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ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE, ISK NAIROBI

WHAT'S NEW AT MODERN

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The International School of Kenya, Nairobi hosted the Round Square Virtual Conference on Saturday, 6th March, 2021 for students aged eleven to thirteen. The Modern School delegation consisted of five participants, Arshia Goel (S3E), Aryan Pratap Singh (S3E), Siddharth Veer Sawhney (S3E),

Avvyaa Gupta (S3-E) and Ayra Goel (S3G).

The theme chosen by the host school was 'Kustawi Alkebulan'- 'Thriving in Africa'. Kustawi means to thrive while Alkebulan is the ancient name of Africa. The organising school firmly believed that mental challenges faced by one are not just unique to Africa or any one specific continent but they are same for all around the world. The Modern School delegation joined the conference with a soulful backdrop music





of native songs of Africa. The first key note speaker was Dr Natasha Wassail, a therapist with years of experience in dealing with children suffering from mental sickness. The next speaker, who was dressed in a giraffe suit to symbolise the wildlife in Africa, made the delegates do some breathing exercises followed by certain simple



physical activities. Following this, all delegates broke into the 'baraza' rooms, where various presentations were shown and discussed. The conference aimed at raising awareness, fighting stigmas and learning strategies to lead a balanced and a healthy life. The children were trained and escorted by Ms Shalini Dahiya. It was a great learning and highly enriching experience for all the delegates.

FASHION TECHNOLOGY AND ARTWORK



During the pandemic, along with the academics, the Fashion Technology Department has introduced innovative ways to cultivate and develop interest of the students towards the unconventional ways of fashion. Creativity is expressed in the multi-hued compilation of artwork which includes an origami shoe, dual fashion illustrations in paintings and still life photography.

A collage is created of one of this year's predicted trends, polka dots. And a new vogue magazine cover is also designed keeping in mind the sense of responsibility and safety measures implemented with the medical mask on the person because of the pandemic.





Designs by Nandita Gopal (S5-H)



PRE-BOARD EXAMINATION

The second round of Pre-board examination for S5 and S7 commenced on Monday, 15th March, 2021 and will continue till Thursday, the 22nd April, 2021. These examinations are being conducted in the offline mode. The school is strictly following the COVID-19 protocol while conducting. The students taking their exams.



The students taking their exams

CREATIVE CORNER

SUPERSTITIONS: BLIND FAITH OR PURE LOGIC

The ancient beliefs and customs often had a strong basis in the past but are of little significance in today's times. Yet, we tend to follow them blindly, becoming a prisoner of these superstitions that have passed down through generations. But have we ever paused to understand why these superstitions exist, and why we follow them?

Let's now delve into two common superstitions, as well as the plausible reasons behind them.

1. We stop and wait for a while if a cat crosses our path.

In olden times, people lived in the jungle with all sort of dangerous animals lurking in the dark. Cat is considered to be a coward, extremely sensitive to and alert of danger. So, when a cat would cross the path running, it often represented some danger in the vicinity. Hence, people would stop for a while to let the danger pass before moving on.

2. People are advised not to cut their nails at night.

Before electricity was invented, people were dependent on the sun for proper light. At night, only dim light in the form of candles/lantern was available. As cutting of nails required sharp instrument such as a blade, there was high risk of injury in absence of sufficient light, which was available only during daytime.

So, as we may realize, our ancestors may not have had the benefit of scientific knowledge; however, their wisdom, passed off as superstitions, certainly helped us through the ages. Many of these customs and rituals have now become redundant. Nevertheless, their logic, such as risk of damage during an eclipse, or the need to treat water as a precious resource, still holds true.

By- Arshya Gupta (S3-G)



POETRY TIME

From the TV to the dinner table, you're probably hearing a lot of conversation about something called the Coronavirus or COVID-19. Like most kids, you're probably home from school right now because of it. Through his poem, this young budding poet has tried to express his candid feelings about the virus.

Corona: Your Time is Over

Mr Corona, when will you get lost from the universe? Because of you the air is crystal

For all the people you have become a curse. clear.

People used to meet each other at malls,

But

but because of you everyone does video calls.

Nobody is able to go to market stalls,

neither to waterfalls.

Nobody is going out on holidays,

everyone is sitting bored at home all days.

If we want to go out, we have to think twice

wearing our masks and being wise.

After coming home, we have to sanitize,

and then wash our hands thrice.

Corona, Corona nobody is meeting their

friends and family

Public places are closed daily.

Children attend classes online,

nobody is going to a restaurants to dine.

Children are so mischievous nowadays,

to bunk classes there are so many ways.

They stay all time on mute,

watch YouTube and eat a fruit.

We can't even relax on the beach,

actions speak louder than Modi's speech.

We have to wear a mask and be a silent kid, pure as a sanitizer with disinfectant liquid.

But you have done only one good thing to the

atmosphere,

But now with you life has become

like a sleepover,

Getting you out is not as easy as

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leaving a

cricket match in the final over.

Thousands of people are suffering

because of you,

Covid-19 is the only word in

people's mind.

Everyone is just praying that you

leave,

that will be the biggest win the

world can achieve.

Everything is fair in love and the

fight between us

leave the world and don't create a

fuss.

All for one revenge against Corona

has begun.

After a vaccine is given to all

the whole world will have fun.

By following the safety rules, and by using all our tools.

We have created a vaccine...that

was our only aim,

And NOW we will end your game.

By- Raghav Singhal (S3G)