LIFE IN QUARANTINE

They say everything is good for something. So does the new virus.

Air pollution has reduced. In China, where coronavirus first appeared, we can see an obvious decrease of air pollution. Less CO2 is released into the air, so this virus helps us fight against global warming.

Stay at home. Probably the most spoken sentence these few weeks. The schools are closed, so are most of jobs. With staying home we can prevent fast spreading of the illness. It is good to be with your family at tough situations like this. It's good to be at home with your family, this is an opportunity to get to know them better.

The humanity will learn something for sure. For example, how to help each other. China is near to win the match with covid 19. Now, they help countries in Europe to achieve the same goal.

The technology has grown so fast these months. With schools at home and many other things on distance people had to improve internet communication. Maybe this will help at the communication in the future.

So corona virus is not a bad phenomenon at all.

Iris Ambrož, 9.d

THE WORLD HAS BEEN INVADED BY A VIRUS

It is crazy how everything changed overnight. One day we were going to school and work and now we are stuck in our own houses. People who live in the villages are lucky, because they can go out and enjoy nature, while people in the cities don't have that privilege. There are a lot of things I could talk about, the good and the bad side of COVID-19. I am sure everybody knows the bad side of the virus, but not many know the more positive things that occurred after quarantine.

The river in Venice, Italy is finally clear. It is clear and clean because there is less boat traffic that usually brings sediment to the top of the water's surface. While the city's water may not have suddenly become cleaner without constant visitation, the air quality has also certainly improved.

Another thing that occurred is that wild animals are roaming through towns, searching for food. In Japan, Saika deer are walking through the town of Nara. The deer are a tourist attraction and are located in Nara park. Tourists usually feed them, but now there aren't any tourists the deer have started to roam the city. In Italy, people have reported seeing boars with babies, sheep and a horse.

That might be a positive side of the coronavirus. So is it pretty sad to say that the coronavirus could be healing the planet?

HOW THE CORONA VIRUS CHANGED OUR LIVES

In the late December 2019, there was an outbreak of a new virus, called covid-19. There are many theories on how it started, but scientists say it first appeared in Wuhan, China at a sea food market. It is transmitted from one person to another. As of now, there are around 240.000 cases, with China in the first place. Slovenia is on the 37th place – 319 reported cases and 1 death.

There were a couple of new laws accepted in our country in the last week – all the public transport is forbidden, bars, restaurants and shops are closed, events are getting cancelled, people can't go to work and us, kids, can't go to school – we are in self quarantine.

As I said, we can't go anywhere and that really affects our lives nowadays. We do school work online, some people also do shopping online, so they don't have to go to grocery stores – there are a lot of people and a bigger risk you'll get infected. Everybody is staying inside for the most part of the day, we just go outside for a walk and to get some fresh air.

My opinion on the quarantine and everything that is happening lately is positive. We need to spend a few weeks inside without being in larger groups of people, so there is less of a chance the virus will spread and more people will get sick. While we are stuck in our homes, we should of course do school work, but also spend time with our family, read good books, watch movies, play games – take time for ourselves and our loved ones.

Nastja Ambrož, 9.c

THE WORLD WAS INVADED BY A VIRUS

At the beginning of the year I was sure, that the year 2020 is going to be THE year. I was looking forward to new challenges, that the year is supposed to enable to us.

Everything was going great, we were having fun, we were going on holiday, had lots of friend... But in one week everything changed. I was on holiday in Italy. My family was there for four days. We were skiing. Nobody thought, that things were going serious. The next day when we returned home, I saw the news. It was the day when the world found out, that coronavirus COVID-19 from China spread over the world. I read about the situation in China on the interned before, and I knew, that things were terrible there. Italy is the epicentre of COVID-19 in Europe. When I heard that the situation in Italy is serious, I got scared a little bit.

After millions of news about the virus, my family was still living a normal life. We were talking about the virus a lot, but we weren't scared at all. After a couple of days, the virus was all over the world, but not in Slovenia yet. We were talking about it in school. Many teachers urged us not to make fun of the situation. We thought that they are panicking a bit.

Everyone was watching the news every day. No cases in Slovenia. But not for long. We got the first case on the 29th of February. The person came from Italy. But in that week life wasn't different till the number of cases suddenly grew.

We also got new Prime Minister. The measures got tightened. Everything disappeared from the shops (flour, yeast, pasta, sugar...). Panic was at its peak. Schools got closed in Kamnik and in the west of Slovenia. The teachers were confused about closing our school in Cerklje. Me and my friends just laughed at their thoughts. The authorities have never closed the schools and they never will.

I had the history competition in that week. All public events were cancelled, but my competition wasn't. I had it in 3 days, but it was also suddenly cancelled. The government was closing all schools for unknown time. And currently I am at home, working for school. Since today midnight we are not able to linger in public areas.

We don't know how long it will take to be in quarantine at home. I hope that not for long, because I really don't want to attend school during the summer. On the one hand we coped with computer work which is really interesting and fun, but on the other hand it is harder to organize. My dad told me a real story, when we had more than ten cats. The disease came and we had the normal amount of cats again. It is probably happening in the same way now to us.

Ana Gregorc, 9.a

BALLAD OF CORONA by Tadej Fritz 9.d

There once was a lady by name of Sharona,

She wasn't careful,

she hanged out with friends;

she went to a mall on many occasions

and so she got ill with the corona.

When visiting doctor, she went on a bus,
When warned about safety, she threw a fuss.
Disregarding the warnings of everyone there,
She thought it is crazy, she thought it's unfair.

Bus finally stops at the final station,

Sharona gets off

And checks in as patient,

When she turns around,

She hears a loud cough.

There in the corner is sitting a man,
He looks like he just rose from the dead;
Sharona thinks: "Well, he needs a coffin!"
With feeling of gore she turns her head.

One week goes by and test results come,

Turns out she's ill (O, what a surprise!),

Sharona just can't believe her own eyes!

She thought she is safe because she is young,

She couldn't be any more wrong.

Nature's hit back

Mother Nature has enough,
enough of our irresponsible acts.
We treat her like a piece of trash,
and the time has come for her,
to hit us back.

We might as well still think,
that everything is alright,
but Mother Nature tries her best,
to show us something isn't right.

The virus changed our life,
there's nothing we can do about it.

It should teach us,
that there's no Planet B,
if we want to change anything,
first thing is to start caring.

Matija Demšar, 9.b

Corona song

I think you are all aware of this *situation*,

The corona has spread all around the <u>globe</u>,

Who already got it? - Almost every *nation*,

Who is to blame? - No one but a small microbe.

How bout' the guy that started <u>it</u>,

You heard the saying that you are what you <u>eat</u>?

I didn't believe that until I saw him

turn into Batman on the street.

And I know we have different opinions on *things*,

But if you ask me, the virus was made in a <u>lab</u>,

Probably beside that <u>crab</u> with *wings*.

I know this "song" sounds kinda retarded,

But I really didn't put much thought to it,

I know you would rather see this be discarded,

And I think the time has come,

For me to finally guit.

Jan Udir, 9.b

CORONA

There once was a man named Pat, that was curious about eating a bat.

He went to the cave, because he was very brave.

The bat that he found,

weighed about a pound.

He thought that it will be delicious and probably also very nutritious.

But as a matter of fact, the whole world got wrecked. And now we're stuck with a virus

that hurts us.

But humans are strong,

so we'll move along.

Tadej Vertnik, 9.a

(The song is based on a theory that we got a virus from a bat)