

# Spiegel



"Let the children come unto me, do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Holy Bible.



# Message From Principal



Dear Students,

Hope you all are fine and staying safe. Wishing all dear St. Marians, a very Happy New Year in its true sense. The year 2020 has given loads of hardships for everyone but as its rightly said that, the struggle you are in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow. So this new year I would like to share this thought with you to have a positive start. We all can dream, create, design and build the most wonderful ideas but it definitely requires people to turn it into reality. From last 10 months all our teachers are working hard to turn virtual learning into a big success. Now that the schools are ready to welcome back the students for an offline learning, I urge all the parents to encourage their kids to come to school fearlessly as we are all set with every precautionary measures for the safety of our students. We have started classes for the students of X & XII for the time being but will open for rest of the classes as per the government directions. My dear students please do remember that you were away from the school building, classroom atmosphere, peer group but you were not away from learning. Hence the final exams and board examinations are awaiting you. Take it very seriously and perform well. There are few success mantras I wish to share with all of you:- Believe in yourself, cultivate a success mindset, work hard and never make excuses. Always keep in mind that the **BEST VIEW COMES AFTER THE HARDEST CLIMB**. I am also happy to announce the upcoming new venture of St. Mary's Public School "Marian Toddlers Block" exclusively for Pre-School and Pre-Primary sections along with an auditorium which will be functional soon.

Wishing every student all the very best.

May god bless all of us.

**Mrs. Daisy Thomas**  
Principal

## Congratulations



Our Director Dr. Thomas George has been awarded with the **"LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD"** for his greatest contribution in the field of education by International Education Symposium and Awards (IESA) on 20th December 2020.

## CHARITY

### A PHILANTHROPIC ARM OF ST. MARY'S

"The most useful asset of a person is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, with ears open to listen and hands willing to help"

Last Quarter we have Contributed **Rs.75,000/-** towards various purposes like :

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- ➔ Medical Assistance To Patients
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- ➔ Educational Scholarships

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# PARADIGM SHIFT - OFFLINE TO ONLINE



The abrupt transition to online classes has been an invaluable experience for everyone, in spite of confronting a lot of obstacles in the beginning. Before the advent of online classes, there was a visible angst and speculation amongst everyone involved about this change to a fully online medium, as to whether it was going to be as effective or not, what if children lose interest in studies, and plenty of other distressing doubts.

It was a challenging situation even for the teachers, who had to go an extra mile to get a hang of the new medium, and to acquire all the required skills to handle virtual classes. But since then, I can say we've come a long way. Albeit having been confronted with a lot of initial hiccups, the classes have become more and more engaging, with a great enhancement in the student teacher relationship, and as a consequence, everyone is now well versed with the technological domain, and are eager to explore further.

With consistent efforts, we were able to provide a great learning experience to each and every student. Students facing problems with the internet were constantly updated regarding the classes, and were provided with all the required learning resources. Moreover, with cooperation and constant support from parents, and dedication from the teachers, we were able to deliver an amazing experience to the students by conducting virtual competitions every now and then, organizing virtual PTMs and so on.

Despite all its novelty and challenges coming with it, virtual classes have always been an interesting experience for me. With admirable support from the management, parents, teachers and our blessed students, we have yet again proven that regardless of what the situation is, and the challenges coming with it, we're still able to deliver the best learning experience to our students. I salute everyone for being vigilant in addressing every problem in the hour of need.

Thank You

**Mrs. Shailaja Suresh** (Teacher, Devli)

## INSIGHT OF VIRTUAL JOURNEY



The COVID 19 pandemic struck the whole world in a way like never before, isolating everyone. The pandemic forced us to go for complete shutdown of businesses, transportation and schools. Initially which seemed to be a temporary situation slowly became a big problem, as it kept on prolonging, especially for parents, who were worried for their children's future.

As a saying goes 'necessity is the mother of invention' here I must say solutions. Our school came up with solution to engage students online in the safety of their homes and teachers took up the challenge to learn and get used to new technology while using various applications and tools.

Since the motive was noble to save the academic year of students, this new challenge was overcome with flair. Learning online was comparatively easier for our tech-savvy generation of students but this pandemic gave the teaching community an opportunity to be at par with them in terms of technology.

Online teaching not only helped students academically but also helped in beating the boredom of being forced to be at home. It brought out the creativity in all of us in finding new ways, solutions and activities for students. It has made St. Mary's teaching community stronger, confident and brought us all closer to each other. The harsh reality of pandemic turned out to be a joyous virtual journey.

**Mrs. Suman Kaushik** (Teacher, Neb Sarai)



The corona pandemic has made a global impact and hit most of the sectors, with education being one of the most affected ones. Now there is a need for new innovative ideas.

"Necessity is the mother of invention"

The education industry has switched to online teaching and learning platform. The transition from face to face classroom sessions to remote education has become a challenge. It has taken a long time to adapt to these activities and redefine objectives and results.

**STAY HOME, WORK FROM HOME AND LEARN AT HOME** have become a reality now.

On the other hand, there is a greater challenge due to the network issues and scarcity of gadgets needed for e-learning for teachers as well as for students. Faculty has to do content development in systems and use convenient e-learning application system for synchronized classes. Actually teachers have moved

**FROM REAL**

**TO VIRTUAL**

**FROM TEACHING IN A ROOM TO**

**TEACHING ON THE ZOOM**

There are other aspects of teaching that are being redefined now and teachers have to be double innovative and meticulous to maximize the virtual learning experience for students. No doubt, teachers used to do 24/7 job for sometimes. They devote most of their time attending calls to clarify the queries of parents, students and colleagues, as it was altogether a new zone for everyone.

The students of SMPS are responding excellently with this new technology. They post thoughtful answers post their own questions and comments to which teacher can give feedback. Small group/project work allows students to share ideas, share problems and discuss the content together. Students enjoy creating short videos and posting them as bite-sized nuggets. However, the real classroom teaching cannot be replaced by any technology, but for the uninterrupted conduct of the learning process, we have adopted the best available and affordable option. I hope that we will be able to reassemble in the real classroom soon!!!

**Mrs. Ritu Kaushik**  
(Teacher, Sainik Farm)

## MY HEURISTIC EXPERIENCE OF ONLINE TEACHING



In this situation of a global health crisis, the virtual system is here to stay. But, accepting the virtual method doesn't mean rejecting the traditional classroom pedagogy.

Online teaching for me was a great learning curve and it inevitably gave me exposure to the futuristic digital platform. The ever-enthusiastic Good Morning chants by my students echoing in

my study room through my Laptop is both mesmerising and soothing to the ears. My family is often left spellbound on seeing the class like ambience perpetuating my study during the progression of my online class. Furthermore, Online class gives me a practicable medium to interact with parents which otherwise was just confined to PTM meet earlier.

Technical resources and facilities to aid the learning process can be shared, but we can only interact virtually unlike classroom learning which involves direct interaction which has its own undisputed benefits. In any case, there is an ocean of videos on every topic on the Internet.

Virtual learning opens up a lot of possibilities for students and teachers alike. All our policies and interventions with regard to online education should strive to be inclusive. Good vision, sincere efforts and time will show our Education system the way ahead.

Thank you!!

Mrs. Gracy Joy (Teacher, Neb Sarai)

## SPANISH LANGUAGE



### Introduction

Spanish Language is the Romance Language (Indo – European Language) spoken as a first language by some 360 million people worldwide. In the early 21<sup>ST</sup> century, Mexico had the greatest number of speakers (more than 85 million), followed by Colombia (more than 40 million), Argentina (more than 35 million), the United States (More than 31 million), and Spain (more than 30 million).

**Distribution:** Spanish is the official language of 18 American countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela) as well as of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, along with Spain in Europe and Equatorial Guinea in Africa.

**History:** Spanish is also known itself as Castilian, after the dialect from which modern standard Spanish developed. That dialect arose in Cantabria in the 9th century around the town of Burgos in north-central Spain (Old Castile) and, as Spain was reconquered from the Moors, spread southward to central Spain (New Castile) around Madrid and Toledo by the 11th century. In the late 15th century, the kingdoms of Castile and Leon merged with that of Aragon, and Castilian became the official language of all of Spain. The regional dialects of Aragon, Navarra, Leon, Asturias, and Santander were crowded out gradually and today survive only in secluded rural areas. Galician (a language with many similarities to Portuguese), spoken in north-western Spain, and Catalan, spoken in eastern and north-eastern Spain, were also much reduced but began resurgence in the late 20th century.

Mr. Vyom Sharma (Spanish Teacher)

## कोरोना काल में शिक्षा



जब कोविड-19 महामारी ने पूरे विश्व को अपनी जड़ों को फैलाया, तो जैसे पूरा विश्व ही अपने घरों की सीमा में सिमट कर रह गया। जब पूरा विश्व ही इसके आगे विवश हो गया, तो इसका असर शिक्षा पर पड़ना भी अवश्यम्भावी था।

शिक्षाविदों को इसका समाधान ढूँढना पड़ा और ऑनलाइन शिक्षा इसके समाधान के रूप में नज़र आई। भारत जैसे देश में ऑनलाइन शिक्षण की चुनौतियाँ इतनी सरल नहीं थी, लेकिन कोरोना ने डिजिटल शिक्षण की ओर जाने को मजबूर कर दिया। वैसे तो स्मार्टबोर्ड, डिजिटल लाइब्रेरी, शिक्षकगण के रिकॉर्ड व्याख्यान सब तकनीकी शिक्षा के अन्तर्गत ही आता है, लेकिन वह सब कक्षा में शिक्षक के मार्गदर्शन में ही किया जाता है।

ऑनलाइन शिक्षा में स्कूलों ने अपनी भूमिका को बड़े ही सशक्त रूप में प्रस्तुत किया है। विद्यार्थी न केवल घर में रहकर अपनी शिक्षा को पूरा कर रहे हैं, अपितु स्कूल में होने वाली गतिविधियों को पूरा कर स्वयं को व्यस्त रखते हैं। जिससे घर में उनका समय व्यर्थ नष्ट होने से बच जाता है। इसका एक और लाभ हुआ है, तकनीकी जो कि आज की शिक्षा की जरूरत है इससे विद्यार्थी हर दिन कुछ नया सीखते हैं।

बच्चों, समय रुका नहीं रहता हमेशा चलता रहता है, आने वाला हर पल हमें कुछ सिखाकर जाता है। वैसे ही यह काल भी हमें जीने के कुछ नए तरीके सिखाकर जाएगा और शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में एक नया पड़ाव लाएगा।

श्रीमती संध्या - अध्यापिका (देवली)

## LOCKDOWN TAUGHT US HOW TO DEAL WITH ORDEALS.

The world has been unprecedented changes during the covid-19 lockdown. Initially, it was difficult to imagine that the world would survive this pandemic. Humans have shown incredible resilience and courage in the fight against the invisible monster.

In the beginning of the lockdown period, we were dismayed, confused and shocked. Gradually the realization set in that the lockdown is not going to be lifted anytime soon. The first thought that came to our mind was whether we would ever be able to go back to school and meet our friends and teachers.

Soon our doubts were laid to rest when our teachers informed that virtual classes would be conducted through digital platforms. The lockdown has given us the opportunity to value the quality time that we can spend with the family. We can engage ourselves in various Non- School activities like helping parents/ grandparents, watering the plants, and many more. Learning need not to be stressful but self-paced and fun. We can give extra attention to tough subjects.

This lockdown has given us an opportunity to improve our creativity through storybooks. It has taught us how to adapt to the challenging circumstances and learn to deal with the ordeals effectively. Our discipline of hygiene has improved vastly. This period has taught us to differentiate between essential and non-essential. Most importantly, we learnt the importance of discipline and routine in our life.

Jasmin - XII-A (Sainik Farm)

# LOCKDOWN DIARIES

## I'M ENJOYING FAMILY BONDING TIME

This long staying home has forced me to ponder over our all-human activities done in the past few decades; a thread that stands out universally is that our lives are fragile. It is rightly said that nature has its way to heal. It gave us enough warning in the form of flood, storm, landslides and forest fire, but we humans did not take seriously so it hit us in the form of Covid -19.

This ongoing pandemic has helped me to learn some new lessons. Now the morning is quite different, as there is no pressure to get up for school or breakfast and no noise of other activities around. All the households' responsibilities have been shared between all family members because of the absence of domestic helpers. Everybody does his or her bit so mother gets enough time to relax. She cooks new dishes, which we all relish together. The tradition of dining together at home is back. We sit together, discuss on various topics, and share our opinions. We entertain ourselves by watching movies and other programs on T.V. I agree that my relations with my family members have become stronger.

**Shradha Bose - IX-E (Sainik Farm)**

## PHYSICAL FITNESS WHILE STAYING INDOOR IS VITAL

Amid the nationwide lockdown, all of us are trying to engage ourselves in various activities to get rid of boredom with the passing days. During these times, our mental and physical health requires a bit of support. Low levels of physical activity can cause a negative impact on the health, well-being and quality of life.

Physical activities, Yoga workouts, a healthy diet and staying hydrated are utmost importance. As water helps to extract impurities, yoga also extract the disorders and impurities from the inside of our body. No one is poorer than an unhealthy person in the world. 'Health is wealth'. Healthy life lies in healthy body.

Every morning I devote time to Surya Namaskar with my parents. It gives flexibility and strength to my backbone and muscles. In addition, it helps me in leading a stress-free life and increases the brain's stamina capacity. It keeps my immunity power strong to fight against diseases. Now it has become a part of my life. I owe to my parents who taught me how to live healthy life.

**Mahi Sharma - VIII-B (Sainik Farm)**

## I UTILIZED LOCKDOWN PERIOD TO HONE MY DANCE SKILLS

Most of the children in our society nourish some passion apart from the regular study. Yet many are unable to pursue their aspirations because of different restrictions, such as discouragement from the fiscal insolvency of parents, etc. I am one of the exceptions where I get whole-hearted support from my parents who have helped and supported me to pursue my passion for dance. I am a Kathak dancer, before lockdown the constraint, which I faced in my passion, was time. This pandemic year of 2020 has been a great blessing for me in disguise as it has offered me ample time to train and develop my dance skills. The ongoing online classes from home do not leave me fatigued. So I can utilize the entire evening in practicing Kathak. This dance form always had a special place in my heart as it has its essential history and grace that always inspired me to keep learning it. Since we are now confined in our homes, I get ample time to watch a performance by the great Kathak exponents from YouTube. This has helped me to learn new moves, expressions, and styles that would otherwise have been impossible in my normal schedule due to a shortage of time. Although this lockdown has created many problems for most of the people in our country, for me it is a great blessing.

**Urmika - XI-B (Sainik Farm)**

## WHY WE LOVE AND HATE THE LOCKDOWN AT THE SAME TIME!

The Covid-19 pandemic and the countrywide lockdown was something none of us expected or hoped to experience. But despite the hardships, there are some positives. One good thing is that there is respite from school. Most students loved that, at least initially. We enjoy the lockdown and at the same time loath it! Everyone expresses very different feelings about staying at home.

I always say, 'Lockdown is a family time'. We could never spare some time to share a word with our families, but now it is our daily routine! Living and spending time with our family has helped us to understand them better and sympathize with their feelings. This is also an excellent opportunity to understand yourself and the right season to develop new skills and hone the old ones. Parents at home also feel nostalgic during their children's online classes as it helps them reminisce their own school days. People find this lockdown dreadful just because they cannot go around as they used to.

However, I feel there is no better opportunity to stay safe and enjoy as the lockdown gives us. Let us go ahead, be optimist and grateful for all that we have and enjoy.

**Sujal Tiwari - XI-B (Sainik Farm)**

## AN IDEAL STATE TO REBOOT

Ever since reports surfaced from China that a cluster of pneumonia cases were due to a new type of virus, the situation has changed dramatically. The world is grappling with an invisible deadly enemy, trying to understand the threat posed by the virus. Regular life seems to have ground to a halt. I have tried to conceptualise the new normal. There is a strange contraction of space, we feel fear and boredom, anger and frustration but a strange peace. Giving shape to time is especially important now. I have decided to go beyond social and emotional isolation and shake off 'cabin fever'. We live in the Zoom era now, with live streaming of school lessons giving an opportunity to explore the subject, without any time constraint. It is an ideal state to reboot. This period is enhancing my learning curve by helping me stay updated on news, thinking critically about the information. The positive approach of my parents and teachers helped me make my time productive. During lockdown, I tried to explore new things at home. I wake up earlier than before and begin my day by completing my school works. I am attending the online classes regularly. I spend the rest of my day by doing new things like painting, photography and I also like to read books, concentrate on its characters and storyline. Books exercise the brain, builds our vocabulary, lowers stress level and also enhances the imagination. Every person should focus on writing these days. This will boost their thinking skills. I have been practising yoga and meditation since the beginning of lockdown for a stronger immune system. It is probably the best time we can indulge in and ensuring that we remain healthy and fit. This is a time where all of us need to be patient and we all should use this time wisely.... 'Stay Robust, Stay Happy, Stay Positive'.

**Vanshika - X-B (Sainik Farm)**

## INTERESTING FACTS

1. Covid-19 affects which part of the body?
2. What is the name of the test of coronavirus?
3. What is the full form of Covid-19?
4. Indian government has launched which app to keep a track for Covid-19?
5. On which date "janta curfew" was imposed?
6. Who is the First Citizen of India?
7. Who is the composer of the Indian national song?
8. What is the National song of India?
9. In which country is white elephant found?

1. Lungs
2. RT-PCR
3. "co" for corona "vi" for virus "d" for disease "19" for 2019
4. Aarogya Setu App
5. 22 March 2020
6. President
7. Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
8. Vande Mataram
9. Thailand

Mohd. Rehaan - IV D (Neb Sarai)

## हिंदी भाषा का महत्व

हिंदी, भारत की मातृभाषा वह बोली है जो दुनिया में सबसे ज्यादा बोलने वाली भाषाओं में तीसरे नम्बर पर आती है। हिंदी भाषा का निर्माण देवी-देवताओं की बोलने वाली भाषा संस्कृत से हुआ है, जोकि युगों-युगों से बोली जा रही है। यह भाषा बोलने में बहुत अच्छी लगती है और दुनिया भर से अनेक लोग इस भाषा को सीखने के लिए भारत आते हैं। परंतु आज-कल के जमाने में इस भाषा को बोलने में शर्म आती है। भारत में इस भाषा का कम प्रयोग होता है। लोग अब ज्यादातर अंग्रेजी भाषा को बोलने में ही समझदारी समझते हैं। बहुत लोग तो यह सोचते हैं कि अंग्रेजी भाषा को बोलने वाला व्यक्ति ही सबसे ज्यादा पढ़ा लिखा, समझदार और बुद्धिमान है। हिंदी भाषा का महत्व अब बहुत कम हो गया है। सारे लोग हिंदी से ज्यादा अब अंग्रेजी में बात करते हैं। पर मैं यह नहीं कहता कि अंग्रेजी भाषा को बोलना बुरी या गलत बात है। वह भी एक अच्छी भाषा है। लेकिन अगर आप अपनी मातृभाषा हिंदी को छोड़कर अन्य भाषा को उससे बहुत ज्यादा महत्व देंगे तो वह हिंदी भाषा के लिए बहुत बड़ा अपमान होगा। जोकि अच्छी बात नहीं है। इसलिए भारत, जिस देश में आप रहते हैं उसकी मातृभाषा हिंदी हो बोलने में हमें बहुत गर्व होना चाहिए। जापान देश में रहने वाले लोग तो अपनी मातृभाषा जापानी को बड़े गर्व से बोलते हैं और अगर उन्हें किसी अन्य देश के व्यक्ति से बात करनी हो तो वह अपना अनुवादक जिसे अंग्रेजी में ट्रांसलेटर कहते हैं उसे इस्तेमाल करते हैं।

अंत में आप सभी से प्रार्थना करता हूँ कि हमारे भारत देश की मातृभाषा हिंदी को जितना हो सके उतना महत्व दीजिए और आने वाले समय में यह बात हमारे बहुत सहायक होगी।

जय हिन्द, जय भारत

हर्ष शर्मा कक्षा – आठवीं (सी) (सैनिक फार्म)

## POSITIVE IMPACT OF BEING AT HOME

This tough time, regardless of protective measures, has forced us to be confined to our houses. It is not easy to stay at home with less or no movement. Many people find it dull and unbearable to 'stay at home'. However, I am happy to stay under my roof because it has given me an opportunity to discover new way of learning and living a life. Besides the negative consequences, there are many positive impacts of staying home that we tend to ignore. Staying at home has many unseen advantages that we could not have thought of in our busy lives.

First, we are getting ample family time. Second, we can focus on various tasks that we have not looked at for a long time. Further, we can get in contact with our old friends and distant relatives over video or audio calls. We can also watch and enjoy movies, wedding albums videos with our family. We can also focus on our physical and mental health by doing exercise /yoga. We can increase our vocabulary and knowledge by reading books.

. At last, I want to conclude with the following phrase;

**"WE CAN'T FIX OUR PAST NOR CAN SEE THE FUTURE ALL WE GOT IS TODAY  
AND TODAY I AM THANKFUL TO GOD FOR KEEPING ME AND YOU ALIVE,  
FOR ME TO WRITE THIS AND FOR YOU TO READ THIS."**

Samuel Thatal - IX- E ( Sainik Farm)

## CORONAVIRUS: STAY SAFE

We may be young or old,  
But we must be bold,  
Against the enemy untold.  
We can't go to malls,  
Nor can we go to waterfalls,  
Because this virus is a scaring,  
Sending our spines into a shivering.  
If you have to go out, think twice,  
Wear your mask, be wise,  
After coming home, sanitize,  
And wash your hand thrice.  
Covid-19 is the name,  
It is playing a hide-n-seek game.

Manmeet - VII C (Neb Sarai)

## A WISH FOR NORMAL SCHOOL

I was not concerned at all in the early months of 2020, when the coronavirus was identified. I wished it on the contrary, to spread further so that I could have more holidays. At that time, I did not realize that everything would be locked down in such a way, and vacations would not be as fun as I expected.

Sitting at home is not a fun. Working on computer all day is tiring. Now I have started missing my teachers, friends and the regular schedule of school life. I strongly believe that classroom teaching has no substitution. The anecdotes and experience shared by teachers, fun with friends, school and class activities and games period are the things I miss the most. Preparation for the inter class/ house competitions. Having entertaining acts with friends at the time of planning for school functions, on religious/ national festivals with beautiful costumes, are the events we look forward to, but in all probability, would be unable to attend this year. I hope and pray that scientists and researchers around the world come up with a vaccine for Covid-19 soon, so that we can get back to our normal school routine.

Saadhi G. - XI- D ( Sainik Farm)



# ALLURING ACTIVITIES



## STRAWBERRY

I am a little strawberry  
Red and sweet,  
When I am ripe,  
I am ready to eat,  
Strawberry in a milkshake  
Strawberry in a cake  
Strawberry in an ice-cream  
Umm.....  
What a yummy taste!

**Varsha Bhardwaj**  
VI B (Devli)

## CALL FOR VICTORY

Call for victory  
It's just a small good luck cheer,  
To reduce your tensions and fear,  
You will do well!  
Keep the faith alive,  
You will get everything that was deprived,  
Keep the right spirit that you will win,  
Keep that smiling face and don't grin,  
You are the best,  
Better than the rest,  
Good luck to you!

**Nidhi Aggarwal - VII C(Devli)**

## AMAZING FACTS ABOUT ANIMALS

1. The heart of a Shrimp is located in its head.
2. Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.
3. Giraffes have no vocal chords.
4. Frogs can freeze without dying.
5. Rats can survive without water for a longer period of time than camels can.
6. King Cobra can't hear snake charmer's flute, as snakes are deaf to airborne sounds.
7. Sharks never really sleep and almost never stop swimming.
8. Hummingbird is the only bird that can fly upside down and backwards.
9. The heartbeat of a blue whale can be heard almost 2 miles away.
10. Hippo's yawn is a sign of threat and not laziness or sleepiness.

**Naitik Joshi - VII B(Devli)**

## COLOUR SONG

Orange is carrots  
Yellow is pear  
Green is the grass  
Brown is the bear  
Purple is plum  
Blue is the sky  
Black is a witch's hat  
And red is cherry pie

**Aarav Raghav**  
III A (Devli)

## FRIENDSHIP: A TREASURE TROVE

Friendship is a treasure trove of connections on love and acceptance. It's a bond developed between those who feel like home. The friendship bond one develops, can last for a day, a month or even years. It's not necessary to develop friendships based on similar emotions or feelings; friendships have no age, gender, or culture. You might be the adventure type, but your best friend(s) might be a nerd. From sharing stories to stealing chocolates, friendship holds special in the heart. However, life without a dedicated and trusted friend is sometimes lonely. Friendship is a relationship that grows stronger with time. Thus, essay on Friendship is a relevant topic.

**Ritika - VII B (Devli)**

## INTERNET USAGE SHOULD BE LIMITED

We are living in 21st century. Internet is very important today because most of the transactions can be found and accessed through Internet. It is important in the sense that we can easily get relevant information needed in our daily work. It is important especially for the students. It helps them to get things done quickly and relevantly. But its usage should be and will always be limited specifically in those prohibited sites which are not suitable for young children or students because it might affect how they interpret our society. It means internet access should always have limited access to the students as they should pay attention to studies instead of wasting time through internet or other social media sites. They should have only access to relevant information which will help their needs and requirements of school. Today, with the rise of pandemic COVID -19, internet has proved like the SAVIOUR for the teachers and students as it is helping in the smooth functioning of teaching -learning process.

**Vasudha Singh - VII C (Devli)**

## CLOUDS

White sheep, white sheep  
On a blue hill,  
When the wind stops  
You all stand still.  
When the wind blows  
You walk away slow  
White sheep, white sheep  
Where do you go?

**Shristi Negi**  
IV B (Devli)

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Everyone is jolly  
Everyone is happy  
We call this Christmas  
And it's time to have fun.

Do not be gloomy  
Appreciate the beauty  
Just look at the stars  
And wish what you want.

No time to worry  
No need to hurry  
It's time to relax  
Be thankful and be glad

Never feel lonely  
You have a family  
I give you this love  
To say Merry Christmas!

**Kangna - VII A (Devli)**

## Solve the crossword puzzle with the given clue:

### DOWN

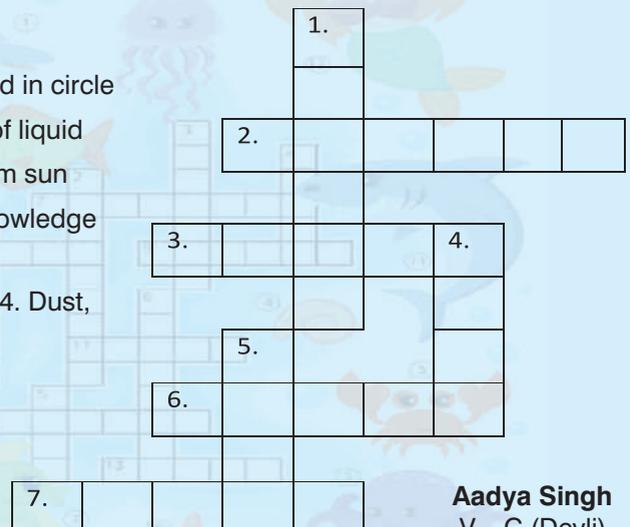
1. A round figure
4. Tiny particles
5. Current of air

### ACROSS

2. Move round in circle
3. Opposite of liquid
6. We get from sun
7. To gain knowledge

### Answers:

1. Circle,
2. Orbits,
3. Solid,
4. Dust,
5. Wind,
6. Light,
7. Study



**Aadya Singh**  
V - C (Devli)



## RIDDLES

- What has to be broken before you can use it?
  - I am tall when I am young, I am short when I am old. Who am I?
  - What is full of holes but still holds water?
  - What is in front of you but can't be seen?
  - What goes up but never comes down?
  - What gets wet while drying?
  - David's parents have three sons; Snap, Crackle and what is the name of third son?
  - Where does today comes before yesterday?
  - What has many teeth but can't bite?
- a. An egg      d. The future      g. David  
b. A candle    e. Your age      h. The dictionary  
c. A sponge    f. Towel          i. A comb

**Harshita Suryavanshi**  
VIII D (Neb Sarai)

## कर्म

कुछ करना है तो डटकर चल  
थोड़ा दुनिया से हटकर चल ।

लीक पर तो सभी चलते है  
कभी इतिहास को पलटकर चल ॥

बिना काम के मुकाम कैसा ?  
तो राह में, आराम कैसा ?

अर्जुन सा, निशाना रख  
लक्ष्य सामने है, बस उसी पे निशाना रख ॥

सोच मत, साकार कर  
अपने कर्मों से प्यार कर

मिलेगा तेरी मेहनत का फल  
किसी ओर का ना इंतजार कर ॥

जो चले थे अकेले उनके पीछे,  
आज मेले है.....

जो करते रहे इंतजार उनकी  
जिंदगी में आज भी झमेले है ॥

**सुहानी कक्षा - 6 (बी) (नेब सराय)**

## दीपावली

- दीपावली इत्युक्तं दीपानाम् आवलीः ।
- दीपावलीः भारतवर्षस्य एकः महान् उत्सवः अस्ति ।
- एतत् उत्सवः कार्तिकमासास्य अमावस्यायं भवति ।
- दीपावली दीपानां उत्सवः अस्ति ।
- सांयकाले सर्वे जनाः दीपानां मालाः प्रज्वालयन्ति ॥

**उधयता चौधरी कक्षा - 6 (बी) (देवली)**

## MENTAL HEALTH DURING COVID-19

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel and act. Mental health problems can affect many areas of student's lives like reducing their quality of life, academic achievement, physical health and negatively impacting relationships with friends and family member. In the face of global covid-19 pandemic, schools have confronted unprecedented challenges as they had to move quickly from classroom to online format, providing equitable access to all students. Teachers support to fulfil educational needs of a student amidst great uncertainty has overcome the fear of academic loss. There may be many reasons for the cause of mental health challenges for anyone like worry, stress and grief due to loss of lives or livelihood but addressing the problems in time and sharing one's thought openly can reduce the problems remarkably. Identify the cause, stay hopeful, and seek for regular guidance can help us to support the mental health.

**Bhawna Mahi VIII-B (Neb Sarai)**

## EDUCATION IS THE KEY

Education is the key  
The success and the future of tomorrow,  
Without education we are nothing in this world  
Education is everything to me.  
My best friend, my work and the light to the future  
Where shall I eat without you?  
Where shall I be without you?  
Because you are my life and you mean everything to me.

**Shivam Bose**  
VI-D (Neb Sarai)

## SMILE

A smile is a quite funny thing,  
It wrinkles up your face.  
And when it's gone  
You'll never find  
Its secret hiding place.  
But far more wonderful it is  
To see what smiles can do.  
You smiles at one  
He smiles at you  
And so one smile make two.

**Bhavya Kumari**  
II C (Neb Sarai)

## MANNERS

We say "Thank You",  
We say "Please",  
We don't interrupt or tease,  
We don't argue,  
We don't fuss,  
We listen when folks talk to us,  
We share our toys,  
And take our turn  
Good manners aren't too hard to learn.  
It's really easy,  
When you find,  
Good manners means  
Just be kind.

**Yashashvi Aggarwal**  
1 A (Neb Sarai)

## सर्दी के रंग

सर्दी लगी रंग जमाने  
दांत लगे किटकिटाने ।  
नई-नई स्वेटरों को  
लोग गए बाजार से लाने ॥

बच्चे लगे कंपकंपाने  
ठंडी से खुद को बचाने ।  
दूढ़कर लकड़ी लाए  
बैठे सब आग जलाने ॥

दिन लगा अब जल्दी जाने,  
रात लगी अब पैर फैलाने ।  
सुबह-शाम को कोहरा छाए  
हाथ - पैर सब लगे ठंडाने ॥

सांसें लगी धुआं उड़ाने  
धूप लगी अब सबको भाने ।  
गर्म-गर्म चाय को पीकर  
सभी लगे स्वयं को गरमाने ॥

**अक्षत कुमार**  
कक्षा - 1 (ए) (नेब सराय)

## The Milkmaid and her Pail.

Patty, the milkmaid was going to the market carrying milk in a pail on her head.



As she went along, she began calculating what she would do with the money she would get for the milk.



"When I sell this milk, I'll buy fifty eggs. I'll get fifty chickens from eggs."



The chickens will grow up and I'll be able to sell them at a good price.



With the money that I get from the sale of the chickens, I'll buy myself a new beautiful dress.



"I will just toss my head like this." As she spoke, the pail fell off. All the milk was spilt.



**MORAL:** "Do not count your chickens before they are hatched."

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