

When a society changes, so then must its tools

When technology changes, it impacts the kind of things we want and need. It goes for education. The key ideas in progressive education at LFCS are mobile learning, design thinking, collaboration, creativity, and on a larger scale, digital literacy and more are skills and content bits that gives way to a holistic, integrated, broad based development.

School is the second home of the young minds where they spent a few hours daily with their fellow mates and learn under the guidance of a teacher. It's every parent's dream that their children have access to the best quality education for their personal growth and professional wealth. Renu Sethi, principal is determined to provide quality education to shape the minds of children and continuously striving effort-

lessly towards the betterment and improvement of their skills and expertise for a bright future.

Under the strong and striking leadership of Renu Sethi, principal, a quality plan and policy is initiated at **Lady Florence Convent School** that has a clear and shared goal or vision which makes the performance of everyone within the school better to achieve the end goal. It promotes the growth of every student by using every possible opportunity, gift, advantage, and resource which is distinctively visible. Its work is substantially and visibly improving the society in which the school lies, adapting to the changes of the educational sector it's setting a benchmark for values, holistic development, and strong academic interventions.

1 High expectations and standards for every student,



2 Reliable support staff and well-organised service providers;
3 A safe learning environment for students;

4 Supportive administrators and quality teachers;

5 Clean and well-organised school premises that are conducive to learning like the fully equipped well-furnished classrooms, science, and maths labs, libraries, kindergarten sections filled with tools to support experiential learning, smart classrooms, play areas, and conference halls;

6 Regular monitoring of the teaching and learning process by the principal;

7 High levels of communication and collaboration.

Lady Florence Convent School is willing to change its mind in the face of relevant trends, data, challenges, and opportunities.

It teaches thought, not content. It decenters itself-making technology, curriculum, policies, and its other 'pieces' less visible than students and hope and growth.

The school seeks to grow great teachers who seek to grow all students to shape and change their world, a place full of joy, curiosity, hope, knowledge, and constant change!

RENU SETHI, Principal,
Lady Florence Convent

Let's start new

As the chill in the air fades and the warmth of the sun becomes stronger, You know that you need not hold on to the past any longer. The gray clouds are lighter. The sky is clearer blue, And now you can see, it's time to start Something brand new. Another new year is here...

and live! To banish worry, doubt and fear, To love, laugh and give. This new year, just listen to your heart If you want to make that great start Just let go of any fear in your mind And try to be more kind. With brand new year comes a lot of things to explore, A clean, blank slate to write on, fun happenings

galore. Once again, we have the opportunity Once more to right some wrongs to pray for peace, to plant a tree, To sing more joyful songs. Let's just forget the gloom and despair that Covid pandemic brought, Yesterday is gone, let's welcome today Since a brand new beginning awaits.

GURSHEEN KAUR CHANNI
class- XII,
St Thomas' School

National Youth Day held at MMSS

Mamta Modern Sr Sec School organised a special assembly on the occasion of National Youth Day (birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda) on January 12.

The assembly commenced with a video showcasing the ideals of Swami Vivekananda, his life journey and how he presented the ideals of Hinduism in the world's religion conference.

The students of class XI organised a talk show in which every participant put their point of view regarding National Youth Day and on



the ideals of Swami Vivekananda.

At last student's activity was happened, in which every student presented a motivational quote of Swami Vivekananda.

Young Tagore

Ryan International School, Sector-40, Gurgaon under the guidance of Chairman Dr A F Pinto and managing director, Dr Grace Pinto organised an exciting online All India Ryan Championship under the name 'The Young Tagore' in collaboration with Macmillan Education.

The All India Ryan Championship - 'The Young Tagore' competition exceeded expectations of everyone as Ryanites from class V explored the world of literature. The event started with workshop where in students were introduced about the competition followed by another amazing workshop where in students were thoroughly guided about

how to make great presentation.

Through this program each and every child from class V selected a book and presented through power point presentation in an innovative way. The presentations of Ryanites were inspiration for all to get into the



habit of reading. The finalists will represent the school on state level followed by national level. The initiative taken by the school was well appreciated by the parents.

Story telling competition at DAV

Story telling is one of the most important life skills one can learn. It's difficult to be successful if you're not a good communicator and communication is, at its most basic level, the ability to tell a story well, whether to one person or to a group.

Keeping this in mind, a story telling competition was conducted by DAV Public School RK Puram for the students to enhance their confidence and speaking skills. The objective behind conducting the event was to build up confidence in child to stand up in crowd and narrate a story - self composed or other, to boost their imagination and enhance their creativity skill, develop personal, social



and emotional skill and improve word modulation skill.

Many students participated in the competition actively and enthusiastically and performed spectacularly narrating their favourite stories with awesome enthusiasm, props, actions, voice modulation and expressions.

Student Corner

AAYUSHI SINGH,
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Force Golden
Jubilee Institute



Accolades for EPS

Competition is not about getting on the victory stand alone, it is an excellent way to mirror your confidence and conviction to give

your optimum.

East Point School participates in a multitude of competitions to let children challenge themselves. Kalka Public School had organ-

ised an inter school event, 'A Sankalan of Witpicks 2021' and three students of East Point School secured coveted positions. Rhythm Kumar Singh -1st - Instrumental; Shubh Ahuja 2nd- Patriotic Song; Purshottam Kumar 3rd- Poem Composition.

Red Roses holds vaccination drive for 15-18 years

Red Roses Public School, Palam Vihar, Gurugram organised a vaccination drive for 15 to 18 years olds on January 8, in the school campus to support Health Department Gurugram which aims to fully vaccinate the city's eligible population as soon as possible.

Covid-19 vaccine is a huge step towards ending the pandemic and providing strong protection against the serious illness. Being



vaccinated can help us prevent spread of the virus and protect

people around us. The three mantras against this deadly virus are prevention, vaccination and immunisation.

Including several children from the neighbourhood more than 100 students were vaccinated with Covaxin/Covishield vaccines. Each student was kept under observation for 30 minutes after the vaccination dose in a separate room. The team of doctors, nurses and school's staff made this vaccination drive successful.

MAPS accredited with top award

The learning ambience of any educational ecosystem is the foundation which drives the learning outcomes.

Maharaja Agrasain Public School, Ashok Vihar-1 is accredited with the award for Top Schools of India 2021, conferred at the 22nd Elefs World Education Summit, organised at Delhi on December 17-18, 2021.

The schools of India were evaluated on the parameters that included academic excellence, where-



in top schools were judged for adopting the best practices for the overall development of students and learning experience.

The schools were judged for adopting best teaching strategies benefiting the students to provide finest possible cognitive learning experiences filling the gap between what is taught and what industry requires in the future. MAPS came as a frontrunner thus covering another milestone by seizing the award.

THE EDUCATIONIST

Knowledge is indeed power

RITU MENDIRATTA
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*In an endless odyssey
I set out to sail,
For knowledge is an
endless ocean,
an exquisite grail*



Knowledge is power - this quote by Sir Francis Bacon holds true always. Knowledge is a learning experience which gives our minds flight, expands our potential and is the true essence of life, but it has to be viewed in totality to gain power.

What is power? It is the ability to accomplish a task. When man first appeared on earth, he could only understand one power - the physical one. However, with the growth of civilisation and development of human mind, the mental power became superior to physical as it has evolved from knowledge. This knowledge gave the man power to govern life. All the

great discoveries and inventions of man are the manifestations of the power of knowledge. We even admire great poets, philosophers and scientists by virtue of their great knowledge.

We all know that the heightened form of knowledge is self-knowledge, the greater awareness and knowledge of oneself that enables one to achieve success with belief and determination. Most of the formal education of a child is also focussed on the acquisition of knowledge.

But if there isn't an application of knowledge, it has very little value. As the pool of knowledge grows expo-

nentially, it is important to amalgamate it with wisdom to spread its fragrance far and wide. I personally feel that knowledge should be allowed to mellow in the warmth of wisdom to mark the extremes of culture and humanity. And hence, I firmly support the National Education Policy 2020 to build competency among all learners.

Here, I would like to mention a story of the great poet Kalidas and Raja Bhoj.

One day a great scholar came to the court of Raja Bhoj and said 'Knowledge is the supreme power'. Kalidas, who was listening to his sermons at once, protested the saying. Raja Bhoj was surprised to see Kalidas act like that - as Kalidas never interrupted any debate or discussion in the court.

The scholar asked Kalidas to prove his point. At this, Kalidas replied that knowledge alone is not supreme. It has to be implemented to acquire wisdom. He gave a practical example that if he has to go to the market, he might have the knowledge of its route but if he just sits at one

place and do not move, will he be able to reach the market. So, to say that knowledge is the supreme power is half the truth. On hearing this, Raja Bhoj and the scholar realised the collaborative power of knowledge with action.

Problems arise when either one is the goal - knowledge for the sake of power or power for the sake of knowledge.

Knowledge with no practical or real life implementation is like a hypothesis. However, knowledge that is applied can become a valuable tool or a dangerous weapon. In the nutshell - the ability to find information is important, but it can't eclipse the importance of knowing information beyond the basics. As famous poetess Patricia Brazeel had said -

'It's all up to us...that desire to learn, An impression within our hearts, it should burn, And daily, the blessings upon us will shower, Always holding the truth that... knowledge is power...'

Express YOURSELF

LIFE IS A TREK, A JOURNEY

I recently went trekking and what I observed is this - when you start a journey you are full of energy. Everyone is trying to reach the same destination, maybe that is success. But everyone chooses a different and a unique road. At times, there is a slope on your way but you need to know that difficult times don't last forever. Sometimes you get lost on your road and need guidance, and you ask the trekkers around you. They will give you lots of ways. But it's your turn to choose the one which is right and follow it.

In the middle of your journey, you feel tired and want to return back. At that moment, you need a strong motivation and inspiration

to push you. That person will keep you determined on your way. You need to be speedy and progressive but consistent to reach your destination. There would be rocks, thorny bushes which depict the problems that resist you. But you need to find the solution for it and keep moving on. With hard work, smart work is also equally important. And finally when you reach your destination, you feel like, 'Wow, I've done it!' However you can't just stop trekking by climbing one region, you plan of other treks - other tasks.

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LAPORTE RESCUES MAN CITY

Southampton disrupt Guardiola's
12-game winning run with 1-1 draw

Aymeric Laporte

Photo: AP

Pep Guardiola backed Manchester City to hold their nerve after the Premier League leaders' 12-game winning run came to an end as Aymeric Laporte rescued a 1-1 draw against Southampton on Saturday.

City were rocked by Kyle Walker-Peters' first ever top-flight goal in the opening minutes at St Mary's. After a poor first half by their high standards, Guardiola's side kicked into gear after the break. Spain defender Laporte headed the equaliser, but City could not extend their winning streak in a one-sided finale that saw the visitors lay siege to the Southampton goal.

The champions had to settle for a result that left them 12 points clear of second-placed Liverpool. "Today we showed the same consistency we have been showing. If people saw in the game that we were lazy or arrogant or trying not to win — it was completely the opposite," Guardiola said.

STILL IN THE LEAD

For the first time since they were beaten 2-0 by Palace on October 30, City finished a league game without all three points. They remain firmly in pole position for a fourth title in five seasons, but their draw on the south coast will give a glimmer of hope to Liverpool and third-placed Chelsea. Guardiola is unconcerned by the possibility of Liverpool closing the gap.

"I feel as a manager confident for the future with the way we are behaving. Without the ball, everybody helps each other. I know how difficult this stadium is, with the way they play and how good we have played," Guardiola said. "I don't understand the way people say that now, after this result, the race is open, when before it is over. But this is your job to talk about that. "I would love to be 40 points ahead of Liverpool and Chelsea, but that's impossible. I would never expect to be in this position, with this margin."

City were rocked in the seventh minute when Walker-Peters linked up with Nathan Redmond on

the right flank. Walker-Peters cut inside and, with City backing off, the right-back had space to shoot into the far corner with the outside of his foot. Frustrated by Southampton's high-energy display, City were struggling to find their usual rhythm.



Kyle Walker Peters

Photo: AFP

Raheem Sterling nearly snatched an equaliser against the run of play with curler that whistled just wide from a tight angle. Sterling should have brought City level moments later, but the forward fluffed his lines from Phil Foden's pass, allowing Fraser Forster to save his under-hit close-range effort. Ederson made an instinctive stop to keep out Jan Bednarek's header early in the second half. Rodri's strike from the edge almost caught out Forster, who turned it around the post.

EXPLORING WEAKNESS

Laporte made a superb last-ditch block to frustrate Armando Broja after the Southampton forward raced clean through on goal. Broja should have scored from the resulting corner, but headed James Ward-Prowse's delivery against the woodwork from just four yards. It was a crucial miss and City finally equalised in the 65th minute as Laporte exploited Southampton's weakness in the air. **AP**

DRONE STOPS PLAY

► A drone stopping play. Newcastle winning a game. There were plenty of unusual occurrences in the Premier League on Saturday, even if a late, late winner by Manchester United at Old Trafford felt ever so familiar. Most bizarre of all Saturday was the sight of players from Brentford and Wolverhampton being led off the field by the referee because a drone was hovering above the pitch in their match in west London. Play was suspended for nearly 20 minutes in a match Wolves ended up winning 2-1.

NADAL MAKES QUARTER FINALS

Reaches Australian Open quarters for the 14th time,
in bid for 21st majors title

After fending off four set points and being unable to convert the first six of his own, Rafael Nadal finally clinched a 28-minute and 40-second tiebreaker to get himself on course to secure a spot in the Australian Open quarterfinals for the 14th time. After a 7-6 (14), 6-2, 6-2 fourth-round victory over fellow left-hander Adrian Mannarino on Sunday, Nadal is potentially just three wins away from a men's record 21st Grand Slam singles title.

"First set (was) very, very emotional," Nadal said. "Anything could happen there. I was a little bit lucky at the end. I had chances, he had a lot of chances too."

Nadal will next play Denis Shapovalov. Nadal is now tied with John Newcombe in second spot on the all-time list for most quarterfinals in Australia, one behind Roger Federer's 15. It's also the Spaniard's 45th time into the last eight at a Grand Slam tournament, which is third on the all-time behind Federer (58) and Novak Djokovic (51). He shares the men's record of 20 ma-

ior titles with Federer and Djokovic. But he's the only one of the trio playing in this tournament.

Hampered by injury

Mannarino, who didn't finish his third-round win until after 2 am on Saturday and appeared to be hampered at times by an abdominal or upper leg injury, threw everything at Nadal in the opening set on Rod Laver Arena, where temperatures approached 33 Celsius (91 F). The first set lasted 85 minutes, including the 'breaker, but after getting early breaks in the second and third sets the match was over in 2 hours, 40 minutes. "I'm very happy I survived that first set, without a doubt," Nadal said. "That crazy first set was so important."

Krejciakova, Keys advance

In the women's draw, French Open champion Barbora Krejciakova breezed to a 6-2, 6-2 win over two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka to reach the quarterfinals for the third time in four Grand

Slam events. The fourth-seeded Krejciakova will next play Madison Keys, who overpowered eighth-seeded Paula Badosa 6-3, 6-1 in the first of the fourth-round matches on Day 7 at Rod Laver Arena. **AGENCIES**

SHAPALOV BEATS ZVEREV

■ Denis Shapovalov has upset third-seeded Alexander Zverev to move into an Australian Open quarterfinal match against Rafael Nadal. The No. 14-seeded Shapovalov is into the quarterfinals in Australia for the first time.

■ The 22-year-old Canadian finished off a 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3 win over Olympic gold medalist Zverev. Shapovalov spent almost 11 hours on court through the first three rounds, and was surprised by the relative speed of his 2-hour, 21-minute win. "Probably the one I least expected to finish in three. Happy with where the game is at. I played pretty smart today."

HOLDER SHINES AS WI CRUSH ENGLAND IN FIRST T20

All-rounder Jason Holder returned career-best figures of 4-7 as West Indies thrashed England by nine wickets in the first Twenty20 International of the five-match series at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown.

Holder and Sheldon Cottrell (2-30) ripped through England's top order on a bouncy wicket, reducing them to 49-7 at one stage before a late partnership between Chris Jordan (28) and Adil Rashid (22) helped them past the 100-mark.

They were eventually bowled out for 103 in 19.4 overs.

The hosts knocked off the runs with ease as Brandon King (52 not out) struck a fluent half-century and finished the job with Nicholas Pooran (27 not out) in 17.1 overs. England's only success came through Rashid, who removed Shai Hope (20).

"The (conditions) were actually opposite to the wicket that we played on two or three



Jason Holder

Photo: GETTY IMAGES

days ago," said England captain Eoin Morgan. "We lost early wickets, we didn't seem to adapt well enough in running, which is what you have to do when challenged with movement and a bit of bounce."

West Indies skipper Kieron Pollard was happy with the performance of his team. "That's the blueprint we ask guys to put up. To come out and win a match isn't easy, to see the young guys come out and finish it off was fantastic," he said. **REUTERS**

QUIZ TIME!



Q1: How many times did snooker player Ronnie O'Sullivan win the World Championship?

- a. Two
- b. Four
- c. Three
- d. Six

Q2: In how many Test matches did Kevin Pietersen lead England during his brief spell as captain?

- a. Four
- b. Three
- c. Two
- d. One

Q3: Which player has won the Heineken Cup the most number of times?

- a. Beauden Barrett
- b. Bob Hillier
- c. Dan Carter
- d. Geordan Murphy

Q4: Who has won the most rally championships?

- a. Andrea de Adamich
- b. Sébastien Loeb
- c. Philippe Adams
- d. Kenny Acheson

Q5: Who was Mirza's first coach, aside from her father?

- a. Imran Mirza
- b. Roger Anderson
- c. Sohrab Mirza
- d. Shoaib Malik



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Q6: Who became the youngest Formula One driver to start a Grand Prix in history at the 2009 Hungarian Grand?

- a. Jaime Alguersuari
- b. Philippe Adams
- c. Kenny Acheson
- d. Red Amick

Q7: Which team bagged the Fair Play Award in the 2021 IPL?

- a. Rajasthan Royals
- b. Chennai Super Kings
- c. Sunrisers Hyderabad
- d. Punjab Kings

Q8: Which country houses the International Wrestling Hall of Fame?

- a. Canada
- b. France
- c. USA
- d. Sweden

Q9: Who invented the "compound bow" used in archery?

- a. Horace A.Ford
- b. Brady Ellison
- c. Holless Wilbur Allen
- d. Marco Galianzo

ANSWERS: 1. d. Six 2. b. Three
3. d. Geordan Murphy 4. b. Sébastien Loeb
5. b. Roger Anderson
6. a. Jaime Alguersuari
7. a. Rajasthan Royals 8. c. USA
9. c. Holless Wilbur Allen