

**ASHOKA** 

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# **DESK'S EPISTLE**

As we move towards the beginning of 2021 I feel so fortunate to be a part of this community of students, parents, teachers and admin staff,



all of whom are united in a desire to provide the very best environment for each individual child. I would like to say "thank you" for all support and co-operation you have bestowed on us as a school, especially during these trying times.

It is with great pleasure that I would like congratulate our learners for coming up with this innovative idea of a School Newsletter. School newsletters are often published with an intention to provide essential information to parents and so as to foster a connection between the classroom and the home. The main purpose of a school newsletter is to keep parents and caregivers informed of the school happenings. Our children have the opportunity to take part in so many activities and through this school newsletter we hope to give you a glimpse of the little milestones they achieve in their academic and co-curricular learning.

I personally encourage this activity and the channel of communication it opens between home and school. I wish the editing team and the student writers the very best in their pursuit of human connect through this newsletter.

Keep writing.

Mr. Shrikant Shukla Secretary (Ashoka Group of Schools)



Hello dear readers, It is with immense joy

that I address you at the launch of our very first School Newsletter. I would like to begin by congratulating the student writers, teachers and the editors for publishing the school newsletter. "A writer, I think, is someone who pays attention to the world." – Susan Sontag

And our student writers, who I am sure, have been keen observers, are opening the doors to their little world so that parents, caregivers and all the other readers can have a wondrous peep into the fascinating activities they perform as a part of their education.

I hope through my message I can enthuse and challenge our students to also be inventive and imaginative in their learning and day to day tasks. I believe that having quality, inspirational and passionate ideas is essential to a school newsletter's success. Creative expression is the new currency and this newsletter will allow learners to collaborate with each other, articulate their thoughts and be coherent and eloquent in their communication. It is rightly said that if you have the words, you will always find a way.

I trust this experience will allow our students to further hone their creative writing skills thus making them successful writers, journalists, columnists, authors, reporters, editors or even critics in the future. Happy writing.

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(Ashoka Group of Schools

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# **DESK'S EPISTLE**

Hello Dear Readers,

We, the Ashoka Schools' family welcome you to



our first monthly newsletter!

I am very excited to launch this newsletter which will inform and inspire you on a monthly basis with educational information, events , fun time, blasts from the past, helpful hints & tips.

The extensive collection will be from the creative minds of the students and staff.

We are sure that this newsletter will be valuable for you.

Do share your feedback and suggestions to help us improve.

God bless,

Dr. Priya D'souza Vice Principal (Grade I-V)

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Dear Readers,

The new era demands for a gigantic digital shift; being the



Ashoka Group of Schools, we strongly believe in dynamic working.

The monthly digital newsletter will surely be a source of information celebrating the laurels achieved by the Ashokites imparting the tricks and traits to flatter the world around.

Forecasting the upcoming I hope it leaves you with thoughts to ponder around.

> Mr. Pramod Tripathi Head Master (Grade VI-XII)



# **KIBITZER SAYS**

hat you leave in your children is more important than what you leave for your children". This sentence gives me a food for thought what else a parent leaves in their children other than genes. It's right that majority of us are some or the other way copy of our Parents but most important is parent's habits stay longer than the money and property.

The behaviour we display in front of our children becomes their behavioural manual. For our children and whenever they want to express any emotion in form of behaviour our children refer to this behavioural manual that they have created by noticing you seeing you feeling your words and actions this helps them build one big emotional library unknowingly.

#### **COUNSELLOR'S DESK**

Dear parents every emotion that is displayed by you in front children is recorded in this manual and will be displayed in the same manner.

So notice, if children are displaying inappropriate behaviour believe me they are not wrong it's the behavioural manual needs to correct and not the child.



# **ACTIVITIES**











**EVENTS!** 





Sandwich Making Activity : Learning With Joy

Our students tested their culinary skills as they prepared a variety of sandwiches at home. Such activities enhance creativity and presentation skills with the individual.



Winner of Jury Award at All India Online National level Kathak Dance Contest 2020

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Sandwich Making Activity : Learning With Joy

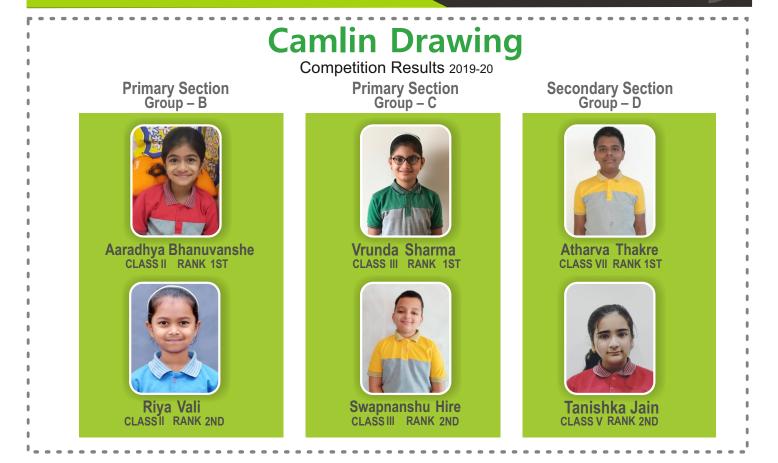






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- Ms Sharlee Chirekhani participated at the All India Online National Level Kathak Dance Contest 2020 and b a g g e d t h e J u r y A w a r d. Congratulations Sharlee. May you dance your way towards more such successful awards.
- Ms Ananya Bhanuvanshe emerged victorious at the Bharat Sanskriti Utsab 2020 Kolkata as she won the 2nd prize. Indeed a very proud moment for all of us at School.
- "Dance to Express, Not to Impress". Ms Abhishree Khairnar a grade 2 student makes school proud by bagging the third price at the All India Social Distancing

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#### **Online National Dance Contest 2020**

- With immense pride and joy we present our students who have made School proud by bagging laurels at the Bharat Sanskriti Utsab 2020 Kolkata.
- 5. Mast Rudra Poria a Grade 8 student has bought home **the "ATAL AWARD"- ATAL GAURAV RATNA PURUSKAR under the Youth Category for Music for Maharashtra.**





#### **"TO TEACH IS TO PREACH"**

he best teachers are those who show you where to look, but don't tell you what to see.

If someone tells us what to see he is focusing on what he wants us to see. He is restricting our area of thinking and bounding us to think according to him. But when someone tells us where to look, and doesn't tell us what to see, he is letting us think in our own way.

This is what a real teacher does. He takes us to a point where we are curious about something and starts finding answers. This not only helps us to gain knowledge but also helps us to make the right decision.

Everyone needs some help at some point of time to make better decisions, no matter how wise and intelligent they are. When Arjuna was stuck between right and wrong, his great teacher Krishna helped him by showing the best direction in the form of Bhagwat Geeta. He did not take any decision for Arjuna rather empowered him to take the right decision and win the battle. Showing direction is what the best teacher can do. Setting a goal, following the directions, choosing the right path and reaching the destination is what a student is expected to do.

If you are instructed to see the boat you'll only see the boat but if you are instructed to look at the image you can enjoy every bit of the image and present your perspective.



usic a Power that breaks all language barriers has no discrimination among people and brings the world together. A form of performing arts where Vocal, Instrumental & Dance come together or individually form "MUSIC"

Quoted by Rabindranath Tagore - Music is the most pure form of Art and has also aided Modern Medical science as a part of Therapies. Recent medical studies have confirmed to slow heart rate, lower blood pressure and reduce stress hormones. Many surgeons use soothing music even in Operation theatres as a relief to heart attack and stroke victims undergoing surgery. In a survey by Physician and Biologist Lewis Thomas, 66% of Music majors who applied to medical school were admitted and formed the highest percentage of any group.

Creating and playing music gives children with special needs a sense of accomplishment while toning cognitive areas. Study has shown that early introduction of music to children in any form – Vocal, Instrumental and Dance has not only improved their hand eye coordination but has helped to increase the development of Grey matter in the brain and helps improve memory. Did you know that the Top athletes of the world have dedicated sessions to different forms of dance which improves their footwork, balance their bodies and makes them agile?

Hence Music truly solves the Universe where it emits the eternal sound of "OM" which is the beginning of life in every way. It is that sound track of one life that fills the cup of silence in ONE grand sweet song called LIFE!

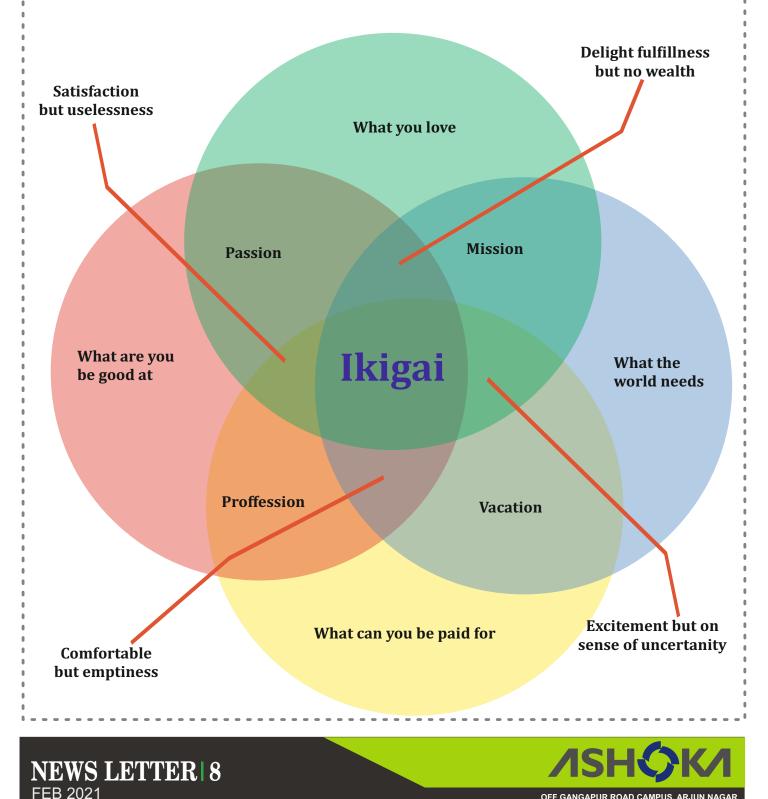
By <u>Prachi G</u> Music HOD





he book is about the Japanese secret to a long and happy life. It gives its readers a new reason to jump out of the bed each morning.

It is seen as the convergence of four primary elements of life



**"THIS MONTH THAT YEAR "** 

MAJOR HISTORICAL EVENTS IN THE WORLD

**February 11, 1990** - In South Africa, Nelson Mandela, at age 71, was released from prison after serving 27 years of a life sentence on charges of attempting to overthrow the apartheid government. In April 1994, he was elected president in the first all-race elections

**February 15, 1989** - Soviet Russia completed its military withdrawal from Afghanistan after nine years of unsuccessful involvement in the civil war between Muslim rebel groups and the Russian-backed Afghan government. Over 15,000 Russian soldiers had been killed in the fighting.

**February 20, 1962** - Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit. Traveling aboard the "Friendship 7" spacecraft, Glenn reached an altitude of 162 miles (260 kilometres) and completed three orbits in a flight lasting just under five hours. Glenn was the third American in space, preceded by Alan Shepard and Virgil "Gus" Grissom who had each completed short sub-orbital flights. All of them had been preceded by Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin who was the first human in space, completing one orbit on April 12, 1961 - a feat that intensified the already on-going Space Race between the Russians and Americans. Glenn's successful flight showed the Americans had caught up and was followed in September 1962 by President John F. Kennedy's <u>open call</u> to land an American on the moon before the decade's end.

**February 24, 1582** - Pope Gregory XIII corrected mistakes on the Julian calendar by dropping 10 days and directing that the day after October 4, 1582 would be October 15th. The Gregorian, or New Style calendar, was then adopted by Catholic countries, followed gradually by Protestant and other nations.



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#### RE - QUOTING LITERATURE PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

#### **"FOR A PERUSER"**

#### 'Becoming' by Michelle Obama

Becoming is the memoir of former United States first lady Michelle Obama, published in 2018. Described by the author as a deeply personal experience, the book talks about her roots and how she found her voice, as well as her time in the White House, her public health campaign, and her role as a mother. The book is published by Crown and was released in 24 languages. One million copies were donated to First Book, an American non-profit organization which provides books to children.

It was the highest-selling book published in the United States in 2018, setting the record 15 days after its publication, with over two million copies sold

#### SEASON YOUR CONVERSATION

a. hold your horses- to wait/ slowdown/consider things carefully
E.g: Just hold your horses! We need to re-think about it.

**b.** cost an arm and a leg- to be very expensive

E.g: Disclaimer! Siyah's wish list might cost us an arm and a leg.



n individual being a person can evolve as a persona by just adapting certain ways, altering thoughts and creating a new perspective for himself. It can just be opening a door for someone or greeting people around with a genuine smile, it can be just these small things which can really add into the personality.

Traits like:

• Chair to be taken care – Pushing back the chair neatly after the conversation (without making noise) can play the trick.

• Knock! Knock! - Knocking at the door before entering a room just make it a perfect entrance.



#### CROSS WORD TRIVIA QUESTIONS

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#### DOWN

- 1. This may be shot by risk takers or by trash talkers
- 2. "\_\_\_\_ Breaky Heart" (Billy Ray Cyrus hit in
- 1992) 3. Wellness advisors
- 4. It can be used as a dagger or as an aphrodisiac
- 5. Gumbo ingredient
- Capone nemesis, played by Costner in 1987 film "The Untouchables"
- 10. Consents
- 12. Short cut?
- 13. Dioxin is one: Abbr.
- 14. "Much" may follow it
- 15. 1994 Peace Nobelist from Israel

#### ACROSS

- 1. Temporary internet files that you might want to clear periodically
- 4. Major French river
- 7. 1986 Indy winner Bobby
- 8. Signs (also used interchangeably with one of the definitions of 10-Down)
- Ancient Greek great who did hypotenusedriven mathematical research
- 11. Nuclei
- 12. "\_\_\_\_ Earth" (Epcot icon, and the largest buckyball in the world)
- 16. In ecology, the role of an individual species in its community
- 17. Rare bird?
- Network that shows "Nova," "Baseball," and "Sesame Street"

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 Enzymes that were discovered, sequenced, and synthesized at The Rockefeller University in NYC: Abbr.

### I.Where in the body is blood produced?

II.What does CNN stand for?

I. The Bone Marrow II. Cable News Network



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## CAMBRIDGE | ICSE | ISC | HSC PRE PRIMARY

SOMEDAYS THEY <u>WIN</u> SOMEDAYS THEY <u>LOSE</u> BUT THEY ALWAYS <u>LEARN</u>

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