



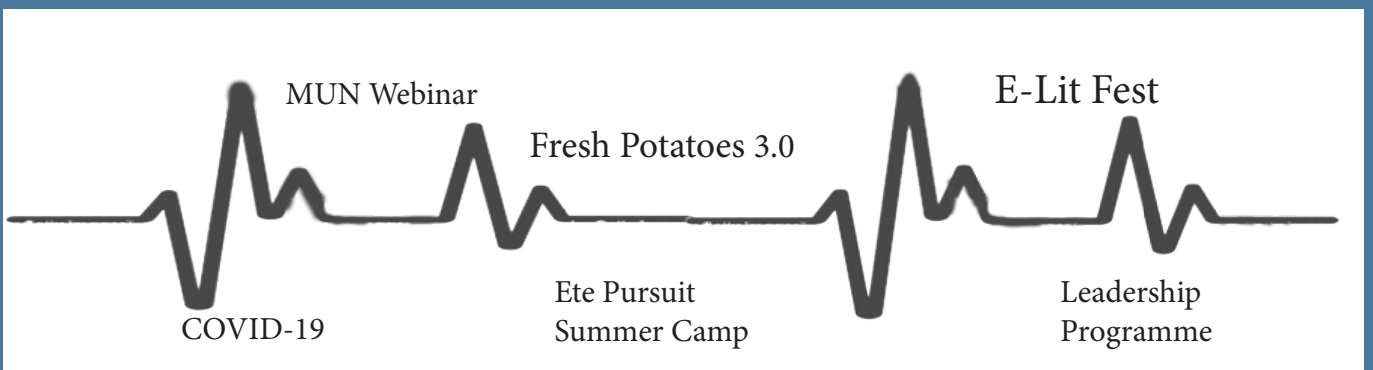
“School’s out.”

Alice Cooper’s (not mama Cooper) song quite literally sums up the entire mood of us, morose 12th graders. The extension of shutdowns and the delay in the reopening of schools has driven almost every one of us to the edge of (seventeen) becoming maniacs. As the hay of May fades away, the students have geared up for the new edition of online classes, which as the season changes, come along with a little change. While the shift of classes from Zoom and Extramarks to Microsoft Teams hasn’t been smooth for the most of us, the collective (team) efforts by the teachers have made the transition a little easier. The summer breeze may have blown away but the heat of the season is still prevalent, from turbulence in Rajasthan’s political matters to the scandalous encounter of Vikas Dubey, from LAC face off to Nepal’s territorial dispute, India has made a number of changes (ban on 51 Chinese apps to begin with). But what remains constant is the rising number of Covid-19 cases, globally. While we experience rain showers nationwide, the real shower of hope has been the decrease in fatality rate of Covid-19. What with the beautiful ten years of One Direction and the surprising release of Taylor’s new album Folklore, we were again given reasons to cherish our being.

Our school cabinet may have been dejected by the prevalent situation but to keep the sound of our jingles going, the student council, along with the help of the faculty members, managed to engage students in virtual events, the range of which varied from literary, artistic and cultural to informative and educational. Fuchsia may have been a distant dream but its substitution, E-Literature Fest, came in handy to make us all bleed the colour of our houses. But as the hues blend into the blues and the landscape (read: mood) dampens around us, the only thing that keeps our spirits going right now is our upcoming Periodic Tests (feels surreal). The jaw-droppingly amazing results of Classes XII and X have really boosted everyone’s morale.

As the students pull up their socks and gear up for their exams, to help reduce the stress and inject some serotonin, we present to you The MGD Pulse Volume 1, to brighten up your places. Experience the struggles of putting together the virtual events (not to forget the numerous time bound share-screens on zoom), feel the anguish of the exploited and reel in the complexity of the mind. Find enriching articles, Fresh Potatoes 3.0 and help yourselves discover a new ‘to-watch-movies’ list and a playlist that would end up on loop on your devices.

Happy reading,
With love and noor
Vedika



“I always marvel at the humans’ ability to keep going”- Marcus Zusak.
 As the world is taken by the spread of the coronavirus, the lives of us students have been touched by waves of uncertainty. With schools being closed and classes resuming on virtual sites, our lives have taken a 180’ toll. While the gloom of the current situation may have disheartened us, it has certainly failed to hamper our spirits, the spirit of MGDians and the zeal of participating. To keep this spirit of MGD going, our school organized a series of events on virtual platforms. The range of the E-Events varied from E-MUNs to E-Literature Fest, from online counselling sessions to Eté Pursuit, our E-Summer Camp. The events aimed to instil within the students the sense of belonging along with the spirit of competing. Been put in the confines of four walls, the students managed to put the last nail in the coffin of lethargy and boredom which the virtual events aimed to dagger. The variety and range of events aimed to maintain the efficiency of the girls and hone their artistic and literary skills. The initiative came with its own set of challenges, from setting a common meeting time to connectivity issues, from distorted voices to background noises, from waking up at 7 am to practicing till late at night, the virtual events were a rollercoaster ride. But unlike the rollercoasters, the exhilaration of these E-Events was long lasting and ended up pulling us out of our lulls. Whilst it has been challenging (quite literally for the tech- challenged) to host these events, it has been more endearing to look back at them as a milestone.

Inshorts

- Struggles behind E-Literature Fest
- Summer Camp - Eté Pursuit
- MUN webinars
- Career Colloquium
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- Breaking the Binaries
- Brain Over Stigma
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- The Hate U Give
- COVID-19
- Summer Love

MGD family extends its heartiest and warmest congratulations to the Batch of 2020 and the students of Class 10 for their par excellence performance in the board examinations. It gives us immense happiness to dwell in the success of our fellow MGDians. We wish them luck and success for their future endeavours.

With love and pride,
 MGD Family

CLASS XII BOARD RESULT

Humanities

Commerce

Science



Dyumna Chabra
98.60%



Kanishka Agarwal
97.20%



Navya Gupta
98.20%

CLASS X BOARD RESULT



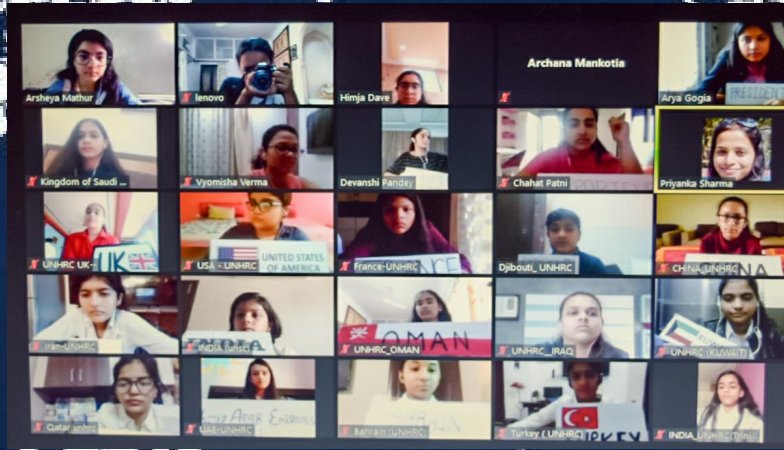
Sneha Jain
98.40%

Rishita Agarwal
98.40%



Parul Khicha
98.40%





The Significance of Enunciation

The MGD MUN Club conducted its first E-MUN on 27th May, 2020. The MUN's Executive Board included Himja Dave, Aanvi Gaur and Charvi Birla. The first webinar dwelled on the economic impact of Covid-19 as the agenda for its committee, United Nations Economic and Social Council. The committee touched upon the various effects on different sectors of economy whilst reflecting on the recessions and strains that would burden economies across the world. The E-MUN's second webinar was conducted on 13th July. The second webinar consisted of two committees, United Nations Human Rights Council and United Nations Security Council, which reflected on the status of religious freedom in Arab States and the Israel-Palestine conflict with special emphasis on current developments respectively. Both the webinars witnessed enthusiastic participation and equally enriching and heated debates.



S.No.	Name of MUN	Dates	Awards
1	Bhawan Vidyalaya Chandigarh, MUN	13-14 June 2020	
2	The General Conference MUN	28 June 2020	Verbal Mention - Nivedita Rajpurohit Special Mention - Yashaswini Yadav
3	Hansraj Public School, Punchkula MUN	28 June 2020	Special Mention – Falguni Gupta Verbal Mention- Riddhima Dhaliwal
4	Delhi International Conference MUN	27-28 June 2020	
5	Welham Boys School, Dehradun MUN	18-19 July 2020	Verbal Mention- Arshya Mathur Suhani Hanotwal

Ask to know

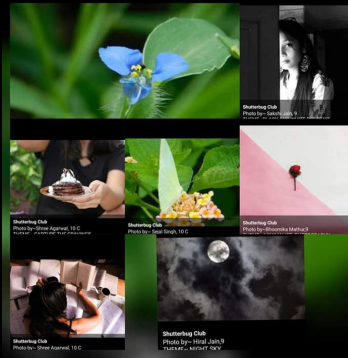
The First All India Global Jigyasa Online Inter School Quiz Contest was held from 11th May to 17th May 2020. Smartest minds from classes 6th to 8th participated in this unique initiative that was the first of a kind and the biggest online inter-school quiz contest. Streamed live on Facebook, this event was a stellar success witnessing both participation and audience from all over the country. The quizzes were universally appreciated for their approach to general knowledge, unique formats, and most importantly, for the level of student participation. Paavani Shrivastava, Mahi Pareek and Nandini Pandey from MGD received certificates of appreciation.

Question 2

Name this famous Indian politician



Zoom SkillsSphere



Still Life

The Welham Boys' School, Dehradun organized an Inter School Online Still Photography Competition on 27th May 2020. Each participant submitted beautiful entries and it was a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their photography skills.

The Family Frame

Intach Recs, a one-week program which commemorated International Day of Families, annually celebrated on 15th May, was organised on 12th May 2020. Students were supposed to click pictures with their families doing their favourite activity together, along with a short write up about it. The weekend also held exciting activities for the teachers. The girls participated enthusiastically, and managed to click impeccable pictures as it gave them an opportunity to think outside the box in order to capture the moments.



🏆 The winner of Day 4 is Akshita Tejwani, Class 8, Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls School, Jaipur!



REINVENTING SCHOOLS
SPEARHEAD THE CHANGE IN OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM
JOIN TOP EDUCATORS FOR A WEBINAR ON
EVOLVING THE CLASSROOM WITH EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Ma'am Archana S. Mankotia was live in a webinar on 20th April 2020. The topic for the same was "Evolving the Classroom with Experimental Learning", presented by Rocksport. It was hosted alongside many renowned people in the education sector.

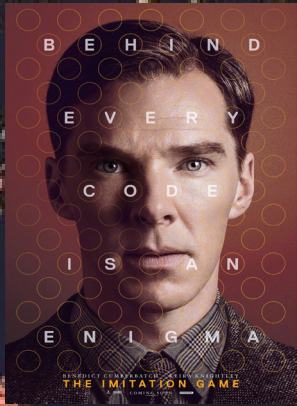
Demystifying the Classics

A week long online experience helping alleviate the mental stress caused by the lockdown, a total of 5 girls participated in the 5-day workshop that consisted of activities like meditation, yoga, cultural and literary trainings. The students' rigorous routines were designed to keep them on their feet. The organisation, Spic Macay, has been trying to bring light to the different realities that exist, which humans seem to have lost sight of. The idea was to provide a glimpse of a holistic living experience and encourage people to follow the same lifestyle at home too.

Marching With Young Guns

Pepturf organized a Leadership Programme for the students of MGD Girls' School from 1st to 6th June 2020. The session highlighted the importance for a young mind to be shaped and pointed in the right direction as young minds of today make great leaders of tomorrow. This 12-hour session stressed on the need of being constantly inspired in order to keep inspiring.

FRESH POTATOES 3.0



Set during the era of World War II, *The Imitation Game* shows the journey of a mathematician and scientist, Alan Turing. The movie is based on the 1983 biography, 'Alan Turing: The Enigma' by Andrew Hodges. Benedict Cumberbatch plays the main lead, making the movie more intriguing, due his impeccable British accent and chiselled cheekbones. Alan applied in the British Force as he was keen on solving Enigma, which in itself was a mystery; the Enigma was a device used to communicate between German officials about the whereabouts of different bombs and tanks throughout Europe. If the Enigma could be cracked, there was a high chance of the British winning the World War. Alan was considered abnormal, just because he was smarter than everyone else and his sexuality was unacceptable in those times (like all civilisations, the different one was ostracised). Alan also took notice of everything around him and he highly reminds one of his character in the show *Sherlock*. His heart ravishing story about his one true love and how much he had changed from what he had been is just beautiful. But being alone in this world is always hard. It is believed that Alan was the Enigma, a mysterious person who was too difficult to understand.

Arsheya Mathur 10E

Hush is an American thriller that revolves around a psychotic killer, killing people for sport. The story is based on a deaf writer who retreats to the woods to calm her being and focus on her new crime novel. The female lead, Maddie, was proceeding with her day as usual when a masked, inimical stranger running around the woods spots her little cabin. As soon as he realizes that Maddie had an ear impairment, he desires to hunt her for his pleasure. He kills her friend in front of her and amuses himself by threatening Maddie, but not killing her directly. A movie that will get you on the edge of your seat, *Hush* is a thriller that describes how Maddie tries to escape the killer as he idly throws challenges at her for the mere sport of it. A great recommendation for all those wishing to watch a movie that will give you chills until the very end.

Syeda Aaliya 12B



"I want you to be the very best version of yourself," her mother says. "But what if this is the best version?" *Lady Bird* replies.

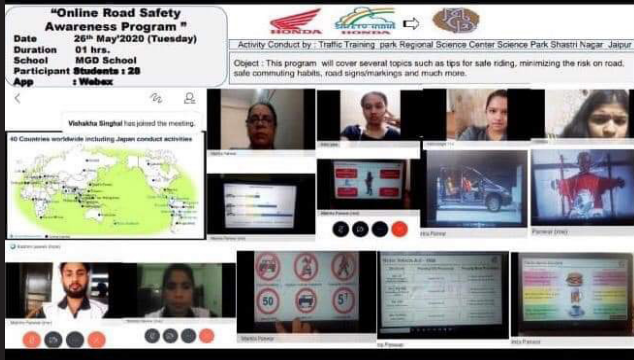
Set in 2002-03, this is a coming of age story of Christine McPherson or "Lady Bird", as she likes to call herself. A character, played by Saoirse Ronan, which every teenager will relate to because of our shared spirit of adolescent rebellion and our journey towards self-discovery. The very title is a story in itself- when Christine is asked for her given name, she says "Lady Bird" and explains, "It was given by myself to myself." Her fierce struggle to be called by this name is the struggle over what she got from or is given by her parents which she doesn't resonate with as she feels that her name and her families' problems are imposed on her and is, therefore, angst about this imposition. The movie deals with the idea that attention is a form of love and the other way around is a beautiful insight, and in many ways, it's the key to "Lady Bird". But what's most significantly personal about "Lady Bird" isn't the setup but the details- the emotional world of its characters, the touches of whimsy and grace with which she creates it. Greta Gerwig's directorial debut is worth a watch for all the feels that it gets you, chief being the "good girl" by Timothée Chalamet.

Ridhima Magon 11B

"This is the story of a boy who meets a girl. But you should know upfront this isn't a love story..." This clear warning by the narrator himself has everything to do with the two different notions held by this little indie movie's characters. Tom Hansen, a failed architect and a hopeless romantic, thanks to British pop music and 'The Graduate', believes he can never be truly happy until he finds The One. While Summer is sassy, unpredictable and is influenced by her parents' failed marriage, she considers love nothing more than a fantasy. Men's heads swivel when she walks into a room and Tom was no exception. He was in love with fate, destiny and most importantly her but Summer loathes the idea of a boyfriend and stabs Tom with the 3 cruelest words 'We.Are.Friends'. The movie has more classic-meet-cutes than 'The Notebook' itself. Although, hold on to your Oracle viewpoint because this postmodern love story is not what we expected it to be; it's sad yet funny, thorny yet exhilarating, cheesy yet not a cliché, a twisted journey of highs and lows that take an unexpected road. Nevertheless, the irony presents itself as Summer is convinced enough to get married, but Tom's heart is broken into a million pieces as are his fairy tale ideas of romance. So, trust me when I say that '500 Days of Summer' is a reality check to all the Toms of the world and a must watch for all the Summers.

Zainah Choudhary 10D



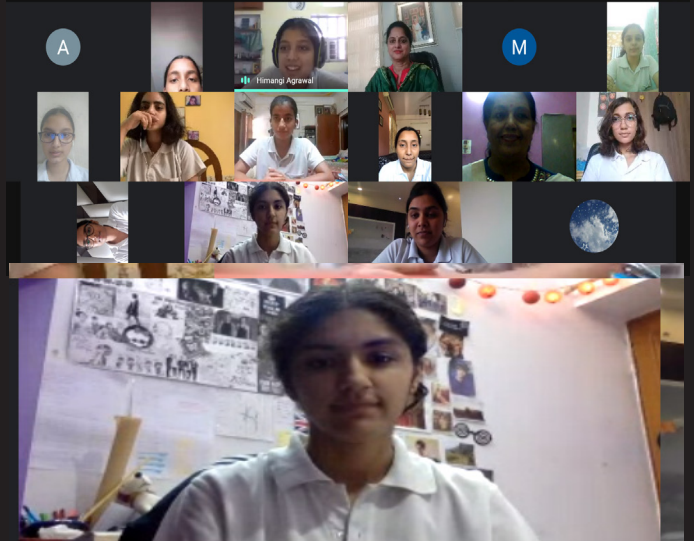


Safe & Sound

The Path Mitra Club organised an awareness session on 26th May 2020, virtually, for Class IX students. Conducted by Mr Kuldeep Singh and Ms Mamta Pawar, members of Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India Pvt. Ltd, it highlighted the importance of road safety, traffic signals, sign boards, rules of obtaining licenses and gave information regarding laws like The Motor Vehicle Amendment Act. A total of 32 students from MGD participated in the session.

Know for Yourself

According to the World Health Organization, reproductive health means a total well-being in all aspects of reproduction i.e. physical, emotional, behavioural and social. Introduction of sex education in schools should be encouraged to provide right information to the young so as to discourage children from believing in myths and having misconceptions about sex-related aspects. MGD Girls' School conducted a virtual seminar on 'Importance of Sex Education and Sexuality in Schools in the 21st Century' for all the students of classes 9th to 12th on 18th July 2020. It was an honour to have Ms Aradhana Malhawat as the Chief Guest for the seminar wherein students had to put forth their views on why sex education is important. A total of 16 students, 4 students from each house, participated and openly shared their views and opinions on the subject.



Webinaire par Preeti BHUTANI

MGD Girls' School, Jaipur
Le 28 mai, 2020

Connaissance (Learning)

Unisc Publications organised a webinar for the students learning French in MGD Girls' School on 28th May, 2020. The session comprised of the career opportunities and prospects of learning French and a brief description on phonetics, helping students to improve their speaking skills. The objective was to motivate the students in these difficult times and to make them aware of the benefits of learning a foreign language. It was an encouraging session for the students to interact with the author of their school French books, Dr Preeti Bhutani.

Capture the Moment

During this period of pandemic, the Shutterbug Club organised a Photography competition from 8th to 14th May, 2020 for all the students from classes 7th to 12th as this was the perfect time to discover, develop, and express their creativity in photography. With the vision to make the world more beautiful through the eyes of camera, students of the Shutterbug Club clicked images at their homes on various themes like the night sky, capture the cravings, garden visitors, books, B&W portraits etc. Two photos from each category were selected theme wise and were featured on the official page of MGD Shutterbug Club on Facebook and were further judged by Ms Ayushi Garg, an Ex MGDian. All participants showed tremendous zeal by actively participating in all the activities throughout the duration of the competition.



In Posterum (Towards the Future)

A considerate initiative taken up by Extramarks to enlighten the aspiring students of 10th, the career counselling started off with an online test where the interests of students were highlighted and related career options were further explained in the one on one session on Zoom. The students got the opportunity to explore future career prospects and how to achieve their goals and were highly satisfied with the counselling session and found it very stimulating.

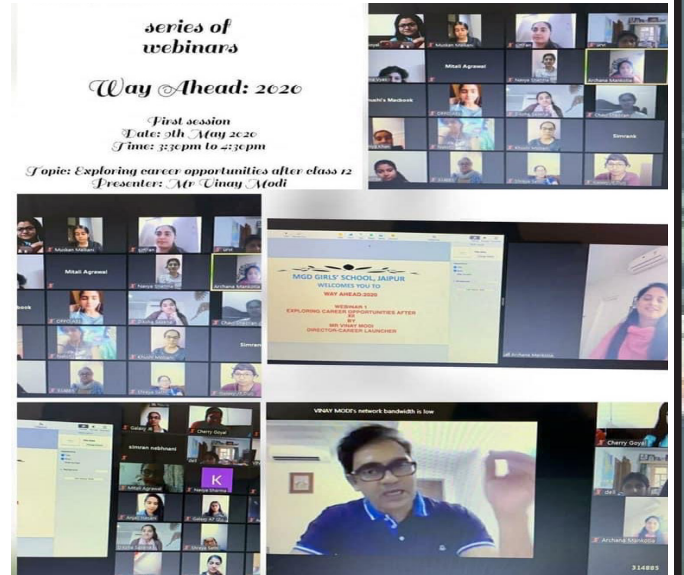
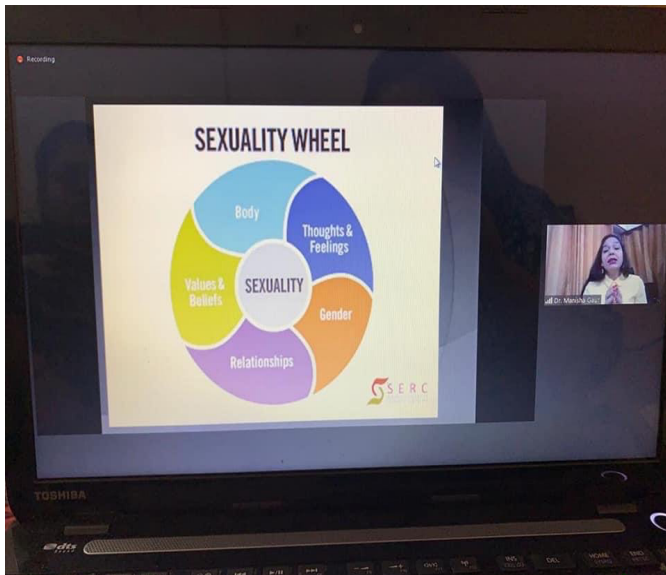
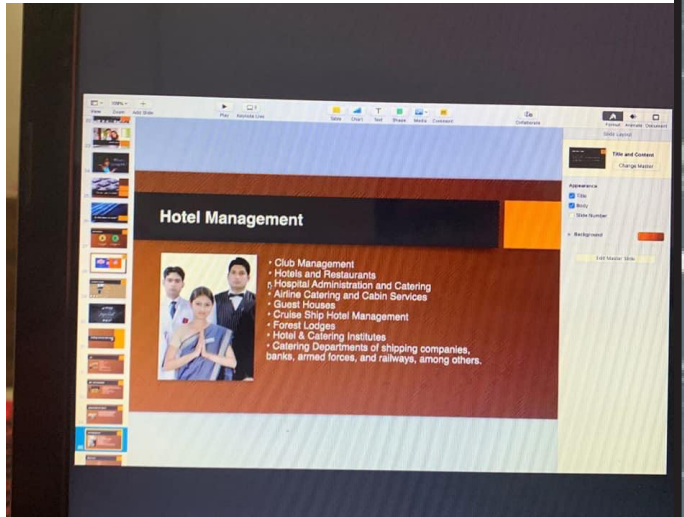


Quizzards of Oz

Mind Wars, a live quiz show, was organised by ZEE Entertainment, where selected teams from around the country competed against each other. Saanvee Tewari and Vanisha Sharma from class 10 were selected from MGD for the televised round in January, 2020. The quiz had an array of topics, ranging from Indian sports to literature and heritage. The Quiz Master for the same was Mr Kunal Sarvarkar and the host was a renowned Bollywood actor, Mr Shreyas Talpade. Our team filmed the Women's Day special, which aired on national television on 8th March, 2020. Saanvee and Vanisha emerged as the runners-up of the quarterfinal

Way Ahead Webinar

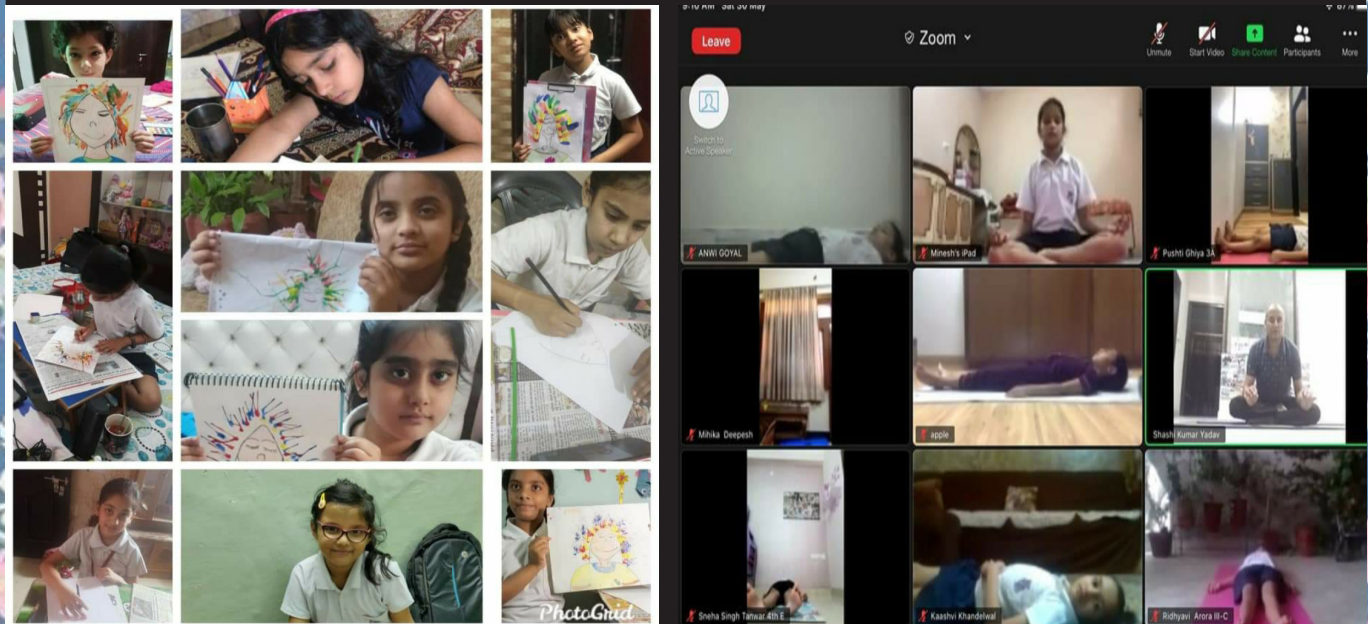
MGD hosted a series of 4 webinars for the students of 2019-20 batch, planned and conducted keeping in mind the theme of the session "I Can and I Will". The first webinar was hosted on 9th May on the topic "Exploring Career Opportunities after XII" which was presented by Mr Vinay Modi. The second webinar, hosted on 15th May on the topic "Adolescence Sexuality and Social Media", was presented by Dr Manisha Gaur. The third webinar was hosted on 20th May on the topic "Journalism 101" which was presented by Ms Swati Vashishtha. The fourth and the last webinar, hosted on 28th May on the topic "Becoming Your Own Boss", was presented by Ms Shipra Sharma Bhutani who is an entrepreneur. All the webinars ended with a Q&A session as they involved various topics for building the future of the students.



Les Toutes Petit de MGD



Creativity is a type of learning process where the teacher and the pupil are located in the same individual. MGD organised 'Pearls of Wisdom', a summer skill share programme where our dear ex-MGDians came forward to share their skills and prowess with their little sisters. Many activities were formulated for the primary section such as Zumba, yoga, storytelling. The event included activities like live music sessions, self-defence sessions, art & craft etc. The primary section event, 'Pearls of Wisdom' was drawn under the umbrella of 'Été Pursuit' wherein the students were guided by our school staff. This E-summer camp helped the students discover their hidden talents.



SUMMER LOVE

- Charlie's first mixtape

Emma Watson Logan Lerman Ezra Miller

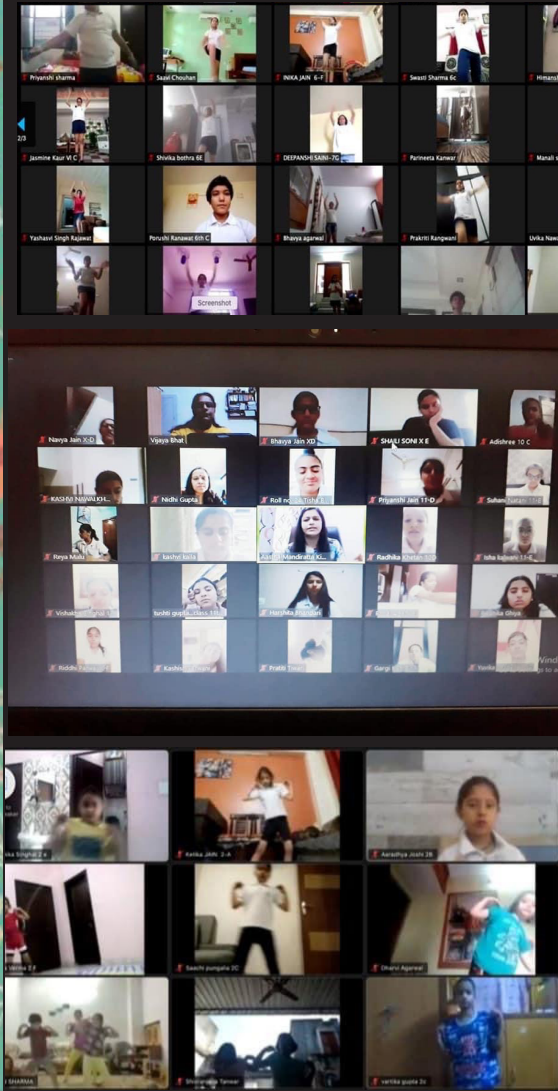
1. 'Asleep' by The Smiths
2. 'Vapour Trail' by Ride
3. 'Scarborough Fair' by Simon & Gaefunkil
4. 'A Ninter Shade of Paale' by Procol Harum
5. 'Time of No Reply' by Nick Drake
6. 'Dear Prudence' by The Beatles
7. 'Gypsy' by Suzanne Vega
8. 'Nights in White Satin' by The Moody Blues
9. 'Daydream' by Smashing Pumpkins
10. 'Dusk' by Genesis
11. 'Milk' by U2
12. 'Blackbird' by The Beatles
13. 'Landslide' by Fleetwood Mac
14. 'Asleep' by The Smiths (...Again.)

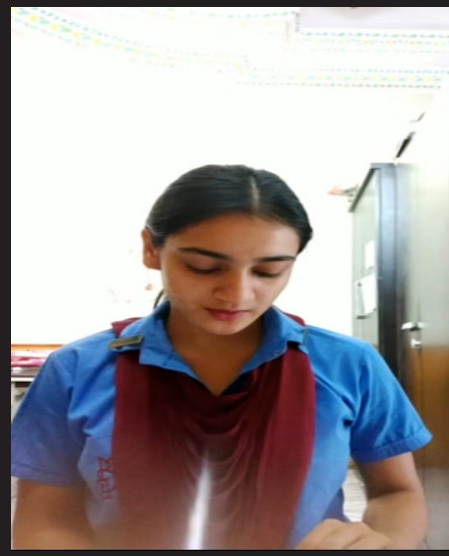
THE PERKS OF BEING
A WALLFLOWER
A STEPHEN CHBOSKY FILM

i will know your green eyes
i will remember all the lessons we now learn
i will miss your torchlight on my window
my dearest Laila, i shall return
i will dream of you every night
i will miss you as i wake up alone at dawn
i will write volumes of my love for you
my dearest Laila, i shall return
i will take care of myself for you
i will save for us all i earn
i will miss your hand in mine
my dearest Laila, i shall return
i will miss you on my darkest days
i will wish for your company as i mourn
i will remember how we kissed in that alley
my dearest Laila, i shall return
i will think of you as i roam the streets
i will hope you are warm as the fires burn
i will miss you in my empty laughter
my dearest Laila, i shall return
i will only have eyes for you
i will miss you under the sky and sun
i will follow you to the end of the world
my dearest Laila, i shall return

ETE PURSUIT

Ete Pursuit was conducted from 30th May to 7th June, 2020 "for MG-Dians by MGDians". To keep the breeze of summer flowing, a total of 29 jijjas enthusiastically mentored their sisters to hone their skills even under the prevailing circumstances. The E-Summer Camp consisted of activities that ranged from dancing and singing to culinary arts, giving light to all the hidden talents that are yet to be discovered. Students participated with full zeal and excitement and portrayed their potential talents. The workshops helped the girls try out new things and made them realize that phones aren't the only leisure in the lockdown. Ete Pursuit also showed Ex-MGDians' love and commitment towards their alma mater and instilled the same attitude in the young MGDians. Overall, the event was a huge success and taught us many things within the confines of our homes.





E-LITERATURE FEST

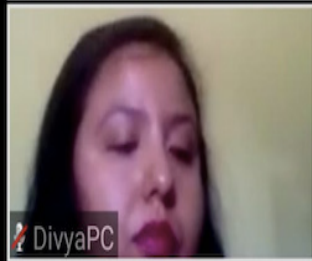
“To turn ideas into events, is the function of literature”
 Keeping this in mind, the first edition of MGD’s E-Literature Fest 2020 was held from 7th-12th June. Fuchsia encapsulates the whole “house before blood” saying. It comprised of various literary events such as English Parliamentary Debate, Kavita Vachan, Spell Bee, Declamation, Vaad Vivaad and Bilingual Turncoat. These events made the students measure the depths of their talents while sitting in their bedrooms. The versatility of the events, the nervousness of the participants, the excitement and support of the audience and the worry of the volunteers is what fuchsia encompasses. The tension was palpable and thick enough to be cut with a knife but the participants hailed as heroes before and after the results were declared. Helen Keller house bagged the 1st prize and was declared the overall champion. Madame Curie house took the 2nd position, closely followed by Sarojini Naidu house at the 3rd position.



Aarna Jain IV B



Vijaya Bhat



DivyaPC



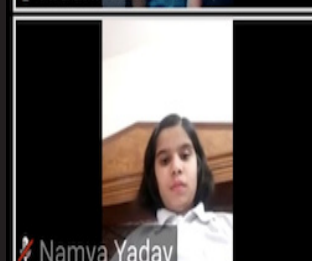
Heerr Bhatia 5A



Lakshita Dhandharia 4E



Riddhi Rathore



Namya Yadav



Aarna Jain IV B

S. No	Name of event	Winner
1	English Parliamentary Debate	Madame Curie
2	Hindi Vaad Vivaad	Sarojini Naidu
3	Declamation	Madame Curie
4	Bilingual Turncoat	Sarojini Naidu
5	Kavita Vachan	Helen Keller
6	Spell Bee	Helen Keller

THE VOICE OF THE OPPRESSED

“Nah.” ~Rosa Parks, 1955

We've all heard of inequalities and the resistance against them in our history classes. One such fight was against racism. Rosa Parks was a civil rights activist who refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a segregated bus in Alabama. Her resistance sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott, its success fuelling nationwide efforts to end racial segregation of public facilities. We have also learnt about racism and how the established white supremacy was washed off when “the blacks” were successful in acquiring political equality back in 1868.

Here are some statistics:

- In one US survey, 15.8% of students reported experiencing race-based bullying or harassment. Research has found significant associations between racial bullying and negative mental and physical health in students.
- On an average, Black men in the US receive sentences that are 19.1% longer than those of white men convicted for the same crimes.
- More than four-in-ten say the country hasn't made enough progress toward racial equality, and there is some scepticism, particularly among blacks, that black people will ever have equal rights as whites, according to a new Pew Research Centre survey.
- More than eight-in-ten black adults say the legacy of slavery affects the position of black people in America today, including 59% who say it affects it a great deal.

Analysing the above surveys, we come to the conclusion that racial discrimination hasn't evaporated. To prove this, a white officer knelt on the neck of a black citizen, George Floyd, for 8 minutes 46 seconds to kill him and establish supremacy. And cruelty. As soon as the video surfaced, people took to the streets. The hashtag Black Lives Matter, created in 2013, has now turned into a civil, rather than a human rights movement. It is simply unacceptable to have prejudiced views on someone on the basis of something so natural, something they have no control over. Our ancestors' efforts didn't go in vain, but it's still a long road to equality. And it begins with all of us.

Ananya Agarwal
10E

THE HATE U GIVE

“Absolutely riveting!”

The all-time famous, THUG by Angie Thomas is just as good as it is perceived. The book begins with Starr, our narrator, who is socially inept but social at the same time with her friends, with a family tree and history as messed up as you can ever imagine. Being a person with a skin colour darker than others, she was always taught how racism can change almost everything. When she was a child, she saw her friend die in front of her eyes just because of her skin colour. Another similar incident again occurs in her life when she went to a party with her step sister where she met her childhood friend Khalil who gets shot in front of her, again just because of his skin colour by a male police officer. This incident scars her for her life but she learns to stand up for what's wrong and what's right. The story sees the character development of Starr as a person who is ready to take on the world. With the many conflicts between her family and her friends, Starr is always ready to move on. Given the current situation of the society, THUG has a strong impact on its readers and stresses upon how the society needs to change and just how wrong and unacceptable some things are.

ANGIE THOMAS
Arsheya Mathur
10E

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

“Shoot all the blue jays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to kill a mockingbird”

This richly textured novel woven by the spines of small-town life lets readers walk in the shoes of one fully woke character after another. Compassionate, dramatic and deeply moving, “To Kill a Mockingbird” takes readers to the roots of human behaviour- to innocence and experience, kindness and cruelty, love and hatred, humour and pathos. It portrays an accurate reflection of people affairs in the southern United States during the 1930s. The story, which is set around a single-father household in rural community of Alabama, includes a vast display of symbolism to connect the main plot with numerous subplots. To Kill a Mockingbird focuses on that gut instinct of right and wrong, and distinguishes it from just following the law. Even the titular quote, is in itself an allegory for this message. Being in itself a generic message, the idea of ‘doing what's right’ obviously has a different meaning depending on when and where you're reading the book. If you take 1960, when the book was written, America was in a state of ethical development as social inequality was very gradually being overcome. Women's rights and black rights movements were beginning to emerge and some campaigned through violence. Would Atticus Finch condone this?

I, for one, know that To Kill a Mockingbird is a book that really has changed my life and that every time I go back over it, I find something new that I assimilate into my own code of ethics. I would really advise picking up a copy of Harper Lee's magnificent novel and giving it a try.

Saara Sharma
10C

See Before You Sneeze

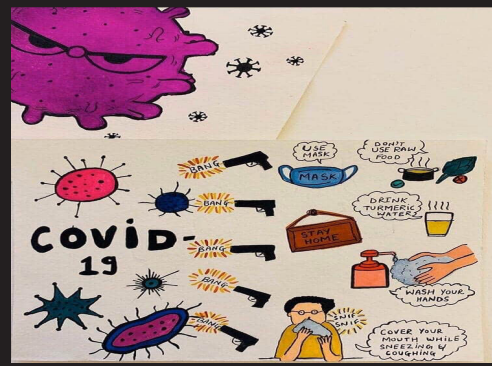
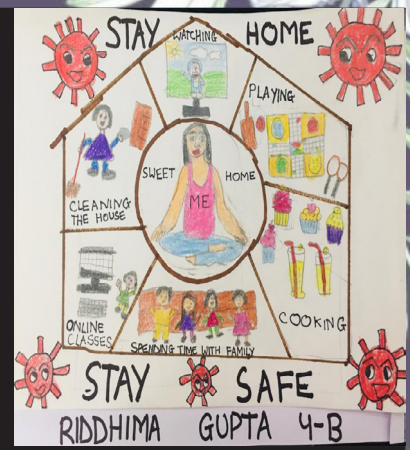
“In front of nature’s fury, we humans are no more than ninetins.”

In today’s precarious world, where almost all countries are backed with nuclear power, we are petrified at the sound of a sneeze or a cough. The homosapiens, considered the most evolved and knowledgeable animals, have their lives on a standstill, courtesy of something which lays on the borderline of living and non-living. A small virus which cannot be seen with man’s naked eyes has brought a mammoth of troubles for us. The virus, as per available knowledge till date, originated around November\ December 2019 and belongs to the family of Steve Acute Respiratory Syndrome virus which took the world by a storm previously as well. If the conjecture is to be believed, the virus started from China’s Wuhan wet market. Also affectionately called ‘The Chinese Virus’ by our beloved United States of America’s President, Donald Trump (for whom masks are a political statement), spreads easily through contact. Some symptoms of the said virus are fever, dry cough, tiredness, aches and pains, loss of taste or smell, a rash on the skin, or discoloration of fingers or toes. Apart from the fact that this grave virus has been the cause of death of millions of people around the globe, what makes this even more deadly is that it may be asymptomatic for some patients, meaning that these infected asymptomatic people may carry the virus and spread it amongst the mass without their knowledge or intention of doing so. While experts around the world are trying to come up with a cure for Covid-19, we are tearing the calendar pages rapidly. Different countries have resorted to different measures in order to curb the spread of the virus but the common denominator amongst them is restricting movement. Lockdowns and curfews are common in majority of the countries with USA being an exception. As we sit at our homes counting our stars, the Earth has taken its half trip around the Sun. Time stops for nobody, does it? With economies shouldering burdens and recessions paving way, we have resorted to virtual meetings and classes to keep our lives and income flowing. As every cloud has a silver lining, Covid-19 too has given us time to rejuvenate ourselves and Mother Nature. As challenging as this is, the situation has taught us to rely on our own selves and to be truly independent. With no option other than counting on the intellect of mankind, people irrespective of their differences are all brought under one umbrella due to this virus. Believing and supporting each other are the only keys to making it through this dark night, after all, the sun will rise again. To quote Albus Dumbledore, “Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if only one remembers to turn on the light.” Turn on your lights (not your phone screen, sigh!)

Stay safe! Stay home!

Ridhima Magon

11 B



Cover Your Mouth

To stem the spread of coronavirus in the country, homemade and reusable masks are advised. Inspired from this, the school organised a Mask Making Workshop in the month of April. Students from classes 6th to 8th participated in the workshop conducted by Mrs Suman Chaudhari, needle work teacher at MGD School. The students came up with exquisite areas and created masks using fabric.





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SLYTHERIN
Florence Nightangle

It has been a good while since I kept the last Harry Potter book down and I still remember, vividly so, how it felt when I finished the series, how it felt reading those last few pages where the light finally conquered the dark. Where being alive had been celebrated, and death was defeated, laughed at. A seventeen-year-old kid, fighting a war, with the weight of the world on his shoulders. In the end, coming out of it with battle scars, bloodletting wounds and a self-effacing smile. I hadn't understood, being that young, what the book meant to exude. I hadn't understood, as I rushed to my friend's class to tell her the news, "I've completed the series!", grinning and jumping, narrating the story of my own victory which blended into a frenzied discussion. I couldn't have understood what the story told at that time, something so simple, yet so difficult to understand in the world that's designed to take that message away. Love. Harry Potter, a story weaved through seven books, is a series about love. Telling, incessantly, how choosing love is the best choice one can make. Love in all forms. Love in its entirety. The most powerful force in nature, an antidote to all venom. Everyone has that disdain about Harry Potter before they plunge into its realm. Many believe, at one point, it must be overrated, not good at all, hyped for no reason. "Seven books, and have you seen the size! I could never-". Some laugh, not realising what they are missing. "I'll just watch the movies, who has the patience and attention span?" They laugh again.

My friend and I were once walking around the campus, and I don't remember what we were talking about, but I remember her saying this, "If everyone read Harry Potter and understood it, the world would be a much better place." I remember humming in agreement, and I remember, realising with a jolt, how true that was.

I promise her here, my younger self, as she clutched the book close to her chest, took it to places with herself even when it was finished and done with, only and only because the book had a warmth about it, a warmth and safety, a home. She'll tell you otherwise. She would want to sing praises, but she would be short of words. She would stumble upon them, it would trouble her mind that she isn't able to express what the book means to her, but she'll tell you one thing. She'll tell you that the book changed her views completely. She'll tell you she's not afraid of love and hope and danger. She'll tell you that every time she rereads the books, she finds new reasons to love it even more. She'll tell you it was the best way she could've spent her childhood. She'll tell you that she's found a friend. She'll tell you that she's thankful she read this. That she's thankful now. She forever will be.

Anupreksha Tripathi
12B

Hogwarts Head Canon #54

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The Marauders discover Remus is a werewolf

Sirius: Of course we're not going to have you kicked out! Why would we do that?

Remus: Because I'm a monster...

James: Oh stop being such a drama queen. You fold your socks, Remus. Do forgive me if I'm not trembling at the sight of you.



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harry: i'm gonna play a song for you right now

harry: it's called 'my life so far'

harry: *takes a deep breath, plays a chord*

harry: AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH

#harry potter #shitpost #capslock /



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Remus: Congratulations on the twins, Molly.

Molly: Oh thank you!

James: What are their names?

Molly: Fred and George.

Sirius: They're so tiny, Fred looks so fredgile...

Molly: ...

Remus: This is why people don't invite us over.

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snape: i found this... 'marauders map' in potter's possession. do you know anything about this?

remus 'moony' lupin, marauder and prankster extraordinaire, one of the only four people to have successfully mapped hogwarts, knows full well that snape is vaguely aware of his childhood nickname, currently having flashbacks to bewitching this thing to insult everyone but snape in particular: no

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Mental Health

Mental health is a term that encompasses a range of experiences and situations that an individual can feel, both mentally and physically. Mental illnesses affect 19% of the adult population, 46% of teenagers and 13% of children each year. People struggling with their mental health may be in your family, friend circle, or live next door. However, only half of those affected receive treatment often because of the stigma attached to it. Untreated, mental illness can contribute to higher medical expenses, paraneoplastic syndrome, poorer performance at school and work, fewer employment opportunities and increased risk of suicide.

It is a physical illness of the brain that causes disturbances in thinking, behaviour, energy or emotion that makes it difficult to cope with the ordinary demands of life. The mental health of a person can be influenced by their gender, social class race, religious beliefs, and experience of family life also. Showing individuals respect and acceptance removes a significant barrier to successfully coping with their illness. Having people see you as an individual and not as your illness can make the biggest difference for someone who is struggling with their mental health. Advocating within our circles of influence helps ensure these individuals have the same rights and opportunities as other members of our school, community, etc.

Learning more about mental health allows us to provide helpful support to those affected in our families and communities. Awareness generation is the key as many patients do not realise what they are going through and many watchers do not realise which act of theirs could push the former off the thin edge.

Radhika Das
9A

Breaking the Binaries

“Life isn't black or white”

We live in a world which is swarmed by people of different colour, religion, sex, race, and ethnicity and yet what binds us together is the love that each of us contain within. Love is a simple concept but dynamic at the same time. It is a mere human phenomenon, yet so crucial for social existence. They tell us it is the foundation of every relation and to spread love is to spread happiness and yet, they don't practice what they preach. How and since when, loving became a crime? How is it that love has been the root cause of hatred across the globe? Why is it that thousands of people in Poland are okay with 'gays burning'? Why is it that transgender still have to fight for their rights and recognition? Why does the world have to run in binaries? What is life living behind a mask? A section of people in the United States of America posed discontent at wearing physical masks for their own safety and yet the same country's President shies away from acknowledging the mask that the members of the LGBTQIA+ community have to wear.

These questions point to happy hypocrites who talk of love and preach of love but don't act so lovingly. Stigmas and religious misinterpretation, the spreading of wrong messages by political demagogues and the lack of awareness in the matter at hand leads to many individuals unable to accept themselves which results in an unhealthy society. They start judging and criticising themselves for feeling the way they do, to love in the purest sense of the word and worse, they feel like an outcast and try to fill their rainbow with grey. Simple acts of love, acceptance, exudation and celebration of love can make them come out of their shells and live a colourful life they truly deserve because you cannot hide away your feelings and definitely not live inside a cupboard forever.

Privilege isn't realized until taken away. To acknowledge the hardships of the LGBTQIA+ community and the unacceptable torment they have to go through, to stand with them as they face the 'Karens' of the homophobic world and to celebrate their choices, to celebrate the simple joy of being in love with whoever you want, the month of June, globally, has been dedicated to the community. The Pride Month is the month which celebrates love in all the forms, it celebrates the diverse bodies and seeks to break the prevalent notion that the world runs in binaries. It embodies the struggles of those who are closeted and cherish the idea of freedom. While it is a milestone that some countries have acknowledged the existence and political rights of the members of the community, it is not sufficient because what is crucial for existence is social acceptance, dignity and hospitality. Simply scrapping off sections is not the solution, the world needs to be more welcoming and accepting. Social acceptance for this entire issue is more important than legal acceptance. It is a paradox, because to acknowledge this grey area, the world needs to be advanced, whereas I believe, if we acknowledge this grey area then the world will be advanced.

Vedika Patel
12H

JUDGE

First of all, a very big thank you to the school for giving me this opportunity to judge young talents of our school in an event in which I used to take part once. It was an overwhelming moment for me to see those 6th to 8th graders putting forward their thoughts confidently and clearly. E-Literature Fest was a great initiative taken by the school as even in these hard times, MGDians are growing, learning and are showing to the world that a pandemic cannot stop them. All the best for the upcoming endeavours.

Siddhi Swami, Ex-MGDian
Judge, Bilingual Turncoat

PARENT

In the wake of COVID-19 lockdown, the switching over from classroom learning to online classes by the school in order to cope up with the changing times has added another feather in the cap of MGD's commitment to provide the best possible education and environment to the students that ensures quality learning so that students do not lag behind in academic rigour. Also, the regular posting of quality content by the school teachers for students on class broadcast groups indeed helped the students when they lacked relevant study materials. Different online competitions like E-Literature fest, MUNs, CBSE Expression Series, etc., kept my girls busy and occupied. Newsletters on the school website kept us updated. Also, during vacations, varied skill enhancing workshops were issued gratis to the school students by the school, ranging from cooking, art & craft, dance, music, photography, storytelling to yoga and zumba, which kept kids occupied without burdening parents financially. As a parent and ex-student of the school, I want to convey my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude at the way the online classes for the students have been organised and executed. All the teachers have put in so much of hard work and concern to make sure that all students are connected and involved. I am proud that both my daughters are a part of the MGD family!

Gunjan Ghiya
M/O Falguni Gupta 8E and Riddhima Gupta 4B

PARENT

Declamation has helped my child gain confidence and has improved her oratory skills. The topics were very insightful and my daughter has gained a lot of knowledge while researching about it. This was a very good competition and very appreciable to continue the spirit of the festival in online format despite the pandemic. I hope the school hosts more competitions like this and encourages more students to participate.

Sonali Saxena
M/O Aaryashi Saxena 8A

TEACHER

Judging the Spell Bee competition was a wonderful experience. The event was well organised. It was a neck to neck competition and everyone gave their best shot. I congratulate the winners for their much deserved success.

Ma'am Divya Soni
Judge, Spell Bee

STUDENT

The online classes have made me more computer friendly. I am able to understand what is taught to us. In case of any difficulty, my teachers are always there to help me. I have been honing my extracurricular skills with the help of different workshops conducted by our school during the vacations like cooking, calligraphy, dance etc. I am grateful to the school and teachers for keeping me busy during this lockdown.

Riddhima Gupta 4 B

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