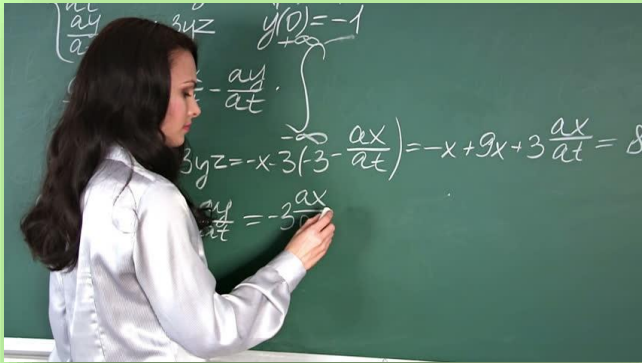




BOSCOITES

Students Transitioning to Online



Merry Christmas





RECTOR'S MESSAGE



*M*y dear Teachers, Parents and Students,

It gives me great joy to communicate with you through this E Magazine.

The 'Novel Covid Virus' has altered our lives to a mighty great extent and has compelled us to be introduced in a novel way. Let us avoid the negativities and look at the positive changes that this situation

has brought in our lives. One thing I can assure you is that, the management, teaching and non-teaching staff is working hard even during this challenging situation to ensure that our students get the best education and make this situation a fruitful one for all.

My dear parents, "It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings." It is rightly said that, "Home is the first school and school is the second home" – "Parents are teachers, and home is a Child's first and most important classroom." No other person or outside force has a greater influence on a child, than his parents. The pandemic has given us ample opportunity to spend quality time with our children. As parents and educators, I urge each one to be ultimate role models to your children, ensuring that every word, every move and every action of yours contributes to the holistic growth of your child.

May the blessings of our father and founder, St. John Bosco be upon all of you. God bless. Stay Safe.

Fr. Dominic Martis sdb





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



*M*y dear Parents and students,

The world is currently facing the greatest crisis and fighting against Covid-19. And at such crucial times it becomes utmost important to stand united to fight such a situation. It is rightly said that, “Unity is not only strength but also a motivation to face any gloomy situation and turn out as a sparking family.” The management and staff of Don Bosco High School & Jr.

College, Naigaon has unitedly endeavoured to fulfil and cater to every need of our students even during these difficult times.

Over the past weeks you might have seen an increase in behaviour issues with your kids. Whether it's anxiety, or anger, or protest that they can't do things normally – it will happen. You might even see more tantrums or meltdowns in the coming weeks. What kids need right now is to feel comforted and loved. To feel like it's all going ok. I urge each one of you my dear parents to shower as much attention as you can on your kids. This is a perfect opportunity for you to bond with your kids.

My sincere thanks to all the parents who encourage and support the decisions we make to manage the changes the pandemic has inflicted on us. I am hopeful of a smooth and rewarding journey through, to the end of this school year. I am certain that God has been very good to us and I believe that He is guiding us through this time as we continue our journey. We all look forward to Christmas and a New Year which can be a wonderful time spent with family and friends reflecting on the year that has gone by.

May God bless every family here at Naigaon and may the year '2021' be a healthy and prosperous one for all.

Stay Safe and Blessed!!



Fr. Anthony Fonseca sdb



EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Readers,

Greetings from Don Bosco Family, Naigaon.

We bid farewell and offer our deep gratitude to our dear fathers – Fr. Orville, Fr. Glen and Fr. Nelson for their tireless commitment, support and guidance rendered to the growth of this institution.



Fr. Orville Coutinho



Fr. Glen Fernandes



Fr. Nelson Carvalho

We welcome the new management: Rector - Fr. Dominic Martis, Principal – Fr. Anthony Fonseca, Administrator – Fr. Eddie Dsouza and Campus Minister & Asst. Parish Priest – Fr. Joaquim Fernandes, along with brothers – Selvin D'mello and Agnel Dias, to Don Bosco High School & Jr. College, Naigaon.





The first edition of ‘Boscoites’ this year makes its presence in a novel way. We see ourselves collectively facing and battling an unprecedented situation for which none of us had any experience and little preparation. However, even during these difficult times the management and staff of Don Bosco High School & Jr. College has added another feather to its cap by providing a platform to our students to bring out their creative thoughts and expressions. The articles and artwork of our dear students will surely captivate your attention. Their innocent and clear minds and original ideas will certainly excite and elate your thoughts.

The Editorial team takes this opportunity to thank our Principal, Rev. Fr. Anthony Fonseca for entrusting us with the responsibility of presenting this E-magazine.

The pandemic has brought us closer to our families, made us realize how blessed we are and how important it is to have respect for every individual in a society. Life is all about loving, caring and sharing. It is for this purpose alone Christ came to earth. Even though we are far from the end of this pandemic, it is vital for us to know that there is hope. Christ is our Light and Hope and hence, there is no pandemic, no crisis that can extinguish this light and hope.

May the festival of Christmas bring Joy, Peace and Hope to all.

Happy Reading to one and all!!!!

The Editorial Team





OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



HSC TOPPERS 2019-2020

SCIENCE SECTION



Taj Mohd Khan
79.23%



Chetan Sharma
76.62%



Riya Singh
76.62 %



Mantasha Khan
76.46%

COMMERCE SECTION



Priya Vaishnav
89.07%



Ishabella Soreng
80.31%



Farheen Khan
79.54%

SSC TOPPERS 2019-2020



Gargy Halder
95.80%



Ridhi Vyas
95.20%



Saloni Srivastava
93.00%

Congratulations on your well-deserved success!!





THE NEW NORMAL - FROM BLACKBOARD TO DASHBOARD



When we began the year 2020, none of us could have ever imagined that our schools would be closed in response to a world-wide Pandemic. The sudden and unprecedented shutting down of school due to the Covid – 19 Pandemic, has forced educators to face the most rapid and jarring change of perhaps any profession in history. World wide there are currently billions of children in 186 countries affected by school closures due to the pandemic.

Don Bosco High School and Jr. College Naigaon, is located in the suburbs of Mumbai. Financial constraints and improper infrastructural facilities made virtual classes not so easy to access in this locality. These classes are dependent on the internet and infrastructure. The lack of these facilities or frequent disconnection or poor signals at times, are some of the major problems our students have faced here at Naigaon.

Within a short period of time our teachers were ready to meet and overcome these unprecedented challenges. They quickly adapted to distance learning, went through online training programs, mastered new technology platforms and found innovative ways to stay connected with their students, parents and colleagues.

A time table had to be framed wherein the various sections of the school and college would work at different hours, so as to ensure that every student of the institution was able to access and attend the online classes. Thus, the virtual classes are being held structurally, by following a proper timetable which is presided by the school administration.

Teachers began initially by making short learning videos to engage students in the curriculum. However, as time passed by, they got more tech-savvy and found innovative and creative ways of delivering their online classes. They now deliver their lesson through the ‘Google Meet’, ensuring to the best of their abilities that they maintain a virtual environment that fosters effectiveness, relationship-building and a personal touch that would have otherwise been present in a physical classroom.





A curriculum is planned to meet the needs of the online medium. A syllabus has also been prepared month-wise, to meet the necessary requirements. Each section of the school works to a maximum of 4hrs daily. The time table also includes activity and recreation classes like Yoga, Craft, Drawing, Music, PT and Karate. Teachers are connecting to students, giving lectures, providing study material, conducting tests and activity classes using technological aids. PPT's, Videos and other reference material help students in understanding the topic and make learning easier.

Many students reported that online learning has enabled them to learn independently and has helped them to hold a higher level of accountability for their learning. Online classes have allowed them to do much more reading, writing and discussion at the convenience and comfort of their homes. They can access their classes at any time of the day or night. They have access to their lectures, course material and class discussions. Most parents are seemingly pleased and happy about the online classes. They are relieved that children are academically engaged online. When asked for a feedback on the online classes a parent said, “My kids have become disciplined and productively busy ever since the commencement of the online classes. They are excited as they get to meet their friends and chat with them. They can also complete their assignments and projects at their own pace as there is no stress or time bound schedules, no travelling and no classroom peer pressure now.”

At Don Bosco's Naigaon, the Principal Rev. Fr. Anthony Fonseca is keen that students get the best from the online classes. “Integration of technology in education will further accelerate and soon Online Education will become an integral component of school education,” he said.

All in all, Online Education has certainly helped our students to overcome the fear of the Pandemic, streamline their thoughts and stabilize their minds. The clever integration of the activity classes and use of technological aids in the delivery of lessons has certainly increased motivation towards learning especially among younger students, making them truly fall in love with learning.





ACTIVITIES – ALL SECTIONS



JUNE 2020

Due to the Covid-19 crisis, teachers found themselves in the situation where they felt compelled to embrace the digital academic experience as the summum bonum of the online teaching-learning process. They underwent training programmes, sessions and seminars that equipped them with the new normal, i.e. 'Online Education'. Online Classes began from 15th June, in full swing.

JULY 2020

Teachers found innovative and creative ways of delivering their online classes. They have turned tech savvy and now deliver their lessons through the Google Meet, ensuring that they maintain a virtual environment that fosters effectiveness, relationship-building and a personal touch that would have otherwise been present in a physical classroom. They are still grappling with new ways of managing this sudden transition, while students are left clinging on to their mobile phones and computer screens. As time has passed teacher have gone tech-savvy and confident.

AUGUST 2020

INDEPENDENCE DAY

This year celebrations were restricted to ensure that social distancing guidelines are followed. To maintain the same enthusiasm on India's biggest day the school allowed the students to participate in a virtual celebration by organizing a 'Virtual Assembly' in each class, wherein patriotic speeches, songs and poems were delivered by students. The teachers organised online poem recitation, drawing and colouring competition and other activities to keep students connected and celebrate the occasion.





SEPTEMBER 2020

TEACHER'S DAY

The Covid-19 pandemic might have shaken up the world, but it has certainly not shaken up the love, respect and admiration that our students hold for their beloved teachers. Teacher's Day celebration was made special with a short virtual celebration, through a pre-recorded video. The students showered their love and admiration for their teachers by presenting virtual cards and sending poetic messages to their teachers.

OCTOBER 2020

VIRTUAL SEMINAR

Information and Communications Technology (ICT) can impact student learning when teachers are digitally literate and understand how to integrate it into curriculum. A training programme on the role of educational technology in supporting 'Blended Learning' in the virtual environment for educators and learners was held online. About 60 staff members of our school participated in this online program. The resource person, former South Asia Delegate for Salesian Communications and former director of Tej-Prasarini Mumbai, Rev. Fr. Joaquim Fernandes, highlighted the UNESCO ICT Competency Framework (CFT) for teachers. Father also trained the participants online in Instructional Design and Video Production to create effective and engaging instructional videos for learners. The computer teachers were trained in 'Scratch' a free coding programming language for the online community where one can create interactive stories, games and animations.





GANDHI JAYANTI



In tune with high spirits and hearts filled with gratitude students paid their tribute to the Father of the nation 'Mahatma Gandhi' on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Speeches on the life and works of Gandhi, drawing and colouring of Gandhi Charkha, etc was taken up as activity for the day.



DIWALI CELEBRATION

The festival of lights, 'Diwali', came alive virtually with our young artists enthusiastically participating in various activities and competitions organised for the occasion.





NOVEMBER 2020



TRAINING FOR INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO

Teachers adopt software to create Educational Instructional Videos. The video editing course was conducted for eight teachers of our school from 19th to 28th November. The course was conducted online through Google Meet by Fr. Maria Sagayaraj, SDB, Former Assistant Director of DBICA, Chennai and facilitated by Fr. Joaquim Fernandes SDB, Former Delegate for Social Communications, BOSCOM, South Asia.



A twenty hour training programme helped the teachers to produce instructional videos and create digital stories for online education during the Covid pandemic. The module of digital video editing program is designed to train teachers in understanding video settings, learning the video editing software interface, learning to edit clips and managing the timeline, working with imported graphics, using video effects, using greenscreen footage, using the warp stabilizer in audio editing and learning to export videos for social media and mobile for their online education. Mr Ashok Kumar Karvi, Computer Lab Assistant set up the computer laboratory and assisted the teachers during their training programme.



FR. EDDI – GOLDEN JUBILEE

An accomplished salesian educator – priest

Fr Edward D'Souza, better known as Eddie, was welcomed into this world by his now deceased parents, Simon and Dorothy D'Souza, in October 1951 at Udyavar, Mangalore, Karnataka. At an early age, having received a good basic education and being well-disciplined, he was sent to Don Bosco Lonavla, where he fostered the dream of becoming a priest, after the heart of Don Bosco.



He entered the novitiate in Yercaud and made his first profession on 24 May 1970. After completing his philosophical studies, he began his first stint as a Practical Trainee at Don Bosco Matunga and within a year, went back to Don Bosco, Tirupattur to complete his B.Sc. degree. He was then sent to Don Bosco Panjim for another year of practical training where he taught Physics and Chemistry. He made his

Perpetual Profession on 24 May 1977. His studies in theology at Kristu Jyoti College, Bangalore, was followed by his priestly ordination at the Shrine of Don Bosco's Madonna, Matunga on 20 December 1980.

His first appointment as a priest was as Administrator at Don Bosco Borivali. Later he was appointed Catechist at Don Bosco Matunga, where he went on to complete his B.Ed. degree. He was then appointed Principal at several Salesian schools where he served with zeal and dedication, earning laurels for these institutions. As a break during his principalship, he was sent to Berkeley University to study Salesian Spirituality.

His dynamism saw him at Fordham University, USA from 2001 to 2004, where he gained specialization in special education. He was then appointed Director of the Don Bosco Youth Services. In addition, he was appointed Director of the Archdiocesan Value Education Centre (AVEC). His efforts



helped adopt systems that ensured quality value education in all the schools of the Archdiocese of Bombay.

He was appointed as Vice Rector, Administrator and Registrar at Don Bosco, Kurla from 2009–2013 and in 2014 as Special Education Coordinator in the same house. From 2014–2018 he was appointed Director of the Prafula Psychological Centre, Nashik. After that, he was appointed Prefect of Studies at St Dominic Savio Boys' Home, Andheri. At present he serves as Administrator at Don Bosco Naigaon.



EDUCATOR PAR EXCELLENCE

Fr Edward's skills as an educator cum academician are noteworthy. Over the years, he has nurtured thousands of youngsters with the heart of a true Salesian educator. His keen interest in attending to the needs of special children has brought joy to many children and parents. He offered them hope to dream and live a good life.

Fr Edward would always ask students where they saw themselves five years down the line, especially after the completion of their school life. His exhortation would be, "Help build a happy family and a happy home; believe in yourself and in God. You need to start working right now, and hard work and honesty will surely lead you to success."

His diligence and follow-up of the boarders at Dominic Savio Boys' Home, Andheri during the last academic year ensured that several of them attained more than 90 percent in their board exams – a remarkable feat!





AT THE SERVICE OF CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

Fr Edward has always nurtured a special love for students with learning disabilities. His approach in teaching slow learners has included the addition of value-based educational services such as those of adopting different approaches to teaching, having a specifically adapted teaching area, a resource room, or even simply, a separate classroom. These interventions were supervised and designed in several Salesian schools to help individuals with special needs achieve a higher level of self-sufficiency and success which may not have been otherwise possible.



MUSIC LOVER AND BAND CONDUCTOR

Fr Edward is an aficionado of music. His resourcefulness is seen from his collection of music and his being an excellent brass band conductor. His expertise has helped many of his students to be great musicians. The theatre and music productions in several schools, helmed by him over the years, had quality and finesse, and the students learnt to dance, sing, act and





even picked up theatrical nuances from Charles Dickens, Shakespeare, and a host of such greats from the literary world. He went a step further, by teaching the staff and students to critically evaluate the characters and to learn the culture and history of the depicted scenes. He put in special effort to integrate both western and Indian cultural art into the school education set-up. Musicians like Jazzy Joe, the famous saxophonist, were invited to perform while the children danced, sang and acted on stage.



Fr Edward D'Souza will remain in the pages of the history of the Salesian Province of Bombay as one of the most dynamic principals, who worked hard and diligently in several institutions. His innings over the past fifty years will be remembered for character building, inspiring dreams, encouraging confidence, and instilling a love of learning in the lives of the many youth he moulded. God bless Fr Edward D'Souza and may his gold turn to platinum soon!

- **Fr Joaquim Fernandes**

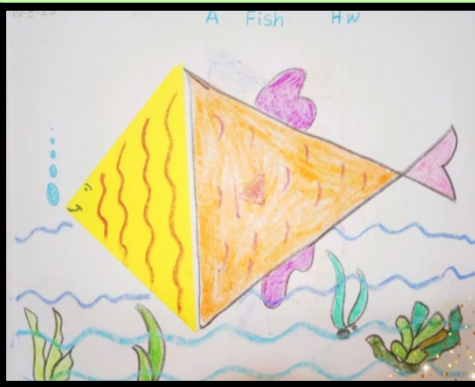
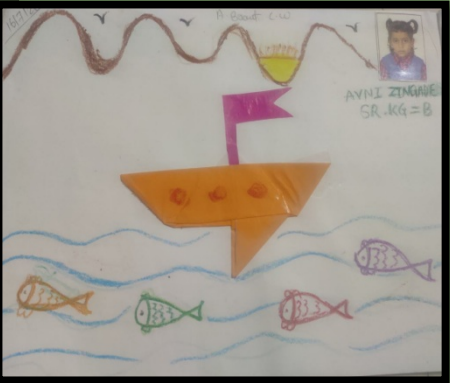


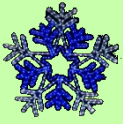


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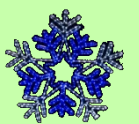
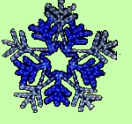


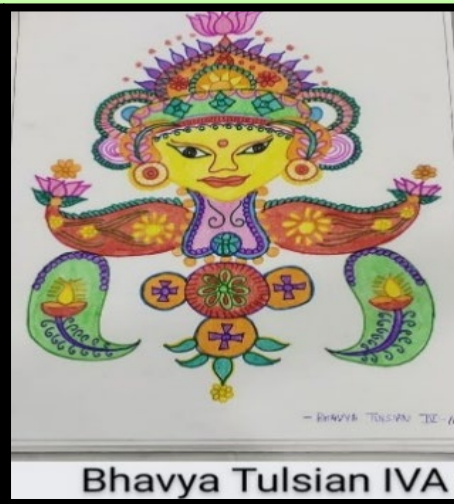
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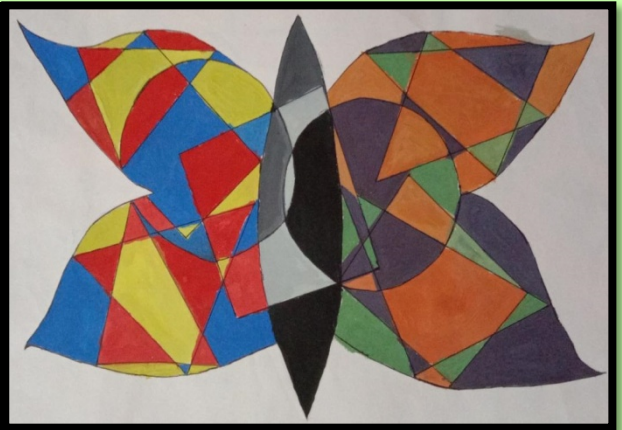
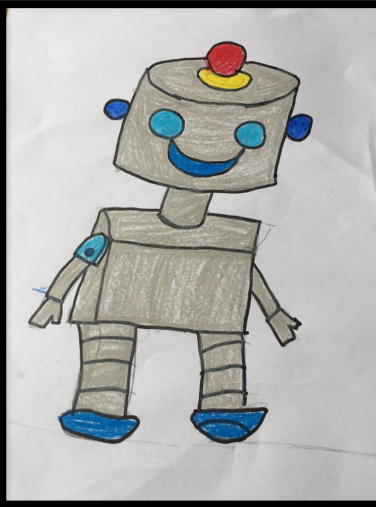


Primary Section





Secondary Section





OUR BUDDING POETS



COVID - 19

*"It's a new pandemic,
It's like an endemic.*

*Corona started somewhere,
Now it's everywhere.*

*But it won't last long,
If we stay strong.*

*We are sure to find Corona a
Kill,
All we need is the Will.*

*Let's follow the rules,
And not act like fools.*

*This Pandemic has to end,
So let's follow the new trend.*

*Wear your mask, Keep safe
distance!!
Sanitize your hands at every
entrance!!*

SHAGUFTA SIDDIQUI - X C



I MISS SCHOOL

*I miss school
I didn't think I would
But now I think it's cool*

*I miss my friends
Can't wait to see them
when lockdown ends*



*I will do my best
And concentrate
When I do my test*

*When my test is done
I will feel relief
And go out to have some fun*

*I thought lessons were boring
But it is better than
Being at home bored and snoring*

*Being at home makes me sad
It made me realise
Schools are not that bad*

JASON FERNANDES - IV C





THOSE WERE THE DAYS



School days were fun and I miss those days.
School made me smart, but now being smart doesn't matter,
Because I can't eat canteen food and get a little fatter.

I'm baking brownies and trying to cook,
But I miss standing in front of the class and reading a boring textbook.

I had to behave and be nice in school,
But now I can do whatever I want to and also be a fool.

My teachers always tried their best,
To stimulate my interest.

I miss reading, writing, learning and more!
I could never imagine this before.

When I think of school it makes me smile,
Hey! Can't we get back for a while?

KHUSHI YADAV - X C



A TRIBUTE TO OUR FRONTLINE WARRIORS

(Doctors, Nurses, Cleaners, Policemen, Drivers, etc.)

When Covid-19 filled the world with fear, and everyone hid like cowards,
God's chosen angels came to the forefront and helped us move forward.

With untiring spirits, they worked fearless and courageous,
To care for the helpless, hopeless and whose sufferings seemed endless.

They risked their lives, and served with dedication,

Oh! mustn't we salute them as a nation?

Your selfless service is unmatched and cannot be compared,

You sacrificed your lives to a cause that few dared.

To the 'unknown many' whose praises we often forget to sing,

Here's a tribute to all ye brave men and women,

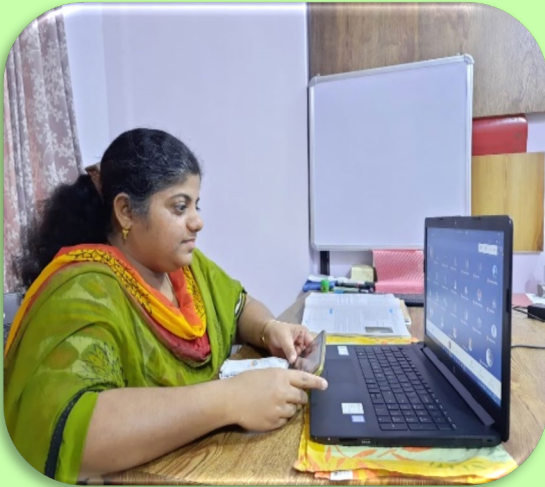
Your deeds are – touching, astounding and inspiring!!

- Tr. DOROTHY F FERNANDES





MIND FILES – TEACHERS



“I was always scared of technology, but the various training courses and sessions helped me remove some of my inhibitions. Online teaching has helped me to learn so many new things of the virtual world and I am still exploring and learning each day.”

– Tr. Annie Derin

“I enjoy Online Teaching, but at the same time miss that personal touch and affection. Online teaching, in no way, can ever substitute traditional and conventional teaching.”

– Tr. Veera Rodrigues

“I had the opportunity to learn many new things and got acquainted to the much more developed websites and new ways of using technology. Though it was a tough situation it helped me grow and learn many things just for the betterment of the children.”

- Tr. Gracian D'souza

“We are all learning together in a new way during this worldwide crisis.”

– Tr. Sejal Dodti

“At first I thought that Online Classes would be something that I wouldn't be able to cope up with. But gradually with all the input and training I was able to do extremely well. Thus, making my lessons interactive, interesting and appreciated. Students are very enthusiastic and cooperative as seen through their involvement in activities and interaction with teachers and classmates.”

– Tr. Monali Dmello





“It is my first ever online teaching experience in my teaching career. I’ve had much to learn while preparing for presentations, lectures, zoom meetings, conducting online tests, online corrections, assignments, etc. It’s indeed a lifetime experience.”

- Tr. Sarika Dcosta

“Online teaching will remain a lifetime experience. Yes, we do face many problems - We don’t have direct control over our students and we face a lot of network connectivity issues. However, I am happy that I got to learn more in terms of technology that wasn’t even needed if these situations hadn’t occurred at all.”

- Tr. Asha Pardeshi

“Today, true to the saying ‘every cloud has a silver lining’, we, the special, resilient breed of teachers, have a lot to be thankful for. If it were not for the pandemic, we would never (especially in rural India) have ventured into the online mode with immediate effect. So many of us have mastered different learning techniques and we can proudly say that we haven’t let out students down. Videos, Power point presentations, YouTube, WhatsApp communication with students and parents, Google classroom and so much more is what we have been dealing with and becoming adept with in the past few months. It is in the response of students that we can judge how effective we really are. Imagine keeping students at home for almost a year without any formal education!!!! The task which seemed almost impossible, (teachers featuring in memes and jokes) is now being appreciated especially by our students. It is very gratifying to view your own creative compositions be it videos or presentations. We have a lot to learn, a long way to go to master technology but I can safely say that you can’t call us computer-geeks anymore. We are getting savvy, and that is our silver lining.”

- Tr. Gail Fernandes





“In a flash, we moved from real to a virtual world, from teaching in a room to teaching on zoom. Initially it was difficult to adapt to the new method, but soon everyone got tech savvy and learning was made available to all through smartphones, tablets and laptops. It was a struggle for both the students as well as the teachers. We had to adapt to teaching online requiring us to make use of various digital tools and resources and making use of technology that we were not familiar with overnight. We are now left thinking whether the move to online learning is an incentive to create a new and more effective method of educating students or do we make e-learning part of our new normal?”

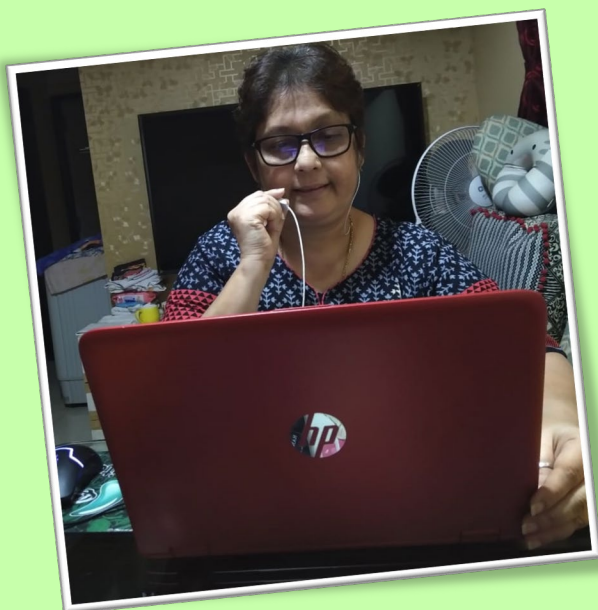
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“Moving from Blackboard to Dashboard wasn’t that easy but due to the unwavering dedication our teachers sailed through this difficult time.

We commenced with the online teaching with great anxiety. The laptop screen replaced our Blackboards, the click on the mouse replaced our chinks and dusters. The syllabus for the entire year was planned. With a new approach in the time-table, classes were and are conducted. Teachers welcomed their students by sending class codes and joining their respective class by a link. Teaching-learning process began which proved the famous saying “Where there is a will there is a way”. Exams too were conducted using Google forms. Evaluation was done digitally, wherein each teacher could view the progress graph of each student.

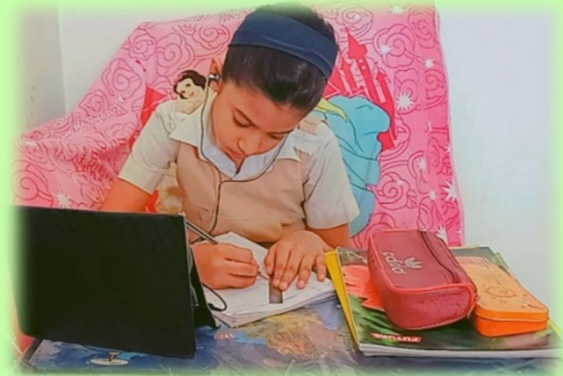
We pray that one day the world will be back again to its normal.”

- Tr. Ruth Pereira





MIND FILES - STUDENTS



“Online Class has taught me many new things. It has helped me in building my confidence, making videos and presenting myself in front of students and parents and has made me more independent. Though I miss my real classroom I am thankful to God that we were given our education in the safe and secure environment of our homes. Thanks to all our teachers and the principal for providing us education even during these difficult times.”

Dwayne Dsouza - VI C

“Though Online Classes has forbidden us to carry on with physical activities, celebrations, etc. It has allowed me to study safely at home. I am able to understand the lessons that are well explained and presented by my teachers. I am able to revise my lessons again and again through the various PPT’s, PDF’s, recordings etc.”

Lavanya Sirikar - IX B

“I hope that this situation doesn’t last for long and that we all can come back to our normal way of life soon. I miss my real school along with my friends and teachers.”

Ashlesha Bhoir – IX B



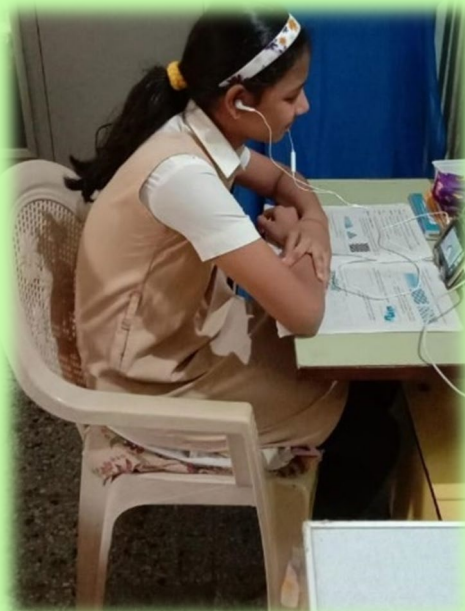


“I now feel that I have adapted myself to this new way of learning and I greatly appreciate the efforts taken by the principal and teachers for helping us learn even during these challenging times.”

Aryan Rodrigues – IX B

“A big thank you to all my teachers for their conscious effort to make our online classes so easy to understand and participate in. I'm very happy with online classes as it has made me independent, more 0a actually excited to learn each day.”

Vanshvardhan Pathare – X A



“Online education really helped me to understand various concepts in quite an easy manner. Whether it be English, Maths, Science, Hindi, Marathi or any other subjects. Videos and Power Point Presentations were like a boon to me. It helped me to visualize the concept, and understand things more clearly. Furthermore, I have learned just as much online as I would have in a traditional class. Also, Online classes save time, and saving time is important to me. Actually, I am gaining much more that I am losing.”

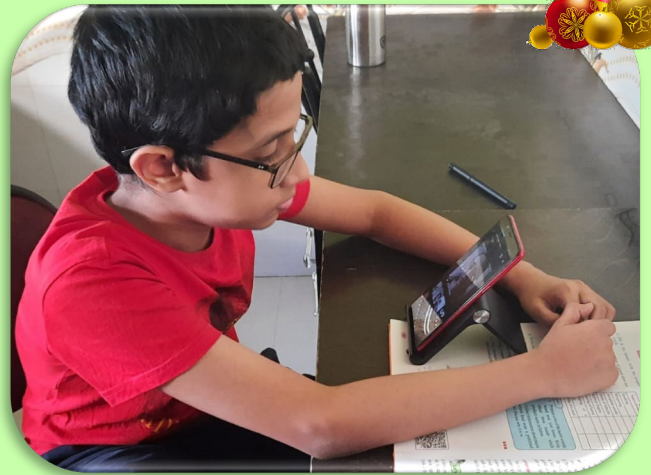
Shreya Kumar – X B





“I was really worried about what would happen to my learning. But our teachers did brilliantly well with online classes which was really new to us. They have made learning so easy and enjoyable that I just love getting to my virtual classroom daily.”

Janelle Fernandes – X A

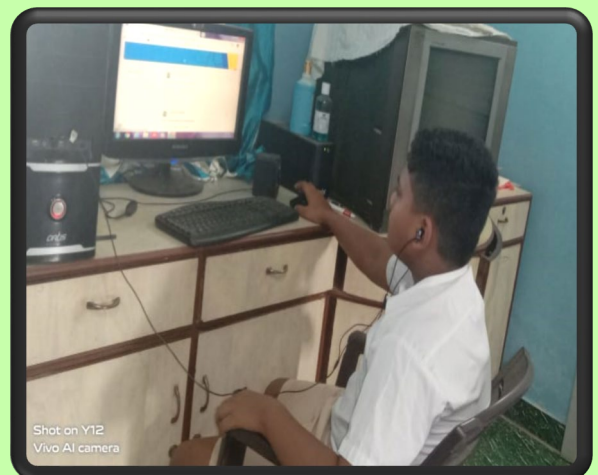


“Online classes are something we never expected would happen. We were not allowed phones in our school back then, but now school is on our phones. We’ve had many brave warriors in the world, but today our teachers are no less than warriors fighting for the cause of education. But it’s in nature – What we expect never happens and what happens we never expect !!!!!”

Jeshal D’souza – X C

“The new mode of teachings has its own pros and cons and it solely depends on the teacher and students as to how they communicate themselves. With time, things are getting normalized. Humans are adaptive to changes and so do we students. Our educators are leaving no stones unturned to prove their excellence in this very new platform. Their efforts have successfully managed to get us into the track and to guide us until we blend into this new normal.”

Mahek Dhar - XI (SCI)



DON BOSCO STAFF 2020 – 2021

PRE-PRIMARY STAFF



PRIMARY STAFF





SECONDARY STAFF – (STD. 5TH, 6TH, 7TH)



SECONDARY STAFF – (STD. 8TH, 9TH, 10TH)



COLLEGE SECTION





IN APPRECIATION - TO OUR NEW PRINCIPAL



As the novel Corona Virus escalated into a global pandemic, schools had to make a difficult decision to close down - forcing into an abrupt and nearly universal shift to distant learning that proved disruptive for teachers, students and parents alike.

While this pandemic brought all activities in the school to a standstill, the relatively calm quiet school campus gave our new principal ample time to reflect on the impending changes needed in the school and how best he could implement those changes.

Our new principal, Rev. Fr. Anthony Fonseca, has ensured that the school remains on a path of continual growth and improvement even during these challenging times. Each time we enter the campus we are overwhelmed to see the stunning changes in the premises. With his many years of experience, training and expertise as principal, he has created a safe clean, organised and welcoming environment for staff and students.

Profound changes have swept across the school. From classrooms to staffrooms, computer rooms, library to laboratory, every single department of our school has seen a total makeover, with things in place, arranged and organised in a very impressive and systematic manner. He has never let anything sit on his desk that could be handled at that moment itself. Whether it be a signature, an appointment, confirmation, a rectification or any other job, he is insistent that he will tackle every issue right then if possible.





With the shutdown of schools and colleges due to the pandemic, new normal now is the ‘virtual classroom’. Father has rendered all his support and encouragement to ensure that every teacher is trained and well versed with the technology to enter the new world of virtual lectures. Under his able leadership regular training for teachers has been provided to enhance and improvise the online education. The school website has been restructured and new features have been added, thus making information like student data management, notices, etc, easily available to all.

He endeavours to keep abreast with the best. He took charge during a very fearful situation – the Covid-19 Pandemic, and has led the school through avenues of changes using every tool available in his principal’s kit. With less than eight months in office we can already see that father has an unusually ambitious agenda of bringing about change for the betterment and growth of the institution.

We wish him all the best in his endeavours and pray that the good Lord bless and protect him and help him accomplish his mission of doing good for the cause of education.

- *THE STAFF*



