

Getting comfortable with the new normal

In continuation with the series of Wellness Webinars, Delhi Public School, Sec-45, Gurgaon, conducted its eleventh edition on April 16, 2021.

The panelists comprised of parents-child duo, Dr Sarabpreet Singh and Jasmine Kaur (class VI); Pankaj Singh and Akshara Singh (class X); Priyanka Dutta and Devank Dutta (class VI); and Neetu Vikram and Pradyumn Vikram (class X) along with Aditi Misra, director principal, Shalini Arora, headmistress (middle wing), Laveena Hemrajani, headmistress (junior wing) and Amanat Gill, special educator and counsellor.

The moderators for the session were student representatives- Tapasni Ray Chaudhuri and G Pranav Bhardwaj, who commenced the session with their perspective on the changing times and the need for preparedness to embrace the future.

Dr Sarabpreet Singh shared his experience of how the pan-



dem came as a challenge as his job demanded him to be on his toes; and the couple was faced with the question of effectively engaging their daughter in their absence. Whereas the work from home scenario was like a godsend opportunity for Pankaj Singh who was able to spend quality time with the family, the pandemic took Priyan-

ka Dutta on a journey of self-reflection to find the crucial answers within herself. Neetu Vikram, on the other hand, spent quality time solving puzzles and doing craft activities with her children.

Shalini Arora reflected that the year went by had taught her to prioritise her responsibilities and manage time effectively. The

habit of following strict routines and perfect structure was broken and she learnt to take life as it comes. Laveena Hemrajani felt that working remotely has helped her upskill and adapt to new skills. Spending time in her own company has broken her habit of externalising happiness. Amanat Gill observed that she has started valuing the simple pleasures of life. It was after many years she heard the birds chirping.

Aditi Misra expressed her devotion for education and her enthusiasm to do something novel each day. She spoke passionately about her vision and mission for uplifting less privileged and imparting education to students at Shiksha Kendra, an informal afternoon school for children of the marginalised sections of the society and the two government schools adopted under Project Muskaan.

The student panelists shared their experiences of the year 2020 whereas the parents on the panel complimented the efforts of the school in conducting the online classes efficiently, though there were a few apprehensions on the increase of screen time for children.

DPS sector 45, Gurgaon

'It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves'

The 'Bard of Avon' or otherwise known as the great William Shakespeare still haunts as the most iconic writer in the history of English and the world's greatest dramatist. The immortal verses penned by the bard still echo and hold relevance in the present. Learning from his literary lessons, St Mark's Girls Sr Sec School celebrated the birth anniversary of Shakespeare on April 23 in the most marvelous way possible.

An event titled 'Shakespeare Comes Alive' was organised for the students of Class 12 where in a live talk



show took place. The students impersonated characters from the play 'Julius Caesar', and a panel of journalists questioned their way into their deepest secrets, motives, conspiracies and interests.

An exquisite perform-

ance was given by the students, in the presence of the principal, Sheena Kalenga and the vice principal, Sabina Shergill, who appreciated and praised the students' effort and commitment.

St. Marks Girls, Meera Bagh

Mahatma Hansraj Jayanti celebrated at DAV

Mahatma Hansraj was an epitome of truthfulness, sincerity, generosity, and simplicity. On the occasion of Mahatma Hansraj Jayanti the students and teachers of Class V of DAV Public School, R K Puram conducted a beautiful and encouraging virtual special assembly to pay homage to Mahatma Hansraj, a true intense disciple of Swami Dayanand, a social reformer.

The program was initiated with the motivational words by students followed by speech on the life history of Mahatma Hansraj. It inspired the students to inculcate the values of selfless service of mankind, truthfulness and loyalty which he themselves followed.

A virtual havan was also conducted to inculcate the values of Vedic culture in students. All the participants of the assembly felt themselves inspired and positive to deal the life with such values.

Our Dharam Shikshak and other teach-



ers addressed the students by offering their blessings and encouraged the students to follow the footsteps of this great soul to live a prosperous life.

Indelible lessons in health

An experience gained, A lesson retained, ams up the coronavirus fear encountered by us all the past year.

It made explicit the blur lines, it showed us the signs, Directing us towards

health, which is as always greater than wealth.

Some suffered pain, others' eyes rained, separation either temporary or permanent, made life amidst covid

a torment.

But these lessons shouldn't be forgotten so early, we don't afford such classes yearly, Carve the warnings so deep in there, so to take health or environment

for granted, you shall never dare. Evaluate the exigencies, analyse your priorities. Rather than creating situations of emergencies

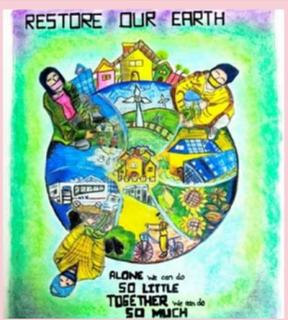
amend beforehand your deeds.

Kanan Sharma Class XII D, Rukmini Devi Public School.



Student Corner

SARVA JAIN, class XII, Bhatnagar International school, Paschim Vihar



KUSHAL ANAND, class VIII, Bhatnagar International School, Paschim Vihar



KHUSH GROVER, class VIII, Bhatnagar International School, Paschim Vihar



ASN Int'l commemorates mentor's birth anniversary

The Founder's Day celebration was culminated with 'Fitness Fiesta 2021' and the unveiling of the magazine 'Naman 2019-20', to mark the birth anniversary of the school's founder chairperson K L Luthra. An extravaganza of activities was designed to contribute to the all-round development of the young learners.

The celebrations commenced with the rendition of 'Gurupaduka Stotra' and the traditional lamp lighting ceremony, followed by a short video on the genesis of school and past glimpses of the chairman's speeches. This event was the culmination of scintillating music, dance, individual instrumental performances and many more worth a watch.

The fathomless strides of commemoration were observed in the framework of Fitness Fiesta, promoting a healthy active lifestyle to the young minds. Being involved in this 15 day long virtual sports celebration, gave students a chance to understand and develop their ability to perform in a highly competitive setting, which is highly required at every step of life to strive ahead.

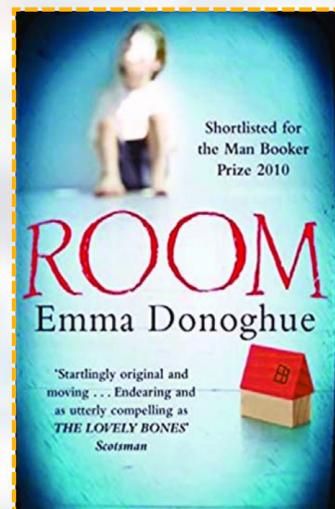


Developing an appreciation for the values of the past, the excitement of the present and embracing the challenges of the upcoming times, the school chairperson believes in creating an ideal atmosphere with serene surroundings in terms of holistic development of its learners. The event not only gave life to the thoughts and aspirations of the students, but also unleashed a wide spectrum of their sports skills in terms of mental and physical growth.

The Chairperson reflected his exhilaration in his words that the school is leaving no stone unturned, be it online learnings or live sessions. He depicted gratitude to the parents in his words and said, where parents give roots to their children to stay grounded, the school gives them wings to fly high and always explore with buoyant energy at all times. His key message was on the importance of patience, perseverance and fearlessness to achieve success in life.

The school headmistress Shivani Khanna expressed her gratitude to the chairman for being a constant support, inspiration and an outstanding mentor for all at ASN, who is always there to motivate all to reach the paramount of success.

BOOK REVIEW: ROOM BY EMMA DONOGHUE



A touching story, innovative in its narration provides a window into the world of unfortunate people who have to go through an ordeal due to the unjustified brutishness of some pseudo-civilised savages although ultimately ending with the triumph of good over evil. Inspired from the Fritzl case in Austria, the novel is centred on five-year-old Jack and his Ma who are captives in a thoroughly escape-proof garden shed. Although provided with the basic necessities, life itself is meaningless to live in such confined boundaries. By providing a delusion about the world outside, Ma shield Jack from the disappointment of wanting a childhood she cannot give him. After she is convinced that 'Old Nick' would rather claim their lives than let them be free, she is compelled to tell Jack the truth and formulate a plan to escape. After the plan succeeds, both find themselves exposed to the world which they were isolated from for years.

Beginning with an excellent and realistic portrayal of Jack and his routine, the quality and plot somewhat deteriorates after the escape with the author never really making her theme clear. Also, while she has elaborately described everything from start, important scenes were almost always rushed through. The style is romantic realism as it presents things in the way that a child will notice.

Nevertheless, the novel's enlivening of evil, in striking vividness, through an adorable child's innocent, and accurately presented, narration renders it a quality of a must-read novel.

VISHAL CHAUHAN, class X, DC Model Sr Sec School, Sector 7, Panchkula



MI MUST START AFRESH TO RETURN TO WINNING WAYS



Mumbai Indians team

MATCH 24



MI VS RR

Thursday, April 29, 2021
3:30 pm ■ Delhi

Defending champions Mumbai Indians will look to sort out their middle-order woes and bring their campaign back on track when they take on an inconsistent Rajasthan Royals in their IPL game in Delhi on Thursday

MI need to start afresh

MI are coming into the match after suffering back-to-back losses, the last one being a nine-wicket defeat against Punjab Kings in Chennai and need to start the Delhi leg afresh. Mumbai skipper Rohit Sharma (201 runs) has got starts but hasn't played a big knock and the Mumbaier would be itching to get one as would be his opening partner Quinton De Kock (47 runs).

Middle order woes continue

Mumbai's middle-order, which boasts of hard-hitting batsmen like Suryakumar Yadav (154 runs), Ishan Kishan (73 runs),

Hardik Pandya (36 runs), Krunal Pandya (29 runs) and Kieron Pollard (65 runs), hasn't fired in unison. Sharma would hope for their batting to click on Thursday when the action shifts to the Feroz Shah Kotla ground.

Bowlers must hold up

In the bowling department, pace duo of Trent Boult (6 wickets) and Jasprit Bumrah (4 wickets) have been exceptional, particularly at the death. Leg-spinner Rahul Chahar (9 wickets) and Krunal (3 wickets) have also been impressive and will again need to play their parts to perfection. Mumbai might play Adam Milne in place of Jayant Yadav.

Worried about MI at sluggish venue: Brian Lara

Former West Indies skipper Brian Lara has said that he is worried about Mumbai Indians in the ongoing season as the defending champions have not been able to get on a winning run yet. The team will play its next matches in Delhi. "I mean, it's such a tournament that it's so hard to say, I think the teams that are winning, like RCB, they will go to every venue with confidence. I think teams without confidence will see venues as a problem, they would see pitches as a problem," Lara said while speaking on a show.

Issues galore for RR

The Sanju Samson-led Rajasthan have lost thrice so far and will seek to build on the six-wicket win over Kolkata Knight Riders in the previous match. Rajasthan have a lot of issues to ponder over, particularly in the absence of Jofra Archer, Ben Stokes, Liam Livingstone and Andrew Tye.

Openers yet to click

RR are yet to have a settled opening combination. They tried Manan Vohra (42 runs) and Yashasvi Jaiswal (22 runs) at the top but both failed to convert their starts. Englishman Jos Buttler would need to score big to compliment skipper Sanju Samson, who

is the team's leading run-scorer (187) despite being inconsistent. The likes of Shivam Dube, David Miller and Riyan Parag, would have to support the top-order by chipping in with much-needed contributions.

Consistency the asking

All-rounder Chris Morris (9 wickets and 48 runs) has blown hot and cold and will again be under pressure to deliver his high price tag. Left-arm pacer Chetan Sakariya (7 wickets), Jaydev Unadkat (4 wickets) and Mustafizur Rahman (4 wickets) along with Morris need to be consistent. Tewatia's role would be crucial if the Royals aim to contain the MI batting line-up. The dew won't be a factor on Thursday afternoon.

FLOUNDERING KKR FACE STRONG DC TEST

Kolkata Knight Riders' floundering batting will be put to test once again as they look to build a winning momentum against a star-studded Delhi Capitals in their Indian Premier League match at Ahmedabad on Thursday

Opening worries need fixing

KKR's batting woes emanate right from the top with the highly talented Shubman Gill continuing his poor run with 89 runs from six outings. First-up, skipper Eoin Morgan will have to fix the Gill conundrum. With scores of 15, 33, 21, 0, 11 and 9, the opener has failed to impress, extending his poor run of form from the England Test series. It would not be a bad ploy to drop Gill down the order and bring back Narine to open with Rahul Tripathi, something that was suggested by the legendary Sunil Gavaskar. The top-order reshuffle may be the way forward as the likes of Morgan, Andre Russell and Dinesh Karthik looked to have found their mojo in the middle.

No room for slip-ups

Chasing an easy 124 against Punjab Kings in their last match, KKR's top-order cut a sorry figure to be at 17 for 3 inside three overs before skipper Eoin Morgan led from the front to snap their four-match losing streak. Against a DC batting line-up boasting tournament's leading run getter

Rishabh Pant played really well (against RCB) and he will be disappointed. He wants to be in those situations, be the man at the end and win the game. He is growing everyday as a captain. That is what I am most impressed about over the last six or eight months, growing as a person every day. Part of my job is to continue to work with him, let him grow and develop and give him a few pointers along the way.

RICKY PONTING,
Head coach, Delhi Capitals

Shikhar Dhawan (265 runs), Prithvi Shaw, Steve Smith and the dangerous Rishabh Pant, KKR can't afford any more slip-up if they want to continue their ascent in the IPL points table.

Tough test to face

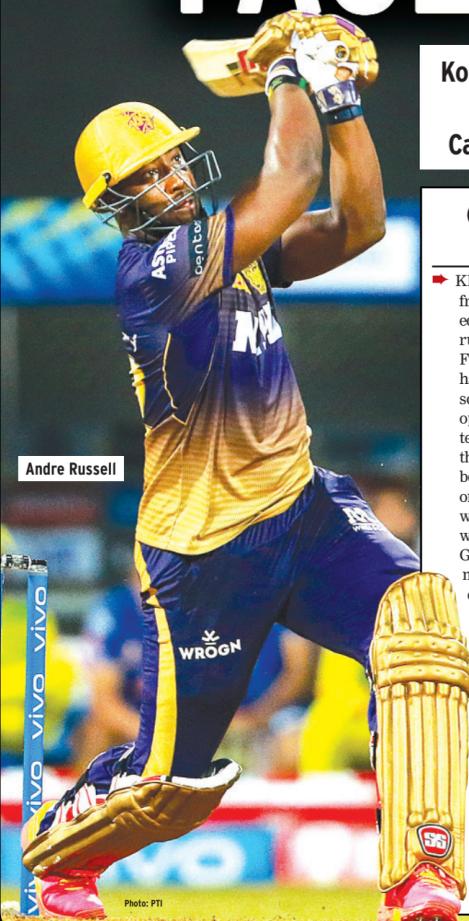
While the KKR bowling, especially the "master-apprentice" spin duo of Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy, have done an excellent job in restricting the opposition, the KKR batting will be put to test against the likes of DC's Ishant, Kagiso Rabada and young gun Avesh Khan, while the spin duo of Amit Mishra and Axar Patel will also look to make an impact.

Clash of the Caribbeans

Thursday's clash will see a mini battle between the Caribbean duo of Russell and Shimron Hetmyer who will be anxious to do well after the Capitals suffered an agonising one-run defeat against Royal Challengers Bangalore on Tuesday. Chasing 172 for a win, the Capitals were struggling at 92 for 4 but Hetmyer upped the ante in company of his captain and another left-hander Pant as the duo smashed explosive half-centuries but only to go down in a last-ball thriller.

DC bowlers in top form

Russell too looked in his elements when he smashed Chennai Super Kings bowlers all around the park in his 22-ball 54 but only in a losing cause. It remains to be seen who among the Caribbean duo wins the battle on Thursday. After Ravichandran Ashwin's pulling out, the Capitals' bowling got a boost from Ishant Sharma who cleaned up the in-form Devdutt Padikkal with a peach of a delivery en route to a tidy 1/26.



Andre Russell



Shimron Hetmyer

MATCH 25



DC VS KKR

Thursday, April 29, 2021
7:30 pm ■ Ahmedabad