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the niche corner

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our NICHE..."

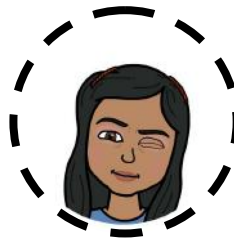
We truly believe that
is what sets us apart
and can keep the
uniqueness alive.

Constantly trying to
push our limits to
make things we do,
riveting is something
we stand by. Reaching
pinnacles & zenith of
success, eminence &
triumph is our motto.

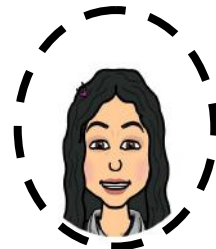
Presenting "THE
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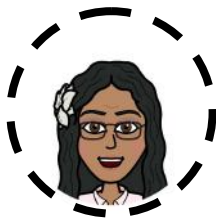


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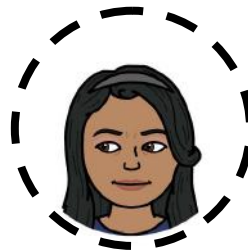
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Objectives

- To create an awareness of ICT.
- To develop an understanding of how technology affects culture.
- To use technology to bring about a change in culture.
- Having access quickly to information that impacts the culture.
- To make us responsible to keep everything in balance and encourage and move us forward to improve upon things that we can change and appreciate the technology as well as culture.
- to examine the risks and possibilities, myths and realities presented by the new digital culture we all inhabit.

Outcomes

- To Help the student teacher build co operation.
- To enable the student teacher to organize an event.
- To Develop ICT skill in the student teacher.
- To Help the students

perform a drama.

To Build leadership
quality in the student
teacher.

'Share care is our nickname'

As teachers we require several skills. "Share care week" is one such step closer to learning new skills from people who know it.

The idea was to share your knowledge of a particular skill such as drawing, calligraphy, cloth flower making that would be useful to us all.

Going by Vygotsky's "MKO" and applying it to our lives, different things were taught to us.

Teachers can change lives with just the right mix of chalk and challenges.
-Joyce Meyer

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NklhMyMxfQ>
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Yeh class ka mamla hai!

We conducted a street play on class stratification and took up issues related to class. The street play started with a song followed by the representation of different classes i.e. upper, middle, and lower class facing problems of money where their needs differ from each other altogether. This shows the point of greed that people have in terms of money. The play then depicts issues where social exclusion due to class can be demarcated. For example, the admission process where higher	class student got the admission and lower class student did not; because of money. This shows that money plays important role rather than marks. Another issue was about an upper class child; where she argues with her parents for one lakh rupees for celebrating her birthday party whereas the maid says that her family can survive for a year in that much money. The other issue showcased the stratification in terms of food grains, children	and festivals. Thus, these were some issues which are prevailing in the 21 st century also. With the simple motive of educating the people about the class stratification we came up with a street play.
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hat a teacher writes on the blackboard of life can never be erased.

PCEB welcomes lord GANESHA.

We started our special assembly by chanting the Ganesh's aarti. The whole class joined us. It was followed by lighting of the lamp to invoke the presence of God. The honour of lighting the lamp was given to our Principal. It was followed by telling a story about Lord Ganesha. This was done by two students in a way of dramatization. Then we discussed about how Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated in our country.

Followed by this, we shared information shared on Mumbai's most famous Lalbaug cha Raja.

In order to get a feel of the celebration we included a dance performance which was enjoyed by everyone. Then we created aware-



ness of using eco friendly idols. We shared how people in Pune city practice it each year and keep their city clean. Last but not the least we spoke about the things that we can learn from lord Ganesha and imbibe in ourselves.

The Umbrella Man garners applause!!

The activity was interesting & amazing. each tutorial group was given a particular author and was asked to perform a skit based on any of their text. our tutorial got Roald Dahl as the author. we selected one of his famous short story "UMBRELLA MAN". Each one of us read that story and shortlisted umbrella man and decided to do the skit, as it was written in

an easy language and was easier to enact. As there were many members in our group we thought this story is apt to perform. Each one of us were given a particular role; we practiced, memorised the dialogues and rehearsed for 2- 3 days and performed it and it turned out very well all the teachers appreciated us for our work The moral that we gave at the end

Always be a work in progress.



was "Don't judge a book by its cover".

A RENDEZVOUS TO THE CAVES OF ELEPHANTA.

We presented a PowerPoint presentation on historical monuments (Elephanta caves).

We prepared a model of Elephanta caves and performed a small skit and continued with our presentation. We started with the history of the cave and continued with the architecture of the same.

We also covered the location and the detailed explanation of the sculptures, then continued with

How Elephanta festival is celebrated.



THE ONSET OF OUR B.ED. DAYS

As a tutorial, we have always tried to make things interesting and current when it comes to our assemblies. Our motto is to think out of the box and we try our best to do the same. Over the past year, we've committed ourselves to doing better every single day and it has truly been a team effort.



Meraki

(v.) to do something with soul, creativity or love; to put something of yourself into your work.

Congratulations

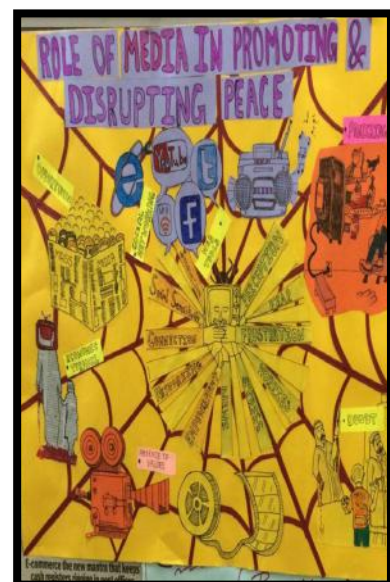
We began the Degree distribution ceremony with lighting of the lamp and a small devotional song to invoke the blessings of the lord. the Ex-Students registered their name on the registration counter and that work was assigned to few students.

Some students helped the ex-students to wear robe and sash. Photography section was allotted to some other students so they took the photos of the ex-students.

A small speech was given by our Principal. Students were felicitated with their degrees And merit rankers were called upon the stage and they shared their experiences with everyone while thanking everyone

who was part of this unforgettable rendezvous. A dance performance by the students entertained the audience while sending out the message of women empowerment. the Ex-students sang a song. Snacks were also provided to everyone for their refreshment. The ceremony concluded with the vote of thanks and 'VANDE MATARAM'

MADE BY: DURGESHWARI MULETTI



"Creativity is intelligence having fun.."

The programme began with the lighting of the lamp. We had a special presentation on INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY. We decorated all the pillars. We also bought chocolates for felicitation of the teachers. We had prepared a PPT to highlight the significance of the day, how the teachers have helped enhance and develop a student's life. We prepared a song in Hindi and English to appreciate the teachers. We had a dance performance. Some students delivered a speech in Hindi explaining the role of a teacher for students' overall development.

Some students performed a skit on "HOW YOU DO IT," which showcased that the world needs teachers and how they put in a lot of efforts. In this skit we also showcased different types of students that a teacher faces.



We firstly began with a prayer to appreciate all that God has done for all. Following which, there was an introduction about the years Gandhi spent in South Africa and how it played a major role in shaping his ideology. We then performed the famous Pretoria scene on the train which was the first blow to Gandhi. Through a play, we tried to instil an important message.

The entire class was involved by playing the game 'word association' where one member at whom the ball was thrown had to say the first thing that came to their mind when we told them different words like truth, racism, violence, hate and so on. After this we paraphrased Gandhi's speech and then concluded finally with a scene from 'Lage Raho Munna Bhai' which depicted that we have changed Gandhi's ideologies to the extent that they no more seem like they could be applicable.

We as a tutorial group began the assembly with a prayer song. Then we started with a thought for the day, "WE FORGOT THAT LIFE CYCLE AND WATER CYCLE ARE ONE", explained the meaning of that quote to realize the importance of water in our lives. We continued the assembly with a beautiful diagram drawn on the blackboard showing the model which can be adopted while constructing any building to protect rain water.

We spoke about different methods like roof top method, along with the diagram. We concluded by discussing the importance and necessity of harvesting rain water to avoid water scarcity.



Our Lives On A Chip

Our lives on a chip,
Then fed through a wire,
Computers control us
And try to conspire,
The way that we live
And the things that we do,
They always have answers,
But nothing that's new.
We give them our trust
And we give them our time,
They soon take control
Of our 'rhythm and rhyme'.
Like puppets and robots,
We follow their lead,
But they are not human;
Can't feel and don't bleed.
Like all things man-made,
They start to break down,
Then where does that leave us
And where are we bound?
When things that we trust
And feel that we need,
Soon start to reject us
And give us no heed.
It's time that we started
To think on our own,
Take charge of our kingdom
And take back the throne,
For now we can see
That this cold metal box,
Which was once full of promise,
Is nothing but talk.
Let's get back to basics
Before it's too late,
And look back and know
That we made a mistake.

by David Ronald Bruce Pehrul

When Grandpa Was A Boy

So many things were different,
When Grandpa was a boy.
He never saw a movie
And never had a toy.

He walked three
miles to school
each day,
And wrote upon a
slate
And lots of things
I daily eat,
Young grandpa nev-
er ate

Yet he always tells
me
About the good old
days
And how he did not
exchange his youth
For all our modern ways

I wonder when I am grandpa's age
If I will then enjoy
The thoughts that things were better,
When I was just a boy.

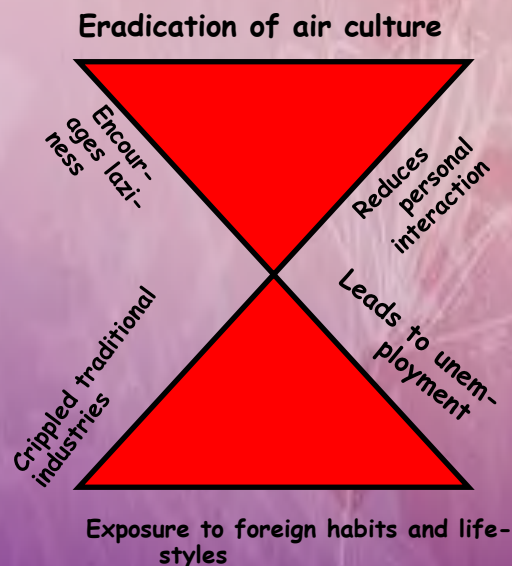
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Is technology your master or servant?

Technological development helps us in many ways but there are some negative impacts as well. It takes away our valuable time from us as nowadays children play games on their mobiles which creates health problems for them whereas earlier children used to play out in an open ground which helps in keeping them physically fit.

Visiting relatives has been replaced by the relentless texting and messaging through WhatsApp, Facebook, etc. people have communication gaps which have made them intolerant due to which nuclear families are increasing and this automatically affects our culture.



Stay away from negative people. They have a problem for every solution.

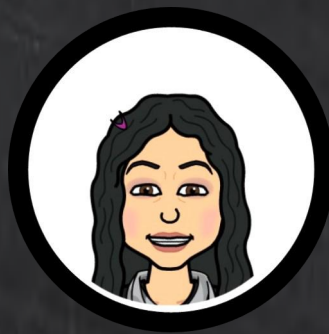


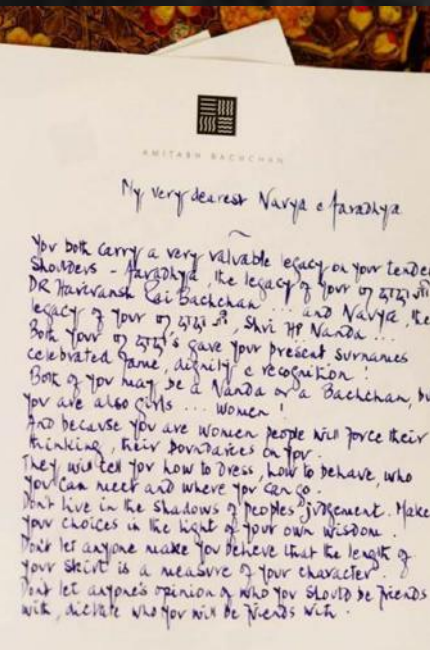
Because of social media today people especially celebrities are always in the public eye. It affects both their personal and professional life. People find it very easy to shame these celebrities publically behind closed doors, in the safety of their homes, not realizing the effect it has on these celebrities or other people reading the same content.

In other news, Donald Trump who is a candidate for presidency in the USA makes headlines for all the wrong reasons. He speaks his mind even though he seems to come off as racist, sexist and abrasive.

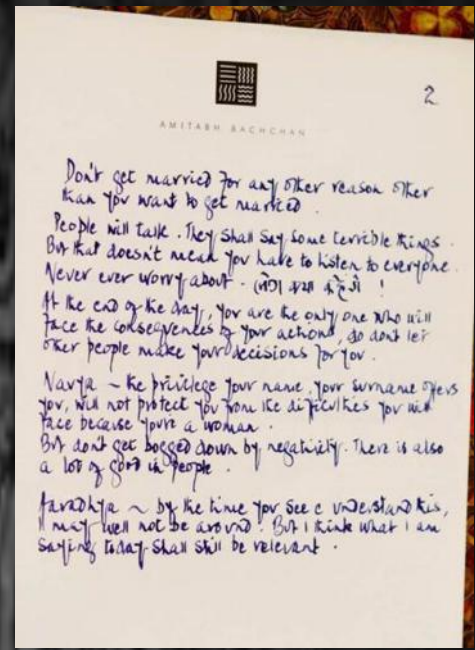


The impact of technology on our social, mental, physical and environmental health can be devastating if we don't keep ourselves in check. Modern technology has absolute control over our lives. Nowadays we work, love, shop, play and communicate with each other and the world online. We have embraced advanced technology, seeking only the benefits and completely ignoring the downfalls. There is a serious lack of contact with other people and social activities. Internet and many social networking sites encourage people to be public about their personal lives.





This letter written by famous actor, Amitabh Bachchan, to his granddaughters, instantly went viral and took the internet by storm. It shows how celebrities who have always made an impact on their followers, use technology and social media to their advantage. Many young girls and boys were inspired by this letter and commended him for using social media for the better.



Celebrities are also using to all . their charities and ute to them.



social media to make known how people can help contrib-

It is logical to suggest that continual exposure to celebrity culture impacts in negative ways on some young people's senses of identity. What is omitted from the media conversation about celebrities as role models is that many young people are more than capable of making informed, intelligent choices about which celebrities they follow and are becoming increasingly aware of the ways in which the media positions celebrities against each other in terms of race and class.



Promote what you love instead of bashing what you hate.

1. The Social Network

The Social Network is arguably the most modern film of our generation. Starring Jesse Eisenberg as Mark Zuckerberg, the 2010 film may not exactly be a 100 percent accurate depiction of Facebook's founding, but it does perfectly use Zuckerberg's life as a metaphor about communication and alienation in the modern age.



2. We Live In Public

We Live In Public profiles Internet pioneer Josh Harris, a former dot-com millionaire who lost everything during Web 2.0. Following his success in Silicon Valley, Harris turned his attention to controversial human experiments, such as tests which showed the effects of media and technology on individuals, which resulted in him losing his fortune. An extremely fascinating documentary that deserves a viewing.



3. Terms and Conditions May Apply

Terms And Conditions May Apply is a documentary that examines the real cost of 'free' services and vanishing online privacy. What do people really think they give up after clicking on 'I Agree' for companies like Facebook and Google? The answer may shock you.



4. #chicagoGirl: The Social Network Takes on A Dictator

A fascinating journey of a teenage girl, who from her childhood bedroom in a Chicago suburb, uses social media to assist in the revolution in Syria. Armed with just Facebook, Twitter, Skype, and camera phones, she helps her social network in Damascus and Homs survive snipers and shelling. As the revolution against Syria's dictator continues, the network has a decision to make: What's a more effective way to fight - social media or AK-47s?



5. Disconnect



Disconnect follows the lives of several characters struggling with the modern world: A lawyer attached to his cell phone, but who can't find the time to communicate with his family; a couple who has their secrets exposed online; an ex-cop raising a mischievous son who cyber-bullies a classmate; and an ambitious journalist working on a career-making story regarding a teen that performs on an adult-only site.

LIGHTS... CAMERA... ACTION!!

It's no secret that Movies and technology go hand-in-hand. Whether it's the advanced weapons of aliens from outer space in sci-fi movies of the 1950s or the advancements in special effects, both on and off-screen, technology is a key factor in film-making.

Movies are the mirrors to our society. They often satirically or dramatically speak our minds. A lot of time, the Internet has a dark side that means potential disaster for all but with the growing popularity of the internet; its usage & presence amongst celebrities, the likes and comments all seem to have had an impact on how we view our movies today.

With movie celebrities being active so often promoting their movies online jus-

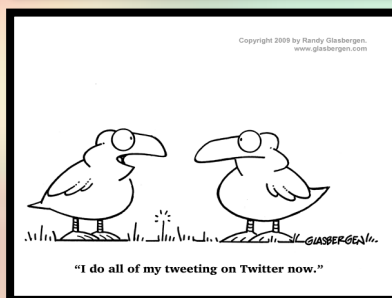
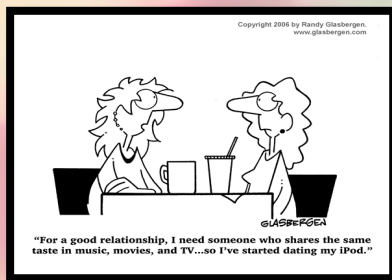
tifies society's 24/7 wired connection. The society is far more present virtually than they are in reality.

Its important to remember that Technology Doesn't Make Us Less Social; It Just Changes The Way We Socialize."

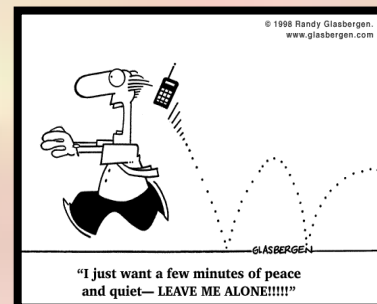
let's DISCUSS



YOUR DAILY LOLS



“One of the most prominent manifestations of humorous communications is cyber humour or internet-based humour. Humour has long been recognised as a key to understanding individuals & cultures; accompanying human society from its very beginning & changing form, format & style according to social, cultural & technological processes. Right now, we are so consumed by the internet & all that it provides. All we can do is hide behind the humour of it & hpe it doesn't completely take over our lives. Its all fun & games till someone gets hurt.”



☞ Social media speak ☛

@n emerging list of new-age abbreviations have begun to dominate the way social media users connect and communicate - and it is only set to get longer.

The social media savvy are now employing them in every day communication.

Those using the abbreviations do so as a tactic for speed in text communication, a university professor on linguistics said, while others just choose to do so because they are a code that older people don't quite understand.

We can see a range of clever to practical acronyms as people look for speed and limited thumb work - plus of course it feels good to be in the know, especially on more subversive terms.

But now the abbreviations have become so complex that if sent alone without an accompanying graphic or visual element to give them context, have no meaning.

LOL: Laugh out loud
OMG: Oh my god
ILY: I love you
PPL: People
IDK: I don't know?
TBH: To be honest
BTW: By the way
THX: Thanks
SMH: Shaking my head
TBT: Throwback Thursday
JK: Just kidding
IMO: In my opinion
YOLO: You only live once
ROFL: Rolling on the floor laughing
FYI: For your information
BRB: Be right back
TGIF: Thank God it's Friday
IRL: In real life
BFF: Best friends forever
OOTD: Outfit of the day
HBD: Happy birthday
TMI: Too much information
NM: Not much
NVM: Never mind
OMW: On my way
GTG: Got to go
TTYL: Talk to you later

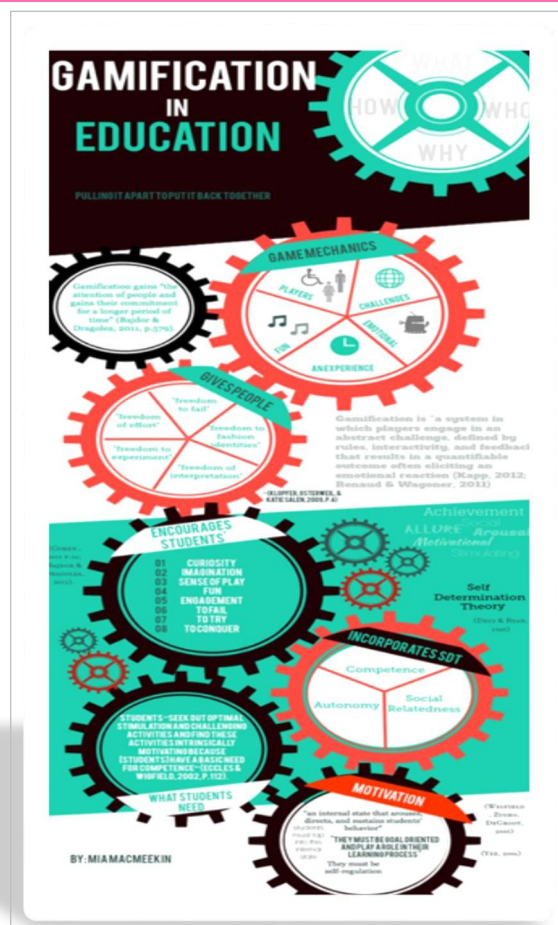




If we teach today's students as we taught yesterday's, we rob them of tomorrow. Education technology and school construction go hand in hand. Modernization, updating education facilities and making a capital investment in education are all included. Technology can become

wings to allow the students to fly farther and faster. "Technology cannot replace great teachers but technology in the hands of great teachers is transformational."

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