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FOOD DRIVE FUN



This was the first time we helped with the strenuous but compassionate task of organizing the NPS Food Drive on the 3rd of February 2021.

Many people might know that there are many people worldwide who go hungry, but they are probably not aware that the number is an astonishing 854 million!

Hence, we at NPSI have decided to do an annual food donation drive. And the fact that we were able to do it even during the pandemic is outstanding!

The entire process started early as we set up the food category stations where the students of every class in Kindergarten and Primary came and dropped their contributions.

We assisted in packaging boxes and loading them onto the truck of the Singapore Food Bank. It was worth the brawn as we had fun working together and carrying out the duty as planned by our teachers.

This experience proved to me that there was more work behind getting the donations of our kindness across to the needy. We all received complimentary badges of SG Cares for our effort.



BY VIVAAN GAGROO JAIN AND REET GUPTA, 5F

WALK FOR RICE



An initiative so simple, but an effect so impactful- NPSI enthusiastically accepted the invitation to participate in "FairPrice Walk for Rice, 2020", involving students of every grade! For every 300 m one walks or runs, FairPrice would donate one bowl of white rice, brown rice and one bowl of oats to families in need in the South-East District of Singapore.

Aside from the minimum of 300m walks during our PE periods, our enthusiastic students and teachers went above and beyond that, walking much longer distances in an attempt to help more families! All this while, of course, abiding by the social distancing norms! The spirit of giving and helping our community while having fun at the same time- what an event indeed!

In all, 1327 students and teachers walked an astounding 517.7 KM in total, collectively donating 1700 bowls of rice! One step at a time, one meter at a time, one bowl at a time. Together, the NPSI family can create ripples in the community!

Rohan Shekar, IB 1D



Early Years' Annual Day

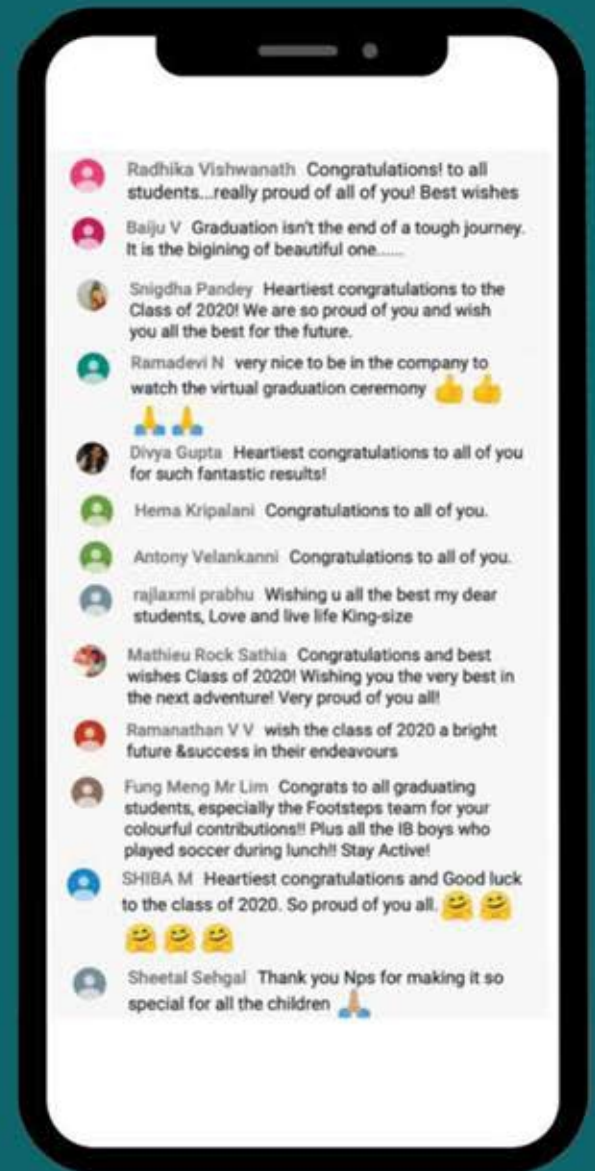


The Making Of Graduation 2020



Ding Dong! My doorbell rang at 1pm in the afternoon, but who could it be at this time? I opened my door to find a delivery man with his hands filled with numerous balloons, a cake box, and a white envelope with my name on it. Within minutes, I was calling all my friends, and we were excited to see the surprise that had turned up on our doorstep.

The pandemic that we are currently facing has challenged not only public healthcare systems and governments, but also individual resilience and ingenuity, to figure out new ways to go about the 'old normal'. As the Class of 2020 high-school graduates, we might have missed out on a traditional graduation, but that didn't stop our school from celebrating us and our achievements in the most special and creative way we could've ever asked for. Apart from sending us the most thoughtful gifts (cake and balloons-what more does one need to evoke that celebratory spirit?), our juniors and teachers collated an hour long virtual graduation event, with tribute performances, messages from teachers and administrators as well as individual student recognitions! Our school made us feel special even amidst the most uncertain times, and for that we will forever be grateful.



Sharvani Sivakumar
Batch of 2020





Class Of 2020

No OBT, No problem! Let's go on a trip through the beauty of our own Singapore!

The image is a collage of four photographs from Fort Canning, Singapore. The top-left photo shows a large, abstract sculpture made of rusted metal plates with organic, flowing shapes. The top-right photo shows a dark, abstract sculpture with circular openings, set on a stone base in a grassy area with trees. The bottom-left photo shows a black cannon mounted on a stone wall. The bottom-right photo shows a large, abstract sculpture made of weathered wood, with a circular opening, set in a lush green environment. The text 'Fort Canning' is overlaid in a white, cursive font on an orange banner across the middle of the collage.

Fort Canning

Modern contemporary designs of every shape and color imaginable provided the perfect 2-hour trail for the art lover!



Chinatown

History, culture, traditions all brought to life in the murals seen on a walk through Chinatown.





Little India

Vibrant everyday
life scenes from India beautifully
splashed onto the walls of the bustling Little India!





My Most Memorable Day



*A day in the Gallop Stable
Horses trot, ponies neigh
Bunnies hop but suddenly stay;
Riders await their turn while they
play
Girls and boys are having riding
lessons not far away.*

*The bunnies hide behind the grass
Some stay and some hop too fast;
The horses are black, brown and
white
One likes to eat and the other likes
to fight.*

*The bunnies are fluffy and white
the dear little creatures would never
dare to bite.*

*One horse's name is Mark
The other is named Clark,
Post horse riding, children like to
roam in the park,
Here the fun continues until the
dark.*

Amaira Nangia, 2C

The Moon and I

by Jia Ria, 6A



I saw the moon in the night skies
With my big, black, playful eyes,
The hallowed, divine moon
I grinned innocently, “Look ma, there’s
my lost balloon!”

“I long to hug the moon”, I said to
her
“To hold it all night long like a teddy
bear,
And to sing it a song
In my bed, for all my lifelong!”

I got a ladder and a rope, when ev-
eryone was asleep,
I climbed the hill, which was
stupendously steep,
With my hands swollen, I pulled
her with all my might,
In the sky so vast, she looked like
a flying kite.

I saw something no words can
bespeak,
A sculpted face and a glow on her
cheek,
Sunbeam illuminating her delicate
beauty,
Wham! The Moon fell right behind
the mulberry tree.

She got up and looked at her state,
“It was a starless night, and I was
quite desolate,
I’m glad you got me down”, she
said,
“C’mon now, let’s paint the town
red!”

“Swimming first”, she shouted, “I hardly
get to swim”,
“I need to tone my muscles; the sky has
got no gym!”
“The Moon and swim!” Was this a joke,
But was appalled to see her perform the
butterfly stroke!

We lay on the grass, her hand in mine,
Wars, pandemic, blasts, and famine,
“Oh, dear Moon! What things you have
seen!
How can your face still be so serene?”

“Inner peace”, said the moon with a
mumble,
“We all need to be kind and humble,
Righteous and harmonious too,
It does seem it can be true!”

My moon taught me lessons that I will
cherish in my heart,
The mascot of darkness somehow
lightened up my path,
She looked down and winked, as if to tell
me,
“From now, what a wonderful world this is
going to be!”

鼎泰丰

爸爸，妈妈，哥哥和我上个星期六下午到百利宫的鼎泰丰吃午餐。

当我们到达餐厅时，姑姑，姑丈和表哥已经在餐厅等待我们了。不久，我们就点了三盘素饺子，两盘鸡肉饺子，两份小笼包和一大碗酸辣汤。

这时，服务员问我们要喝什么饮料，我回答：“三杯绿茶，两杯冰水和三杯开水。”由于当天是表哥的生日，我们还点了表哥最爱吃的芒果布丁和草莓生日蛋糕。

鼎泰丰的饺子和小笼包太好吃了，我们都吃得津津有味。最后，我们还吃了冰淇淋才回家。

Nikita Barsainya, 7B

美丽的新加坡

新加坡是一个岛国，四面都是大海。新加坡也是一座有名的花园城市。

新加坡有很多好玩的地方，例如：动物园，夜间动物园，飞禽公园，植物园，小印度，牛车水，国家博物馆，亚洲文明博物馆，土生文化博物馆，玩具博物馆，美术馆，乌节路等等。

新加坡的樟宜机场又大又漂亮。我们一家人常常到樟宜机场用餐。

我爱美丽的新加坡。

Ojas Phatak, 8A

Ding Tai Fung (a Chinese restaurant)

Last Saturday afternoon, my father, mother, elder brother and I went to the Ding Tai Fung Restaurant at Paragon for lunch.

When we reached, my uncle, aunt and cousin were already waiting for us. Not long later, we ordered three plates of vegetarian dumplings, two plates of chicken dumplings, 2 baskets of xiao long bao and a big bowl of hot-sour soup.

When the waiter asked us about drinks, I replied "3 cups of green tea, 2 cups of ice water and 3 cups of boiled water." Since that day was my cousin's birthday, we also ordered his favourite mango pudding and a strawberry birthday cake.

Ding Tai Fung's dumplings and xiao long bao are very yummy! We really enjoyed the delicious food. Finally, we also ate ice-cream before leaving the restaurant.

Eating and drinking together is truly a happy moment.

Beautiful Singapore

Singapore is an island country and it is surrounded by waters. Singapore is also a very famous garden city.

Singapore has many places of interests, for example: Singapore Zoological Garden, Night Safari, bird park, Botanic Garden, Little India, Chinatown, National Museum, Asian Civilisation Museum, Peranakan Museum, Toy Museum and Singapore Art Museum, Orchard Road etc.

Singapore Changi Airport is big and beautiful. My whole family always goes there to enjoy our meals.

I love beautiful Singapore.

मेरा अनुभव - एच. बी. एल

पिछले वर्ष के आरंभ में हमें पता चला कि पूरी दुनिया में “कोरोना” नाम की महामारी बहुत तेजी से फैल रही है। धीरे-धीरे यह महामारी पूरे विश्व में फैल गयी, जिसके चलते सरकार ने सर्किट-ब्रेकर की घोषणा कर दी। जिसका तात्पर्य था कि कोई अनावश्यक रूप से अपने घर से बाहर नहीं जा सकता, सभी विद्यालयों को अस्थायी रूप से बंद कर दिया गया एवं होम बेस्ड लर्निंग का ऐलान किया गया।

इस तरह, हम सभी को पहली बार ऑनलाइन लर्निंग का अनुभव प्राप्त हुआ। विद्यार्थी अपने घरों से ही शिक्षा प्राप्त करने लगे। शुरुआत में हमारे लिए यह काफी मुश्किल था - हमें कई तकनीकी बाधाओं का सामना करना पड़ा जैसे कि किसी का लैपटॉप नहीं चल रहा है, किसी को माइक्रोसॉफ्ट टीमस सेटअप करने में दिक्कत हो रही है। परंतु, एक बार अभ्यस्त हो जाने पर हमें लगने लगा कि हम कक्षा में ही पढ़ाई कर रहे हैं।

एच. बी. एल ने हमें इंटरनेट एवं कम्प्यूटर की दुनिया के बारे में बहुत कुछ सिखा दिया। इस दौरान हमने फ़ायर-फ़्लाइ का उपयोग करना, ऑनलाइन गृहकार्य व कक्षाकार्य सबमिट करना, टीमस पर जीवंत कक्षा में भाग लेने जैसी कई नई चीजें सीखीं।

हमारे शिक्षकों ने भी कई प्रयोग किए और ऑनलाइन पढ़ाई को और भी मज़ेदार बना दिया जैसे कि प्रश्न पूछने की लिए “काहूत” या फिर “टीमस” का इस्तेमाल करना।

हालांकि, इस अवधि में हम अपने शिक्षकों से आमने-सामने नहीं मिल पा रहे थे, अपने दोस्तों के साथ गपशप नहीं लगा पा रहे थे, परंतु ऑनलाइन शिक्षा ने हमें कई सारे नए अनुभव दिए। सरकार तथा विद्यालय प्रशासन ने एच.बी.एल लागू करके यह सुनिश्चित कर दिया कि छात्रों को इस आपातकालीन परिस्थिति में शिक्षा का नुकसान ना हो।

- अनुष्का शर्मा, 6B

The writer explains the educational challenges faced during the pandemic. She talks about her home-based learning experiences, the various e-learning platforms, and the different ways of online learning that she became used to. Even though she was not able to meet her teachers and friends, she praises the efforts of teachers, school and government who made this difficult task possible and made sure that even during the pandemic lessons did not come to a standstill.

REVIVING A DORMANT SKILL DURING THE PANDEMIC



The pandemic created massive stress for all of us teachers! I needed to do something to get myself out of that rut.

In my teens and early twenties I played clarinet and trombone in local bands in America, but my academic work somehow always took priority and I actually hadn't picked up the clarinet for 40 years!

However, by practicing every night for at least 30 minutes for the past 8 months, I've managed to revive this creative skill. I even played a few Christmas carols at NPSI's Children's Day Variety show this year!

*Dr Matthew Sullivan
Head of School*

PLANT ADVENTURE

The process of being creative does a whole bunch of really good things for us," physically and mentally, said James C. Kaufman, professor of educational psychology at the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

Creative brings an element of fun. It helps you stay away from negative and focus on the positive. This year just made me believe and gave me the push to start something I wanted to.

I got into planting. I won't say I was successful completely, as I killed some succulents, overwatered and even fought with gnats in my soil. But that didn't dampen my spirits and I kept working on my planting skills. Weekends were spent into propagation, adding neem oil or just repotting.

My son calls our home Amazon forest but I love being around them and proudly call myself a 'plant mom'. I am grateful to this year for igniting the plant lover in me.

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