

# The Sunitian

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Lanthan

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

# *Director's Message*



It is a proud moment to be penning my thoughts on this first edition of Manthan. It is said - A Journey of thousand miles begins with a single step. Two years back we took that step to start Smt. Sunitidevi Singhania School. We have a beautiful legacy but we also have a great responsibility to not just safeguard it but take it to newer heights.

'The Sunitian' is not just a name for our school magazine, 'Manthan' is the theme for the first edition. It is an apt theme for this year as we see the world change. Manthan literally means churning - churning to me is that of ideas, of dreams, of aspirations, of feelings, of emotions and desires of almost 2200 children. As we delve deeper into their hearts and minds, we will realise that our children dream and wish to live a life where opportunities galore and all can embrace it. We recognise our remarkable Head, faculty and staff who have nurtured the children since its inception, helping them realise their dreams and aspirations, while enjoying the process of learning. Our children have learnt to express themselves freely, appreciating diverse thoughts and reasoning with the 'Best'. All of these skills are needed in this dynamically disrupting world that we live in.

The best in us emerges and finds its way to the open expanse of the Universe, only when there is a Manthan. In this journey there may be uncertainties or restlessness but it is this discomfort that will lead to self actualisation, excellence and accomplishment. Manthan brings about collaboration, togetherness, belongingness and building a unique bond among all our children. That special bond is called 'The Sunitian'.

Yours ever,  
Revathi

## *Mentor Speak*



*Change is the only constant in life. One's ability to adapt to those changes will determine your success in life, and demonstrate the real Manthan process within you!*

### **Mrs. Gladys Cabral**

They say that change is the law of nature. Today, the world is witnessing it. At this time of pandemic, we are going through many changes but I feel, we, the Sunitionians, have not only valiantly accepted this challenge but have also emerged triumphant in our endeavour. I am elated to see our lovely children too have adapted to this change so well - the new situation and the new way of learning.

It is said that 'home is students' first school', and I say this with great pride, that our students have proved it as well. They have worked to the best of their ability and completed the whole academic year successfully right there, from their homes. I believe if you have discipline, drive and determination, nothing is impossible.

My request to you my dear children is to be focused, give your best, move forward confidently and demonstrate conscientiousness in every step of your life. Most importantly let the Manthan i.e. contemplating, questioning, reasoning which leads to discovering, keep intriguing you.

Good Luck!

## *Head Speak*



### **Mrs. Lakshmi Madhusudan**

Manthan is Evolution,

Evolution of thought processes, of ideas and of development.

Everyday we go through a multitude of emotions like happiness, sadness, anger, greed, lethargy, procrastination etc. for ourselves and for others. You have to use the ladle of discipline to churn these emotions and feelings to rise above them, only then you can achieve success.

Let us take the case of a young student participating in an online competition. The mere fact that she wants to participate, tells us about her enthusiasm. This will also test her self confidence and decision making ability. Once decision is made, the student awaits anxiously for the 'D' day. The actual performance will involve a lot of research, speaking to friends, suggestions and guidance by teachers, Parents and other elders. Once the competition is over, then she waits in anticipation for the results. Here, the true manthan starts. If she wins, she learns what it means to succeed and if she doesn't, she learns the value of participation. She also learns that there are better performers than her and if she can applaud their victory, she moves herself up a notch in her journey of maturity and confidence. MANTHAN is an amazing journey of life skills education.

# Editors speak



**Ms.Mamta Kankan**  
**Editor-Faculty**

Everything that you can imagine or conceive of, already exists in the universe, one needs churn to recover or discover it either from darkness of the unknown or the indistinct. As a story in the Hindu mythology goes, the Devas (the gods) and the Asuras ( the demons) churned the KSHIRSAGAR to recover from the depths of cosmic ocean many valuable and wonderful treasures like Chandra (the moon), Parijata (a beautiful and fragrant tree), Airavat (the four tusked elephant), Kalpavriksha, the Panchajanya (Vishnu's Conch), Vishnu's mace and magic bow, various precious gems, and the last but not the least, the supreme treasure of Amrita (the nectar) . All scientists of all times, all over the world have made many discoveries through the same process of churning , that is , thinking and rethinking, searching and researching, trying over and over again until they succeeded. Our ancient sages too churned their minds meditatively to discover many things for welfare of the society and mankind. Churning is a regular process to achieve continuous progress in any sphere of life, be it spiritual, educational or materialistic. Though we can't create any basic element of Nature, we do churning thereof to get from Nature what is required for sustenance of our existence. The same rule of Nature applies to our life. Each one of us is endowed with, by the supreme divine, something or the other that is the best in one, and it is for one to churn oneself to take out that "THE BEST". Though one can't create cream or butter, but one can surely churn cream to recover butter and Ghee there from, which already exists latently in the cream.

My dear readers, we are really proud and exuberant to acclaim that we are ready with this year's E-Magazine "Manthan- To Discover". We are sure that the hard work, sustained efforts and innovative ideas exhibited by our young minds will surely stir the mind of the readers and take them to the surreal world of unalloyed joy and pleasure. This herculean task of editing this school magazine would not have been possible without the sincere support of the members of the Editorial Board. I am really thankful to our respected Principal ma'am for entrusting me with the responsibility of being a part of the Editorial board.



**Prarthna Chopra**  
**School Editor**

School magazine is a document that showcases growth of the school. It creates a spirit of unity among students and brings together their beautiful creations in the form of poems, essays, stories, drawings, paintings and a lot more. School Magazine reflects the school culture. It holds the memories of school life, its traditions and its values. This magazine, our own "MANTHAN 2020-2021", is a wonderful medium to record achievements of students and their exceptional talents in various fields. It also acts as a great source of inspiration for the coming generation. Designing "MANTHAN 2020-2021" was not simply about editing articles and meeting deadlines, it was a journey of churning ideas to bring out the final product. This position forced me to get out of my comfort zone and channel my creativity. I am thankful to the school for giving me this opportunity.

# Investiture ceremony

*"True leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders."*

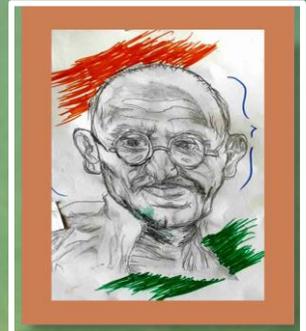
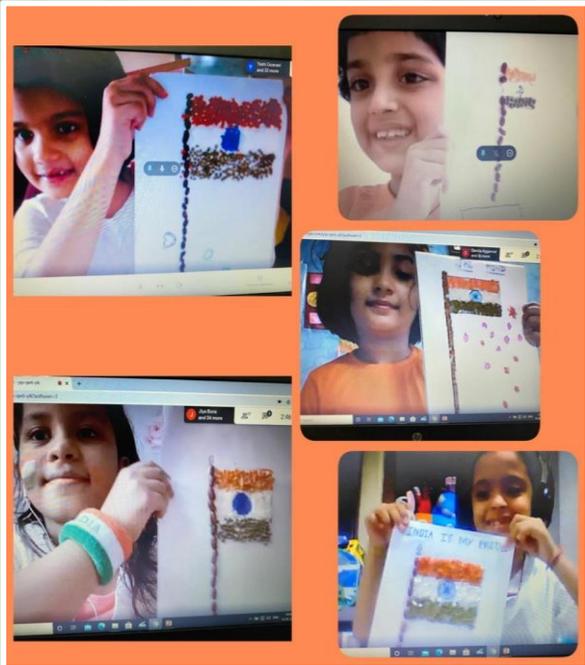
The Investiture Ceremony is the first official function conducted in the school. This is to bring in a sense of belonging, pride and responsibility towards the school. This also initiates the traits of leadership in them thus filling them with confidence to take greater strides in every walk of their lives.

On this momentous day, responsibilities were bestowed on the newly elected senate. As the world was forced to stay in their homes, the ceremony took place through virtual platform. The prestigious ceremony took off with the Director, Mrs. Revathi Srinivasan's highly motivating words. The student representatives graciously donned the mantle on the day. Students were elated as they introduced themselves and their posts. It was a moment of pride, honour and glory for every member of the senate.



# 75th Independence Day

India's Independence is a day that reminds us of the sacrifices of our valiant freedom fighters who stood against the colonists, so that later generations could breathe in free air. Smt. Sunitidevi Singhania School chose the virtual platform to celebrate India's biggest day. We tried to maintain the same enthusiasm by thinking out of the box, coming up with vibrant activities and competitions. We performed various activities like 'Warli art painting', 'Acrostic poem writing', 'Flag Art' and many more. Senate members made an excellent movie on "Freedom From..." Breaking free from the shackles of the pandemic, we celebrated India's 75th Independence Day with great fervour and patriotism.



# Republic Day

Republic Day is a remarkable day in the history of India. The Constitution of India had come into effect on January 26, 1950. We, at Smt. Sunitidevi Singhania School, celebrated this day with pride, admiration and elation. Even the massive pandemic couldn't stop the Sunitians from expressing the love and respect they have for their nation. Students made a movie on BR Ambedkar. They performed various activities like singing patriotic songs, Poster Making on "We the People", Essay Writing on "One thing I would like to change in the preamble", "26 reasons why Republic Day is important for me" and many other interesting activities were conducted. This gave rise to the feeling of patriotism within us.



# Tiny Tots



## NURSERY- A TO F



Class:  
Junior.KG





## Sr. KG Activities



Dear Madam,

On the occasion of Teachers day, a very big thank you from us and our little one, Jayant Mugada.

Children eventually may forget what they learnt in class but they always etch in their heart how awesome their teacher is. Thank you for being a wonderful teacher. Our kid loves you so much and keeps on remembering you always at home.

Especially with this online mode of teaching with the little ones, you are doing an incredible job in teaching them as well as managing about 30-35 little children (along with their parents!) with their short attention span. You are becoming child with our children again and helping them grow.

Happy Teachers day to you Moumita teacher and all the teachers of Smt Sunitidevi Singhania school.

Regards,

Parents of Jayant Mugada  
Lavanya and Vasant Mugada.

Hello teacher,

I would like to thank you and all those involved from Smt Sunitidevi Singhania School for the wonderful surprise arranged for the parents of Nursery.

It was truly commendable gesture and also a way to inculcate culture & traditions in our kids specially in this digital world where values are less mattered.

Thank you once again.

Warm regards,

Sujita Kakirde  
(Mother of Hrutika Kakirde - Nursery A)



# Teachers corner



## My Big Discovery

The past year has been one of the great discoveries. As a teacher, with over fifteen years of experience under my belt, I thought I had seen it all. But then came the pandemic! And with it, the dreaded term "Online classes". The year that followed has been one full of discoveries. My biggest discovery was a disheartening one that there's a whole world of things that we don't know anything about. "Virtual classrooms" - it sounded scary at first, "Impossible", I thought. Handling a physical classroom of over 40 children was so easy. The same scenario on a virtual platform is a completely different ballgame. How can you get forty over enthusiastic eight year olds to wait for their turn, respect each other's rights to speak uninterrupted, control their basic curiosity and need to try out every facility that Google has to offer? And most importantly, how do you get them to let you, the teacher, talk? But learn, we did; and discover, we continue to do. My classes were a source of entertainment to my family members. Listening to the innocent, curious and ruthlessly straightforward comments of my students day after day made the atmosphere at home lively and interesting for those few hours. My family members know the names of every child in my class, the names of the naughtiest, quietest and even those who never turn their videos on. And not to mention, every topic that I taught during the past year. Yes, it has been almost a year and I am proud to say that I have laid to rest all my early fears. Classes aren't chaotic anymore and I've come to enjoy those hours that I spend with my students everyday. And of course, I am a master of Google Meet now. I can close my eyes and make a powerpoint presentation within an hour, complete with animations and transitions. So, to conclude, I can truthfully say that the biggest discovery I have made during this "pandemic" year is that I am as technologically advanced as I never imagined I could ever be.

-Anjana Shekhar



- Remya Rajendran

In the quest for an identity,  
I found myself lost,  
Lost in search of me,  
Bound by time constraints.

The conundrum of finding me,  
Had me all confused,  
Was it me, mine, myself?  
Or was it about me towards others?

Lost in a maze of thoughts,  
Going round and round about,  
Trying to understand the true me,  
I began to make a road of my own.

It is here that my change happened,  
That the search outside was not to be fruitful,  
Until the quest inside was done;  
Eye turned inwards to find that I was, but a part of Him!  
-Lavanya Devanathan

The year 2020-21

What a year it was....

Truly a Manthan - a self discovery.

The overflowing demands, the churning tasks, the turbulent processes, the vast expanse of knowledge, all delivered by a teacher with the right attitude, integrity and resilience.

Teachers stood the test of time.

They explored the uncharted territory full of waves but yet came out holding the Elixir for Education.

Every teacher who was once a chalk and board teacher can now be called an independent techno savvy 'Meru Parvat' of the year 2020-21. With technology on her side she would take Education to the world.

Education did not stop.

Our children easily adjusted to this mode of online learning and we are at the end of this wonderful digital year.

All in their own houses yet ready to take on the world.

The dedication and sincerity of the Children, Parents and Teachers together have helped us, Educationists, to continue this new form of education.

Digitally equipped we stand together.

-Priti Palkar

# Teachers corner



## A Path to Self- Discovery

Straight out of graduation I was in a total frenzy,  
What career should I choose made me worry.  
My heart was always inclined towards corporate,  
But my mother said “ Become a teacher, trust  
me, this is where you want to be” .

I laughed thinking that I was way better than  
being a teacher,

I neglected all the advice and finally got myself a  
reputed job.

Thinking I had made myself a secure future,  
But something was lacking in life;

The feeling of fulfilment would never arrive.

Lastly, just as a joke I applied for B. Ed

Took a U-turn not knowing where I was headed;

Slowly fell in love with the profession.

Not thinking once that it would turn into a  
passion.

I made a self- discovery which made me happy to  
no end,

And school is exactly where I found that  
fulfilment.

-Zenita D'lemos.

## 'COMPLAINT' .... an overrated emotion

After much speculation and contemplation, this is something  
I have discovered during the lockdown; 'Complaint' is such  
an overrated emotion. If you don't believe me, read on...

Prior to lockdown, every human standing on the face of the  
earth had similar, if not the same *complaints*.

*Complaints* of “I have to spend long hours at work”, “Uff!  
This pollution, it is damaging my skin and there is no time to  
exercise”, “I miss home-cooked food”, “My maid doesn't  
clean utensils properly!” The list was endless... Post  
lockdown, every human standing on the face of the earth, is  
having a new set of *complaints*.

“It's too much family time!”, “Work from home is boring; I  
miss meeting my colleagues”, “I wish my child could go back  
to school”, “I am tired of eating home cooked food” .

The last and the best... My kitchen sink is like the magical  
AKSHAY PATRA given by Krishna to Draupadi; it never  
empties!!! I miss my maid!

It is a human tendency to find something to complain about.  
In someway, it is a convincing thought; knowing that there is  
something out there that is better than what I have.

As I said... “COMPLAINT, IS AN OVERRATED EMOTION.”

-Ketaki Pathare

## My Water Musings.

Water has always intrigued me; I loved to play with water and mom used to call me a water baby. I travelled back into time to reminisce over my visits to my hometown in Kerala with my family. My grandma would get nostalgic about how taking a bath in the pond and drawing water from the wells was a part of happy rituals for her as they would go in groups, do the jobs at leisure, indulge in happy banter and enjoy.

I could only enjoy drawing water from the well which I perfected after lots of retakes. I realised, my love for water bodies probably laid in my roots. I am in awe of all water bodies whether it is in the form of a waterfall like 'Athirapally waterfalls', 'Niagara' or the beaches in Goa, Mumbai, Thailand or the lakes like 'Tsongo' in Sikkim or our 'Upvan Lake' in Thane. I love to be near such places and marvel at the pristine beauty of nature.

I believe, we have borrowed this planet from our future generations, so it's our duty to preserve and maintain them well. We should all try and rejuvenate our water bodies, else who knows what they might see.

I sum it up; My grandparents saw it in rivers, my parents in wells, I saw it in taps, my daughter sees it in bottles.

The future generations may see it in the form of a capsules so, let's not misuse it, or we will see it only in tears!

Let's take a pledge to save water and water bodies. What are your views on the same??

- Deepa Manoj

# Artistry



Yovika Ahuja - Std 1



Aarav Amonkar -Std 1



Soham Pansare -Std 2



Keya Harad -Std 2



Aarna Potdar -Std 2



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Sanika Kulkarni -Std 4



Eravati Wagh -Std 1

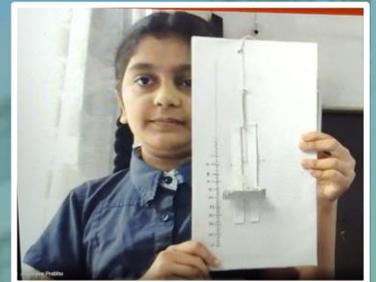


Rhea Bamji -Std 2



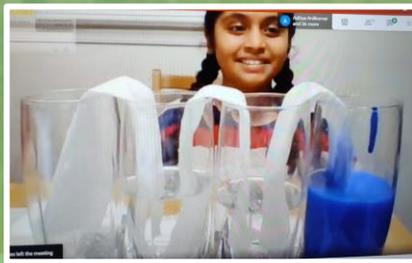
Sharvil Pawar - Std 2

# Learning by doing



**TURMERIC CHANGES COLOUR WITH DETERGENT BUT NOT WITH CITRIC ACID.**

1. Add turmeric to water
2. Add detergent
3. Colour changes to red
4. Add Lemon juice
5. Colour changes to yellow again.



# *Straight from the heart*



## REDISCOVERING ONESELF - A MENTAL HEALTH PERSPECTIVE

The modern, educated, progressive, busy man was occupied making a successful life and a plush living for himself all this while. Be it children, adults or people of any age, they were busy in their lives at their own level to the extent that they had to be 'prescribed' to have quality family time as though it was some medical dose for mental wellbeing! Well, little did anyone know about the massive standstill that was at the doorstep of the world in the form of this pandemic. The pandemic, certainly took away lives and several other comforts or pleasures of lives, for some, it also took away basics of livelihood. And on the other hand, it left us with the most valuable but most underrated resource – time. We all were left with so much of time that some of us failed to understand as to what should be done with so much of excessive time!! Funny, isn't it! When we did not have time, we cribbed and whined and complained about not having enough, and when we got so much of it, we didn't know what to do about it. Amidst all this, mankind was finding ways to gather its self, I would call that, discovering several ways to rediscovering oneself. In that process, we saw people connecting with each other at a more soulful level. We saw people celebrating family time, nurturing nature, exercising together, trying various hobbies, engaging in meaningful conversations, cooking together, playing board games together, finding happiness in doing daily chores, celebrating small winning moments and several other things which needed no prescription for healthy wellbeing. We all found joy from simple things in life, those things we need not buy with currency and we found joy in togetherness. These things may not have been the best weapon against the virus the world is fighting, but they were certainly a booster dose for the mental wellbeing of one another and for the moral support that we needed to be mentally strong during these testing times. I am sure, in some way or the other, we all have found a new and an improved version of ourselves, the one that values emotions or sentiments and looks at one another as humans first and is compassionate. It's now time, to nurture that self, take care of the new and redefined version of ourselves and not lose it again in the bargain of the materialistic world that we seem to have left behind. There is no doubt on the intelligence that we possess which is going to help us fight this virus on medical grounds, but if we lose the new and the improved version of ourselves that we have found now, we certainly will not have a vaccination for that. Let us welcome and cherish all the positives that we have discovered within ourselves for now and forever.

Ms. Ketki Wagh  
Counseling Psychologist,  
Child Development And Learning Centre  
Smt. Sunitidevi Singhania School, Thane

## THE WORLD THROUGH MY EYES

The morning sun rays came streaming through my window pane, as I lay on my bed. The comforting warmth of that sunshine awakened me out of my deep slumber. The chirping of the birds was music to my ears. Everything around me was so calm and peaceful. I reminded myself that today was just not any day; it was my birthday. Yes, today was that special day when my parents welcomed their first child into this world. It's been fourteen long years since then. Every year my life went through a manthan; every day was a new discovery. A journey began that day; new experiences: both good and bad. I wanted to hurriedly get off my bed and run to the dining room, to join my parents, as I heard them talk about a new children's park in our area. In my thoughts, I was already there but I didn't have the strength to pull myself out of the bed. I slowly rolled to the side and dropped my legs from the edge of my bed. My mother helped me get on to my wheelchair. She wished me 'Good Morning' and I just nodded. I wanted to wish her back but those words were not audible. She helped me brush my teeth and freshen up.

Today I was fourteen! I thought; I must feed myself. I tried to grasp the spoon with my frail fingers but I dropped it onto the floor. So I silently sat, sipping my smoothie through a straw; my tongue muscles too weak to chew. Early years were too hard for my family. Every now and then people stared at me as if I was an alien. After many advices, remedies and visits to shrines, they accepted me for who I was.

I was a silent listener to every conversation as my fellow men thought I was inanimate; unable to comprehend what goes around just because I couldn't speak their language. This is my world! I have dreams, aspirations; just like any other fourteen year old girl. I can sing, dance, paint, write and do anything if only the world gives me an opportunity. I am not disabled because of my limitations but because the world has labelled me-Disabled. People ask my caretaker whether I like tea or coffee. Ask me, for I can sign and tell you what I like. They make me invisible, non-verbal, immobile, intellectually impaired, invalid person. I am alive! I exist! If only you will let me be.

Velma Mendes  
Special Educator  
Child Development And Learning Centre  
Smt. Sunitidevi Singhania School, Thane

# Little hands write



## In quest of new beginnings!

In Feb 2020,  
I first heard the word 'Virus';  
Know where?  
In my school bus!  
When the seniors at the back seat,  
Were chatting about it in a tone serious.

But then,  
With my little grade 2 brain;  
Much about it I couldn't gain!  
Until a few days later,  
In the school assembly spoke my teacher.  
"Far far away from our own shore,  
In Brazil, Italy and many more;  
Humans are facing a deadly devil,  
And it is putting our lives in peril."

As the strange visitor,  
Spared no rich and poor;  
My beloved India too had to suffer!  
Classrooms, offices and shopping,  
All went 'Virtual';  
Is this a make-believe world?  
Or the new normal?

With no friends and teachers to share,  
Luckily I had my mom and dad to spare!  
'Lockdown', 'Quarantine' and 'Immunity',  
Were now a part of my vocabulary;  
Sanitizers and masks were topping  
My mom's new Inventory!

But now,  
As we enter 2021,  
And India with its vaccine No.1!  
We are all set to defeat our enemy No.1!  
Discomforts and despairs- whatsoever;  
2020 was a year to remember!

-Garv Agarwal-Std 3

## Lock Unlocked

2020 has been a very unique year. It started very nicely. On the 1st of March, it was my birthday. We celebrated it at my favorite restaurant with all my friends. I even planted a beautiful tree in my school campus as it is the tradition of our school. In just a few days, things started changing. Mummy told me that the school will be closed for a few days. Few days became many days but the school didn't open. I was missing my friends and my teachers a lot. Everyone was supposed to be inside all the time. There was nothing to do. I didn't know how to spend my days. So I started listening to a lot of songs which I kept singing all day. I am particularly interested in rap. I have also written a couple of rap songs. I hope to become a famous singer/rapper someday. In this way, lockdown helped me unlock one of the hidden talents in me.

-Rujuta Saykhdekar-Std 3

# *Young minds unfurl*



## How I Discovered Blogging

During the COVID-19 lock-down school was temporarily closed, and I was at home with a lot of time in my hands. So, my father suggested that I should start writing a blog. At that time, I did not know what a blog is. My father explained it to me that a blog is a small website where you post articles, poems etc! I liked the idea as the readers would get to know me through my blog. So, both of us brainstormed over what should be the subject of my blog. Finally, we decided that I should blog on history as I love the subject and it would be unique. We also thought over what should be the name of my blog. After thinking for some time, we settled upon 'Curiologist'. Both of us thought that it would be a great name as it is unique and it means 'a person who is curious'. I wrote my 1st post on 25th March. I discovered that writing is difficult and gets easy only after practice. However, once you get better at it, it is enjoyable. Till date I have written 77 posts and I have got over 3,000 views. Thus we can say that 'Manthan' leads to 'Discover'.

-Arjun Pawar -Std 5

## Discovering new ways of learning

A year ago, I don't think anyone would have imagined studying from home for the entire upcoming school, but here we are, at the end of that school year. We all worked really hard, individually and as a team, and discovered many new ways to adapt to this new way of learning. Individually we all, teachers and students, got comfortable with educational platforms like GSuite. We figured out ways to work as a team and collaborated to complete many events and activities online. This situation was a really unusual one, something that had never happened before, so we did not have an example we could follow, but we put our brains to work. Our 'Manthan' helped us come up with new ideas for an online school and become the example that others could follow. This year was surely not a normal one, but it was definitely a memorable one.

-Shreya Joshi - Std 7

## Patience

When there is no bread for the oven,  
And the shop isn't open,  
We try our own hand at making it,  
But lose our patience bit-by-bit,  
*Oh! The vital ability of not hating,  
The hour of waiting.*

When you try to learn the name of a  
place in North America,  
Or many properties of a mineral like  
Mica,  
But they do not settle in your head,  
You do not know if you are fed-up or up-  
fed,  
*Oh! The vital ability of not hating,  
The long hour of waiting.*

When you try to dance to the beat,  
But have no support of your feet,  
You tumble and fall,  
And bang your head against the wall,  
*Oh! The vital ability of not hating,  
The boring hour of waiting.*

When you plant a seedling,  
But it isn't growing,  
You think that your hard work is drained,  
And earlier good, the seed had just  
feigned,  
*Oh! The vital ability of not hating,  
The never-ending hour of waiting.*

Your naively cooked bread will improve  
soon,  
Fit for a person born with a silver spoon.  
You'll catch hold of the terms with  
revision,  
And I am sure then there will be no  
confusion.  
A magnificent dancer one day you will  
be,  
Just keep practicing, then wait and see.  
In a few years your tiny seed will be a  
tree,  
In the wind its leaves will move free.  
*At last, the vital ability of not hating,  
The endless hours of waiting.*

-For you to discover patience...  
-Hemani Suhasaria-Std 6

## The Etymology of Serendipity

On a bright day, my father, brother  
and I, went to play in the garden.  
We lost our way and accidentally  
found another garden on the lost  
way which was actually better than  
the garden we were heading to.  
My father exclaimed – “What a  
serendipity!” Serendipity? I  
wondered, what it meant. So that's  
when I put on my thinking cap!!

I did some research on it and  
understood that, 'Serendipity'  
means inventing or discovering  
something by accident or you look  
for something and find something  
else which is totally unexpected for  
you.

It was invented on 28th January  
1754 by Horace Walpole, who was  
a prolific inventor and populariser  
of new words. He pulled this word  
from one of the earliest detective  
stories 'The Three Princes of  
Serendip'. It is a story of three  
princes who track down a missing  
camel through their unintentional  
way of getting to the root of the  
mystery.

-Stuti

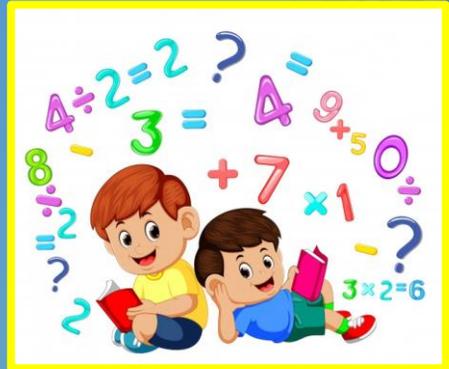
Kamble-Std 5

## Do not Stop Discovering!

Touch the sky!  
And learn to fly!  
Even if all planets are found,  
Even if you know all sounds,  
Even if you have learnt to drive,  
Even if you know what is in a hive,  
Even if the whole world is known,  
Even if there are no seeds to be  
sown,  
Even if the sky is dark,  
And even if you do not find a spark,  
Even if the world is asleep,  
And even if your way is too deep,  
Do not stop DISCOVERING!

-Shardul Salunkhe-Std 8

# गणित *manthan*



- 73 is the 21st prime number.  
It's mirror is 37 which is 12th prime number  
(which is 21's mirror)  
And  $7 \times 3 = 3 \times 7 = 21$   
And in binary 73 is a palindrome: 1001001
- The word 'hundred' comes from the ancient Norse word 'hundrath' which means 120, not 100!
- In a room of 23 people there's a 50% chance that two people have the same birthday.
- If you shuffle a deck of cards it is a lot more than likely that the arrangement of cards has never been done before in the universe since cards were invented.
- A googol means one followed by 100 zeroes. A googolplex is 1 followed by 1 googol zeros. If it is hard to imagine how long that number would look there is a good reason for it, to write it out you would create a number that is so huge that if you wrote it out and printed it on a book it would weigh 1 followed by 62 zeroes times the weight of the heaviest thing in the world-a black hole.

## Manthan – To Discover

In 2020 I took admission in Smt. Sunitidevi Singhania School. I was all excited to go to my new school, to make new friends, to meet new teachers, to learn new concepts and to be in an entirely new place. But all that I was planning for, never happened, at least not in the way I expected. School did start but on laptops. I met new friends – but on screen. I met my teachers – but on screen. I studied – on screen. I played – on screen. I learned – on screen. I spoke to my cousins – on screen. I even attended birthday parties – on screen. No one was scolding me to avoid the screen time. Suddenly my mom trusted me to handle a laptop and phone. I learned that things change with time, we accept things with time, and we learn with time. During this lockdown I discovered that I was capable of operating laptops on my own. I discovered that I am capable to help in domestic work. I learned to serve my own food and wash my own plate. I even learned a bit of cooking and baking. I discovered it is easy to adapt when conditions are difficult. 2020 for me was a journey to discover about myself- all that I am capable to do. I feel my parents trust me more now- to take care of my studies, to take care of my younger sister, to help in the kitchen, and to take care of myself! In 2020 I have discovered myself!

- Vijith Paithankar - Std 4



Discover  
1-Mask  
2-Ambulance  
3-Negative  
4-Treatment  
5-Hands  
6-Apple  
7-Nurse

Answers  
1-Onion  
2-Startling  
3-Hole  
4-Battery  
5-Coffin

*Riddler!!! (Ans.)*

## Riddles!!

1. I add lots of flavour and have many layers, but if you get too close, I'll make you cry. Guess, WHO AM I ?
2. What 9 letter word is still a word after you remove one letter each time?..??  
(This is gonna set your BRAIN abuzz !!)
3. The more you take from me, the bigger I shall become. Tell me, WHO AM I ??  
(This may be a SMALL riddle, but the route to the answer lies in your brain !!)
4. I have no life.. Yet, people see me dead OFTEN....  
WHO AM I ???(Every word matters!!)
5. Whoever makes it, has no need for it. Who buys it, doesn't use it. Who uses it, can neither see nor feel it. You need to guess WHO AM I !!

-Keerthi Ramasubramanian -Std 8

1. M \_\_\_\_\_ - To protect your mouth and nose
1. A \_\_\_\_\_ - To ferry the patient to the hospital
1. N \_\_\_\_\_ - Report is needed
1. T \_\_\_\_\_ - By tablets
1. H \_\_\_\_\_ - To be washed frequently
1. A \_\_\_\_\_ - A day keeps diseases away
1. N \_\_\_\_\_ - To assist the doctor

-Priyanshi Jain - Std 5

# आत्मचिंतन



## उड़ान

बंधन की बेड़िया तोड़,  
उड़ चला यह मन.....  
सभी हवाओं का रुख मोड़ चला यह मन,  
अब न कोई रोक - टोक न नोक - झोक इसे सहने दो,  
बस .....

जीवन की संपूर्ण परिभाषा को परखने का इसे इक  
मौका तो दो .....

एक नई उड़ान इसे भी भरने दो । ।

उड़न खटोले पर बैठ यह भी विचर आएगा,  
सारी बाधाओं को भूल यह फिर से जी पाएगा,  
उमंग भरी उड़ान यह फिर से ले पाएगा ....  
तनिक इक मौका एक बार इसे भी दो,  
एक नई उड़ान इसे भी भरने दो ।

अपने भीतर झाँक कर यह खुद को समझ पाएगा,  
अपनी प्रतिभा को टटोल यह फिर से निखर जाएगा,  
तब जाकर यह अपनी मंजिल पाएगा,  
अद्भुत शांति में कहीं यह लीन हो जाबस .....

तलाश इसे एक उड़ान की हैं,  
अब देरी किस बात की  
तनिक इक मौका एक बार इसे भी दो,  
एक नई उड़ान इसे भरने दो । ।

-श्रीमती बीना उपाध्याय



Brynelle Menezes – Std 7

## माँ

माँ की गोद में जब मैं पलक झपकाती हूँ,  
अपने ही सपनों की दुनिया में मैं कहीं खो  
जाती हूँ ।।

ज़िंदगी से दूर... कहीं जंगल में  
मैं चंचल दरिया बन बह जाती हूँ  
चाँद की रोशनी पड़ते ही,  
मैं शीतल - सी हो जाती हूँ ।।

आसमान से गिरते हुए,  
मैं झरने में कहीं खो जाती हूँ,  
फिर जीवन की तरंगों में....  
मैं खूब गोते लगाती हूँ ।।

आंखें मींचते हुए जब मैं जगकर,  
माँ को गले लगाती हूँ,  
कहाँ खो गई ?  
माँ के पूछने पर,  
मैं गहरी सोच में पड़ जाती हूँ ।।  
बस इतना कहती माँ से मैं....  
बस तुम्हारे आँचल में मैं माँ,  
मैं हमेशा रहना चाहती हूँ...  
मैं हमेशा रहना चाहती हूँ  
-नायशा अग्रवाल - कक्षा - ८

## हृदय की पुकार

हृदय मेरा पुकार रहा...  
अपने अंतरमन को तू जगा ज़रा ।।  
हरी -भरी वसुंधरा का हाल तो तू देख  
ज़रा,

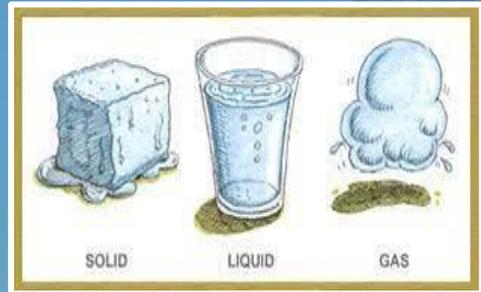
चारों ओर मुरझाए हैं वन ..  
गली -गली बेज़ार ये उपवन,  
हैं फिर से तू खिला ज़रा,  
खोई बहारों को लौटा ज़रा ।।  
प्रेम से इन्हें तू सींच कर,

धरती को रंगबिरंगी चुनरियाँ ओढ़ा तू  
ज़रा,  
हृदय मेरा पुकार रहा...  
अपने अंतरमन को तू जगा ज़रा ।।  
आदया सिन्हा - कक्षा - ६

# Trivia Corner

Water can boil and freeze at the same time. Water can exist as ice (solid), water (liquid) and water vapour (gas) simultaneously. This is called 'triple point'. The triple point of water is 0.01 degree Celsius and 0.006 atmospheric pressure. The triple point was discovered by Prof. J. Thomson.

- Abhivyakti Roy - Std.3



Penguins have organs above their eyes that turn saltwater to freshwater.

-Garati Boricha - Std.3

Crocodiles sometimes swallow stones to stay under water for a long of time.

-Ryan Modi - Std.4



The Spanish National anthem has no words.

-Jaiman Bagadia - Std.3

A blue whale's tongue weighs more than an elephant.

-Vidita Lokhande - Std.4



You don't have sense of smell when you are asleep.

-Ashmika Mahaajan - Std.4



## Our School - The Eco Friendly One

We at Smt. Sunitidevi Singhania School have an eco-friendly and green environment with alluring gardens and flowering trees. Our school has a waste-management system where teachers, students, parents can collect waste matter from the neighbourhood and hand it over to the school. After the waste is collected in school, it is sent for recycling in the RNisarg Recycling Centre. The students are being taught ways to reduce, reuse, recycle, and reduce the carbon footprints by joining hands with the Prarambh Group. This helps spread awareness among people and add a full stop to waste so that sustainability of earth increases. We are taught to separate the biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes. We made a project in which we chose an item and wrote down the stages it went through; how much water and energy was needed to manufacture the item. We also made projects on 'Know Your Plastic', which made us think twice before we used plastic which couldn't be recycled or even reused. We discovered that few plastics are indeed hazardous to our Mother Nature and must be avoided. The students experienced themselves and learnt the fact that 'Waste too should be treated equally'. It is a great way to raise awareness about sustainability and bring out the eco-activist in each of us for our very own nature. Learning is just knowing, but implementing is the real key to success. Our school has come up with a unique post in the senate, 'Green Prefect'. We are now 'Follow The Monkey' (FTM) Marshals. So, Go Green, so that there is a better tomorrow!



# Achievements



Abhivyakti Roy - School Rank 1  
Awarded SOF NATIONAL  
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD  
International Gold Medal and  
Certificate of Outstanding  
Performance

Prithviraj Parab - Awarded a  
Gold Medal at the 3rd Kenken  
India National Championship  
2020.



Sanika Kulkarni - School Rank  
1. Awarded SOF NATIONAL  
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD Gold  
Medal of Excellence and  
Participation Certificate.

Ananya Adhyapak - Stood 1st  
in Maharashtra IJKA Indian  
Kata competition (under 10)  
Represented Maharashtra in  
National Competition.

# Parent speak



Year 2020-2021 at Smt. Sunitidevi Singhania School

The year started with lots of concerns and tension. But, the school had a positive and hopeful intention. They started the year pre-planning and its implementation. Students had a fluent knowledge upgradation. They had fun and learnings with systematic evaluation. We the parents of Prisha Dave had this observation. And would like to convey our congratulations, To all at Singhania School, "THE TEAM OF ERUDITION". Thank you so much for this enriched edification; while facing this severe pandemic situation.

CA Rajashree Keyur Dave  
Shri Keyur Vipinchandra Dave  
Parents of Prisha K. Dave

I am pleased with how much my child has progressed. Thank you all the good and helpful teachers. I appreciate the way the school has used digital platform during this Covid-19 pandemic.

Ms. Anjali R Mahajan  
Parent of Amogh Mahajan

School closure impacts not only students, teachers, and families but it has far-reaching economic and societal consequences too. When the mind is weak everything becomes a problem, but when the mind is strong the problem becomes an opportunity. This is how I would describe my experience about online learning at Smt. Sunitidevi Singhania School. The situation was unprecedented but right from the day 1 i.e June 14 2020, I knew that there will be a few hiccups initially but I was also very confident that the school management and teachers will overcome this challenge. This is not only because they are qualified and skilled but also because of their selfless dedication. For the past 6 months I am out of station due to job, but I could see from assignments, activities shown by my daughter that, not only the school management and teachers made the education interesting to our kids but they also demonstrated that problem is an opportunity.

Mr. Shine Raj  
Parent of Asha Raj

Dear Ma'am,

I want to appreciate the efforts teachers take in teaching our kids, engaging them with creative activities and giving them a little touch of school that they are missing most now. I can see my daughter Kimaya is always interested in crafts and trying to create something with things available at home. This shows how much you all matter to her and her love for you all. You all have been a very patient and skilled teachers. During these online classes, I have observed that new technologies got into learning in this situation, could not challenge you. You are smoothly and comfortably using G-Suite presentation board, ppts and other features. I highly appreciate you all for taking so much efforts for our little ones. The patience you all have in handling every kid is very relieving for me as a parent :)  
Keep up the good work!

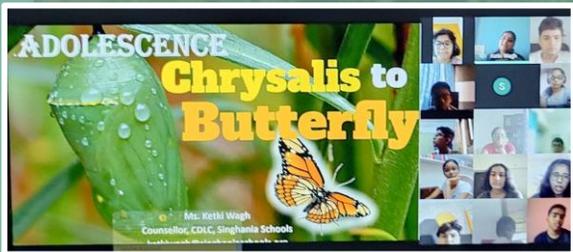
Ms. Sumedha Deshpande  
Parent of Kimaya Deshpande

# The year that was



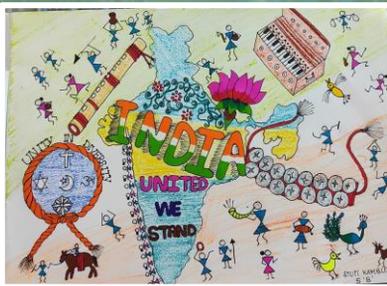
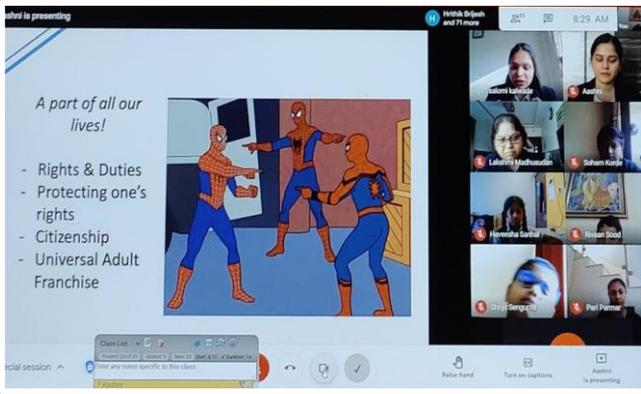
The historic year 2020 was a year full of hardships but also of hope and family time. This year allowed students to recognise their hobbies and talents. Our school conducted various competitions like drawing, essay writing, salad making and celebrated many online events like Independence Day, Republic day, Marathi divas, Christmas and Teacher's day. Grandparents Day virtual celebration was an icing on the cake. On 14th November, teachers surprised students by celebrating Children's day. 'Youth Parliament' was conducted for standard 8th. Standard 7th and 8th students also created a movie on Africa and Asia.

Innovative teaching methods were taken up to make the learning process better with experimentation, moviemaking, Just a minute etc. Despite being such a tough year, the teachers and the students



Youth Parliament





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Prisha Dave-Std 5

"आत्मचिंतन के मंथन से जो अमृत निकलता है, यकीन मानिए, यही सफलता है"



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