



"After nourishment, shelter, and companionship, stories are the thing we need most in the world."

- Philip Pullman

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We can confidently point to the significant improvement in the attendance and engagement levels of our students as we keep building momentum with our distance learning initiatives. For this academic term, the average attendance from May to July is 85.9%.

The positive consequence of this is enhanced by the increased levels of engagement that we have been witnessing. The students' learning curve has steepened as they

participated in several curricular and co-curricular activities conducted online.



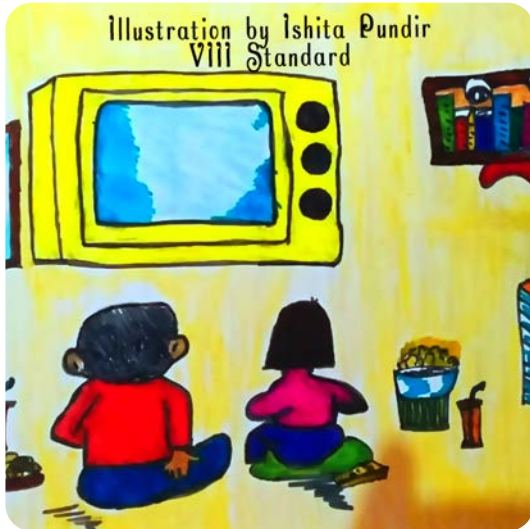
Artwork by Vaishnavi, Class V

One of the activities that kept our creative enthusiasts busy was the School Magazine Program which was led by our 2 young interns from Bombay International School, Aaliya and Tanisha. They brought on board a lot of insights and enthusiasm and added great value to this project. Let us now delve into the fresh outlook of all our young learners, developed as a consequence of the pandemic situation.

## My Lockdown Journey

Preeti Rana, XII Graduate

"Lockdown was the time when we got a chance to learn many things and show creativity. During the lockdown, I was in my village in Tehri. My father and I reached there a day before the lockdown started. I spent almost a year in my village.



My whole journey throughout lockdown was very exciting and exposed me to creativity. Although the most challenging thing during the pandemic has been digital learning,

we have many great teachers with us who make us feel comfortable and clear all our doubts. We, at PYDS, are one family and I am proud to be a part of it.

Apart from the online classes, I learned new things in my village. Along with my family members, I sowed many crops in the fields. I learned how to sow potatoes in the fields, and I enjoyed these activities.





We got a chance to spend time with each other.

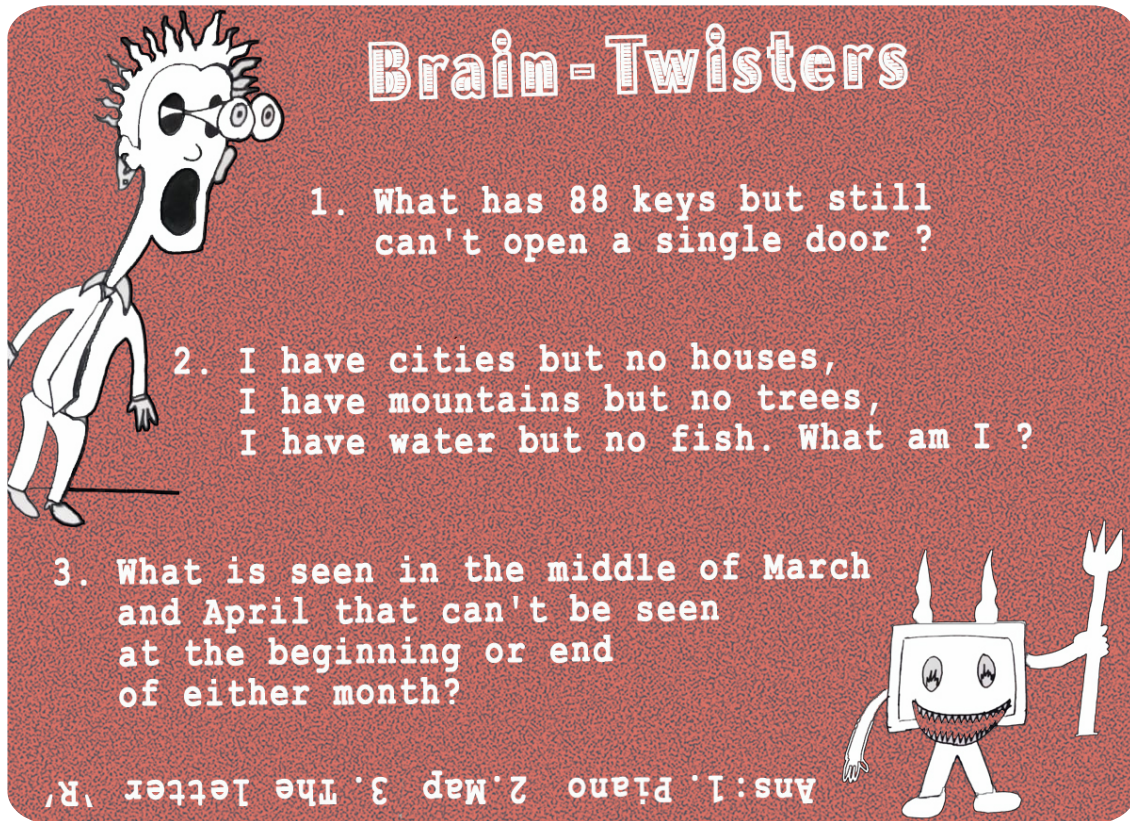
I planted many trees and flowers in my neighborhood as I had learned planting from my father.

I also had a conversation with my donor Vimalendu sir and his wife. It was the most exciting thing for me as I also got a chance to know about their lockdown journey. I felt amazed talking to them. I hope as soon as this pandemic ends, I will get a chance to meet them.

Behind all these things, the most important thing was that the PYDS family cooperated with me in every step of my journey. With their blessings, I was able to study properly and live happily.

The whole lockdown journey was very exciting for me. Although we lost many people to the pandemic, I hope that our country will take precautions and fight against this pandemic."





By Sneha Kumari Class VII, Artwork by Kanishka Joshi Class VIII

**Teacher:- Why are you late ?**



**Student:- Because of the road sign**

**Teacher:- What type of Road Sign?**

**Student:- The sign that says  
"school ahead walk slow"**



By Sneha Kumari Class VII, Artwork by Lucky Verma Class VI

**CBSE Results**

Due to the pandemic, Class XII-Board-Examinations could not be conducted in the conventional manner. Considering the importance of these examinations in setting the course for students' pursuit of higher education, guidelines were issued by CBSE to evaluate the performance of students as per the following:

- School-based performance in Class XII and Class XI exams.
- Results of the performance in best three subjects out of main 5 subjects in class X Board exams.



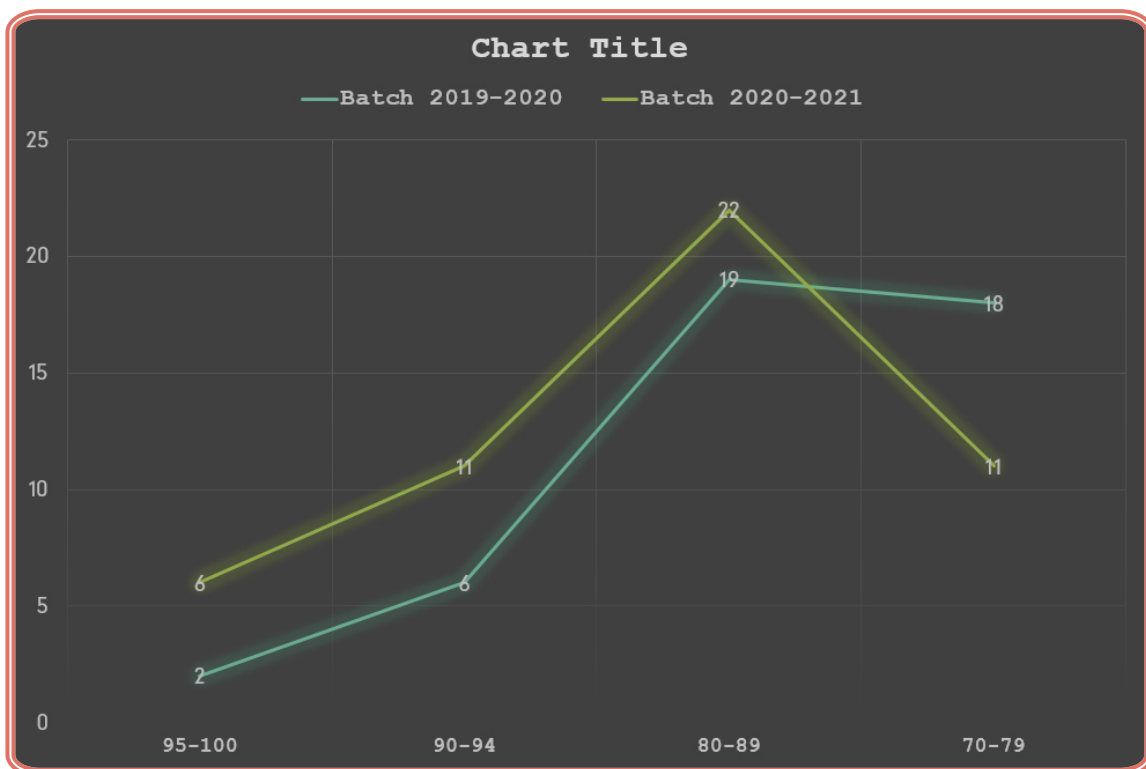
We have got 100% results with 39 out of 50 students scoring between 80-99%

- Harshit Rawat is the topper of the school with 97.4%. He has the highest individual

## score in Accountancy(97%) and in Economics (99%)

- Prachi Chauhan is the highest scorer in the Science stream with 96.80%
- Anurag Verma is the second-highest scorer in the commerce stream with 96%
- Shyam Kumar is the second-highest scorer in the Science stream with 94.80%
- Prachi Chauhan and Dilip Yadav has scored the highest in English (99%)

Provided below is a comparison of the current and the last academic year



## Our Young Problem Solvers

We are pleased to share with you the results of 'ATL Marathon 2020'. Our Entries 'EduIndia' and 'MedConnect' secured 1st and 3rd position in



Uttarakhand respectively.

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has also released the 'Top 300 national innovators' list. Our project 'EduIndia' is the only project from Uttarakhand to be featured on this prestigious list. Provided below are brief descriptions of the solutions that our young minds developed with the links to the videos.

**EduIndia:** This is an initiative by Naina Singh, Anjali Dhiman, and Ramzan Ali of Grade X to provide basic education to village women. After learning about the hesitation of parents in attending parent-teacher meetings and about the difficulties they faced in interacting with vendors, our students proposed a solution that encourages students to educate their parents at home. Watch the video to learn more.





**EduIndia: Educating Local Women**

**MedConnect:** This project, undertaken by Vaibhav Aswal (XII Graduate) and Siddharth Rawat of XI, targets inadequate health services in rural regions of Uttarakhand which is one of the prime causes of mass migration. Our students led several surveys and collected major pain points of all the villagers regarding health care facilities. Our students developed a Concept app MedConnect that connects remote villages through Roadway Bus Network. Watch the video to learn more.



MedConnect: Targeting inadequate health services in rural regions

**Gold Medalist**



IAYP (International Award for Young People), a youth empowerment program presented Keshav Giri, our XII graduate, with a Gold Award for his invaluable community service, adventurous journey, and learning new skills. The program lasted an active 18 months during which he led several cleaning drives and honed his basketball skills. Under the sponsorship of PYDS, he also participated in a 15-day adventure course at Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi. While there, he learned several techniques of mountain climbing and other activities.

## Our Values

Our heart swells with pride to inform you about the recent initiative of one of our alumni, Pankaj Maurya, who led a cleaning campaign targeting a nearby tourist spot littered with

disposable plastic. Let's find out what motivated him to take this initiative in his own words.

"Being clean and green is not just an aspiration but a deed that we must commit to, in order to have a better future. I live in a place where there is abundant greenery around and it feels heart-rending when I see people leaving behind their garbage.

There is a place called 'Shikhar Fall' near my home. It is a tourist hotspot in summer but now it is not that old-beautiful fall as it used to be. I organized a cleaning drive with my friends on 17 and 18 June 2021. We collected around 20 kgs of garbage from such a small place. We felt overwhelmed after cleaning and watching the true beauty.





We seek to spread awareness so that our little efforts can make a difference and help slow down the deterioration.

While I was in school I learned about the 'Waste Warriors Club' for community cleaning. We learned how to preserve nature by following some simple habits.

I humbly request everyone who goes to any place for enjoyment, please refrain from littering the place. Use dustbins or if there are no dustbins, carry your trash with you and throw it in a dustbin."

- Pankaj Maurya

PYDS Alumnus (Batch 2018-2019)

**We wish our Purkal Family the best of health and mindfulness!**



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