



# REFLECTIONS

**JANUARY 2022** 



### NPS HSR PRESENTS



#### **The Pandemic Mind**

2 YEARS AGO, WE STEPPED INDOORS, WE PAUSED OUR LIVES AND LOCKED OUR HOMES. NO FOOTBALL, ACTIVITY OR INTERACTION, ONLY TO HAVE MASKS, SANITIZERS AND SUFFOCATION.

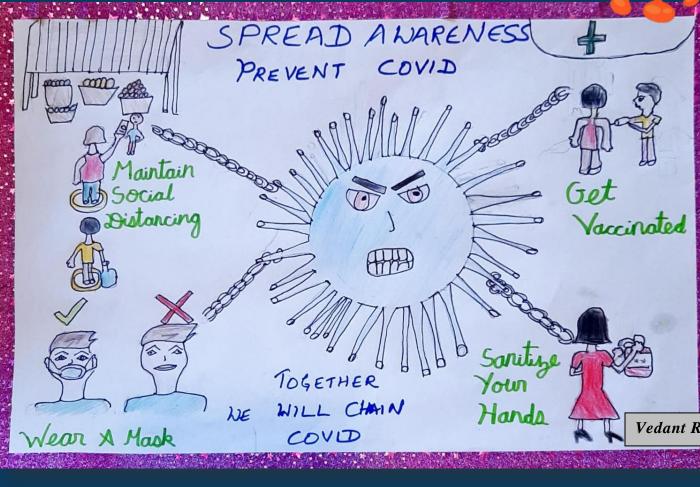
COVAXIN AND COVISHIELD, CAME THE NEW COUSINS, GAVE US HOPE THAT THEY ARE THE MIGHTY VACCINES. YET INTO OUR LIVES CAME GREAT GREEK SYMBOLS, AND ALONG WITH THEM, THEY BROUGHT FEAR AND TREMBLES.

> 2 YEARS PASSED AND WE ARE STILL INDOORS, SO MANY VACCINES, YET WE ARE IN OUR HOMES. BUT HOPE WE HAVE NOT LOST AS WE STRIVE, AS ALWAYS BEFORE, HUMANITY WILL THRIVE.

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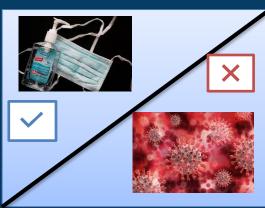




### **Corona Diaries**

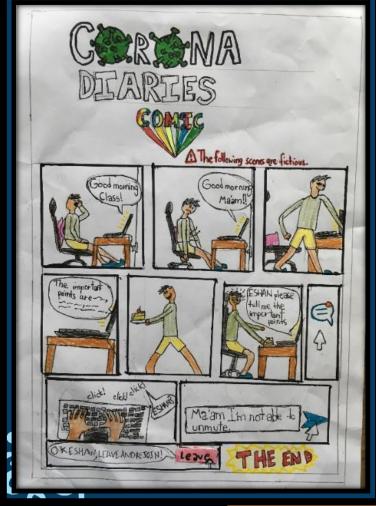








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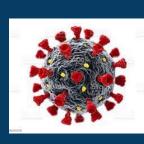
### **Keeping My Fingers Crossed**

Keeping my fingers crossed, hoping for a cure, a cure to end the pandemic.

Keeping my fingers crossed, hoping to be back to school, a school filled with friends and fun.

Keeping my fingers crossed, hoping to be free of mask, a face free of mask and full of smile.

Diya V. Menon 5D







Stay safe and stay at home, Enjoy family time and don't roam. Eat healthy home-cooked food, Try to stay in a positive mood.



Indulge in some physical activity, It's high time you build your immunity.

Talk to your family in person, If you're away use virtual connection.







Wash your hands for 20 seconds, Order online and stop errands. Sanitize groceries, sanitize veggies, Sanitize fruits and sanitize machines.



Read a book or cook a recipe, Believe me, it's a great therapy. Do whatever you may like, But please stay inside.

Laksh Chandna 5C



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#### **CORONA DIARIES**





#### **CORONA**

We've been in lockdown quite a while, "Stay safe and stay home" is the slogan of the knight. Enjoy your family time, and lead a healthy life, Indulge yourself in a fitness tribe.



Wash your hands, sanitize groceries, sanitize veggies, sanitize fruits. Read a book or cook a meal, believe me it's a "cool thing" to do.





The evil Corona just our right Waiting to give us a tough fight It has spread all over the world, Like a crazy wild fire on the go!

The virus doesn't differentiate between rich and poor, Its favourite place is your lungs for sure. Doctors are working day and night, An' risking their lives



Let's pledge to help them by staying safe and tight. Only we have the power to stop it from spreading, "STAY HOME" is what the world is saying.

**Sneha Nitin Borle 50** 







Divyanshi Singh 5A

#### You're Not Alone!

COVID-19 was out of the blue They said "There's a new virus, it's true!" Practice distancing, wear a mask, I know, it is a big task! Stay safe, for now, we have to make do!

> Stay protected, safe at home, The virus forbids you to roam, Take your vaccine, If you're fifteen, Stay together, you're not alone!

> > Mahathi Vinod 5D

#### **My Journey Through Covid Times**

The COVID-19 virus did affect me a lot, the most in 2020. Hi, I am Agastya. I am currently living in Singapore. My COVID Journey started in late December 2019 three months before the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. I went to Singapore to visit my dad who had previously been working there for three months. I had a blast. I had to go back to India to finish my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Then disaster struck and COVID started taking over. In the beginning it looked like it's not a big deal, but by early September 2020 it was at its peak. A lot has been going on since the outbreak of this deadly virus. First, I got enrolled in a Singapore International school which I attended online from Bangalore for 5 months after which Singapore opened up and after a long unsuccessful wait and not being able to attend any classes my parents enrolled me back with NPS HSR. I was happy to be with my old friends again. I completed my grade 4, but still there was no hope of being reunited with my dad. We decided to continue my grade 5 at NPS. After almost 2 years, the tides were turning. By late November 2021 many countries opened up their borders and so did Singapore. We gave it a try and applied for the travel approval to Singapore and surprisingly we got the approval.

We were in full swing. We only had a week to book our tickets, to pack and get the health formalities done. Finally on 4th Dec 2021 we boarded the flight. On seeing my dad after two years, I was filled with joy to be reunited with my dad. And here I am sitting beside my dad, as I am penning this memory.

These years of pandemic have affected me in a good and bad way. But I know for sure it has taught me lessons for life and they will stay with me forever. One important lesson I learnt is that-whatever happens in life is for a reason and we should try to cope with it and try to make the best of ourselves in all situations.

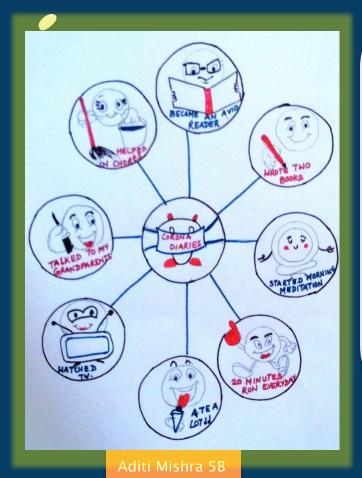
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## Shades of COVID





#### The Birds of the Pandemic

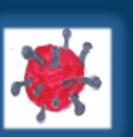
Every end is a new beginning. How many times have I read this in my favorite books? Even through the pandemic, we saw life bloom. As the city plunged into silence during the lockdown period, people were waking up to birdsongs and chirpy chatter. Many people were discovering the joys of spotting birds and identifying them. I too had joined this bandwagon and made it a point of looking out my window or balcony to see my favorite birds return to the neighbourhood. From the Indian Myna, Great Coucal, Kingfishers, Parrots and even the sparrows made a return. It was a joy to see them make a comeback into our neighbourhood.

We also heard about the global slowdown in human activity linked to the pandemic.

The pandemic allowed the bird species to stretch their wings. As people remained indoors, the birds increasingly flew into urban areas they had previously shunned. The birds were enjoying the newly afforded peace and quiet. It was previously speculated that it was the lack of food that drove birds away. It is however becoming clear that it was the noise and unclean air that was disturbing them. It is difficult to say what will happen once the pandemic is finally over, but we can hope that there is an opportunity to co-exist.



Ishan Hemanth Deshpande 5D









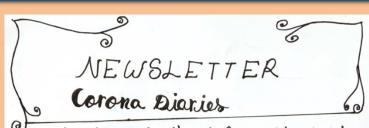












Covid-19 did not give the whole world a hard time as the world doesn't only have human beings.



Aditi Tripathy 5D





Diya Pramanick 5A

#### Corona Diaries

Covid-19 has given us a task
Whatever you do, don't remove your mask.
If you need sanitizer, you needn't even ask,
For you will have it ready, in a big flask.

Then came the First Wave, Where we all became grave. Children were told to behave, And we all had to be brave.

Then came the Covid Vaccine, Which is now available even for teens. So now, by all means Don't hesitate to get in some Covaxin.

Stay at home,
Don't go out to roam.
That's the new goal of now,
So that to Covid we don't bow.

V. Samruddhi 5C









**Corona Diaries-**

Life was always very fast paced, and we never slowed down. Until, In March 2020 when everything stopped.

Corona came and attacked our planet's heart.

I found everything quiet and felt there is peace around, we looked in our hearts and kindness we found.

First, I felt like it was an extended holiday, but soon I started to miss all my teachers, friends, the fun, and noise of my school which was no longer around. But I learnt to be more positive and stronger and realized that I had so many hidden skills like cooking, baking, and running home chores too. I also understood about social

distancing and its importance . I also realized the importance of gratitude. There was so much we needed to thank God and our parents for! But most importantly, I learnt to be happy with what I had and never to take anything for granted. So, I realized for sure that someday we will look back on this moment and it will forever

remind us to never take little things for granted

Covid will always remind me to hug with all my heart, to

pause and appreciate, and always live in the moments that are surrounded by the people we love.

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Poem- Corona Lessons Well Learnt



Have always been told, don't sit go out and play
Since two years now, am being told,
Stay at home- corona is underway.

Go out and get some fresh air

But now, breathing fresh air is so rare.



Daily screen time was a big NO

And now, the computer is always in tow.

Man is a social animal we have learnt

Now, practicing social distancing is the alert.

This is the new norm we have to embrace.





Stay home, stay safe!

Shwetsarika M. Inamdar 5C





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#### My Lockdown Passion

The Lockdown was a difficult time for all of us. During lockdown I was not able to go out of the house and meet my friends and play with them. School was also closed so I had lot of free time. I wanted to occupy myself and at the same time I was interested in learning new skills. I am happy that I could learn a lot of new things. I have learnt coding in Python and HTML. I have also done Robotic classes during the lockdown. I have also helped my mother by doing household chores. For example, I have washed the vessels and mopped the floor. I have also learnt to cook Pasta, Pizza from Online classes.



Siddharth Sanghi 5B

#### Corona Diaries Word Search

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Dhairya Bansal

LOCKDOWN

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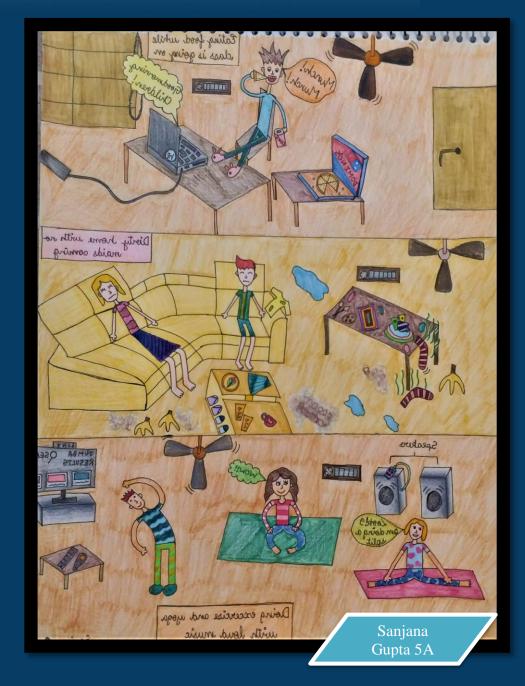
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#### My Experience During Covid Times

In the cold evenings of December 2019, I was taken aback when I came across a video in one of our family WhatsApp groups. It was the video of Wuhan going into complete lockdown and it being sanitized. I was terrorized on seeing the video but little did I know then that I was going to be a victim of the same soon. 2020 started off pretty well as everyone were going crazy about this fancy year. I don't know how the first two months passed but the third month, March was a quite a scary one. It was around that time that the first few cases of Covid 19 were diagnosed in the country. Then the news broke out that one of these cases were found in Bangalore. There were soon restrictions about large gatherings with theatres and swimming pools being shut. Later it was decided that our country will be going into COMPLETE LOCKDOWN- Wow this amazed me and I was happiest that day. Soon we started stocking on some needed vitals and not to forget the sanitizers and masks. I still cannot forget how I initially was troubled by the masks and I felt breathless every time I wore it. But sooner I had got used to wearing mask, regularly sanitizing my hands, washing them with soap, keeping them away from my face and a new technique of sneezing using the elbows. Woah! It seemed like a big deal in the beginning but it got better with time. School sent us a bunch of papers (our MRs) that had to be completed and brought back on the reopening day of 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Our summers passed with all of us just being locked up in our own houses and doing the little tasks given by our PM like beating the vessels and lighting the candles. All this raised a ray of hope in us but we were unaware that things were turning just worser. It was the month of June when our schools had to reopen but because of the increasing cases the reopening was postponed and soon we got to know about online classes. All this seemed so cool in the beginning but it left me realizing how fun school was. Initially online classes were fun but I started missing all the good times we had in school. I was hopeful that school would reopen again in a few days but in vain. Things only were getting worse with the increasing cases and shortage of health resources. After nearly spending the entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade at home, I was hopeful to get back to school for my fifth only to get disappointed that this wasn't happening. Finally, the good news of vaccine invention came out but still the mutations in the virus continued to be a reason of worry. But I was very happy when I came to know that we could attend school on Mondays after taking all precautions. I hope the vaccine for kids is out soon and we can get back to our pre -covid days just like before.



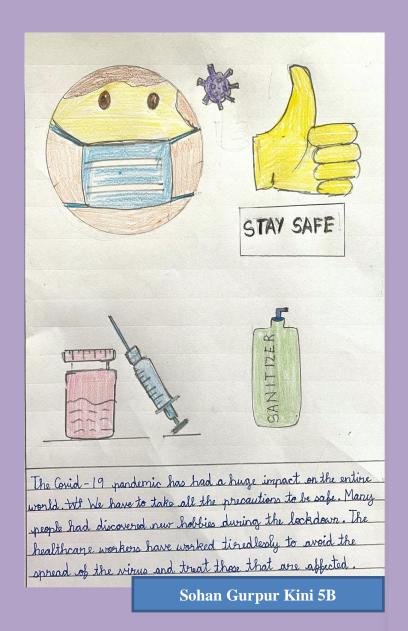


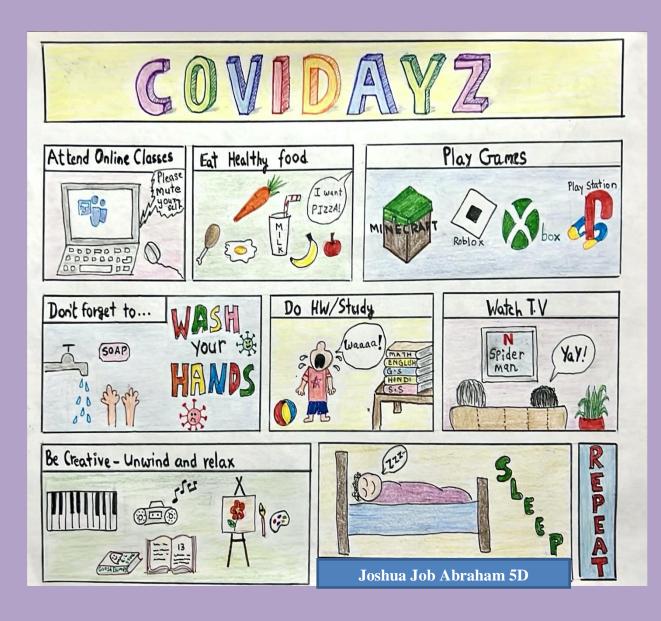


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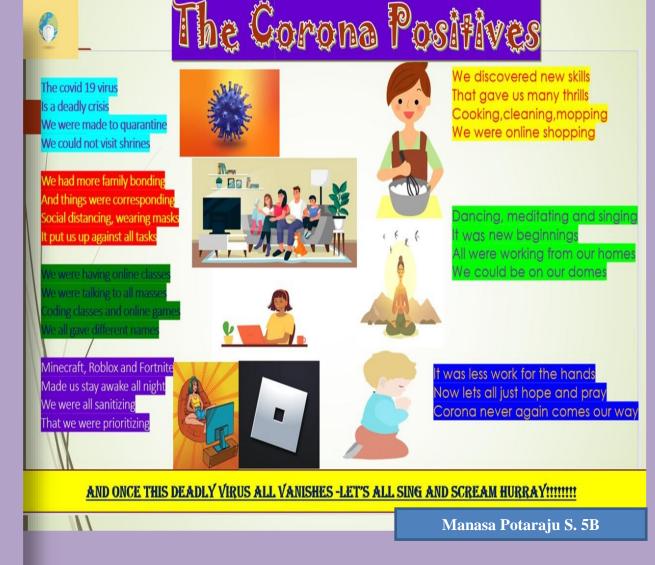




















India's 73rd Republic Day was celebrated with students on January 26.

#### Primary School-

- The Term 2 Parent Teacher Meeting was conducted between January 17-21.
- The students of Grade 2 presented WordPress on January 22, an event that highlights the importance and usage of words.
- Transition Programme commenced for Grade 5 on January 25.





### MIDDLE SCHOOL -

- The students of Grade 6, who are part of Young Entrepreneurship Programme, had their Production release on January 29.
- The Term 2 Parent Teacher Meeting was conducted between January 31 Feb 4.

#### SENIOR SCHOOL -

- The Inter school Cyber Fest was conducted by Senior school students on January 8.
- The Finale of Resonating Rhetorics, an initiative by Grade 9 students to develop communication skills, was held on January 31.

