

Spring season is in the month of March. It is the King of all seasons. Nature looks very attractive and presents a beautiful feast to our eyes. Unfortunately this year there is an outbreak of the deadly Corona virus in many countries. Let us hope and pray that the rising temperature in March will slow down the effect of this virus and the pandemic will come under control. It is God's way to teach us some lessons.

Coronavirus
What's in a name? A lot apparently:

'COVID-19'

- 'CO' stands for corona
- 'VI' for virus
- 'D' for disease
- '19' for 2019 - the year it was first identified

TWEETS FROM GOD

- ❖ Human beings should reconsider their priorities. Investing money in weapons of mass destruction like supersonic missiles will not help to kill any deadly virus. The race to become the most powerful nation and dominate the world will only lead to destruction of mankind. More money should be spent on health, education and hygiene than on defence equipment to cater to the larger good of mankind.
- ❖ Human race should not to be arrogant. After all, God is supreme. Do not upset the flora and fauna created by Him.
- ❖ Nature is balanced. Earth provides enough for every man's needs, but not his greed--Mahatma Gandhi.
- ❖ Destruction of forests has adversely affected our environment.
- ❖ We are the ones who have destroyed our own habitat. Each one of us should do our best to prevent environmental pollution.

POSITIVE EFFECTS:

- ✓ The first positive effect of Covid 19 is clear air due to emission slump.
- ✓ Self-isolation is also a blessing in disguise as it helps us to introspect ourselves. It also teaches us to empathise with the old and lonely members of our society. It will also help us to rediscover the virtues of solitude.
- ✓ This pandemic has taught us a lesson in personal hygiene. How many of us knew the right way to wash our hands?
- ✓ Students around the globe are at home due to the closure of schools. 21st century technology has enabled us to create virtual classrooms and teachers are teaching their subjects. At Vissanji Academy we are following this practice.

Let us hope to glean some good virtues from this pandemic.

Coronavirus prevention	
	Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
	Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
	Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
	Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
	Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
	Stay home

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Kathleen O'Meara's poem, 'And People Stayed Home,' written in 1869.

And people stayed home
and read books and listened
and rested and exercised
and made art and played
and learned new ways of being
and stopped
and listened deeper
someone meditated
someone prayed
someone danced
someone met their shadow
and people began to think differently

and people healed
and in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,
dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
even the earth began to heal
and when the danger ended
and people found each other
grieved for the dead people
and they made new choices
and dreamed of new visions
and created new ways of life
and healed the earth completely
just as they were healed themselves.

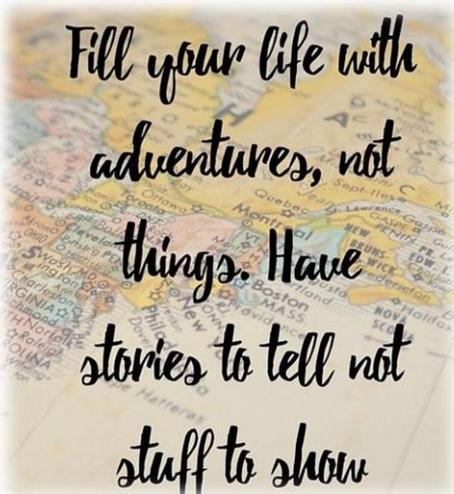


A FUN FILLED DAY

Had it not been for the blazing hot sun rays piercing through the pores of the curtains, I would not have bothered to wake up on that disgusting day. I buried myself under my pillow, braving its spiteful stink, hoping to sleep till the evening. But it was a failed attempt!

My mom woke me up for breakfast. Advancing to the breakfast table, I heard a call. I rushed to pick up the call and surprisingly, it was my aunt. Unusually, she was so ecstatic that she invited me to her home to play with my cousins as our final exams were over. I finished my breakfast, informed my mother about the call and rushed to my cousin's home.

I reached there in five minutes and they gleefully welcomed me for the simple reason that their exams too were over. We refreshed ourselves with an Oreo chocolate milkshake. I was already full but I did not mind having an extra sweet bun.



Without wasting time, we started playing cards-UNO. We started the game and ended with me winning. The second game was quite intense. Both of my sisters had one card each whereas I had four cards. It was difficult for me to win. Now it was my turn. I picked the card and surprisingly I got a UNO master. This card could make me win in just one step! Just as I placed all my cards down, their puppy, Doofy came and messed things up.

I usually don't starve for words but this time I was armoured with the thought that rather comforted me, "Life is only once. Enjoy it to the fullest."



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FESTIVALS IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

10th March - Holi is the triumph of good over evil. The colours we use during Holi celebrations have a special significance.

Red symbolizes the colour of Love, Blue is the colour of Lord Krishna's face, Yellow symbolizes knowledge and meditation. Green signifies the beginning of spring and Pink is the colour of compassion.



25th March – Gudi Padma marks the beginning of the New Year for the people of Maharashtra. Gudi is the word used to refer Brahma's flag which is hoisted on this day. Padma refers to the first day of the bright phase of the moon. This day is also symbolic of the spring season in India.

SPORTS FIESTA

Sports Fiesta was organised immediately after the summative assessments.

At Vissanji Academy we believe that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

The Sports Fiesta helped the students develop the team spirit and showcase the talent in different Team Sports and Individual Sports activities.



FUN TIME

Try this Find the words ending with " ANT " . Clues given :

Eg.: What kind of an ant works with figures? An accountANT.

1. Lives in the jungle?
2. Is far away?
3. Is extraordinarily large?
4. Works for a master?
5. Is good-natured?
6. Is unchanging?
7. Is luxurious?
8. Is one who takes part?
9. Is a very small child?
10. Is sleeping?



11. Is very bright?
12. Is empty?
13. Is immediate?
14. Is plentiful?
15. Has moved to a different country?
16. Is meaningful?
17. Is something that grows?
18. Has influence over others?
19. Is unsure and indecisive?
20. Lives in a certain place?

***Ant words answers will be published in the April Issue**