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Junior Modern School

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# WISE MEN



## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents

Season's greetings!!

It gives me immense pleasure to present the first edition of '3 Wise Men', our e-newsletter for session 2020-21 offering a window into the activities of the Nursery and Kindergarten students. Capturing the events in the school life of our little ones, the issue aims to entertain them with value-based stories, while contributing some thoughts/information to ponder over.

A lot has happened in the last many months. Children could not attend school or meet their teachers but we have seen how confidently they adapted to online lessons. We value the support we have received from you and salute the combined efforts of all involved in ensuring that our children learned in a fun-filled manner.

The stories and photographs in this edition capture all the exciting and blissful moments children had despite the wretched pandemic!!!

Happy reading!!

Manju Rajput



One sunny afternoon Ram sat near a window thinking about his best friends - Abdul and Joe. He had been missing them a lot as they hadn't met in a long time.

Do you know why everyone is scared, stuck at home, schools are shut and nobody is meeting anyone?

It's because we all are going through a testing time right now.

Yes, COVID-19 or the Novel Corona Virus, has spread globally.

People are protecting themselves and their near and dear ones by staying at home.

Ram picked up the phone and called both his friends.

Abdul answered the phone and said, "Ram, I really want to meet you both but I know it's not the time. The virus is very dangerous and powerful, and the scary part is that it is around us and we can't even see it.

Joe said "So true my friend! I really wonder where it has come from?"

Abdul said, "It all started from a place called Wuhan in China."

"Oh! Can you please tell me more about it," said Joe.

"Once upon a time there was an evil family of viruses called the Coronavirus. This virus found its home in some animals. When people came in contact with these infected animals, the virus started spreading in humans as well. Coronavirus mainly infects people through droplets of an infected person when they talk, sneeze or cough," said Abdul.

"That's scary!! What should we do to protect ourselves?" asked Ram.

"Wear a mask. By wearing a mask, we not only protect ourselves, but others around us as well. It is hard to say where this virus is hiding. It can be anywhere... from a packet to the swings in the playground or even a door handle.

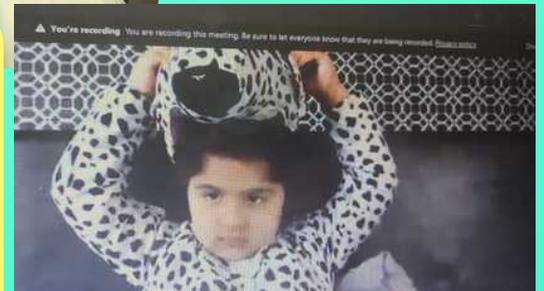
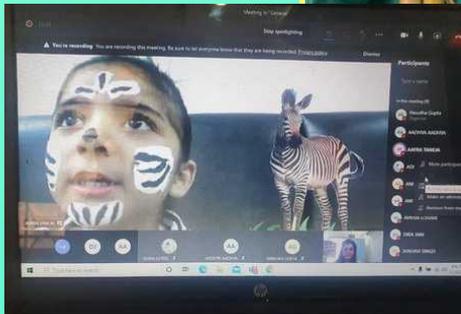
We should make sure that we wash our hands with soap, wash our face and change our clothes as soon as we come back home. It is best to avoid crowded places as the infection spreads faster with too many people around.

Remember, even if one gets infected, one should not panic. We should speak to our doctor, take steam, gargle and eat healthy meals," said Abdul.

"So take care friends, stay home, be safe and healthy. We will fight this together," said Joe.



Let the show begin...



Virtual Show and Tell activities were organised from time to time to encourage children to speak without inhibitions and thus, gain confidence.

The Nursery children dressed up as farm, water, wild animals and also as different parts of a plant. They spoke about the important traits of the characters they were portraying.

Teachers spoke about the importance of animals and plants in the ecosystem and how they are an integral part of our existence.



### Snake Plant

Snake plant is one of those plants which looks good and fresh in our homes even if not watered for weeks. What's more? Snake plants are natural air purifiers as they help to filter indoor air, an attribute that can keep you safe and healthy.





A virtual 'Show and Tell' activity on animals was organised for the students of Kindergarten. The students used pictures, toys, handmade masks and headgears as props to share their thoughts with the class. They spoke about animals, their homes, young ones and the sounds they make. This activity gave each child an opportunity to speak in front of others about their favourite animal. It was amazing to see the choice of animals ranging from water, farm and wild animals. Some of them even spoke about their pets with a great sense of pride. They were excited to share animal-facts and waited eagerly for their turn to show and tell. Overall, this online event was fun and very informative for our little Kindergarteners.

## Cactus

*You probably know the cactus as a spiky green plant that grows in the desert. The cactus can store water in its stems, roots, and leaves which helps them to live for over a year without rain! Some of them also have colourful flowers and fruits.*



# JOY OF CELEBRATING...

## NURSERY



*What could the joy of celebrating festivals be.. Festivals bring a feeling of togetherness, happiness, positive energy, sharing and caring. The beauty of every festival, whether it is the festival of colours, festival of lights, Dussehra or Gurpurab, is that it brings with it a certain kind of joy and enthusiasm in our lives, while making us aware of the value and meaning behind its celebration. The period from September to December is full of opportunities to celebrate and the Nursery Kg block is a buzz with excitement. Whether Eid, Dussehra, Diwali, Gurpurab or Christmas, we celebrate it all. Even during these testing times we left no stone unturned to celebrate each festival with zeal and enthusiasm during the online classes. Children indulged in art and craft, story narration and dance to celebrate all festivals.*

## KINDERGARTEN

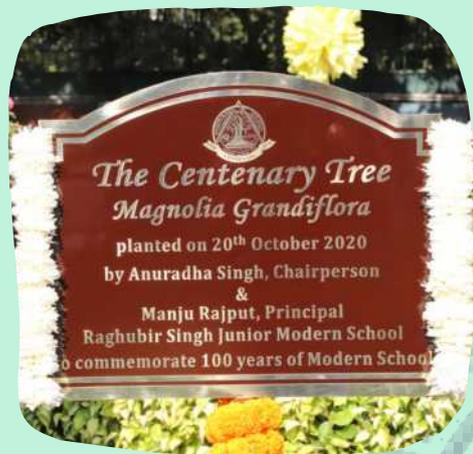


Students celebrated Independence Day by singing patriotic songs and holding and swaying the flag of India. On Gandhi Jayanti, various activities were conducted to make children aware of the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi in the struggle for independence and freedom from British rule.

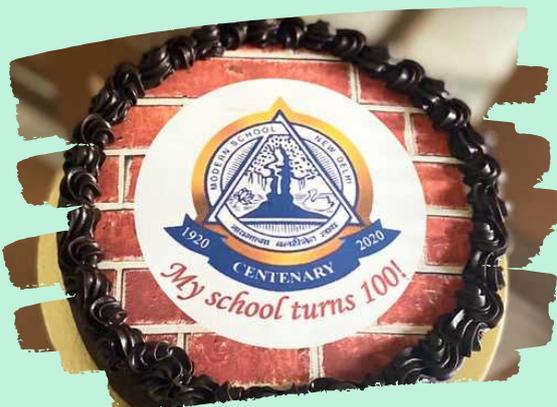
Children celebrated each religious festival through specially planned art and craft work. Some children, out of their interest, dressed up and spoke few lines about their religion.



# Modern turns 100



Lala Raghbir Singh founded Modern School in 1920. His vision was to build a community of confident, global leaders with social conscience and national pride, committed to excellence and continuous learning. Rooted in tradition and values, over the years Modern School has kept pace with the changing world and growing technological advancement. In the year 2020 Modern School completed 100 glorious years. The excitement and enthusiasm among the school fraternity knew no bounds. While complying with all restrictions related to the pandemic, the spirit of every Modernite soared with irrepressible enthusiasm. All the branches of Modern School were lit up and were not only visited by alumni and current students, but also by others desirous of partaking in the celebrations. RSJMS held a small, yet grand ceremony, which commenced with unfurling of the Centenary Flag, releasing of the Centenary Song written and composed by the Principal Ms Manju Rajput and planting of the Centenary Tree- Magnolia Grandiflora, together by the Chairperson Ms Anuradha Singh and the Principal Ms Manju Rajput.



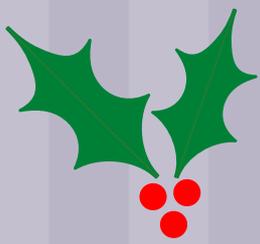
# Happiness Curriculum



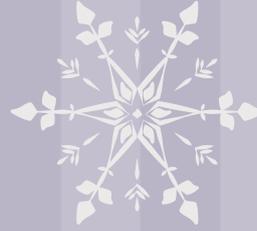
Happiness is something which is hard to describe in words, it can only be felt. That's how we at RSJMS want our kids to feel everyday- HAPPY!

A \*Happiness curriculum\* has been integrated within our already existing structure for the kids to be more open, independent, self aware, sensitive and emotionally mature. Various activities have been introduced within and outside the classroom, without a special happiness class for them. We want our kids to be more participative, be more involved and be HAPPY.





# Parent's Feedback



Legacy of 100 years speaks by itself, while we as parents attend the online classes conducted for our children. It is absolutely majestic to witness the structure created by RSJMS to educate our little ones and make them ready for the next stepping stone despite the bottlenecks of COVID 19. Overall each session is very engaging, interactive and energetic.

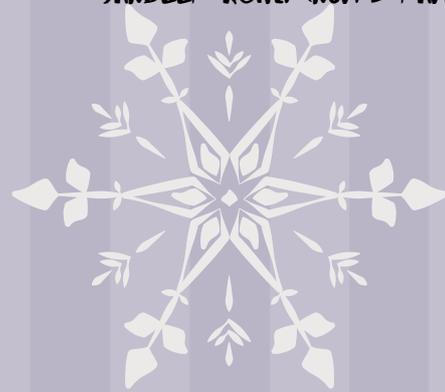
-Malini Kaushik (Nur D Parent)

THE YEAR 2020 HAS BEEN A STRANGE YEAR FOR THE WHOLE WORLD, MEMORIES OF WHICH WILL BE ETCHED IN OUR MIND FOR THE REST OF THE LIFETIME. THE YEAR HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY TOUGH FOR THE CHILDREN WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE THEIR FIRST-YEAR SCHOOL FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF MAKING NEW FRIENDS TO EXPLORING NEW THINGS IN SCHOOL, TO THE SHIFT FROM PHYSICAL CLASSES TO VIRTUAL CLASSES, IT WAS ALTOGETHER A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE. BUT THANKS TO ALL THE EFFORT AND THE HARD WORK BEING PUT BY THE EXCELLENT TEACHERS OF NURSERY THE JOURNEY HAS BEEN REALLY SMOOTH.

-SANDEEP KOHLI (NUR B PARENT)

With COVID-19 causing widespread school closures, children across the country are being given alternate resources to study outside of the classroom. The Nursery students are enjoying their daily 40 minutes live session and the topics are introduced in a very systematic way by teachers, who make the sessions engaging and lively. It has changed the way of teaching and enables teachers to reach out to their students more efficiently and effectively. We would like to thank the school for giving us this opportunity for working closely with the teachers towards learning especially among younger students, making them truly fall in love with a new way of learning.

-Shivani Chawla (Nur A Parent)



## Tulsi

Tulsi or the Holy basil is a fairly common plant in Indian households and is often grown for its medicinal properties. With the coronavirus still persistent around the world, a concoction made with Tulsi and other ingredients has been touted as one of the best home remedies to boost immunity.



I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciate the relentless efforts of the school in organising systematically scheduled and professionally executed online classes. I feel extremely blessed to be a part of this glorious institution and it was a privilege to experience the centenary celebrations virtually. Thank you for creating a fun and informative environment for our children and providing quality education pertinent to current times.

-Mansi Bajaj Malik (Nur E Parent)

# Parent's Feedback

*Of all the things that the lockdown taught me (including cooking!), one thing that has taught me the most is my daughter's online class! The students are learning what they must. But there is a lot for us too. I have adopted a few teaching practices from ma'am myself, to use when teaching my daughter afterwards. Every student on those tiny tiles on the screen gets personalised attention and compassion. Thanks to all the teachers who have stepped up to offer a great learning experience amidst the tragedy that is still unfolding.*

*Medha Shri (KG - A Parent)*



*The lockdown came all of a sudden in March and our little ones were promoted from Nursery to KG.*

*Keeping this in mind the school made small leaps so that children could gradually grasp the new normal.*

*The classes are well planned and all concepts are taught and reinforced very patiently by the teacher. I feel proud to say that Modern has risen to the occasion and it has been a delightful journey so far!*

*-Mansi Nangia (KG-B Parent)*



With the advent of COVID-19, the world has turned upside down, and the entire world system has changed. Hats-off to the teachers, schools and, thanks to technology which has made online classes possible. The online sessions gave us good exposure, and helped me to identify my child's strength and weaknesses. The way the class teacher conducts the sessions and interacts with each child is commendable.

*-Dr. Debjani Sahu (KG-D Parent)*



During these unprecedented times, we have all adapted to a new way of learning. In July, the online classes began and these classes have been a blessing for our children. The children look forward to these classes every morning and these 40 minutes a day with their teacher fills them with joy, enthusiasm and hope. As a parent, I am very grateful to the school and to all the teachers who work continuously to make this transition to online learning a smooth process for our children.

*Aarti Kapoor Magoo (KG - E Parent)*

# It's Christmas Time!



Christmas is an exciting time of the year when we enjoy being with our families, friends and making some yummy treats. During online sessions, teachers and students came together with great enthusiasm to keep the festive spirit alive. Nursery children were taught to make a cute Santa mask and the little chefs from Kindergarten were full of excitement as they prepared their colourful and yummy 'Wafer X-Mas tree'. The children were told about the real essence of Christmas and why it is celebrated through a video on the birth of Jesus Christ. The session ended with students merrily dancing to carols and songs.



# Did you know?

## FACTS ABOUT PLANTS



Pine Trees are found in the cold regions. They live from 100-1000 years and sometimes even more. They are an excellent source of food and medicine.



Wolffia is one of the smallest flowering plants, with no roots. It floats on water and is also known as rootless duckweed. It is an important food for ducks.

Pencil Cactus is found in the dry regions. It has green pencil like sticks which turn bright coral when the plant is under stress. Many illnesses like asthma, cough, earache and toothache are considered to be cured by this succulent plant.



# Happy New Year



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