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LAAVANYA BHAGWATI, showcasing her skills in 'Tell-a-Tale' event

Prof. MV NADKARNI MEMORIAL INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION

Mother's International School Delhi, organised an Inter-School Art and Literary competition, 'Tell-a-Tale' and 'Folk Stroke' on the virtual platform on 23rd November, 2021, for the students of classes 6th to 8th. The event was an annual feature in the memory of Professor MV Nadkarni, a well-known scholar and an expounder of Sri Aurobindo's philosophy.

WHAT'S NEW AT MODERN

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Laavanya Bhagwati of S2C and Manika Gupta of S2G represented Modern School Barakhamba Road, under the guidance of Ms Minakshi in 'Tell-a-Tale' and 'Folk Stroke' respectively. The participants had to draw inspiration from the rich world of Indian folk tales and creatively explore and narrate the given tales. A large number of teams from Delhi NCR participated in the event.

Laavanya Bhagwati made our school proud and won the **First Position** in 'Tell-a-Tale' event. The participants had a highly enriching time attending the Inter-School competition and learnt a lot from the event.



RS CONFERENCE “THE POWER OF WE”

Sunbeam School, Lahartara, Varanasi hosted a Round Square Conference on the topic “The Power of We” on 12th January, 2022. Diya Khatri (S2F), Laavanya Bhagwati (S2C), Manan Kumar (S2D), Moksha Kochhar (S2C), Udayan Sikri (S3F), Aarya Singh (S3D), Nergis Malhotra (S3E) and Miraya Kwatra (S3C) participated in the event. The students were mentored by Ms Shalini Dahiya, RS Representative, Modern School Barakhamba Road.

Conference began with the keynote by Dr. Gunmeet Bindra, the Director Principial of Delhi Public School, Rajpura and the former Principal of Welham Boys’ School. She spoke about the important aspects of Leadership. After this, the delegates were divided into Baraza groups and were asked questions about the speech of keynote speaker and what they understood by it. The delegates also played a game known as ‘Would You Rather’. The delegates learnt about the important aspects of Leadership which include problem solving and different roles of the leader.

REOPENING OF THE SCHOOL AFTER THE WINTER VACATION

The School reopened after two weeks of winter vacation on 17th January, 2022. The vacation time provided much needed respite to the students after months of rigorous hard work. Everyone was looking forward to a fresh start in the New Year but with the third wave of Covid at its peak, it implied that online learning was here to continue. The online classes have restarted with a fresh vigour. The students in the age group of 15+ have got their first dose of vaccination against covid as per the government guidelines and are looking forward to healthier and happier times ahead.

CREATIVE WORK BY THE STUDENTS



Paintings by **VRINDA SINGHAL (S7I)**



GLOBAL WATER CRISIS



Parinistha Surya S7-E

La Crisis Mundial del Agua (Spanish Version)

La ambrosía es la bebida de los dioses que simboliza la inmortalidad y confiere longevidad a quien la consume. El agua es tan valiosa como la ambrosía para los humanos. Sin embargo, a menudo se menosprecia la importancia de este recurso escaso y, por lo tanto, el mundo se encuentra al borde de un precipicio catastrófico. El derecho al acceso al agua potable y al saneamiento es un derecho humano. Sin embargo, a una décima parte de la población se le niega lo mismo no por falta de agua sino por el desperdicio indiscriminado y la contaminación del agua. Además, la escasez de agua causada por el cambio climático está forzando el desplazamiento de personas, generando una nueva ola de refugiados: refugiados climáticos. De hecho, las ciudades están comenzando a hundirse debido al uso excesivo de las aguas subterráneas. La escasez de agua dulce también está provocando un aumento de los conflictos global ya que, a diferencia de otros recursos, el agua no tiene alternativa. El mundo tiene que ahorrar agua para salvarse de caer en el camino de la extinción.

English Translation

Ambrosia is the drink of Gods which symbolises immortality and confers longevity upon whoever consumes it. Water is as invaluable as Ambrosia for humans. Yet, the importance of this scarce resource is often belittled, and hence the world finds itself at the edge of a catastrophic precipice.

Right to access potable water and sanitation is a human right. Yet, one-tenth of the population is denied the same not because of not enough water but because of indiscriminate wastage and contamination of water. Moreover, water scarcity caused due to climate change is forcing displacement of people, engendering a new wave of refugees - climate refugees. In fact, cities are beginning to sink due to the excessive use of groundwater. Freshwater shortage is also causing an increase in global conflicts as unlike other resources, water has no alternative. The world has to save water to save itself from going down on the path of extinction.

Parinistha Surya (S7E)



IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON PERSONAL FINANCE

COVID-19 and the efforts taken to contain it like lockdown and weekend curfews, have had a massive impact on the World Economy. A surge in layoffs across industries have shaken up the personal finances at the household level. Personal finance covers managing one's money and savings to pursue the financial goals, whether for short-term, long-term or within certain financial constraints. According to an online survey conducted across countries, this pandemic has led to a decrease in household incomes and savings ranging from 30-80 percent and increased job insecurity concerns. There has been a shift in people's financial attitudes as discussed here.

1. Separating necessary vis-a-vis luxury, reducing the latter; setting a budget and emergency fund; paying off credit card debt; investment and retirement planning.
2. Households want bank support on credit terms—waiving late fees, reducing minimum payments, or skipping a loan payment.
3. Use of cash is decreasing and contactless digital payment is on the rise.
4. There is shift in investment orientation towards global equity markets from low yielding investments like gold, fixed deposits etc.
5. A significant growth in the number of entrepreneurial ventures during the pandemic was seen. No doubt, COVID-19 has disrupted the world but it also has been a great teacher, making people step out of their comfort zones and inculcate new skills and knowledge. It has reiterated the need to diversify one's income sources and monetize one's expertise in order to generate additional sources of income. Additionally, it has also highlighted that health insurance and personal budgeting with utmost financial discipline is essential throughout life.

REPORT COMPILED BY AKSHAT GARG (S7E)



Paintings by YASHODHAN AGGARWAL (S7A)

The painting on the left side titled 'The birth of Ganga' depicts the origin of Ganga from lord Shiva's 'Jata'. The painting on the right side titled 'Common Virtues' depicts the common fear of insecurity and safety that runs through the veins of both men and women in this day and age.