



# El Dorado

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## FROM THE PRO-VICE-CHAIRMAN

Dear students, parents, and alumni,

It is indeed a pleasure to be talking to you through the medium of this first digital edition of *El Dorado*.

The past three months has been a trying period for all of us as we have had to cope with the constraints imposed by the lockdown. Soon enough, however, much ahead of any other school in our region, we, at DPS Vijayawada, adapted ourselves to teaching in a virtual environment and placed a strong mechanism for online teaching for all our students. As a result, throughout this lockdown period, our teachers have both taught and tested the students via Zoom and Google Classroom. Even the children of kindergarten, pre-primary and primary (up to Class 4) have been set tasks, and they have carried them out with a new-found enthusiasm. But for the commitment of our teachers and their eagerness to learn how to use technology for teaching and testing online, this would not have been possible, and I would like to express my deep sense of appreciation to them.

In online teaching and learning, the parents have partnered with the teachers. They have motivated their children to prove up to the challenge the virtual learning environment has thrown up. What is more, they have co-operated with us in a situation where no other choice was available. A good number of them have WhatsApped their deep sense of appreciation to the school for the systemic functioning of the online teaching mechanism at the school. We are working hard to ensure that the mechanism functions even more effectively in the days to come, and you can look forward to a more impactful delivery system in the near future. I would like to thank each and every one of the parents for their co-operation and look forward to their continued support.

During the pre-lockdown period, we brought out print editions of *El Dorado* with unfailing regularity. Since the lockdown has rendered a print edition impossible, we are bringing out a digital edition which showcases the creative productions of our students during the past three months or so, the achievements of our alumni in the recent past, and some feedback from the parents. My thanks to the Editor-in-Chief for conceiving the idea of a digital edition and bringing out one with attractive features.

We are making arrangements to ensure that our children resume their regular classroom work on campus in a safe environment following the Government's instructions. Until then, please stay indoors and keep yourself safe observing social distancing norms.

With best wishes

**Parimi Narendra Babu**

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### **FROM THE DEAN**

The Covid-19 pandemic has put the world in a spot. Recovering from fear and a feeling of helplessness, the world is reorganizing itself, exploring alternative ways of conducting business.

At DPS Vijayawada, we woke up early on in the lockdown period to the reality of not being able to carry on with our work in a physical environment and switched to online teaching and learning in April itself. Our teachers and students have done impressive work in virtual classrooms during these three months or so, and we do look forward to the new norm of online learning continuing alongside physical classroom work in a post-Covid-19 environment. Flipped classroom and blended learning will have to be the new normal when school reopens.

It is really gratifying that, in spite of all the constraints imposed by the lockdown, an issue of our newsletter is coming out in digital format carrying the creative work our students did during the lockdown period. My sincere appreciation to all the contributors and the editorial staff.

With best wishes

***G Mallikarjuna Babu***

### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Welcome back to the New Academic Session of our excellent school year 2020-21 with new challenges of learning online even in this pandemic situation.

The initiative for online classes started off in full swing for seniors. Gradually all the other classes followed, excelling in every subject through activities, videos and direct communication with students.

I appreciate teachers for rising to the situation, going beyond what was normal and comfortably adapting quickly to the changing needs and making the process of imparting education effective, irrespective of the challenges faced.

I take this opportunity to thank our parents and students for the excellent co-operation and constant feedback in maintaining and delivering quality education even if it is virtually.

Stay Home Stay Safe.

***G Mala***



Welcome to the first digital edition of *El Dorado*!

Writing an editorial – or at least an editorial note – was a practice for several years in this newsletter. For practical reasons, we suspended this practice for a couple of years, and if we revive it now, it is because this issue is something out of the ordinary, and I wouldn't like to lose this opportunity to have my say on it.

The Covid-19-imposed lockdown has had devastating consequences for the entire world. It has killed people, infected millions, and its threat to the health and well-being of the world is looming larger. Among other negative results, it has made life miserable for migrant labourers and thrown the world economy out of gear. But, at the same time, it has helped us wake up to new possibilities: home learning and online teaching exploiting the resources available on the internet, and a stronger healthcare system, just to mention two. In the pre-Covid-19 age, we never imagined the possibility of teaching and testing students on online platforms such as Google Classroom, Zoom, and Microsoft Teams, but, during the past two months, we – both students and teachers – have done incredible work on these platforms adapting ourselves to the new situation. Having been caught unawares, we couldn't raise adequate resources to prove up to the challenge of carrying on with our routine work in a virtual world, but we have used our imagination and engaged the students not only with academic work but also with creative activities. We are indeed proud in showcasing the creative activities of our students in this issue.

Also included in this issue are three special features: a poetry section carrying the poems written by some of our students from home to commemorate Mother's Day; enthusiastic feedback from as many as thirty-five of our parents congratulating the management and the teachers on the sustained online teaching during the lockdown period; and news from just a few of our alumni about their academic achievements.

Let's hope that before the next issue, we will be in a safer world with the threat of Covid-19 being subdued, but, even in a post-Covid age, there is no reason why we should dispense with the new normal of publishing a digital issue of our newsletter. I hope you will enjoy this issue as much as we have revelled in putting it together.

Happy reading!

***Shanthi Ramanujam***

Editor-in-Chief



# CREATIVE ACTIVITIES OF OUR CHILDREN



*From Ms Vijaya Seethapathi, Coordinator, Pre-Primary*

During this lockdown period, our pre-primary children are spending quality time. They explore the world around them with hands-on preprimary activities designed to engage little learners. Teachers are reinforcing their learning through online exercises, worksheets, online games, art & craft etc. This enables them to learn continuously using play-way methods. Some of our projects include: Stay Home Stay Safe, Eat Healthy Stay Fit, Drawing & Colouring, Gardening, and Reading. There are also activities for the children exploring their immediate environment for learning and enjoyment.



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***From Ms Nancy P, Coordinator, Classes I & II***

It is well known that the entire world has been fighting the biggest challenge ever posed by the Covid-19 pandemic since March 2020. Physical classrooms have since been shut and home learning has been the new normal. The students of Primary Division, viz. Grade-1 and 2, have continued their learning practice by using the activity sheets given to them. Secondly, students have kept themselves occupied by their own talents like colouring, drawing, dancing, singing and playing indoor games. What is more, they are lending a helping hand to their elders at home.

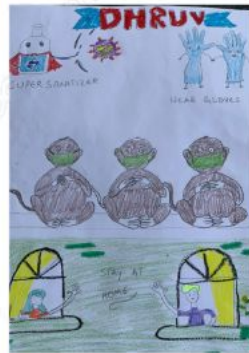


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***From Ms Rukmini M, Coordinator, Classes III, IV & V***

We have developed strategic solutions to engage the students in a meaningful way during the lockdown period. In order to give students real-time experience through virtual classes, *online teaching* commenced for Class 5 as early as 1 April 2020 with incredible response. For classes 3 and 4, *interactive sessions* were held between the subject teachers and the students and parents. During these sessions, teachers engaged them with riddles, quiz, dictionary game, picture comprehension, storytelling, current affairs and other relatable discussions. In addition to all these, to engage students in productive and meaningful work, they were given one activity each day – such as slogan writing, study of various leaves and their patterns, poetry writing, pillow fort, cooking and many such activities. Added to these, in order to supplement their academic work with joy and recreation, *co-curricular activities* are also introduced online through which students learn karate, art, craft and music.



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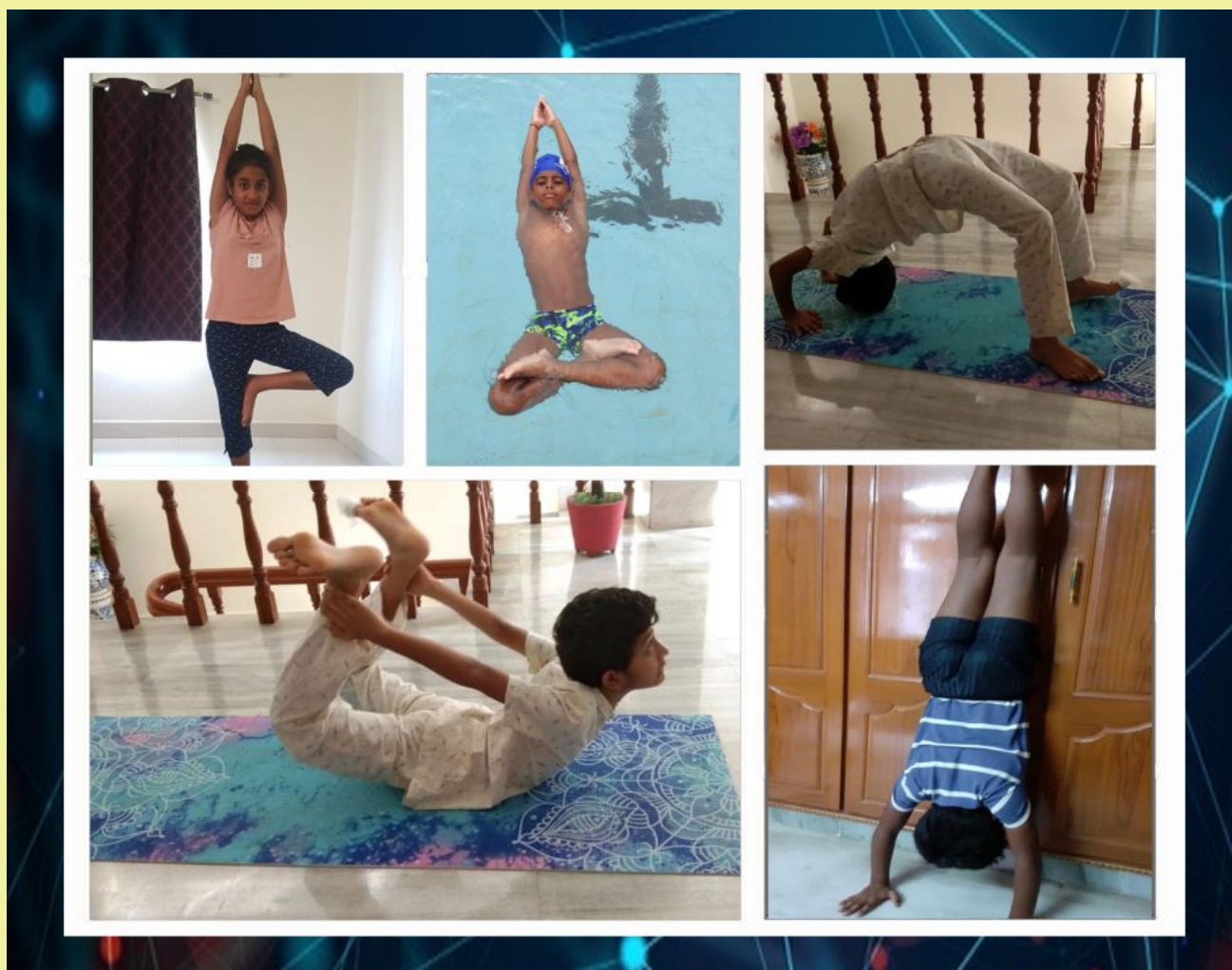




***From Ms Pannaga K Murthy, Coordinator, Class VI***

Every day of the lockdown period so far, in addition to academic tasks, one fun activity has been given to the students of Class VI on WhatsApp groups to engage them and to enhance their creative skills and talents. The students' enthusiastic response has overwhelmed us. Parents are showing great support by encouraging maximum participation. They have also expressed that these activities are keeping students away from gadgets and keeping them engaged positively. Some of the activities were:

- Making 'Thank You' cards for parents
- Posters on Earth Day
- Homemade face masks
- Writing poems on lockdown
- Finger gym exercises
- Nature photography
- Learning to cook
- Doing chores for family
- Bird feeders during summer
- Talking to parents about their dreams and many more.



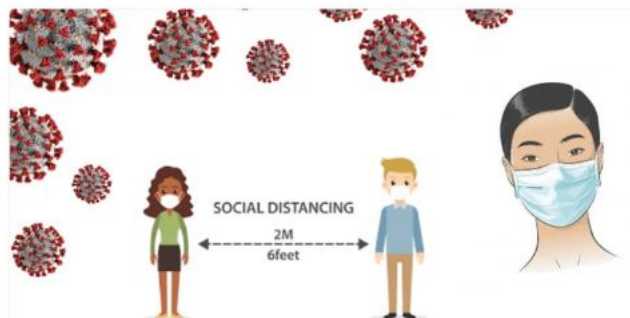
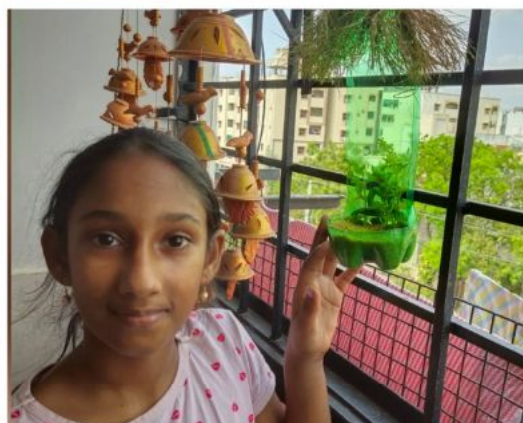
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***Social distancing and personal hygiene  
Is the only solution for COVID-19***



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VI-A2**





**From Ms Shilpi Bishnoi, Coordinator, Class VII**

**a. Adjectives Game**

A language learning activity with a fun element added to it. Kids were asked to use adjectives before names. This activity lasted an entire day. It helped the students strengthen their vocabulary as well as add new words to their vocabulary stock.

**b. Easy recipe share...**

One day, in the kitchen, kids prepared delicious yummy dishes under the supervision of elders. The tempting dishes prepared by the small hands were super tasty

**c. Peacock drawing...**

Each kid drew a picture of the national bird and coloured it.



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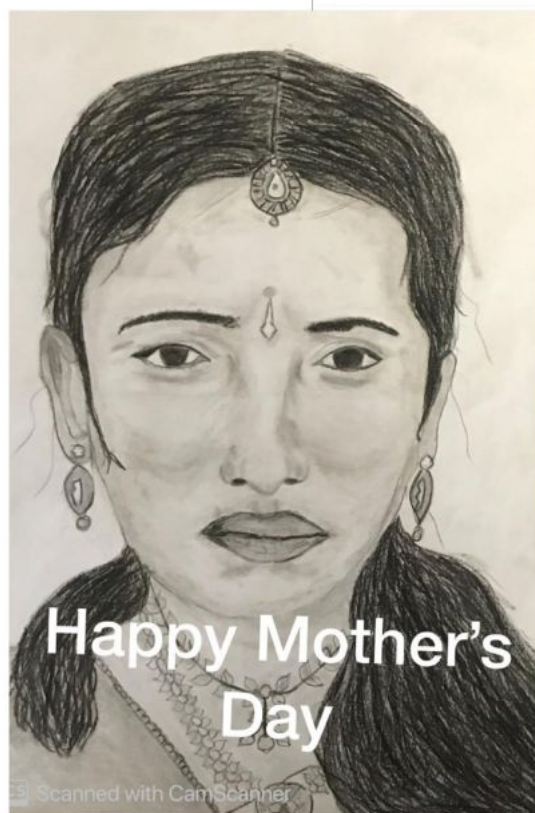
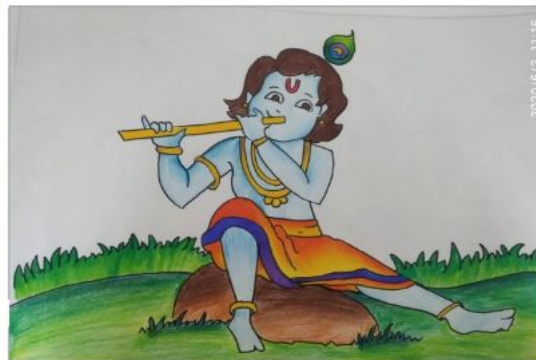
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*From Mr A V S Ravi Kumar, Coordinator, Class VIII*



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(Poems composed by some of the students of our school in honour of mothers on the occasion of International Mother's Day on 10 May 2020)

## What have I done to deserve your love?

What have I done to deserve your love? I had all the fun,  
And you always put me above even though your workload  
was a tonne

What have I given to deserve your tenderness? No matter  
what I did, I was forgiven, and the things I did wrong are  
endless and up the walls They have driven you 24/7

Thank you for giving me a place in this world and for  
giving me warmth and wisdom. I swear and you can  
have my word that I will do my best with all your  
encouragement

And I really want to say no matter how I act I have  
never meant to hurt you in any way  
And this is a fact:  
I love you so much and  
I pray that you never felt like you lacked.

Happy Mother's Day!

- Kola Yaswitha, Class XII A1



## Shouldn't every day be Mother's Day?

Rings a bell? Oh of course, the second Sunday of May,  
Shower your mom with flowers and love, spoil her to no end...  
I hope I've been adept enough with the sarcasm!  
Sarcasm? Why sarcasm, girl? Do you hate your mother?  
Readers, believe me, if you have no clue to what I am talking about,  
Read this till the end. I'm bound to make some sense here.  
The other day she was telling me about the importance of cooking.  
For those of you who don't know, I'm a top contender in the couch potato list.  
So cooking's not really my thing. I prefer eating, thank you.  
No, I'm not proud of it, it's just that I'm born like this.  
I try to change but you see...hey! This was supposed to be about my mother!  
So she went on, "You don't have to learn cooking because you're a girl!  
Everyone has to, for self-sustenance." And my insolent, nonsensical reply was  
"So what? I can eat in a restaurant!" You could laugh, but the tone in which  
I said it! It was enough to fuel the spirits of saints.  
I didn't apologise immediately, for I, too, was taken aback. I had never spoken to her like  
That and I knew it was a sin. She didn't frown one bit. But she was hurt, and deeply so.  
She didn't speak to me for days, and I didn't dare to, either. I couldn't concentrate on  
Math that day. I kept differentiating instead of integrating. I decided to call it a day.  
That night I had dreams – not imaginary ones, more like visions of the past, that had been  
Filtered out of the merry ones, courtesy my uncomfortable conscience. She was not someone  
Who lauded me for scoring centums, her catchphrase was , "Dilliabhi door hai, beta!"  
Her words were bitter, she was a harsh critic of everything, a perfectionist perfect  
Herself and yet.....Whenever chilly winds blew at the railway station, her dupatta  
Flanked my shoulders. Whenever I was warm after playing cricket, she'd think I had a fever.  
Everytime I needed a shoulder to cry over, she offered me her hugs as well. She still does.  
And there was a time, not so long ago, I'd grown as thin as a rake. I looked like a  
Chopstick, only much weaker. I'd lost my appetite, being tired of travelling from school to  
Coaching classes and back home everyday. A lot of people taunted me, they called me a  
Skeleton, they thought I couldn't study anymore. It was easy to see me laugh it off, but  
It hurt me to no end. But my mother, an epitome of patience, a paradigm of kindness,  
Counseled me day and night telling me I had to get stronger to study. And to this date,  
The only reason I exist is because she does. Her selfless love, sacrifice, the love behind  
Her harsh words - it is enough for me to love her next to God himself. She's my  
Guardian Angel, my only Prince Charming, and my best friend.  
For such a woman who has bestowed her whole life upon us,  
Shouldn't everyday be Mother's day?

**-Ambica Govind, Class XII A1**

*(In a print version, this poem would have been substantially reduced for reasons of space and readability. Considering (a) that space is not a constraint in a digital edition and (b) that reduction may detract from the fine sentiment that the poem expresses, it is carried in full. – Editor-in-Chief)*





## You and I will always be together

*I recollect the day I chose  
to step into this world –  
A world so cruel and ruthless,  
Where even the light wanted to make me blind.  
I was welcomed by faces unknown and weird  
Helpless I was, there was nothing to do,  
so I cried, cried and cried..*

*Suddenly, I felt an arm approaching-  
Worried and afraid, louder I wailed  
That was when I heard a gentle voice,  
showering words so composed,  
Enough it was to pacify my soul.*

*Then a realization sprang to mind  
on the touch, as soft as fleece  
Comforted I was, on being assured to be  
with the angel who was sent for me by Lord.  
It was none other than you, Ma!*

*Lost in ecstasy of discovery,  
I was interrupted by  
your murmuring to me –  
That moment, so joyful it was!  
Your admiration for my cheeks chubby,  
nose buttony  
And my being doe-eyed  
All that still echoes in the core.*

*So many years on and still counting,  
There is a lot more to mesmerise.  
I will always love you more than you care for me,  
Oh Ma! You and I will always be together...*

*- Sakshi Sharma, Class XII A1*

TO THE  
BEST  
*Mom*  
in the  
World



## All I can do is to keep you happy

*The joy of my life, the beats of my heart  
The breaths of my life, everything names you – “AMMA”  
You are sent from heaven by God.*

*I thank lord, for he gave me the pleasure  
Of stepping my feet in your womb, I know,  
The acute irrepressible pain, while giving me birth*

*Is the most difficult time for you, but the moment I was born  
You slammed me against your chest  
Telling the world how happy you are, forgetting all that pain.*

*To me, you are no less than a superhuman, you are always with me  
For the happiest and saddest moments of mine  
You are the pathfinder, whenever difficulties surround me  
You overcome your obstacles with courage, and taught me the same*

*You encourage me when others criticize, you hold me high  
When others push me down. When you are with me  
My world brightens up. You are a perfect human being  
I have ever seen on this planet,*

*I can't say how much I love you, Amma  
If I am the body, you are my soul!  
I don't know how to thank you  
All I can do is to keep you happy*

*- Sreeja Rashmitha Duvvada,  
Class XI A1*







# Handwriting Contest

A virtual handwriting contest was held on 21 May 2020 for the students of Classes III to VII. The entries submitted by the following students were adjudged best in the order given below :

## Classes III - V

### Class III

1. M. Jaithra Krishna.
2. Neha Angelin.
3. Dasari Rushyasringar Kirbi.
4. Kalliseti Hemath.
5. JuhithSai N

### Class IV

1. Sai sri Sanvi
2. Srikruthi
3. Nikash
4. Vasanthika
5. Teveer Sahasr

### Class V

1. H.V.N Devasena Advaita
2. V.Lalit
3. K.S.S.K Praneeta
4. P.Deepti
5. Shrika Dandamudi

## Classes VI & VII

### Class VI

1. Rekhamchala
2. Akanksha Nivedita Minz
3. Jyotish Priya Pathak
4. C. Kaustubh
5. M Nagaraj Pritansh

### Class VII

1. Adithi Krishna
2. Mahima Achhpeliya
3. Venkata Sairam Chintha
4. Haasini Paidipati
5. Yukthasri





# **PARENTS' FEEDBACK**

**From a representative cross-section**

## **PRE-PRIMARY**

I am very much thankful to the management and teachers for their support.

During this Covid-19 pandemic, even because teachers aren't teaching from classrooms right now, you are providing amazing platform for students to continue learning. Teachers are arranging amazing worksheets every day. Khan Kids app is very much helpful in this early days of learning. The stories in app are very helpful for making him learn phonic words. Teachers are making sure their students are engaged and feel safe and secure.

We are very happy for your support and guidance. In this challenging times, we are truly thankful for the management for your encouragement and support.

**Veeramachaneni Anusha**, parent of Jay, UKG - A1

I bow down to your unfazed dedication towards your pupils by taking online classes and sharing of informative videos to develop their skills. I found them very valuable. As a parent I was always anxious about performance my children in the class ... but these online classes made us to understand as how elegantly my children are nurtured in your temple of education. You are so caring & inspirational in carving the future of my children even during these tough times.

I submit my gratitude on behalf of my little ones Deeksha Sahasra (5A7) and Vedha Varnika (UKG A1) and promise to obediently follow your guidelines.

**Sushma Chandrasekhar**,

Mother of Deeksha Sahasra (5A7) and Vedha Varnika (UKG A1)

I love DPS.

Thanks for putting lots of efforts in making my child learn through online app and worksheets. Mokshith is totally into it and wants to explore new activities in the app daily. Thanks for the teachers for emboldening my child. Thank you DPS for all the efforts.

**Sowjanya**, mother of K Mokshith Reddy, U K G A3

Work sheets were good, helped kids to revise topics from class.

Zoom classes were well organised by the team with good topics for discussion...my child enjoyed vegetable printing activity very much.

Kids are novice to zoom classes..they need to get habituated for online classes..

My thanks to kindergarten team for their work..I wish you impart much more creative activities during these testing times.

**Vineetha Dutta**, mother of Ishanth, UKGA4.

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## CLASSES I & II

As schools around the world have been closed due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (and many have extended closures of the school), students, teachers, and parents are settling into the "new reality" for the foreseeable future. I thank all the teachers for helping us in these tough times. I am very happy for Shanaya as she was well occupied with worksheets and various activities which were sent by Nirmala mam and she had learned a lot of things each day.

Reethika, Mother of Ch. Shanaya, 2-A1

This is regarding Khan Academy, bolo apps and worksheets feedback.

First of all, thank u for suggesting those apps. The children are very comfortable with that with a little help of mine. Khan is very useful in learning mam. she is interested to listen storytelling in Bolo everyday a less time with those apps very useful and unique learning concepts Mam. Even worksheets too Mam basic concepts with worksheets r very useful. Thanku Mam for all the care and learning concepts to them. Thank u for the class helping them to do and learning through new patterns. Thank u to all.

Teja, mother of Nithya & Ridhi, Class 1 A5

Wonderful teachers, you may not realize that all good teachers have good parental qualities, as good parents we realize that we dont have exquisite teaching qualities like yours, thank you for taking good care of our child..We are grateful that our child experienced studentship while with you. Indeed it has shaped greatness into our child more than we could have imagined. Your help and guidance to our children are very much appreciated during this tough situation in lockdown, and you are helping us raise them with innovative activities and tasks, to become such a talented, smart and kind individuals, your making our work as parents so much easier.. Thank you so much and appreciated you very much for your support and hard work.

M Satish Babu and Sravani Dasari parents of M. Haasvi, Class 1A3

This is our feedback regarding Covid-19 period activities, worksheets and online activities using apps.

To initiate, we have joined our kid Aparajitha in DPS for the 1st class as new admission and the classes have not been started for this academic year yet, due to this COVID-19 pandemic. We felt very bad for this and all of a sudden, a group for Class 1st- A1 was created on 15-April-2020. It was good to get introduced to little kids, their parents and to get familiar with each other.

We are really happy to see the group the way it was created and utilised for the kids to improve their creativity and the activities given to them, so that they can learn and improve their knowledge for little minds.

The activities given in the blog, given through WhatsApp are really helpful. The online activities via Apps are much more liked by Aparajitha and completed her work within minutes. She had started to use the same apps beyond the given activities and she is trying to solve the puzzles, answering the questions. We are happy to get introduced to such good apps.

We thank all the teachers for keeping their efforts for the creating the activities and these activities helped much more to keep Aparajitha on study track along with her plays in this COVID-19 lockdown period. Aparajitha completed all her worksheets happily and she felt good by doing it.

Thank you again for all the activities initiated by the teachers of Class 1 – A1, DPS. We are very much satisfied by the all the activities.

Sirisha & Maheedhar, parents of Aparajitha, Class 1A1.

It's really Appreciated and with schools closed because of COVID-19, we've all gotten a pretty clear glimpse that our DPS have shown us a platform where kids could learn from home .

We have found a greater appreciation for the School management and teachers as we've seen just how much they do and how their passion to help students learn and grow has spilled over into virtual classrooms and by day to day activities .

It's in these challenging times that we truly recognized and appreciate how our school play such a pivotal role in our children's lives — inspiring a lifelong love of learning and discovery, fun filled activities, painting, and making a difference in their well-being and long-term success. We've got covered with these fun learning and thoughtful ideas.

Deepthi, mother of Dinath K, 2A5

The various activities spread out over the past 2 months were very interesting and exciting. The online apps were both educative and fun for my son. The projects and worksheets were completed enthusiastically by my son with our support. This whole exercise had a positive impact on us during the tough times of lockdown.

Thank you Mam for your efforts

Dr Swapna, mother of Sai Vivaan 1A1.

My daughter enjoyed a lot about activities and worksheets given by you. She eagerly waited for activities and did within 10 minutes. She did her brother (who is studying 3rd class) activities also. She enjoyed khan academy kids and bolo app.

Nirmala, Mother of Venya sri Meegada.

The lockdown period was a tough period for the kids. The lockdown has affected the lives of not only students but parents as well. The kids were very sad because they don't have friends for playing. But after the ma'am gave worksheets and so many wonderful activities my kid was very happy. My kid took the assignment too seriously and put a lot of effort on them and that shows how engaging the worksheets and activities are. Same time parents also engaged with the kids and enjoyed a lot. Especially the khan academy activity and blog are very useful for kids and I noticed that my daughter is learning the things very fastly. Before she spent more time in front of the tv but the activities made her fully busy. Thanks for the great effort from the teachers.

Anitha M, Mother of Parvathi K Nambiar, 1A1

I really want to thank our DPS management and the teaching staff who made my kid more brighter in this lockdown period...Always allotting activities and academic work to them through online. The kind of follow up which was taken by teachers really Incredible.This made my kid not to feel bored at home and up to date on her syllabus too..The way how quickly you people have moulded yourself to new method of teaching it was really appreciable...Thank you teachers...you are the nation builders....

Suneetha Thonta, Mother of M. Khanishka Poorvi, 1A3



## CLASSES III TO V

The last couple of months has been a rollercoaster for all of us. With schools closing earlier than expected it has been tough for us parents to keep our children occupied full day. The teachers of DPS Vijayawada have been very understanding and cooperative by conducting online classes. They provide with the learning material and also conduct activities and competitions to create a school like environment amidst this pandemic so kids don't miss on the fun part. The tests and assignments help kids be on track with their studies. I am thankful to DPS for putting the best use of technology in this current situation.

M. Parthasarathy & K. Supraja parents of M. Deepthi Parthasarathy, 5A3

I'd like to thank all the teachers for their tremendous efforts in making the online classes so wonderful and interesting. In the present scenario where going out is difficult, having education in the form of online classes has not only kept the students upto date with their syllabus but also has kept them occupied with assignments and activities without getting bored at home. We really appreciate it. Thanks a lot.

Avanti Dandamudi, mother of Shrika Dandamudi, 5A1

I know the difficulties you are facing with this new method of teaching..its completely different n new..but still ..you finished the syllabus on time n conducted the exams too. I think this is the 1st school in AP N Telangana..doing like this..bcoz am finding out in other schools too..many international schools..they didn't start yet.

Though everyone of us are facing a biological war..you..DPS teachers dint give up at any moment n adopted a new method of teaching where students enjoyed learning and were encouraged too to the new learning style. Apart from studies your daily activities kept students busy n enthusiastic..My sincere thanks to all the teachers for their awesome n great efforts

Dr. C. Swathi, mother of B Charvee 5A1

Good evening and best wishes to all the teachers who made the new edu system - online classes rolling .It is not fair for me as a parent not recognising and sharing a word of appreciation for your extra effort.

I was, like any other parent apprehensive about my child using the gadgets and her acquaintance with online teaching/learning skills.

I did share some of my views during the process of past two months and echoing of results(not marks please) proves that there is lot of effort gone in from great teachers which has direct linkage to the results in terms of basic knowledge deliverables.

During the process I gave an ear to the online teaching and the way teachers have handled the classes.

My sincere appreciation and heartfelt regards to all the teachers (what else can we offer to those great personalities who chose to be in such Noble profession- Let me recall and remember the words of Mr APJ Abdul Kalam sir who always loves this profession ) each and every member steered this process to impeccable levels and child friendly.

During the online teaching process teachers have shown great patience and esteem levels of query handling from children.

There is a professional demonstration of leadership from Head teacher to class teacher and subject teacher, as a parent I can easily access to the query redressal system

Kindly accept my feedback as a positive motivator for your extraordinary efforts during these pandemic difficult days. Wishing you all the esteemed members of Noble profession a happy and healthy stay with your family members during these summer holidays

[Shaik Alla Bhaksh](#), father of Shatha Maktoum Zainab Shaik, 5A5

Thank u all the mams for such wonderful setup..this has been a very different experience for children and this will definitely help them to be future ready.. please keep up the good work

[Gaganpreet Singh](#), mother of Gurman Kaur 5A1

Good evening, I am here to thank all the teachers for their efforts and patience to teach their students through online classes.

Sitting in front of a system and expecting the best is what as a parent I do. But the strain ,the stress, the pressure of learning an entirely new method of teaching in such a short period of time and bringing out the best is absolutely commendable. Thank you once again.

[Sareena Syed](#), mother of Izma Sumera Syed 5A5

Hello!

As we all very well aware of this lockdown due to COVID 19 but at the same time it can't restrain us from learning. DPS is the best reputed school that I am very happy my ward is in DPS that which helps in creative learning in combination of nature and academic focus. The Teachers are friendly, caring and making nurturing environment by sending worksheets, videos and assignments In the backdrop of such challenging situations also DPS is adequate by conducive to the learning needs of students and the activities that are assigning to the children are very creative and skill developing in learning .The teachers are excellent and the class is well organised which helps children to share ideas and learning.

[A. Sindhu](#), mother of Andalam Surya Adip Vardhan 4A2

DPS strikes the perfect balance of education in Covid time. The education system of the school never failed to mesmerize us with their new adaptation.

However,with all the gadgets. I see my school as a lighthouse of education bestowing knowledge as well as ethical conduct upon us. In contrast to other schools, the school not only focused on academic but also on confidence building activities .In other words, it emphasised on the overall development. Thanks to the management and teachers for this.

[K. Deepthi](#), mother of Kancharla Kishal, 4A2

Due to Covid-19, these days are very difficult times for everyone, more so for children, because they are not mature enough to understand the implications of what is going around. I am glad that DPS is making a lot of effort to make the children feel as normal as possible. The method of online teaching is very new to the management as well as the students. But, it is very happy and thankful to see the effort that is being kept in by the management and teachers to engage and equally keeping up with the academics even in this pandemic situation. Thank you DPS.

[Vishnupriya](#), mother of G. Sri Vidya, 3-A5



I would like to appreciate all the efforts made by the management in engaging our little ones ensuring our child's safety during the present situation. We impressed with your ability to engage children with different kinds of activities and worksheets. You have fostered a sense of support and appreciation that allows us to spend time to improve child's academic skills. Your hard work makes such a difference to ensure the learning and growth of our children. We are forever grateful for all you do.

NVS Rao, father of Tejeswar N, Class 3 A5

## CLASS VI

With covid pandemic and with kids getting started with new school year, DPS came up with great initiative to start online classes to avoid any delays. Also great efforts from teachers to create whatsapp groups to keep parents informed of daily activities and class schedules. Daily activities helped enhance and also challenge kids creativity. It also helped giving additional family bonding time while doing activities. Most of kids are addicted to using technology in terms of using tablets, laptops, phones for social media, games, videos. but with online classes kids kind of got understanding of using it for academic purpose besides just for entertainment. Also tests were conducted online and kids had opportunity to take online test for first time and it was pretty exciting for them to do test and get results right away. Online classes also helped kids with self discipline and more responsibility. Great initiative and kudos for everyone who are behind this idea to make it seamless for parents and kids.

Deepti Suryadevara, mother of Sanjay, Class VI A6

Thanks a bunch to all the teachers and the management of Delhi Public School Vijayawada for the online classes and the daily activities which were conducted in the month of April and May'20. As a parent I was really tense about my kids academic for this year because of the Covid -19 pandemic and the quarantine situations. I felt like the days were getting wasted idly at home. But the online classes conducted by the school has ached the problem. By taking such quick resolution for the classes through online the academic problem was solved. The daily activities were so virtuous which kept the children so immerse in the activities. I am really grateful to the teachers for their assiduous and stoicism throughout the classes. These classes and the daily activities were so well planned and executed as they involved in the overall development of the child without them getting bored. Everyday a new kind of activity was assigned which they used to do very enthusiastically. These classes and the daily activities have really helped the children to a great extent and also their time has been utilized well without squander. Thank you so much once again to all the teachers and the management.

D. Deepthi, mother of Sri Karthikeya Karunya, Class VI

Even during this kind of hardships going on with Corona Lockdown, the Management and the Teachers of DPS Vijayawada Successfully conducted online classes from April 2nd week. I really appreciate the way the teachers dealt with the online classes along with assignments, teaching videos and notes. Not only just the classes, the teachers also engaged the children with the best extra-circular activities such as Art, Craft, Dance, Music, Karate, Oragami etc which helped the

exploration of children's creativity. In the meanwhile, teachers also conducted online Handwriting competition. And finally succeeded with the Online Assessments on the syllabus covered so far.

I am very much glad that my child is a student of DPS where the teachers are much caring, encouraging, responsible, spending their valuable time with utmost patience and dedication.

**Rupa**, mother of A. Rishikpawansai

## CLASS VII

DPS Vijayawada has encouraged the students to learn extra-curricular activities like music, drawing, karate and dance during lockdown period. They gave certain tasks to students like learning to sew a button, cooking with parental guidance, brain boosting exercise, etc. These tasks made them get engaged in the crisis period. Introducing life skills and breaking gender wall for boys and girls will certainly be useful.

**G. Swapna Damera**, mother of Niti Meher

Thank you coordinators for the healthy environment you stimulate, facilitate and provide comfort in learning. Teachers are really indulgent and understanding in helping the children sending worksheets, videos and activities and making children very stress free and build unforgettable memories.

**Sindu Andalam**, mother of Drithi

The motive to write a feedback to you all is just to render my heartfelt gratitude to all the teachers and team who worked for the success of online classes and activities. Kudos to all the teachers who are spending so much on making videos and wonderful classes for sparing time along with their household chores in this tough time of Covid 19. It is highly appreciated.

**V. Deepika**, mother of Haansika

Thank you very much to all the teachers and school management for helping in bringing 'School ' to 'Home' ,with all the exciting everyday activities which kids enjoyed to the core.

**Seema Jain**, mother of Prisha Jain

## CLASS VIII

Amid Covid-19-disrupted academic year online classes have been very helpful to the students. We are very happy that the teachers are doing their best to conduct classes regularly during this time of crisis. The online classes have also allowed the students to express their doubts which made them a bit interactive.

I feel that after the holidays you can try to add one more class to the daily schedule and give them home work on a daily basis so that the students would be more involved in their academics.

Sahasra is doing overall well .She is trying to read new books. She is also doing other activities like drawing & dance. She is trying to make desserts like icecream & cakes watching from YouTube. More important she is helping me in my house hold activities during this lockdown period

**Trinath Chigurupati & Pratima Chigurupati**, parents of Sahasra



The online classes conducted by the school for class 8 covering the chapters as per subject wise were incredibly good. All topics were sufficient enough for the child to grasp the knowledge and understand the concepts of the lessons. Curriculum was efficiently covered to build cognitive and logical skills. My child could give online exams confidently without any stress.

Note: If Hindi and Computer subjects were added to these classes, it would give great advantage and be very beneficial for all the students. Thanking the school authorities for taking this Technologically advanced steps in today's education so students do not miss their continuity in their school education.

**R.Vikram & R. Pavani**, parents of Anvitha

Happy that DPS has well organised the online classes for the students during the Pandemic situation. Appreciate the efforts of all the staff and the Management of DPS for such a great initiative within a very short time during the unplanned situation. Thanks very much.

The online classes along with the extra curricular activities like Art, Craft, Music, Karate & Dance etc . had been very useful for kids to get engaged in an useful manner. Our kids Parvesh Nag Munagala (8A1) & Jitesh Nag Munagala (6A2) were interested in Arts class and did some wonderful sketches. Thanks again.

**Sunita Rani Vangeti**, Mother of Parvesh Nag Munagala (8A1) & Jitesh Nag Munagala (6A2)

I am really happy & satisfied with the online classes of all subjects . The teachers have taken proper care & been very particular in reaching out to each & every student personally. Every chapter has been taught in detail just like in regular classes. The assessment was also arranged very well.

**Puneet Kaur**, mother of Gurnoor Kaur of class 8 A4.

The hallmark of a true leader is - turning a problem into an opportunity. We are glad DPS is such a leader in the field of education. This pandemic is a once in a century health crisis. No one would have ever imagined that we would see this day. It took away our freedom and ability to interact face-to-face. If it is difficult for adults, it is even more difficult for children. Their daily routine, their play time, their interactions with the outer world are all gone. These times will definitely go down in history. what we make of them is what is important. So we are glad our son Siddhartha goes to DPS Vijayawada where the management and teachers are making immense effort to keep things as normal as possible for their students. Initiating online classes for the teachers and the students, DPS took this challenge head-on and gave us a semblance of continuity. We are sure a lot of hard work goes into taking online classes as it is a new medium of education . It is very heartening to see the care and attention of the management and teachers for their students in these difficult times by putting aside their own problems. The school is not only looking at academics but also the holistic development of the children by giving them co-curricular activities. We as parents express our gratitude and thankfulness to DPS.

**Koti Ravi Kiran Chalasani & Deepthi Chalasani**, Parents of Lakshmi Siddhartha C, Class 8A7

*(In order to retain the flavour of the original messages, we have not edited them – Editor-in-Chief)*

# ALUMNI NEWS

## NIKHIL KOMMI NANDAKUMAR (First Batch; graduated in 2013)



It is a pleasure to share my academic achievements with my alma mater:

I graduated with a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from Peoples Education Society (South Campus) under Visvesvaraya Technological University in 2017, and started my master's programme in Industrial Engineering and Management at Linköping University, Sweden, in 2018. On 10 June 2020, I received an Achievement Award for 'Excellence in the 2-Year International Master's Programme in Industrial Engineering and Management.' Currently, I am doing research in 'Understanding the

Relationship between Operational Improvement and Profitability in Swedish Manufacturing Firms.'

In my professional working life:

I have interned at E-Reciklaza (Nis, Serbia) and my duties were: production schedule, spare part services, market research, working in logistics department for delivery of electronic waste and assist in design for future control systems and production flow systems; and

I have worked as a Manager in Devraj Enterprises (Bangalore), Financial Planning & Customer Relations.

## MANI SHEKAR KADIYALA (Batch: 2016)



After graduating from DPS, I moved to the University of Massachusetts, where I finished my bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering in three years while training to get my private pilot licence. I then got accepted into the University of Illinois, and I am currently pursuing my master's degree in Aerospace Engineering here. I am also working as a Research / Design engineer at Editekk, a startup company based

in Illinois, where I design and build large, ultra-high vacuum pressure chambers, and its necessary components.

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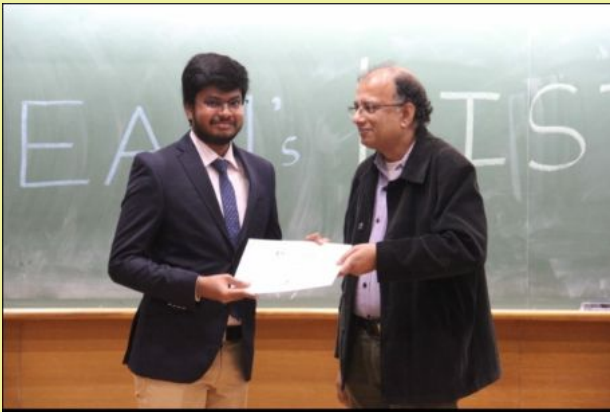
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## MOHAMMED JUNAID (2011-2017)

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I am currently pursuing my Bachelor's degree in Management Studies at Shiv Nadar University. As a part of this journey, I am happy to share that I have been able to work in leadership positions of multiple clubs and societies. I am also happy to share that this curriculum has brought out the better part of my professional self which fetched me success academically. Being included in the much coveted Dean's List Awards, being selected for Internship programs in the social and the

corporate sectors has added, enriched my career objectives and orientation. I accredit this success to not only my university, but also to my alma mater, DPS.

## DIVIJA SREE MANDAVA (2016-17)

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One of my best memories of my school days at DPS is working for the Editorial Board of El Dorado, managing the school magazine and organising events for students. My time at DPS Vijayawada as the Literary Secretary fuelled my interest in the media, ultimately pushing me to pursue an undergraduate degree in media and communications at Manipal University.

Having interned at six national and international firms like Bosch, The Hindu and Wizcraft Pvt over the past three years, I understand now that organisations these days look for individuals that are passionate about their work and constantly on their toes. These traits have been inculcated in me from a young age at DPS, where I was given the freedom to explore my passions through extra-curriculars without having to neglect my academics.

Every opportunity that comes my way reminds me that my school built me up to become the person that I am. Today, as I step into the highly competitive creative industry with an Academic Excellence Award from college and work experience in the fields of corporate communications, event management and journalism, I am grateful to DPS for introducing me to the world of media during my formative years.

This report took me back to the good old times of going to school. I would like to thank you for reminding me of the same. Hope to keep in touch, Ma'am.

## CHINMAYA SINDHU VEDANTAM (2015-2017)

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In these unprecedented times, I hope you and your family are doing well and taking care. Madam. I just wanted to share some good news with you. In our previous conversation, I mentioned the prospects and plans to apply to universities. I wanted to let you know that I was accepted into the University of British Columbia (UBC), which is one of the top 3 universities in Canada and top 20 in the world. I got an offer into their faculty of Medical sciences. I wanted to thank you for encouraging me, guiding me and being a colossal inspiration in my high school. Without your push, I would not have been able to be here today. I am eternally grateful for having the opportunity of being your student.

I was also selected in UBC's Genomics Club to work under a scholar for the summer research project. Here I was given the chance to help with the research on CAH (a genetic disorder) and present it to a jury of PhD students, Professors and scientists coming September. I wholeheartedly thank you for your support and inspiration.

## SRISUMA MOVVA, Batch (2017-2018)

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Two years ago, I graduated from DPS Vijayawada and took with me 6 years worth of memories. Now, I am an incoming junior at the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Amherst and I am double majoring in Computer Science and Statistics, with a minor in Psychology. Since I was a young girl, I was always passionate about both the sciences and liberal arts. Fortunately, DPS gave me the tools I needed to excel in both as now I am

engaged on my campus community through a wide range of extracurricular activities. I am on the organizing team for multiple clubs on campus such as HackUMass, a hackathon team where we plan out one of the largest college technology gatherings in the nation. I am also the Secretary for HerCampus UMass, a global e-magazine for female college students.

I actively participate in organizations and events that promote minorities in technology. Last October, I was sponsored by my college to attend Grace Hopper, where I had the incredible opportunity to network among a community of 20,000 respected minorities across the technology industry. Recently, I have been chosen to be a Summer Leader for Rewriting the Code, which brings together a network of women-in-tech across the United States. Currently, I have a job as an IT assistant on campus, and I will be interning in a software engineering role this summer.

Bittersweet as it may be to both cherish and miss DPS, I will always appreciate the lessons I have learned there.



## **BOLLEMPALLI PRIYANKA, Batch: 2016-2017 (X standard)**



Current Status: First year student of MBBS at AIIMS Mangalagiri

I have studied in our beloved school, DPS Vijayawada, for four years. I was elected Vice Head Girl in my tenth grade, in the year 2016-2017. I appeared for the national entrances, NEET, AIIMS and JIPMER, and I have secured All-India Rank 837 in NEET, and All-India Rank 1436 in AIIMS entrance exam. Now, I have joined as

a student in All-India Institute of Medical Sciences, Mangalagiri, and I am currently in my first year.



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