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The Lockdown (Secondary-ICSE Newsletter)

Quarantine Tales

“Smart and Safe Tech Kids”

Dear Children, In the last few months you all have proved yourself to be ‘the’ Tech generation. While you are smart enough, you also need to be cyber safe! You should follow some safety guidelines while using technology for cyber security.

- 1 **Be aware:** Use online videos or games that are age appropriate and have netiquette.
- 2 **Passwords:** you must create your unique passwords and should not share it with anyone except your parents to prevent others from accessing your personal information.
- 3 **Safeguard your identity:** You should never share your personal details like name, residential address, pictures or telephone address to unknown people via email or social media platforms.
- 4 **Safeguard against cyber-bullying:** DO not post anything mean or unkind about other people on the net. In case someone write the same about you, inform your parents or teachers immediately
- 5 **Screen time:** You must track your screen time other than school hours

Warm Regards,

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Life of a TENTH GRADER

Being a tenth grader is no mean feat. The expectations, the pressure, the drama and the breathtaking climax on result day - all typical elements of an edge - of - the - seat thriller movie. You see and hear all sorts of things – the promises of rewards, the fear of not getting into a good college, the mobile phones and television remotes which is kept hostage by the parents for the year as well the different types of classes your friend is attending.

The elements of contrast are many – let’s compare a fifth grader and a tenth grader for instance. The former would be playing for hours on end - be it with his friends or with a video game. Studies would be of a secondary importance for him. When he closes his eyes, he can see the world and beyond. His mind runs freely in the lush fields of imagination and creativity. He is undeniably a free bird eager to roam the vast expanse of the sky. The latter

would instead be spending his day with books rather than friends. Completion of portion, revision, second revision and extra revision are the only things that seem to matter. A tenth grader sees graphs, physics theorems, chemical equations and his grammar book glaring at him for trying to rest even for a moment.

The life of a tenth grader may seem hectic but it is all worth the experience which comes only once in a lifetime. The obstacles are many but they seem little in front of the rewards that we reap. Another barrier that has now come up is the pandemic which has spread despair and desolation as easily as a child spreads butter on a crispy toast of bread.

Being a tenth grader myself, I can relate to the condition of my classmates and all tenth graders in the country who are now seeing uncertainty and black clouds of gloom slowly surrounding the thin line of hope. Though the situation is new, the obstacles are tougher and the future lies behind the mountain of tasks to be completed, we can only win when our hope, determination and will power are stronger than before. These are surely trying times but in the words of Nelson Mandela “The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Kritarth Jain, X-C



The fiery gleam
Of Phoebus's snare,
The breezy air
Gently moving away, a tuft of hair
The velvety green
Parched across the sun
All this he desires but gets but none
Days o what days have become
A box of just cement and mud
Painted in hues of white
Worth a billion mines
"O! When shall we overcome?"
Is the question now
Our faiths in a heap of dust
Mouths and hands free but none
All covered up in sane junk
We pray and pray
To the Almighty host
Who was once our only hope
And by hoping thus is our only scope
To overcome the clutches of the evil one
All we need now is
Hope and only Hope!

Divyaansi Ghosh, IX-D



So you thought you'd get rid of me?
Well, it isn't going to be so easy!

Oh, I won't let you sleep at night,
Oh, I won't let you get it right.

Are you ready for the fight?
Ready to be up all night?

Don't know the method, yet got the answer?
It's a nightmare, ain't no adventure!

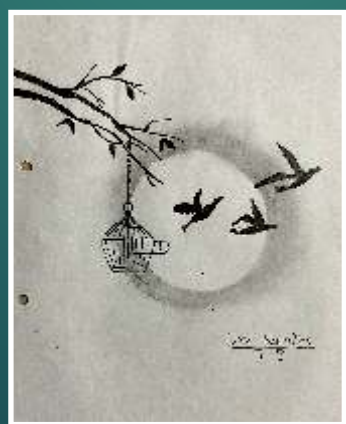
What do you think?
It shouldn't have existed, it's a curse
Hurry up, get to work; or else you'll end up with
a D Plus.

So grab your pencil and start working
Try to win over the fear that in your mind is
lurking.
Work hard and success you shall surely taste,
That is a promise that I can make.

Vidhi Chand, IX-G



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TEACHER

A teacher,
Plays a vital role in our life,
A teacher,
Is the building block of our life,
A teacher trains us,
And provides us knowledge
On a diverse range of subjects,
By using a lot of objects,
A teacher is like a guide,
And an inspiration,
To achieve our dreams,
And go towards reaching greatness,
A teacher helps us
Think of ourselves,
And encourages us,
To go through a variety of activities.
A teacher is our second mother,
Just as a school is our second home,
If you have a good teacher,
You will never have to roam!!
REMEMBER,
Having a good teacher in life,
Is like holding the rod,
To reach out to God.
And achieving eternal bliss.
Look at the glistening stars,
And not the zooming cars,
The stars become an inspiration,
For you to leave an impression,
That will stand testimony forever.
Keep this in mind,
Always remember that,
A teacher encourages you,
To leave footprints ,
In the sands of time,
Or you would never ever read this rhyme!!
A teacher helps you get out of the heath,
And motivates you to face your fears,
So that you will feel confident,
All throughout the years,
So,
It is right to have a good teacher,
For you to face the fight
And also to have no fright!!!!

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The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh is the biggest nationalist organisation of India, founded in 1925.

With over 60,000 shakhas and 6 million active Sangh pracharaks, it has protected and promoted Indian culture. The organisation has worked to eradicate casteism and promote the use of Sanskrit. The current RSS chief or Sarsanghchalak is Mohan Bhagwat. It played a great role in the Indian Independence Movement and helped decolonise Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Goa. Madan Mohan Malaviya was a prominent but unofficial member of the RSS.

The RSS has helped provide supplies to grief-stricken communities irrespective of religion, caste, race etc. The women's wing of RSS is called Durga Vahini and the student's wing is ABVP.

Prithviraj Barbade, X-B

An Ode to Books



The rustling pages elapse
And time flees by.
I am dumbfounded over where I am -
In which world my soul rests.
My mind abounds in these very pages like a lost voyager embracing his travels
For that is what he finds solace in.
A sheer pleasure and rapturous joy not meant to be described.
I am afloat on a distant shore sailing my way to paradise a second ago -
Flying high on succulent clouds a second later.
I meet but many on the way amidst the turbid ebb and flow of human misery
Meeting so many on a moon blanched land.
The people there are not so great or Almighty
yet they are the ones praised upon the most.
Their souls all transparent unfit for the human tribe.
The character becomes one of my very intimates
One of the sole companions I indulge into
Enriching the righteousness and wickedness both alike.
But then one fine day a tragedy occurs, an unfortunate circumstance.
And as soon as the pages cease to exist, I am but lost to a dreary desolate world once again.

Divyaansi Ghosh, IX-D