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 ${\mathcal A}$ good education is a

foundation to a better future.

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MRS. PRABHA ANTHONY YADAV

EDUCATION *is about awakening – awakening to the power and* beauty that lies within all of us. To my mind, education as an idea, is not just about a brick, mortar and concrete building, but about building character, enriching minds and about varied experiences that last a lifetime. This notion been clearly exemplified during this pandemic. The daily routine of our everyday physical classes, which we took for granted, had been taken away from us during this pandemic lockdown and we have been left grappling to adapt ourselves to new innovative methods to reach out to our students. The COVID-19 has resulted in schools shut all across the world. Globally, over 1.2 billion children are out of the classroom. As a result, education has changed dramatically, with the distinctive rise of e-learning, whereby teaching is undertaken remotely and on digital platforms. But online education is not as easy as speaking into the microphone at one end, and connecting a laptop and listening in on the other; there are challenges faced at both ends of the spectrum. While the aid of technology is enabling, it can also be limiting, especially in our country, where this basic access is a challenge. Not every student has access to a computer or fast-streaming internet at home.

> This leads to issues with attendance and participation in online sessions. Indeed, the new "virtual learning" systems seemed complicated and confusing in the beginning.

But now, after being in lockdown for more than 200 days, we

have been able to respond to the various challenges that have come our way. Academically and non-academically, we are

working more effectively and collaboratively. We are now better able to

balance our "work from home" with the "work for home".

This period also saw increased communication between our staff members who

helped each other remotely, connect regularly, and share best practices

frequently and move ahead steadily with a positive, can-do attitude.

Lockdown schooling is no substitute for education. That can be acknowledged

upfront but the term education covers a large boundless area. The purpose of

education is to hone an inquisitive mind and develop a critical thinking among

the students. There are many ways to do that. This is a dual process where the

teachers and students participate in the process. It is not only a process of

learning; it is also a process of understanding and creating new knowledge. It is

a creative process of participation.

"If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you."

Attending online classes everyday has become the 'new normal' for students during the lockdown. As schools are shut because of the lockdown to contain the spread of coronavirus, online class have taken center stage in students' lives now. Despite the lockdown, our school, like many others, has taken timely steps to continue the flow of education by holding online classes for students. Interestingly,

these online classes have helped students during lockdown more than ever

before. Another positive effect of online education is that the students as well as our teachers have become more tech-savvy. They got to know more about various apps and programs. Apart from academic learning, there is so much of technological

learning happening during lockdown. Our knowledge about computers,

smartphone/mobile phone, radio and television are getting enhanced.

In online classroom system, students have access to all relevant

information at one platform. Our teachers are sharing all useful information

over the internet and keep it securely preserved in an electronic archive. It makes

the process of interaction so much easy between the school, teacher and students.

It also ensures that if students need further explanations, they can easily view

these records and resolve doubts instantly.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"

By Nelson Mandela

Keeping this thought in mind, our aim is to give the students the allround capability including creativity, observation skills and knowledge empowerment leading to the generation of excellent and performing citizens, with sterling character. These values, we believe, will enable our students to take a leadership role in learning and in life. We have to keep up with the pace of the ever evolving developments of our time. With every new day we have been witnessing emergence of various educational psychologies, ideologies and techniques. In such scenario, we cannot but look into those zones which need to be absorbed into our system to allow mandatory updates and adaptations. Had we not moved ahead with the present educational technologies for example, we would not have been able to conduct online classes these days for our

> students. This is exactly what we want to achieve even in the future – we keep learning new things to be in sync with time. While the nation has rightly praised health care workers for their efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic,

the teachers also deserve praise for helping children get through such harrowing times with some sanity. When the sentiments about the efforts our teachers have been putting during the pandemic, are captured by parents, it gives us the much-needed motivations to go on. There are no satisfying words to describe the teachers for their unconditional support and cooperation during this difficult period and understanding the pressure on educators. Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and diligence. I expect sincere cooperation from parents and guardians also, for the attainment of school's objectives.

- Mrs. Prabha Anthony Yadav

What's better than a firefly? Why, fireflies, of course!



FIREFLY: Volume 2 - where the magic continues.

The whole purpose of Volume 1 was to entice you into reading Volume 2. *Sneaky.*

Dear Readers,

What is a magazine without its readers?

Would art exist without spectators?

FIREFLY, the e-magazine, is a mirror. It is a reflection of your ideas and its expressions.

Knowing that there are people who are genuinely interested in the ideas that we share makes it a whole more interesting. It creates a space for conversation.

Tell us what your brain craves every time it encounters a story.

Tell us what fuels your imagination. Tell us what transfixes your gaze. Tell us the big. Tell us the small. Tell us all.

Because we're listening.

We thank you for your amazing response and love shown. It's an indescribable feeling to know that you've touched someone's life, maybe changed it a bit or just gave them a reminder of a thing that they've already known.

Let's be full with bright ideas. Let's pulse with excitement. Let's have a healthy glow. Let's delight in summer evenings. Let's keep a childlike sense of wonder. Let's set a shining example.

Let's lighten up!

- SADAF NOORI TEACHER OF ENGLISH

MOMENTS

I don't trust time Moments are all I rely on For as memories they reside In my head always And not with every breath exhaled, They are just gone.

> Some slipped down to the heart To kindle hope Before every dusk And to bliss me out After every dawn.

Some still living free-rent, up there, To burden me With the rues and regrets And to mock at me When I'm alone

> They haunt me in the dark, But still... At least they can afford To be with me beside As I walk past the way If not adorn. If not adorn.

> > ~Aashí Tíwarí

TIME TO BE AMAZED!

A cloud can weigh over a million pounds

Your childhood dreams of floating on a weightless cloud may get rained on with this fact: the average cumulus cloud can weigh up to a million pounds. A million pounds! That's about as heavy as the world's largest passenger jet.



Bananas are radioactive

For one of our strangest science facts, bananas contain potassium, and since potassium decays, that makes them slightly radioactive. But this is one of those fun science facts you don't need to worry about. You'd need to eat 10,000,000 bananas at once to die of radiation poisoning.

Earth's oxygen is produced by the ocean

Ever stopped to think where oxygen comes from? Your first thought may be a rainforest, but marine organisms take the bait. Plankton, seaweed and other photo synthesizers produce over half of the world's oxygen.

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Cheesy Onion and Chilli Toast

INGREDIENTS

- ✓ 3/4 cup grated processed cheese
- \checkmark 1/2 cup finely chopped onions
- ✓ 1 tbsp red chilli sauce
- ✓ 4 toasted whole wheat bread slices
- ✓ 1 tbsp butter
- ✓ Salt to taste
- ✓ Melted butter for brushing



METHOD

- i. Combine the butter and chilli toast, combine in a bowl and mix well.
- ii. Add the onions, chilli sauce and salt and mix well.
- iii. Divide the topping into 4 equal portions.
- iv. Arranged the toasted bread slices on a clean dry surface and apply 1 portion of the topping on each bread slice.
- v. Grease the baking tray with butter, place the toast on the greased baking tray and bake in a pre-heated oven at 200°C for 5 minutes to 7 minutes.
 vi. Cut the cheesy onion and chilli toast into triangles and serve hot.

"All My Great Excuses"

I started on my homework but my pen ran out of ink. My hamster ate my homework. My computer's on the blink.

I accidentally dropped it in the soup my mom was cooking. My brother flushed it down the toilet when I wasn't looking.

My mother ran my homework through the washer and the dryer. An airplane crashed into our house. My homework caught on fire.

Tornadoes blew my notes away. Volcanoes struck our town. My notes were taken hostage by an evil killer clown.

Some aliens abducted me. I had a shark attack. A pirate swiped my homework and refused to give it back.

I worked on these excuses so darned long my teacher said, "I think you'll find it's easier to do the work instead."

> Sameeksha <u>9C</u>

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Beauty and the Beast

Sleeping Beauty

The Lion King

Finding Nemo

Aladdin

Pinoccio

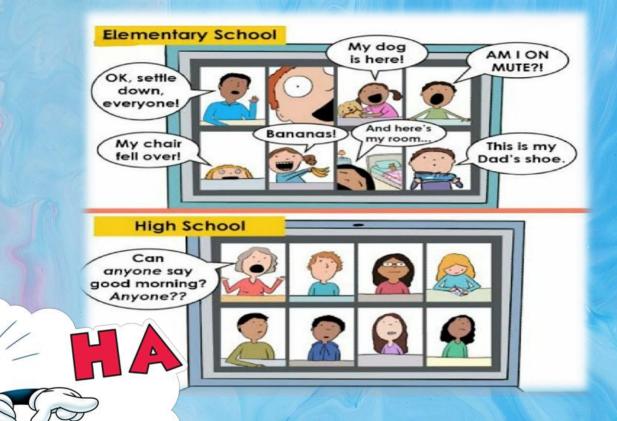
Cinderella

Up

Mulan Toy Story Dumbo Snowwhite

The Little Mermaid

The Princess and The Frog



TINGLE YOUR BRAINS!

See these emojis and guess which Disney movies are these?









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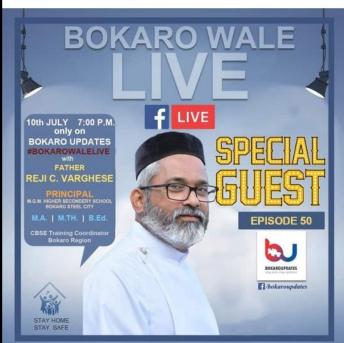
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A special guest for a super special occasion. 50th episode of **#BokaroWaleLive** and we will have with us Father Reji C Verghese, Principal, MGM Higher Secondary School, Bokaro Steel City. Father Verghese is also the CBSE Training Coordinator for Bokaro region.

Get ready for an inspiring session with Father Reji C Verghese with topics including education in current trying times on 10th July at 7 pm only with **Bokaro Updates**. You can send in your queries in the comments box.





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