

# SCHOOL IS COOL

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It's not just a place where you get to learn Einstein's Theory of Relativity. It's also a place where you can think beyond the classroom. Hence we say, **SCHOOL IS COOL!**

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## Education in Covid era

### How Covid has impacted the education system

The Covid-19 pandemic has been the largest disruption of education systems in history, affecting nearly 1.6 billion learners in more than 190 countries and all continents. Students from privileged backgrounds who are not only eager but also able to learn, could find their way past closed school doors to alternative learning opportunities. Those from disadvantaged backgrounds often remained shut out when their schools shut down. Most schools, especially playschools, are on the verge of closing down due to revenue loss during the pandemic. 1.60 million primary schools and secondary have closed down already. Closures of schools and other learning spaces have impacted 94 per cent of the world's student population, up to 99 per cent in low and lower-middle income countries. Research suggests that online learning has shown to increase re-



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tention of information, (retain 25-60% more) and take less time (40-60% less time to learn) meaning that digitisation and blended learning is here to stay.

### The solutions school has adopted

DPSG International had a quick response to the immediate challenge through online classes with innovative transaction methodologies and intensive teacher train-

ing programmes.

We have now announced a 45 day free online classes programme for children in the age group of 2+ to 10 years who lost out on education during the pandemic.

A new hybrid model of education has emerged, with significant benefits.

It enables teachers to reach out to students more efficiently and effectively through unlimited meeting

time, chat groups, video meetings, and auto assessment of worksheets. Not only core subjects, but also PTMs, Counselling Sessions, Citizenship Studies, Interactive Assemblies, MUNs and other Competitions are conducted in the Virtual mode

### How teachers are dealing with students in pandemic

DPSG International has a robust behavioural counselling programme. So throughout the pandemic teachers have been consistently counselling and guiding students in ways to adapt to the new normal. Teachers have tried to instill gratitude in the children for the fact that they have a supportive family and school.

A lot of stress has been put on exercising, yoga, meditation and some breathing exercises. As far as academics is concerned the school and teachers have helped children make the best use of online classes and offline classes be it in terms of teaching or assessment.

## Baisakhi and Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations in VSPK International School

The charm, warmth and the vibrant colours of Punjab came alive at VSPK International School campus on April 13 2021, at the grand 'Baisakhi' celebrations. A special assembly was organised by the primary wing to mark the special occasion. The entire campus resonated with the verve of Bhangra and Giddha.

The students highlighted the unknown facts related to this festival and enlightened the gathering. They informed that Baisakhi is the most significant harvest festival of North India particularly Punjab and Haryana. It was on a Baisakhi day, in the year 1699 that Guru Gobind Singh founded Khalsa Panth and gave a unique identity to Sikhs. He administered amrit to his Panj Pyaras. By doing so, he established that all human beings are equal.

Post Baisakhi celebrations, Ambedkar Jayanti was also celebrated with

Gupta, manager Pramila Gupta appreciated the students for being so creative and leaving no stone unturned to put the innovative ideas into practice. School directors Kapil Gupta and Pankaj Gupta felicitated upon the enthusiasm and energy that the students had put in all performances.

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this day in 1875 and Gautama Buddha attained enlightenment and Nirvana on this day. She wished that the spirit of Baisakhi fills the lives of the people with happiness, joy, wealth and prosperity and may almighty bless us all with good health.

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The assembly concluded with the National Anthem, where all the students and teachers sang with honour and pride!



made by the students to explain significance of the day and how Dr B R Ambedkar's teachings can help us in our daily lives.

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## MOTHER EARTH

*From riverine plains, to the rugged mountains, the planet gave us everything to live. For our planet's sustainability, build Smart Cities, for eco-friendly productivity. This ignorance won't let our planet survive, Don't stand! Stare! Criticise! Take action, and stop this pollution,*



Rumish Ali Saif, class X,

Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, PFA

## Importance of health

The meaning of "Health is wealth" was quite aptly understood by us in 2020. Only a healthy body can nurture a healthy mind and happy life. Consuming a nutritional diet and exercising daily is not only important for immunity buildup, but also for a peaceful mind and productivity.

Life is so beautiful and

precious that to live each moment we need to take care of ourselves and treat our mind and body well. Small measures like reducing salt and sugar intake; eating frequent and small meals; going for long walks or cycling or stretching can make huge difference for long term benefits.

Regular exercise can build bone strength, self-

### esteem and decrease stress and anxiety and Improve mental health.

Health of body as well as of mind is important. Stress and repetition of routine can have bad impact on mind hence, one should read books, play and have hobbies like music, dancing etc. to allow our brain to have varied experiences in a day.

Investing in Physical and emotional health always reaps best results.



Parents should encourage their children to take care of own health with daily efforts.

Today we are Celebrating World health day and pledging to improve our lifestyle by adopting change.

Himalaya Public School, Rohini

## THE EDUCATIONIST

### Cheer up! You've done your best

DEVIKA AWARTI, VICE-PRINCIPAL,  
KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA, AFS 38RD,  
CHANDIGARH



**B**oard examination is an event for which students and teachers, throughout the academic year, prepare, revise and test contents with much devotion and perseverance. It is also one of those stressful times when anxiety and nervousness go hand in hand. Now with the announcement of cancellation of the class X boards and postponement of class XII exams in wake of the surging Covid cases, this anxiety has converted into frustration for lot of students. Many are feeling disappointed and are unable to accept this as they have really worked very hard.

Students are given to understand that exams are the ultimate test of their

intelligence, which is actually not true. Dear students, I suggest you ponder upon the situation once again. Don't you think that this postponement has given you a chance to learn how to convert worst situation into the best?

Take this time to reward yourself with a well-deserved break, for you all have worked so hard the whole year. Do not overburden yourself with dis-

appointment and regret after all, you are not alone in this quandary. Instead redirect the energy towards working on yourself. There's so much you can do like learn a new skill or join online course; attend webinars to enhance your knowledge about what is happening in the your field of interest; revive hobbies which had taken a back-seat and most importantly add some physical exercise in your daily routine as you had been spending most of your time sitting and studying.

You have unhindered time on your hands since you are not in the race of getting higher grades. You have acquired knowledge the whole year; the only difference is that now you are not being tested. So what? Explore your career options, consult experts and prepare your wings to fly high. Cheer up for this is not the end but just the beginning.

## Express YOURSELF

### OUR FRAGILE PLANET NEEDS US

**E**arth is not a sphere of soil or water, its meaning in real sense is the magnificent biodiversity living here. It is the most beautiful planet in our solar system that also nourishes life on it. But excessive human activities have led to its destruction. Protecting our mother Earth is not only important for our future, but also for the other life forms on the planet. In Sanskrit sculptures there's a saying 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' which means that entire world is one family including the flora and fauna. Everything that we consume, be it food, clothes, shelter, energy, air, is a gift from Earth that we have been constantly abusing. Instead of short-term gains in the name of development, we must now focus on the survival of mankind in the long run.

How can we make a difference at an individual level? Trees and forests maintain the ecological equilibrium and regulate the temperature of earth, so protection of the planet is possible through planting of trees. The other threats that plague our planet are plastic waste and pollution. Switching to biodegradable options, adopting zero waste approach and eco-friendly mode of transport would help the Earth unclog and breathe better. Spreading awareness is the key to changing old mindsets, therefore, every citizen must come forward to think and debate upon the ways to save earth. Speak out against the big polluters (industries) and ineffective policies (government) that disregard environmental issues. Our planet needs us right now, and with collective efforts we can transform it into a better to live in.

ABHISHEK KUMAR, class X, AKSIPS Smart School,  
Sec 41, Chandigarh

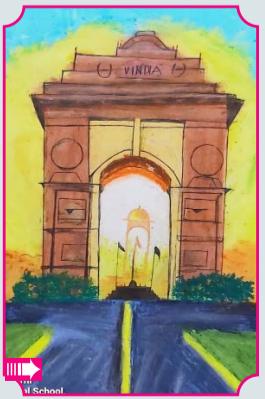


### A RAY OF HOPE

One day I asked God, Is there any ray of hope, my lord? Will we just remain a dope? And keep washing our hands with soap. We are known to be your second form, But we could not fulfil the norm. We are cruel, selfish and blind, thinking ourselves as supreme mankind. This is the way we rue, we were never thankful to you. Whatever we do, we think ourselves ahead of you. The moment is slipping from our hand, we are not able to save our motherland. Is the world coming to an end? Or will you bless us to make a little amend.

Dear God, we beseech you, nobody is omnipotent like you. Please help us to cope, You are our only 'Ray of Hope'.

BRAHMIBIR SINGH, class IX,  
Learning Paths School,  
Mohali



### Painters' Gallery

DHRUV KUNAL  
KULKARNI, class IV,  
Mount Carmel School,  
Chandigarh

## Jagran Public School organises Achievers' Day

Meritorious students of classes LKG to IV were felicitated for various curricular and co-curricular activities of the session 2019-2020 and 2020-21 respectively, on the occasion of Achievers' Day held at the school premises.

The programme was scheduled in two slots. Mrs Rachna Singh, the president of Rotary Club, Noida presided over the function as the chief guest for grades I to IV in the morning and Mrs Meeta Lavania, an e-scientist and area convener (TERI) as the chief guest and Mr Pradeep Bharadwaj as the guest of honour graced the pre-primary function in the afternoon. School principal Dr D K Sinha, vice principal Mrs Hema Priyadarshini and school co-ordinator Mrs Sangeeta Bishnoi were also present on this occasion.



The programme began with the auspicious lighting of the lamp ceremony followed by 'Saraswati Vandana'. The students portrayed their talent in the form of dance, in-

strumental music, yoga, free hand on the spot drawing and painting, Hasya Kavita and many more.

Reyansh Mishra (LKG), Priyanshu Yadav (UKG), Amaira Srivastava (class I), Tanvi Sahoo (class II), Chaitanya Chaurasiya (class III) and Shivang Dubey (class IV) were adjudged as best performers in the talent hunt organised by teachers.

This is for the first time ever that the toppers of classes LKG to IV were awarded the 'Achiever of the Year' trophies by the Rotary Club, Noida City in association with Jagran Public School, Noida. The school principal Dr D K Sinha appreciated the hard work of the students and motivated them to become stronger by avoiding junk food. Their parents were appreciated for their effort in sharing their valuable time to witness the event despite the ongoing pandemic crisis and motivated them to send their wards to school for better learning. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by the vice principal.

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Sec 41, Chandigarh



# BOTTOM PLACED KKR WILL LOOK TO IMPROVE CHANCES



Pat Cummins

Photo: ANI

## KKR top order in disarray

The biggest concern for KKR will be their top-order batting that has been failing to put up big scores. KKR skipper Eoin Morgan has been failing miserably. He aggregates just 45 in five matches and averages nine in the tournament so far. He was a bit unfortunate on Saturday as he fell to a duck without facing even a single ball. Morgan said after Saturday's game that KKR's batting has failed to show intent. Team head coach Brendon McCullum concurred with Morgan. "We're sort of behind the eight ball probably from the get-go," England's World Cup winning captain Morgan told reporters after the loss. "We know the capabilities of our side. There is an element of playing smart cricket and building partnerships with in that, but ultimately we want guys to play some free-flowing cricket."

## Bowlers need to step up

KKR's bowling too is a worry for the team. Australia pacer Pat Cummins has failed to do anything of note and he could be replaced by New Zealander Lockie Ferguson in Monday's game. "Rajasthan adapted to the wicket really well and we didn't. (Kolkata were) about

## PUNJAB LOOKING FORMIDABLE

Captain KL Rahul has been one of the few consistent performers in the formidable-looking Punjab batting unit and he once again led by example against MI with an unbeaten 60, his third fifty in five games. Mayank Agarwal has been the other main performer and the return to form of 'Universe Boss' Chris Gayle should be good news for Punjab. But Deepak Hooda, who has not done much after one impressive innings, will have to step up if Punjab want to perform consistently. The Punjab bowlers, who have been pedestrian in earlier matches, came good in their last match with the talented Ravi Bishnoi (2/21) and senior India pacer Mohammad Shami (2/21) leading the charge. Young Arshdeep Singh has been a consistent bowler with six wickets from five matches.

40 runs short, which is a lot in a T20 game. Too much for our bowlers."

**MATCH 21**  
PBKS vs KKR  
Monday, April 26, 2021  
7:30 pm ■ Ahmedabad

## Pinning hopes on new venue

Eoin Morgan hopes change of venue will bring a change in fortune for his side. Kolkata will play their next four games in Ahmedabad and Morgan is optimistic the two-time champions could stage a turnaround. "Moving forward, and changing venue, we look to Ahmedabad where we have a number of games. Hopefully a better venue that suits us."

## Punjab back to winning ways

The Punjab franchise, however, seems to have got back to winning ways. While their bowling has been good throughout the tournament, their batting performance has been a bit inconsistent. The inclusion of leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi has helped. His spell of two for 21 in four overs helped them restrict Mumbai Indians on Friday. Mohammad Shami bowled well, including in death overs, returning with figures of 2/21 in his four overs.

The biggest positive for PBKS, however, has been the return to form of Chris Gayle and Mayank Agarwal. Skipper Rahul too has been among the runs.



Chris Gayle

Photo: PTI

# SHUBMAN WILL BE AMONG HIGHEST SCORING IN IPL: HUSSEY



Backing the out-of-form Shubman Gill, Kolkata Knight Riders team mentor David Hussey said the opener is a "class act" who will be among the highest-scoring batsmen by the end of the IPL. The highly talented 21-year-old has not been at his best this season, managing 80 runs from five matches

**S**hubman Gill is a star player, he took the Test match arena by storm in Australia. He is very specific and he has a great work ethic," said Hussey. "All I can say is that form will come and go, class is always permanent. He is one class individual, both on and off the field. Mark my words, he will be one of the highest-scoring batsmen by the end of the tournament. He is an absolute class act," Hussey added.

## Team redrawing strategies

KKR, who started the tournament with a win, slumped to their fourth consecutive

defeat of the season on Saturday and are languishing at the bottom of the points table.

Asked why New Zealand speedster Lockie Ferguson, who has express pace to offer, has not got a game yet, Hussey said the team management will be going back to the drawing board in terms of strategies. "Lockie Ferguson is at the peak of his powers, he is a class act and he is an excellent player for New Zealand. He bowled well for KKR last year in UAE. He is going to push for selection for the next games. We will look at all strategies going ahead, everything is on the table in terms of selection."

# ZIDANE NOT GIVING UP ON LA LIGA TITLE



Photo: REUTERS

## QUIZ TIME!

**Q1:** Which of the following places is known as the 'Mecca of Indian Football'?

- a) Ambala
- b) Kolkata
- c) Delhi
- d) Kerala

**Q2:** In which Indian state did the game of Polo originate?

- a) Manipur
- b) West Bengal
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Meghalaya

**Q3:** Who holds the record for the highest individual score in a test cricket innings?

- a) Rohit Sharma
- b) Sachin Tendulkar
- c) AB de Villiers
- d) Brian Lara

**Q4:** K L Rahul scored an amazing 80 runs off 52 balls in an ODI at home in 2020. Against whom was the team playing?

- a) New Zealand
- b) England
- c) Australia
- d) Sri Lanka

**Q5:** The ban on which Indian sports federation has been lifted recently by its International Regulator, ahead of the Tokyo Olympics?

- a) Athletic Federation of India
- b) All India Tennis Association
- c) Archery Association of India
- d) All India Football Federation

**Q6:** Kento Momota recently won the Malaysian Masters 2020 title. Whom did he defeat?

- a) Viktor Axelsen
- b) Chen Long
- c) Sai Praneeth
- d) Kidambi Srikanth



Photo: GETTY IMAGES

**Q7:** Which of these IPL players have never played for India?

- a) Deepak Hooda
- b) Ishan Kishan
- c) T Natarajan
- d) Kedar Jadhav

**Q8:** Who has become the second fastest all-rounder to score 4000 runs and take 150 wickets?

- a) Ben Stokes
- b) Eoin Morgan
- c) Jason Holder
- d) Kemar Roach

**Q9:** Bayern Munich, which won the final of the FIFA Club World Cup in Qatar, is the football club of which country?

- a) UK
- b) France
- c) Germany
- d) Italy

**Q10:** Which Indian star wrestler won the Gold medal at the Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches Memorial tournament?

- a) Bajrang Punia
- b) Babita Kumari
- c) Gita Phogat
- d) Vinesh Phogat

**Q11:** Who was the first Indian captain to win an IPL?

- a) Rohit Sharma
- b) MS Dhoni
- c) Gautam Gambhir
- d) Rishabh Pant

**ANSWERS:** 1. b. Kolkata 2. a. Manipur 3. d. Brian Lara 4. c. Australia 5. c. Archery Association of India 6. a. Viktor Axelsen 7. a. Deepak Hooda 8. a. Ben Stokes 9. c. Germany 10. d. Vinesh Phogat 11. b. MS Dhoni