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Is Technology Killing Creativity?

The advent and emergence of artificial intelligence (AI) has seen a significant amount of interest over the years. It has quickly become the talk of the town as it immerses itself in the many verticals and sectors of society.

In much of human history, advancements in technology have faced some resistance in its acceptance. However, today we cannot think of working with machines around us.

This article discusses how we can start adopting technology as working tools for research, interaction and collaboration.

The article also emphasises the need for balancing technology with 'non-technology' related activities that involve solution-oriented approaches and out-of-the-box thinking to start using the grey matter.

How can teachers use creativity in classrooms?





G. Balasubramanian

Is Future Readiness Inevitable?

Former Director of Academics, CBSE. Helped initiate many innovative approaches at CBSE such as frontline curriculum and communicative approach to language teaching.

**“I never think of the future, it comes soon enough”
- Albert Einstein**

Are we truly ready for the future? In the history of the human race, the desire to explore the unknown and understand what was beyond the conceptual and communicative world drove us to innovate and achieve greater heights.

Some people consider the ‘future’ to be the stark emergence of a ‘new era’, others refer to the evolution of social and cultural fabric triggered and influenced by human ideologies and shaped by technology.

In this article, G. Balasubramanian shares his thoughts on preparing for the future and how exploring the concept of the future in the classroom can foster curiosity, creativity and contemplation.





Commodore H. G. Harsha

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Recognising Holistic Development in Schools

In an interview with TeacherTribe.world, Commodore H. G. Harsha discusses the establishment of Teacher Awards by Sri Sri Ravishankar Vidya Mandir Trust. The discussion addresses the significance of encouraging holistic development in schools and teachers being continuous learners.

The article delves into the importance of teacher wellness and outlines steps to achieve it. The interview also discusses the significance of innovation and creativity along with out-of-box assignment formats to promote the approach in schools.

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Shazman Shariff

Infusing Real-Life Stories in Teaching

English and Mass Media Studies teacher at National Hill View Public School, RR Nagar, Bengaluru. Enjoys teaching and making academics interesting for students.

Storytelling can enhance student engagement and learning. Shaking up the humdrum of teaching with the addition of anecdotes and real-life stories can make the class and lesson dynamic and engaging.

In this article, Shazman Shariff shares her method of teaching with narration and storytelling that relate to the lesson. The article details the experience of creating a classroom discourse that brings in energy and refreshes the classroom environment.

Stories can help create a connection between the teacher and the student and also help them remember and retain better.

Embellishing teaching with storytelling can help enhance visualisation, spark imagination, and increase retention power among students. It can help create a conducive learning environment.

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Dr. Vaishali Jawale

AI-powered Learning and Teaching

Associate Professor at ASM's Institute of Business Management, Pune, and a Ph.D. holder in Computer Management.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has increasingly made its way into the world of education. The emergence of AI tools has reimagined teaching methodologies promoting efficiency and effectiveness.

The article discusses the various categories impacted by AI tools and technology. It highlights the key areas in which AI can be utilised to boost efficiency in the space of education.

The tools can create a valuable playing field that encourages different learning styles, analysing student data to create personalised learning paths and better student performance. It can also promote data-driven insights and real-time collaboration between students and teachers.

The article also emphasises the benefits as well as the challenges including data privacy, and equal access for both students and educators.





**Aarti Tibrewala
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The Importance of Insurance Policies

Entrepreneur and financial literacy advocate. Promotes financial literacy for women through her platform, Sthreedhan.

Deepa works as a school administrator. She and her husband provide for her 7-year-old son and her ageing mother-in-law. While filling out her taxes, she and her husband realise that have been paying a large sum of taxes despite tax deductions due to investments.

Getting advise from a chartered accountant enabled them to learn of a significant error on their part. They only had a life insurance policy and employer-provided medical insurance, but no other insurance policies.

What are the necessary insurance policies for an individual?

In this article, we follow Deepa to learn about the different types of insurance policies to be considered and the significance of each of them.



How To Apply Pedagogical Intelligence in School

Learn With Bala

How does one contextualise learning in a school?

During the course of a career as an educator, teachers may find themselves imparting knowledge to a wide array of students from various backgrounds. The scenario may hence require them to contextualise their teaching to the location, school climate and other factors.

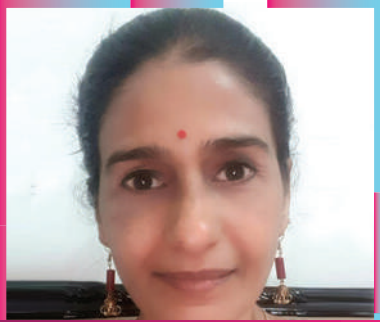


The video details the importance of customising learning for a mixture of students.

In this video for the series, 'Learn With Bala', G. Balasubramanian, former Director of Academics at CBSE, shares key information on pedagogical intelligence and its application in schools.

Follow the QR code to watch the complete video.





Ishita Verma

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Why Do Children Ask So Many Questions?

Educator With 30 years of experience in the corporate sector and school education. A sociology graduate, PGDCA and a gold medallist in Educational Management.

Children are curious beings. From the moment they gain the ability to move, they consistently try to make sense of the world around them. As they grow older and learn to communicate, children develop the ability to ask questions. If they don't understand something, they rely on asking the 'WH questions' to a familiar adult.

Due to their limited life experience, their thirst to learn and understand the world may result in questioning.

According to studies conducted by University of Michigan, children may ask questions for the following reasons:

- 1) the need to know
- 2) to seek attention
- 3) to defy authority

How to handle the questions?

The article delves deeper into the type of questions a teacher or parent may receive as well as methods to handle the questioning.





S. Indira Narayan

Educationist with more than 35 years of experience. Associated with St. Ann's High School, ICSE, ISC, Secunderabad, teaching English language and literature for over three decades

Marks, Do They Make A Mark ?

Academic scores or marks have always been placed on a pedestal and regarded as a benchmark for intelligence and success.

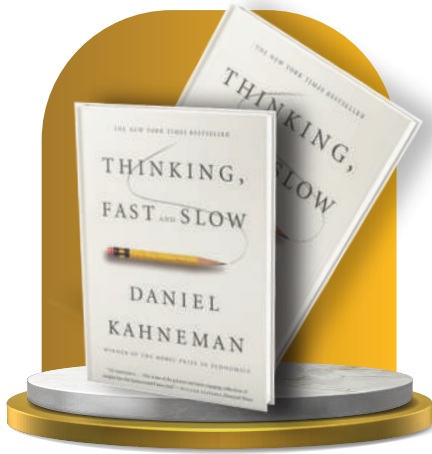
Does it always hold true?

Despite all opinions and discussions, society has deemed marks as an important criterion for gaining admission to premiere institutions and colleges. The score carries a significant role in determining a student's future.

The term marks may garner a variety of emotions such as fear or confidence among students. Examinations can lead to a competitive classroom environment with students wanting to know how their peers fared. Comparisons can also contribute to anxiety among students.

The article shares methods to help teachers be mindful of the impact of marks while handing out result papers in a classroom.





Thinking Fast and Slow

Thinking Fast and Slow explores the intricacies of the human mind. The book delves into the process of decision-making and offers a deeper understanding of the thought process behind decisions. The author utilises behavioural economics to provide insights into how to think and navigate circumstances one might face.

The book is based on the concepts of 2 systems of thinking - System 1 and System 2.

System 1 is intuitive and emotional, while system 2 is slower and more logical. It highlights the potential of slow thinking as well as disciplined thinking.

The concept of disciplined thinking can be used in and outside the classroom. The book delves into approaching problems methodically rather than jumping to conclusions.



Building Bones of Steel



Dr. Vivek Baliga

Consultant physician and cardiologist, Director Baliga Diagnostics, Bengaluru. Keen advocate of patient education and loves to blog about health-related things.

The human body relies on the structure and protection of its numerous bones. The body is made up of 206 bones. They serve multiple functions and protect organs from damage. So, taking care of our bones can help us lead a healthier life.

Having stronger bones can help prevent bone-related diseases such as osteoporosis. The illness is said to cause the bones to become thin and brittle. Consuming calcium-rich diet and exercising can help stay healthy.

In this article, Dr. Baliga shares the factors that affect bone health and tips to strengthen them.

**Are women susceptible to higher risk?
How can one build stronger bones?**



Using E-Books to Get Children To Talk

Harvard Graduate School of Education

Many parents are increasingly concerned about their children spending extended periods of time in front of screens. The phrase 'screen time' has particularly garnered discussions. However, research has shown that this screen time can also be utilised to promote development and learning when done properly. The research details the usage of phones and tablets as e-book readers to replicate traditional book learning experiences.

Rosa Turco along with Harvard Graduate School of Education faculty members Meredith Rowe and Joe Blatt, co-authored a paper about the potential benefits of children using e-books. They find that some studies suggest e-books can be distracting, but however, there are ways to use them for children's benefit.

The article details how e-books can be utilised to effectively improve literacy skills and promoting engagement and collaboration. E-book reading can help spark a conversation with a child, using the book as a starting point.





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Changing Role of 21st Century Educators

Masters' degree in English from Lady Shri Ram College for Women and a CELTA from the University of Cambridge. Worked as an English language assessment specialist.

The role of a teacher has evolved over the course of the last few years. It has undergone a significant transformation from traditional lecturers to facilitators. Learning can now happen everywhere, on the go or customised to one's style and preferences. Today, teachers must reimagine the concept of learning.

The article also emphasises the need to focus on project-based learning that allows teachers to move beyond textbooks. It can help students conduct research, formulate questions and create projects. Teachers must also be lifelong learners and stay updated on industry trends.

The article delves into the skills that educators need to embrace to facilitate better learning. Educators must be adaptable, create a learner-centred classroom, encourage collaborative learning and support digital technology to connect with students.

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Navigating the Digital Wave

It's the 2020s and we're neck-deep in an all-encompassing realm of the internet. Here information flows freely and we engage with the content each day.

**However, are we attuned to surfing the digital wave safely?
Can students be equipped for the same?**

With students spending a significant amount of time online, the term digital citizenship has become all the more vital. It has increasingly become a fundamental skill as students learn to map their way across the digital sphere and critically engage with the internet.



The article discusses the concept of internet safety and its relevance for the students of the digital age.

It emphasises on the need for students to be informed citizens of the internet verse and learn digital etiquette.

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