

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

October is best known for its Halloween festivities and many international events. Children contributed their perspective through articles and art. The issue includes excerpts of a virtual tour and activities done in various classes.



Haunting Facts of Halloween

The history of Halloween is more than just candy and costumes. Halloween goes back more than 2,000 years. It was first started as a pre-Christian Celtic festival. It was first called Samhain which means "Summers end". Samhain was celebrated on the first of November and was the final day of the harvest season. It also celebrated the crossing of souls into another world. People in Ireland, UK and France used to perform rituals to ward off ghosts. They lit sacrificial bonfires and wore costumes. Trick or treating has existed since medieval times. In Scotland and Ireland it is known as "guising". Young people dressed up and asked for food or money. Immigrants helped popularize the holiday in the US. Halloween is the second largest commercial holidays. It comes second to Christmas. The Irish brought us lanterns. Legend has it that an Irish man 'Stingy Jack' tricked the devil and wasn't allowed in heaven or hell. Instead, he spends his days roaming earth carrying a lantern. He went by the name "Jack of the Lantern". And, he still roams the Earth carrying a lantern.....

Have a Spooky Good Halloween!!

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A Virtual Tour Of Queen Meresankh III'S Tomb

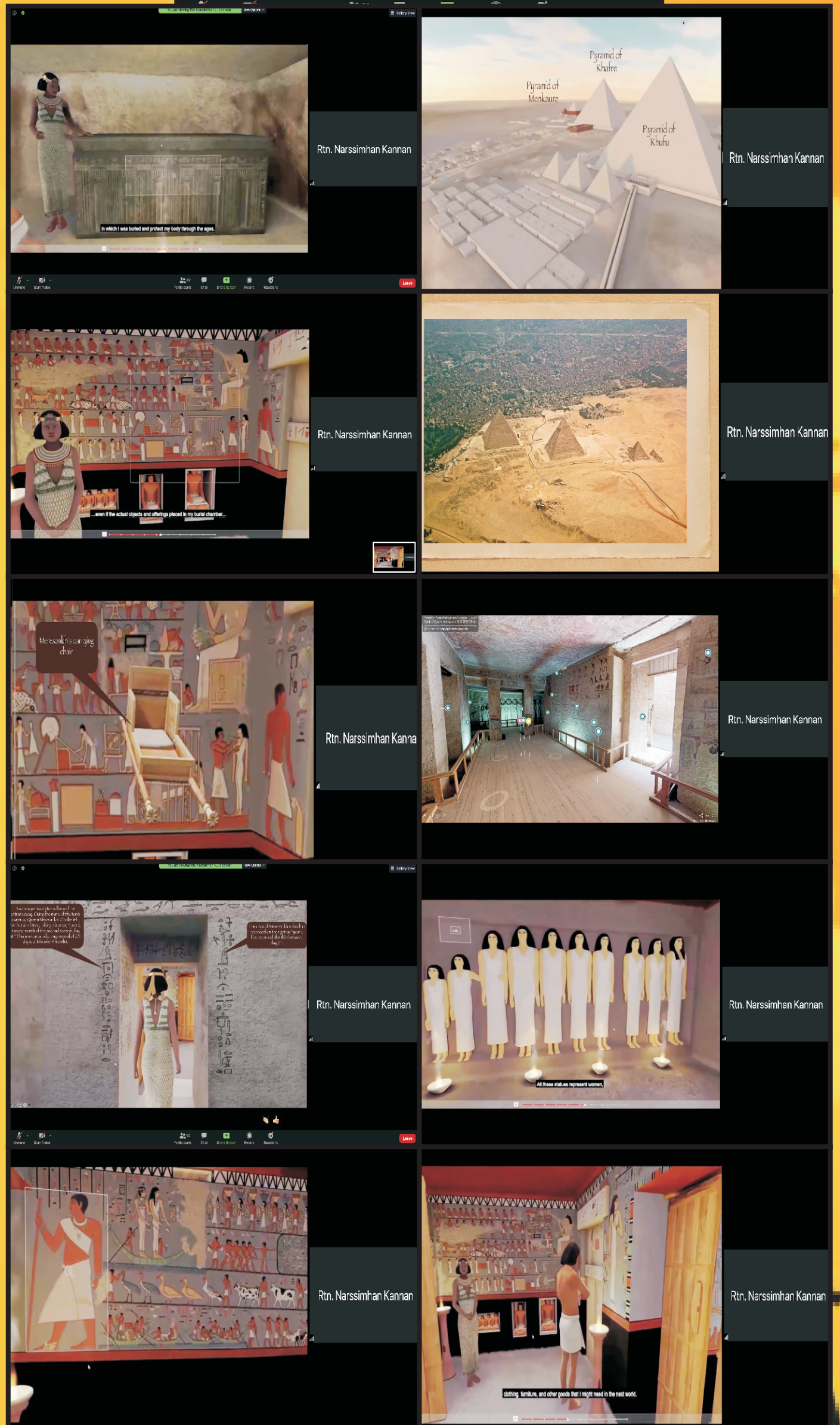
On 26th October 2021, we had a virtual tour of the Tomb of Queen Meresankh III a very significant part of the Giant Pyramids of Giza in Egypt. It was conducted by Rtn Narssimhan Kannan, Director (Community Services), Rotary Bangalore Indira Nagar. This session was presided by members from Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar, Mr. Fazal ur Rahman, President, Ms Kavita Kekre Director - Vocational services, Ms Asha Vaswani - Chair - Vocational Visits.

Here is an excerpt about Queen Meresankh III-

Under the shadow of the Great Pyramid lies the mastaba of Queen Meresankh III, the wife of Khafra and granddaughter of Khufu. This is indeed a tomb worthy of her rank—and fortunately also contains the best preserved wall reliefs in the Eastern Cemetery.

These are decorated with a diverse array of scenes, including bread baking, beer brewing, fowling, herding, mat making, metal smelting, and the sculpting of statues, apparently of Meresankh herself. These, along with the elaborate scenes of offering-bearers bringing all sorts of gifts to Meresankh, were intended to magically provide her soul with a continuous stream of food and goods in the afterlife. Interestingly, among the objects being brought to her are a canopy with a bed being set up within it, an armchair, and a carrying chair. Actual examples of very similar objects were discovered in the tomb of Hetepheres I, the mother of Kufu, and can be seen today at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

Among the most striking features of Meresankh's tomb chapel is a series of ten large statues of women that are carved out of the northern wall. It is believed that they represent, in addition to Meresankh herself, her mother Hetepheres II, and daughters as well.



Inventions Emerge From Life

Have you ever observed a bird and a plane? A fish and a boat? If you have, they would have looked very similar. Birds have a sharp long beak to cut through the air. If the bird didn't have a long/ sharp beak, it would be difficult for it to fly. Birds which fly have wings to be steady on air.

This inspired human beings to invent one famous invention - The aero-plane. If you have noticed aero planes, in the front, it is really long and is shaped like a bird's beak or a human's nose. It also has big wings to be steady on air. Fish have tiny fins and is shaped curved a little at the front to cut through the water. Similarly, submarines have tiny fins and is curved a little at the front to cut through water and glide easily.

There are many such inventions which are used in our daily life and there is a high chance that humans will observe more such creatures and make more useful inventions soon.

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Life Cycle Of A Butterfly- Grade 4

As a recap activity, students had to prepare a model using their creative skills.

