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FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Mr. Soumya Maitra - Vice Principal (Academic)

Sir, what is your advise to the students appearing for Boards to remain motivated and focussed to studies during the challenging period of lockdown?

DPS Ruby Park has been providing with regular online classes and evaluating the progress of students periodically through online exams and viva voce conducted in all subjects. My sincere advice to students at this time is to solve the latest sample papers released by Board within a specific time frame, get their doubts clarified by your teachers, prepare a time table for self study accommodating subjects as per their difficulty levels. Do solve numericals of concerned subjects every day.



PRINCIPAL SPEAK

Ms. Joyoti Chaudhuri- Principal

Ma'am, considering that the world was not mentally prepared to deal with the lockdown, as the Head of the institution how did you plan and mobilize online classes so fast?

Without adversity we are never able to realise our potential. Every challenge, every adversity contains within it the seeds of growth. We, at DPS Ruby Park, have always embraced technology as our partner. The vision of our management and a team of committed teachers enabled a smooth transition of classrooms to virtual platforms.

Looking ahead, do you envisage a change in method of learning when life goes back to normalcy?

Although we are all looking forward to normalcy to be restored, it is a fact that during this pandemic situation our education system has undergone a metamorphosis from classroom to online. The benefits that come with online teaching-learning are being recognised and appreciated individually and collectively. Hence I believe our teaching-learning process will continue to integrate a bit of e-learning even later.

What is your advice to students to stay motivated during online classes at this difficult time?

Every online session comes with a new package of experience and learning to adapt to new and evolving technologies. Students need to be disciplined in this new learning process in the same way as they would in a physical classroom. They should enable themselves to handle any technical glitch that may arise during class. Students should intersperse their studies with physical exercise and activities.

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FROM THE HEAD MISTRESS'S DESK

Ms. Preeti Singh - Head Mistress

During the time of Lockdown DPS Ruby Park was among the first school to start online classes and provide the students with a learning experience as close to physical school as possible. What motivated you to plan and execute this task?

As soon as the nation announced the lockdown on 23rd March, we at DPS Ruby Park initiated e-learning on a war footing and oriented the teachers to tackle this crisis with positivity. Switching to an online platform overnight was a big challenge, esp for those not so tech-savvy. Some of our devices were not ready with the upgraded versions which led to a few troubleshootings during the initial days. Low bandwidth and poor internet connections were the hurdles we faced. However, the immense support cooperation we received from the students and parents motivated us to win over all odds. Positive feedbacks regarding our online classes helped us to embrace this new normal with ease.

Student leaders share their experience.



**Anushree Tibrewal - 12Q
(Head Girl: Senior School)**

Senior Head Girl Anushree Tibrewal finely balanced her academics with personal growth and social service. She empathetically recounts "Apart from the obvious change of not physically going to school this past year, disadvantages have been many: the loss of our loved ones, the inability to step out of our homes, the absence of classmates, increased time spent looking at our computers, missing opportunities to attend lectures or workshops, even the reduction in exam syllabus. Even though it is difficult to teach online, our teachers have put in great efforts to explain concepts and clear doubts. From classwork to unit tests, we have not faced drastic changes in the structure of our schoolwork." Speaking about time management, Anushree says "Apart from my boards and JEE examination preparation, I had to focus on standardised tests and college applications. I also took to writing, learned pieces on the piano by myself, read books and started volunteering at an NGO to help people affected by Amphan and the pandemic. As the Head Girl of DPS Ruby Park, I would like to say to all my classmates: It is very important for each one of us to evaluate how we spend the hours in each day. Setting limits to time we stay up, getting enough exercise, studying, taking breaks, being on social media- everything must be balanced in a way that we are productive."



**Anisha Dutta - 5H
(Junior Head Girl)**

Anisha is interested not only in academics but also in various co-curricular activities. She was part of a project 'Outside My Window I see' which was a collaboration between children of Scotland and India (June 2020). She was one among the top ten participants of SPELLINC 2020, which was held at the national level (October 2020). She represented the school in South Point Inter-School festival 'Ullas'. (November 2020). Regarding her experience during lockdown Anisha shares "The first few days of lockdown were difficult for me. I was used to going to school in the morning and was looking forward to the new session, new friends, new experiences but after lockdown suddenly everything changed. I couldn't really understand what to do especially during the school going time. It was challenging, at times overwhelming. I started to draw, read books and do crafts. My school also started with online classes which brought back a sense of normalcy. I was overjoyed to meet my new classmates and my teachers though virtually. During lockdown I enrolled for free courses on nature, coding and art, I read books and did crafts. I attended lot of online sessions on world renowned artists and musicians like Beethoven, Mozart, Paul Klee, Gerard Richter. I really look forward to going back to school soon."

SCHOOL EVENTS

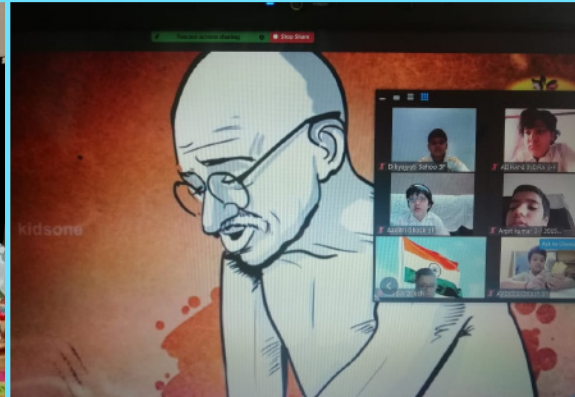
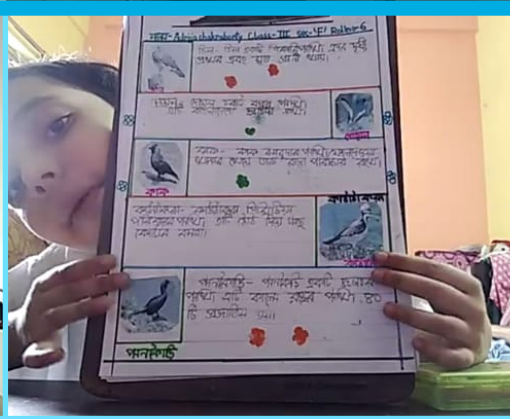
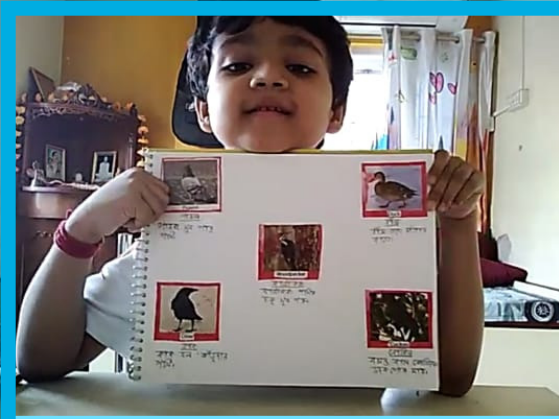
INTER SCHOOL EVENTS

- ▶ Investiture Ceremony 2020-2021 held
- ▶ Talent Hunt in Western Music Vocal
- ▶ Integration of Art in Social Science organized by CBSE
- ▶ Integration of the Blended Learning in the context of New National Policy organized by Oxford University Press

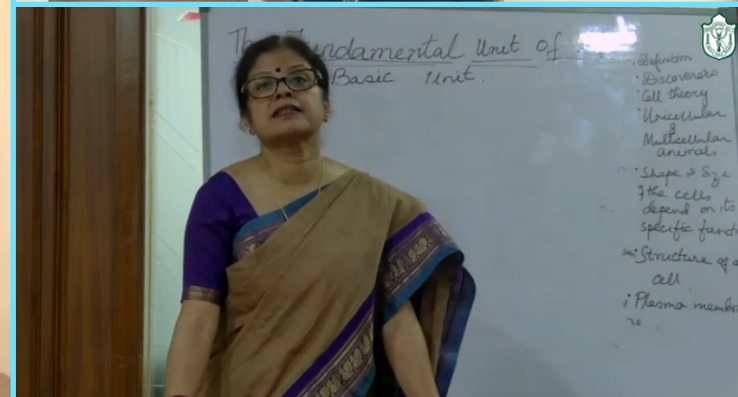
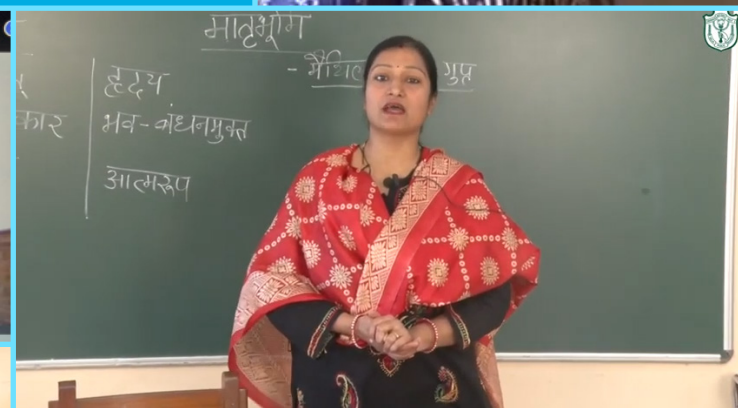
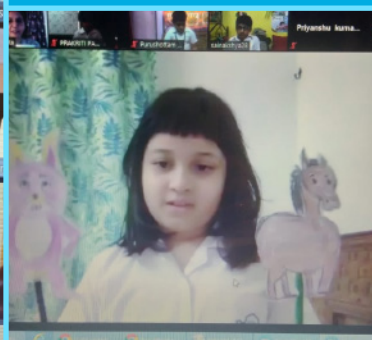
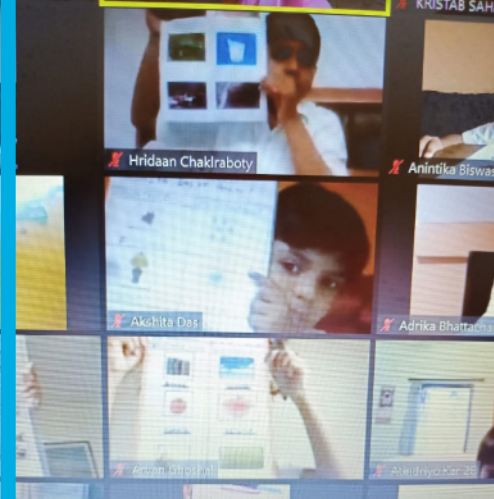


INTRA SCHOOL EVENTS

- ▶ Inter-DPS Quiz organized by DPS Society
- ▶ All India Inter-DPS Environment Fest 2020 by DPS Mathura Road
- ▶ Dharohar 2020 Online
- ▶ History Quiz by DPS Rajnagar
- ▶ Athasashtra 2020 Online Economics Quiz by DPS Rajnagar



ONLINE TEACHING THE NEW NORMAL



Creativity AT HOME

Special Feature

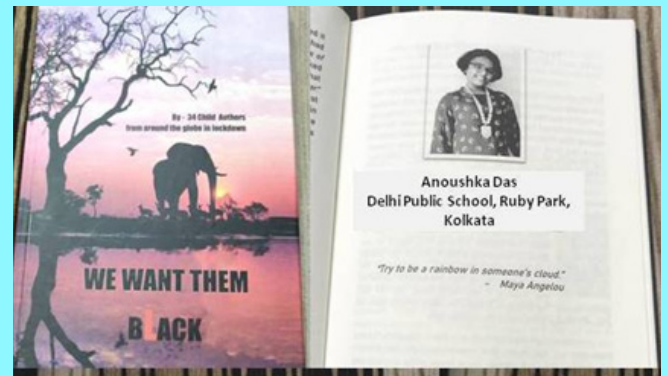
Durga Puja is the time for celebrations and prayers. But during Pandemic visiting the pandal was not possible. Undaunted twin sisters **Amritaa and Aayushi Dutta**, Class 5 took it upon themselves to make a pandal at home. They made the Pandal with cardboard boxes and decorated it with beautiful lanterns and flowers made with coloured papers. They added finishing touch to it with fairy lights and placed a terracotta Durga idol inside their pandal. This novel idea of the sisters was featured in Newspaper and the local Puja committee (CJ Block Salt Lake appreciated their efforts in their facebook page. " Given a chance we would love to decorate the block Puja next time" signs off the sisters.



Rishab Saha of Class 7 is an avid reader and loves to tell stories. He found an opportunity to send his story for an upcoming book for tiny authors named "Wizardry of Words". Rishab seized the opportunity and his story "The Humble Boy" was selected. Today, Rishab is a published author and the book is available on Amazon.



Anoushka Das of Class 7 participated in a unique endeavour organized by "Authors Association" to write a story for the book "We want them Black". Her story was selected along with other child writers. "We want them Black" is very popular on Amazon. Besides writing Anoushka also made a Herbarium with plant specimens collected from her complex which she presented as a project at Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology.



A group of students from class 6 made a short film named "So called Boredom" in which they enacted themselves and used Satyajit Ray's music as background score.

The link is given below.
<https://youtu.be/pnTBVy5LIImM>



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ANSWER

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FUN FACTS!



- 😊 The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is believed to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- 😊 The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing (when using the proper position of the hands on the keyboard; Hunting and pecking doesn't count!).
- 😊 "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

QUIZ!

1. In what modern day country was Nikola Tesla born?
2. Which popular video game franchise has released games with the subtitles World At War and Black Ops?
3. Which country in the world is believed to have the most miles of motorway?

1. Croatia
2. Call of Duty
3. China

ANSWERS

ARTISTIC CORNER

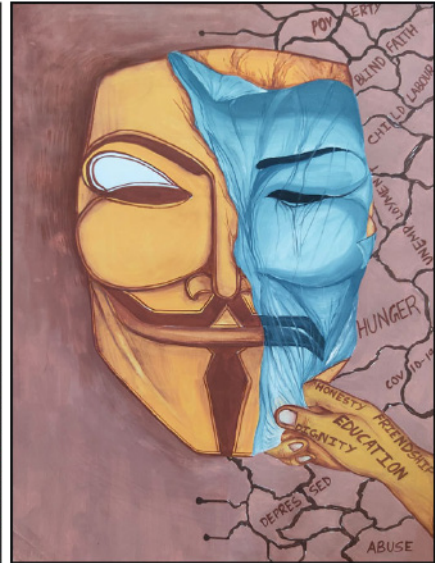
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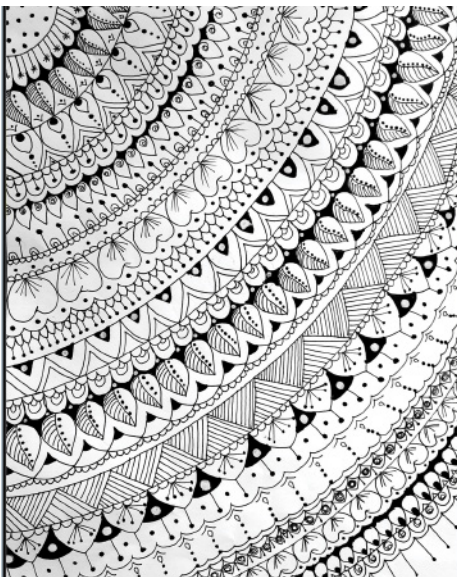
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Sristi Sah - 7I



Shibendu Debnath - 10L



Drisana Chatterjee - 5D



Somnil Chakraborty - 11U



We have witnessed unprecedented times this year. This Special Edition of Newsletter speaks it all : the meticulous planning and execution of Online classes, Messages from the Principal, Vice Principal, and Head Mistress, , Experiences of student council, School Activities , and above all the special achievements of students during the lockdown period. Hope you enjoy this special edition as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you. Stay safe! See you soon.



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