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2020 – The year that changed us all
Let us join hands in overcoming this crisis.
(Gunjan Dixit – XII B)

The Covid-19 Pandemic has altered the world, leading to dramatic changes in the way children are being educated.. Technology has emerged as a major boon in the face of this virus. Considering the need of the hour, where it has become unsafe to have physical contact, virtual classes are the perfect solution. At Vidya Niketan, we commenced with online education on April 1st 2020. Teachers rose to the occasion, with alertness and innovation, redoubling their teaching efforts. Regular classes have been conducted in all the subjects. Students these days are very tech savvy, and have adjusted easily to this new mode of learning.

The Delhi High Court has greatly appreciated the efforts made by Schools and teachers in providing Online education. The Court stated that enabling e-education is no-child's play and that teaching is referred to often, as the noblest among all noble professions.

Students today are global citizens. A crisis like the present one, has given our students the opportunity to understand facts about the virus and also its impact on world economy. We have always encouraged students to learn through experiences and discover new dimensions in life whenever possible.

मुस्कराहट

माना है दीवारों में बंद

अभी ज़िन्दगी हमारी

लौटेंगे वह दिन जब गूंजेगी

आसमान में फिर किलकारी हमारी

जीतेगा जीने का जज़्बा हमारा

हँसेगा फिर से ये जहाँ सारा

मुश्किल की घड़ी में रखे थोड़ा सब्र

मुँह को ढके, न हाथ मिलाये, फासला रखे सब

देवांश वशिष्ठ – III-A

लॉक डाउन हुआ है देश में जब से

घर में हम बैठे है तब से

बाहर का खाना हम नहीं खाते

अपनी इम्युनिटी को हम बढ़ाते

वान्या मुरार – IV A

Young people/children are naturally talented. A little encouragement from their teachers has resulted in an outpouring of creative writing and art work.

Fear of the unknown

The streets are quiet and empty,
 No cars travel along the road.
 Hours spent in the home are plenty,
 We are all in family mode
 Key workers go to work most days,
 To help and do their part.
 There are many ways to stop the spread,
 But at least it is a start.
 The things we take for granted,
 Will never seem the same.
 Though this too shall pass.
 We finally are as one,
 You'll never walk alone.
 Although we can't be together,
 We are all in the same zone.
 This is the year that will remind us,
 We can all work as a team.
 A lovely smile or a distant wave,
 Is more powerful than it seems.

Diya Pun – VIII B

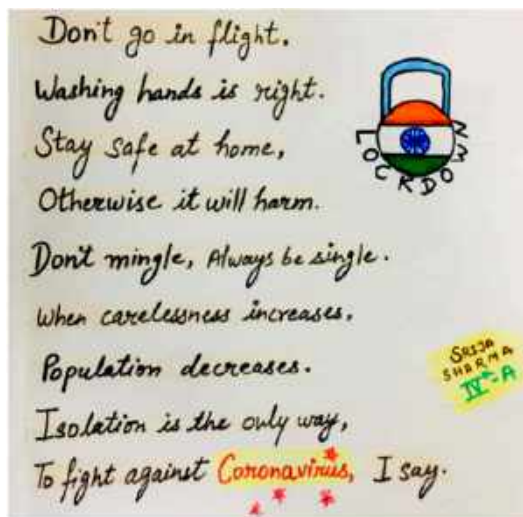
People caged/Animals free/Nature recovering

Because of Corona Virus nature is recovering
 Before lockdown, the Ganga had lots of garbage in it,
 Now it's pure.

Before lockdown, pollution was increasing day by day
 But now it's decreasing.
 Global warming is now less than before.
 Ozone layer is recovering.

These are also some of the effects of coronavirus.
 Before corona virus people used to often torture animals
 And cage them. But now, animals are free and
 People are getting caged.

Yashvi gupta- VIII B



LIFE UNDER LOCK DOWN

Life under lockdown is hell,
 We are eager to hear the school bell.
 Lockdown has made our life standstill,
 No outing, no malls, no movies to fulfill.
 We are thankful to doctors and nurses
 Who are not breaking our trust.
 Hope this lockdown ends soon,
 So that, we can come back to our normal life and get groomed.

Aryan Rawat – V-B

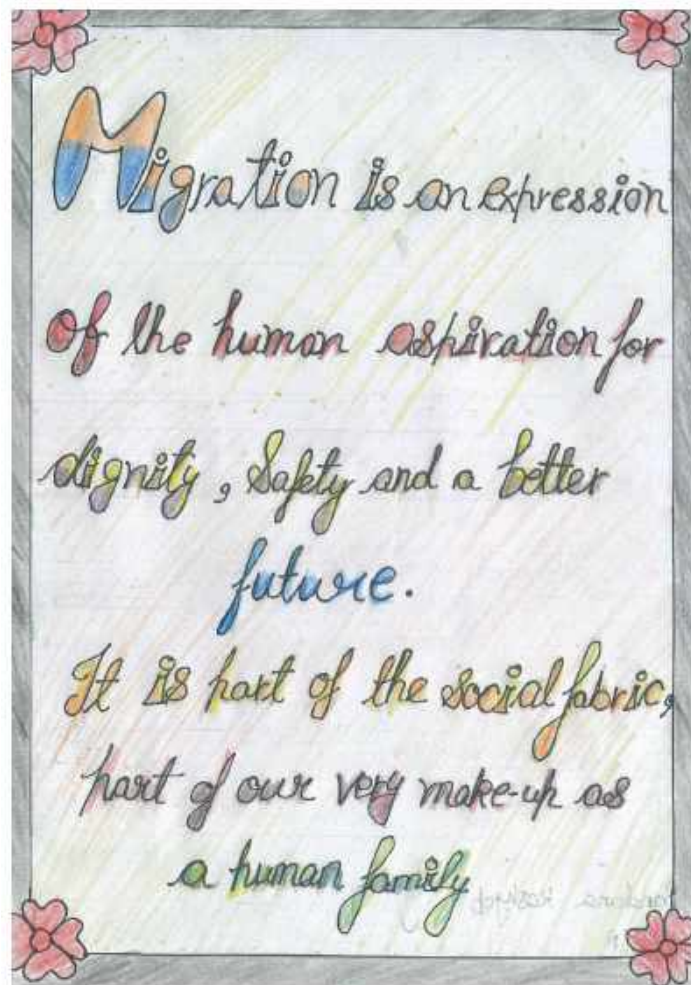
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Did we know that Corona virus will continue for so long? We also do not know how it will turn out in future. When people living in their home are facing so many difficulties in pursuing their lives then how difficult will it be for those (labour) who are not with their families and also do not have enough to feed themselves. So, what will they do? They have to either walk to go home on their own or the government will make arrangements for them.

The government is claiming that they are providing means to make them reach their home. But most of the laborers are not able to take advantage of this facility provided by the government. Why? The answer is that they are not providing enough. The government says to maintain social distancing which is obviously necessary but at the same time laborers are sent home in a packed train forgetting social distancing. All for their votebank. The government appealed to people not to play politics in this difficult time but if we watch the news carefully then we will notice that politics is still going on. Media is still not independent. Of all the news channel that I watch, only one of them, I think, is independent.

To my knowledge out of all the people who have died due to the virus, twice as many have died due to road accidents and starvation. I think this corruption will continue till people understand that they are being misled and the real truth is something else.

Srijan – IX A



Bandana Kashyap – VII-A



Manya Gupta – V-B

Life Under Lockdown

Lockdown put everyone indoor
No matter if one is rich or poor.

People stay home with no connection
Even to our near ones face not shown
Masks and gloves become tradition
Without which incomplete fashion.

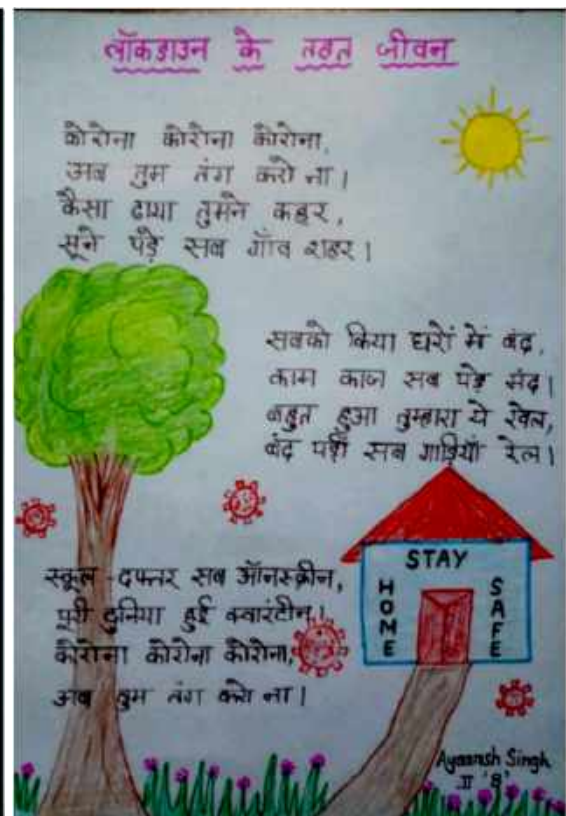
Getting bored with nothing to do
Playing with friends cancelled too
Missing our school and new class
Online came with some splash.

Feeling like tigers in a cage
A person lying in bed due to old age
Oh God! Help the nation.

Divyanshi Pradhan – V-A



Geetika Rai – IV-A



Ayaansh Singh – II-B

LOCKDOWN DIARIES

As the year 2019 ended there was some kind of hope that 2020 may bring something new, and guess what really happened, we got something which was new to all of us and that was COVID-19. We were locked inside our homes and all the plans, thoughts and new ideas in our minds for this year got ruined. A nationwide lockdown was announced. I felt jittery that there is nothing to do. All I would do was use the cell phone all day long, paint (for a time I also got bored of the paintings) but after a while I realized that this is the time when we can invest in ourselves. We can create new things and do a lot more. But I still do think about when all this will be over and we can start our academics as this is our last year and we are at our homes for the past 6 months. Sometimes I do ask my mom "what day is it?" I continued saying "is there still corona virus?" and she would watch me with an expression of vexation and reply with a "YES" and I would smile and say "OKAY". As someone said "CONFINED BUT NOT BROKEN" I understood that, in these times of enforced lockdowns we may sometimes lose hope, and feel despair and doom and gloom slowly enveloping us. I am always thinking about when this Corona virus will end.

So after making up my mind that this period is surely going to continue for a long duration, I worked on my skills which may help me later. During this period I noted a few things which were interesting to work on. I concocted leading edge greeting cards. Eventually the outcome was good.

Our Online classes at first used to excite me but as the days passed it became boring because the effect of studying in online classes can't replace the pleasure of sitting in class and studying. I really do miss school days and this time the feeling is so strong because this is our last academic session.

Gunjan Dixit – XII-B



Vanshika Choudhary – VIII-B



Vanya Murar – IV-A

Life under lockdown

A crisis often brings out the best in you and you discover qualities that you never knew existed within you. Since the lockdown has started, I have spent more time with my family, and I have got to know them much better. I have spent time with my father by playing games like chess with him. I have spent time with my mother while she was cooking, and I have helped her doing chores. Before the lockdown I did not spend much time with my family but now I do, and it makes me feel really delighted. I have been involved in many hobbies such as, painting, baking, playing musical instruments and making candles. Some days can be harder than others. It is just fine to take care of ourselves in different ways. This year my parents and I had to go to my grandma's house, but we couldn't since our flight could not make it due to the lockdown. So I call my grandma everyday to make sure she does not get bored. It is not an easy time, but we should still try to make our way through.

Mehveen Adil – VII-A

Economic Impact of the Covid -19 in India

The economic Impact of the coronavirus pandemic in India has been largely disruptive. The World Bank and credit rating agencies have downgraded India's growth for fiscal year 2021 with the lowest figures India has seen in three decades since India's economic liberalization in the 1990s. The former chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India has said that India should prepare for a negative growth rate in FY21.

Covid-19 Pandemic induced marked instability and lockdown.

Outcome:

Sharp rise in unemployment.

Stress on supply chains

Decrease in government income.

Collapse of the tourism industry.

Collapse of the hospitality industry.

Reduced consumer activity.

Plunge in fuel consumption.

Hritika – X-B

Dear Diary,

MY life is very tough because of coronavirus. We are safe but that is not enough, Doctors are doing their jobs and trying to make us safe. There are lots of problems like shortage of food and water and the weather is also not good. I had never thought a day like this would come. It's now becoming a tense situation. I pray to god that this virus ends very soon and that scientists and doctors finds the vaccine.

Sarthak Singh – VI-B

Create the illusion of Movement

Since lockdown I have been making a point to read every day. Sometimes, I try to get a virtual tour of the museums abroad. It's just an amazing experience to visit a museum sitting in your home. I had done some beautiful art work during the lockdown and still making more.

Lockdown has bought families together. Memories of my past as well as childhood with family and friends enjoying themselves together often come out from the albums. I also made a project on how Corona virus is affecting the environment. Many of us remain largely captive to fear. We may stay this way if we do not create at least the illusion of movement in our lives, our long days spent with ourselves or family or friends. The world has won over many viruses. This time too it is going to win.

Garima – IX-B



Human Migration is the movement of people from one place to another. They come with dreams of giving their children a better life.

Human Migration

We carry tears in our eyes
 Goodbye father, goodbye mother.
 We carry soil in small bags
 My home never fade from my heart.
 We carry names, stories,
 Memories of our villages, fields, boats.
 We carry scars from
 Proxy wars of greed.

We carry carnage of mining,
 droughts, floods, genocides.
 We carry dust of our families and neighbours
 Incinerated in mushroom clouds.
 We carry yesterday,
 Today and tomorrow.
 We are refugees of the wars forced upon us
 And we carry our mother tongue.

Written by a student of class X – on migrants, and their departure from their homes. (The villages where many have now gone back to.)



Lockdown

Today, the world is suffering from Coronavirus. This single virus has shocked everyone. Many are locked in their own houses. This lockdown has drastically changed people's lives. It has been a very difficult time for many. Some have enjoyed themselves with their families and some are struggling during this period. But, it has been a good time for nature. The air became clear and pollution has reduced. It is also a time of online classes for many children across the world. Wait, how can we forget the daily wage earners. It is a very hard and sad time for them. Some don't have food to eat and water to drink, and no

money to buy a single meal for themselves. They had to travel hundreds of kilometres to reach their home by walking! My God! Well, not only these people. Many other people are also suffering from this situation. But, why is all this happening? If somebody would ask me, I would say that it's the result of our wrong deeds. Human being were doing many unimaginable things causing suffering to others. We have to just hope for the best.

Rituparna Pahi - VIII-B

Distance Teaching for Kindergarten

When word came that COVID 19 would shut the doors of the Kindergarten section, our teachers got concerned. The question that crossed everybody’s mind was – “how do we teach such young children online?”

Yet, within a few days of trial and error, teachers succeeded in bringing joy into these early learning experiences.



The last few months have been particularly restrictive for young people. The loss of freedom of movement has been the major issue. We encouraged our students to use their creative talents while at home.



Zooming in and Zooming out

Our little ones of classes I and II are flourishing. They have taken to online classes with ease. Children enjoy new experiences.



Moulik Gaur – II-A



Harikesh Sharma – II-A



Prabhleen Wadhwa – I-A



Kirat Dubal – I-A



Prisha Kalra – II-A



Aaradhya Bhatt – II-A

PROS AND CONS OF LOCKDOWN

COVID 19 virus has spread throughout this world and created a lot of havoc.

People are confined to their homes, all roads are vacant, shops, markets are closed, people are migrating, small scales businesses are on the edge of closing, schools are closed etc... in short, we can say there is lot of negativity around all of us.

In this tough time all I want to let you know is the flip side of this chaos. Yes, apart from all the negativity it has some kind of positivity, lets discuss it.

People are spending quality time with their families.

No domestic help, no maids so people are helping each other in household works. Everybody is contributing and it is fantastic.

People are eating healthy homemade food and avoiding junk food which is good for our health.

Air quality index is improving means we are getting better air to breathe. It helps mother earth to heal itself.

Low consumption of Cigarette, Alcohol, etc.

Long hours of sleep which is necessary for a healthy body.

And most importantly, nobody knew that schooling could be done online.

Schools are closed but teaching and learning is still going on. A lot of preparatory work must be done by the teachers before they give a study plan or conduct online sessions. They are preparing ppt's, assignments, planning different activities for students. Every single child can feel the presence of their teacher at their home. In conclusion, it can be rightly said that online schooling has allowed students to be much more responsible and take ownership of their learning and once both teachers and students become comfortable with the online sessions, any challenges during a crisis can be addressed in the future.

In short, always see the positive side of life. Be positive. Enjoy this phase. Take care, stay safe, stay @ home.

NITYA DABAS, VII-A

