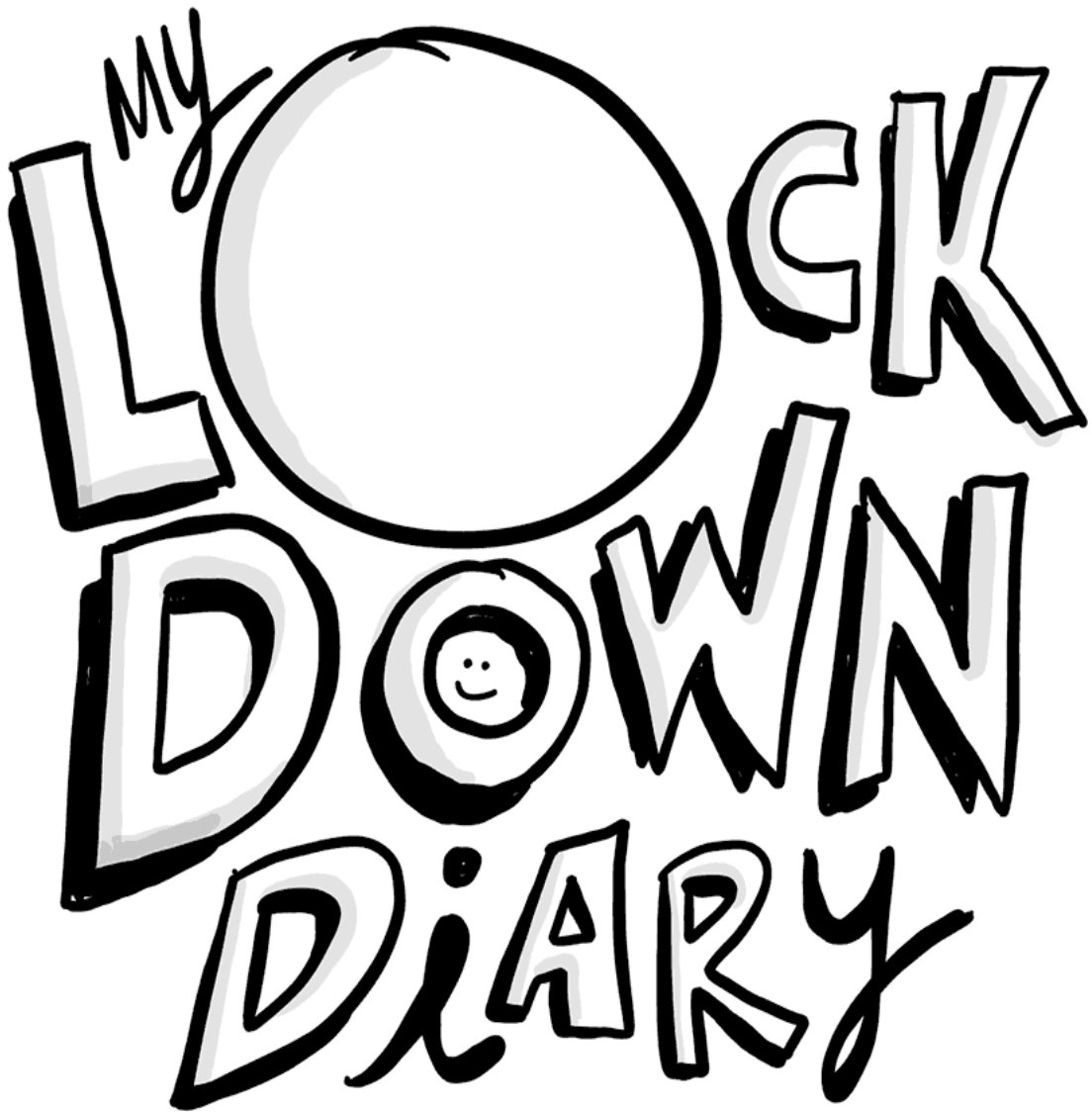


THE LOCKDOWN DIARY

STUDENTS TELL THEIR STORIES ABOUT LIFE DURING COVID-19



13th March – 24th June 2020

Dear Students,

The lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic threw all of us in deep water and we have learnt to swim together. Students and teachers have learnt, practised and further developed life skills in a collaborative and supportive way. Teachers probably learnt just as much from their students than students from the teachers. I cannot say I particularly enjoyed spending a disproportionate amount of time in front of my computer wondering when we get our old lives back. But we can we do? We are in a new reality right now, wearing masks and practising social distancing...

Beyond using new tools, we have all learnt how to adapt and be flexible. Without any doubt, we embraced change and this is probably the most important skill that we will need in the near future; being able to change our ways and adapt to new frameworks of life.

How have you struggled, grown and changed while in isolation? What has it taught you about yourself and what you might want for your future? I believe this *Lockdown Diary* is a great option for everyone who wanted to capture a snippet of life during quarantine. It will remind you of your feelings and your learning journey through these turbulent times through your own voices and experiences.

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your interest and discipline over the last few months. You have all been brilliant!

Best, as always

Martina Kobal (Mom of two. Idea chaser. People believer. Inspiration seeker. Together, we can do it!)



Yep, We're Living Through a Historic Time

Living in lockdown

When this entire thing with the coronavirus started, I didn't believe it would be like this. I didn't even think it would reach us, so I don't have to mention that I had no idea we would have to be in lockdown, especially for such a long time. However, it happened and here we are. Now we've been in lockdown for almost eight weeks and after some time we had to adjust to conditions around us. From the beginning it was hard for me, but I didn't have much choice. Now that I have become **more organized**, all my work is easier. If we don't organize our work we can easily get lazy, so I think, if we talk about distance learning, it's all about organization and self-control. But it's not just learning that could be hard.

Now we are with our families probably much more than we used to be and it can come to some arguments. We have to learn how to be **patient** and **tolerant**. I think nowadays there's a big lack of these two skills in our 'modern' world, but without them we won't make it. Secondly, what is good about it is that we have much **more time for ourselves**, so we can find out something we didn't even know about ourselves, maybe some new talents, or things that we are interested in and there's more perfect time to start developing our abilities and to expand new knowledge.

So just start looking for a new, better you.

Now we can't go shopping whenever we want to and there's no possibility to sit in a café and have a chat with friends. We can only go to a grocery if we really have to and there's a brand new schedule. So we could get bored, our emotions are running high and we could become annoyed about every little thing. Without our normal way of life, maybe we have started to appreciate little things we used to take for granted.

There's a long list of bad and good things, but in my opinion, time is hard and bad enough, so we have to **focus on positive things** and take this situation as a **special experience** about which we will tell stories to our grandchildren. It's hard, but with patience, discipline and teamwork we will fight that disease.



Mojca Lipušček, 1.A

Timeless

Where will we be in six months, a year, 10 years from now? I lie awake at night wondering what the future holds for my loved ones. My friends and relatives. There are a number of possible futures, all dependent on how governments and society respond. Hopefully we will use this crisis to rebuild, produce something better and more humane. But we may slide into something worse.

Everything – yes, almost everything – that we have taken for granted over the years is now being called into question. **Nothing is going to be the way it used to be.** Sure, you can read about how life may change in the future, and it may not change much at all, but I think there will be a »new« normal that is very different to the »old« normal.

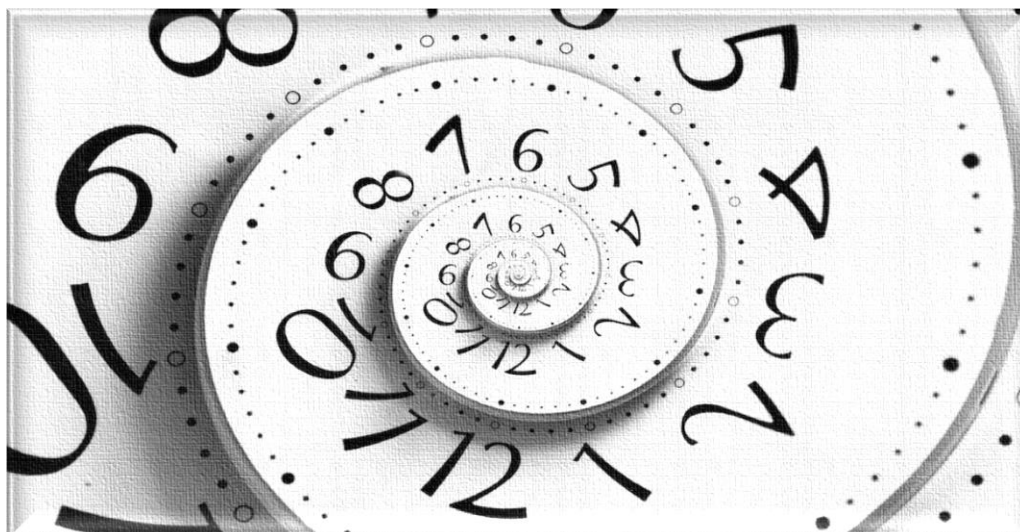
We are used to having everything under control, but we are not aware that there are things we cannot control. We used to have normal daily routines that have been completely changed by the coronavirus. We all had to get used to a new way of life we had never experienced before. Some things really changed, but some almost stayed the same. For example, even before the outbreak, people were already working from home, shopping online, and having food delivered, rather than going to restaurants. The outbreak may have further entrenched the direction in which society was already heading.

That may sound pathetic, however, it is not. In quarantine, as bad as it can be, we are finding our way back to ourselves. It may be that we are thinking this or that, reading this or that, or talking on the phone with this or that person, but we're doing all these things a little differently than before. We are all still experiencing and learning new things.

Sometimes I find myself wondering what day it is today. I think that time goes by way faster than usually. I mean – we are already in June! Where did these past three months go? We need to remember that **time doesn't own us, but that we own time.** This will be over someday, a part of the past. It will someday be a memory. A memory we will never forget.



Polona Božič, 1.A



When you think back to your first days in lockdown, what were some of your fears, worries and hopes? Are you the same person now that you were at the beginning of all this? What has changed about who you are and how you view the world?

What I've learnt over the past three months

Sometimes I feel the lockdown is an opportunity to rest from the frenzy and to try things I didn't have time to do before. Other times, I feel tired of living like this – and the fact that I can't go out drives me crazy. I miss going to school, I miss going out and seeing my friends, but I also feel lucky because I'm healthy and in my comfortable home. Having lunch with my whole family is new – that was not a daily habit before.


During the day I watch TV series and movies. Sometimes I make video calls with my friends, sometimes I draw. We are lucky at least to be able to continue to study and see our classmates and teachers, but there are Internet connection problems and distance learning is more difficult. I'm worried about the victims and that someone I know might get sick. I'm scared that hospitals are overloaded and there aren't enough doctors. Despite the lockdown we're doing well in the family, but I'm amazed at how much I miss school.

I've learned that life and our habits can change in a second.

I have never thought about this before, but in many other parts of the world this often happens.



Maja Gosar, 1.A

	
WATCH A MOVIE/TV SHOW. HOW WAS IT?	
TITLE	What else did today hold?
YOUR REVIEW	
<div>CIRCLE ONE. LIKE DISLIKE</div>	

If I learned anything during the time of lockdown is that **self-control** is key to being a successful student. Getting things done without this is almost impossible. Also, **sleep** does wonders for physical and mental health. However, having a decent sleep schedule, getting good grades and having enough time for yourself do not go well together.



Jana Makuc, 1.A



Lockdown

This lockdown has been a learning phase for everyone, I am sure. The Coronavirus outbreak has been devastating, globally. The first and foremost thing that I have learnt is that **nothing is impossible**. I have found so many new things to do, from cooking, baking to exercising daily. Zoom calls have become the new normal, and we are all looking for ways to stay connected while staying at home. Social media has helped us stay in touch with our family and friends more than ever. I must say that **it has been fun and interesting experience**.

Funny Quotes:

- Who says we are isolated? I have I, Me, Myself for company!
 - Maybe if I develop feelings for Covid-19 it will leave.
 - The only nation I visited this spring is **imagination**.



Naja Repovš, 1.A

I was fascinated and motivated by everything the man said in the video 'The Great Realisation' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nw5KQMXDiM4>). Covid-19 is a terrible disease and it harmed many people, but in every bad situation, there is something good in it. People started to realize how much we were destroying **nature**. During the lockdown, the amount of industry and pollution decreased so much, that animals came back to some places where they hadn't been for ages.

To me, it's really sad that it takes so much for people to realize that what we are doing to nature isn't right. We could say that nature did the same thing to us with the virus. The big question now is if we are going to take advantage of this situation and **stop harming nature** or we are going to follow the old path and eventually **destroy the Earth**.

In my opinion, sadly we won't save the Earth. People are so **SELFISH** and **CARELESS** and they will continue with what they do, no matter what.



Aleksandra Postolov, 1.A



Living in lockdown

The lockdown started on Monday, [March 16th](#). They told us that we would only be in this situation for two weeks. Well, actually, I was a little paranoid. I didn't know what to expect during the lockdown. I was a little frightened that we wouldn't be able to even leave our homes and I also thought that someone would deliver our groceries to our front door.

I expected an answer from my mom, but she also didn't know what this quarantine would be like. So I decided to join her and we watched the news together. I don't even watch television, let alone the news. I was really interested in this topic, about COVID-19, because it was declared as a [pandemic](#).

This kind of pandemic "suspiciously" appears every 100 years. The most famous was probably bubonic plague. The only reason the coronavirus outbreak scared me, was because all the pandemics had tens of millions of death victims. COVID-19 has only taken about 300 thousand lives, that is still a huge number, but in comparison to bubonic plague, it's almost nothing. And THAT is scary to think about.

Everyone is already saying that everything is slowly going back to normal again, but I don't buy that for a second. I believe that the second wave is coming and that this is just the beginning of the end. Why are some countries already going back to school, while for example in America, the death toll is getting higher by the minute? And the fact that the government is thinking about reopening the schools, salons, and other public institutions that are pretty much BASED on touching other people's things or faces or hands, just makes me furious.

The stores and other institutions that ARE open all demand [face masks](#), but that leaves me wondering if this pandemic is even as serious as the media keeps explaining to us? If so, wouldn't [gloves](#) be more important to wear than face masks, because we can literally get infected just by touching something? So I think that gloves should be essential and face masks optional. Of course, it's still better to be safe than sorry, but that is just my opinion.



Sandra Hodžić, 1.A



MY STAY AT HOME SUMMARY.

SUM UP THIS time

TO Future Kids?



MY DAY - HOME EDITION

So my day usually starts at 7 o'clock. I wake up on an average day full of positive vibes because life is too short to be wasted on negative things. It is really important to start your day on the right note, so let's begin. The first thing I do when I wake up is of course make a good fulfilling breakfast that keeps me full for the whole morning. On an average day, I make myself some eggs with a little cheese and some fruit. By that time it is already 7.30 am so that means it's time for morning relaxation. I go out on my terrace and eat my breakfast while peacefully listening to birds and enjoying morning fresh air. Then I have to wash my dishes and clean the kitchen. After cleaning you obviously have to clean yourself because hygiene is very important. I brush my teeth, clean my face, brush my hair, and do some light makeup just for the fun of it. At this point, it's about 8 am so school starts. I check if I have Zoom classes that day, which I usually do every single day. I start class, pay attention, and do some homework that I get that day. Between classes, I give myself a break so I usually stretch and go outside to play with my dog. Now it's already 12 pm so I go down to the kitchen and make myself lunch. It depends on the day but I really like to have some kind of vegetables every day for this meal. At 1 pm I go outside on my terrace again and eat my lunch in peace. After all of that fun stuff, it's time to wash the dishes from before. Once the chores are done I relax for a bit. I watch some Netflix and FaceTime with my best friend. At 4 pm it is time for school again so I grab a notebook and my planner and do homework and type essays. At 5 pm I go out rollerblading because you have to keep your body fit in some way. After my workout for the day is done, I am home and my mom already made me dinner. I eat it with my family and we talk about all the fun activities that happened that day. When we finish dinner, I help my mother with house chores and then I go straight to the bathroom to shower and wash my hair. It's 6 pm by now so it's time for me to get into a chill zone. I watch series and meditate to calm my mind. Then at 10 pm, it's finally time to go to sleep after a long and exhausting but a successful day.



Kaja Škrinjar, 1.A

Whats FOR DiNNeR

DRAW WHAT YOU HAD ON YOUR PLATE.



WHAT DID IT TASTE LIKE?

A series of horizontal lines for writing, intended for describing the taste of the meal.

THOUGHTS ON TODAY

A large, empty rectangular area with a wavy border, intended for writing thoughts about the day.

Learnt Something NEW in Lockdown? What is It?

Today it's June 18th, and quarantine started on March 13th. I think quarantine ended at the beginning of June, but I am still »stuck« at home. A lot has changed in the past 2 or 3 months. Not only my routine but also the way I look at things in life.

It all started when the coronavirus wasn't in Slovenia yet. My classmates and I were talking about how lucky all those children around the world who didn't have to go to school were. My opinion changed when the virus reached our country. I got sick and had to stay home for a week (no, I didn't have the virus). When I got better, I was very excited to go back to school because I missed my friends and I was getting kind of bored being home by myself. I didn't make it back, because right at that point our school closed to prevent the spread of the virus. That meant I had to stay at home without knowing how long for. After about two weeks I finally got a hang of the online school process, I was very motivated. Slowly as the weeks went by, my motivation started to drop, so I just procrastinated all day. I regret that because then I was behind with work, so I had to spend the weekends doing school. I got back on track, but now as the summer holidays are almost here my motivation is dropping again, but I keep reminding myself, "The sooner I do it, the sooner it's going to be over".

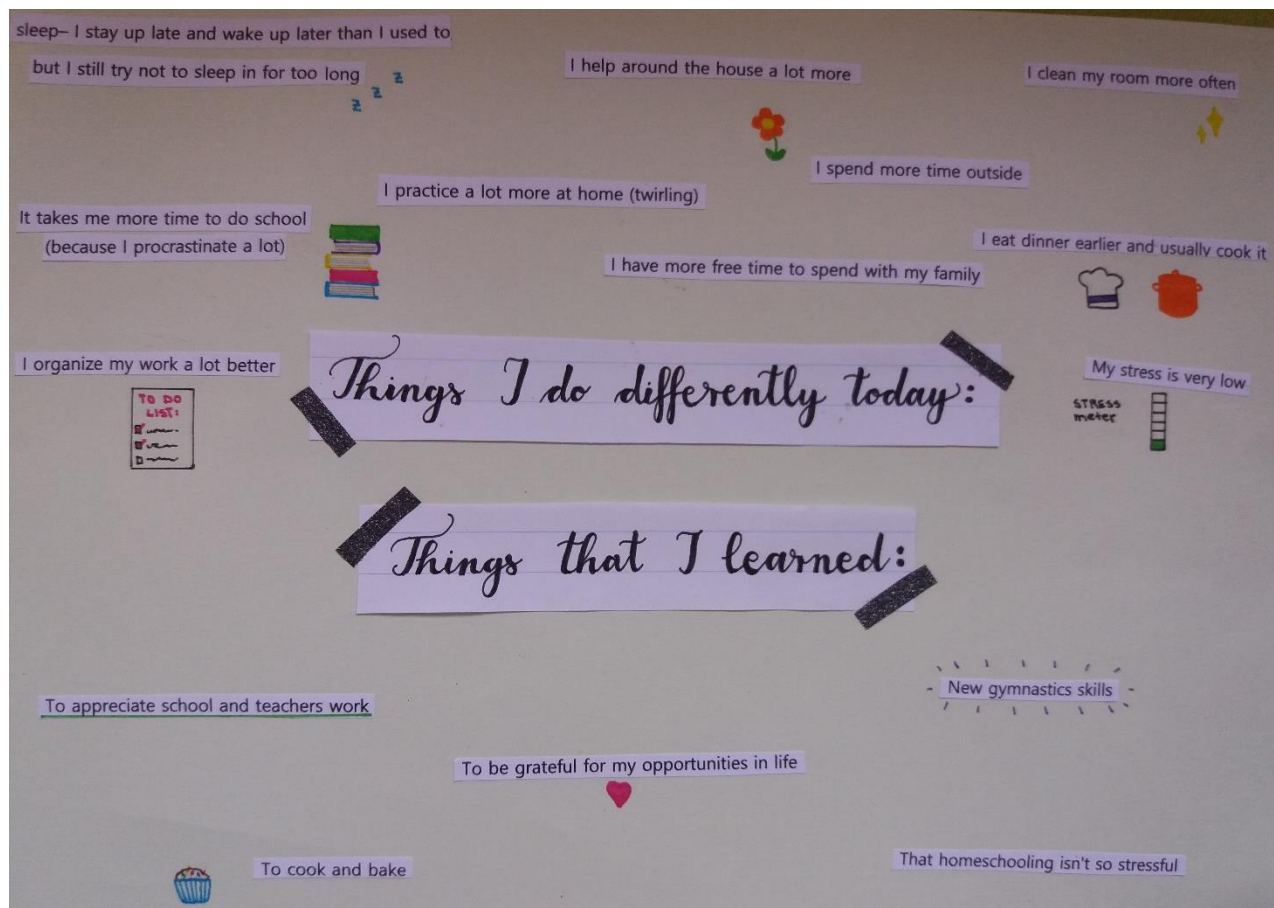
I enjoy the process of online learning, but I have found out that **I actually miss school more than I expected**. I'm scared to go back because we will have exams straight away and I am already panicking. I hope I will pass them.

WHAT I DO DIFFERENTLY TODAY:

- Sleep – I stay up late and wake up later than I used to, but I still try not to sleep in for too long,
- I spend more time outdoors,
- I eat dinner earlier and I usually cook it myself,
- I help around the house a lot more,
- I practise twirling a lot more at home,
- It takes me more time to do school (because I procrastinate a lot),
- I clean my room more often,
- I have more free time to spend with my family,
- I live a stress-free life,
- I organize my work a lot better.

WHAT I HAVE LEARNED:

- To be grateful for my opportunities in life,
- To appreciate school and teachers' work,
- That online learning isn't so stressful,
- To cook and bake,
- New gymnastics skills.



Klara Kofol, 1.A

Lockdown

Before the virus arrived,
the world was busy and loud.
People were trying to make a lot of money,
and they didn't care about our planet, which was not funny.
But then one day the government made a decision
which was for everyone quite a mission.
They closed all schools, shops and even borders.
They'd done that, so people could be at home safe
but surprisingly they also became more brave.
They started to realize, how beautiful life can be,
if they hang out with their family. People've become more loving,
not just for themselves,
but also for the one and only planet earth.



Danaja Školaris, 1.A

WHO ARE YOU HOME? With

WRITE WHAT YOU APPRECIATE ABOUT THESE PEOPLE.

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

NAME _____

IF YOU NEED
MORE, PRINT ANOTHER
PAGE :

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The New Way Of Life

Everything you could ever imagine has changed. My life has turned upside down. Many days, weeks have passed since the lockdown started and still I can not imagine when all of this will end...

Everything has happened so fast and I clearly remember that specific day when I was lost in my thoughts thinking, wow what if this was the last time I was here and saw everyone in the normal way? That thought frightened me every single time I closed my eyes. And yet... I was right, it happened. The most unwanted, unexpected thing of them all – the lockdown.

So many situations have brought us to this exact place. Our mindset has been destroyed as much as our lives. Well, I personally still don't think this is the worst thing that could happen. There is so much more to explore, so much more to know and yet so little time that we have to spend on this planet.

One of the main things that the pandemic situation can teach us is to be true to ourselves and patience. We should focus on our priorities first and that is actually us.

Right now missing things is going to be the worst. We all miss our friends, our family and, above all, our normal lives. I had to deal with this slowly and accept the fact that nothing is ever going to be the same as it was. But maybe after all this isn't a bad thing. We are being trapped in our position to work how society tells us. Maybe right now it is time to let go and breathe.

At some point I think to myself that I am honestly so blessed to live the life I am living now and have such amazing friends supporting me. There wasn't a day where my friends didn't check up on me. On the other hand, now I know for sure who the real ones are.

The time we spend by ourselves is also priceless but we don't really realise that so much. We think we need somebody to fulfill us but that is not true. The first step to be the best version of us is to love ourselves, everything we do and bring to this world. We must realise that now is the time to finally start loving ourselves and accept who we are.

Our lives are involved around routine and so now it is the time to break this routine down and do everyday tasks like we want to do. Our timing is also very important for being able to express ourselves through work.

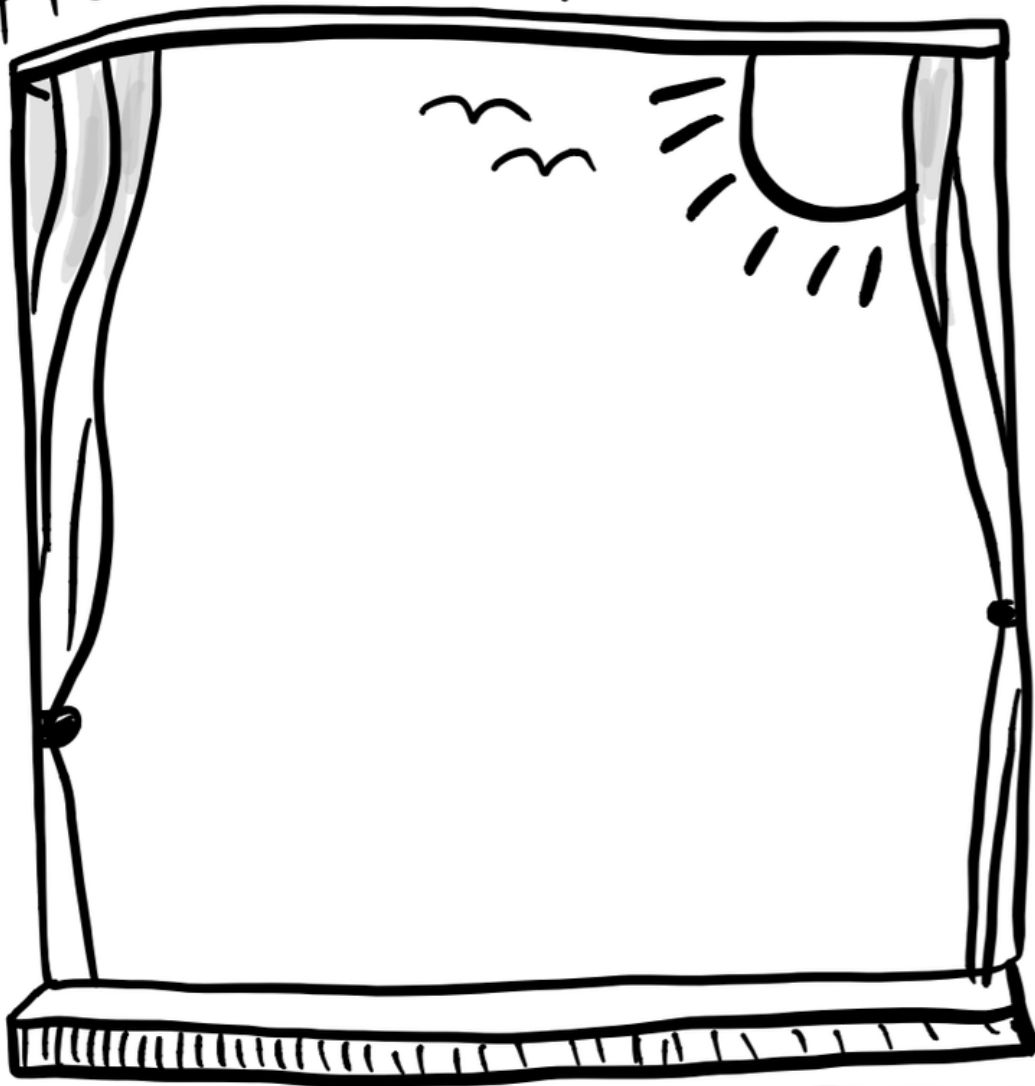
When I think about this whole situation in general, I think I have finally come to conclusion – **everything happens for a reason** at a specific time. So let's make it worth living and enjoy this time while it lasts.



Kaja Škrinjar, 1.A

DRAW THE VIEW

FROM YOUR BEDROOM WINDOW.



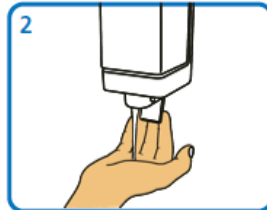
Is there something you didn't notice before? _____

Some students washed hands to the tune of their favorite songs...

Hand-washing technique with soap and water



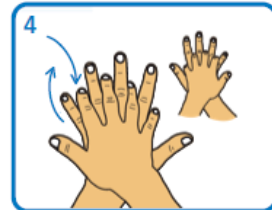
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Tonight I'm gonna have myself a real good time



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I feel alive



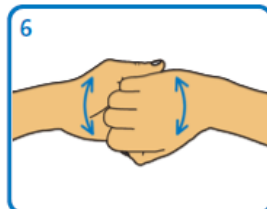
3
And the world, I'll turn it inside out, yeah



4
I'm floating around in ecstasy, so (Don't stop me now)



5
(Don't stop me) 'Cause I'm havin' a good time, havin' a good time



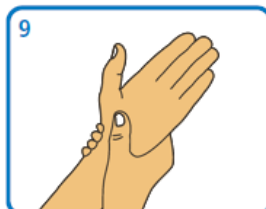
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I'm a shooting star leaping through the sky



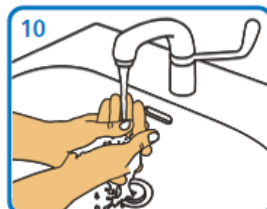
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Like a tiger defying the laws of gravity



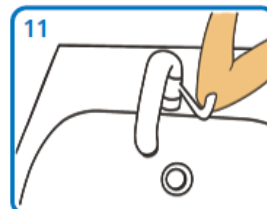
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I'm a racing car passing by like Lady Godiva



9
I'm gonna go, go, go, there's no stopping me



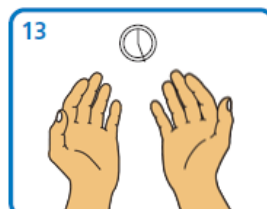
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I'm burning through the sky, yeah



11
Two hundred degrees, that's why they call me Mister Fahrenheit



12
I'm travelling at the speed of light



13
I wanna make a supersonic man outta you

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Don't Stop Me Now
Queen

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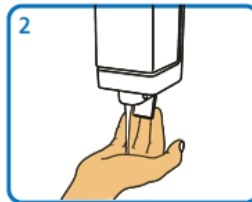


Manca Lozar, 1.A

Hand-washing technique with soap and water



1
You're a fool



2
Twit twit twit twit



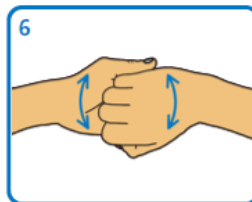
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I do not like it



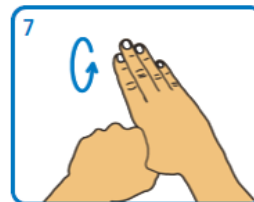
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Nobody like it



5
Useless corona



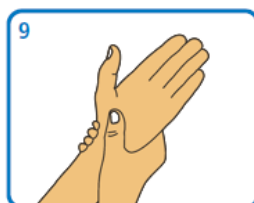
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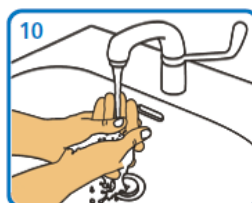
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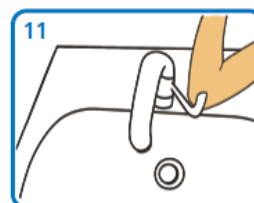
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Nobody like it



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You're a fool



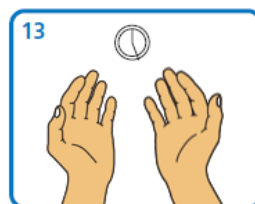
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An illness that only knows
me



11
Useless corona



12
You should look around
once



13
You don't even know
you're a pain

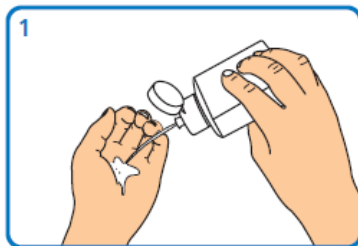
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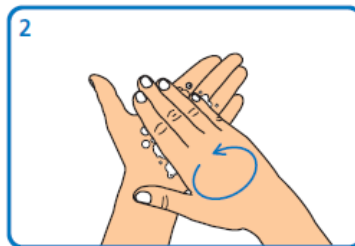


Jana Makuc, 1.A

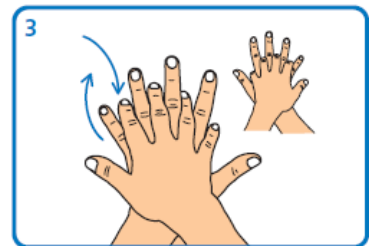
Alcohol handrub hand hygiene technique – for visibly clean hands



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Outlines of your eyes and visions of you



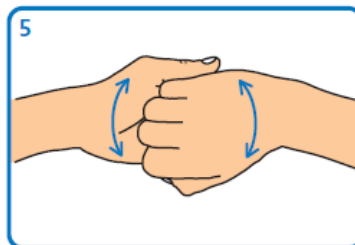
2
Girl, I think I need a minute



3
To figure out what is, what isn't



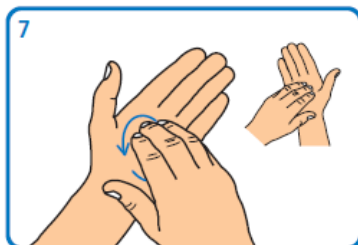
4
These choices and voices, they're all in my head



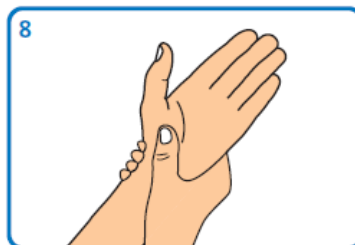
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Sometimes you make me feel crazy



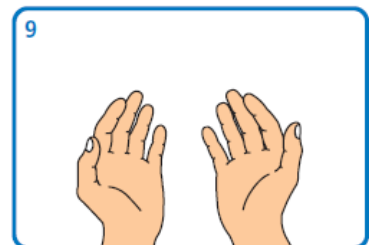
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Sometimes I swear I think you hate me like, uh



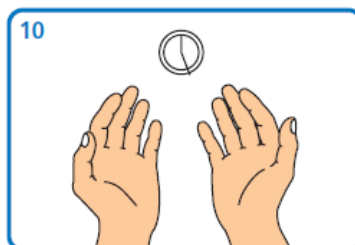
7
I need a walk, I need a walk



8
I need to get outta here



9
'Cause I need to know



10
Who are you?

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Who
Lauv

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Daša Škrlić, 1.C

Dear future me, ...

Some students wrote a letter to their future selves about this strange and new way of life.

Dear future Lina,

Life is crazy right now, but we settled quite ok, considering the things that are happening right now. My lifestyle has changed quite drastically.

We stopped going to school in the middle of March. Online school is pretty different from what I'm used to, we students have more responsibility. When I first heard the schools were closing I wasn't surprised but I can definitely say that I didn't anticipate them closing for such a long time. Honestly I'm starting to get really bored. I wouldn't say I miss school and getting up early, but I do miss the lifestyle before the coronavirus, going out with friends, shopping. I have spent a lot more time with my family during this tough time.

During the lockdown I have learned that I'm a person that gets easily bored, I have also learned that I can be quite stubborn... Even more than I thought.

*We have been in lockdown for a long time (since March) so just now (in May) things are starting to go back to normal. I'm happy about that. Everyone is thinking about summer break but nobody is sure if we could even go on vacation, I hope so. About this experience I think the thing I'll remember the most is how bored I was, and how everyone's life turned upside down in a minute. But nevertheless I think that this experience has changed everyone, even me. We have started to **appreciate family** and **health** more. We have started being more **considerate towards other people** and have **learned** a lot **about ourselves**. And even though I wouldn't do it again, I think it has helped a lot of people to take a big breath and see what they have in their lives, it has helped them realise the significance of family.*

Lina



Lina Huljev, 1.C

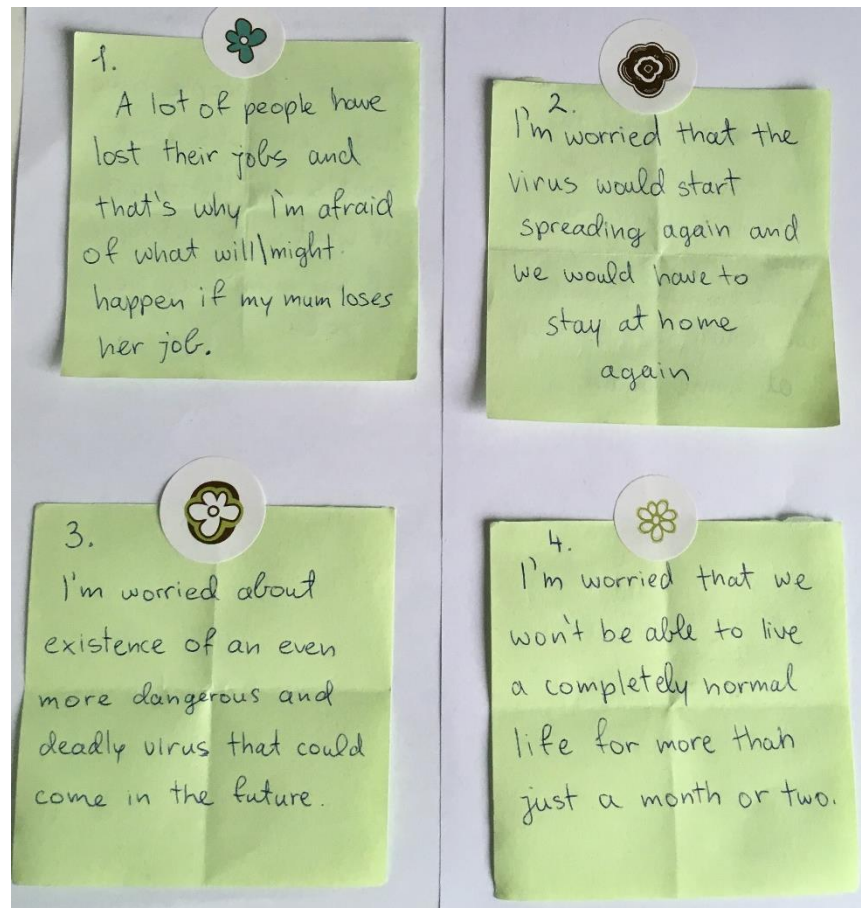


Worry Jar

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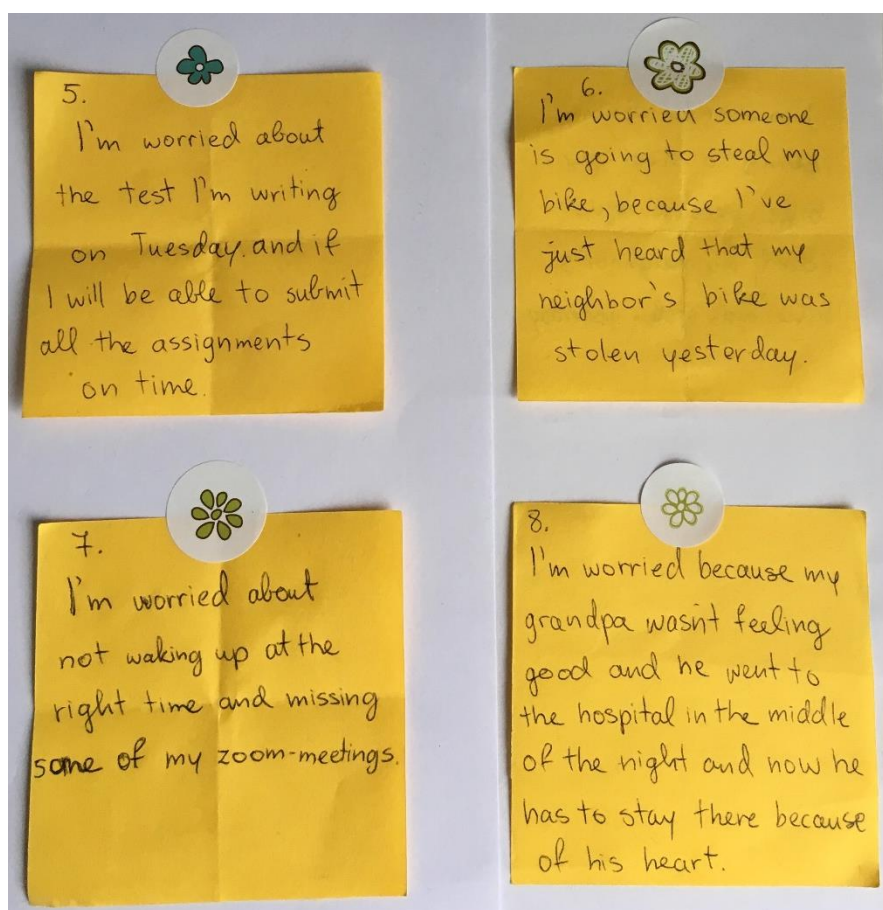
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WORRY JAR



What I've learnt during quarantine

In my days of self-isolation and distance learning, I have learnt a very important lesson, one that I struggled to understand before quarantine. I'm talking about **taking school** and **education for granted**.

At first, when we were told we'd only stay at home for a fortnight, I got excited about playing videogames all day and not having to socialize (I sometimes find that exhausting). However, when it turned out that the actual length of the isolation period was not yet determined, I realized this wouldn't be as enjoyable as I had thought.

School turned out to be a lot more complicated this way, and quite frankly, for some subjects I worked harder than before quarantine. We did manage to avoid the stressful period of May, but that is a very selfish way of looking at things, seeing as this was a global pandemic.

I think we should be **grateful for what we have**, since something like this could happen at any time and anyone could be hurt by it.

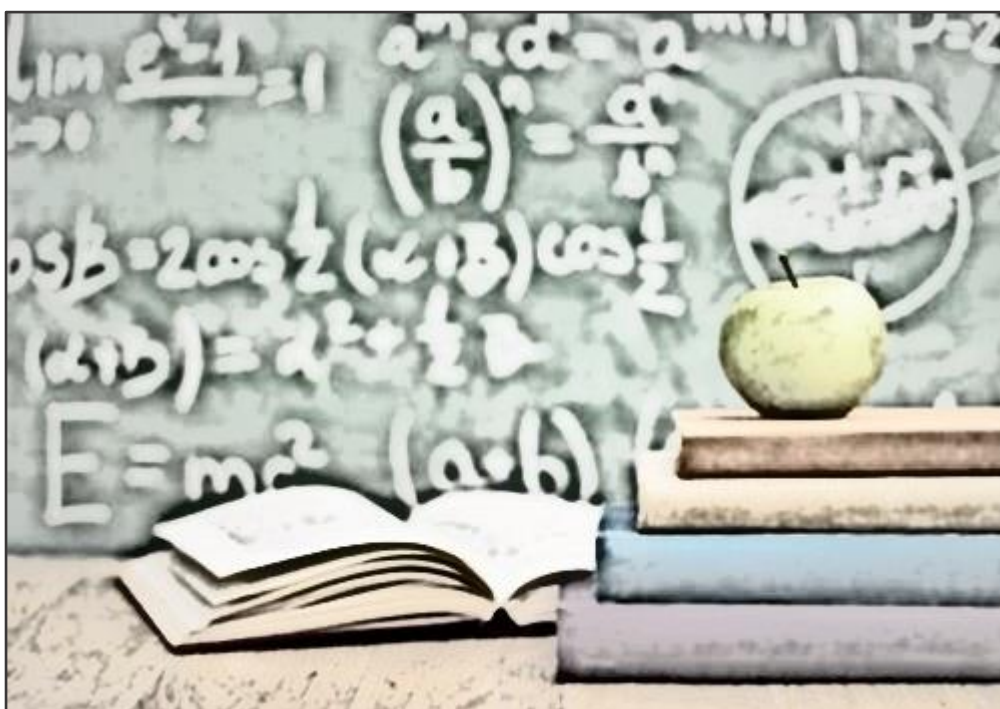


Tine Vodopivec, 1.C

What I've learnt in the past few months is a lot of **maths**. I'm just finishing up multivariable calculus and starting to study series and sequences. As an introvert I can also see the bright side of quarantine, because it has given me lots of time to do the things that I want to do.



Matija Skrt, 1.C



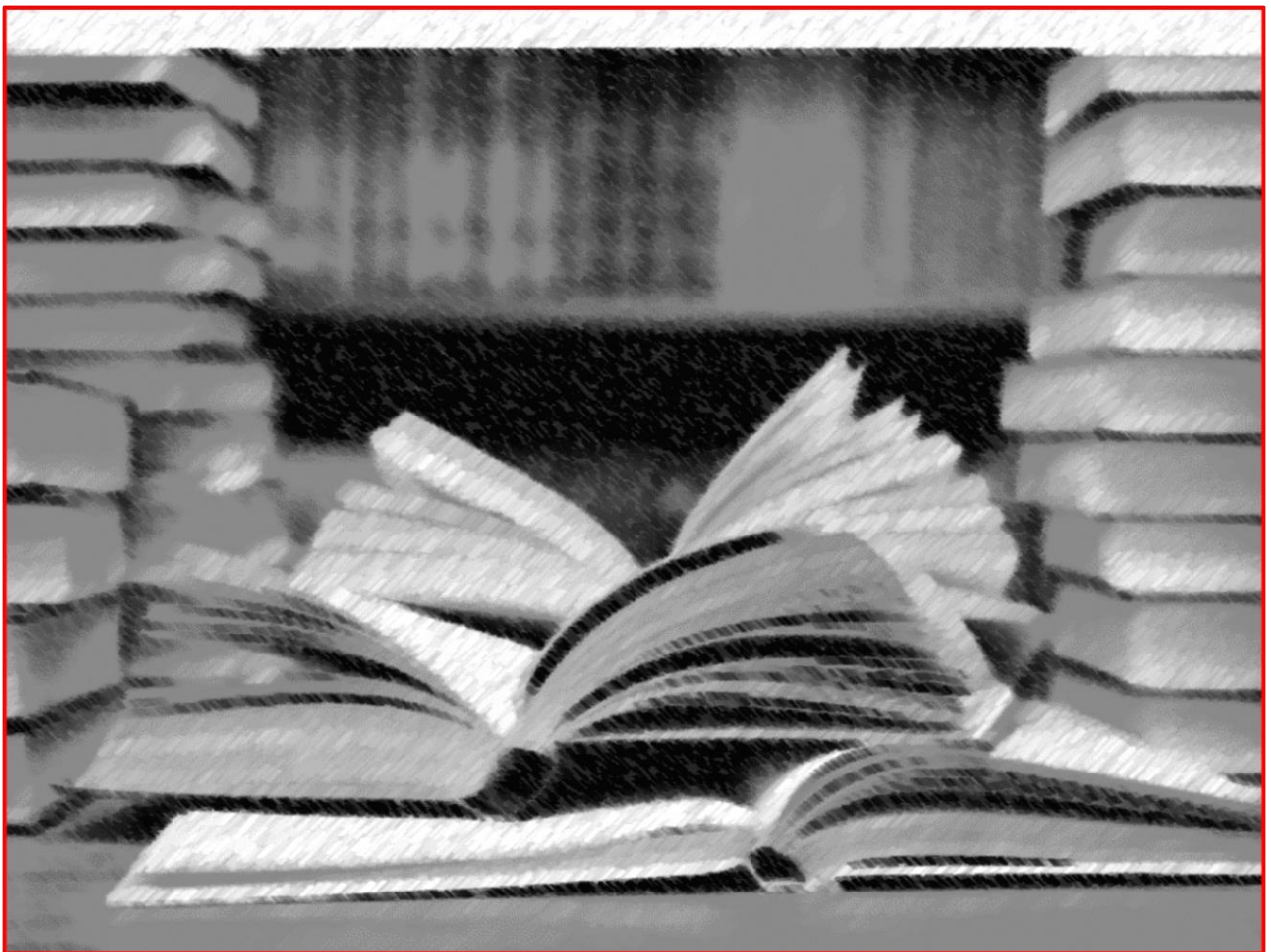
What Made Today AWESOME?

“Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.” -Mason Cooley

Books have been my **life saviors** these past few months. In the world where everything is constantly changing, stories written in novels are often one of the few things that stay the same. Books are in my opinion the **ultimate escape route** that allows us to forget the world around us for a moment and go on an adventure without leaving the safety of our home. It is comforting to know that there are some things that will forever remain **unchanged**.



Ema Frančeškin, 1.C



Remote Learning During Coronavirus

FIRST WEEK OF WORKING AT HOME



SECOND MONTH OF WORKING AT HOME



Kristina Štrukelj, 1.C

What I've learnt over the past three months

I've learnt how nice it is to spend your days in peace and in the pace of your liking. I've had healthier, but also more enjoyable meals and so far I've been feeling amazing.

The recipes that I've tried have been delicious. I have been totally obsessed with making different kinds of coffee and I have even baked my first cake. My family also tells me that I make the best pizza.

I have also really expanded my taste in music and discovered a lot of good shows to watch. I have been getting a lot more exercise in fresh air, and it has made me feel very relaxed. My hair has also got longer, so trying new hairstyles also comes in handy, luckily I haven't tried to cut it.

I have also done a lot of online clothes shopping, so now I have a really good skill of recognizing what colors and sizes fit me best.

The first four weeks were the hardest for me, because I really missed some company, but luckily, I've really learnt how to have a good time by myself. The best part of the quarantine was not being sleepy.



Alma Fučka, 1.F

An introvert's lockdown

I was never an extrovert,
so when they put out an alert,
I was a tad happy,
though now, and this might sound sappy,
I miss the people, a truth overt.



Zala Ribolica, 1.F



Dear future me, ...

Dear Neli,

You made among others plans for 2020. Travel destinations, school goals, sport decisions... But COVID-19 has changed our routines. However, I am so proud of you for conquering the apocalypse loophole and remembering this year in the best light possible.

At the end of 2020 I want to say this has been a great year instead of saying I could not reach my yearly goals because of the pandemic. Admittedly, I don't know whether I'll be able to reach all my goals for the year. I made quite a long list of New Year's resolutions and goals, but so far I've fulfilled almost half of them and I am quite proud.

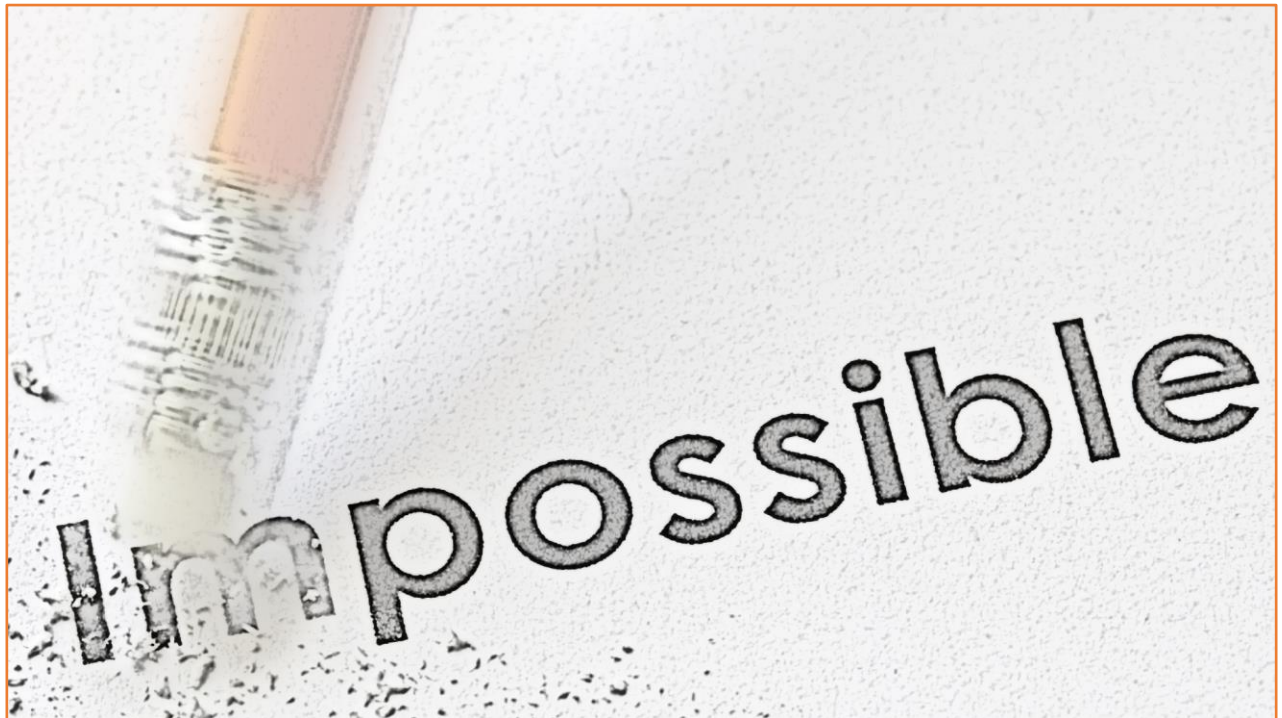
I think this year has taught me how to adapt to different situations. I have also started to appreciate everything and everybody who is a part of my life now. The quarantine lockdown made me connect with my family more, but also spend more money on online shopping. I believe **every challenge comes with an opportunity** and if you take it, you begin transforming your life.

And I have also realized how much of our lives we usually take for granted, and I have discovered that **the most precious things in life aren't things**.

For me 2020 has been the best year so far, it has been different, stressful at times but overall beautiful and as a future me reading this I hope I've learned a lesson and I am continuing to live by the new norms I have adapted this year.



Neli Štanta, 2.B



A letter to my future self

Hello Sara! How are you doing? I hope you are doing fine. I mean not JUST fine but very very well. I really hope that you don't have to fight with yourself in which room you are going to live for the next day.

I am sorry, I forgot to introduce myself (in case you forgot who I am/or I was in the past), my name is Sara Lisjak, I'm 16 years old you and my world is basically a 63m² flat cube with 7 windows. That's all I know. Outdoors? Does not exist. Deadly dangerous and unknown. I was on the edge of extinction. I had to survive. Let me tell you how I did it.

Nobody really truly feels the moment at that moment when something is happening. You don't think it's a big deal. But only when you stop and look back on that exact moment you realise what was actually happening. That's why I do not remember the exact moment when I became my own hero of survival. Life was as normal and mundane as it could have been until my friend Meta ran into me screaming that schools would be closed for the next few weeks. First, I was very happy, but little did I know that this was the last day on Earth. After that day everything changed. The world didn't turn upside down. It disappeared. Along with everybody, except me.

The first week I was living like a baby. I slept for 18 hours a day and I ate and pretended that I was asleep for the rest 6 hours. But then I had to save the world. I had to learn everything by myself. How to cook. How to clean. How to get out of bed at 1 p.m. I had no idea how many weeks, maybe even months, passed by until I could make myself a simple meal without screwing it up. One day I couldn't fall asleep so I picked up a book which turned out to be my history textbook. I opened it on page 234 and there it was. A definition of the word 'quarantine'. I read it out loud and that was the last thing I remembered.

After that a cube that I lived in disappeared and humans came back. That experience changed me. It showed me that sometimes fairy tales exist. And so do criminals. I became stronger. I learnt how many grains of rice there were in the bag on the right shelf. Thanks to that experience I also realized that a bathtub could easily be used as bed, as well.

Dear future Sara, I hope you are doing very well. I hope you are happy and loyal to yourself.

PS: Are you down for part 2??????



Sara Lisjak, 2.B



Sunshine rays make their way into my room.
Oh look, another day in quarantine!
Closing my eyes, I turn around. What am I going to do today?
I wake up and go to the kitchen.
Ah! My favourite cereal is gone!
Look at that, a mask I've found. Yay! I can go to the store!

Downtown in the little store,
I find the cereal, sure, but
Seriously, still no toilet paper?!
This is just insane.
After the trip to the store (the most I'm getting of this year's vacation, I guess)
Now I'm staying home. What else?
Can't I do something different today?
Isn't there anything that I haven't done yet?
Nothing? Okay...
Glad to know. Now, let's start our usual routine.
Dancing around in the kitchen,
singing to my favourite song (in the wrong key, might I add).
And just as I'm about to think "hey, this isn't half bad"
Rings the doorbell and it's my family coming home.
Yay! (*sarcastically*) After three months together that's when the real fun will begin!

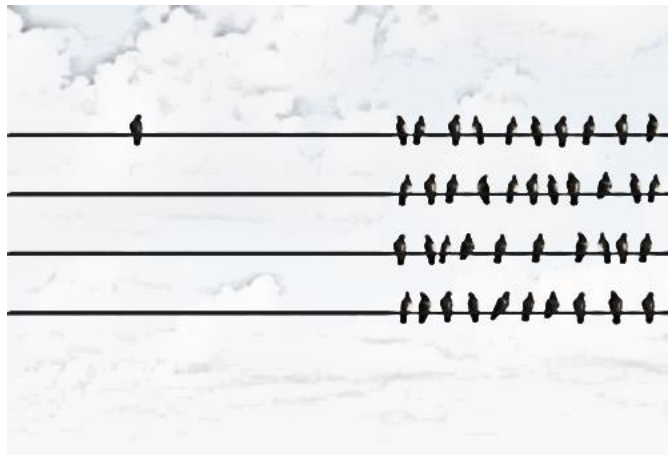
But hey, I guess that's just another day in quarantine.

Confused about this poem?
Confused why it doesn't rhyme?
I think checking the first letters might reveal something else, but
In the meantime,
Let's just enjoy the fact that quarantine is almost over.
And I hope next year we meet again in person.
And hope the situation around the world will not worsen.

Enjoy your summer vacation!



Gaja Remiaš, 2.B



The Lockdown Diary

Quarantine was experience for everyone that we had never expected. In my opinion, everyone discovered something new about themselves or developed a new talent or hobby during this strange period. The first few weeks were pretty tiring, but then a new life began.

During the lockdown I hanged out with my brothers and their girlfriends a lot more than usual, because we were all home after a long time. It was nice. We went for a walk, we watched old photos and old film footage and we ate a lot.

It was not so bad. Despite working for school, I was also able to do other things I could not have done during regular school, for example learning in bed, breakfast during class, and talking during class without disturbing teachers. But of course no one did that 😊.

But I missed my friends and classmates so I prefer “regular” school.

What the pandemic forced me into:

I repainted the room, moved the furniture (good decision), threw away old clothes, emptied the fridge and NO I did not cut my hair.



Eva Podlogar, 2.B

Lockdown

Sitting in the house
Hoping this will end
Not doing things just because
I can't do them with my friends.

Sitting in the house
Hoping this will end
Downloading TikTok app
Because this is now a trend.

Sitting in the house
Hoping this will end
Not having sense of time,
Is it already weekend?

Sitting in the house
Hoping this will end
Going outside for a walk
I highly recommend.

Sitting in the house
Hoping this will end
Finishing school year on Zoom call
Wasn't what I planned.



Lara Ličen, 2.G

Tell the Future Your Story

At the end of last year, journalists reported that the Chinese discovered a new virus. We thought, »Ah, something is happening in China, far away from here!« But nobody thought that virus would come to Europe, too. Months passed, and the new corona virus was getting closer and closer to Slovenia. One day the Government closed all schools, kindergartens, all shopping centres and theatres. Everything had been able to do before was no longer possible. I felt very worried and I had a lot of questions and doubts about what would happen with our schooling.

We started distance education. The first week was very unusual and I had to find a way to do all homework in time. Now I write down a schedule every day so I do not forget something. At times, it is exhausting, but we can all sleep a little longer in the mornings. What I miss most during self-isolation are my friends, laughter and a spirit of goodwill. I do not miss buses, because when we lived a normal life I had to get up earlier in the morning. I am happy to be able to sleep longer, though.

Today it is mid-May and we have lived with the coronavirus for two months. This is something new for all of us. We got used to new things. For example, you have to wear a mask in stores and disinfect your hands regularly.

I am sad because I cannot go to the theatre or the cinema, but I have taken some time to tidy up my room. I also enjoy spending time to relax in nature. During this time I have found out a lot of things about me that I never knew. I can draw, not so beautifully as the other Nuša (☺), but still I am good at it. I have fallen in love with gardening. I like flowers and vegetables, especially when everything is green and blooming.

Living with my family can be great fun and very boring at the same time. Sometimes we talk or watch TV together. We laugh and enjoy ourselves. However, there are some days that you want to have some peace and time just for yourself. And these days I often have this opportunity.



Dear, Nuša!

This is very important part of the year 2020. What a year! The beginning was not as good as you expected, but still there are so many things to be happy and proud about. You have found a new part of yourself. Take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity! Just be yourself.

Good luck.



Nuša Velišček, 2.G

I Wish Poem

I wish I was with my friends right now.

I wish we were at McDonald's.

I wish we were eating.

I wish we were laughing.

I wish we were loud like we always are.

I wish we were together.



Zarja Pelicon, 2.G



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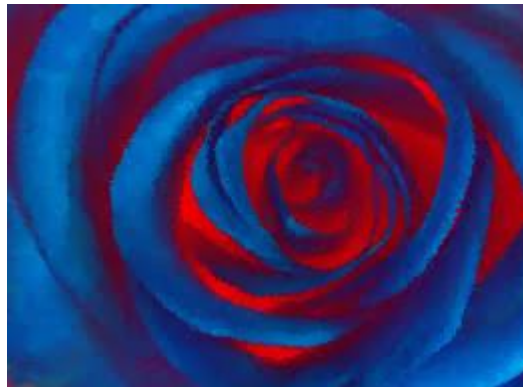
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO WHEN LIFE RETURNS TO NORMAL... WHEN THE LOCKDOWN ENDS?

Thank you, Girls. It means a lot to me...

Roses are red
violets are blue
we fell in love with quarantine
and she did too.
She still isn't ending because she loves us a lot
we can say she really shot her shot.



XX, 1.A



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