

From the Vice Principal's Desk.....

If you think that the pace of change in life has been fast lately, hold onto your hat. A report published by Dell Technologies says that 85% of the jobs that will exist in 2030 - jobs that our children will be vying for, haven't even been invented as yet. The pace of change will be so rapid that our children will have to show extreme resilience and learn 'in the moment'

How then, do we propose to prepare our children for tomorrow???

In a world where 'Google knows everything', a shift towards competency-based education system then becomes crucial. People will no longer be rewarded on the basis of knowledge utilisation. The ability to gain new knowledge and apply it to the real life situations i.e. developing competencies will be more valuable than the knowledge itself.

The only way to overcome this hurdle is by continuous, multidisciplinary training and developing soft skills like communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking along with mental and physical resilience.

The school is matching pace with the changing scenario and has tailored the curriculum, as per CBSE guidelines to prepare the children for the next decade by building the right kind of capabilities.

For the regular transaction of teaching and learning in these pandemic time, the school is making use of the intranet empowered by Google Hangout to enable the students to learn seamlessly during synchronous classes from the safe precincts of their homes. The teachers are also encouraging the children to use asynchronous learning programs like Youtube lessons, Digital Library and Discussion Board so as to allow the students to learn at their pace.

However, it is observed at times that students are logging in and thereafter switching off the camera to build a pretence that they are attending classes, a request to all the parents, it is good to trust your child, but blind faith can be a folly. Kindly monitor the child's activities and help him develop the habit of attending online school on a regular basis.

Building Resilience:

There is a direct relationship between the diet, physical activity, and health -the physical, mental emotional and social well-being of an individual.

- We at school are constantly urging the Senior School students to take part in the morning assemblies and exercise together for better physical fitness. A regular nudge from the parents would go a long way in maintaining regular routines. Parents are requested to watch some of the given assembly links to put the child into regular practice of attending Morning Prayer.
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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o5aVnAABM5IVG-xtn4Lax-z1vQWO3t0A/view>



← **ONLINE MORNING ASSEMBLY IN SESSION** →

- On the other hand a word of advice for the parents, let your children eat healthy, do not indulge them into overeating or unhealthy food rich in carbohydrates and loaded with cheese.

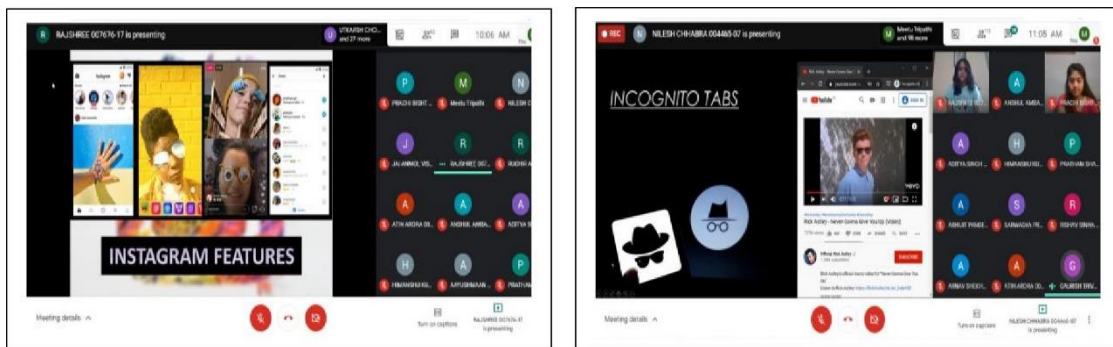
For the Mental and Emotional Wellbeing of the children, the school is conducting regular counselling sessions and outreach programmes wherein students can discuss their problems / observations with the School Counsellor, Ms Aditi Gaur (e-mail : aditi.gaur@nd.balbharati.org). As parents, please do watch out for signs of anxiety, depression, emotional outburst in your children and do not hesitate to reach out to the School Authorities, we are there with you in these dystopian times.

Interdisciplinary learning and Competency building:

We all will reckon that life is not compartmentalized, then how can knowledge remain confined within the realms of syllabus.

The school realizes that knowledge is to be applied in real life situations and hence it is very encouraging to participating in Interdisciplinary learning by way of Case studies and Webinars conducted by students themselves. These activities promote the development and application of what has been taught and learned to deal with practical problems in life.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11WbrLwLRCD6E9daPgwmCpwwqX1w8wG/view>



Building Collaborative and Creative Pathways:

Moving away from the traditional assessment methods, the school endeavours to engage students in group projects involving Video making, Power Point Presentations and Seminars; where each group will function harmoniously under the supervision of a teacher and each child's uniqueness and creativity will find expression without fear of judgement, thereby preparing all of them for the future.

Honing Communication skills :

The world relies heavily on sharing of information, resulting in greater emphasis being placed on having good communication skills. Good Verbal and Written communication skills are essential in order to deliver and understand information quickly and accurately. Therefore without failing in our duties, the rationalized curriculum at Bal Bharati Noida provides for a place of pride to both written and spoken skills by way of activities like listening and speaking skills, discussions on TED talks, presentations and debates, reflections, article writing, project reports etc.

Cyber Safety:

Cyber threats are not new to the human population, but in the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the risks to our children, have multiplied manifold. This is the time to do everything in our power to keep the children safe online. The virus knows no borders and the online perpetrators respect no borders.

The school takes it's responsibility seriously and is empowering the students through faculty conducted webinars on cyber safety and beautifully curated student presentations.



A few links are given for the perusal of parent.

- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qtPyN07qT2AZ5HM2_aWTNUWk7v1qbIAu/view
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12fSpEvJ07zJeG503enNrbCIOW0qYvTFz/view>
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/15d-1ReuZLAA6VaK5HJioWbIhOp7rZMsY/view>
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IYw1DjdQyTm5xOXedQQXDjIqH2BQSo0/view?usp=sharing>

We look forward to your continued support and hope that our initiatives will help prepare the children to be a part of the talent pool for which there will be no global boundaries.

Keep Safe and Healthy !!!

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