

# SACH N SOCH



## From The Chief Editor

A week ago, it was my friend's fifteenth birthday. We couldn't hold a party, for obvious reasons. But that didn't stop us. She had the last birthday of any of us in the year, we needed to celebrate somehow! So instead of a party, she brought a cupcake downstairs. We stood on opposite ends of the ground, which was not very small, but small enough that we got a clear view of her and the cupcake. She lit one candle on it, and then blew it out. She then proceeded to put the cupcake's cream on her own face, as if it were a real party, where all of us would've done the same. The scene made me hopeful that next year, we would be the ones putting the cream on her face. 'Hope'. I've always loved the ring of the word. The moment I hear it, I feel like a bit of evil has left this world. Like tomorrow will be better.

**-Saanvi Sundaram**

## From the Co-Chief Editor

**'Just close your eyes and you will be in a better place soon.'**

Sometimes, all we need to do is just stop, close our eyes, and breathe. 2020 went by faster than I thought it would, during the first two months of lockdown. This year has been a roller coaster ride. There were times when I spent hours worrying and weeping into my hands, but also times when I felt like life has never been better. One of the things I've learnt this year is that everything depends on the way we see it. Our happiness depends on the things we choose to find it in. I chose to search for more things that make me feel happy. Whenever I'm low, I have more options to turn it around. I personally love the theme for this month's edition. Hope brings happiness. Hope is necessary because like an echo in the forest, the days we miss will come back around like nothing happened. This pandemic will just be a single frame in the movie named 'Life'.

**-Varshitha Matta**

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## HOPE



Siri Chandana 9B

*Being more confident in myself and not losing hope on my dreams.*



*My New Year's resolution is to become a better person in life, always correct my mistakes and be optimistic.*

Diksha Kumari 9D

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION



Lakshya Thota 5B

*To not burst many crackers and spend time with my family. I would also like to bake a cake.*



*To value every single moment of life.*

Saanvi Sundaram 9B



*My new year's resolution is to step out of my comfort zone and enjoy life in a new way.*

Radhika Dhaka 9D



*I would spread the message to take precautions of COVID-19 and encourage my neighbourhood to go green as much as possible.*

Sriram 6D



*Do Physical and Mental Exercise.*

Vignesh 5C



*Read more books, find and learn more healing activities, and stay healthy.*

Mahek Jais 9B



*To help more people.*

Anoushka 4A



*My new year resolution is to get creative until schools reopen..... We won't have a time like this again.... I will use it in this way*

Samhitha Krishna 6A



*To go to school and play with my friends.*

Medini 7A



*Buy a new diary and write all of my new and old poems in it and learn to play the songs: Scotland by Lumineers and Extra Ordinary by Lucy Hale etc.*

Sona 8B



*To write a novel, about 100,000 words long.*

Aghamarsh 5C



*Create a good balance between education and life.*

Lakshmi Dharani 4A



# 2020 in six words

What the students say!



The best and the worst year.

Corona + Mask + Sanitizer + Online classes + Gloves = 2020

We aren't criminals but wear masks.

Teachers find inspiration through uneasy times.

Lockdown prevented virus, brought out talents

Small changes make a huge difference.

No matter what, never lose hope.

2020 taught us wonderful life lessons.

Life has transformed in prominent ways.

Captured every moment on my camera.

School is now on our computers.

Spent more time with my family.

Year that felt like a century.

Stay inside or pay the price.

Every day is a new story.

Tomorrow felt like an eternity away.

A year of change and self-control.

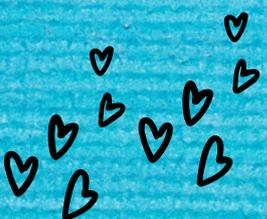
Finding hidden solutions for dangerous times.

2020 is the year to survive.

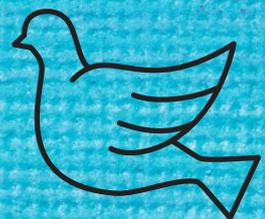
Life happened, we never lost hope.

My new world: these four walls

The worst year of my life!



← hope →



## HOPE

Try to keep your eyes full of dreams. Hope not only gives us the strength to overcome pain but it also makes the journey easier for the future. Let's not worry about the fact that today is bad because hope keeps telling us that tomorrow will be better than this. Hope is having a feeling of optimism and only due to hope, we are able to wait for tomorrow. Hope is the only commodity which is never ending. If there is no hope, life would be dull and miserable. There will be no inspiration or goal. Life goes on because we can stay hopeful when we fail and are in despair. It is only hope which sustains us, keeps us alive and inspires us to try again. Our freedom struggle was very tough because India was then divided into small states ruled by kings, and there was no unity. There were different castes, different languages, and different religions. It was impossible to even dream of freedom from British rule, a powerful empire, but the freedom fighters never lost their hope. Today, India is a free country. Hope teaches us to never be discouraged despite how dark and dangerous the conditions may seem, and it strengthens our faith in ultimate success.

**-Diksha Kumari 9D**

## THE SOCIAL SKIT

It was a Friday morning. Everyone was filled with excitement about the weekend. Our social teacher, Ms. Shikha, said, "Here is a very interesting activity. Make a skit on the topic of rural administration." Everyone was extremely excited. She made us into two groups. We started our practice on Saturday so we could put a great skit together. Like they say, "proper practice makes a man perfect", our practice made us so confident that we did not have any space for mistakes. Finally came Monday, to check whether our practice was really worth it. It was 10 AM and we started off smoothly. The adventure of actually doing a social skit for class 6 turns out to be a big learning for everyone who is hungry to know the difficulties of people living in rural areas, understand what is group work, learn to take leadership and understand how to create your own story with your creativity. For everyone who thinks that school role plays are just fun and nothing more, remember that you can be a good public speaker and have bright chance for improving your vocabulary and learning something new.

**-Sai Sweshta 6A**

## THE WAY THE WORLD WORKS

This year's theme is 'BALANCE'. The word Balance is specifically known for its equality towards two sides. For example, the first side is the years after the Spanish flu, but before COVID-19. The second side is this year and as long as this lasts. Balance is not between just good or evil, white and black, but two sides of life. Don't understand what I mean? Well, think about it. 'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy' is also an example of something related to balance. You need to work, otherwise, there is no way you can go forward in life, but you should also squeeze in some time to play. Our lives can't ever be exactly the same after COVID-19. That is where BALANCE was lost. But we can balance the way we live after that. Make more friends, to help enhance your sociability, practice going in front of crowds again to remind you of the time before 2020. But that is all for the future. Now is the time to learn how to adapt to different conditions. Now is the time to balance your life. Play when you need to. Work when you need to. Stay safe all the time. Most importantly, stay balanced.

**-Navya Kutty 5C**

## NATIONAL SCHOOL AWARDS

Nine years ago, Samashti International was a small school with a strength of only ten students, but today, our school has grown exponentially! We've taken part in inter-school competitions, held competitions of our own, and we've been nominated for some prestigious awards. NSA (National School Awards) 2020 has awarded our school with a certificate of appreciation; we have been recognised as the 'School With Most Qualifying Faculty'. We students take great pride in being a part of this school. Our teachers, drivers, aayas, kitchen staff, security, and everyone else working at Samashti deserve a standing ovation for what they have achieved. And they deserve the award too; the faculty at our school is the best we could imagine. From the security guards to whom we wave every morning while entering the school and every evening while exiting it, to the admin staff who we only see on the rare occasions we make trips to the admin block, everyone is an integral part of what our school has become. We take this opportunity to thank everyone who makes Samashti what it is. We students are grateful for everything you do for us.

**-Saanvi Sundaram 9B**

## ONLINE HALF-YEARLYS

One week into December 2020, there was an announcement. The half yearly exams! Well, for the 9th graders. There were great varieties of reactions- dread, surprise, and for a bit, satisfaction as well. We could get this done and dusted with! There was a blessing in disguise in this situation though, the total marks for the exams were reduced! And to top it off, there was a reduced syllabus for a few subjects. This didn't take away any of the time we put into our revision and preparation though. In fact, we were interested to take on the challenge of writing an exam online for the very first time. A certain set of rules were issued for the exam as well. We were required to write the exam, instead of typing it, and we were also required to have an invigilator, such as our parents, with us. If this wasn't possible, our videos were required to be on and a mirror placed behind us.

All of this made us feel as if we were really writing the exam at school! After we had finished attempting our test, we were asked to scan and upload them in a Google Drive Folder. At first, we were a little unsure of how we were going to pull this off, but after the first exam, the exams seemed like a cake walk! Dedicated periods for revision gave us an edge going into the exams. The teachers were always available to clarify our doubts and supported us throughout the half yearly exams. Twenty years from now, we'll be looking back at 2020, and think "Woah... we managed to write our exams in the middle of a pandemic!"

**-Siddardh A. 9C**



## FROM KIDS TO MUGHAL EMPERORS

We were learning about "The Mughal Empire" in History. We were going through the chapter when... What do we see? A 2 page long table with the names of 6 Mughal Emperors! Oh! There was Babur, Humayun, Akbar, Jahangir, Shah Jahan, and Aurangazeb. Ma'am obviously knew that we would get bored and probably yawn with our cameras off. Eureka! Ma'am came up with a glorious idea! She told us that we'd all be doing a role play. 6 students, including me, had already volunteered and there was no turning back. Imagine it. 3 days, 72 hours, 4320 minutes and 259200 seconds was the only time we had. Monday's enrichment class was when we did this. I really couldn't believe how my friends got ready so wonderfully in 45 minutes only. I too tried dressing up. My role was Jahangir, so I tried making a moustache cut-out. I couldn't make it properly using a sketch pen.



As soon as my turn was about to come, network issues began from my side. I somehow joined back, when my moustache tore apart. After all, I only got to speak; but it doesn't matter. Anna Politkovskaya always said that information matters more. Back to the present. In all, the conclusion is, those 60 minutes were literally the highlight of my entire week. My classmates were so good - they still supported me. Thank you to all my dear friends who collaborated for this activity.

-Amrit 7C

## THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

2020 has been a very tough year for all of us. With the pandemic globally looming on top of us, we are all forced to stay in a lockdown, intensifying political division, widening economic inequality, and the climate crisis, just to name a few. Many people are dying and are suffering even now. Yet, even with this crisis, people from all over the world are coming together to help their friends, family, and even people that they haven't even heard of, providing financial support and donating protective gear to the people who need it most. This shows that even amidst catastrophic circumstances, together we can go to greater heights and achieve the best. Nothing can dull our hope to carry on. And because of this lockdown and COVID-19, reports have shown that air pollution has drastically decreased, because we aren't going out and travelling anymore. Also, lesser trees are being cut down because the use of papers is not really happening as all our work is being done on our computers, phones, and other electrical appliances. This is just a sampling of how our global community has helped people push through incredible challenges this year, and a window into what's to come. As we work to meet the challenges that arise — the next natural disaster, a new phase in the pandemic, ongoing conflict — we can't lose sight of our goal: A brighter future everyone can share. We must remember, what we do now shapes our future.

-Laasya 8D

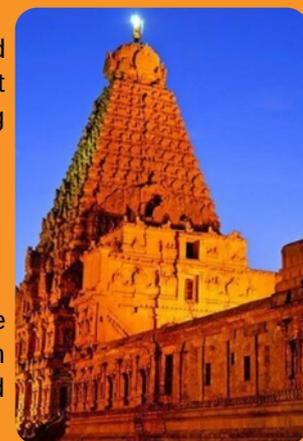
## BRIHADEESWARA TEMPLE

Brihadeeswara Temple, also called Rajarajeswaram or Peruvudaiyār Kōvil, is a Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva located in the South bank of Kaveri river in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, India. It is one of the largest South Indian temples and an example of a fully realized Dravidian architecture. Some Engineering Marvels of this temple:

- Its gopura kalasam is lifted to the height of 70 metres without the use of any type of lifting machine.
- Artisans have studded stones to the kalasam without the use of any adhesive.
- The Kalasam does not cast a shadow during any time of the day.
- The Linga in the temple is the largest Linga in the world, and the Nandi is the second largest.

Indeed, this temple is capable of standing for another 2500 years. Even marvels like Big Ben and the Leaning Tower of Piza are actually slowly tilting, but the Brihadeeswara temple has not even moved an inch! This is the excellence of Indians. The temple will further inspire future generations of our culture and architecture.

-Vignesh 5C



## THE STANDARD MODEL



You would have tried smashing two things to break them down into smaller things at least once in your life. For you, this was just a fun idea or you wanted to know what happens when two things break. This discovery of finding the smallest things started about 50,000 years ago when humans smashed two rocks together and got small rocks. They thought this was astonishing, so they kept going till they got rock powder and then gave up, after all, how do you hit powder together?

People hit powders together\* and made smaller things 49,500 years later, about 500 years ago. People back then were not that good with names, so instead of naming it super powder, they named it Molecule. After studying these molecules, their 50,000-year-old instinct came in and smashed Molecules together with new special machines and got a thing we call atoms. People couldn't study these particles with normal equipment, for they were so small, so they used biology equipment, a microscope, a really powerful one to study them and observed these atoms. Let's briefly discuss atom structure. It is like an apple, with a group of seeds at the center and the other particles surrounding it. This center is the nucleus and the particles around it are called electrons, and this is at a very, very small level. After people studied them, they had a unique idea. They smashed them. What happens when you smash atoms? You get smaller particles. Subatomic Particles. Then they studied these particles closely and classified them, elaborating a little on the subatomic particles in the nucleus. We have two types of subatomic particles in the nucleus, called the protons and the neutrons. A proton has a positive charge, and the neutron is neutrally charged. **Stay tuned for the next part of this article next month!**

- Aarya Tiwari 8D



## Beethoven The deaf genius

Diya 9D

Music is a form of expression-- it's art. Everyone has different talents. Many are good at painting, some at dance, and some at writing. But music is special, not many are gifted in it. Let's dive into one very gifted person's story-- Beethoven. We've all heard elevator music-- soothing, calm, so serene. Chances are, it's Beethoven's composition! Ludwig Van Beethoven was a German composer and pianist whose music ranks amongst the most performed of the classical music repertoire; he remains one of the most admired composers in the history of Western Classical music. His classical music is adored worldwide to this day. He was born in Germany in December 1770. The actual date of his birth is unknown! Once someone listens to his music, it is quite obvious he's gifted and extremely talented. Once people find out he's deaf, their awe goes to a different level. The exact cause of his hearing loss, to this day, is unknown. Regardless, he made music that the entire world would love. Franz Joseph Haydn, Mozart's teacher, taught young Beethoven. At the age of 10, Beethoven withdrew from school to study music full time with Christian Gottlob Neefe, the newly appointed Court Organist. At 12, Beethoven published his first composition, a set of piano variations on a theme by an obscure classical composer named Dressler. As a failed singer, Beethoven's father pushed his hopes on his son by forcing him to practice for hours on end every day. Fun fact: It is rumored that Beethoven would usually dip his head in cold water before composing, but nobody knows why. As his career was being built, at the age of 25, Beethoven's hearing started to decline. By 27, he heard constant buzzing, and by 46 he was entirely deaf. Before he lost his hearing, Beethoven was known for his improvising skills. However, even after he lost his hearing, Ludwig Van Beethoven retained perfect pitch and continued composing. Around the age of 55, Beethoven started getting sicker. It was lead poisoning, apparently and people even believe it was slipped to him on purpose! When he was on his deathbed, a friend brought Beethoven a few bottles of wine as a gift. Beethoven responded "pity, pity, too late." These were his last words, sources say. Beethoven paved the way for music composers and singers all over the world and he won't be forgotten anytime soon. He is truly a legend.

## The Haiti Tragedy

Saanvi 9B

On January 12th, 2010, before our school was even founded, a huge earthquake struck Haiti, an Island in the Carribean. This earthquake left 250,000 people dead, 300,000 people injured, and over 5 million people affected in one way or another. The magnitude was 7.0, and it is noted as one of the worst Earthquakes in history. The earthquake originated about 6.2 miles below ground, which had devastating consequences on land. The epicenter of the earthquake was a metropolitan area, Port-au-Prince, a place where over 2 million people lived. Buildings were built without proper safeguards and they crashed and came tumbling down. But the earthquake wasn't the only reason why this disaster was so devastating. Series of other natural disasters like aftershocks and cyclones magnified the already terrible conditions of the people there. A cholera outbreak also occurred some ten months after the Earthquake. But hope was not lost. People from all over the world came together to help those in need. Nonprofits helped get victims to settle in more permanent housing, and even the common public from different nationalities got together to help by sending food and relief packages. The Haiti earthquake destroyed thousands of lives, but it also brought thousands of people together.



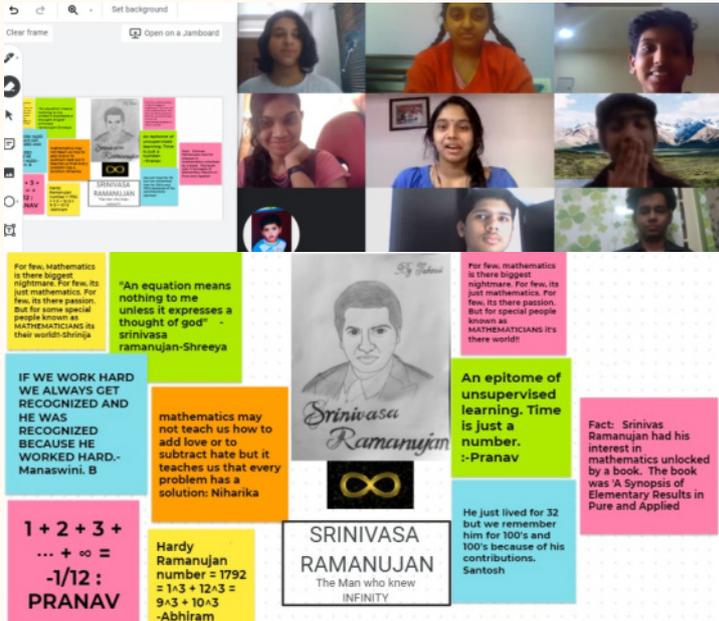
## Andaman and Nicobar -Ayesha Suhaila 9C



Do you know where the only active volcano of India is located? It is in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The climate is tropical, hot all year round, with a dry season from January to April and a rainy season from May to November due to the Indian monsoon. There are 572 islands in Andaman and Nicobar Islands (out of which 37 are inhabited) in the junction of Bay of Bengal and Andaman sea. They are mainly known for their palm-lined, white sand beaches, mangroves and tropical rainforests. The marine life of these islands has a very rich marine biodiversity. They harbor more than 1200 species of fish! The famous food of Andaman and Nicobar Islands are: fish curry; chilly curry; coconut prawn curry; tandoori fish; and grilled lobsters. The population of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is 4.34 lakhs. Some of the best places to visit are Swaraj Dweep islands, Port Blair, Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park and Cellular Jail. The best time to visit Andaman and Nicobar Islands is considered between October and May as the weather is pleasant. We can spend 5 days on the islands and another two days for travel which makes it a week's vacation.

## World Mathematics Day

-Sushmita 9B



## Christmas Time

-Sahana 6B



December 22nd is celebrated as the birth anniversary of India's famed mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. In the field of mathematics, this name is still remembered with great honor and respect. He was a child prodigy and a genius! In 2012, former prime minister Manmohan Singh declared the date to be celebrated as National Mathematics Day. Srinivasa Ramanujan was born in the year 1887, in the town of Erode, in Tamil Nadu, India. He was born into a Hindu Brahmin family. In his early days, his obsession with mathematics was his interest and devotion. By the age of 12, despite lacking a formal education, he had excelled in trigonometry and developed many theorems on his own. At 14, he ran away from home and enrolled at Pachaiyappa's College in Madras, where he could excel independently in his interest. Ramaswamy Iyer helped him get a clerk position in the Madras Port Trust in 1912. From that year onwards, Ramanujan sent his work to British mathematicians. His big break arrived in 1913 when Cambridge-based G.H Hardy was impressed with his intuitive mathematics, with over 3900 theorems and results. Ramanujan arrived in London in 1914, where G.H Hardy got him into Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1917 and 1918, Ramanujan was elected as a member of the London Mathematical Society and a Fellow of the Royal Society respectively. Ramanujan's success in England was outstanding, but he could not get accustomed to the country's diet and returned to India in 1919. His health gradually deteriorated and he passed away at the age of 32 in 1920. Ramanujan was recognized for his mastery of continued fractions and had worked out the Riemann series, elliptic integrals, hypergeometric series, and the functional equations of the theta function.

Christmas, also known as 'the Feast of the Nativity' is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, celebrated on 25th December. Christmas means 'The Mass of Christ'. Alabama was the first state in the USA to have recognized Christmas as an official holiday in the year 1836.

The season of preparing for Christmas is called 'Advent' and begins on a Sunday, about four weeks before Christmas. The Christmas Season (called Christmastide) ends 6th January, or the Twelfth Day of Christmas, in which Epiphany is remembered.

The traditions of celebrating Christmas are different from country-to-country, but they always include a feast, giving gifts or cards, and enjoying church or public festivities such as singing Christmas carols and songs. In most homes where Christmas is celebrated, people set up a Christmas tree in the house. These are traditionally evergreens, the best type, for it does not shed its needles or lose its fragrance. The tree may be a cut tree that is bought from a plantation or taken from the forest. Artificial trees are sometimes preferred to real trees. The Christmas tree is decorated with lights, shiny coloured balls, sparkly tinsel and other ornaments. A wreath of leaves or pine is often put on the front door of a house as a sign of welcome. Christmas trees were first used by ancient Egyptians and Romans.

Though Christmas is primarily a Christian holiday, people all around the world, regardless of their religion, look forward to this festive holiday, filled with giving, joy and hope.

# Merry Christmas!

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!



## Air Pollution

Harini Gangadharan 4C

Air pollution is mostly made by burning fossil fuels that release greenhouse gases into the air; these are emissions such as carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, methane, and fluorinated gases that trap heat from the sun rays in the Earth's atmosphere. This creates a cycle where air pollution contributes to climate change which creates higher temperatures. Examples are increased smog, a type of air pollution because it forms in high heat and increases levels of ultraviolet radiation causing extreme conditions such as flooding. Flooding contributes to damp conditions. The rise in mild warmer weather increases pollen season which means more pollen production. Smog reduces visibility and has serious health effects. Smoke is divided into two categories: sulphurous and photochemical sulphur smog which is made out of sulphur oxide. It occurs when burning fossil fuels with sulphur such as coal, photochemicals. Ballotin organic compounds are released from gasoline points.

## BEACHES OF SOUTH GOA

Palolem beach is known as one of the cleanest beaches in India. It is a place to relax, hear the sound of the waves, go on boat rides for dolphin sight-seeing, explore Monkey Island and Butterfly Beach. We can also see a rock formation that looks exactly like a turtle. Just a mile away from Palolem beach we can visit Patnem beach which is very peaceful and is a perfect place to have a sunbath and relax and to have great Goan cuisine. Cola beach is one of the amazing and beautiful beaches we can ever see in GOA. It has a natural lagoon which has sweet water. The water to this lagoon comes from natural springs from the top of mountains. We can go kayaking and swimming in the lagoon, even on hot summer days since the water here is cold always, which is a true nature's surprise. The last mile to reach Cola is quite rough and is not accessible in the nights. Colva beach is a normal and one of the clean beaches in Goa and most people come to this beach to visit the Menino Jesus statue. Betalbatim beach is an amazing beach mostly to be visited in the nights to catch a glimpse of bioluminescent plankton. People tend to wait here for days to watch the spectacular glow in the waves due to bioluminescent plankton. Morbor beach is a special treat for youngsters since there are multiple exciting rides available for example speed boat, paragliding, surfing and fishing. Morbor national park is also one of the attractions here. Bogmalo beach is known for hiking and scuba diving, crab catching and fishing. Waters here are crystal clear and cool. People love to dive in and watch the ocean life below.

-Aditi Boyapati

## World Human Rights Day

As human beings and citizens of this world, we all have one role or other to play in our societies. With life comes obstacles and with obstacles come struggles. We all expect people around us to stay with us because we are, in fact, of the same race - the human race. Being humane is the only necessary reason for us to be valued and cared about. We all have been taught about the Indian Constitution. If not, we must have heard about human rights. The rights that you get for just being human. Humans are powerful. We can change the whole world if we just come together and stay united. We have brought pollution, war, and many more things into this world, and so can we not bring peace, joy, and unity?

Having the right to approach court if an injustice has been done against you is important because you are a person just like everyone else and you deserve a say. Having the right to be educated is important because you are yet another child that is going to be a part of your country's future. Having the right to speak up for yourself is important because you are yet another soul that has thoughts that crave to come out. Having the right to be independent and treated with equality and love is important because you are a human.

We celebrate the 10th of December as World Human Rights Day every year because, on this date in 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Human rights embody key values such as fairness, equality, dignity, and respect. They give us a sense of protection and security. We must all be grateful that we have official rights to live a life of freedom.

**Let us all embrace righteousness because we are all of the same race - The human race.**

-Varshitha Matta 9B



## The art of self-discipline

-Sushmita 9B



Self-discipline is the best discipline." "Time-management requires self-discipline, self-mastery and self-control more than anything else." – Brian Tracy. What is self-discipline... and why do we need it? These questions often arise in our minds. Self-discipline is the most important thing in our lives. Ability to make ourselves do something is self-discipline. Without discipline one cannot live a happy life. Discipline is the act of living life, in which we do everything in the right way at the right time leading us to a better future. Discipline also means training of mind and character, teaching yourself to be obedient and developing self-control. Some examples that happen in our daily lives are: accepting commands from your elders, following your routine or timetable, taking up your responsibilities, etc. It is very important for each of us to have goals that we want to achieve. If we want to achieve something, we have to work hard for it and to achieve that, there are no shortcuts. Of course, we can take our parents, elders and teachers' advice and they can also guide us through it, but it is up to us whether we want to still do it for ourselves with our own hard work or leave it aside. It is very important if we want to achieve something as that will give us a clear vision of our future, less stressful, making us feel well-prepared. We should also have proper time-management skills in order to achieve our goals. World-class musicians and sportsmen practice several hours a day, why? They have self-discipline which leads them into their passion to achieve it. Their hard work, dedication and efforts contribute to what they want to achieve making them self-confident, persistent, ambitious and focused.

## ONLINE SCHOOL

-Madeeha 7B



As we all know, this pandemic has brought many people a lot of psychological issues like irritation, frustration, anger, and depression. Many schools have started teaching online, but do you think it is the same experience we used to get at school? No, right? It's a totally different one! Every child should be educated, and in this pandemic, it is harder to achieve this. Most children are not paying attention during online classes and during tests they cheat and get full scores. In this way, their education is getting poorer and poorer day-by-day. They are at a loss. They don't understand that not being able to answer the questions asked by the teacher is their own mistake. Most of them are missing school very badly - the lunch breaks they used to enjoy with their friends, the chit-chat that they used to do while the class was still going on, the stationery they used to share with the friend in need, that signature handshake that they used to do before the coronavirus. However, it is not safe at the moment and with that in mind we don't do it anymore. Government is balancing everything in a good way and keeping us safe. Some of the ways being practiced to keep the people safe are lockdown, sanitizing the crowded areas, practising social distancing. They limited the online classes to reduce students' time on the screen and yet didn't open the school, all to keep us safe. Well, as we know, there is a solution to every problem, I have some tips by which the students can get the best out of their education in this pandemic.

**Tip 1 :** Increase your focus power. For this you should do atleast 10 min of meditation everyday and you will see good results.

**Tip 2 :** Take a break from your screen time. It can damage your eyes. So, limit your screen time and stay away from gadgets.

**Tip 3 :** Revise and understand everything taught in the last class before heading to the next class.

**Tip 4 :** Spend time appreciating nature before studying. Doing this will make you feel calm, happy, and relaxed. So, as soon as you come back, sit with your books and start studying, you will be in a good mood and be able to learn and understand better.

**Tip 5 :** Stay healthy! If you stay healthy, you can achieve your goals. The power to achieve comes from within. So be healthy and be true to yourself!

Want to have some fun let us read some puns!

- 1) I meant to look for my missing watch, but I could never find the time!
- 2) Why does Peter Pan fly all the time? He Neverlands



- 3) My dog can do magic tricks. It's a labracadabrador.
- 4) My fear of moving stairs is escalating.
- 5) I'd ask my teddy bear if he was hungry, but he's stuffed.

**Put Your Thinking Cap To Solve These Riddles!**

1) Pronounced as one letter, And written with three, Two letters there are, And two only in me. I'm double, I'm single, I'm black blue and grey, I'm read from both ends, And the same either way.

Answer: Eye

2) Who Makes Moves While Being Seated?

Answer: Chess Player

3) I am always somewhere between the ground and the sky, always far in the distance always moving further away if one attempts to come closer. What am I?

Answer: The Horizon.

4) I was trapped in a jail cell. All I had was a mirror and a wooden table. How did I escape? (Hint: The answer only makes sense if you say it aloud.)

Answer: I looked in the mirror and saw what I saw. I took the saw and cut the table in half. Two halves make a whole. I escaped through the hole.

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Canvas Creations



Sarayu 5C



Aditi 6B



Shreya 6A



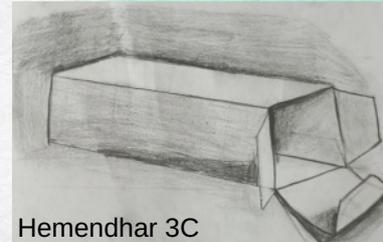
Sushmita Sallam 9B



Amrit Kaur 7C



Varnika 8B



Hemendhar 3C



Siri Chandhana 9B

LAUGH OUT LOUD

Knock Knock  
Who's there?  
Hatch  
Hatch who?  
Bless you!

What Do You Call A Person With No Body And Nose?

Answer - Nobody Nose

What do you call Santa when he stops moving?

Answer: SANTA PAUSE!

Do you know what the man who created KNOCK-KNOCK jokes deserves?

Answer: a "no-bell" prize

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