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OBSERVANCE OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY:

Karuna Chakraborty, Assistant Teacher

St. Peter's School observed World Environment Day on 5th June, 2021. The Principal, staff along with few guests and the media people, maintaining social distance and following the Covid Protocols were present. The programme started with a word of prayer by the Chaplin, Rev. Rabindranath Ray. The Principal, Ms. Archana Adhikary welcomed the chief guest, IPS Abhishek Gupta, DC East, Asansol-Durgapur Commissionerate and Mr. Ajoy Bagh, Officer-in-charge, Police Aurobindo Police Station Durgapur with a bouquet of flowers, a sapling and a school memento. IPS, Abhishek Gupta delivered a speech giving an insight about the importance of the day.



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SCHOOL OUT, CAMP IN!! Naushin Habiba Mozumdar, Primary programme coordinator & Sophia Lakra Pre- Primary programme coordinator:

The Summer Vacation had started and to break the monotony of the rigorous online classes, St. Peter's school organized a virtual summer camp for the students from Play school to class V under the able guidance of our respected Principal, Ms. Archana Adhikary. At St. Peter's, we think outside the box! We felt happy to have been able to engage and indulge the students in fun-filled and learning activities from 8th to 11th June, 2021 during Covid-19 Pandemic. This virtual summer camp had enabled to tap the inherent creativity in a child and to bring out the best, thus improving the mental and physical well-being of our students. The students were divided into two batches---Pre-primary & Primary. Thanks to the booming of the Technology world! Even amidst the coronavirus lockdown, the activities had proved to be fruitful.



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HOPE IN THE MIDST OF PANDEMIC

Archana Adhikary : Even though the earth is in peril and the nations of this world tremble with the pandemic and uncertainties, our declaration should be, **"I will NOT fear because my God loves me and He is my refuge & strength. He has proven to be a present help when I'm in trouble so all shall be well."** And because of this we can see **HOPE IN THE MIDST OF CRISIS !**

The COVID-19 pandemic is challenging us in ways, we could never have imagined; from unprecedented amounts of family time to homes schooling to working remotely—or not working at all. These sudden, rapid changes in the way we live, coupled with uncertainty, can feel overwhelming. While we may know that it's helpful for everyone to stay positive, it's sometimes easier said than done.

The coronavirus hiatus has made parents become more involved with their children since they are essentially home schooling their progeny. It has taught us to love, to listen, to care, to respect and to help. Many have developed new hobbies and strength.

The activities that shaped our social circles and created a sense of community and fulfilment left us feeling intensely isolated. Once these activities diminished, our social circles narrowed which **created quality time to spend with our family**. There is a finite amount of energy and time we have to create for meaningful relationships, and the pandemic reminded us that the grass is indeed **greener where you water it**. It has helped us re-learn how to **nurture or rekindle relationships** that "a lack of time" didn't allow us to keep up with. We have adapted to online learning, completed co-op placements from home, and perhaps learned a few new recipes in the kitchen.

The pandemic saw a reduction in many people's discretionary spending. Especially in this time of economic uncertainty, it helped many **people prioritize their budget**. We need to hang on to these essential life lessons even when we start moving forward and go back to whatever new normal awaits us. **The planet doesn't need us; we need it**. Let's start respecting the ground we live on and take care of it because by doing so, we will extend our ability to live in it, and we'll make life better for ourselves. We are constantly under pressure to be productive, to compete and be better than our peers or ourselves, and to never take breaks. Let's slow down... we need to live one day at a time. What we're going through right now, dealing with being confined, coping with boredom, going crazy in our homes, learning to cope with our fears, and struggling to keep our sanity.... To simplify it further, life is made up of all kinds of nonsensical stuff we have to deal with, and now it's worse due to the pandemic

Life is short; let's wake up from this and try to really enjoy life and make every moment count. Get rid of the Pandemic blues and if we give a little effort to stay positive amid this crisis and try to be mentally strong, then our stress and exhaustion level will be reduced to a great extent.

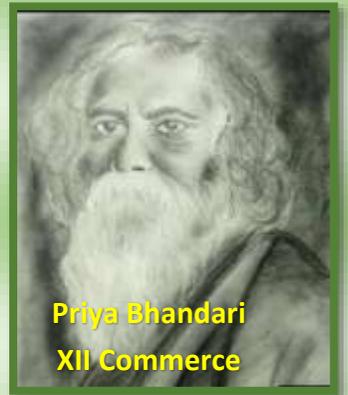
"Hope is important because it can make our present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that our tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today."



CELEBRATION OF RABINDRA JAYANTI:

Sumona Rathaur, Assistant Teacher

The Rabindra Jayanti celebration in India, is celebrated as a tribute to the great Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore. He has remained an enigma with his immense versatility in field of literature. He emoted perfect hue



**Priya Bhandari
XII Commerce**



**sulagna Talukder,
XII- HUM**

with his pen about different shades of the society. Generations after generation could strongly connect with him through short stories, poems and songs.

St Peter's school Durgapur had always taken up the initiative to pay tribute to the great Nobel laureate, Rabindranath

Tagore. The year 2021, also saw a unique way of showing reverence to the great Bard of Bengal.

A bouquet of songs dance



**soujanya singha,
2B**

along with recitation was rendered by the students of St. Peter's School on a virtual platform. The mesmerizing performances showcased indelible impact on the students which will remain etched in the minds even in

the future generations. The children decked up in retro style to match the mood of the song and dance. In spite of limitations, the students celebrated the day with enthusiasm, fervour and gaiety on a virtual platform.

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The **PRE- PRIMARY VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP** started from 8th June and continued till 10th June 2021. The first day started with Zumba fitness time and carried on with music and art exploration. The second day, a session on life skills, health and hygiene and exploring with colours was organized. Students enjoyed learning the tie-and-dye technique using home colours like turmeric, ujala, and alta. On the last day, the mini chefs enjoyed making a cool mango shake taught by their teachers.



Rev. Rabindranath Ray

We thank the school chaplain for his presence and support.



The virtual summer camp ended

with story time, where the teachers enacted the fairy tale "The Little Red Riding Hood".



PRE-PRIMARY TEACHERS

"It takes a big heart to help shape little minds. Teaching is the greatest act of optimism."
Coleen Wilcos

STUDENTS AND PARENTS OF PRE-PRIMARY





The **PRIMARY VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP** commenced on 9th June and continued till 11th June. During this virtual summer camp, students



enjoyed several creative activities, with everything happening online. They explored their creativity and learnt new skills. The activities that had been organized included Art & Craft, Junior Chef, stitching, Zumba Music, Life Skills, Storytelling, Coding from a live instructor and took part in Bricsmath online competition in Maths. Some eminent Resource



Independence, and inculcated a sense of belonging. A virtual summer camp allowed students to learn new skills in a dedicated manner. The exuberant learners zealously participated & showcased their diligence towards each planned activity of their choice. The essence of this camp was to develop a sound character of each student & ultimately the motto was achieved. This Virtual Summer Camp was earnestly appreciated not

persons were also invited for some of the activities. Their method of conducting instilled new confidence, taught

only by the participants but also by their parents.



STORYTELLING






MRS. CHITRALEKHA BHASKAR
Educational Advisor, Teacher Trainer Facilitator, Counsellor, Administrator, Author Editor, Coordinator, Mentor, Visionary

RESOURCE PERSON



RESOURCE PERSON

MRS. SOMA CHAKRABORTY
Associate Director, Anti Trafficking Commission partnering with American Baptist Church & CBO Liaison Manager at "My Choices Foundation"

Child Safety
Learn Good Touch and Bad Touch with Body Parts






Music Time



MS. RUTH PUGH

A Music teacher teaching violin, viola, recorder / flute, keyboard, guitar and ukulele

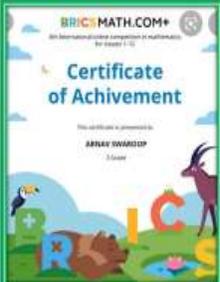



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ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT
DINO LAB



MR. RUDRA MISHRA
REGIONAL MANAGER





CODING



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Life Skills



Mrs. Swithy Kundu
A DANCER

ZUMBA

Resource person









ART & CRAFT



JUNIOR CHEF





MOTHER --- THE PILLAR OF LIFE: Payal James, Assistant Teacher: "God could not be everywhere and so He created Mothers" Mother's Day---a sweet and charming occasion that any child cannot afford to miss -- a commemorative event which is cherished and loved by all. Mothers are the emotional backbone of the family who have the magic touch to heal all wounds and make all things beautiful.



in beautifully decorated pots to make the Earth greener so as to honour their mothers. The K.G. classes

passionately made beautiful handmade cards to shower their love and affection on their mothers for their

unconditional love. A day is not enough to thank any mother for all her sleepless nights and efforts. All the mothers logged off from virtual classes getting emotional

and feeling proud, to cherish this special moment in their hearts forever. For most of them, this virtual celebration offered them the greatest



Keeping this emotional bonding in mind, the tiny tots of St. Peter's School put forth a beautiful online presentation in front of their mothers on 6th May, 2021 ; making Mother's Day the most memorable and unforgettable moment for their mothers. The Pre-Nursery kiddies, organized "Dressing up Mom for Party". The Nursery students planted sapling



positive vibe, energy and strength to fight this dark pandemic situation.



Every child is talented.
packages at

They just unwrap their
different times



Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.





কবি প্রণামঃ Ratna Bhattacharya, Assistant Teacher: “ উদয় দিগন্তে শঙ্খ বাজে, মোর চিত্ত মাঝে চির নৃতনেরে দিল ডাক পাঁচিশে বৈশাখ।”— ২৫ শে বৈশাখ, বিশ্বকবি রবীন্দ্রনাথ ঠাকুরের শুভ



Ayushi Mauriya.
Bhumi Jaiswal.
Ananya Ghosh.
XII- SCI.



Riddhiman Panja.
I-C

জন্মদিন। কবির অফুরান সৃষ্টিভান্ডারের মণি মাণিক্য দিয়ে সারা বিশ্ব এই দিনটিতে কবিকে শ্রদ্ধা জ্ঞাপন করে। তার রচনাপ্রবাহের দিকে অভিনিবেশ সহকারে দৃষ্টি দিলে আশ্চর্য হয়ে দেখব, জীবনের এমন কোন দিক নেই যেখানে কবির সৃষ্টির ছোঁয়া লাগেনি। সব দিকেই তার অবাধ বিচরণ। মানুষের, শোকে দুঃখে



Satakshi Mukherjee 4A



আনন্দে, বিপদে, মহামারীতে সর্বত্র তিনি তাঁর সৃষ্টির প্রলেপ দিয়ে গেছেন। সৃষ্টি করেছেন নানান গান ও সাহিত্য। যাকে অবলম্বন করে মানুষ তিমির রাত্রি অতিক্রম করার সাহস সঞ্চয় করেছে। কবি বুদ্ধদেব বসু রবীন্দ্রনাথ ঠাকুরকে উদ্দেশ্য করে লিখেছিলেন-



Swastika Das. 1A

“ অন্তরে লভিছে তব বাণী
তাই তো মানি না ভয়
জীবনের জয় হবে জানি। ”—

আজ ২০২০, আজ সারা বিশ্ব আর এক মহামারীর মুখোমুখি। আমাদের বিশ্বাস, আমরাও পারব এই ভয়ংকর মহামারীকে জয় করতে, কবি গুরুর অভয় মন্ত্রকে পাথেয় করেই—

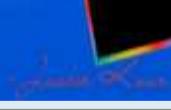
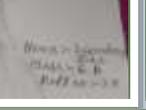
“নাই নাই ভয়, হবে হবে জয়—”

তাই শত প্রতিবন্ধকতাকে অতিক্রম করে ও সামাজিক দূরত্বকে বজায় রেখেই সেন্ট পিটার্স বিদ্যালয়ের সমস্ত শিক্ষক শিক্ষিকা,

ছাত্রছাত্রী, অভিভাবকবৃন্দ ও সহৃদয় বন্ধুদের মিলিত প্রয়াস ও আমাদের বিদ্যালয়ের মাননীয় প্রধানা শিক্ষিকার নেতৃত্বে যে যার ঘরে বসেই উদযাপিত হল বাঙালীর প্রাণের কবি রবি ঠাকুরের ভার্চুয়াল জন্মজয়ন্তী। আপন মনের মাধুরী মিশিয়ে বিদ্যালয়ের ছাত্রছাত্রীরা পরিবেশ করেছে নানান নৃত্য, গীত ও আবৃত্তি। বিশ্বকবির উদ্দেশ্যে তাদের এই শ্রদ্ধাঞ্জলির মধ্য দিয়েই উত্তরণ ঘটেছে করোনার বিষাদময় পরিবেশের।



Arushi kabiraj. 1A



K.G.C

Elina Roy 2B

Rabindra Jayanti
Nursery A

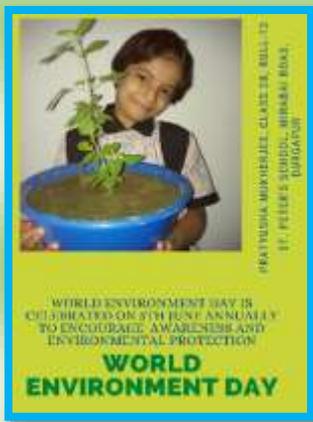


heartfelt gratitude to our Bishop & Chairman, the Rt. Rev. Sameer Issac Khimla for his whole-hearted support.

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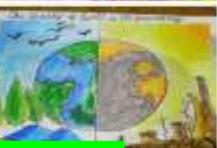
He made all the audience aware of the need to take immediate actions to save the environment and

Mother Earth. Citing examples, he made the concept crystal clear for all. He appreciated the Principal and all the staff of St. Peter's School for the initiative taken in the midst of pandemic. Few saplings like Neem, Peepal,



Deodar, Arjun were blessed by Rev. Rabindranath Ray and thereafter, the day was flagged off by a tree plantation drive in-and-around the school by the Chief Guest, the Chaplin, Principal, teaching staff, office staff and service staff. The school also

motivated the students to plant a tree in their house and design an E-poster on the occasion of World Environment Day and the theme for the competition was "Ecosystem Restoration" (according to the theme of UN). The day has certainly made a difference to the way we care for our environment and a small step was taken towards not just planting a sapling but planting hope. We have learned it the hard way that trees are extremely important for our survival ! We express our





THE YOUNG PLANTERS ... PLANTING HOPE

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ACTIVITY

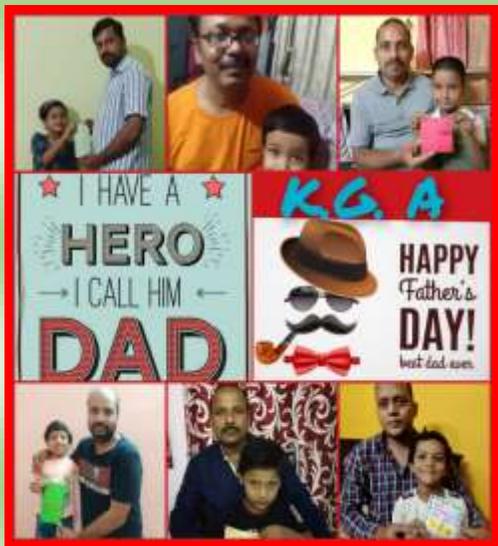




FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION OF PRE-PRIMARY

DEPARTMENT: *Jasbir Kaur, Assistant Teacher*

A father is someone whom you look up to, no matter how tall you grow. Just a day is not enough to honour how special a father is, because he is amazing throughout our lives. His fears and tears for the welfare of the child is unseen; his love is mostly unexpressed but he secretly keeps caring protecting his



child.

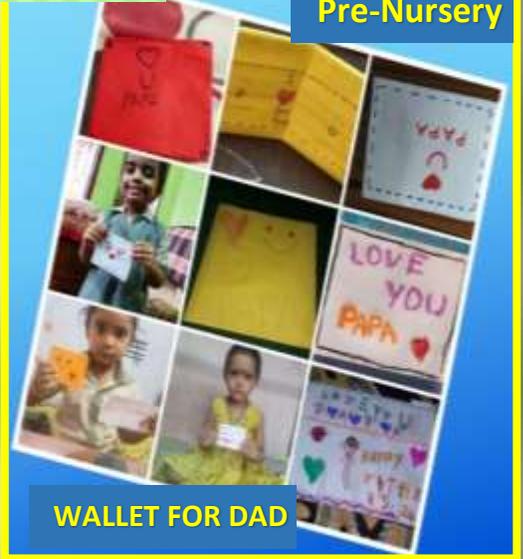
To make the real heroes of our family feel special, our little ones put in some effort on 18th June,

2021. Pre- Nursery students made wallets to wish their



Pre-Nursery

fathers good luck and wealth. The tiny tots of Nursery A made a proud badge which expressed their love in



different ways, and the cute little ones of Nursery B and



K.G classes poured out all their emotions in beautifully designed cards. We cannot thank a man enough for being the most unpraised, unnoticed, unpraised, unnoticed

and yet the most valuable asset in our society – 'A FATHER'.

MONSOON MAGIC: *Sayada Khan, Assistant Teacher*

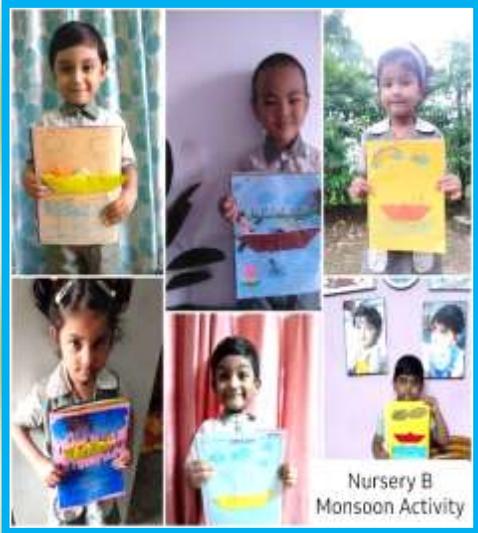
"Rain clouds come floating in, not to muddy my days ahead, but to make me calm, happy and hopeful."





The season of shower has begun and it brings along with it the beauty of nature.

Pitter-patter of the raindrops, colourful rainbows, creepy crawlies and thunder and lightning. This season is most awaited, especially by



Nursery B Monsoon Activity



children. Children enjoy going out. They love floating paper boats and enjoy the splash in the puddle. With the feeling of enjoying the Monsoon season even

during the lockdown, in the best way, the little ones were engaged

in fun-loving activities while staying at home. The Pre-nursery kids “danced in the rain” wearing a raincoat and using an umbrella. They made paper boats and sang “Row, Row, Row your boat” while floating it in water. The Nursery kids made paper boat and pasted it in their scrapbook with a beautiful hand-made background with the rain, and the frogs going croak-croak. Paper frogs and snails were made by the Kindergarten children. The idea was to have an interaction with the children and to encourage them to share about the animals that they see in their surroundings during the monsoon.



K.G.A MONSOON ACTIVITY

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING: Anita Nandy, Assistant Teacher - Attending online class is an arduous task,

both for the teachers as-well-as the students and the challenges faced here are manifold. Although a tech-boon, virtual classroom has its own



An experienced teacher, an author, a lively resource person conducting workshops and seminar in the field of science, life skills, associated with NGO's.

constraints. To face the challenges in this field, a virtual counselling session was arranged by our Principal. The resource person present for the day was Mrs. Baljinder Kaur with a Post-

Graduation in Chemistry & Education. Through her sensitive approach, she shared her views on the art of effective teaching by a series of interesting stories- each representing a particular positive skill.

Held on the 17th of April, 2021, the session was attended by students and parents of class I and II. They were advised to exhibit a positive attitude towards the online classes and to make sure that their child is regular in classes; to wear the school uniform ;to be a patient listener and most importantly, to maintain netiquette. The entire session was immensely motivating, which inspired all students and teachers alike. The whole session was nicely presented with relevant audio and video clips.

COUNSELLING FOR CLASSES III TO V : Swagata Chattopadhyay, Assistant Teacher- Amidst Covid 19

pandemic situation, St. Peter's School had organised an Online Counselling Session for Classes III, IV and V students and parents on the 19th of April, 2021. Dr. Suchismita Sinha a dynamic personality and a crucial crusader in the field of psychology was the Resource person. A considerable majority of parents not only participated actively i



President of Institute Stress Management, professor, H.O.D Dept. of Psychology, Sarojini Naidu College for Women, Kolkata, a Research guides for post graduate students under Annamalai University, an Aesthetic her of Search Within (an NGO) and a professional classical dancer.



in this session but also put forward their various queries about the problems which had become a major cause of concern regarding the pros and cons of the online teaching platform presently. Dr.Sinha patiently addressed all their queries and guided the parents and guardians by showering her valuable insights into their problems so that an all - round development could be brought forth in the students both during the online classes and at their homes. She concluded the session by providing all the necessary encouragement and positivity at these troubled times. To sum up, the Counselling Session was all about adaptability, technical Issues, time Management, challenges faced by parents and ways to overcome, maintain netiquette and self-motivation...

LIVE INTERACTIVE SESSION:-Nilotpala Biswas

Assistant Teacher - St. Peter's School had organized an online counselling and guidance session with the students and parents of Class VI on 17th April, 2021, to enable the students to overcome their mental health that is influencing their learning as-well-as achievements because of this pandemic situation. The



Neuropsychiatrist,
practicing medicines in
Kolkata

counselling session was conducted by a renowned Consultant Psychiatrist from Kolkata Dr. Jayanti Bhattacharya. She had focused on certain important issues that students as-well-as their parents are facing during this COVID-19 pandemic time. Through her valuable

suggestions she tried to be more helpful to the students and parents. Viewing the present situation she had encouraged the parents and students to get used to online mode of education or learning as that might be useful to them in future. Her suggestion to the parents, in order to avoid the dangers of internet access was that, they should be more vigilant on their child during online classes. According to the counsellor, parents must also try to keep their children engaged in certain useful indoor activities that can be helpful to them in their future life. This counselling was not only aimed to flourish the educational journey but also promote skill development, develop resilience against adversity and resolve certain psychological problems of the students which was done very effectively and wisely by the counsellor. Her valuable advice, suggestions and guidance were appreciated both by the students and parents.

COORDINATORS' CORNER:-Sanjib Kr. Roy, Smita Dhar, Kanika Roy, Rohan Kr. Laha:

In the midst of this Lockdown, the school has made all possible plans to reach to our dear students through online classes. We are all missing our precious children and eagerly waiting to have them back in school.

Students, hope you are all utilizing your time fruitfully! Read good story books! Play indoor games like chess, ludo, educative board games etc., with your family members instead of spending time on social media, chatting and playing games on your mobile or computer. Spend quality time with your parents. Communicate with your parents; share your dreams and passion with them; spend happy moments with them that you can cherish!

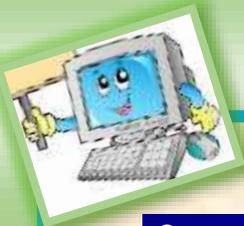
It's time to venture newer survival skills. To name one- 'Survival cooking skill'. It's one of the most important skill to develop because food is one of the main pillars of survival. We all need food, water, and shelter to survive...and above all you may be missing the lip-smacking street food due to the pandemic protocols. Venture into your home kitchen exploring new cooking horizons of delicious cuisines. A good self-made delicious dish prepared in the presence of your parents and supervision with fire or without fire, will bring joy into the home even without the glorified prepping and gourmet ingredients. If some of you still haven't tried it out, start it now...everything has a beginning!

The school congratulates Aparup Roy (born on November 20, 2004 in Durgapur, West Bengal) for achieving medals and certificates in different academic activities. He won 1 bronze and 2 silver



medals in the GTSE exam, ranked eleventh in the ISRO Cyberspace Competition, ranked 706 in the Vedantu Master Scholarship Exam (VSAT) and participated in the Discovery School Super League held by BYJUS. He wrote two research articles in the **Journal of Emerging Investigator**, as confirmed on February 16, 2021.

God bless him in all his endeavours ! Applauds to Apurba's parents who are constantly shaping his future and guiding him to follow his passions and dreams.



Interesting facts:

Computer Science department

The first electronic computer ENIAC weighed more than 27 tons and took up 1800 square feet.

Doug Engel Bart invented the first computer mouse in around 1964 which was made of wood.

The password for the computer controls of nuclear tipped missiles of the U.S was 00000000 for eight years.

HP, Microsoft and Apple have one very interesting thing in common – they were all started in a garage.

The first 1GB hard disk drive was announced in 1980 which weighed about 550 pounds, and had a price tag of \$40,000.

The original name of windows was Interface Manager.

The first microprocessor Created by Intel

Department of History

THE GRAND OLD LADY

Dadabhai Naoroji was popularly known as the Grand Old Man of India and Aruna Asaf Ali (or Aruna Gangulee before marriage) was known as 'Grand Old Lady' of the Independent Movement and the Heroine of the 1942 Movement. She was involved in the Salt Satyagraha, addressed Public meetings, was present at the passing of the Quit India Resolution of 8 th August ,1942. She became the editor of 'Inquilab', the monthly organ of the Congress. In 1992, She was awarded the Nehru award for International understanding.

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Geostorm: Department of Geography

Mt. Mauna Kea is taller than Mt. Everest
Above the sea, Mauna Kea only stands 13796 feet in height. But when we follow the mountain to its base at the bottom of the Pacific, it height is 32,808 which is 3000 feet taller than Everest.

Iceland is growing 5 centimetres per year
This is happening as the plates are growing farther apart.

The Pacific Ocean is shrinking
As North America and South America move more westwards, the Pacific Ocean is shrinking every year , Asia and North America get closer and closer as the Pacific is reduced by two to three centimetres.

Mexico City is shrinking
Originally built on a lake in 1325 A.D., Mexico City is currently sinking by about 3.2 feet per year.

The Sargasso Sea has no coast
The only sea in the world without any coast , the Sargasso Sea is found in the Atlantic Ocean. Located in the north, it is surrounded by four ocean currents with no land coastline to speak of. It is named for the floating seaweed that covers it: Sargassum.

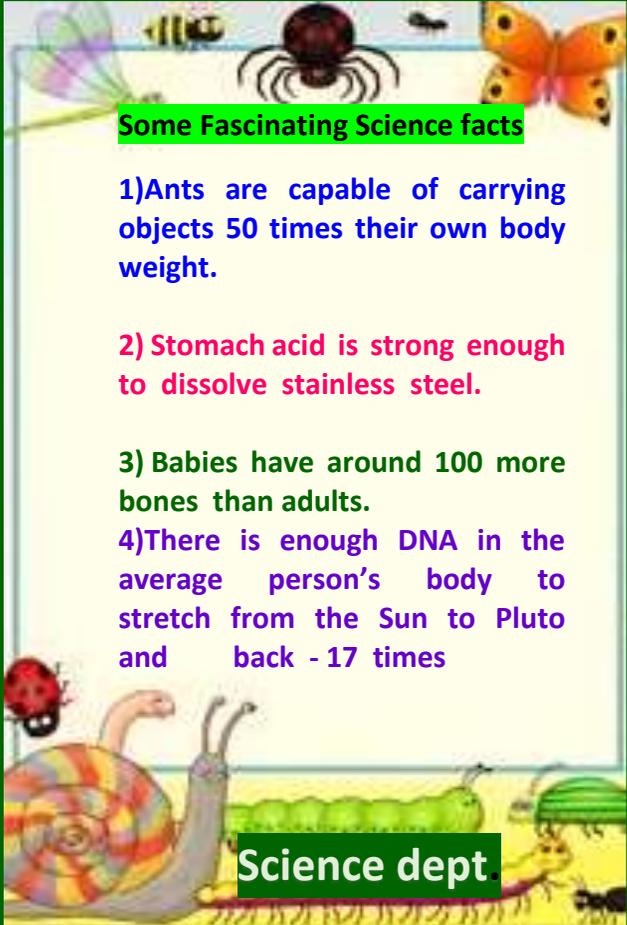
Athenaeum fact: Library department
St. Peter's School Library stores a bevy of 2,228 books that sparks student's imagination.



Some Fascinating Science facts

- 1)Ants are capable of carrying objects 50 times their own body weight.
- 2) Stomach acid is strong enough to dissolve stainless steel.
- 3) Babies have around 100 more bones than adults.
- 4)There is enough DNA in the average person's body to stretch from the Sun to Pluto and back - 17 times

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THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS CHANGED EDUCATION FOREVER.

Ishani Banerjee class VII: Online classes are the only source of learning left during this pandemic situation; and as opposed to traditional classroom teaching, web-based instruction has made it possible to offer classes throughout the world by a single internet connection which seems to be the path through which many students are trying to secure a degree. It's the common scenario of all the schools currently. I am sharing some of the advantages and disadvantages regarding the present online classes:

ADVANTAGES

- The online classes have allowed the teachers to deliver more information apart from the books through the lesson plans.
- Students can attend the classes from any location of their choice.
- It has allowed the students to record/capture the information or lecture and access them at the time of their comfort.
- It has also reduced financial costs. Online education is more affordable as compared to physical learning as it eliminates the cost of transportation and other expenditures.
- Discipline is the most important thing compulsory in the online classes. Proper school uniform, manners and full concentration is needed.

DISADVANTAGES

- Many of the students cannot focus on the screen for a long period of time, as they get easily distracted by social or other sites. It causes headache including Digital Eye Strain which is caused due to excessive use of the mobile, the Laptop or the Desktop. This is leading to vision-related problems, dryness of the eyes and blurry vision.
- Internet penetration has progressed very fast over the past few years and in smaller cities and towns, a consistent connection with decent speed is a problem.
- Attendance is very poor as many students who live in remote areas face internet connectivity problems.
- There is very less chances of interaction with peers due to which many students are losing interest in the online classes.
- It is easier to clear doubts during the physical classes but presently, clearing doubts within a limited time is difficult.
- The use of smartphones and computers have resulted In its misuse, leading to increase in behavioural change cyber bullying, chatting, playing mobile games and following social media.

PRICE HIKE DURING LOCKDOWN *Debopriya Chatterjee*

class X: Fluctuations in prices of goods and services are common in world economies, but it is triggered during this lockdown.

Abnormal hike in fuel prices hit costs of essential commodities. The price of petrol is at its peak, it's more than rupees hundred per litre. The Marked price of vegetables and other leading commodities is showing an abrupt rise. FAQ of many people is now concentrated in only one question "Why there is a rise in fuel price?"

The effect of price hike is converting the lower income people to marginal and the middle-income people to the lower income people. Everyone knows that a price hike has both economic and political consequences. Rising prices is a problem that has to be tackled for the nation's well-being.



MEDICAL SERVICES DURING THE PANDEMIC: *Trishita Chandra*

class X : The pandemic has caused havoc in every sphere of human life. Thousands of our fellow men are falling prey to corona virus every day. Many, with severe conditions cannot even get an accommodation in a

hospital. Hospitals are running off oxygen and other necessary medicines for a surge in the number of Covid cases. We see long queue of dying patients in the hospital premises; no doctor, no nurse to help them. The cry of relatives, losing their dear ones echo in the ears. In the wake of corona the medical facilities are also disrupted – the terminally ill patients are not getting treatments, surgeries are delayed, and the would-be mothers are badly suffering. The patients who need emergency are dying after being left untreated for a long time. Because of some restrictions posed in this pandemic, many clinics, diagnostic centres have kept the shutter closed. Practically, medical facilities becomes slim. Some people are taking the advantage of this situation by indulging into black marketing and other corruption; but even in the midst of this, good to many NGOs and volunteers have extended their helping hands by providing oxygen, medicines, food and other requirements to the Covid victims by risking their own lives. I think, love and sympathy for our fellow men is the need of the hour to fight and sustain in this pandemic apart from government actions.

CRICKET IN PANDEMIC: *Priyanshu*

Mukherjee, class X : Due to this global pandemic of COVID-19, the essence of sport was missing especially the game "cricket". Cricket is the game which everybody loves to play. During the lockdown period, everything is closed. Nobody can get out of their house. The energy that we all get





from playing cricket is missing. We cannot even call our friends to play or go out! Alas! No practice sessions! May this situation end completely so that we can play and enjoy the sport cricket.



PREPARE BEFORE ITS TOO LATE ! Srijita Ghosal class X :

Natural disaster :- A natural disaster is characterized by the abnormal intensity of a natural agent (flood, mudslide, earthquake, avalanche, drought) when the usual measures to be taken to prevent this damage were not able to prevent their

emergence or were not able to be taken.

Recent disaster: The 2021 Uttarakhand flood, also known as the Chamoli disaster, began on 7 February 2021 in the environs of the Nanda Devi National Park. Cause: It was caused by a large rock and ice avalanche .

Effect: At least 72 people were confirmed to have been killed.

Prevention: What can countries like India do, given that glacier melts and weather variability are here to stay? First, capacity for disaster preparedness and response must be increased. The National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and Border Roads Organisation (BRO) need more resources and capacity, and a larger mandate for risk-informed programming. These agencies need the remit to work across ministries to ensure that disaster risk programming occurs at all levels, and is integrated in plans, budgets, procurement and programmes. Second, data for risk prediction and risk prevention must be increased. Tipping points in microsystems are going to occur more frequently.

Action and preparedness will require data to anticipate and prepare. With climate change, we need to be prepared for greater uncertainty. This means more disaggregated, and high-resolution data on physiographic factors (altitude, weather, slopes, and terrain), community vulnerabilities and climatic data. This will help know when ‘tipping points’ are likely to occur, and what their magnitudes are likely to be. Third, community-based disaster preparedness is key. Greater uncertainty means building modular planning units with sufficient capacity. Communities are key for such preparedness and response. Not only are small communities agile and can mobilise quickly, but they also know their own consisting of material dislodged from Ronti peak populations best. We cannot stop natural disasters but we can arm ourselves with knowledge, so that lives are not lost due to lack of disaster preparedness. The key to reducing loss of life, personal injuries, and damage from natural disasters is widespread public awareness and education. The best way to cope with a natural disaster is to prepare by having a plan before it strikes. After all, it is we together that have caused the various calamities. For most parts, even natural disasters are the results of man-made activities which give rise to the need for Disaster Management.

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD:

Puspendu Konar class IX: The epidemic is affecting the entire food system and has exposed its weakness.

Border closures, trade restrictions and prison measures are preventing farmers from entering the market, including buying inputs, selling their produce, and preventing agricultural workers from harvesting; thus, disrupting domestic and international food supply chains and reducing



access to healthy, safe and diverse foods. The epidemic has destroyed jobs and put millions of livelihoods at risk. As earners lose their jobs, fall ill and die, the food safety and nutrition of millions of women and men are under threat, with low-income countries, especially the most marginalized populations, including small farmers and indigenous people, being the worst affected. We must re-think the future of our environment and tackle climate change and environmental degradation with ambition and urgency. Only then can we protect the health, livelihoods, food security and nutrition of all people, and ensure that our ‘new normal’ is a better one.



RISING LIGHTNING STRIKES:

Roshmita Chandra class IX:

Thunderstorms accompanied by lightning strikes are the single-largest killer natural disaster in India. In a very recent incident, 75 people have been killed in lightning strikes in 24 hours across the country. Normally,

lightning strikes are high in frequency during the pre-monsoon season and when the monsoon is about to make an onset. But for a climate crisis, this happens anytime throughout the year.

Urbanisation leading to loss of forest coverage is a major contributing factor for rise in incidents of lightning. The rise in the use of electrical appliances from mobile phones to televisions to power lines is also triggering favourable conditions for lightning. Spreading awareness among people about safety during thunderstorm can save lives from this dreadful phenomenon. Taking shelter under a safe structure, avoiding metal constructions, fences and trees, keeping away from utility lines such as phone, power socket are some of the measures that can save life during lightning strike. In the future, lightning mortalities are only going to increase.

Climate projections indicate that temperature and moisture will increase further in the future. “We may not be able to prevent every single lightning fatality, but we can definitely decrease their number substantially by creating general awareness about some universal safe practices.



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