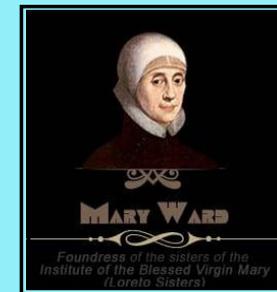




CONNECTIONS 2020-2021 LORETO DAY SCHOOL, ELLIOT ROAD



From the Principal's Desk:

Dear Sisters , Members of the Managing Committee , Teachers , Parents, Past pupils , Well-wishers of the school and you my dear Students,

It gives me immense pleasure to present to you an e-copy of the NEWS LETTER 2021!!!!. Formally too , we have tried to be ecofriendly and 'Save Trees' by providing you with an e-copy of the Annual Newsletter of the school. In hindsight... little would I have expected that I would be thanking the pandemic for having shaken the solid, firm foundation on which our education system is built.

We do call the present generation...? Generation Z '...no matter how young they are, any device is child's play in their hands. The principle of using technology respectfully and with caution still stands however we adults have had to literally overnight accustom ourselves to a wide variety of e - resources available in the virtual world to cope with 'our world' turning upside down. For most of the academic year only the administrative block has been physically in operation with minimum staff . The classrooms were empty.....but learning had not stopped. Teachers and students continued their interaction using different mediums....Suddenly our every day vocabulary changed to technical terms such as webinars and virtual meetings broke the barriers of school timings .

The Activity Calendar prepared prior to the start of the academic year continued - virtually. A new brand of TEACHERS have emerged YOU our dear parents. Without your presence and support beside your child, all our efforts would have been in vain. Having your child at home 24 X 7 has given you a realistic and holistic picture of her academic ability . Nothing could be more satisfying for us as professional teachers, than to have you with us , on the same page!!!!

While admitting the blessings of technology...I would like to reiterate the importance and necessity in educating the individual child in a collective setting of the school. We the Sisters and teachers have missed the physical presence of the children and cannot wait to welcome them back on the school campus for they are the 'heart , soul and sinews' of the school.



An E - Newsletter may not have the variety of pictures of the activities (both academic & cocurricular) of the school however I am sure you will be proud of the Management, Staff and Students for having engaged so effectively and creatively on the virtual platform.

Let us pray for each other.....follow the safety norms and keep alive faith & hope that holistic education will prevail.
God bless.

Sr. Marilla Anne D'Souza (I.B.V.M)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyvks8S5kIQ>

ECO CARNIVAL

BOTANICAL HEALERS



ENVIRONISTAS



NATURE VIBES

RECITE TO PRESERVE

“Our Earth, Our Habitat, Our Home”

REPUBLIC DAY



SR. CLARA HOISTING THE NATIONAL FLAG



MRS. PARTRIDGE ADDRESSING THE GATHERING



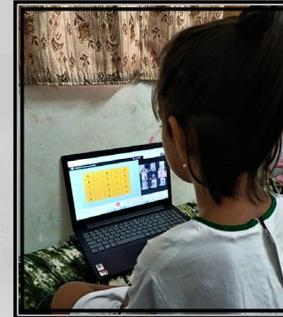
A GLIMPSE OF THE LER STAFF



“Where liberty dwells, there is my country”

SCHOOL MOTTO FOR 2020- 2021

**“If you show service to anyone ,do it willingly”
-Relief given to the Amphaan victims
- Sundarbans**



**“Do good and do it well”
Mobile recharge done for stu-
dents to attend online classes**

**“ A book is a dream that you hold in
your hand”
Excercise books
provided to KMWSC**



**Aids provided to Thakurpukur
for a happy learning
experience**



**“Putting a smile on
their faces” -Help to
the needy students**



LER'S ASSISTANCE AND COLLABORATION WITH KMWSC



AID FOR AMPHAN VICTIMS



DISTRIBUTION OF GROCERIES



FLYER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR



INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON TRAFFICKING



ONE BILLION RISING FLYER



ONE BILLION RISING





TWINNING WITH BANGLADESH



Twinning- Bangladesh- The concept of twinning is not new. However, every effort was made in the last four years to have a 'meaningful relationship' with our twin school from abroad. No effort is spared to assist in supplying stationery items as and when required. An organ was purchased when a new community began in Dacca. The Bangladesh tab on the website is updated regularly based on the information shared by them . During the tenure of Sr Marilla D'Souza, two centres have emerged, that is, at Borishal – collaboration with Caritas , Bangladesh and a play school at Dacca . St Alfred's School, Bangladesh was one such participating school in our very own Eco Carnival.

The three centres in Bangladesh are -
 Padrishpur, Bangladesh
 Borishal, Caritas
 Dacca, Play School



REACHING THE HEALTH CAMP...



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



Health Camp 16th Nov 2020

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT DACCA PLAY SCHOOL



HEALTH CAMP 3RD JAN 2021

RAINBOW



**CREATING AWARENESS
IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD**



**QUALITY TIME SPENT WITH
SR MARILLA**



**GIRL CHILD DAY
LUNCH**



**HELP GIVEN BY THE
SISTERS IN THE
COMMUNITY-
SR PHYLLIS**



ZUMBA SESSION



YOGA SESSION



RABINDRA JYANATI

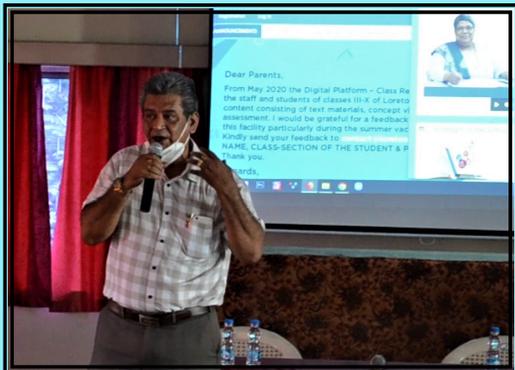


PROJECT WORK

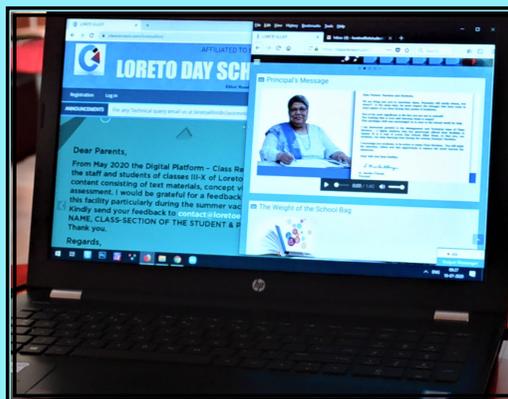


STORY TELLING

OUR GRATITUDE GOES TO CLASS REVISION FOR HELPING US TO MAKE THE TRANSITION FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE VIRTUAL PLATFORM DURING THIS PANDEMIC



MR. SHANE CALVERT



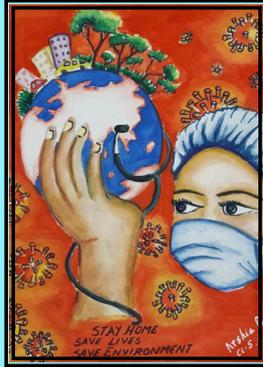
CLASS REVISION



MR. AMIT BANERJEE

JPIC ACTIVITIES

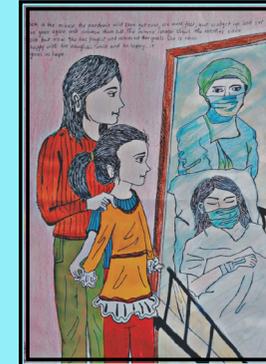
“BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD”



EARTH DAY



PLANTATION DRIVE



STUDENTS' EXPRESSION THROUGH ART



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE GIRL CHILD



ANTI-CHILD LABOUR DAY



LAUDATO SI ACTIVITIES



no borders that contain Earth's air or a cleaner environment anywhere is to safeguard a common heritage

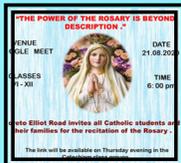
WEBINAR ON ENVIRONMENT



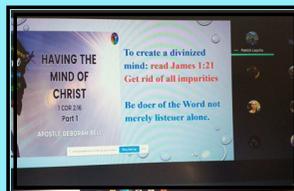
ONE BILLION RISING ACTIVITIES

SPIRITUAL EVENTS

CROWNING OF OUR LADY AND ROSARY



RETREATS AND RECOLLECTIONS



"A FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER"



"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE"



ADVENT MASS AND NATIVITY PLAY

MARY WARD WEEK

HOLY EUCHARIST



HOLY EUCHARIST



BOOKMARK MAKING



Mary Ward Mass

Date – 30th January, Saturday 2021

Time – 9:15 a.m.

It will be streamed live



ACTIVITIES



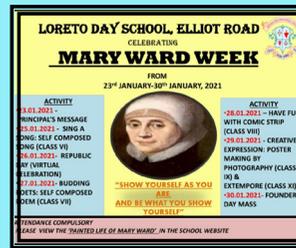
PEN STAND MAKING



NOTEBOOK MAKING



PHOTOFRAME MAKING



POSTER MAKING



ACTIVITIES



PAPER BAG MAKING



“LET NO DAY GO BY IN WHICH YOU DO NOT HEROICALLY CONQUER YOURSELF.”

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



VIDEO CREATED ON MARY WARD



CELEBRATIONS

GIRL CHILD DAY



"A smiling face of every girl is the signature of God's presence."



TEACHER'S DAY



"It's the teacher that makes the difference, not the classroom."



DOCTOR'S DAY



"A profession where knowledge, power and heart come together."

RABINDRA JAYANTI



"Let us not pray to be sheltered from dangers but to be fearless when facing them."



"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."



BOOK READING MONTH

CHILDREN'S DAY



"Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven."



JUNIOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS CRAFT ACTIVITY 2020 – JUNIOR SECTION (17TH DECEMBER)

Classes	Name of the Activity	Particulars
Nursery	O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree !! – colouring activity	Children will colour and decorate with sequins the tree which their parents have drawn. A video on how to draw the tree has been posted in the class group.
KG	Christmas Wreath	Children will tear pieces of green paper and will be guided by the parents and teachers in sticking them in the form of a wreath along with any decorations that they might want on it.
Class 1	I'm a happy little Christmas tree!	Girls will make Christmas trees with ice cream sticks which they will colour and decorate creatively.
Class 2	Mr. Snowman	Girls will make two paper fans and put them together into a snowman sticking the eyes and other accessories etc.
Class 3	Christmas Greetings	Girls will be given a choice of making either Christmas tree, Santa or Snowman Christmas cards. (the video will be posted earlier in the group)
Class 4	Santa's Notepad	Girls will draw Santa as instructed; stick the picture on cardboard, make the notepad with white or coloured paper and stick it on the body of Santa.
Class 5	Jing a ling, hear them ring!!	Christmas bells will be made of used plastic bottles – the upper portion of the bottle will be used and decorated with glitter powder, flowers and leaves cut out from foam sheets and a bangle will be used for hanging.

World Oceans Day 2020 – Junior Section Activities

'Save Our Oceans'

Class/Sec	Class Teachers	Name of Activity	Details	Submission
Nursery	Mrs. B. Antick Ms. D. Lal	Ocean Wonders (Colouring Activity)	A sheet with a few oceanic creatures was given for colouring.	Pictures sent through whatsapp
KG (i) KG (ii)	Ms. S. Florian Ms. B. Fernandes	My Little Octopus/ My Little Shark (craft)	Instructions were given on how to make either a shark or an octopus using paper plates or cups.	Pictures will be sent through whatsapp.
1 (i) 1 (ii)	Ms. V. Collins Mrs.P.Caszo	Under the Deep Blue Ocean	A write up and two videos were sent to give them information on oceanic creatures. The children were then asked to draw and colour any creature of their choice.	Pictures to be sent through whatsapp.
2 (i) 2 (ii)	Mrs. G. Ali Ms. R. Tamang	My Oceanic Aquarium	Instructions were given through a video on how to make the aquarium out of a shoe box.	Pictures will be sent through whatsapp.
3 (i) 3 (ii)	Mrs. R. Nathani Mrs. M. Khalkho	Beautiful Creatures of the Deep.	Children were given information on the topic through a video and were given instructions on the activity to be done. They were asked to draw and colour any ocean creatures of their choice.	Pictures will be sent through whatsapp.
4 (i) 4 (ii)	Mrs. M. Agarwal Mrs. M. Dias	Troubled Waters (Poster Making)	Information was given on the impact of plastic on marine life. Children will make posters on A4 size paper on the topic: Say No to Plastic/Keep the Ocean PlasticFree.	Pictures will be sent through whatsapp.
5 (i) 5 (ii)	Mrs. N. Biswas Mrs. R. Paul	Small Waves of Change bring about an Oceanic Impact!! (A Banner)	A write up was given and a video was shown to give them information on the need to save the oceans. Children were instructed on how to make a banner portraying the need to protect and preserve oceans.	Pictures will be sent through whatsapp.

ACHIEVEMENTS

THE TELEGRAPH AWARDS



THE EXPERIENCES OF THE LER FAMILY THROUGH THE COVID TIMES



Warm greetings to all!

Today we are facing a human crisis unlike any that we have experienced and this has placed our social fabric under considerable stress. Even as we wrestle with the unprecedented repercussions of COVID-19, I pray and trust that this message finds you and your family well and that are able to cope with these challenging times with faith and fortitude.

I have witnessed special events right from Nursery to the Class XII level in the past three months in school. Virtual classes are now part and parcel of the school teaching – learning process, thanks to our dedicated staff who have been constantly enhancing their online teaching skills to ensure that no child is left behind.

I thank you sincerely dear parents for your constant support in this ‘new’ journey of learning, which has been a great source of motivation for our teachers and students. I would like to urge you to please continue to stay in touch with your child’s teachers and join hands with them in this continuous process of moulding and shaping young minds, for I believe that together we can successfully sow good habits and values in our children who are the future citizens of this country.

As the entire LER family navigates through rough seas caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, let us move ahead with confidence; in the words of Sir Walter Scott, “He is the best sailor who can strive within fewest points of the wind and exact a motive out of the greatest obstacles”.

As the Vice-Principal of the school, may I take this opportunity to exhort you all to stay positive and keep disappointments at bay for ‘Every cloud has a silver lining’. By God’s grace, the ‘cloud’ of this pandemic too will subside and the ‘silver lining’ will surely shine forth. For this reason, most optimistically, may I quote the words of Edward Hays:

*“In the heart of every person on this Earth
burns the spark of luminous goodness;
in no heart is there total darkness.
by our lives and service, by our prayers and love,
call forth from one another the light and the love
that is hidden in every heart.”*

Thanking you,
With every prayer for your and your family’s safety and well- being,

Yours sincerely,
Sister Clara (I.B.V.M)
Vice Principal

THE EXPERIENCES OF THE LER FAMILY THROUGH THE COVID TIMES



This past year has been one of the most unsettling and unexpected series of events for most of us. Indeed, all of us were caught off-guard and unprepared when the national lockdown started. For a substantial amount of time, not only was our academic process stalled, but also the vital and necessary interaction between teachers and students had to be paused.

Thankfully, we were able to shift our learning to online classes gradually. With the help, support and guidance which we received from Sister Marilla and staff, we were able to conduct assemblies, classes, webinars and programmes online, and rather smoothly. Later on, we were also able to take examinations - both online as well as offline.

Truly, in the most perilous of times, all of us came together as proud members of the LER family, and were able to become 'unafraid together'.

Mrs. R. Sharma
(Senior School Coordinator)



Whoever teaches, learns in the act of teaching and Whoever learns, teaches in the act of learning.'~ Paulo Friere in the Pedagogy of Freedom (1996). These words ring true more so in the past one year, a consequence of the pandemic.

Teachers have to quickly reimagine human interactions to facilitate learning. Pedagogical adaptations have had to be made to keep the students engaged and every household has become a classroom. This was surely a challenge and the teachers have risen to the occasion. Teaching online has been anxiety-inducing where the students have been there but not there. In this disembodied delivery of content, we missed the interactions in a job that is all about communicating with people.

Teaching under Covid has only served to be a reminder that a school is a deeply communal entity- a genuine community.

Ms. S. Handa
(Middle School Coordinator)



Loreto Day School, with its yellow-tinted walls, long boisterous corridors and vibrant classrooms has always held a special place in my heart. My journey in this school has been a concoction of experiences and lessons learnt, being enriching throughout, especially during a pandemic where online classes has taught all to make the best of what we have.

Alisha Khan
Class 12(H)



Staying away from school for a year has been tough, especially since this is my last year as a Loreto family member. LER has given me the indispensable gift of values and discipline which I have carried through these difficult times amidst the pandemic, making me stronger than I could have imagined myself to be.

Tannishtha Bhattacharya
Class X (2)



There is no doubt that this year has been a pretty challenging one. No one had ever dreamt we would have to learn how to use technology to the fullest for our benefits. But there is always a first time!!

It has been hard for all of us whether it be teachers, parents and students to cope up with this current scenario. But the school has outdone itself! The school teachers and staff have really handled everything very well. They have gone out of their way to create a virtual classroom just as if it was a real one. The discipline rules such as attendance, wearing proper uniform was never compromised. As a parent initially I was really worried about how much this learning would help my daughters understand their subjects but after a year I am happy to see that their results haven't suffered.

Mrs. Rangwala (Parent)



The COVID-19 pandemic threw a wrench into the daily lives of people all over the world. In an attempt to combat this public health menace, countries imposed blanket nation-wide lockdown measures that brought life to a screeching halt.

The lockdown was a curse yet a boon in disguise. Though times were difficult and hard but God was with us.

During the lockdown many lost their loved ones, jobs and businesses were affected. Sr. Marilla like an angel got benefactors who sponsored rations for many of our students and their families. She also recharged their phones so that their online classes were not affected. She asked us to keep in touch with the students over phone comforting, helping and encouraging them.

The lockdown made us realize the importance of family and friends - thus giving us more time to spend with family.

Mrs. Janet Sharpe
(Office Assistant)

THE EXPERIENCES OF THE LER FAMILY THROUGH THE COVID TIMES



A TOPSY-TURVY WORLD

Never ever in my wildest dreams did I think my 60th birthday on 24th March, 2020 would be such an unforgettable onean announcement that 1.3 billion people were to be brought to a dead halt!

In the beginning of the lockdown, I was glued to the television trying to comprehend the tragic deaths of so many because of Covid 19 but this made me feel terribly miserable. I tried to keep myself busy reading story books, watching movies, playing games online, cooking and spending quality time with my family. During the days of the pandemic, I often wondered whether Covid 19 is actually the vaccine for humanity's disease of selfishness. It has taught me not to be so caught up with my own life but to value the people around me and not take their presence for granted. I have learned to care more for others, to grow closer to God and to value my life!

Mrs. Patricia Ann Quadra (Ex- Teacher)



मैं, गौरी हेला इन छोटी बच्चियों के साथ काम करते हुए अपनी सारी थकान और परेशानियां भूल जाती हूँ। हालाँकि अपने कार्यकाल के अंतिम वर्ष में मैं छात्राओं से लॉकडाउन के कारण नहीं मिल पाई, फिर भी मैं इस विद्यालय के सदस्य के सुख शांति और स्वास्थ्य के लिए ईश्वर से प्रार्थना करती हूँ।

Gauri Hila
Group D Staff



With six months left for retirement I found myself facing one of the most demanding tasks of my career: online teaching.

Being technologically challenged, my first reaction was, "No, I will not be able to do it". But then slowly and steadily, things fell into place. I started to fix up my classes on

Google Meet. Mornings revolved around online classes and evenings around checking written work set in those classes.

It wasn't without its challenges, though. Internet issues had us tearing our hair out. In some classes, there was more time spent in checking the connection than teaching. "Girls can you hear me, please respond! I feel like I am talking to the wall," I'd keep on repeating like a broken record. And not to forget, projects being emailed at midnight and Whatsapp messages complaining, "Miss, you gave me one mark less."

In the end, though, I enjoyed every minute of it. And be it online or offline, one cannot get better students than those at LER.

Mrs. Shahina Daniyal (Ex- Teacher)



मैं इस विद्यालय में 1995 से काम कर रहा हूँ। इस विद्यालय में मुझे सभी प्रधानाचार्याओं, अध्यापिकाओं और छात्राओं का बहुत प्रेम व सम्मान मिला है। इसे मैं कभी भूल नहीं सकूंगा। मैं अपने विद्यालय के हर सदस्य को बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद तथा उनके सफल जीवन के लिए शुभकामनाएं देता हूँ।

Chathru Nayak
Group D Staff