

HARD TALK... EDUCATORS LEAD THE WAY



Locker Room dos and don'ts



Where have we, as educators and parents, fallen short? What is it that we need to teach our children at school and at home? Social media has become an addiction. To handle this challenge of the 21st century, we need to teach three crucial values to our young generation – self-respect, self-discipline, and respect for others. We need to engage our children in constructive activities constantly, to build these qualities and to make them aware of grievous consequences that any wanton behaviour may attract.



The real change should begin from home which is the first classroom. Boards should include sex education as an important part of the curriculum rather than schools conducting workshops. Adolescence is an intense period and active measures need to be taken to instill values. It's not only parents and teachers who need to champion the cause of raising responsible citizens, but media too.



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Gender sensitisation is an important topic. All students should learn to respect the other gender. Teaching this in a classroom can take two primary forms: showing them meaningful videos, through story telling, narrating positive anecdotes, and sharing learning from these sources. Children should be allowed to discuss openly what they have learnt in the classroom.

DO'S

- ▶ Tell children stories, show them videos on gender sensitisation.
- ▶ Forms groups in the classroom for discussion on the learnings from these talks.
- ▶ Allow children to discuss best ways of treating the other gender with respect.
- ▶ Respecting the human form is important – that of a boy or girl; teachers should explain this in class.
- ▶ Teach through positive encouragement techniques.
- ▶ Use positive reinforcement.
- ▶ Parents should discuss gender-related issues and take steps in their home to ensure there is a sensitive approach towards this topic.
- ▶ Talk about empathy, consent and respect, so that children can imbibe these values.
- ▶ Address the nuances of privacy – with oneself and others.



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Our children learn more by watching us than by listening to us. Adults must consciously stop using any derogatory gestures or words for others and stop gossiping about any sexual harassment victim or survivor. Let us mould our children to be thoughtful and empathetic individuals. Teach them from a young age, at home and at school, to respect and protect each other. It starts in the mind, let us fight it there. Once the mind has clarity, respect for fellow human beings will come naturally.



It's time to ponder on what we can do collectively to reverse the trend. These are some simple dos for parents.

▶ Listen:

Curb your instinct to overreact to what children confide in you.

▶ Meet their friends:

Also, the parents. You are likely to learn more about any neg-

ative activity earlier.

▶ Don't give a separate phone:

Share yours till they become responsible adults.

▶ Guide, don't lecture:

Concept of power dynamics and selective behaviour based on your dealing with subordinates and servants will be integrated into your child's behaviour. So be mindful of your behaviour.



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Schools impart knowledge, skill, and ability to work and strive. But in this competitive world, we have failed to instill patience, ability to understand, sympathy and empathy, and the feeling of security or for that matter the art of being happy. Educators and parents need to educate everyone in the art of being happy and how to differentiate between need and craving. Let's cultivate compassion and increase resilience while building a safer and more caring world.



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LEARN WITH TIMES NIE

Trade Vocabulary

A INTERDEPENDENCE: A relationship between two or more people, regions, nations or other entities in which each is dependent on the other for necessary goods or services

TARIFF: A fee charged for goods brought into a country from another one

REVENUE TARIFFS: Taxes on imports

EMBARGO: A law that cuts off most or all trade with a specific country

SUBSIDIES: A government payment that helps cover the cost of an economic activity that can benefit the public

BALANCE OF TRADE: The difference between the value of a country's import and export

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS: The difference between the amount



of money a country pays to foreign countries and the amount it receives from them

TRADE DEFICIT: The amount by which the cost of a country's import exceeds the value of its export

FREE TRADE: A system of trade in which companies do not have to pay high taxes on the goods bought from or sold in other countries

TECH TONIC

Tech terms you must know

Wireframe: Sketch of what a website/web app will look like, includes key components on the site.

Cookies: Cookies are very small text files placed on your computer by a web server when you view some sites online (not all websites place cookies). Cookies are used to maintain information as you navigate different pages on a website.

Data mining: The process by which patterns are discovered within large sets of data with the goal of extracting useful information from it.

Broadband: The ability of your Internet Service Provider to transmit data (the internet) to, and from, you.

TEST YOURSELF

GUESS THE MEANING OF THESE SHAKESPEAREAN WORDS

▶ Besides inventing words, William Shakespeare (1564-1616) also introduced many more that found usage in the English language. We're noting a few down, try and guess the meaning.	2. Castigate a) Converse b) Strengthen c) Scold or punish	weight c) Balanced
1. Auspicious a) Clear, precise b) Favourable c) Questionable	3. Dauntless a) Risky b) Intrepid c) Unsustainable	5. Pedantic a) Hung upside down b) A structure that supports a monument c) Overly concerned with detail
2. Mihrab This is a 'Mihrab' on the premises of Qutub Minar. Built by Iltutmish, the successor of Qutub-ud-din Aibak (one who started building the Qutub Minar). Mihrab is a niche in a wall indicating direction towards which Muslims pray. If the camera was zoomed out, how many of 'Mihrab' could have been shot? Ans: Two more, one on each side	4. Equivocal a) Ambiguous b) Equal	6. Refractory a) Fragile b) Obstinate c) Pleasantly

ANSWERS: 1b 2c 3b 4a 5c 6b

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2. The beginning of the season
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Quiz time

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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Q.1) What did Galileo invent?

- A. Barometer B. Pendulum clock
C. Microscope D. Thermometer

Q.2) This statesman, scholar, inventor, and one of early presidents of USA, invented the swivel chair, the spherical sundial, the moldboard plow, and the cipher wheel.

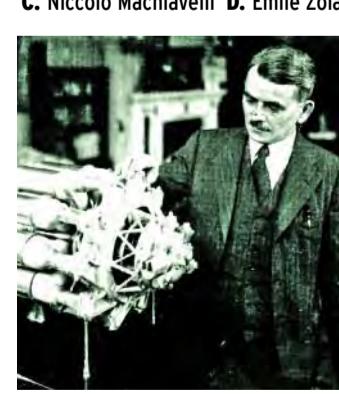
- A. George Washington
B. Alexander Hamilton



MORE ACTIVITIES

Q.4) Who wrote the book 'The Prince'?

- A. Bernard Shaw B. VS Sharma
C. Niccolò Machiavelli D. Emile Zola



ANSWERS

1. D) Thermometer 2. C) Thomas Jefferson 3. A) Sir Frank Whittle

4. C) Niccolò Machiavelli

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