and pessimism. The various Durga idols which adorn the cities show the killing of the mighty demon-Mahishasur by the powerful goddess. In South India, the city of Mysore is particularly known for its beautiful Dussehra festivities.

Spriha S. - Std. VII

The Leisure Times



The lock down due to COVID 19 has really deepened the family bonding. It has also given us the opportunity to do self-introspection, explore our new talent and do some life defining experiments. I have kept myself occupied doing multiple tasks, however the one that I enjoyed the most was knitting a woollen cap. I also started a YouTube channel to help others learn new things, however under parental supervision.

To encourage physical activities, we as a family go to the terrace every evening, for one-two hours. We play many games and enjoy these wonderful family times. We also flew a homemade kite which had gone very high! It was one of the most memorable moments. My school's online classes also helped me in occupying my time, in a very rewarding way.

Charvi. M. - Std. VII

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THE FAMILY TAPESTRY



We never imagined the unprecedented impact, lockdown would entail with itself. Nonetheless, this time has also given us the opportunity to rekindle the relationships and moments we hardly get to spend with our family, due to paucity of time. With the fast-paced lives we are living, we hardly get any time together, as a family. The lockdown has given us a chance to go back to the days when family time was the most important time of the day.

Since both of my parents are working, usually I couldn't spend more time with them due to their work commitment. After lockdown, I am quite delighted to share that I had ample time to spend with them, wherein they could share their childhood memories, student life and many rewarding anecdotes of their adolescent life. I even tried new recipes with my parents in the kitchen. We enjoyed many good movies together and spent a lot of time on playing games. Quite notably, my grandparents taught me about our beautiful traditions, family culture and importance of many festivals that we celebrate. I also used to enjoy many devotional songs, which otherwise I seldom listened to. Playing indoor cricket with my grandfather and joining him in his prayers were the most splendid memories of this lockdown period.

Divyesh P. N. – Std. X

The Value of Bread

There was a boy,
Who was all the time asleep.
He doesn't want to wake up,
And give his life a leap.
But when he goes back to bed,
His mother teaches him how to earn a bread.
He listens to her carefully,
And promises always to be ahead.

K. Lakshmipriya – Std. VI



A Successful Academic Year

We as students have our individual ways of learning. I am sharing a few tips which have been highly useful to me as a student. To begin with, please do not study continuously and try to grasp everything at the last moment. Our time table should contain breaks and rest time too. Never force yourself to study. We should organize our study space. People say if we have an organized study space, it will reduce clutter. The Pomodoro technique is highly effective. Study for 25 minutes and take a break of 5 minutes. We should also focus on creative hobbies like drawing, dancing, singing, listening and reading. They will make us curious and observant. Don't be distracted by T.V. and phone, you normally wouldn't have them in school. You have given long hours of study? Reward yourself with any good treat. Get motivated- dial a friend, someone who makes you happy and shares your dreams. Take enough naps as a part of your routine. Music should also be part of our daily routine. And most importantly -Never ever give up my friends!

Meril George – Std. V



RUBIK'S DREAMER

The Rubik's cube has fascinated me since my primary school days. It indeed feels quite good to share that I have utilized the lockdown period for honing my skills of the most engrossing, Rubik's Cube.

During my childhood days, my dad gifted me a Rubik's Cube. I still remember that moment, with it being almost etched in my memory. It was a moment of ecstasy and huge excitement. I shuffled the cube for the first time !! With meagre practice, I learnt to solve one side of the cube, but alas ! solving the other 5 sides was a herculean task. My desperate attempts to solve the cube always went in vain. I kept trying it for more than 6 months ! After that intermittently, I gave up to try solving the Rubik's Cube, however it was always on my mind to solve it.



During the pandemic, locked at home, I was once again reminded of solving the cube and I took it up as a personal challenge. I watched carefully, videos of how to solve a Rubik's Cube. Now I realized that solving the cube wasn't about solving one side and then the other, it was marked by well defined algorithms, with various alphabets like R, L, U and many more. I knew I should not give up, so I started learning it. Finally on, June 21st, 2020 I was holding a cube with all colours solved!! I also started to learn many other cubes like, the pyraminx, the 2x2 cube.

This was what I learnt during this pandemic. It improved my concentration skills, which helped me to write my notes. It also developed my logical skills. I would suggest that all of you start solving the Rubik's Cube, and enjoy the challenge it throws on your mental faculties.

Jeffrey Jijin J. – Std. VIII

GLEE TIME

"You don't need a silver fork to eat good food!" The lockdown has made me creative and confident in my food making! My mother has been my sole inspiration. During lockdown, I shared many beautiful moments with my mother in the kitchen. It was both about learning new dishes as well as spending time with her.

So how about learning, how to make a BREAD PAKODA! Sounds yummy right? Tastes yummy too!

Tummy Tales

RECIPE: BREAD PAKODA

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup besan
- Bread- 4-5 slices
- ½ potato, onion, carrot (very finely chopped)
- 1/3 teaspoon of turmeric powder, chilli powder
- 3-4 beans(finely chopped)
- 2 or 3 pinches of cumin seeds
- Cooking soda
- Salt to taste
- Water
- Coriander for garnish



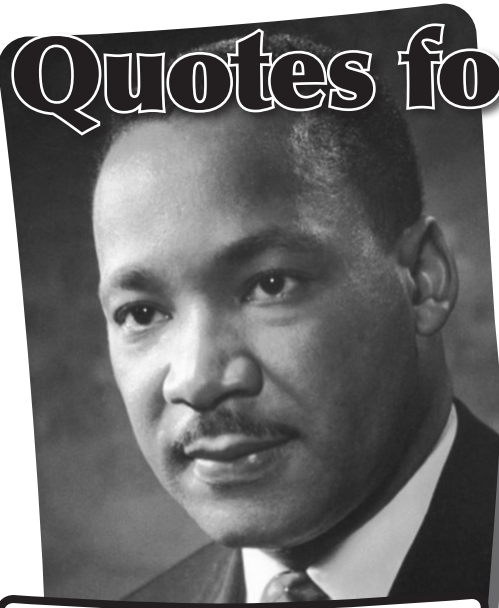
METHOD: Mix besan and water, until it turns into a fine paste. Now add chopped onion, carrot, beans, turmeric powder, chilli powder to the paste. Add salt to taste. Now add few pinches of cumin seeds and a pinch of cooking soda. Mix the batter well and ensure everything is properly mixed. Heat the cooking pan and put some oil in it. Dip one piece of bread in the batter and shallow fry the bread in the pan. Fry till the colour of the bread turns golden brown. Garnish it with chopped coriander. Serve it hot with ketchup.

Syeda Nida Masood - Std. IX



Quotes for Life!

A SLICE OF LIFE



“If you can’t fly, then run,
if you can’t run, then walk,
if you can’t walk, then crawl,
but by all means keep moving”

“This phrase has become a very famous quote since Martin Luther King Jr used it in his college speeches. It is a highly motivational line that we usually find in written works and offices. For instance, parents and teachers often deliver this line to their children and students as a piece of advice, so that they should not give up, or should not become hopeless, no matter how tough their life may become.

Here, Martin Luther King junior is preaching to his people a lesson of moving ahead and focusing on goals in life, despite facing difficulties. He did not want people to think about impossibilities; rather, he inspired them to focus on possibilities.

HOW THIS QUOTE HELPS ME

When a child starts his school life, he or she will not have any knowledge about school. If I take my own example, when I started my school life, I often used to feel disappointed when I used to gauge my performance, with respect to other children, in academics. However, the above quote inspired me a lot and helped me in improving my skills. Rather than feeling disappointed, I started working on my weaknesses and made a gradual improvement in my studies. Today, whenever I come across any challenges, rather than feeling scared, I see it as an opportunity!

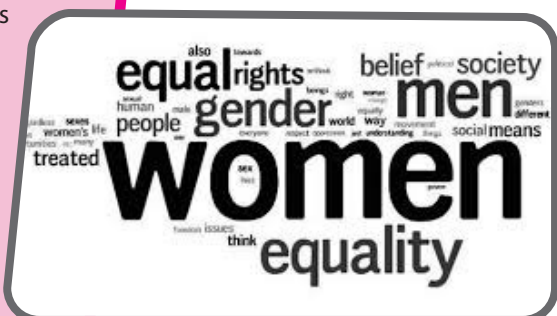
Abhinav Reddy – Std. VII

Women Empowerment

The history of Indian women is full of pioneers, who have broken gender barriers and worked hard for their rights and made progress. They have been role models for the younger generation and have inspired them to achieve bigger goals in life. Whether it is in the field of politics, arts, science, law or literature, the Indian woman has always come out with flying colours.

Mother Teresa became the first Indian woman to win the Nobel Prize. Mithali Raj, was the first Indian woman to score a double century in Test Cricket. Kalpana Chawla was the first Indian woman who reached space. Indira Gandhi, became the first woman Prime Minister of India and served for a staggering number of years from,1966-1977.She was also the first woman to receive the Bharat Ratna award in 1971. The story of each of them has been inspirational. Hats off to all the great Indian Women.

Saasha S- Std. VII



A GEM OF KARNATAKA - KUDLU THEERTHA FALLS

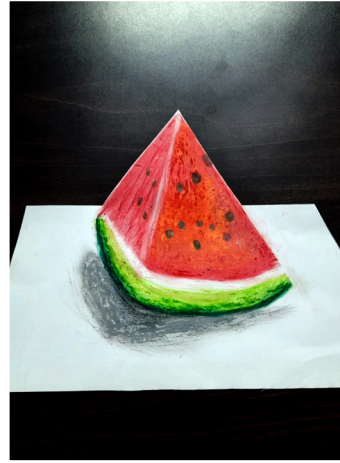
Kudlu theertha falls also known as Sita Falls , is a breath taking waterfall situated in deep jungles of the Western Ghats near Hebri, that descends from a height of about 300 feet and dives straight into a pond. Legend maintains that many sages and holy men used to meditate near the place, where the pond exists today. A beautiful trekking area is one of the highlights of the place. A series of streams makes this place very attractive. The local language spoken here is Kannada. It is a dense territory known exclusively, for its scenic beauty.

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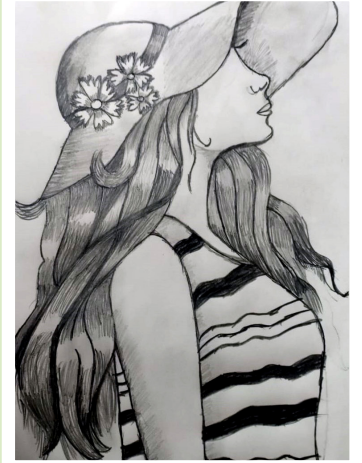
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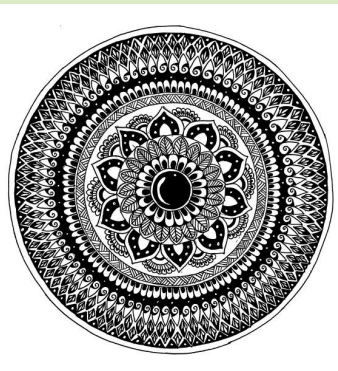
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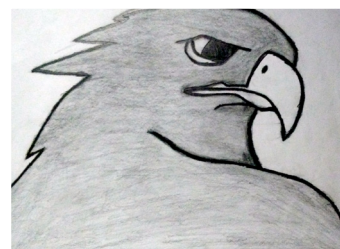
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