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We Learn to Serve

From The Editor's Desk

Alan Cohen said, "Do not wait until the conditions are perfect to begin. Beginning makes the conditions perfect." Cambridge School Srinivaspuri welcomed back the senior students for offline revision classes. The happy faces of the students brought home the realisation of what everyone had been missing for so long, the feeling of being back to where one belongs. Everyone at Cambridge School Srinivaspuri rose promptly to the occasion, following all safety protocols in school and committed to provide effective education to the students.

The creative corner of this issue focuses mainly on the writings and musings of our senior most students, who are about to step out of the threshold of the nurturing atmosphere of their second homes into the real world! Glancing through them makes us smile, a smile is that of indulgence; our hearts caught between two equally strong emotions to hold and protect them and to let them step out and to take their first flight. We wish them all the best, like every year and we wish them something else too, unlike the years gone before. We wish they face the challenges boldly and have the courage to overcome them on their way to realise their complete potential.

Principal's Message

Dr. A Seebaluck

Spring is in the air. It heralds new beginnings, and hope. But this year, this movement meant moving away from the 'new normal' of last year and taking tentative steps towards going back to teaching offline. The teachers improvised their lesson content, combining new methods of teaching techniques learnt during the lockdown days, thus providing a combination of the best of both worlds, of new technology and old wisdom.

In the meantime, classes for the middle and primary classes continued through the online medium where the teachers continued with their efforts to make the lessons interesting and fruitful. With the academic year in its final semester, the pace of learning has gathered momentum, and we are looking forward to entering the new session in a healthier and happier frame of mind than the year gone by.

THE TEACHING SESSIONS

It was a new beginning to the year when following the orders of the Directorate of Education, the school campus reopened post the Covid-19 pandemic for the students of Classes X and XII* on January
18. Class X students appeared for their pre-board examination in school and Class XII started attending regular classes following all the safety measures required for social distancing.

Classes IX and XI were welcomed back on February 05 to attend their classes. Teachers encouraged students to revise and refresh their knowledge through practical experiments in laboratories. Exuberant to join back, the students studied every chapter of each subject thoroughly to fill the gaps of online learning.

Classes III-VIII continued with their online classes, putting in their best in the last leg of their academic session. Most of the classes were focused on revision sessions through quizzes, presentations, flip teaching, etc.

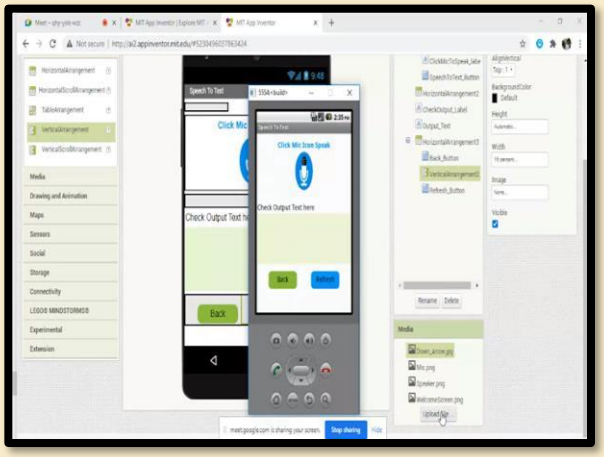
ONLINE PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Online parent teacher meetings were conducted for Classes IX-XII on January 16, 2021 and for Classes III-VIII on March 20, 2021. The performance of the students was discussed with the parents who appreciated the constant efforts taken by the teachers to ensure continuous learning along with embracive development. The teachers expressed their gratitude towards the parents for their constant support and assistance during the trying times.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

The students participated in workshops conducted by professionals from reputed institutions to ensure holistic development.

A workshop on 3D modeling using Sketch Up software was conducted for the students of Class VII by Mr. Amit Singh, NIIT on 11, 13 and 15 January 2021. The students were taught to create a 2D model of a stage and convert it into 3D model. The concept of 3D text and 3D warehouse was explained to the students. It was a very interactive session and it provided hands on practice to the students. The students created a model of a house and with the help of various camera options added 3D effect to it.



A workshop on App Development was conducted on in the second week of January for the students of Class VIII by Mr. Amit Singh, NIIT. The students were taught how to create an app using online tools such as MIT App Inventor and Emulator.

The students designed the user interface using form controls and created an App having the functionality of converting Text to Speech and Speech to Text using programming blocks. It was a very interactive session and it provided hands on practice to the students. The students created their own app and executed it on their Android mobiles.

INTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Our students participated in the Khoj Fest, organised by Indirapuram Public School from 10-16 January. Vibhor Sharma of V A participated in Hasya Kavita Vachan and recited a humourous poem. Mohd. Faaz Bin Hussain participated in Xpressive Troopers Posters and displayed his designing skills. Dayyan Ansari, Aleen Kaur Anand and Madhav Sharraf of VIII D participated in Planners on Mission: Ad Mad Competition. Tanvika Kandimalla, Vyoma Bansal and Devanshi Das of Class VIII took part in Sci-o-Gambit and Nabiha Mahfuz of XI E participated in Insurgent Sweep: Turncoat Competition.

Vibhor Sharma V-A

Mohd Faaz Bin Hussain V-A

On January 12, Shubhr Arora of XI E participated in Viveka Darpan, organised by ASN Senior Secondary School. He presented a dramatic monologue as Swami Vivekananda.

Simra Ali IV-A

Arsh Dwivedi IV-B

Our students participated in Panchtatva Fest organised by ASN Senior Secondary School on January 20. Simra Khan of Class III took part in 'Waste to Wonder' and designed a unique piece of art. Hamida Hasan Farahi of V A narrated a tale in 'Fabulous Fables'. Arsh Dwivedi of IV B participated in 'Creative Canvas' and Simran Ali of IV A showcased her communication skills in 'Communique'.

INTER-SECTION ACTIVITIES

In an online On the Spot, Flower Basket Making Competition, held for the Primary classes on January 14., the following students excelled in their effort:

CLASS III A

First position: Syed Aabid, Beenish Fatima and Aliza Javed.
Second position: Simra Khan, Mohd. Maaz and Naba.
Third position: Shabnam and Dhruvin Yadav.

CLASS IV B

First position: Mohd. Hammad, Arsh Dwivedi and Siddhi Yadav.
Second position: Aditya, Sheezan and Anshika.
Third position: Nancy Kumari, Tapasya, Soumya Sharma and Aditya.

CLASS V B

First position: Khushi and Harshal Chauhan.
Second position: Muneeb Danish and Yashnel Kumar.
Third position: Farheen Imteyaz and Diya Rakheja.

CLASS IV A

First position: Pranav, Aashi and Gurkirat Kaur.
Second position: Zoya Aimen, Simrah Ali and Navya.
Third position: Arnav Saini, Zainab and Vedant Patel.

CLASS V A

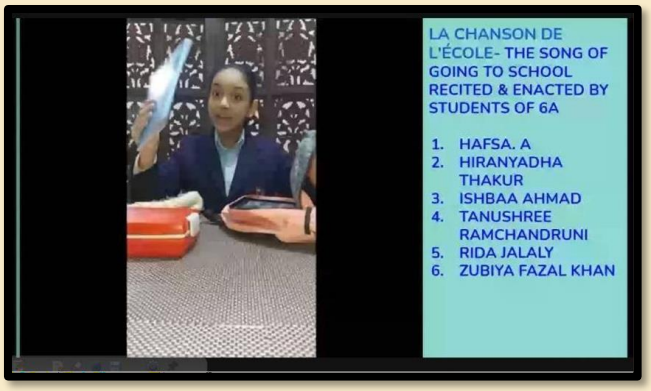
First position: Hamdan Shahid and Yoshita Guleria.
Second position: Mohd. Faaz and Vibhor Sharma.
Third position: Akshara Bhatia, Nabeel Hussain and Soumil Saini.

Interact Club Activity

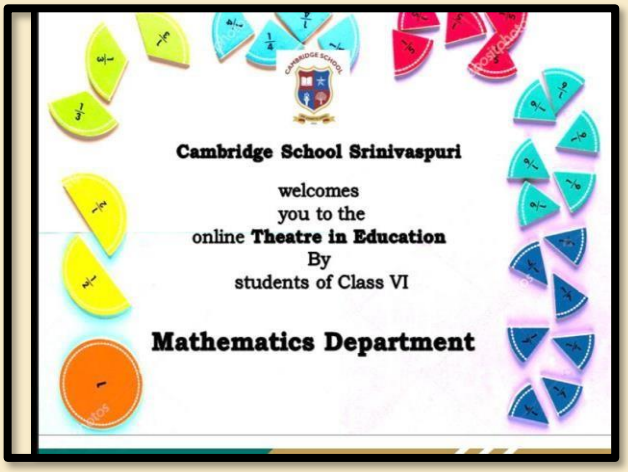
To instill the virtue of humanity, social service and altruism, the Interact Club* of the school celebrated New Year with Udayan Ghar (Children's Orphanage Home under Udayan Care) by organising an online event which consisted of exhilarating activities such as Freeze Dance, Dumb Charades, Magic Show, Scavenger Hunt etc. Children were thrilled to meet their online mates and enjoyed participating in all the activities.

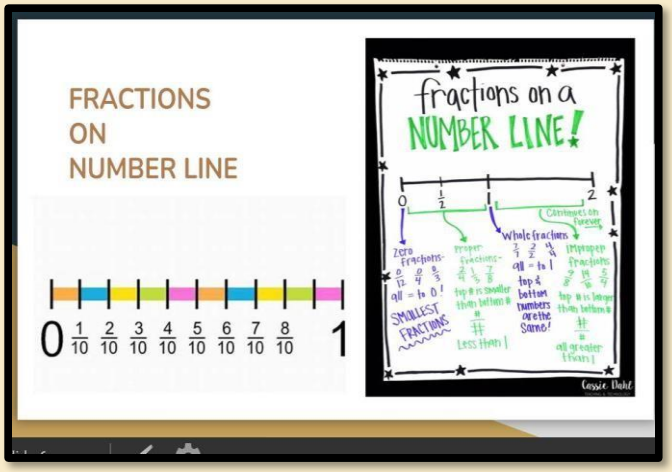
THEATRE IN EDUCATION

On January 27, the Department of Third Languages held the Theatre in Education* activity on the dramatization of poetry for Classes VI-VIII. Students performed on poems in French, Sanskrit, Spanish and German such as “Le Cancre” et “Le Déjeuner du Matin" by Jacques Prevert and “Demain dès L'aube” by Victor Hugo, Au Clair de la Lune, Karmayoga in the Bhagavad Gita, the first poem of Valmiki, the hard work of Indian farmers and Chanda Mama poems,Nicht Alles was Gold ist funkelt” by J.R.R. Tolkien, ‘Schicke mir ein Blatt’ by Bertolt Brecht, ‘Nachtgedanken’ by Heinrich Heine, ‘An die Freude’ by Friedrich Schiller and ‘Erlkönig’ by Johann von Wolfgang, Que le pasó a maria, Paco el chato, Debajo de un botón. They used exotic costumes and props and presented well.



Theatre in Education for Mathematics on Fractions was held on February 01 for Class VI. The students explained fractions and its usages through real life examples. A unique way of book assembling was used to understand types of fractions and dance steps were applied to demonstrate the number line.





ONLINE ASSEMBLIES

Special assemblies allow students to engage, collaborate and connect with others even when they are physically distant. A special assembly was conducted on the Indian Army Day on January 14. The children, through speeches and poems highlighted the valour and courage of the soldiers.

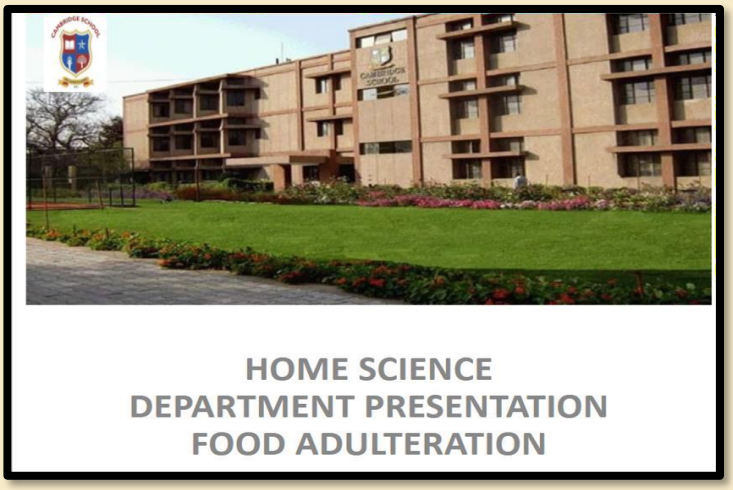
The school conducted a special assembly to celebrate the 72nd Republic Day* on January 26. Students sang and performed on various patriotic songs and elaborated on the Indian Constitution with PowerPoint presentations. Children enacted the roles of freedom fighters and presented dramatic monologues. The assembly concluded with the National Anthem.

"The presence of the nation stands on the foundation that has been laid on the lives of the freedom fighters. These martyrs sacrificed their lives to ensure that the future generation gets the freedom from chains of slavery." The school conducted a special assembly on Martyrs' Day* on January 30. The life story of Mahatma Gandhi was shared through a video followed by students singing various patriotic songs. Students gave inspiring speeches honouring the martyrs and pledged to serve the nation.

DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

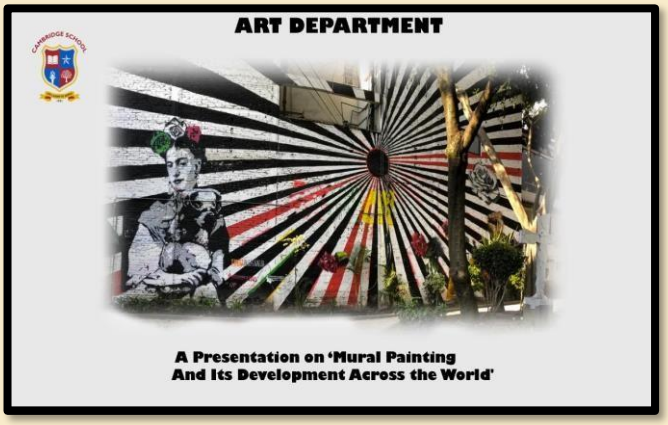
'Intellectual growth commences at birth and ceases only at death.' To enable the continuity of intellectual growth among the members of teaching faculty, the following department presentations were made:

On January 15, the History Department made a presentation on 'Women of the Medieval Period'. It involved a discussion on perception of women in Medieval India and Europe.



The presentation by the Home Science Department on January 22, was centred around Food Adulteration. It briefly touched upon types of adulterants and their harmful effects. Some practical tests were demonstrated to find out adulteration in products such as milk, tea leaves and spices.

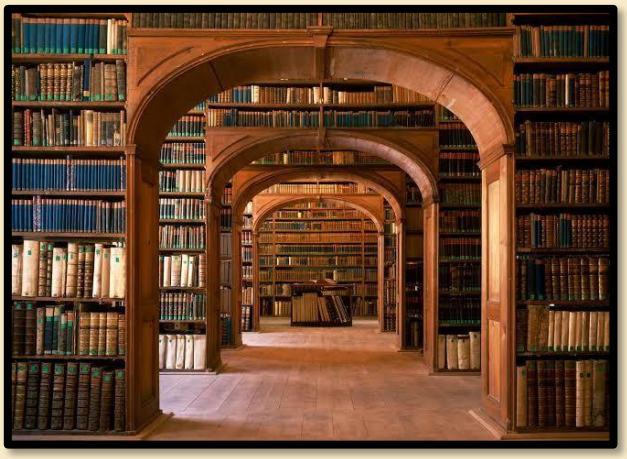
On February 12, the Art Department gave a presentation on 'Mural Painting and its Development Across the World'. It traced the growth of this art form from cave paintings at Lascaux Grotttoes in southern France, Bhimbetka Cave painting in India to the street art murals of the world with wall as canvas.



The Music Department gave a presentation on 'A Musical Journey to Other Continents' on 23 February and familiarised with the origin and evolution of various music forms popular in Asia, Africa and Europe.

Libraries: Gateways to Knowledge and Culture

'Books are our best friends' – one thing that everyone is taught when they are young. The older one grows, the more one reads, the more this saying proves to be true.



Books certainly have as much information as the internet; besides, the internet is often full of facts that books contain. Since books contain essential information about almost everything in the world, libraries become the gateways to knowledge and exploring one's culture. The physical peace of libraries is symbolic of the mental peace one finds there.

'Drowning in the sea of knowledge and imagination' is one way to express the emotions, the experience one might have at a library. The other way might be logical and factual – just like many of the books found there. The possibilities and memorable experiences are endless. However, due to the rising use of internet, libraries are increasingly becoming less relevant and even inconvenient to access. People prefer reading e-books from the comfort of their homes. They satisfy their curiosity just by scrolling through their screens. Amidst this, they miss the thrill of travelling and going to a library just to discover a new book of, or to rediscover an old favourite. The social interactions one might have at a library, or the fine one must pay to return the book post the due date have their own relevance too, which cannot be negated.

Some legacies ought to remain the same. Going to libraries and spending hours searching for or reading a book is one of those legacies. One must keep the libraries nearby alive as their decay will indicate the decay of knowledge culture as well.

Rupali Khanna
XII - E

The Days After the War

I sat cradled in three branches at the top of an old oak behind my house. I could see over the rooftop, could see for miles. Overhead, drones lined up in the sky, but my sweet daydream was mercilessly crushed in an instant by shells dropping death into the valley and beyond. This part of the country wasn't the best place for a 'recovery trip' as the psychiatrist liked to call it.

I woke up to the slow whirling of a fan I recognised in the vast space of nothingness. My old companions - the four white walls and the blankly staring ceiling of the hospital gave me company. I was back here.

Having served in 1945 with the Allied Forces, I was diagnosed with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) when the war ended. Though we had led the grand Alliance to victory, our little secret implied that hundreds of war veterans like me continue to die their deaths everyday.

Several years past the incident, my life still crumbles down to a moment's flashback. Too many memories, too many screens, I want to escape them, but I am asphyxiated, trapped in my body. My present is wrapped in the fossil of my past.

My hyperactive reptilian brain pushes me towards that one decisive slit over my wrist. I have located my main vein for the 156th time in the last two years. As my body contorts and slithers on the ground, my hands reach out to dial the only numbers I know by heart: 06-08-45.*

*This is when the Hiroshima bomb was dropped.

Mohd. Sarmad Raza
IX - F

A Whole New World

Thinking what to do,
Sleeping hours through.
We felt so free
It was such a relief.
But then we had online classes,
That Monday to Saturday marches!
I tried and tried,
But then gave up and cried!
All this has been such a headache.
But this is a chance that I have to take
For me,
This lockdown was a golden opportunity
No usual daily rush.
This lockdown is after all not such a big fuss
We can play, eat
We can pray, repeat
Each day brings great beginnings
Whoever grabs this, he wins
We can study as we please
All our hobbies are pursued at ease
If we take this scenario as positive
We get a whole new and different world to live!

Iffat Ahmed X-F

The Guardians of Our Heritage Need Guards

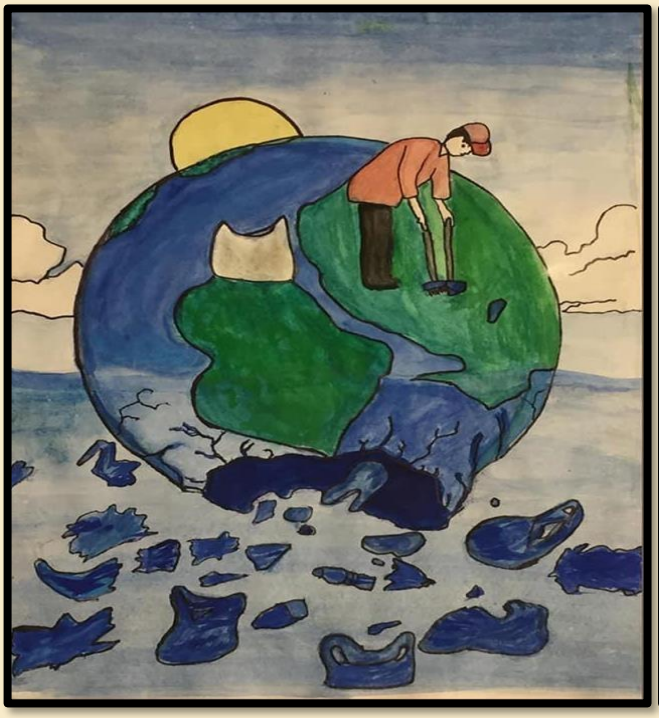
How I wish to make the people know the importance of monuments and conserving them! Visiting a well known monument for a break from life or just for letting the environment flourish your passion, is a great hope that can be achieved. But as of now, let us just classify it as a hope.

Monuments are our pride, they symbolise the rich heritage of our nations. Every child knows it but not every child grows up to be a citizen respecting it. No matter if it's a child or an adult; rich or poor; a common citizen or the people in power, everyone neglects it. A quarter of visitors to these archaeological sites and monuments leave meaningless scribbles on these epitomes of immemorable times, hard work and dedication. Some are too busy dumping their picnic waste over the clean area. How is this being tolerated when security guards have been deputed to keep a check?

Children write essays, there are many articles published on this issue, but the issue still gets neglected even after decades! The scribbling is not the only issue, but even time and nature are washing away these monuments. Restoration and renovation is the need of the hour.

Let's get our hopes up and try to contribute to the conservation of monuments by spreading awareness about them. Participate in cleaning the monument grounds, stopping people from writing on the walls, and requesting the government to restore monuments. It's not too difficult. I hope we prove to be able guards to these guardians of our heritage.

Zara Javed Khan
VIII- B



Sehrish Akram IX-E

Farah Iqbal V-B

Sanctuaries of Human Race

Since ancient times, the passing down of knowledge and culture has played a key role in human evolution. Ever since written text came into being, this passing of wisdom became both easier and tedious. Easier, because written words held more accountability than word-of-mouth. Tedious because maintaining these delicate texts could not be managed by single men. And so, libraries came into being.

Libraries are perhaps one of those few places where time and space seem to freeze and you exist in this revolving sphere of intellect, a constant in the otherwise rushed life. It is one of the best places to dip your toes in the cultures of the world. One may say that the internet provides you the same luxury without the cost of travelling to a designated place. In many ways, this statement is correct, but the internet fails to provide the therapeutic experience that a library offers.

Moreover, while the internet is perhaps the greatest resource ever made, it brings with it a slice of online toxicity and unpleasantness. Unpleasantness that is absent from the sanctuary we find in books. In the (unlikely) case of humans getting obliterated from the face of the earth, what will remain are not the pieces of toxic metals we surround ourselves with, but these great monuments of culture, knowledge and depth that continue to preserve us. As it is said, "One truly never dies as long as his word lives on".

Munazza Siddiqui
XII - A

The notion that you can live an entire lifetime in about the time it takes to read 400- 500 pages is astonishing. Books, for me, are a thing of beauty that give joy forever. Some books are so good that once you are done reading it, a part of you stays with it. You crave to read it again someday. Reading books gives you an entirely new perspective to the world and it helps me make sense of this journey called life. To sum up, the books we read, mould our identity in a crucial way.

Satya Saran Patra
XII - C

I read the book Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier when I was thirteen years old. It was the first novel which I had finished reading all on my own. I consider this book very close to my heart as it helped me to fall in love with reading. Whenever I'm feeling low or I get into a reading slump, I always come back to this book and relive the story of Rebecca.

Sania Jalees
XII-C

नया साल 2021

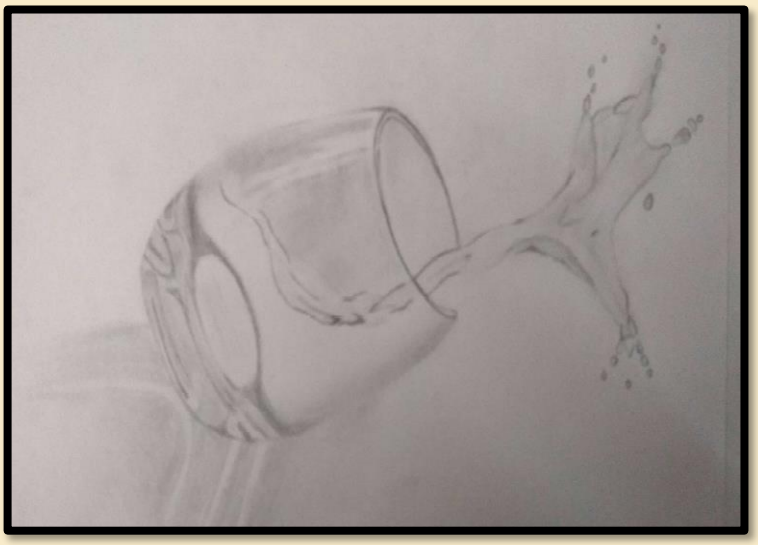
पिछले साल एक बड़ी ही खतरनाक बीमारी फैली जिसका नाम कोरोना वायरस था। कोविड-19 यह खतरा नए साल में भी है पर वैक्सीन आ गई है और हमारे पास अब नई आशा है पिछले कई महीने तो ऐसे ही निकल गए कि हम घर से बाहर ही नहीं निकले और परसों मुझे पता भी नहीं चला कि मैं 1 घंटे खेल के आया हूँ। पहली बार जब हमने ऑनलाइन क्लास की तो मुझे कुछ समझ नहीं आया कि कैसे करें फिर बाद में मुझे सब समझ आ गया रोज ऑनलाइन क्लास करके मैं बोर होता और थक जाता फिर धीरे-धीरे हमें इसकी आदत हो गई और अब ऑनलाइन क्लास हमें अच्छी लगने लगी है मैं चाहता हूं अगली क्लास मैं स्कूल में ही लूँ।

Akshat Rawat VI-C

कभी स्कूल कभी ट्यूशन,कभी
क्लासरूम कभी बस पड़ाव, उफ! क्या
रखा इस फेरे में,फैली सारे जग में
महामारी भारीआराम करो अब सारे
तुम डेरे में,झूठी सारी ये ढोंगी फरेबी
बातेंडाला खलल छिना सुकून भरी
रातेंरहने न दिया सुख राहत के घेरे
मेखाक आराम करें हम सारे डेरे में।होगा
वही जो लिखा है होना,फिर आगे की
सोच क्या रोना,जानते नहीं क्या फैला है
कोरोना,दुबके घर के किसी कोने में रहो
ना,पर चैनोंअमन ना लिखा नसीबन्
मेंरहने ना दिया सुख राहत के घेरे खाक
आराम करें हम सारे डेरे में।हरदम
बच्चों पर संकट का साया, छुट्टी कब
कॉपी किताब से पाया,महामारी या
भूकंप भूडोल आ जाएपढ़ाई से मुक्ति
यहांॅ कोई दिला पाए,सारे टीचर क्यूँ
इतने अपडेट स्मार्ट हैं?स्टडीज का हर
बार ढूंॅढ लेते काट हैंॅऑनलाइन
क्लासेज की छड़ी है घुमाईकोरोना में भी
बाबू दिन हुआ दुखदाईखैर हमने शेर पे
सवा शेर हैं दिखाईऑनलाइन क्लास की
तोड़ है बनाई चैटिंग के मज़े सबने मिल
खूब उड़ाईऑफ कैमरा तान चादर हुई
सुताईटीचर चिल्लाएँ चीखे अनम्यूट
करो भाईबच्चे बिंदास खाए पीए मौजें है
मनाईमैसेज करें सारी नेटवर्क प्रॉब्लम
है आई।

Eshika Aggarwal VIII-E

Lakshita Sachdeva XII-D



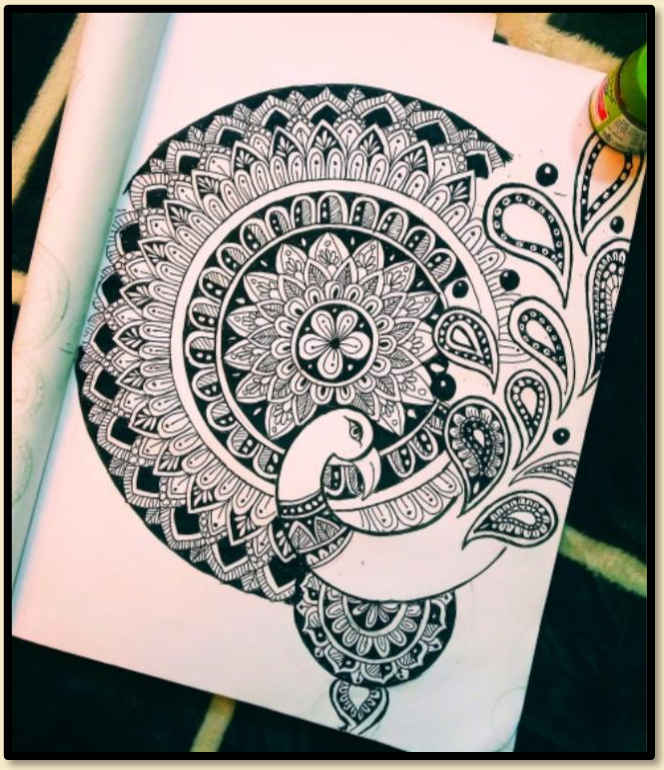
Raghav Bhardwaj IX-E

आतंकवाद एक ऐसा कार्य है जो किसी व्यक्ति या लोगों के समूह द्वारा साथी मनुष्यों के जीवन को खतरे में डालने के लिए किया जाता है। यह हवा में भय और चिंता की हवा पैदा करता है क्योंकि लोग हमेशा अपने जीवन और अपने प्रियजनों के बारे में चिंतित रहते हैं। इन कृत्यों को करने वाले लोगों को आतंकवादी कहा जाता है। यह लोग गोलीबारी, बम विस्फोट, अपहरण, हत्या आदि जैसे कई कार्य करते हैं।

आतंकवाद के प्रकार हैं। आतंकवाद का पहला प्रकार राजनीतिक आतंकवाद है। आप राजनीतिक आतंकवाद को एक ऐसे व्यक्ति के रूप में परिभाषित कर सकते हैं जो लोगों में बड़े पैमाने पर आतंक पैदा करता है। एक अन्य प्रकार का आतंकवाद आपराधिक आतंकवाद है। यह तब संबंधित है जब लोगों को फिरौती के लिए अपहरण कर लिया जाता है। आतंकवाद के कई कारण हैं। आतंकवाद के प्रमुख कारणों में से एक पर्याप्त मात्रा में हथियारों और गोला-बारूद की उपलब्धता है। सामूहिक विनाश के हथियारों की आपूर्ति आतंकवादी को आसानी से उपलब्ध है जैसे परमाणु बम, बंदूकें, हाइड्रोजन बम, मिसाइल, आदि। आतंकवाद के कारण आज जीवन अनिश्चित बन गया है । कभी भी, कहीं भी कुछ भी हो सकता है । यह भी देखा गया है कि मारे गए निर्दोष व्यक्तियों के मित्र, भाई बदले की भावना से स्वयं आतंकवादी बन जाते हैं। जिस देश में रक्षक ही भक्षक बन जाए, वहाँ आतंकवाद का विस्तार और अधिक होता जाएगा ।

एकमात्र तरीका है कि दुनिया आतंकवाद से लड़ सकती है, उसके खिलाफ एकजुट होने के माध्यम से। कोई अन्य तरीका नहीं है कि दुनिया आतंकवाद से लड़ सकती है जब तक कि यह एक साथ नहीं आता है। बड़ी संख्या में लोगों के साथ स्थानों में अतिरिक्त सतर्क रहें, उदाहरण के लिए मेट्रो और ट्रेन स्टेशन, त्यौहार और कॉन्सर्ट वेन्यू और शॉपिंग सेंटर।

Pratham Singh VIII-C



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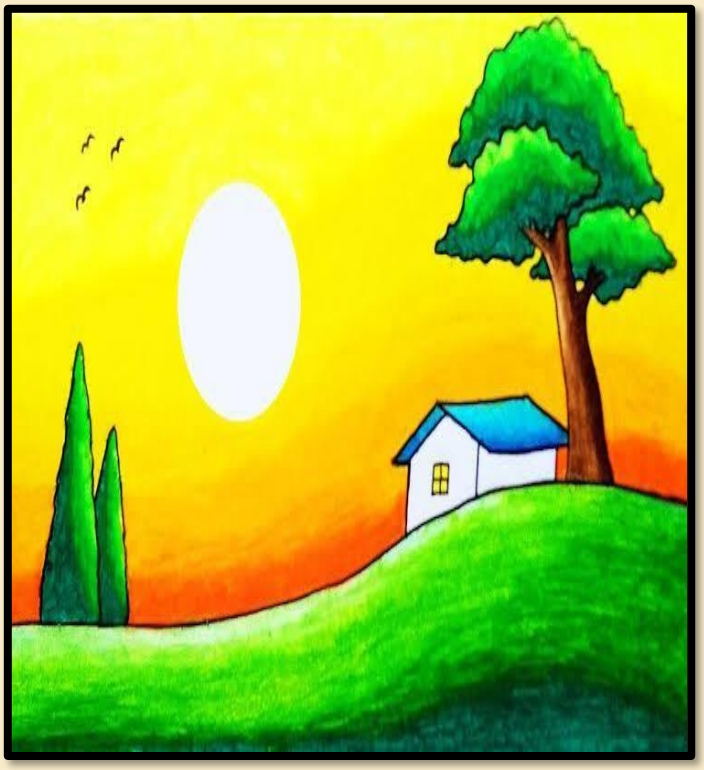


Farah Iqbal V-B

1.Manger sainement

Pendant que nous sommes à la maison et que nous essayons d'apprendre une compétence ou l'autre, la cuisine est apparue comme l'une des meilleures favorites du lot. Une alimentation saine peut aider à réduire les risques de maladies cardiovasculaires, de diabète, d'obésité, ainsi que de dépression et d'anxiété. Tant que nous conserverons à bout de bras les aliments transformés riches en sucre et suivrons un régime comprenant des glucides complexes que l'on trouve dans les fruits, les légumes et les grains entiers nous serons sur la voie de la bonne santé.

2. Dormir profondément

3. S'entraîner

4. Distanciation sociale

~Mohd Zayan
10 – A

LE VERROUILLAGE EST-IL BON OU MAUVAIS?

- **Aujourd'hui, le monde entier fait face à beaucoup en raison de la propagation du virus corona. Nous suivons tous le verrouillage et travaillons à domicile. Nous ne pouvons pas sortir, nous ne pouvons pas rencontrer nos amis et nos parents, il y a une liste interminable de choses que nous ne pouvons pas faire, mais quelqu'un d'entre nous a-t-il pensé que cette période difficile peut en fait être utilisée pour grandir et façonner nous-mêmes à une personne meilleure et forte tous les jours ?**
- **Le coronavirus a affecté la vie des gens de manière positive : les gens sont plus productifs, font de l'exercice à la maison, mangent sainement, prennent du temps pour moi, accordent la priorité à la santé et passent du temps de qualité en famille.**
- **Nous ne pouvons pas sortir, mais nous ne sommes pas seuls aussi. C'est le temps que nous pouvons tous utiliser pour le passer avec notre famille. Alors, restez à la maison et passez-le avec votre famille. Vous pouvez jouer à des jeux, regarder des films, cuisiner ensemble et quoi d'autre**
- **Appel vidéo à vos proches et à ceux qui sont loin.**

Shafia Ismail
10 – A

COVID 19

La vie a complètement changé dans cette pandémie. Les familles passent du temps ensemble, s'amusent et jouent des jeux. En raison du verrouillage, la pollution a diminué et nous pouvons maintenant voir clairement le ciel et de nouvelles espèces d'animaux sortent de l'eau.

Des cours en ligne ont lieu dans les écoles afin de ne jamais arrêter d'apprendre.

Les écoles organisent différentes activités pour motiver les enfants. Certaines activités sont :

1) Création d'affiches sur le thème "LE MONDE A L'INTÉRIEUR" le 11 avril.

2) Le 20 avril, l'école a organisé une assemblée spéciale pour célébrer le 50e jour de la terre.

3) Donner un coup de main a ma mère.

4) La fête des mères le 8 mai par un concours photo sur le thème «Ma photo préférée de moi et ma maman».

~Yusra Mehdi
10 – F

REFLECTIONS BY CLASS XII 2020-21

The years of school life are often the most cherished ones in a person's memory. The shy smiles, the infectious laughter, the spirited arguments and the never ending gossips enrich the lives of many a man and woman well into their adult selves. This is what makes the school life a journey to cherish. Presenting some reflections of our outgoing batch, who had poured out their hearts to reminisce and reflect on the time spent in Cambridge.

During the lockdown, one day, I was looking out of the window and I saw a group of sparrows chasing a crow. When I looked closely, I saw that a crow was holding an injured sparrow in its beak. I realised that the other sparrows were trying to save it instead of leaving it alone. This incident made me realise the importance of friendship, togetherness and caring for others. I resolved not to shy away from people in need but to approach them with a positive attitude and extend help. Yes, somewhere during the journey in my school, I had learnt to serve.

Abdullah

As I complete my last year in school, I want to express my gratitude to Cambridge School Srinivaspuri for providing a supporting platform and for making a difference in my academic and holistic education. It has been an amazing learning journey for me. The school environment has helped me become a confident individual. The staff and teachers have been very motivating and have taught me the importance of being a good human being first.

Ananya Bansal

I love the flowers in my school and my balcony. They provide peace, happiness and envelop me with their calmness. I love to see them dance gracefully in the wind and bloom to become the ornaments of the herbs, shrubs and trees. When the sun shines bright, I see the bees and butterflies sitting on the disk florets of the daisies and sunflowers. When the pollinators are gone, I smell the roses, wisterias, lilies and jasmines and feel happy.

When the sun goes down and the moon comes up, the lavenders help me to get a goodnight's sleep – and I wonder what an enchanting experience they provide me with, with their loveliness and charm everyday and every night.

Nishtha Guha

Ananya Bansal

SOLACE

The trees, the sun and the sky bring
me joy and lift me high.
They show me with persistence,
to find more reason for my existence.
They don't talk,
they don't ask,
the days I look at them longer
or why I turn to them to be stronger.
Serene and stable as can be,
though might stir up poets and artists
to capture what you might consider lifeless.
They help me stay grounded
and make me feel small and selfish,
to realise that we will never be able to unfold
all the mysteries the world holds.
And yet show how life is simpler, when we
stop thinking about what's ahead
and start living in the present instead.

Swara Ved

Nature brought a change in my perspective of life. When I was fifteen years old, I visited Kashmir with my family. I was immersed in the natural beauty that I beheld when I visited Daksum, Sonmarg and Gulmarg. I learnt really important life's lessons from Nature. Everything in nature is always moving and always working though apparently still. Even when plants and animals are in a dormant phase, their rest is a kind of active measure for conserving energy. This observation of mine taught me that we are meant to work all the time. Moreover, more beautiful and beneficial plants and trees grow in super harsh climate. This taught me that the harder something struggles, the stronger it becomes.

Mohammad Umar

Four years back, my family decided to move to Delhi. It was difficult to tear myself away from the place I had grown up in and filled me with sadness, regret and frustration. I joined Cambridge school and then I realised how it was a chance to spread my wings and grow. It helped me become confident and made me realise that one can make anywhere feel like home. It all depends on what you make of it.

Namira Rao

In the last year of my school life, I got to know so much about who I am, what are my basic needs, what I want from life and who wish me well. I learnt many things- from cooking to learning to operate various digital platforms. I had never learnt so much in such a brief period and I respected my teachers more for coping with the new form of teaching. When I was distant from my friends and teachers, I learnt how important the school was for me. Finally, I realised that I can handle stress and have the potential to learn immensely.

Surabhi Arora

THE ETERNAL WANDERERS

They walk in the sky
So near and so high
They're stopping for no one
And when the day's done,
They agree that the sea
Is the best place to be,
Wondrously free
They live happily.
This is clear from the past
Forever, life won't last.
So they live for today
For tomorrow they may
Not be able to walk in the sky
So near and so high.

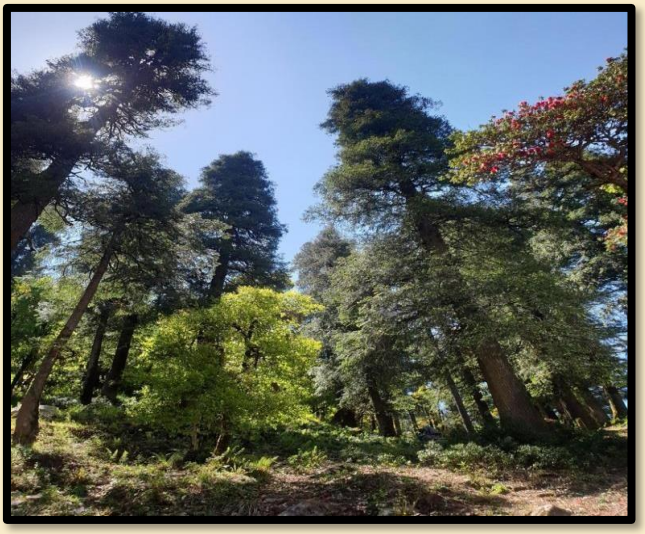
Ujjwal Pushkarna

I have always been fascinated by the sky, the clouds and sunsets. I perceive the sky as a constant in a world that most certainly is not. It is a snapshot of heaven, of creation, a 'thing of beauty'. I feel elated to see the vibrant colours in the sky.
Since the lockdown began, the skies in Delhi have been clear and beautiful.-the bluest ever. The air quality healed, leading to the beautiful, cloudy, blue skies almost throughout summers.
Watching the sky with pleasing cotton clouds during the day or the sunsets with a cup of tea in the evening, became the best part of my days. It always helped me cheer up whenever I felt anxious and frustrated about spending my last year of school, which is supposed to be a year full of crazy memories, at home, alone. Even when I used to get irritated watching news about crime, rising Covid cases or the biased media and selective journalism of our country, going to the terrace was my sure shot solution to detox. Taking a little break and looking at the sky can really put things in the right perspective for me and I know I'll enjoy doing it in the future as well.

Arshita Aneja

The starry nights:
Whenever I feel low, I lie down underneath the stars. The twinkling stars seem like sequins in the velvety sky, giving a hope that stars shine in the dark. It makes me understand that the more we explore, there is more to life, like when we focus on one star, we discover more around it. Stargazing gives me peace. It inspires me to dream and look forward to another beautiful starry night.

Amna Hassan



The photograph above was clicked by me when I visited Shimla.
In moments of sorrow and disappointments this picture helps me to cheer up and gives me joy. I have often thought of trees to be a thing of beauty as they provide us a shady respite in the scorching heat of the sun. Also, we can feel the fresh air surrounding us. The green view also brings a sense of freshness in us and help us forget anything negative. Also, the insects and birds on the trees increase the beauty of this place. Beauty means to be good and to do good and I think that's exactly what the trees do. Their beauty is eternal. In the picture we can also see the sun which is a thing of beauty too, as it reminds us of the immense energy which it possesses, which affirms all life in this world.

Suryansh Chauhan

(To all the friends I've loved before
PS. I still love you)
I don't know from where to start
Just let me pour out my heart.
You always make me laugh
Even though life is tough.
You know about my changing mood
From being sweet to becoming rude.
We go through ups and downs
Through smiles and through frowns.
Amna, it never takes you long
To know if there's something wrong.
Ariba, you are always sleeping
But you are best at secret keeping.
Arshita, you never share your food
But the first to help when things aren't good
Though I kind of hate you all
For not picking up my calls.
But I love you girls……
Without you,
I'm a shell without pearls.

Prachi Bansal

I think memories make us who we are. I have attended many schools and have memories, a lot of which are vague and blurry. The most vivid memories are of my previous school which was a boarding school. I experienced new things and made good friends. The last few months that I stayed there are most memorable. We used to watch movies together and share the junk food we had. I look forward to meeting my friends again after class XII.

Pranav Garg

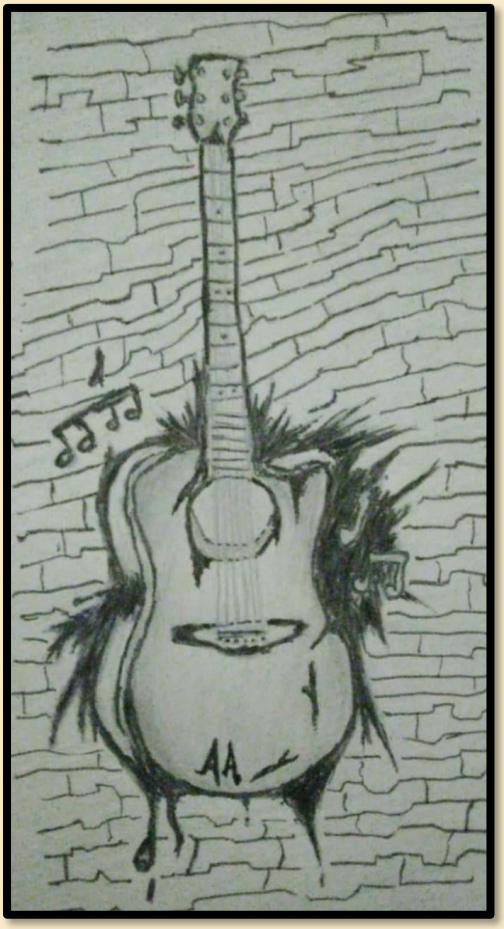
I am yet to meet a person who fails to be mesmerized by nature. It has been providing a soothing touch to the mankind since times immemorial and it will do so forever. Away from the chaotic schedules of everyday life, the lap of nature provides me comfort, calms me down and keeps me grounded. For me, spending time near plants, birds and sunshine has always been, and will forever be a joyful experience.

Ayan Rasul

I was going through a very rough patch of my life when I came across a video on YouTube of a person whose voice had been a constant throughout my childhood. I clicked on an Atif Aslam interview and those 30 minutes taught me something that I should have learnt long ago. It wasn't much, just the words: "I am grateful I breathe, grateful for music, grateful to life and grateful to God", as a response to a question on how he responds to people mistreating him.

These words opened the doors of the dark room I was hiding in. Despite the difficult times we were facing, my family was together and yet I had been bitter? I will remember this person for showing me what being grateful means; for opening my eyes to light when I had them closed.

Munazza Siddiqui



Although I have never met Nelson Mandela, I heard my teachers talk about him and how he helped to bring an end to apartheid and became a global advocate for human rights. I read more about him and he inspired me to never give up on my cause, no matter what hardships I face. I learnt to work for justice, peace and to be truthful to myself too.

Aman Alhans

The most important thing that I have learnt is to be empathetic. I remember how I approached a lady while travelling in the Rajdhani Express, when I observed that she had a prosthetic leg. I spoke to her and was amazed by the sparkle and passion she had in her eyes when she talked about her passion, i.e. dancing. The meeting, despite lasting for a few moments, had a profound effect on me and inspired me to have a positive outlook in life.

Barnana Das

The most important lesson I learnt was in the final year of my school. I learnt to adapt to the circumstances and that technology is a very crucial part of our lives now. I learnt discipline- to join my online classes promptly, listen attentively to the teacher and submit my assignments regularly. Yes, I missed my teachers, friends and the school environment but as safety was a priority, I embraced technology and have no complaints. I am now happy in learning new things every day.

Lavanya Sachdeva

It was just one week before our class 10 exams and we were trying to revise the syllabus. The hope of scoring a good result was almost lost as there was a lot to revise. It was then that my mother brought Pinky home. We took care of this little parrot who had fallen from its nest and hurt its foot on a sharp piece of plastic. It was difficult for the bird to walk again but it inspired us with its strong will power when it started walking on its knees all by itself. It was such a motivation that we were inspired to put in our best consistently and were able to perform well in the board exams.

Kushal Das and Kaushik Das

The thing of beauty of me is pretty surreal, in essence, my pet cat. I have observed that my pet is mindful and independent in nature. It chooses when to be petted and caressed by me. Although many people say that cats are emotionally unresponsive and are aggressive, I dissent. My cat is the most loving, faithful and caring pet I've ever had. It recognizes whenever I am upset or having a bad day, and it comes and cuddles to comfort me.

Malik Abdul Ahad

I will cherish the memory of Sparky for how he changed my life. He was always there to make me smile no matter how good or a bad day I was having. I could not believe how smart he was to sense my emotions like that. I would always be grateful for the way he greeted me at the door when I reached home, making me feel loved and special. In a nutshell, he was a little miracle in my life who helped me to forget about a lot of hurt and made me smile with his playful, energetic, and loving personality.

Sandesh Verma

You are the one who is always there
When I am down and life seems so unfair
You are there when I go to bed
You comfort me in my mourning
And listen to all that I have said.
You are like no other,
To you its always no bother
To help me cope with life's ups and downs
Without a doubt, you deserve a crown .
You may be a dog but you are my best friend
And I can count on you right to the end
So this is a thank you from me to you
For looking after me when I feel blue
I will do for you what you have done for me
I love you as you mean the world to me.

Urvashi Butta

Life was sad and I had a negative perspective towards life before I met my dog Terry. He had a calming effect on me and made me a more understanding person. His positive view towards the world made me find joy in the smallest things in my life and for that I would be forever grateful to Terry.

Aryan Ahuja

Your thoughts make your days
Stumbling, and making your ways
Life is like a blank canvas,
You can paint it, any way you want it
You can draw a dark cloud,
You can make the sun, shine
Fill color in a rainbow
Or use black and white.
Don't get lost in thoughts insignificant,
'life 'is what happens, when you are
busy making other plans…
You'll surely find your way
Every moment, every day.

Nandini Pushkarna

I decided to order an Ukulele just because it was considered 'trendy'. I had no inkling that it would become the only thing to fill me up with joy when I need to cheer up. My love for the ukulele has grown substantially. When my life is stressful (like now), playing my ukulele lifts my spirits. The thing which fascinates me about ukulele is that you could be playing a song with the gloomiest lyrics and yet it would sound cheerful.

Nivedita Sharma

PARENTS
This is a single word
Mixture of love and emotion
Of care and devotion.
It contains both Mom and Dad
Whom I feel blessed to have.
They protect me from hurt and pain
Never giving me a chance to complain.
They give me solutions
Of all difficult situations.
They are my path of inspiration
To help me reach my destination.
Today I want to draw their attention
To share some of my emotions.
THANKYOU MOM
THANKYOU DAD
Three small words
To bring forward
The love I feel for you
And for your support
A million words
Would be too short
The words, "I LOVE YOU"
Seem to be too few
To express the regard
I have for you.

Umang Saini

I evolved into a better person in the last year of my school life. I had heard the phrase, 'Live life to the fullest' but now it made sense to me. I started taking better care of myself both physically and emotionally. In addition to reaching out to my friends and relatives through social media and phone calls, I picked up reading. I helped my mother with her chores, thanked the people around me for everything they did for me and felt blessed to be safe in my home.

Mohib ur Rehman

Angel

In my distorted, scattered and confused life,
he came like an Angel.
I was big enough to handle
everything and everyone,
but too little to make the right decisions to come.
He changed my perception of the world.
Now I'm an optimistic person
rather than a confused girl.
We met so strangely, in which
my writings helped me a lot.
From an online platform to seeing him in real,
really meant a lot.
He played so many roles,
from a friend to a mentor to a big brother who
doesn't let this girl drown in sobs.
Like his name 'Nirbhay', he is strong enough
to survive the life.
He taught an early bird to fly high in the sky
And win this race of life.
I was shattered when my world, my dad,
was on hospital bed.
He stitched each and every piece
with his soothing words
and made me a strong girl who could act.
The journey is so beautiful,
I'm unable to put in words.
You mean a lot to me
in this scary yet beautiful world.

Gungun Bansal

Pain changes people and people decide to change for two things- either they want to change for someone they love, or they have been hurt too much which eventually makes them change by themselves. It is sad to see someone who you care about change, however you have two choices- either accept them with this change or leave them. If leaving them will hurt you more, then learn to accept them with all their changes and flaws, because in the end, the person who changed, might not go back to how they used to be but they would never forget how you promised to accept them as they are, be there for them and how you made them feel valued.

Akanksha Devgun

Entering secondary school was definitely a frightening experience. A new school building, different teachers, a shift from three to six sections, a bigger campus, all made it a little more spine-chilling. But with time things changed and it all became quite familiar. Having fun, making new friends, getting scolded, worrying about studies and exams, homework and assignments became a part of daily life and it all seemed annoying until the 2020, the year we never got to go to school. Online school was one unique experience though. All of what happened in all these years, has been a journey I would cherish and remember for the rest of my life. These years have given me a more holistic approach towards life. An amazing batch, wonderful teachers and the very essence of this school will always be a part of me.

Soumya Kohli

TEACHERS' SKILL ENHANCEMENT

The Principal and the staff of CSS attended various workshops organised and conducted by distinguished resource persons and organisations. The details of the sessions are:

DATE	TOPIC	CONDUCTED BY	ATTENDED BY
08 January 2021	Art Integrated Learning	CBSE-CoE; Resource person: Ms. Kakali Bagchi	Mrs. Pooja Mehra
08 January 2021	Art Integrated Learning	CBSE-CoE; Resource person: Ms. Sunila Athley, Principal, AIS Ghaziabad	Mrs. Piyali Patra
12 January 2021	SAE online Teachers' Reading Programme.	Coordinators of Cambridge School Greater Noida	English Department
16 January 2021	Practicing and Imparting Positivity	Ms. Atipriya, PGT Psychology and Varnika Rastogi, School Counselor, Cambridge School, Indirapuram	Psychology Department
22 January 2021	Interactive Intelligent Panels	Cambridge School, NFC	Mrs. Kumud Kumar and Mrs. Namita Srivastava
22 January 2021	New National Education Policy	CBSE	Principal
24 January 2021	Revision Strategies to Ace Assessments in 2021	Orangeslates.com; Resource person: Ms. Navinder Kaur Ruprai	Ms. Rachana Chattopadhyay, Mrs. Suparna Saha, Mrs. Ritu Khanna, Ms. Supriya Mukherjee, Mrs. Kajori Nandi and Mr. Varun Kumar
02 February 2021	Teaching an exam class for B2 First and C1 Advanced	Cambridge Assessment English: Mr. Alberto Costa and Ms. Sarah Ellis	Ms. Rachana Chattopadhyay
23 February 2021	Teachers' Reading Programme	Cambridge School, Noida	Hindi Department
25 and 26 February 2021	Reading the Past and Writing the Future of School Education	NPSC	Principal and staff
27 February 2021	Challenges before Science and Technology in the Present Era	Delhi State Science Teacher's Forum; Resource person Dr. Krishan Lal, Former Director, CSIR-NPL	Mr. Anmol Rai Gambhir.
March 2021	Experiential learning & Competency based learning	Diksha, CBSE	Principal and staff

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