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Quarantine Tales



Digital Education During Pandemic

It has now been months since the schools in India have been shut in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. But that did not stop education. Classes are being conducted online, completely eliminating the risk of contracting an infection by coming into contact with people at school. However, it needs to be understood that it has been neither easy nor smooth, both for the students as well as for the teachers.

But enough of that. The important thing is the technology that has enabled us to digitally attend school. Without it, the only two options we had was to either go to school during the pandemic or not attend school for as long as it lasts, thus wasting at least one academic year. The apps like Google Meet, Google Classroom, Zoom Meeting App, have connected students and teachers, sites like exam.net have allowed schools to conduct exams online with great success. This has allowed teachers and students to stay in the safety of their homes, while continuing the teaching-learning mechanism without a hitch. It just goes on to show how helpful and necessary technological development is. The features of these software allow both teachers and parents to oversee the students' academic progress.

As a student, I have been a witness to this new phase of education. I would say that it was a little difficult before but now the process has mostly been streamlined. This technology has truly been a boon and is a great example of how we, the human race, can overcome any hurdle with technology. The coronavirus vaccine is around the corner and everything might soon return to the way it was. It is, perhaps, then that we might see the benefits of this mode of education.

Aditya Bhabal, XI-Science

Inspirers

The time of Covid-19 has been a great struggle for the whole world, during this period a lot of changes took place in our life which created a major impact on everyone. Virtual learning has been one of the major changes in students life when everybody was actually concerned and worried about the fact that how will learning online work.

But as tough we thought it would be it was not, teachers at Billabong gave their best to make us understand each and every topic. They put all their efforts in making sure that their students were taught properly and gave their hundred percent.

All the teachers modified their means of teaching and made it sure that no student was left behind. All the teachers in Billabong are very cooperative, they always try to reduce our pressure about studies and always try to understand our problems and also help to solve them. They are very dedicated and are loving. Words are not enough to appreciate them. Their hard work and dedication has inspired us to give our best.

Thank you to all the teachers at Billabong for helping us grow.

Saumitra Bhide, XI-Humanities

Dear readers,

Patience, perfection, and perseverance is the key to success. Successful are those who never give up on difficult situations and problems. You have a lot of potential to make the impossible possible.

The year 2020 has been an unpredictable ride through the pandemic, protests and many more difficulties that have made living life quite hard for people across the globe. We all should accept the fact that with every passing year, one should leave behind the bad memories and learn from our mistakes. So now, as we embrace the upcoming year, 2021, let us all be positive and cheery with shining spirits and aspirations for the future. We should vow to not let the negative times affect us in looking forward to the future and working hard to achieve our dreams and ambitions. So, let us all embrace the new year with much-needed hopes and happiness.

I wish that the coming year brings to you more strength and more dedication... May you be able to achieve all your goals with your commitment and hard work... May God always bless you by helping you face all the challenges... Happy New Year !

Warm Regards,

Rajashree Rane
Section Head (ISC)



Prerana Maheshwari





days passed by, away the time went
 as the leaves changed their colour from green,
 to hues of yellow and red,
 the seasons changed from the cloudless spring, a beam of light
 to the dull and gloom of November nights
 Once a buzzing city, roads packed with cars and air filled with honks,
 the streets are now empty-void of humans,
 and nature seems to rejoice in the change.
 How abnormal it seems-the tremendous change,
 truly strange how we managed to stay sane,
 as we prayed for the cases to wane,
 Vents of frustration
 “when will this get over?” were heard
 as the idea of staying home got absurd

the mind started to wonder,
 how much longer?
 Like a caterpillar, i weaved my cocoon
 prepared to spend the rest of the year,
 inside here.

Saachi Karogal, XI-Commerce

TECHNOLOGY

Technology, it's the essence of life. A majority of what we do in a day is carried out with the help of technology and the recent pandemic has portrayed this perfectly. We live in what is widely regarded as “The Digital Age”. There has never been so much of an advancement in technology. The human race is at its prime at the moment, newer tech is being researched at a phenomenal rate. Every year, major tech conferences like CES and E3 are filled with groundbreaking advances in this field. About six months later, this “groundbreaking” tech has found its way to everyday consumers. Technology is an ever evolving feat, for the foreseeable future, there seems to be no end of what it can achieve. Programming is a highly important skill of the future as there are endless possibilities to what one can achieve. Technology makes our lives easier as computers tend to automate tedious tasks and they're quick at it.

It has made its way to the classroom as well. Tools like the smart board are a fun addition to the classroom and are a great tool; they can make a student's lesson more interactive, a quiz faster paced, and they can bring the Internet into the classroom. Videos and podcasts can bring students from other countries into the classroom as well. The widespread pandemic has also shown that the classroom can be brought home with a screen and a sturdy connection to the internet. To sum it up, it would truly be impossible for those living in the tech infested world to go back to an era where flip phones were gadgets of the future. Technology has made a great impact in the lives of the seven billion people residing on this planet and it's only going to get better.

Aryan Matthew, XII-Science

Life on Land

I was in a forest which resembled heaven itself,
 Where I saw a tree the tallest,
 Tall enough to touch the clouds,
 The branches waving freely and throwing flowers on the passersby,
 Ripples forming on the river,
 By the kiss of the winds of glee,

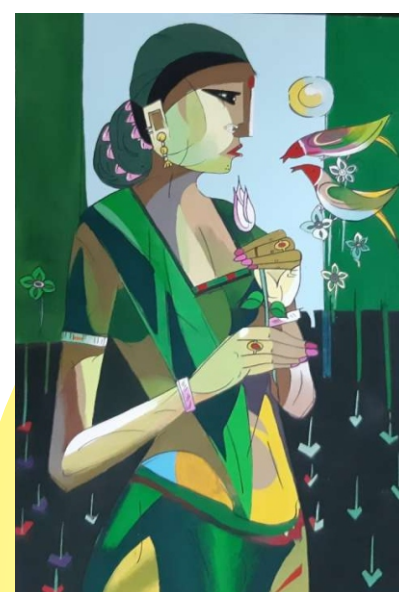
I saw the birds fly,
 In the wide blue infinite sky,
 Welcomed by both the white floating clouds of happiness,
 And the red wide sun that smiled brightly at everyone it saw,

But when I came to the city,
 I saw the smoke laugh with glee,
 While kicking greenery out of the picture,
 And killing the fishes out of the sea,

I could see the pigeons die,
 While ignorant people drive cars on them,
 That was the time when fruits ripen,
 But now the fruits rot even before we eat them,

There is still hope,
 For a better future,
 That is full of greenery, rainbows and pretty birds,
 And the clean waters with colourful fishes,
 Where the night skies are filled with innumerable stars gazing at us,
 Rather than the black clouds of melancholy which drown us in
 sadness,
 So have hope and do what is right,
 And forget all the petty things we fight for
 So that we can all live this small life happily,
 In this big world called Earth.

Sowmya Anand, Grade-XI



Prerana Maheshwari

