

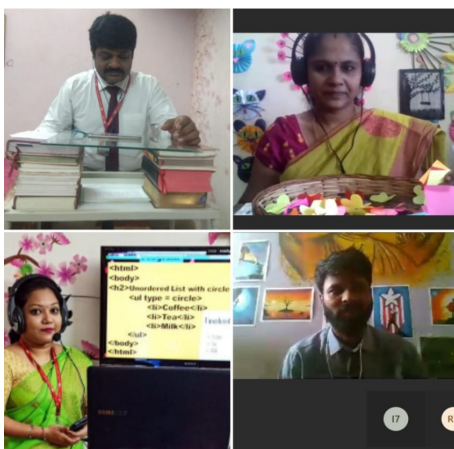
INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

CLUSTER	PAGE NO
MIDDLE SCHOOL	1-4
SENIOR SCHOOL	5-8
PRIMARY SCHOOL	9-12
KINDERGARTEN	13-16

LOCKDOWN LOCK THE DOOR

-By Varnika Agarwal 8C

*Lockdown lockdown lock the door,
Stay inside until its safe outdoor.
Locked up and it feels like
Every day is Sunday
No work, no schools
No sign of Monday
Lockdown lockdown lock the door,
Not sure what's in store
Or what the future brings
But we got to appreciate
All the little things
Lonely days without school friends,
Online classes and school Assess-
ments.
Corona is deadly and dangerous,
Keeping us all indoors
Doctors are busy saving lives
Outside the comfort of their homes
Wondering when this all will end,
Normal days will be back again.
Lockdown lockdown lock the door.*



FROM THE CORRESPONDENT'S DESK

Dear Parents , Teachers & Students.
Greetings of the Season !



I am happy to know that St. John's Public School (Medavakkam) is doing a good home-based schooling through virtual on-line digital mode since 4th June 2020. In midst of this unexpected Global Pandemic SJPS- Medavakkam emerges as one among the very few Schools in city to have adopted the right on-line model to match almost to the Classroom schooling. The sincere and the hard-work put in by the teaching faculty need to be praised , the jubilant participation of the children to be appreciated , and the efforts taken by each of the parents in facilitating the online schooling has to be applauded. I thank them with my folded hands for their understanding and co-operation.

As I had taken the drivers seat , I am aware how the teachers are trained , guided and navigated through this online classes to make teaching-learning realistic to the students. We have not only taken the Scholastic activities... but also the Co-scholastic , Extra-curricular and Other Talent Promotion Activities to provide "whole-child approach curriculum" to our learners.

Celebrating our online schooling ,we are releasing A Newsletter in commemoration of this joint effort of all stake- holders. This Newsletter is being released on the occasion of Our Independence Day and presenting it as our tribute to all our freedom fighters of those who got the freedom for Mother India. Our Salutations to today's leaders who are committed in steering our country to a greater heights.

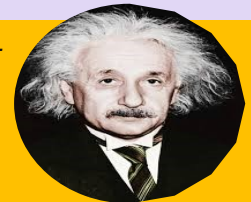
Jai Hind !

Dr. R. Kishore Kumar ,

Correspondent,
SJPS- Medavakkam.

***"Education is what remains after one has forgotten
What one has learned in school"***

• **Albert Einstein**



Isn't it true? Don't we all forget our teachers, friends and other people who have been saviours for us? Due to Covid - 19, we students of class 1 to 12 have been stuck at home and have been attending online sessions. I was one among many students who thought online schooling wouldn't last long. I did realize after a few classes, that online classes are much better than actually going to school and learning. Students are learning from the comfort of home and this online learning has helped the teachers to show more content regarding the lessons. I was pretty shocked when I saw that we were going to have life skills, personality development, home science, health education and other extra-curricular classes like that. But I was also happy that SJPS had not only concentrated on the main subjects, but had also taken care of the other interesting classes which would not allow the students to get bored. My least favourite subject was social studies but, now after a few classes it has become one of my favourite subjects. It is because of the ways of teaching, the videos they show and many other ways. I am having a great time with online classes at SJPS. I also love how teachers conduct seminars for the students for better understanding of the concepts.

By Nityashri Prasad - VIII B

Tips on how to carry on with the online classes.

1. Set up your computer so that your child can easily see the screen and can remain hands free or participate in any action orientated activity.
2. Try to have your child facing a window or other source of light, so the teacher can better see us and talk to us...
3. Choose a room where you will be able to hear and turn of any background noise (like television) or other competing sound...

By Niranjana Pillai - VIII A

Student's Views on Online Classes....

Online classes can add interesting and empowering learning experiences to your day and deliver them right to your home. You can safely welcome art, language, professional skills and many other topics into your life while being at home. Studying online is a truly global experience. My subject teachers made awesome efforts to keep our classes lively. Our

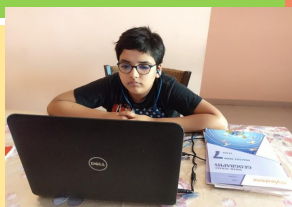


teachers encouraged us to bring back the habit of reading, played us many videos, conducted fun quizzes every week and introduced us to a lot of interesting facts and helped us develop our personality and also made us think unconventionally. We did not even miss our PE classes. I am so glad that SJPS has made high efforts during these tough times and I feel very proud of it. A variety of factors differentiate face-to-face classes and online classes. These factors in convenience, work load, test taking, and class interaction. But our lovable teachers in SJPS made the new platform well-defined to us. I personally think that online classes should be looked at as typical school classes and not taken lightly. My experience with online classes has been a rewarding learning experience.

A.Abisha Jebasline, VIII 'B'

It was the first time I had been attending the online classes of school due to the COVID-19 pandemic disease. The lockdown period made me bored by sitting at home. I never thought that there would be such a situation. However, I was very excited to attend the online classes, which our school had started as well as to see our new teachers and study by sitting at home. Our school had made a very nice arrangement. I was sitting in front of the laptop for my first online class with my eyes keenly watching the screen. As soon as the classes started one after another, I would be ready with all my materials like books, pen, pencil, eraser etc. We also got homework in the evening. The classes continued, and instead of getting bored, I was very happy. The online classes had delighted me. Even we had our exams\ online. I also liked the physical fitness class very much. Our sir would guide us to do various exercises. I would sweat a lot, yet I liked it very much. This is my wonderful experience with my online classes and I love it very much.

— ISHAN GUPTA VII B



I never thought that there would come a time where classes would be conducted online. The day I was briefed in on the upcoming online classes, I was a little disappointed, because I really missed my friends and moreover, I missed my school. Many people got the impression that I don't like school, but honestly, I love going to school. I love the smell of new books and stationaries and I also love meeting teachers and greeting them and meeting new students too. The best part is to connect with my friends.

Out of all the excitement, I hardly thought the fact on online sessions was false, but some things are just meant to be. I didn't lose all my excitement though, I was curious about how this was going to feel and how my experience was going to be. Finally, the day came, and even I didn't realize how excited I was. It was quite boring for the first few weeks because there was so much commotion and I couldn't hear or talk and ask my queries. But as time went by, I became super into online classes because not only did we get to share all our stories and experience on Covid-19, we also got to share many interesting facts and how to survive this pandemic. As I continued to attend the classes I became more interested in it.

But as usual, I had two favourite subjects: Maths and English. I love Maths, because it is super exciting to learn and as always super interesting, and I love English because I love the language and because of its various other causes.

I just wish for the online classes to continue for the rest of the year. This is my experience on online classes, and truly, it's not pretty bad, it's awesome!

— Deekshaa. D, VII-B



View of a Teacher about Online Classes....

I am a Computer Science teacher handling middle cluster. With the hold that technology currently has on our society, students are going to need solid technical skills and computational skills to be successful. I am happy to inform that our rigorous experimentation, which began in the month of May, with various remote teaching tools and platforms have been able to deliver effective online classes based on active learning approaches and to provide our students with differentiated support and guidance.

While learning to teach online, I came to understand it requires having an open mind and a willingness to learn, along with implementing new methods until excellence is achieved. Some of the methods that I used in my classroom to grab the attention of the students are Online quiz games, Online Lab Simulators, Crossword puzzles, PPT with video and audio materials and lot more.

My hope is to become an inspiring online teacher to develop engaging instructional practices and to connect with my students in a meaningful manner, and to perform my very best.

— Kiruthika G

Classes conducted through internet are called online classes. They're totally different from traditional way of learning. They're not only enabling us to continue our learning process during the pandemic, but also helps us to learn a much more about computer and its science, which is going to lead the future.

You may wonder that will online classes be the way to the future. In my opinion the answer is no, because online classes also have downstair too. Some of the disadvantages are eye-sight problem, network connectivity issues and reduce physical activities.

MY EXPERIENCE: *The online class gave me different experience and idea about the future. It's wonderful as I'm able to clarify doubts and learn new things every day. I would like to thank my correspondent sir and all my teachers for giving me such a wonderful opportunity.*

Jananee Karthikeyan VII

ONLINE LEARNING – a Lifeline amidst Pandemic

"Technology will not replace great teachers but technology in the hands of great teachers can be transformational" None imagined that the world could pause. Everything else succumbed but the power of learning has proved to be invincible, we were able to reach the doorsteps of our students and succeed in providing them good education.

A piece of our journey...

ONLINE COMPETENCY BASED LEARNING

"The online classes have been a completely new and wonderful experience for me. I have enjoyed all of it. I'm happily learning new things in spite of this lockdown. The teachers are well equipped with videos, 3D models and presentations that are very informative and fun. The PPTs that my teachers present in class is also sent through the Kencil App which is extremely helpful for me as it clears further doubts I have about the topics taught. The additions of light periods like Zumba, Art, Gardening etc. have made the classes very enjoyable. Though I miss being with my friends and teachers at school, I love online classes too." -Naysa Elizabeth Roy V A



"My computer knowledge has increased greatly and I am more confident now."

WRAY ELLIJAH

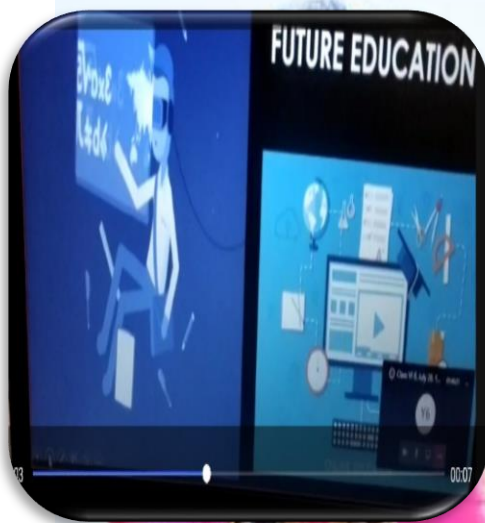
V C

ONLINE LEARNING in Time of COVID 19

"Online classes have really helped to continue quality learning even in the midst of such an unfortunate crisis. The teachers are punctual and all the classes start on time. Moreover, interruptions are very minimal and a classroom-like environment is created. Interactive quizzes and videos make the learning process more fun! We are also given more opportunities to increase our knowledge by making PowerPoint presentations and sharing them with our class."

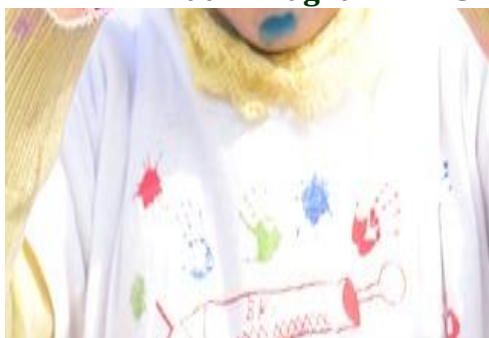
- Advita Rajendiran Anand VI-C

"I love the way we get to learn during online classes and it is exciting to watch videos and learn through power point presentation." Lalitha Ganesh V A
**VIRTUAL CLASSROOM @
SJPS**



"I am interested more in virtual learning because we can easily understand the chapter clearly in online class"

Kathir Raghav B VI-C



Glimpses of Online Teaching@SJPS



"Our teachers are really trying very hard to make the virtual class match with the real one. I feel very much happy that I am able to continue the 'Learning for Life' even in this tough time."
Akash L C VI A

With all our teacher's guidance we are able to cope up with our studies in a very efficient way. Especially, while attending the quizzes I feel very excited. Overall, I find it like, gaining knowledge in an effective, fun-filled & enjoyable way."

Rithvik.S VI-A



PARENT'S VIEW.....,

Respected Sir

We parents of Nimalan.S - V B are very much satisfied about the ongoing online classes. Especially faculties of SJPS are well versed in explaining the concepts in depth that too with practical based and clearing each wards doubts. A Special thanks and congrats to the entire SJPS team for their full-fledged effort to make the online classes as an effective and efficient one.

With thanks and regards
K.Saravanan & S.Deivanai

"I really enjoy the new style of teaching by my teachers where they are using different methods and experiments to engage us. Every day I am looking forward for what new is coming in the session."

For assessment we usually use paper and pen but now I am using my screen and keypad.

-Nishita Rebecca

Thomas-V A



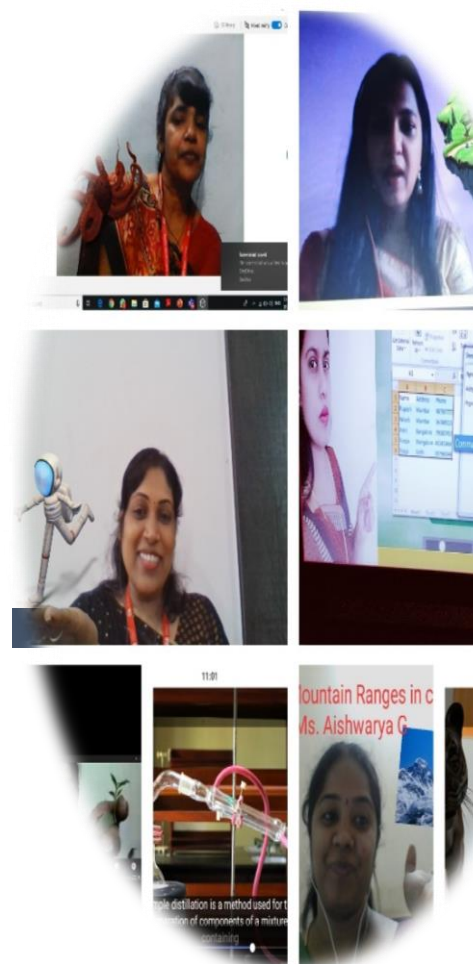
"Our stressful morning routines like getting up early, making ourselves ready with uniform, hurry burry breakfast, packing up the lunch, heavy bag at our back and waiting time for catching up the bus are not in the order now."

T. Iniyan, V A

ASSESSMENT THROUGH GOOGLE CLASSROOM



TEACHER'S VIEW.....



Challenge Accepted!

The challenge demanded that they go through digital transformation overnight.

We said: Challenge accepted

(We did our tech-fears behind a simple smile because children's learning is at stake)

The challenge demanded that we have to open our house for public viewing

We said: Challenge accepted.

(We suppressed our inhibitions, foregone our privacy because children's learning is at stake)

-Mrs. Aishwarya

CHRONICLES OF VIRTUAL LEARNING – SENIOR SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....

It's always a joy to connect myself with SJPS even during this season as the lockdown has a greater impact on each of us. The year 2020 has taught us ir-erasable life lessons that surpassed prior experiences. My memory rolls down as we had a discussion to start Online Classes @ SJPS, the choice of the platform, the mode of conduct, the training for teachers, assessment mode, streamlining the systemall these were new experiences that were brought forth. Though we miss our children in campus, each day takes a new stride to plan and execute what best could be done for their well - being A pat to all my dear students who have taken this virtual mode to their advantage to progress further and to interact with overwhelming responses. A blend of Scholastic and Co - Scholastic Activities being served so as to give the right proportion of schooling, not to be marked as a 'Zero Academic Year'. Kudos to our dear parents for the constant support and encouragement. *The upcoming days will definitely bring a lot of Activities to Educate, Educate and Emulate a strengthened bonding @ SJPS.*



MRS.SHANTHI SAMUEL
PRINCIPAL, SJPS

UPSKILLING OUR STUDENTS - FROM THE DESK OF HEAD CO-SCHOLASTIC

In the face of a crippling COVID - 19 pandemic, technology has emerged as a major lifesaver. The quick move to online platforms has meant a leapfrog into a future of digital learning and we at SJPS have embraced the change and are truly prepared for the challenge. While the academic portals started functioning in full swing from the 4th of June, 2020, the School is also steering to offer a broad roster of Co-Scholastic and additional enrichment Activities for students in the most appealing way online.

The Kindergarten kids of Pre - KG, LKG & UKG are taught Home Skills, Good Manners & Habits, Fine Motor skill development activities such as lacing, picking grains, natural atta play dough shaping, carrot ladoo making, etc and enjoy the theme days online too.

Having the best interest of our Primary Students of Classes I to IV in our heart, we have provided them with interesting sessions on a weekly basis such as Gardening, Dance, Music, Puppetry, Story Telling, Aerobics, Money Literacy, Value Education, General Knowledge and the like which gives them plenty of opportunities to learn and grow.

The students of Middle Cluster V to VIII are exploring and learning Sessions such as Zumba, Physical Fitness, Aerobics, Soft Skills, Personality Development, Robotics and Money Literacy and they strike a balance between their Academic periods and Extra Curricular Sessions.

The Senior Cluster Students of Classes IX to XII are provided useful and varied sessions such as Soft Skills, Career Guidance, Public Speaking, Collaboration and leadership skills and Business Administration Skills and thereby every student gets the opportunity to learn beyond academic subjects.

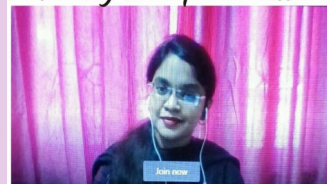
"Keep learning, embrace new experiences, see opportunities, surprise yourself" is the mantra we ask students to follow.

With courage and open-mindedness, the School is taking different dimensions to provide experiential learning with greater implementation of technology without any compromises and visualises to evolve in tandem with the changing world with increasing competition and endless opportunities.

"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most adaptable to change." - Charles Darwin.

MRS.REVATHI, HEAD CO-SCHOLASTIC

Personality Development Session



Mind - A Strolling Wind

Oh mind, so cryptic a creature,

One who echos mortal thoughts,,

Either enthralling you with positivity,

Or spilling out the demon in you.

Oh, I see a girl standing by,
A girl so lost in her musings,
At times she resists,

Not knowing which path to walk.

The cryptic creature, the tenant within,

Decides to take a turn,

Gauging her thoughts,

Filling her with incertitude.

But she proves all wrong,

As she heeds on to herself,

The story of a teenybopper is this,

Who still wrestles her inner demons.

POOJA PRAVEEN,
CLASS XI

Structuring Online Classes

Teaching online can actually be an opportunity for the teachers to create a more engaging, interactive experience for the students if you take full advantage of the available technology.

Teaching can now include documents, audio, slides, video, websites, discussion boards, pictures, live chats, etc. *Setting up virtual discussion groups to work together helps mimic the collaborative environment of the classroom.*

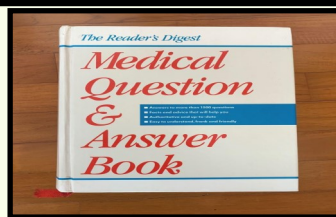
MISS . ELSA PACKIAM
PGT ENGLISH TEACHER

ART EDUCATION



WORK EDUCATION





Book review-Medical question and answer book

BOOK BY: THE READER'S DIGEST
REVIEW BY: NOVIET- TA DE BRITTO

Do you want answers to doubts about your health? Then you must try out this book. The name of the book may seem monotonous, but it actually gives you the urge to clarify more and more, and I'm not kidding. This book has few consultants- profound doctors and health advisors- from different parts of the world, which assures of being authoritative and accurate. Your relationship with your doctor is unique and important. This relationship is accompanied by a high degree of intimacy and trust both physically, mentally and emotionally. A patient must be ready to describe all his/ her symptoms to the doctor for any improvement. The book's paramount intention is to develop and maintain this bond. The questioning person's name is not exposed, maintaining confidentiality.

The question answer format of this book gives us views from both sides- questioning people and answering doctors. There are answers to more than 1500 questions in this book. We very clearly observe the frank, friendly tone of the doctors, adding charisma while reading, and definitely easy to understand. We observe questions being asked by a variety of age groups, ranging from teenagers to their parents and the elderly. is satisfied in all clarifications.

We must always remember that the book, though containing extensive details can never replace a doctor's consultation. A disclaimer in the beginning of the book adds to this clearly. This book clearly isn't just for medicine aspirants but for everyone interested in the functioning of the human body.

You can find the book on Amazon. Read it and get informed as soon as you can!

"THERE'S A CRACK IN EVERYTHING, THAT'S HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN"

RISE OF THE SILENCED

True power rests with those who are silent
Who choose to inhale the beauty of quietness
The ones who are silenced become islands
Formed by the continuous action of tides of pain
The eye of a cyclone is always calm
And so are those who choose to keep themselves warm
Knowing that only empty vessels make noise
And that the sun burns silent and wise
Knowing that anything that sets will eventually rise.
Knowing that anything that sets
Will eventually rise
And be renowned as the wise



Class IX- RISHIN B

Behind the clouds, the sun is still shining...

When the pandemic hit, the world went home and then the world went online. The word Corona sounded bizarre, quarantine sounded exotic. My eyes popped up with excitement when lockdown was announced. I was in a mist of hallucination. It was a pretty good beginning. Pestered my mom to cook my favorite delicacies, reading my books, playing with my pets, zestful in doodling, embryonic in gardening, burning telephone lines with my friends and cousins. In a nutshell, I was in the moon. As days went by, started feeling weary, life became monotonous.

Online classes were announced. Dusted the shelves to wake the books. A makeover required, visited the armoire to choose the best dress. Back to studies. Raring to see my faculty and friends. I can only relish seeing them on screen. I felt the lack of proximity. I could discern the difference. Life is not the same. Initially I was oblivious to the fact that the world was crumbling before Corona. My heart broke when people were dying like nine pins. The abrupt closure of schools and the lack of contact with the outer world were indeed a traumatic loss. Days flew, months passed, is there a light at the end of the tunnel, I wondered.

Silver lining amongst the debris was kids weren't affected much. Felt for the poor and downtrodden children who suffer without proper food as their livelihood is in disarray. Corona exposed the global frailties and inequalities. I am profusely praying for the world to limp back to normal. I am missing my friends, my teachers, my bench, my restaurants, malls, playgrounds, family get together, my shopping, my ice cream parlour etc. I want it back. We shall overcome this trial and tribulation. Of course we shall.

SAJNA MARY MATTHEWS, CLASS XII

Tradition Teaching VS Online Teaching

The traditional education model is an interaction between students and teachers, both inside and outside class.

Online learning model extends the interaction by encouraging online platform discussions, E-books, etc. Students can share and comment, teachers will be able to link to a wide range of innovative and creative teaching methodology. In the traditional method, teachers spend a lot of time correcting papers, checking assignments, etc. There is too much of paper work. Online course modules help in reducing this. Teachers can spend more time in creating an interactive learning environment in online classrooms.

- MRS. MONICA SAMUEL
PGT COMMERCE TEACHER

Senior school blog for Newsletter

<https://seniorschoolnewsletter.wordpress.com/>

LOVE YOURSELF, SPEAK YOURSELF

Hello all, hope you're doing well.

We all know about the situation we are in today, and in the future, we will never forget these days, the emotions, the loneliness, and our unstable mindset. Speaking of which, we all have to get past this feeling, this mindset, some way or the other. For the students, our futures now are all muddled; we won't know how our colleges would be. Today is us, in our rooms doing something or the other to surpass our boredom, but tomorrow? We practically have no idea about tomorrow. The best we can do not thinking about that is by doing something, maybe our homework, clean up, etc.

One of the most beautiful lines I heard, was,

"Maybe I made a mistake yesterday, but yesterday's me is still me. I am who I am today, with all my faults. Tomorrow I might be a tiny bit wiser, and that's me, too. These faults and mistakes are what I am, making up the brightest stars in the constellation of my life. I have come to love myself for who I was, who I am, and who I hope to become."

~RM of BTS

This is what we should do now. Maybe we can use this time, apart from our studies, to find ourselves, our ambitions, interests, fears, and so much more, that is hidden. We can all be discovering. Maybe there is future C.E.O., a singer, an actor, YouTuber etc. that we once hid.

Hiding them, we lost our heartbeats, we may have listened to others, got ourselves demotivated, and saw ourselves through other person's eyes. We'd once tried to jam ourselves into the moulds that the other people made. Soon, we began to shut out our voices and started to listen to the voices of others. No one called out our name, and neither did we. Our hearts stopped and our eyes closed shut. So, like this, we, all lost our names. We became like ghosts.

Maybe we can find that voice in thyself, "Hey! Wake up man, speak for yourself!" This brings to "Speak yourself," the next step for loving ourselves. No matter our place, our age, our skin color, our gender identity. We must all let our voices heard. Find the right ones in our lives, cause we all have a long way to go.

SAHANA SRINIVASAN, CLASS XII



SHARON JOSEPH, CLASS XI

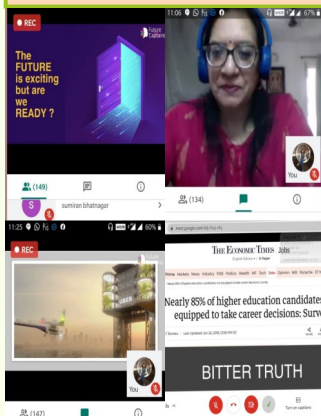
LOCKDOWN SCHOOLING

Schooling that is mastering into new direction, it is a period to remember and mark in our memories. The art of learning and teaching has taken its new style. Teachers and students connected in the virtual platform, physical education grounds and Science Laboratories brought into your living area, is a paradigm shift from the campus style. With at most freedom given to students to listen to the lectures, independently work on the assignments and activities using various e-tools and soft wares, it is indeed a journey of techno learning. Teachers taking the lead in exploring the technology and working extended hours to break the monotony in the sessions, are to be appreciated and noted.

The @Home school has showed us the strong bond, no matter what, the school and its student are connected. Not seated in the classroom but turned in the Google classroom.

PT teachers cannot take you to the field, but they did take you to their terrace and ensured to keep you fit at home. Science teachers could not take you to labs but they did added the solutions, altered the resistance and germinated the pollen grains right on screen. Likewise, many more, I can keep jotting down such interesting virtual happenings. What a different feel to learn, understand and explore without limits. COVID a blessing in disguise. As quoted by the great German Physicist Albert Einstein "Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think". Having brought in the entire school, education system, methodology and pedagogy on screen, let us together learn and nurture the minds for a successful future.

MRS.RAMYA UDAY
VICE PRINCIPAL
(SENIOR SCHOOL)



CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMME FOR CLASS XI & XII

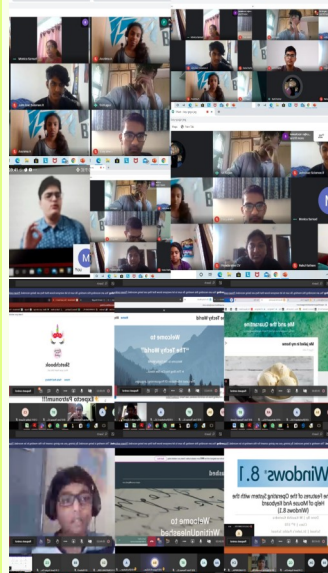
Light the whole
WORLD



Live life to the fullest

Be someone to look up to

Virtual Presentation by
senior school
students



THE CORONA BATCH

It all started with one sudden state holiday. The government had ordered all schools to be closed as a precautionary measure against the spread of the novel corona virus, and then day after day, slowly but surely we were all spiralling towards a nation wide lockdown, the virus that was rocking the world had found its way into our country as well and so, the precautionary lockdown had been extended indefinitely. And here we are, months after the initial suspension of school days.

If anyone had told me just a few months back that this is how my final days of schooling would go, I'd have laughed and not given it a second thought, but hey life is full of surprises. Being a NEET aspirant my class 11 schedule was fully PACKED, with having to balance between coaching classes and School and in general, Life.

But in the last few months I was not able to use my standard over used excuse – I DON'T HAVE TIME. No way, we all have plenty of time right now and I would say mine has been put to very good use, If I may say so. With the absence of Transportation time I'm actually saving nearly 2 hours a day – WOW, and where does that time go? It goes into my Self study time. The absence of travelling to and fro school makes me feel less tired and hence more productive. As school finishes by 3:30, and then a bit of relaxation I'm all fresh to head back to study for My NEET exam, something I just couldn't think of before as that was the time I usually reached home.

Apart from school life, I've been able to make strides in other areas of my life as well, thanks to the unlimited but limited supply of time, I can go for a short run in the morning and not be at the risk of missing my school bus, I'm able to play basketball in the evening or just sit around and have a nice chat with my family without the constant needling thought of my time being wasted and I've tried to learn some new stuff as well.

MY LOCKDOWN DAYS.....

Honestly speaking I was expecting this year to be the greatest of all the others I had come across. It had to be so, because I had a pre knowledge about the launch of so many innovations especially in the field of technology. But despite such expectations what really did convince me was that we are getting used to a new platform through online. From my side I had a beautiful and a convincing exposure to many things. There are six different online platforms which my school is using after which I, started using to fulfil my own purpose. They are as follows:

Zoom, Cisco Web E, Google meet, Microsoft teams, Big blue button, Skype

The good side of these platforms is that you don't have to download the application from your device or computer. Just a tap on the link provided by the institution and you are let in provided that you have the expected name for identification. When I enlisted all these applications it looked so satisfactory that I had learnt to use a lot of them more leisurely which may be useful for holding video conferences in the future.

1. Google:

No matter what the situation may hold, its search engine is always useful for retrieving information.

But this situation has let us touch its other applications which include Meet, Drive, Docs, Slides, Gmail, Forms, Classroom, Jam board etc. and the most important need for all these is our Google account.

2. Home schooling:

A change in the way we travel our academic years is something frustrating, as education is very crucial for our life. It seems quite underestimating for children who have other friends or relatives (non-school mates, say cousins) who are already pursuing their academic life within the four walls of their house and probably regret of not opting for this type of education especially when you are in your 10,11,12 grades. Instead they can turn the tables by getting an idea of how they can get used to this new home environment. In turn school going children can also explain their style and share knowledge on various subjects and talk to them of how things happening In person is also equally supportive. But looking on the safer side, it is ultimately an advantage this lockdown situation has enabled students to attend their classes regularly on a daily basis and access their school lessons through virtual classes unlike the situation before where the efforts they need to take to prepare themselves and trouble a mother who is busy preparing breakfast and lunch which fuels you for the whole day at school. Moreover, there is no need for a hustle bustle before going to school in the morning.

3. Conclusion:

So, let us utilize and be satisfied with this situation which has made everything electronic from schools to work from home which is nothing but a new reality.

AJAY PAULJONATHAN, CLASS XII

Conti....

My evenings which usually involved me spending near three hours for a 1 and half hour tuition has become much more productive, I've tried to teach myself a new skill - To code, I've always wanted to learn how to code, being a Math-Bio student I am not taught computer science at school but I liked the idea of knowing how to code and when the opportunity presents itself, you right jump at it with no questions asked. Coming to the end of the day, I play a few rounds of Call of Duty with my brother and call it a night. Ever since 2020 happened my life seems to be very balanced much opposite to how it has been wreaking havoc in most parts of the world. I feel like I have a sort of control over my things now, I know most of it is just my mental thoughts, but in this crucial period of my life, every little thing matters.

I would just like to say this quarantine might actually be a blessing in disguise. Online schooling could never replace the classroom atmosphere, sitting at home with our wonderful sources of distraction right in front of us may not actually be a great idea, but Well its you who makes the decision – Make it wisely, though however it may be, One thing that's for sure and that's we'll all forever be known, as The Corona Batch.

AKASH SENGUTTUVAN, CLASS XII



Make a visit to these Blogs created by students of Class X

<https://infoaboutcovid.wordpress.com/>

<https://creativesnowflake.art.blog/>

<https://isharajesh0508.wixsite.com/foodish>

<https://tejasvianand.wixsite.com/website>

<https://dhanvanthtech.wordpress.com/>

WELCOME! To Primary Section

From the Director's Desk.....



Greetings on behalf of SJPS!!

I take immense pleasure in penning down this brief article for the official newsletter of SJPS Primary cluster, my appreciation and best wishes to all the students and teachers for their meaningful contribution, participation and involvement. Dear students, your positive vibe and cheerful participation in all the online activities and the way in which you have so beautifully and skilfully adapted to the online mode of learning, gives the positivity and confidence for us to keep moving forward. Though times have been testing, it is your innocent voices and inquisitive minds that has kept us in high spirits. May we continue to be inspired to inspire, let this newsletter echo your voices, thoughts and imagination. My kind appreciation to all the teachers of the primary cluster, for having shouldered the online classes and making them a grand success. I thank our Principal Mrs. Shanthi Samuel and Headmistress Mrs. Irene Manley for their constant support. My best wishes to one and all.

Mrs. Deepthi Anderson
Director, SJPS

The word Impossible itself says 'I m possible.' This has been in our minds to ensure that no stone remains unturned to bring the best for our loving children during lockdown.

We at SJPS are delighted to remain connected with you all. The present scenario has been a wonderful learning experience for all of us. We will surely continue to provide the wholesome education.

Presenting to you the glimpses of our online classes, students learning, assessment and student's experience.

- Mrs. Irene Manley (HM) -

PRAYER IN CLASSES



LANGUAGE CLASS



SCIENCE CLASS



SCIENCE CLASS ACTIVITY



ART & CRAFT



AEROBICS



SHAPES IN REAL LIFE



The new normal

Flowers are blooming,
Birds are flying,
Wind is blowing the same way!
But I am hearing about the new normal.
Clouds are moving,
Trees are dancing,
The sun is shining all the day!
But I am hearing about the new normal.
Nothing is changed,
But I changed for the new normal.

Mrs. Mary Jasmine Noble



MULTIPLICATION FLOWER

MY ONLINE CLASS EXPERIENCE

When the online classes started, I was so happy to see my friends and teachers after a long time. I enjoy the French class the most and love the way Madame teaches. In the computer science class, I love to see mam draw and colour in paint window. English class is a lot of fun and I loved it when mam made an elephant puppet to teach the elephant story. Maths mam uses her fingers and objects to teach and I love the number games and wait for my turn to answer. I enjoy the songs played in the phonics class and writing the words with the correct spelling. I really enjoy my class from home even though I cannot go to school. I thank my teachers for making the classes enjoyable.

Johanna Claudia Paul - IF



DOUBLE FACTS USING MIRROR



COMPUTER CLASSES



FUN WITH WORDS



SIMPLE COMMUNICATION



Lockdown Experience!

I used to tell my parents to do work from home earlier. Now due to lockdown my parents are working from home. "I am happy!"

I am attending online classes from home without going to school.

Whenever I like to eat snacks, I can eat! Mom and I cook different variety of food like pizza and cake.

I spend a lot of time with my grandparents. I am playing many family games like Ludo, chess etc. I am watching movies on weekends. I am doing crafts and drawing during my leisure time. I am playing video games with my cousin online. I am playing cricket and football inside my house.

"I am enjoying the lockdown days!"

S. Sukant III E

I LIKE MY French ONLINE CLASSES, DO YOU?

- Smrithi, IV-D



The Coronavirus led lockdown has put all of our lives to a hard test in recent history. In an effort to overcome the effects of the pandemic, our school switched to online teaching-learning mode. Our teachers are in constant pursuit to adapt to the change and make learning fun, effective and engaging through virtual classes, especially our French teacher. During regular times, our French classes were always engaging and the online classes are no less. Not only am I learning to read and write, but also how to speak the language correctly. Our French Madame teaches us new words every day and also encourages to have conversation with one another in French. We even sing French songs and dance along. She ensures that we have joy, and fun while video conferencing and allows us to be as interactive as possible. She believes that, more the participation better are the learning outcomes. So, she always asks us to turn on our video to check if we are enjoying the class. Our Madame is also motivating us to explore creativity, cherish family bonds, consume nutritious food and stay safe at home. Attending French classes are relaxing, in the comfort of my home and I am pretty confident that I can interact with the real French folks when I visit Paris one day.

Joyful Lockdown Experience

During this lockdown period, I was not able to go out and was sad. But later, I started enjoying this lockdown days. But staying at home was joyful. My mom is having a library at home with many books. I loved to read those books. I started doing paper quilling and my sister learnt embroidery. I love to play monopoly game. I also, learned how to sweep and wash my house to keep it clean and tidy. Even I learnt to put kolam at the house entrance. Me, my sister and mom baked cakes and biscuits in the evening. I love gardening and helped my grandmother to water the plants. These are my joyful experience in this lockdown days.

Miss. Krishavarshini, III B

Assessment Activities



MY LOCKDOWN EXPERIENCE

With the strict lockdown, we are not going out anywhere, I was waiting for the online classes to start. Glad it started early in June. I connect to the class in my Mother's phone. She shares the screen to our TV. Wow, it's so cool to watch all the videos in our TV!

Initially I was little bit hesitant with all the connectivity and issues. My mom supported me and helped me to adjust to this new mode of learning. Now I can independently connect and manage the class.

Mam keeps all of us attentive and interactive asking questions regularly. At times I raise my hand for long and wait for my turn. And when Mam suddenly calls me, I feel happy to answer and show my work. I love the drawings in EVS class, word of the day by English mam, new poems by Tamil Mam, understanding the numbers growing bigger and smaller by Maths mam, input process output with Chapatti and juices live in action from Computer Mam.

All study and no play make Hansrudha a dull girl! And with all the extra-curricular classes Phonics, Storytelling, Aerobics, Physical Fitness, Art, Dance and Music getting started, my online classes became even more joyful. I'm now preparing for the club activity learning new song about seasons.

Well, though the online classes are more enjoyable and the learning gets comfortable from home, I really miss to study and play together with all my friends. I can't wait to see my school again. Till then I will sing this song with my brother watching over our window.

Go Corona Go, Go Corona Go Corona Go.

- Hansrudha S 'II A' -

LANGUAGE CLASS



PENCIL SHAVE ART



Suzanna Paul III E

SAVE EARTH



Akash J III C

CRAFT IN ENGLISH CLASS



A LOVELY MORNING!

It's a lovely morning,
The church bells are ringing,
The misty clouds are forming,
As the birds go singing.

The rain drops are falling,
As the sunlight is shining,
A beautiful rainbow adorning,
Over the silver lining.

Suzanna Paul - III E

Starting the remote teaching sessions was very challenging. To read the expressions from students seemed much easier during normal classes.

But within few sessions I've learnt to understand my students online as well. All my activities are meant to make my students learn better online. Wherever I look I try to find something to teach and make maths easier. I've used all possible things like hanger, clips, balls, straws, utensils, mirrors and many more.

I feel good to see that I am able to present them with interesting videos. After watching online activities, students even enjoy trying them at home. It helps them understand the lessons better.

Mrs. Jai Shakthi

AUGUST 2020



St. John's Public School
Learning for Life

NEWSLETTER

KINDERGARTEN TIMES



From our hearts to you.....
'Children want the same things we want. To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained and delighted.'

- Dr. Seuss



...And that's exactly what our online Kindergarten classes have been to our precious tiny tots over the past two and a half months! It's been an adventure with each one of the unique, lovely individuals who we cannot wait to meet every day. The joy and delight we see in the faces of our little ones, compel us to move forward and beyond, as we hold hands with you dear parents and strive to make learning come alive through our online sessions. We look forward to the time when we will embrace our little ones in person, until then we embrace you with our hearts!

-KG Team



Children are the World's Most Valuable resource and its best hope for the future- John Kennedy



UKG -HEURISTIC E-LEARNING

Our Young Johnians have been encouraged to learn for themselves with real time examples during the online classes and we have emphasized that they enjoy themselves as well as learn, thereby attaining the scholastic goals while having fun along the way. This opportunity has helped us to enhance our teaching skill sets to deliver wholesome education.



Thanking all the KG teachers for their marvellous effort by making the little kids to sit and listen. As a working Parent, I feel blessed to see my son learning interestingly through this online class.

-Parent of Mast Mohammed Ishaan M - UKG 'B'

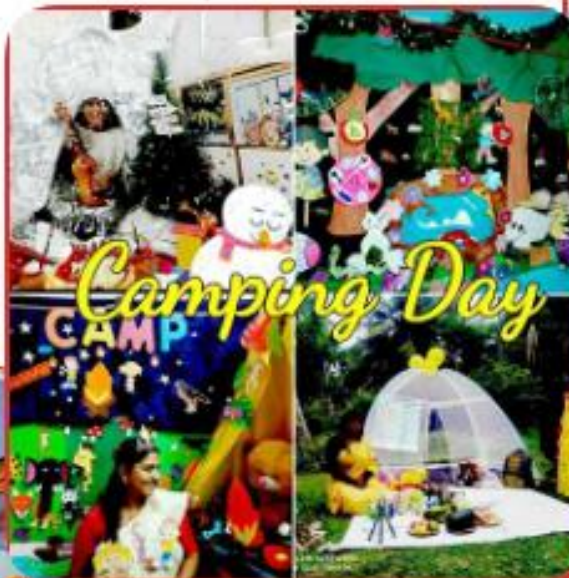


Though we were anxious and excited about how the online classes will work out for our kids it has been now proved SJPS is the BEST. It's well planned and focused for us to follow. The teachers are planned and we don't feel overloaded. The activity given by teachers made our kids very much engaged. Kids miss the school very much but we can see they also enjoy watching their teachers online. SJPS Medavakkam has set a high standard for online schooling and we are grateful for that. Dedicated and committed work by the teacher's team, a big bravo to them! Happy to stay in touch with different learning, many thanks for that.

-Parent of Miss. Niharika K -UKG 'A'



MOMENTS CAPTURED



"Imagine with all your mind, Believe with all your heart and Achieve with all your might"



St. John's Public School
Learning for Life

The LKG at SJPS focussed on Graceful learning during the Online Classes. New Innovative Teaching Methodologies were adopted. The new Technologies like Augmented Reality were brought inside the online classes. The classes were conducted lively and children enjoyed thoroughly.

LKG GRACEFUL E-LEARNING

STORY TIME



ENGLISH



RHYMES



SINGING



NUMBER WORK



SPOKEN ENGLISH



GENERAL ACTIVITY



PRE-WRITING



ART & CRAFT



Live sessions, Bringing School Directly to Home. Kids Enjoy the fun filled activities and also learn at the same time.

Parent of Mast Jehan Rgan - LKG A

We are extremely happy and pleased with the efforts taken to keep the class interesting and understandable. Three cheers to all the Teachers and organizers

Parent of Mast Lakshan - LKG B



The Online class is really well organized. It makes us feel that we are also inside the school with the kid. When the kid is called by their name they are very much interested to answer the questions.

Parent of Miss Hassini Sri - LKG B

Sharen is very happy attending the classes, looks forward to her class and talks about the new learnings after every class.

Parent of Miss Sharen - LKG B



Your efforts made sure our kids' learning & development keeps on going even in these difficult times. We are grateful for that. It exceeds all our expectations.

Parent of Miss Adelyn Sarah - LKG A



A GLANCE INTO PRE KG

Kindergarten in SJPS has turned out to be a unique experience when we brought classroom to the child's home. This academic year, we the teachers of PreKG concentrated on developing the child's fine motor skills by giving different activities through the online platform. We are giving them an experience of kindergarten life through the online platform. We brought in "WARM UP" time where they sway and move their body before we start the class. Learning letters, numbers, stories and rhymes through fun-filled activities have made the class more interactive. Now we can't wait to meet them each day.



I was apprehensive when the announcement regarding online classes starting for my younger daughter Alina came. The first thought that came to my mind was whether she would sit through the classes. Alina settled down well into her classes. Her teachers took immense efforts to build up the energy & create the environment required for the kids. They themselves were full of energy & transferred the same to her. They managed to preoccupy her successfully most of the time. Introduction of syllabus went smooth and she looks forward to the activities during classes as well as doing action songs. **Mrs.Siby Cherian, [Mother of Alina Grace Byju]**

During the last 2 months we have noticed she has become more responsive. At the beginning of the lockdown before the online classes started, she used to sit and watch cartoons on tv for hours without interacting with us. Now she is more interested in colouring with crayons, drawing shapes and numbers, creating small objects using clay and finally singing rhymes and songs. Her favourite rhyme is "wheels on the bus" and her favourite song is "Good Morning I Say good Morning ". Even when she is sitting idle, very often she keeps singing rhymes and songs on her own. We have noticed she keeps identifying objects in the house. **Mr.Rahul Vijayaraghavan [Father of Shakthi Saroja]**



We are proud and happy to be part of the SJPS family as we have witnessed the tremendous efforts by the faculty members in the past months for making the online classes lively and structured. Online schooling did sound a long shot when proposed but our child has started enjoying the same. All credits to the play way method of teaching. The painting activities, play dough, puppet shows and flash cards kept my son engaged and was very interesting. We appreciate the entire management for their efforts and looking forward to more interesting sessions ahead. **Mrs.Nivetha Vignesh [Mother of Sreevanth Vignesh]**

The online classes have kindled the learning in me. The teachers taught us alphabets, numbers, good habits and stories in interesting ways. I enjoyed the coloring of the pictures with crayons and I never knew we could color a picture with a ladies finger. I also enjoyed coloring pictures by applying paint to the fingers. I had lots of fun working on activities involving sticking the dal, segregating different pulses to the respective containers, preparing hand made puppet and other assignments. These activities have in turn helped me to share a good amount of fun time with my parents.
- Mast. Varun Karthik



STORY TIME



COLOUR THEME DAY



TEACHING ON COLOURS



TEACHING LETTERS