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Sharjah Awards



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Seethalekshmi Kishore Grade 7 student won the prestigious Sharjah Award 2020 in the category of Grade 6 to 12. This award is given to the students who excel in their studies as well as in co-curricular activities. Seethalakshmi who met all the criteria was awarded this title for her outstanding performance. AJ family is proud of her achievement and felicitates on her feat.

Seethalakmi says about her project "Innovative idea- Enlighten the life of the needy" which brought her the award

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Covid19— Transforming Houses into Homes

An insight with a challenge.....

Home is where the Heart is

By RiayaGhani

Home is the place that you miss whenever you're away. Home is where you want to relax after a long day at school. Home is the place you want to return to after a vacation. Home means safety and comfort. For me, home is wherever my family is. I am fully and completely comfortable at home. The source of this comfort is my family. Home is where you can laugh, cry, love, and be loved, without being judged. In my home we can laugh uncontrollably, cry over hardships in our lives, and love each other through it all. My family and I have an unusually close bond with one another. Unlike a lot of siblings, my sister and I actually get along, and I have yet to have a fight with my parents. We all genuinely like to spend time with each other. This bond between us is mainly shown at our house. Each of my family members and I have our own activities that we do together at home. Once my dad gets home from work, we discuss how each other's days went. My mom and I regularly try out new baking recipes together. My sister and I like to lay on the couch side by side and watch movies, read, relax in the sun together and just talk. Each of these activities can only be done at my house, which is what makes my home so special. These may seem like ordinary experiences, but they define the family that we are. These are my favourite parts of each day, and because they happen here is what makes my house a home.

TRANSFORMING HOUSES INTO HOMES

By Devika

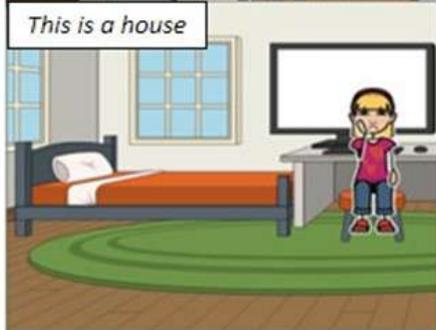
Houses may be simple residential structures while homes are places of comfort, family, growth and peace. A home is where lasting memories are made, the best laughs and biggest smiles are heard, and the most love is felt.

My house has become much more than a house. My parents and I have transformed it into a loving home. A house becomes a home when the smell is familiar, there are pictures of memories along the walls, and when the people you love fill it. Home is a place that you miss whenever you're away. Home is where you want to relax after a long day at school. It is where you want to return after a vacation. It's the place where you feel most comfortable and relaxed. It's the place you live your life.

Whilst covid-19 has been a time of uncertainty and difficulty for many people, the lockdown months has really helped us transform our house into a loving home. According to me, I get more time to spend with my family and share our happiness with each other. I get enough time to be relaxed and nowadays I feel more connected with my family and my home. Believe it or not, we can turn our house into the home we want by showcasing lasting memories and happiness. We can create a welcoming space, and fill the house with things that give us joy and fulfill our needs. Home is the best place you can feel comfortable and spend time with your family.

A HOUSE IS NOW A HOME

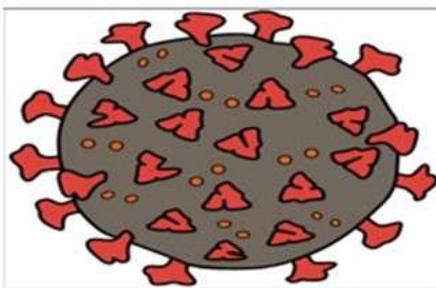
Seetha Lekshmi Kishore



The daughter is in her room, waking up from the bed and directly going to the computer.....as she doesn't get love from her family and doesn't want to see them.

On the other hand, her dad is just watching TV.....as he has nothing to do.

While the mother is in the kitchen making food....and talking to her friends



One of the most positive act of this Pandemic is that our bonding with our family has improved as we are in the house at all times.....

We are bounded so much in Quarantine with our family....helping our mother, playing and enjoying.



We can survive through this Pandemic if we stay positive.....THE END



Transforming Houses into Homes in Lockdown

-Syeda

The coronavirus pandemic, is an ongoing pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019. The outbreak was first identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. Soon, in about January 30 The World Health Organization declared a public health emergency of international concern. And soon on 11th of March it was proclaimed as a world-wide pandemic.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is mainly transmitted through droplets generated when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or exhales. These droplets are too heavy to hang in the air, and quickly fall on floors or surfaces. Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that can cause illnesses such as the common cold, severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS). Carrying the virus includes symptoms such as a fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of smell, headache etc.

About 5.58 million cases have been confirmed world-wide and about 350,000 people have recovered. The U.S has about 1.3 million total cases, according to WHO, the country has reported 80,695 Covid-19 fatalities which is the highest in the world. And in United Kingdom about 33,186 people have succumbed to death so far. Italy has recorded 33,106 deaths due to Covid-19. Italy has more than 2.22 lakh coronavirus cases. About 152000 deaths have been reported in India along with 4300 deaths so far.

The virus has led to extreme economic slowdown. It was reported that about 28 million jobs were lost in just 5 weeks. It has resulted in large amount of deaths which technically results in the downfall of the economy and mental stress to the human body. It has torn apart many relationships. But, looking on the bright side it hassled to significant decrease of global warming, and reduction of environmental pollution. And also, resulted in better air quality and cleaner rivers & oceans. But the major advantage of the lockdown is increase in the time spent with the family. Well, now there is nothing much to do, so more time is devoted to the family.

There are many measures we can take to prevent the virus, some of them are, maintaining a safe distance, washing hands often, avoiding crowded areas and remaining at home, if sick covering and coughing and approaching the doctor, not touching the nose, mouth or eyes. And most importantly following the directions of your local health authority.

COVID-19

~Amna Furkhan

It all began on a horrid day
 In an unknown place.
 It traveled across the bay
 In a tremendous pace.



Months have passed by,
 But nothing's changed.
 It has not been shy
 In makes the world discouraged.



Many stranded,
 With nothing left to survive.
 Many landed,
 With nothing left to thrive.



It's non other than COVID-19
 The world is stuck at home.
 It's been so mean,
 Don't leave your precious home.
 All this happened,
 But we must not lose hope.
 For the world has experienced much more,
 Don't let go of the rope.

Let's stay strong,
 Let's be an example for others,
 Let's stay home
 Let's stay safe.

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GENERAL COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

- COVER MOUTH WHILE COUGHING/ SNEEZING
- USE FACE MASK WHEN WORKING IN COVID-19 AFFECTED PORT
- IMMEDIATELY SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE IF SICK
- FREQUENTLY CLEAN HANDS WITH SOAP/ SANITIZER

ADDITIONAL ONBOARD PRECAUTIONS

- NO ENTRY FOR OUTSIDERS IN AFFECTED PORTS
- FREQUENT CLEANING OF RAILINGS AND ELEVATOR
- PROPER DISPOSAL OF COVID-19 MASK/ PPEs
- KEEP SHARED EQUIPMENT IN DISPOSABLE COVER
- DO NOT SHARE PPEs AND STATIONARIES
- AVOID SHIP PARTIES AND GET TOGETHER
- AVOID OR CONDUCT TEAM MEETINGS IN OPEN/ BIGGER SPACE
- PREPARE ISOLATED CABIN AT CORNER OF ACCOMMODATION
- EAT WELL COOKED HEALTHY FOOD AND TAKE AMPLE REST



THE PANDEMIC

SHIVANI.T.K

She showed up out of the blue
before you could say knife.
Some say she originated from Chiropetera,
While a few think she is hailed from Pangolin.

Mankind was born to think differently,
but to tussle the EPIDEMIC,
they shall sync together.

The OUTBREAK was quite harsh,
lives are lost like trash.
Ruination and endings everywhere,
medicines or vaccines found nowhere.

All the plans for summer are out of whack
She is taking over 'twenty twenty'.
But mankind being blocked from stepping on Earth,
had made the planet healthy.

Our sins of the past
are now reflected back.
Nothing we can do, but sanitize.
STAY HOME, STAY SAFE.
Let us solicit for enchantment.

“A big salute to all the doctors and Nurses”



How Covid -19 Affected the Celebration of Festivals

By Ranon Fernandes

Around the world, festivals, sporting events, conferences and community celebrations are being cancelled or postponed due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19. Event organizers have had to make difficult decisions about how to proceed. This pandemic has caused the cancellation of large scale events, large gatherings are banned and even religious festivals are cancelled.

In order to slow the spread of the pandemic the government authorities have banned the celebration of festivals like Easter, Ramadan etc. Though people have been restricted to celebrate events or festivals, people have found a way around it. Families around the world have used zoom in order to celebrate Easter with their families.

Birthdays have been celebrated through zoom where families have decorated their homes to make it look as normal as possible. They even set up cupcakes with candles to celebrate birthdays. Instead of opening wrapped presents the children instead opened amazon boxes.

This pandemic, like others, will eventually taper off. When that happens, festivals and events will be an important part of recovery.

AFTERMATH OF COVID-19

Fathimathul Zanha Sherin Rashid

One of the most important things that the COVID-19 Pandemic has influenced people's lives is surely the celebration of festivals. As springtime holidays and events come and go many people are finding ways to celebrate virtually, reaching friends, family, and community members through video conferences and social media.

Many churches across the world hosted Easter services on online platforms. Instead of preparing for usual festivities this year, they planned on celebrating Easter entirely virtually. Worship services were moved into Zoom calls and Facebook lives and coordinated to musicians to perform remotely.

In a similar way, people are commemorating Ramadan celebrations too. Usually, there will be Iftar parties and grand celebrations on Eid Day. But due to the pandemic going on it is impossible for these activities to be practiced this year. As a result, most events are taking place virtually via Zoom, Skype, Facebook, etc.



How Covid-19 Has Affected the Celebrations of Festivals

Tejas Prasad,

The Novel Corona Virus (2019-nCoV) has been a very widespread phenomenon around the earth. This virus started in Wuhan, China from around November 2019. This has now become a pandemic. This has changed our lifestyle drastically.

We are in complete lockdown, we can't go out. Due to this we are not able to go to parks since people who come to parks will touch on chairs, lights and the play area. Supermarkets are not closed but are restricted and take high precaution. They always ensure that we always wear masks and gloves. From their part they will sanitize the supermarket and keep sanitizers near every handles or wherever we touch. Public places like malls and cinema theaters are closed. The government of UAE has taken high precaution and restriction; Flights have been stopped to prevent the widespread, because inside the flights the air is dry and cold and makes the virus easy to spread, not only that the air inside the flight keeps on circulating inside itself and no air comes from outside. Means there is no ventilation of air, which makes the flight a much more place for the virus to inhabit on.

This has been affecting our festivals too! Normally during celebrations we used to go out or celebrate it with our friends and family. For example, it is the Holy month of Ramadan. We are not allowed to go out and celebrate. We should stay home and connect with our friends and family using our smartphones. This Ramadan we can celebrate it from our home. At the same time we will be thinking of going out and enjoying, but now we have to keep aside our celebrations and festivals for the safety of ourselves and our loved ones. Police officers will be always there on the roads to stop people from coming out of their houses. But still they are doing it for our benefit and safety. On the other hand doctors, nurses and hospital staffs are working round the clock to keep us safe and to treat us from this deadly virus.

Polices, doctors and all frontline workers are risking their lives for us. But we have to stay home, wear masks and gloves while going out. Till Corona Virus gets over we should follow the safety measures said by the health department and the government. Festivals are not celebrated because it may have a chance of causing a community spread since we will not be able to maintain social distancing or keep good hygiene. So let's celebrate festivals after Corona Virus gets over and till it is declared as "it is safe to go outside" by WHO and our government.

So let us stay home, connect online and #Stay Happy

Let us #Stay Home and #Stay Safe



Unconventional Celebration

Naji Abdul Azeez

This year, due to coronavirus, the UAE government has declared a complete lockdown during Eid. The government advised not to celebrate Eid publicly to ensure the safety of the public.

We were advised to celebrate Eid in our houses and to avoid going out with our family members due to the coronavirus. This Eid would be different from the previous Eid is all about family gatherings and having fun together. I guess we can still wear new clothes and meet relatives through a video call. We should also create happy and fun vibes to make this Eid joyful.

We can make this Eid joyful by decorating the house and also buying clothes and accessories from online to the kids. We are in an era where video call has kept us together. So the government advised us to prevent family gatherings and to do video calls with your neighbors or other family relatives and wish them a happy Eid.

These restrictions provided by the UAE government can prevent us from the spread of the coronavirus and at the same time, we could have fun with our family members and relatives through voice and video call. However, this year is going to remain in the memory of everyone with being different in all the ways possible.

The Indelible Eid

Namirah Beg

The first sighting of the new moon at the end of the holy month of Ramadan determines Eid-Al-Fitr. Muslims all around the world eagerly wait for this exhilarating day. It's a day full of blessings where Muslims rejoice by reveling with their families and friends, it's like a reward after the 30 days of fasting which is done solely for the love of god.

The special Eid prayer is offered in the morning under the beautiful colored rays of the sun which pass through the mosque's tainted glass. At the end blessings are exchanged and little tokens are passes around like dates, sweets and crisp money notes but 2020's Eid would be an indelible one.

As never in history such a situation has occurred where Muslims would have sat at their homes on a day like Eid.

Despite the circumstances Eid can still be celebrated by wearing new clothes, exchanging blessings, rearing the traditional sweet "*sheer*" and let its sweet aroma hang in the house.

We can get creative and use technology connect with our loved ones, this virus has taught that distance doesn't matter if the roots of our relations are strong, so we can all go ahead and do video calls and spend time blissfully rather than mooching around.



Life after the Pandemic

Nemuel

In crisis periods like today, there is a natural urge to go out and do something, anything, to help. Instead, we are asked to keep still and stay home. It is time to remind ourselves that we can still serve others as we stand and wait.

Confronted by a dangerous and stealthy virus that can be transmitted unknowingly among us, what we are tasked with today is to build community defences, to prevent the spread of the virus by creating physical distance between one another and avoiding the natural contact that we have been accustomed to all our lives. We somehow feel blind-sided.

But rather than curse the enforced helplessness we seem to have been subjected to, perhaps it is important to envision what a chastened and contrite world can become, which in the end, can be a better reflection of who we truly are.

Move towards a More Mindful Nation

As we retreat to our homes, contemplate our disrupted lives and behold cities and towns shrouded in silence, we can become more mindful, more aware of ourselves, our families and loved ones. We can reflect on the way we have lived and the way we have dealt with others and with nature, the environment that even now seems to breathe better, bursting with blue skies if we care to look out our windows or if we are lucky enough to have access to open spaces. Living more mindful lives in a world different from the past seems to be a worthwhile outcome of the crisis that now engulfs us.

Encourage a More Caring People

As we find a little more time in our hands, many of us have opportunities to reach out to others, not only our close friends, family and colleagues but those people we have been meaning to call for weeks, maybe years, and never got around to. We are able to renew interrupted conversations and recall moments when we may have cared more for each other. A more caring people in a less frenzied world seems to be another possible outcome of this unprecedented global lockdown.

Build a More Hopeful Future

As we find ourselves at the end of our wits, unable to answer all questions, uncertain about our futures, we turn to our inner resources, to prayer and spiritual practices ancient and new, to find meaning in the loss of friends, loved ones, even strangers who have become victims of the serious illness that has suddenly descended on our homes and communities like a thief in the night.

We, however, refuse to give up and succumb to fear and instead ground ourselves in the belief that we have the capacity to work together to overcome the odds and build a more hopeful future. As human beings, our collective task is to keep hope alive, for the sake of coming generations.

When this nightmare finally comes to an end, we will wake up to a radically changed world. It can never be the same again.

But what our world will become will largely depend on the way we respond now, on the ways we can work together though separated by layers of distancing, on how we can open our eyes and hearts to the things that really matter in our lives: family, friends, people, community, nation and a healthier world.

It will depend on how we nurture the values that truly count in a world without walls: generosity, trust in one another, love, and hope in the future and faith in the Almighty who is Lord of history.



HOW EVERYTHING CHANGED....

Stephy Biju

We as humans consider ourselves as above everything. With all the scientific advancements and power in our hands, we believe ourselves to be unstoppable. Now don't get me wrong. This belief is also what keeps us motivated to overcome anything and to make the world a better place. But it has also made us think twice while exploiting and destroying this Earth given to us by God for a short span of time to protect.

But just as Newton's 3rd law states: "Every action has an equal and opposite reaction", we are now experiencing how weak we are in front of a microscopic virus. The fear of it made all of us to completely change our lifestyle. It has shown us how inferior we can be even while being the world's richest and most powerful.

All the major events showing the power of humans have been cancelled, all schools and offices have been shifted to our homes, there are no vehicles on the streets, no airplanes in the sky and no cruises in the sea, no one is shopping unnecessarily, no country is attacking another for riches, everyone is hygienic and the whole world is locked up in their homes: all because of a virus.

But while in the challenge of overcoming this epidemic, let us not forget the people working in the front-line, striving day and night to help us— the doctors, nurses, scientists, sanitation workers, police officers and all the other people who put their lives and families at stake to save our lives. Let us pray that they get the strength and health to perform this service.

Let this situation be a lesson for all of us teaching us to humble ourselves and to stop all the wars for power and money, destroying the lives of thousands, more devastatingly than any mutated version of the Corona Virus.

We have seen all the positive changes that happened to the earth when we changed for a few months. When we resume our normal lives after this epidemic, let us have a new and better attitude towards every living creature around us and let us not forget the lesson of humility and need to care for the earth this unusual experience has taught us.
