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Quarantine Tales

*"It is not enough for the teacher to love the child. She must first love and understand the universe. She must prepare herself, and truly work at it."*

-Maria Montessori

We all have those weeks that are anything but easy for those in our profession. It can be trying, challenging, emotional, and can make a lot of us question why we wanted to do this job in the first place. In the midst of the ups and downs, tears and smiles, I began to introspect. It dawned on me that this wasn't something I chose to do, but something I was meant to do. It was never a question for me. I began to relive all the reason why I became a teacher and the journey that got me here.

I knew I wanted to be a teacher right when I was in my first grade itself. I was absolutely obsessed with my first grade teacher, Sister Clara. She was like Ms. Honey from the novel Matilda. Sweet, creative, involved, and dedicated in making her students the best they could be. I was shy and cried almost every day as my granny dropped me to school. Sister Clara was the only person who didn't make me feel bad for having those feelings and the only person who took the time to understand why I was sensitive, scared, and had difficulty with math and reading. She took the time to sit with me, encouraged me, and made me feel like I was enough. It was right then, during my first year in school that I knew I wanted to be just like her.

I got my first teaching job right after my graduation let me tell you, it was such a blessing in disguise. I welcomed my first class of 28 kindergarteners. With no prior experience, I didn't know how to talk to such tiny humans but I wanted to be there for them. I was there to be their Ms. Honey.

My two years at this school and I fell completely in love with teaching and its journey and decided to do my Bachelors in Education and moved to another new school to take a step further. I was TERRIFIED of the change and overwhelmed with the world of difference between this school and my last. Every class was an environment by itself, technology and supplies provided- it was unreal. It was a Montessori school. I did not think I would know how to teach second grade, having only been a kindergarten teacher but it was here that I found an inner strength and discovered the power within. I took time to re-educate myself and remember my purpose. It was here I understood how children develop socially, intellectually, physically and spiritually.

Teaching has so many ups and downs, moments of doubt and moments of triumph. As I finish up year 6, I remind myself that my students need someone to believe in all their potential. They need someone to love them, to push them, and to encourage them to do all the amazing things they dream of doing. Bravo to all the educators out there, who inspire tiny humans every single day.

**Annie Dennis**  
Teacher (Primary Section)

**ALL OF LIFE**  
**COMES WITH** *Ease Joy & Glory*

Universe works like a piggy bank. You have a small opening to put your investment from the top and remove your collection by unlocking the door at the bottom.

When you say life is tough, it's like dropping coins in the bank. When you say life is beautiful, it's like putting notes (Rupees) in the piggy bank. When you open the lock first, the coins come out, then only you get the notes.

When you repeatedly say life is beautiful, you will get new opportunities to make your life beautiful.

When you say work is tough, you get connected to negative energy.

When you say the work is simple and easy, you would get guidance to do the work smoothly and efficiently.

Your thoughts are important. They are like the signal which goes in the universe, the seed for manifesting.

STAY POSITIVE

**Ritu Chitnis**  
Teacher (Primary Section)

From the Co-ordinator's Desk:

ISC results were out, I was surfing through the net to check the results when the phone bell rang, "Ma'am, thank you sooooo much. It's because of the chocolate you gave that I have stood first in our school", he said. Abhi was a smart child with lack of self-trust. I had given him a chocolate because he had written the paper exceptionally well. He lived every moment of the commerce class. Every expression of his made me share more. Each example that he gave in the exam was the one discussed in the commerce class. His scores in the preliminary exams were better but I never thought he would come out with flying colours. He told me how that chocolate gave him the assurance that I trust his calibre. The power of love can create wonders.

A teacher is alive in so many minds with wonderful memories. Are you aware of any other profession with such ROYAL reward?

The best part of teaching  
is that it matters.

The hardest part of teaching  
is that every moment matters.  
every day

**Sanika Joshi**  
Primary Section Head

Belief

Today I saw a Dove  
Who was happy with one leg  
Carrying a wide smile with no regret

He was isolated by the rest  
And all alone in his nest  
But he was strong  
And ready to fly again

He might have grovelled  
In front of those brutal  
But no one thought  
It would be so fatal

He was innocent but not weak  
And he had made up his mind to seek  
Though his desires seemed bleak  
But his vision was always at the peak..

Jyoti kadam





## That Friend

That Friend

Moody by nature  
But a solid creature  
Helper when needed,  
Refuser when pleaded

Made a difference in my life,  
Wounds as sharp as a knife,  
She is a fusion,  
Cause sentences are as soft as a cushion

Everybody says don't trust anybody,  
But look at her,  
Oh! She is somebody,  
No other but her,  
Cause she is that friend,  
Whose care never ends,

Sometimes you can be messy,  
I am too a little fussy,  
Always eating my head  
But you are my best friend

Never want to leave you,  
You are my curfew,  
I will always be with you,  
That's how much I love and trust you!!

**Dimple Awasthi**  
Teacher (Primary Section)



**Jyoti Kadam**  
(Art Teacher)

## COURAGEOUS

You are stronger than whatever is pulling you down.  
This isn't the first challenge that life has thrown at you...  
Remember the last one?

It felt like a big burden on you at that moment but now it feels like it made you more stronger and a much better person.

That is how you are going to feel about this one and every other problem that comes your way as the years pass by...

You learn from every situation and problem that comes your way whether big or small.

YOU ARE WAY COURAGEOUS THAN YOU THINK YOU ARE.

**Carolene Kelshikar**  
Teacher (Primary Section)



*"Winners never quit, and quitters never win."*  
**Vince Lombardi**

This quote speaks for itself. A person who works with perseverance can never be beaten, however difficult the situation would be. He believes in himself and shows great determination in whatever he undertakes.

We should always have an optimistic approach. We should pursue a dream and commit to nurturing that dream. In our journey of accomplishment, we shall encounter setbacks, failures and disappointments. But remember, they are GOOD FOR US. They teach us the critical skill of adaptation. We should never use our failure as an excuse to quit, but instead use it as a stepping stone which is taking us one step closer to our goal. Learn from our failure and mistakes. If the approach that we are currently using is not working, we should try a different approach. And continue in this way until we find a technique or strategy that does work.

Giving up on our important goals is tantamount to giving up on ourselves. If we give up on the things that matter most to us, we shall likely establish a pattern of giving up on anything when things don't go the way we had hoped. This will enable us to learn the importance of persistence which is one of the important keys to success.

Success can be achieved by hardwork, confidence, perseverance, persistence and patience. It is obviously not a piece of cake. Somewhere along our journey, we may likely want to quit. But when we feel like quitting, DON'T GIVE UP. Reflect on the quote by Dale Carnegie- "Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all."

**Manisha Dama**  
Teacher (Primary Section)

If I were a tree,  
I would flourish my greens,  
Breeze away with the wind,  
With a juicy fruit for a hint.

If I were a tree,  
I would build a house,  
For the carpenters to saw,  
And make a home with no flaw.

IF I were a tree,  
I would sail a boat,  
For the people to reach  
the sides of the beach.

If I were a tree,  
I would like to grow,  
And make more mankind to grow,  
And so, allow me to grow.

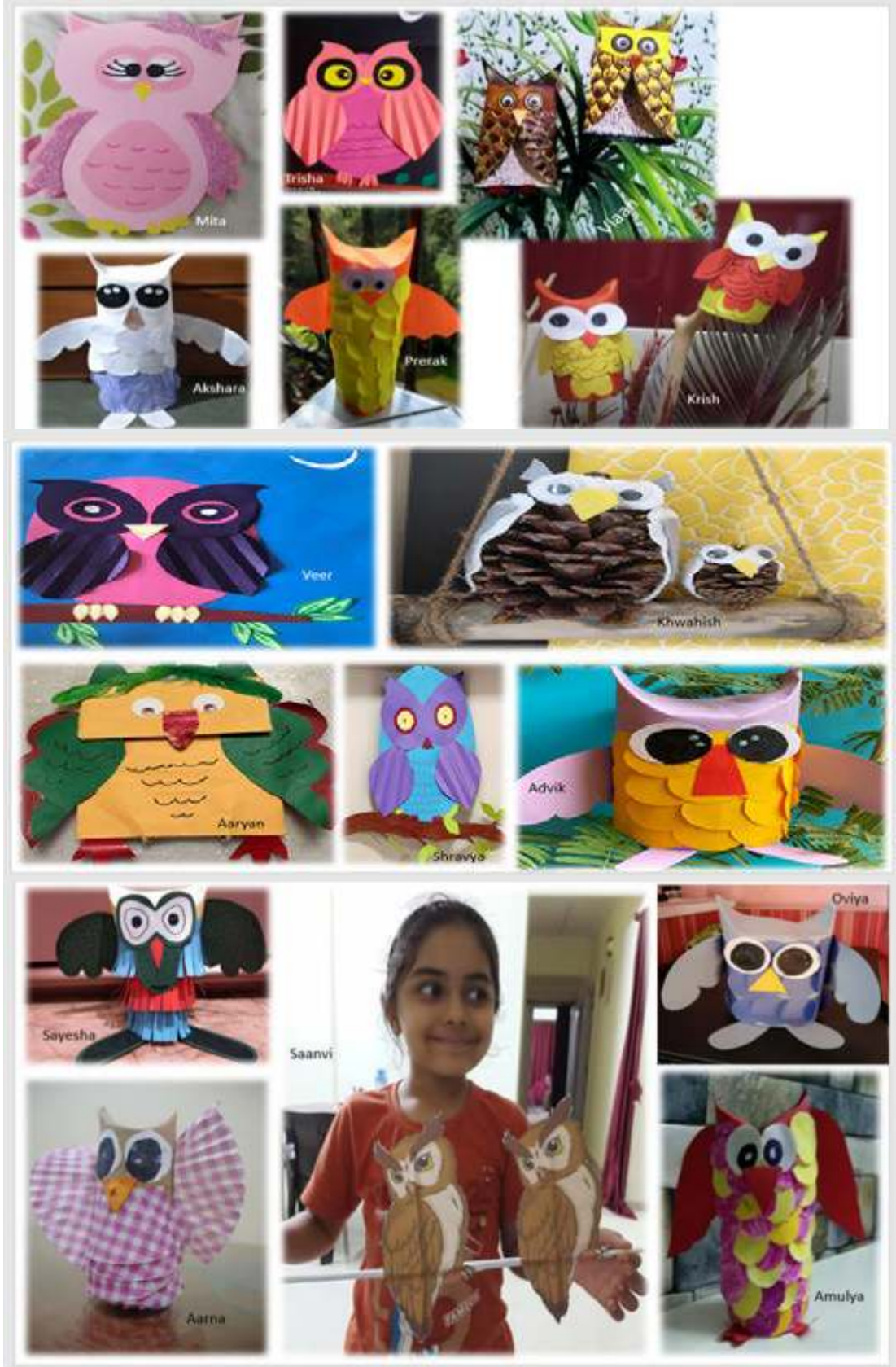


**Jeeji Sanjeev**  
Teacher (Primary Section)

Grade-II

With Reference to the **LITERATURE** Reader

“The owl who was afraid of the dark”, the children connected more closely to the story by making owl in their creative way either by paper folding, collage, cut-outs, etc.



Grade-I

**MODES OF TRANSPORTATION**

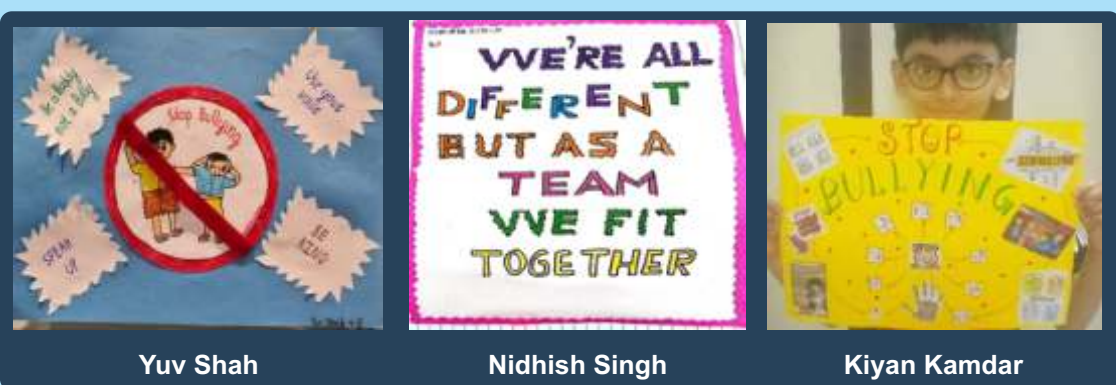


Children made 3D models that helped them understand better in identifying different modes of transport and respective vehicles used for each mode.



Grade-IV

Children have come across this fierce character of their literature text "Matilda" called Miss Trunchbull, the head mistress of Matilda's school. Children have witnessed how Miss Trunchbull bullies the students, teachers as well as the parents of the school. There was a whole big class discussion held on the act of bullying and various types of bullying. Children expressed their opinions on why do people bully and how this can be stopped. As an extended activity they have made colourful posters on Anti bullying or Stop bullying.



Yuv Shah

Nidhish Singh

Kiyan Kamdar



Tiya Shah

Devak K

Retansh Shah

**GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**



Kiyan Gogari



Kiara Shah



Sayati Mohnot



Manvik Aswani



Shwet Shah



Vaani Surana

Shivprita Chande

Shivam

# Gratitude towards our Community Helpers



Shlok



Shravya Mane



Shaunak Iyer



Veera



Swaraj Patil



Keemaya

Grade-III

## FIRELESS COOKING ACTIVITY



Hridaan Thakkar



Rishabh Bari



Shivanshi



Neil R



Saanvi



Aindra Kapoor

Grade-II

## Germination Activity



Shlok



Saysha



Shreyansh



Prasoon



Taksh



Soumil

## ART Corner



Kushi Thacker (I-E)



Arjun Iyer (I-B)



Saasha Mohanta (I-C)



Hritvi Gogri (I-B)