

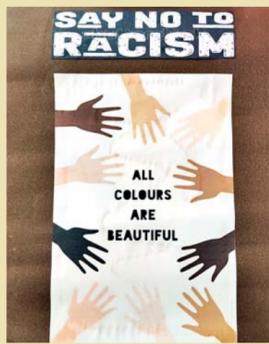
Students raise a voice through posters, slogans

English was integrated with art to create awareness against racial discrimination. Students of Std. V designed posters with thought provoking art and meaningful slogans. The posters led to a class discussion on how one can avoid discriminating against people based on race, colour or appearance.

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There is just one race - HUMAN RACE!



AWAKENING



Every time I open my eyes, at midnight to see the stars rise. A whole new universe of feelings builds up in me, it's the magic you can't see.

Wondering if stars feel the same about life, and if love and hope is what makes them alive. If they too hate being sad and lonely, and if happiness is what makes them shine so boldly.

With all these wonders in mind, and answers to find, I close my eyes, to find another miraculous surprise.

Riddhi Vasisht, class VIII, DPS EAST

THE EDUCATIONIST

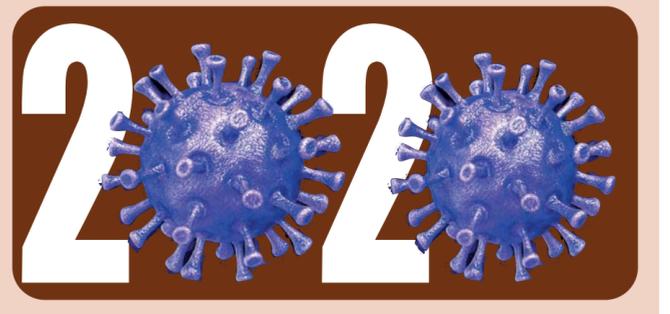
2020 was a year of resilience

The Year 2020 will go down in history as one of the most challenging year, the year of Pandemic and the year which we wouldn't want to revisit in our dreams!! Reflecting back on the past one year, on myself and the ones who have shared time with me, that is my family, friends, my students and their parents, and my colleagues, I see it as a year that led to many firsts, apart from the many challenges. The year brought us closer to our families. We took note of our eating habits, our exercise routine, hygiene, our prayers and the mindful practices that we followed. Most people experimented with cooking fancy dishes and learnt to prepare a variety of immunity boosting foods and drinks. We also connected with long-lost friends to ensure they were fine. Students, whether in school or college, became quite comfortable with classes online. Technology came as a boon. Learning has continued in the digital platform and all related activities followed. How could life skill classes and character development lag behind? This was the best year to put all the programs into practice and provide emotional support to our students. Parents who initially protested against



Mamta Chandra, principal, Samsidh MLZS, Vidyaranayapura

finally relented and understood that online classes are the way forward for continuing the process of learning. The teaching fraternity saw a major skill development: teaching in virtual classrooms. Teachers are now masters of effective online teaching. The NEP 2020 has emphasized on the development of skills in digital technology. But the pandemic has already trained most of the teachers. This would have otherwise taken several years to implement. Teachers are now masters in online and offline classes. All of us would begin to pray every time we heard an ambulance siren. We all have felt grateful for the lives we have. We have become more compassionate. We became empathetic towards all our fellow humans. We trained our minds to think positively. We understood the power of a healthy mind in a healthy body and strived to achieve it. We have practiced reducing and recycling and reuse of stuff. All this goes to show that this was a year of resilience. I can be changed by what happens to me. But I refuse to be reduced by it? Maya Angelou



Counsellor gives tips on managing time, stress

An online workshop on stress and time management was organised for the students of classes VIII to XII on Friday, January 29, 2021. Counseling psychologist and special educator Deepa Pillai addressed the students. She

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discussed adolescence and stress, the stress curve, healthy stress, symptoms of stress and stress management. Best ways of overcoming stress, and managing one's time effi-

ciently were discussed. The students were introduced to some simple weekly and daily 'to do lists' for effective time management. She also covered the topic of internet addiction and ways to overcome this problem. Curious and attentive students came up with very interesting questions: Why am I not able to keep up with my schedule and how do I overcome it? I know I am spending too much time on the internet, but how do I learn to control my internet binging? The educator answered all the queries from students very patiently and gave them small and easy tips on overcoming such road-blocks.



WEEKEND PLAN

Dusting off neglect, to renew my passion



I started my week by planning a to-do list and completing my chores. Every day feels the same as there is nothing special that excites us. That's why I decided not to let the weekends also go to waste. One of the things I have been passionate about since I was a little girl was music. Whether it was dancing to music or playing an instrument, I thoroughly enjoyed it. I used to spend hours practicing on my own. So, over the weekend, I took out my dusty keyboard and gave it a sweep. I watched many videos online for some inspiration and for my heart to long to play the instrument once again. As soon as I got my hands on them, I felt as if I had lost something. Having neglected practicing regularly, the flaws were showing now. I had lost my skill and speed. But I was not going to let this stop me. I wrote down the notes and began to prepare to start playing once again.

This time I won't be so irregular. I will surely achieve my goals. Just listening to the sounds of the piano is enough to make me dream about a day where I would show everyone how much hard work I have put into this skill.

Ishanika S, class IX, Nurture International School

Changing relationship dynamics make interesting reading

One of my favourite novels ever is Pride and Prejudice written by Jane Austen. It is set in the Georgian Era and is a classic example of opposites attract. It showcases the collision of the worlds of an un-ladylike, free spirited, intelligent young woman with a rich, arrogant young man. This novel takes its readers on an adventure filled with twists, turns and satiric humour as it explores the turbulent rela-

tionship of the protagonists. Both the protagonists have to overcome pride and prejudice in order to truly see what is in front of them.

The book also takes us through the love story of the siblings who have their own share of hardships in order to be with whom they truly love. The best part about the story is undoubtedly, the change in the dynamics of the relationship of the main characters from the start to the end. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes reading about historical fiction or historical romance. If you have read books like Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen or Little Women by Louisa May Alcott, then I am certain you will surely enjoy this highly acclaimed novel too.

Book: Pride and Prejudice
Author: Jane Austen



-Pratiksha Prabhu, class X, DPS Whitefield



We want our real students back!

As teachers we are used to the constant chatter of students, noises from the playground, the rustle of pages, and the sound of excited chatting during the breaks.

Our regular lines in the classrooms would be 'Everybody, pin drop silence' or 'Is this a fish market?'



Go and get a chalk from the next class, I want to meet your parents tomorrow. Get those books from the staff room ... till suddenly the schools went empty.

There was complete silence in our school campus. In a few days it was taken over by our four-legged friends. We had cats entering the classroom without permission, pigeons reciting poems without any commas or full stops, dogs barking out stories and monkeys having their games classes without the PE teacher. It was too much to take.

It made us realise that we just want our students back at school. We teachers have a social responsibility on our shoulders. We want to be teachers and not trainers. Our students are our pride and joy.

A school without students is like pizza without cheese.
Shanthi Shivaprakash, Vice Principal (Administration), Aavishkar Academy



Exciting experiments on air held

Air is all around us. But to teach the concept to small children can be a challenge. Teachers carried out several

Vishwa Vidyapeeth

engaging activities to explain the qualities and benefits of the air around us.

The students were shown the presence of air by blowing a balloon and using candles. The goal was to get the students to focus on the effects of wind they can observe around them. The children not only had fun during the activity but their learning was reinforced as they too did the activity.



INDIA vs ENGLAND 4TH TEST

5 PLAYERS TO WATCH OUT FOR

While England is out of the race, India will be looking to secure a spot in the World Test Championship final by avoiding a defeat in the final game

JOE ROOT

England batsmen fell like a pack of cards in front of India's spin duo of Ashwin and Axar in the pink-ball Test. Joe Root is the best batsmen against spin in the England line-up and he will be expected to come up with a big knock in the fourth Test to help visitors end the series on a stalemate with a win in Ahmedabad. Runs from Root's bat will be crucial in deciding England's fate in the fourth Test and the series.

VIRAT KOHLI

The Indian captain will also be one of the players to watch out for in the final fourth Test against England. Kohli, who hasn't scored a century in over a year is still looking for his 71st international ton and will be hoping to end the drought in the fourth Test. Kohli scored a fine 62 on a difficult track in Chennai but failed to get going in the pink-ball Test where he managed only 27 runs. Nonetheless, Kohli can be a game-changer for India in any conditions and will be looking to inspire his team into the final of the World Test Championship.

ROHIT SHARMA

Hitman Rohit Sharma was the only Indian batsman who championed the conditions in Ahmedabad during the team's first essay and scored a brilliant half-century. It was Rohit's 66 off 96 balls that helped India post 145 runs on the board in their first innings amidst a spectacular collapse. Rohit has been in fine form with the bat in the longest format and will be hoping to continue his purple patch in the final game of the series.



Photo: PTI

R ASHWIN

R Ashwin has been in the form of his life with the red ball for Team India. After a terrific tour of Australia, Ashwin has carried his stellar run against England. He picked up a total of seven wickets in the pink-ball Test and entered the 400-wicket club in Tests. Ashwin has been among the wickets consistently for the hosts and will be looking to make an impact once again in the final game which is a crucial one for India.



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AXAR PATEL

The left-arm all-rounder has been one of the stand-out performers for India in the ongoing Test series. Axar was roped into the playing XI for the second Test and has not looked back ever since as he has tormented the England batting attack with the ball. After impressing with a fifer on his debut, the left-arm spinner picked up consecutive fifers once again in the pink-ball Test and ran through the England batting line-up. The local hero will be crucial to India's chances once again in the fourth Test.



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CRICKET TAKES A BACK SEAT IN IPL: STEYN

ARE YOU KIDDING?

Steyn had a forgettable IPL 2020 where he played only three games and took just 1 wicket

South Africa pace great Dale Steyn has claimed that cricket takes a back seat at the Indian Premier League, insisting that money is given more importance than the game in the lucrative T20 tournament. Justifying his on-and-off IPL career, Steyn said this was one of the reasons he had not featured regularly in the world's biggest franchise-based T20 tournament. In January this year, Steyn announced that he is opting out of the IPL 2021 but will play other leagues around the world. Steyn's decision influenced RCB to release him

ahead of the IPL 2021 auction. Steyn has played 95 IPL matches, picking up 97 wickets with a best of 3 for 8. But the South African's repeated injury breakdowns didn't help his cause as he just featured in 12 IPL matches in the last three seasons.

After being criticised from all corners, Steyn took to Twitter to issue an apology where he said the IPL was amazing in his career and he issued an apology for his remarks which had upset many. Though the damage was already done with Indian fans criticising the pacer's comments on Twitter:

PLAYING IN PSL MORE REWARDING THAN PLAYING IN IPL

I think when you go to the IPL, there are such big squads and so many big names and so much emphasis on maybe the amount of money players earn and everything like that, so sometimes, somewhere down the line, cricket gets forgotten. When you come to like the PSL or the Sri Lankan Premier

League, for that matter, there is an importance on cricket. I have only been here for a couple of days and I have had people in and out of my room, just wanting to know about where I have played and how I went about it.

Whereas, when I go to something like the IPL that gets forgotten and the main

topic is how much money did you go for in this IPL? That's just me being brutally honest. I wanted to stay away from that and really put more emphasis on playing and bringing good vibes to good cricket teams and tournaments I feel are worth it.

DALE STEYN, former South African pacer

IPL GAVE US THE PLATFORM TO EXPRESS

See, I am here to talk about the fourth Test match and not here to talk about PSL or Sri Lanka Premier League. IPL gave us that platform to express ourselves and also to a lot of Indians players. I am not sure what Dale Steyn has said, I am here to talk about this Test match.

AJINKYA RAHANE, India's Test vice-captain

I will give credit to IPL, because IPL definitely helped all the bowlers to think differently and get an opportunity to play with international cricketers. You play domestic cricket, Ranji Trophy for five-six years, the kind of maturity or experience that you gain by playing IPL for just two seasons.

VINAY KUMAR, highest wicket-taker among pace bowlers in domestic cricket

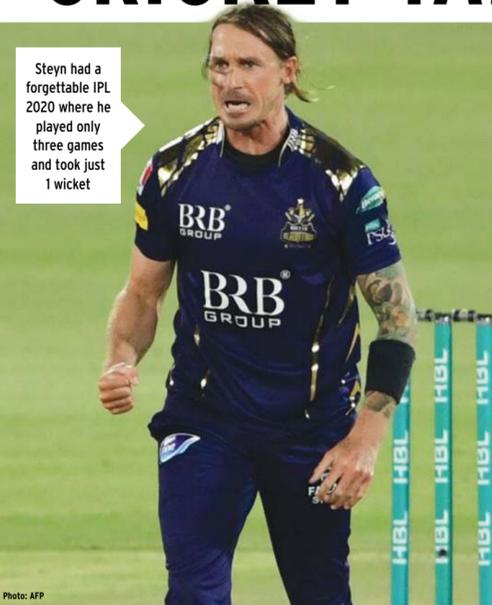


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QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which football club secured the FIFA Club World Cup for the first time in December 2019?

- a) Barcelona
- b) Chelsea
- c) Liverpool
- d) Real Madrid

Q2: In 2020, Novak captured his fifth crown at the Dubai Duty-Free Tennis Championships. Whom did he defeat in the final.

- a) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- b) Dominic Thiem
- c) Juan Martin del Potro
- d) Stan Wawrinka

Q3: Who took the most number of wickets in the 2020-21 season of the Indian Premier League?

- a) Anrich Nortje
- b) Jasprit Bumrah
- c) Trent Boult
- d) Kagiso Rabada

Q4: Who is the youngest player overall to appear in a Davis Cup Final?

- a) John Alexander
- b) Boris Becker
- c) Jack Kramer
- d) Pat Cash

Q5: In which year did Tottenham Hotspur reach the Champions League Final for the first time ever?

- a) 2018
- b) 2019
- c) 2017
- d) 2020

Q6: Which country won the 2015 Davis Cup?

- a) Belgium
- b) Spain
- c) France
- d) Great Britain

Q7: Shaun Marsh holds the first season of the IPL. How many runs did he score?



Shaun Marsh

- a) 616
- b) 550
- c) 700
- d) 690

Q8: In 2012, Liverpool ended a six-year wait for victory with a penalty shootout in the League Cup final at Wembley. Which club did they beat?

- a) Cardiff City
- b) Fulham FC
- c) Swansea City AFC
- d) Chelsea FC

Q9: In 2020, who smashed the most number of sixes in T20 Internationals?

- a) Mohammad Hafeez
- b) Kieron Pollard
- c) Kamran Khan
- d) Quinton de Kock

Q10: Who holds the record for the most appearances made for Arsenal?

- a) Thierry Henry
- b) David O'Leary
- c) Hugh McDonald
- d) Tom Parker

Q11: In 2019, which player smashed most sixes in One Day Internationals?

- a) Chris Gayle
- b) Aaron Finch
- c) Eoin Morgan
- d) Rohit Sharma

Q12: Who is the leading all-time Davis Cup player?

- a) Omar Alawadhi
- b) Nicola Pietrangeli
- c) Leander Paes
- d) Ilie Nastase

ANSWERS: 1 c) Liverpool 2 a) Stefanos Tsitsipas 3 d) Kagiso Rabada 4 a) John Alexander 5 b) 2019 6 d) Great Britain 7 a) 616 8 a) Cardiff City 9 c) Kamran Khan 10 b) David O'Leary 11 a) Chris Gayle 12 b) Nicola Pietrangeli