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# A Snapshot of Life in 2020...



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# AMAZING FACTS

1. Spending just a few months in Antarctica can shrink your brain.
2. A satellite uses very little energy - about as much as two ordinary light bulbs.



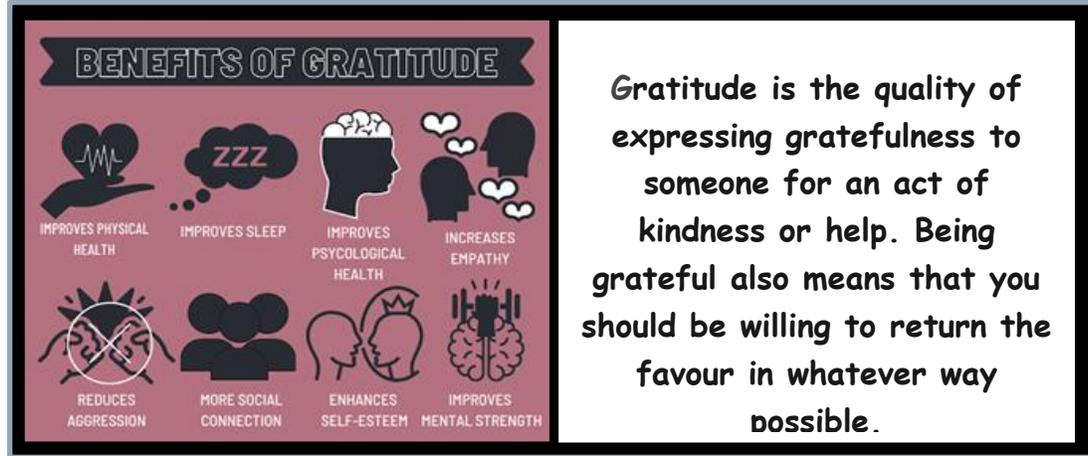
3. The moon is moving away from the earth at a rate of 3 cm per year.
4. Whales swallow half a million calories in a single mouthful.
5. There are 10 million tons of diamonds in Jupiter and Saturn.
6. The average cloud weighs an estimated 1.1 million pounds.
7. Dogs can smell cancer.
8. Bees can detect bombs
9. Barosaurus was a huge dinosaur that needed 8 hearts to circulate blood up to its head.
10. The energy released by a fully developed hurricane in one second equals that of 10 atomic bombs.

## The Artists' Guild



## Life Lessons Learnt in 2020

### GRATITUDE TURNS WHAT WE HAVE INTO ENOUGH



### GRATITUDE CAN BE EXPRESSED IN ANY LANGUAGE

#### कृतज्ञता पर मेरे विचार...

इस तनावग्रस्त माहौल में भी मेरे विचार सकारात्मक रहे हैं, जिसके लिए मैं बहुत सारे लोगों के प्रति आभार प्रकट करना चाहती हूँ।

सर्वप्रथम मैं अपने माता - पिता को धन्यवाद देना चाहती हूँ कि उन्होंने इस लॉकडाउन में भी मुझे सभी प्रकार की सुविधाएँ उपलब्ध करवाई हैं। उन्हीं के कारण मैं अपनी पढ़ाई ऑनलाइन उपकरणों द्वारा कर पाई।

जब हमारा विद्यालय मार्च के महीने में बंद हो गया था तब मैं बहुत ही निराशावादी हो गई थी लेकिन जब मैंने सुना कि हमारी शिक्षा ऑनलाइन पद्धति के द्वारा करवाई जाएगी तो मेरी निराशा आशा में बदल गई। मैं अपने विद्यालय की प्रधानाचार्या व सभी शिक्षिकाओं का तहे दिल से आभार प्रकट करना चाहती हूँ कि उन्होंने शिक्षा की इस नयी पद्धति को चुटकियों में न सिर्फ़ सीखा बल्कि हमें मनोरंजक तरीके से पढ़ाया।

अंत में समाजसेवियों, स्वास्थ्यसेवाओं, प्रसव श्रमिकों, सरकारी कर्मचारियों जैसे पुलिस कर्मियों की आभारी हूँ, जो लगातार यह सुनिश्चित कर रहे हैं कि स्थिति नियंत्रण में है।

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## OUR SCRIPTURES TEACH US TO BE GRATEFUL

1. प्रथमवयसि पीतं तोयमल्पं स्मरन्तः  
शिरसि निहितभारा नारिकेला नराणाम् ।  
ददति जलमनल्पास्वादमाजीवितान्तं  
न हि कृतमुपकारं साधवो विस्मरन्ति ॥

**भवार्थ** - जिस प्रकार नारियल के वृक्ष अपने जीवन के प्रारम्भिक वर्षों में बहुत ही कम जल पी कर आजीवन अपने सिर पर लदे हुए भार को वहन कर उनका अमृत के समान गुणकारी और मीठा जल लोगों को पिला कर उपकृत करते हैं , उसी प्रकार सज्जन और गुणी व्यक्ति भी उनके प्रति किये गये उपकार को नहीं भूलते ।

2. अयं निजः परो वेति गणना लघु चेतसाम्।  
उदारचरितानां तु वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् ॥

**भवार्थ** - तेरा मेरा करने वाले लोगो की सोच उन्हें बहुत कम देती हैं उन्हें छोटा बना देती हैं जबकि जो व्यक्ति सभी का हित सोचते हैं उदार चरित्र के हैं पूरा संसार ही उसका परिवार होता है ।



## Be Aware, Be Kind

We know that the human mind is a marvel, and its inner workings a mystery. But unfortunately, we often ignore its health. Studies show that mental health disorders are on the rise, more so during the Covid pandemic. Loneliness, inability to change with times, the pressure to be wealthy and successful, and constant scrutiny are common reasons behind it. But due to the stigma attached to mental health issues, especially in India, people refrain from seeking help. People often ignore disorders like anxiety, depression, and bipolar disorder, and those suffering from such issues are usually asked to try harder to be happy.

However, it's time we reconsider our prejudice against mental disorders. We should understand that pretending to be happy when one is not is emotionally and physically taxing. It's time to extend a helping hand, become a patient listener, and assist them seek medical expertise. After all, one thing that the pandemic taught us is to be with one another through thick and thin.

Shikha Chugule



## TRAPPED

He sits at his table,  
staring at the page  
he struggles to get his mind out of  
the daze  
As his head is blank  
And his thoughts, a haze.  
He looks out of the window  
not one person to be seen,  
and he wonders how this happened  
so suddenly;  
how the once noisy, bustling  
alleyway  
is now a lonely grey street.

Though it now seems unbelievable  
There used to be a time  
When writing was his passion,  
And his talent was rhyme.  
He'd pick up his pen and paper  
And the words would keep flowing,  
He began selling his work  
And his fame just kept growing.  
But now he sits at his table  
With no sounds to be heard,  
except  
the monotonous clicking of a pen.  
Wondering when  
The world will resume again.

So, he sits at his table,  
All alone.  
He feels trapped in his head  
Because he's trapped in his home.

- Dipannita Bhattacharya

## WHO WOULD HAVE EVER KNOWN?

Who would have ever known?  
Something so tiny  
Seated on a throne  
Could tear so many lives apart  
And yet to others impart  
An opportunity to restart.

From months spent in isolation  
To the creation of fond memories  
From succumbing to depression  
To bingeing Netflix series  
Who would have ever dreamt?  
The world to fall into such state.  
- Neha Mary George

## PANDEMIC TIMES

I couldn't let the matter just be  
when the task of 'the poem' fell on me.  
See, I'm not really the poetic kind -  
it just doesn't strike my technical mind.  
What great words should I use in the  
pun  
so that the poem I'm writing would be  
fun?  
Where do I get the poetic gist?  
How do I give it a lyrical twist?  
Of all the topics should I make a big  
list?  
Or should I just use some Google assist?  
Now! I don't want to just jump the gun.  
And declare it done before it is done!  
But here's what I present to you all  
hoping it'll push me into the fame hall!

- Smaran Sastry

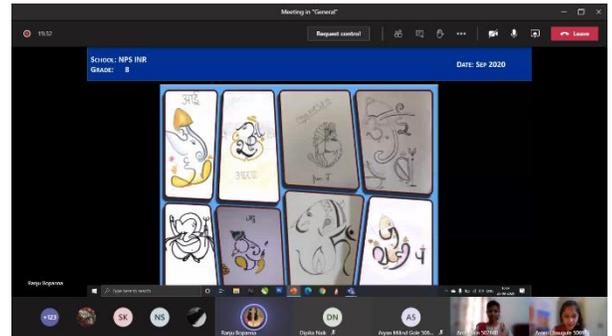
# Events

## Hindi Diwas



On 25 September, the teachers and students of Grade 8 celebrated Hindi Diwas in a special online assembly to mark the significance of the country's most widely spoken language.

The presenter began the programme by enlightening us about the importance of the Hindi language. Some students then drew illustrations of Lord Shri Rama and Lord Ganesha using the letters of the Hindi alphabet.



A few students sang some well-known *dohas*. Two students conducted an exciting quiz session involving the audience that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

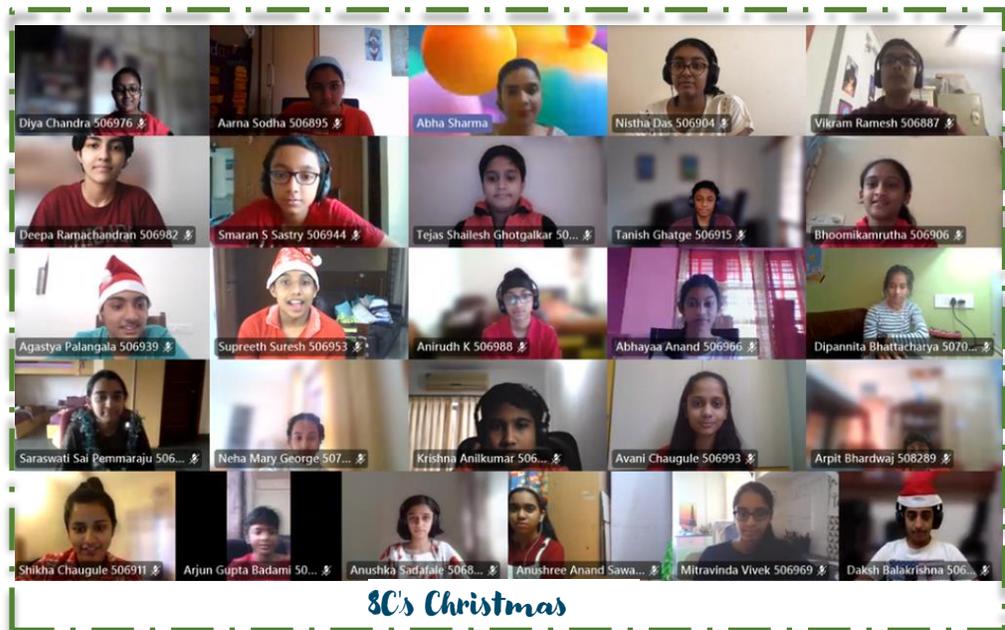
As Hindi film music has played a significant role in popularising Hindi among the masses, some students danced on Hindi film songs that had the audience in thrall.



We thus celebrated Hindi Diwas with a lot of informative and exciting sessions.

## The Christmas Party

We came together online to party and spread good cheer!



### Brain Teasing Christmas Riddles

- Q. I have different shades so brilliant and radiant and I love to illuminate homes. What am I?
- Christmas lights
- Q. I love to get chopped evenly and decorated brightly. What am I?
- Christmas tree

Our Class Teacher had made a PPT which included riddles. We also played online musical Chairs which everyone enjoyed.



## Firsthand Accounts of a Rare Sight



The year 2020 ended with a remarkable astronomical event—the great conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, where the two planets came together and were the closest to each other on December 21.

The conjunction was seen in the south-western sky just after sunset when the sky was dark enough. The Nagpur sky was clear, without a single cloud to spoil the event. I viewed it on the same day from my apartment terrace. I did not have pair of binoculars or a telescope, but luckily, it was visible to the naked eye. It looked like a stationary airplane with steady lights. Jupiter shone brighter than Saturn and was on the left. I am glad I witnessed such a rare event.

-Anushka

On 21 December 2020, I witnessed the great conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. It's named 'great' because it is rare astronomical occurrence. These two planets have never been so close to each other since 1623! This extraordinary event was visible in the south-west sky just after sunset. My entire family witnessed this event and was mesmerized by it. We did not use a telescope as we could see it with the naked eye. The two planets looked like two shimmering dots in the sky close to each other, and Jupiter looked bigger than Saturn. I am thrilled to have witnessed such an extraordinary event with my family, and I will always remember it.



-Abhayaa

# 2020- The Year of Learning



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