

Teacher's Digest

Teachers- Continuous Learners for Life

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Has Covid Killed Soft Skills In Children?

Varsha Prasad

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The Covid-19 pandemic has invariably impacted our lives in both positive and negative ways. On one hand, we are now more adept at utilising technology, opening doors to hybrid or online models of teaching.

On the other, many children in school have become more reclusive and dependent on technology. Many teachers have begun noticing a marked decline in 'soft skills' among Gen Z.

Are soft skills dying? Why is it significant?

The article details the need for skills such as problem-solving, quick thinking, adaptability and creativity. It further explores the role of teachers in guiding students and helping them build their skill set.

What role can teachers play in improving soft skills in children?

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Ten Things Professional Leaders Should Avoid

G. Balasubramanian

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

To be a good leader one must learn to navigate certain professional situations to keep morale high and distinct. In this article, G. Balasubramanian shares a few challenges that a person may encounter in their workplace and how to steer through them.

The article highlights the importance of not making hasty decisions, not succumbing to excessive praise and staying away from biased views among other examples.

The article will help teachers learn more about the skills of a good leader and how to navigate professional challenges.

It details the ten pointers that can help professionals and leaders understand their environments better. The article provides situational examples of workspaces and how one should navigate them effectively.





Founder Principal & Correspondent, Sishya School, Hosur. CBSE Master Trainer and recipient of National Award for Teacher.

In an interview with TeacherTribe.world, Dr. Vasanthi Thiagarajan, discusses 'uniform' and 'top-down' approaches to teacher training.

The article delves into benchmarks for recognising a good teacher and the imminent need to stay updated on the latest trends in education and pedagogical practices.

Teachers- Continuous Learners for Life

Dr. Vasanthi Thiagarajan

Does teacher training play a role in preparing teachers to be better facilitators?

The interview discusses the trickle-down effect of leaders demonstrating traits of being a continuous learner and inspiring many other teachers to explore areas of self-learning. It can in turn build an environment in the institution where everyone is a continuous learner.

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Staying Informed

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Why is it important to keep pace with the constant inflow of information?

In the landscape of the 21st century, staying informed has become imperative. Staying connected and in step with the current trends is more important than ever for educators.

Understanding and keeping oneself informed on matters of geopolitics, technology and the interconnected world can help make informed decisions, adapt to changes and understand the global society.

The article delves into the impact of information on the educational sector and the significance of keeping track of current affairs. It emphasises the role of staying informed in knowing how and what to teach in the classrooms.

Remaining curious, open-minded and engaged can help educators understand the world around them, anticipate future challenges and work towards a sustainable future.





'Academic Choice' For Inclusion

Teacher's Collective

Aims to reframe inclusion in schools through building teacher capacity, offline and online through customised masterclasses and self-paced courses.

The article details ways 'choice' can be incorporated into lesson plans. It discusses the various methods teachers can use to navigate and integrate the decision-making concept in the classroom.

Creating an inclusive classroom space begins with implementing effective teaching practices for all students. A student may choose to communicate learning through different mediums of expression. Academic choice is a teaching and learning strategy that provides an opportunity to enhance student's understanding of concepts.

Choice refers to guided methods to motivate students to research subjects and topics and become lifelong learners.

Teachers can empower choice in lesson planning, assignment completion, and reflection on learning outcomes, encouraging students to become self-directed learners.





Managing Peer Pressure for Financial Health

Aarti Tibrewala Darooka

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

Ayushi is an MBA graduate working at her first job. She comes from a middle-class family and both of her parents work as well. In recent months, their family faced a dilemma regarding the family's finances.

Ayushi wanted to accompany her friends and attend a concert in Abu Dhabi, while her mother was concerned about the incoming expenditure due to a wedding in their family. Both occasions would require financial decisions to be taken.

The article details how to come up with a solution to manage finances without straining the pockets.

How to navigate financial dilemmas as a family?

Can one cope with peer pressure to responsibly manage finances?

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Exploring a Career as a 'Flavourist'

Shravan Shetty

Accomplished career coach. Designed, developed and deployed 3000 plus programs for educational institutions, Fortune 500 Companies.

Have your students expressed interest in culinary science and flavours? If so, a career as a food flavourist might be the path to explore.

Who is a food flavourist?

In this article, learn more about the people who create flavours for food and edible items using natural and artificial methods.

What are the skills and educational qualifications required to pursue the field?

The article explores colleges across the world that offer courses in food science and related fields. It provides a look at the career opportunities and companies that recruit people in the field.



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Multimodal Literacy

Nagamani

Educator with over 2 decades of experience. Contributes to Industry-Academia relations, training and placements.

The education system is continually evolving. Teachers are adapting to digital technologies to meet the needs of modern learners. Digital technology is impacting the new learners as they enter as 'digital natives' into the learning sphere.

This shift has led to the integration of various resources, such as colour, images, music, and more, into literacy education.

The concept of 'multimodal literacy' has emerged as a response to this evolution, emphasising the importance of meaning-making through various modes of communication.

How can educators use multimodal learning?
Read here to learn more.

The article details the concept of 'multimodal literacy'. It aims to develop student's interpretation skills and critical thinking by engaging in diverse forms of communication, including digital media.





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.

The magic words, 'please' and 'thank you' aren't merely just their status in the written world.

They carry depth and make all the difference in the real world. Instilling good manners and etiquette begins at home, with children learning by watching their parents and elders. They even pick up on social cues by observing and adapting the behaviour they see around them.

Please say Please

S. Indira Narayan

The article details the significance of leading by example.

It emphasises the need for etiquette and manners to live gracefully in society.

It is effective to lead by example rather than resorting to preaching.

We may encounter many situations where using these little courtesies can make all the difference.

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Inquiry Based Learning

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The current hyper-competitive environment requires an innovative learning method. The National Education Policy (NEP2020) encourages Inquiry-Based Learning as an approach to motivate students and promote diverse classrooms.

How to utilise the inquiry-based method in the classroom?

Inquiry-based learning prioritises questioning from students, analysis and ideas. It lays emphasis on promoting curiosity and critical thinking. The method can have positive effects on conceptual understanding and student's confidence.

The article discusses the approach of inquiry-based learning and its application and benefits for the students. The method is said to include a broader range of students without negatively impacting high-achieving students.

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Understanding Microplastics & Nanoplastics

Dr Vivek Baliga

'Microplastics' have increasingly become a buzzword in the health industry. Often, we may not even register the intake of the materials into our systems. However, the presence of microplastics has been a concerning observation in recent times.

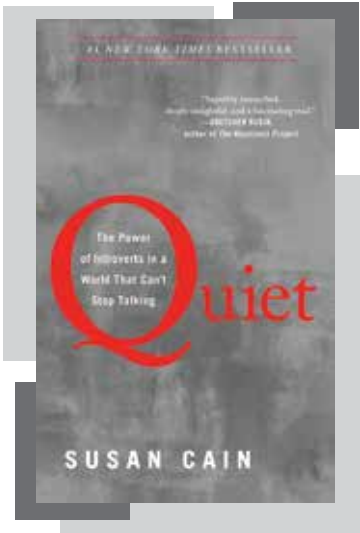
What are Microplastics? Where are they found?

Small plastic particles less than 5 mm in size may find their way into humans through synthetic fibres, personal care products and packaging, plastic bags, etc. The particles can lead to various ailments and health concerns.

Reducing microplastic exposure by making small lifestyle changes can create a significant difference in our health long term.

The article highlights the health risks of microplastics as well as ways to reduce exposure to the health hazards. Dr. Baliga details the effects of microplastics on our well-being.





Quiet:

The Power of Introverts

In the book *Quiet: The Power of Introverts*, author Susan Cain aims to shed light on the way the world undervalues introverts despite constituting a significant percentage of the human population.

What is the Introvert-Extrovert Spectrum?

The book provides insights into different personality types and how individuals may fall on the spectrum between introversion and extroversion.

This scale can influence many aspects of life, such as education, career choices, social circles and other areas.

Teachers can gain insight into introversion and help an introverted student. It also shines a light on how people can utilise their personality type to progress in their careers.

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What Adults Should Know About AI

Harvard Graduate School of Education

Teenagers and Young Adults have built their perspectives on generative AI. Many have developed habits, opinions and concerns about the prevalence and increasing significance of Artificial Intelligence in their academic lives.

This article features key takeaways from the report 'Teen and Young Adult Perspectives on Generative AI', co-authored by the Centre of Digital Thriving, at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.



The article details the finding that AI is not only used to cheat, but also as a modern tool for learning and approaching academic tasks. Many students utilise AI to brainstorm and help answer unasked questions. However, the effects of AI aren't just positive.

The downsides include concerns about the impact on the job market and the spread of misinformation, which can lead to bullying.

It sheds light on the complex experiences and attitudes towards generative AI.





Is Collaboration Necessary for Learning?

Asmita Sharma

Team TeacherTribe

Classrooms often present unique perspectives and dynamics among students. They express their individuality and learn in their own preferred style and pace.

Here, group work can be a beneficial method to assist students in learning. Collaborative learning may provide a student the opportunity to build on their shared experiences.

The article explores a few strategies to effectively incorporate collaborative learning in the classroom. It discusses the benefits of utilising the method of learning in the curriculum.



The learning style offers a medium to express and engage with their peers. Students working together towards a shared goal can help them better understand the concepts taught in the curriculum.



Decode The Words

Can you guess the phrase or expression from the images given below?

A

TRAVEL

CCCCCCC

B

FAST

C

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Try $\frac{\text{stand}}{2}$

E

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Get it
Get it
Get it

Solution:

D. Try to understand

A. Overseas Travel

B. Breakfast

E. Forget it

C. Once Upon a Time



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