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“Nature never did betray the heart that loved her.” – William Wordsworth

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2020

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

World Environment Day, aims to raise awareness about climate change and inspire environmental activities across the globe. The Covid-19 lockdown imposed throughout the world has struck a chord in each one of us and it has made us ponder on how nature is an integral part of our day to day living. The tangible improvements in nature have made us believe that the Earth can be saved. Cleaner air and water, liberated wildlife, blooming flora and fauna during the lockdown are a testament that human interference in the past has wreaked havoc beyond measure and it needs to be curtailed immediately.





If we refuse to completely imbibe the lessons which the lockdown has taught us, nature will strike back with exponential devastation. With hope in our hearts to endure hard times, we shall move to a future of refined lifestyle choices to preserve Mother Nature and work cumulatively to restore our planet earth from the destruction that has been caused over the decades.

NATURE CLUB

World Environment Day, celebrated every year on June 5th, is a day of celebration, a global platform for public outreach, whereby people, the world over, have advocated and acted for a healthy environment. This year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the day was celebrated via its first-ever online campaign - this year's theme being, "Celebrating Biodiversity". With regard to this, members of the Nature Club at Modern School Barakhamba Road, chaperoned by the teacher-in-charge, Ms Richa Bhatia, commemorated the Day with online activities. The aim was to promote environmental protection and awareness amongst the children and to engage in environment-friendly activities with a strong message that if humans are fortunate beneficiaries, they must also act as responsible stewards of the Earth.

The celebration saw active participation and enthusiasm, wherein various activities were curated for the students, spread over a week's time, to perform from their homes, thus keeping them aware of the pressing environmental concerns and the need to protect the sick, the poor and the vulnerable from the worst ravages of this disease.

These included a webinar, conducted by Ms Sunita Narain, an Indian environmentalist and political activist and a major proponent of the Green concept of sustainable development, on the topic, "COVID-19 - Learning from the crisis and reshaping the future of the environment". Attended by the teacher-in-charge, Nature Club, the webinar had vital takeaways. A video compilation, as one of the activities, by the members of the Nature Club, on the song, 'Heal the World' by Michael Jackson, with an apt message that it is both a collective and individual responsibility of everyone to preserve and tend to the rich biodiversity of Planet Earth, received a befitting laudation.

CREATIVE CORNER

Creative writing by several children who penned down their thoughts in the form of articles and poems on myriad topics dealing with environment, bears a testimony to their sensitivity towards the environment. Some of their musings are as follows:

KEEP YOUR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN AND GREEN

Smoke rises from those tall, cylindrical beasts, filling the air with swirls of mercury, lead, sulphur and what not. These metals taint the air as they corrupt the pureness that breathes life into the world. Large, chunky monsters glide down the road, loudly roaring or softly purring as they present exhaust from the pipe to the earth.

Pollution, no matter in the air, water, or on land poses a huge problem for the world. It accounts for around eight million premature deaths annually across the globe.



According to a joint study by ICMR in 2017, in India, air pollution is linked to a child's death every three minutes, and every eighth death in the country is linked to exposure to poor quality of air. Oft the question of its origin bothers my being, on a closer analysis I could gather the industrial and manufacturing emissions, burning of fossil fuels, home and farming chemicals (stubble burning), etc. as some of its causes. Breathing poor quality of air acts as a silent killer; which unlike Corona that claims its existence to China; takes some time to manifest its effects. But to curb air pollution, one has to transform the sources. India needs an umbrella policy for air pollution that is at the core of our industrial, transport, energy, urban and rural planning.

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SHOW ITS WORTH AND SAVE THE EARTH

Mother Nature has always given
Living beings their basic needs
But we are going out of the way
To disturb the nature every day.

What would we do without the birds, insects,
flowers and blue skies above our head
Nothing is being done, nothing is being said
But one day when humanity is gone
Life of nature will still go on.

Polluting factories and vehicles
They all lead to air pollution
But we All probably know
Every problem has a solution!

The animals and birds not caring one bit
As if humans never existed
They will all exist in harmony
And we will be wiped out of their memory.

Trees are being cut for more space
Animals being thrown out their homes
Forests, animals, all are suffering
Its natural beauty being taken away.

We should make people aware
Plant trees everywhere
Because one tree planted everyday
May actually end up saving the day.

Ananya Nath, S4-B

SAYING GOODBYE!

There comes that inevitable moment when it's time to say goodbye. Mr Firoz Bakht Ahmed, a senior teacher of Department of English, Modern School, Barakhamba Road, attained age of superannuation after a fruitful tenure in the school. The Principal, Dr Vijay Datta, felicitated Mr Firoz and congratulated him for the new phase in life. The Modern School fraternity wishes him the very best for all his future endeavours.



The Principal, Dr Vijay Datta, Senior Headmistress, Ms Jaya Khurana felicitating Mr Firoz Bakht Ahmed



MUN SOCIETY

ENROLLMENT AND TRAINING SESSION 2020

The Model United Nations Society successfully conducted the annual enrollment process and training session for over one hundred and twenty students over the course of fifteen days in the month of May. Teacher-in-charge, Ms Sonia Kapoor, along with the students of S7, worked their fingers to the bone, to sculpt a process that would allow them to engage with the students in the absence of physical communication owing to the prevailing conditions. The process, which under normal circumstances, would be spread out across multiple days, was effectively tailor made into a thirteen to fourteen hours comprehensive virtual training session, inculcating all facets of learning about International Politics, Jurisprudence and The United Nations.

A three-tier process was utilized to gauge the aspiring students' understanding of contemporary global events while also testing their ability to solve crises and articulately present arguments. The students were provided varying platforms to showcase their skills and express their opinions. These included, a written medium through analytical essays; a verbal and conversational medium through virtual group discussions and lastly, a collective - collaborative medium via the Online Training Session.



Senior members of the MUN Society facilitating the induction of budding leaders and diplomats

After having selected zealous students as new members of the society, the senior members of the society conducted a comprehensive online training session on May 30, 2020, which entailed explaining the fundamentals of the United Nations, along with the rules of procedure, research, debate and delegation for Model United Nations. To further broaden their horizon of knowledge, the MUN Society created a forum for a mock MUN simulation where each student assumed the role of a delegate, governed by the agenda "Countering the funding and flow of arms and ammunition to violent non-state actors with special emphasis on the Middle East". This session saw an overwhelming participation by one hundred and thirty four students, including eighty-five students from S4, thirty-six from S5, thirteen from S6 and ten from S7. The efforts of the organizing team under the guidance of the teacher-in-charge came to fruition on May 31, 2020, with eighty-five budding leaders and diplomats being successfully added to the MUN Society for the year 2020-2021.