

## From the Head's desk - April 2021



Dear Parent,

An interesting TED Talk came my way. All Ted talks are quite interesting and insightful, right? Nevertheless the crux of this particular talk was about 'Moving Forward'. We all, especially as adults, know of moving on. We can recollect multiple times when we have all moved on.

2020 happened. We all embraced our schools, colleges, work, schedules, shopping and other things online. At the end of one whole year, we have all moved on. We now know how to go through the motions of all this quite well.

As I look back at the events from April 2020 to a year later, several moments stand out definitively.

Just going through the past year has shown that we all have or have developed one common trait. Resilience. For the School it was being prepared for the new situation within a record time of 4 weeks, between mid April 2020 and mid May 2020 - reworking on the entire Annual Plan across grade levels was intense. The year started off on the date committed, with the teachers welcoming their bunch into a new classroom, the common denominator being 'Google Classroom'. What happened behind doors wasn't that smooth or easy. Apprehension, tension, scepticism was high, as teachers started to express how vulnerable they were feeling. But through the year, come what may, they have shown resilience, time and again. Our students have been no different. For many it wasn't a conducive environment to have classes from home. They yearned for the personal times with their teachers and friends. The newcomers of the year were anxious as well. But there are several lovely stories that emerged over the year from the classrooms that showed how beautifully the children adapted themselves.

Through this resilience, emerged courage. The courage to teach, courage to face students (and in some cases parents who were part of the classes), courage to learn new tools and techniques, courage to explore, courage to accept when something didn't go well. For the students, it was the courage to participate in the classes, courage to express how they felt, courage to stay committed to their learning, courage to stay the course with integrity, especially during examinations. These are another great set of stories that have happened in the classrooms. Some are laughable, some are touching, some are strange but nevertheless they are courageous.

Through all this, we witnessed new relationships emerge, in different permutations and combinations; between parents, students and staff.

For once, all of us were able to completely relate to the other. From this came a deeper understanding of being and becoming sensitive.

The newsletter wouldn't suffice to share the Service Learning / Community Projects that were undertaken, or the 'Well-being' programme that was designed and rolled out, or the many smaller programmes that were specifically conceptualised to ensure that each student and staff felt empowered.

The special laurels brought back by some of our students from their experiences outside of School - MUN, World Economics Cup, WFBL Business Olympiad added to our joy and celebration. The fun that each of us had during 'Thiran' - our annual cultural Fest, Sports Day 2020 or every other celebrations that were calendared right through the year, has been immense.

With all these experiences tucked into our minds and hearts, we are now closing the academic year 2020, that has truly been unprecedented in many ways. As a community, we have embraced a range of scenarios, experienced a variety of things, felt a multitude of emotions; each aspect has left an imprint in our minds and our hearts. All this has made us a year older and wiser.

One may say, "Life moves on and so should we". But I believe, we have all 'moved forward', as that is the only way.

Wishing you and your near and dear the best for the new year.

Happy Holidays! Stay Safe. Stay Fit.

Warm regards,  
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