

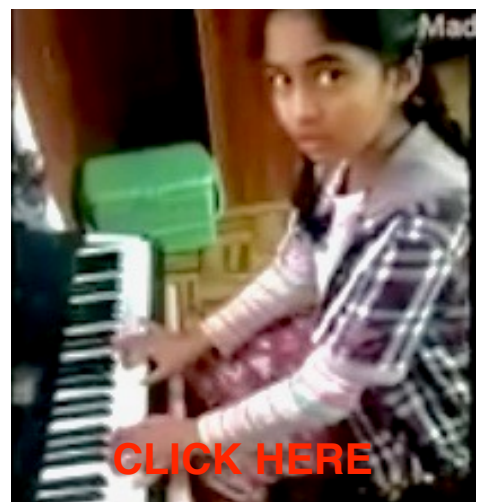
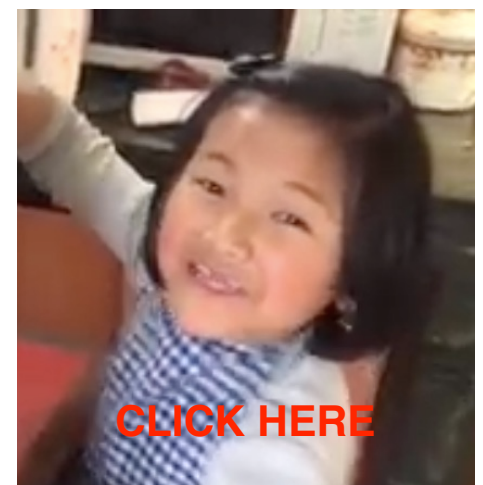
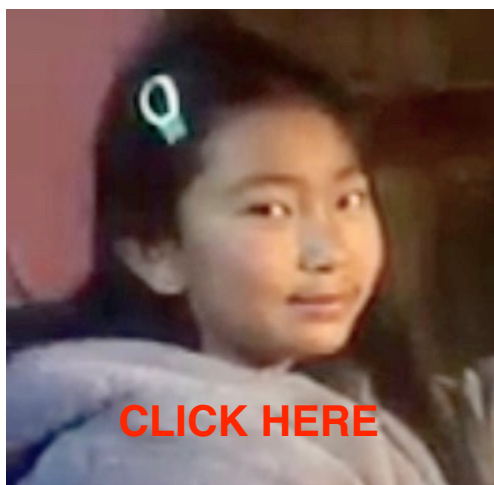
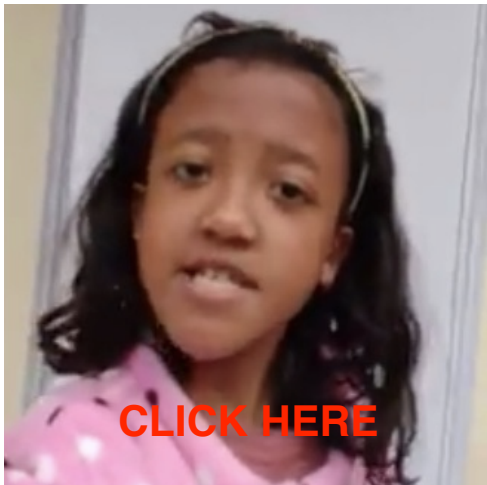
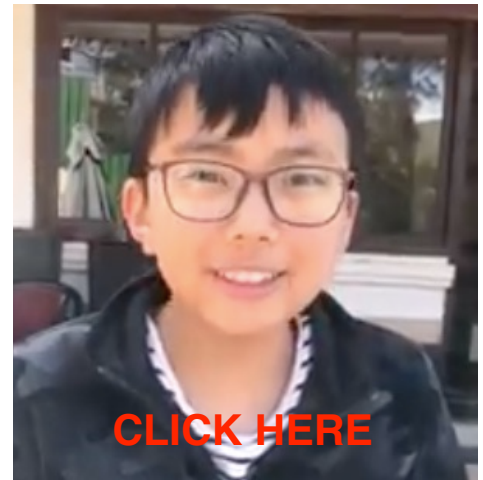
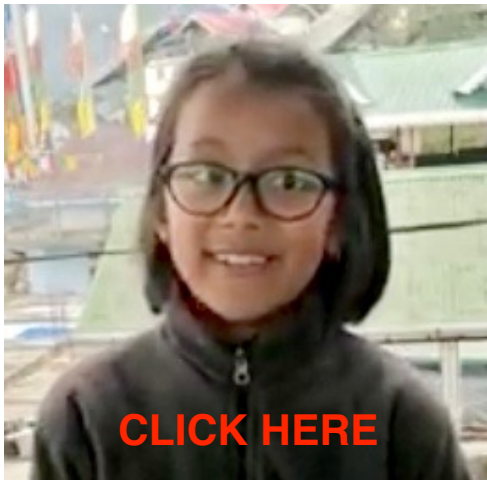
# Taktse Responds to COVID-19

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Taktse International School was the first school in Sikkim to require students to shelter at home in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are some videos of students reflecting and sharing their experiences as they continue to learn from home. Find daily student postings on Taktse's Facebook page, [Taktse Window](#). Please join us in sharing these videos.





# Keeping busy

In spite of the school being shut, our community of teachers, students and parents have tried to be in constant touch to find best ways for our children to continue learning. We also urge parents to provide reinforcements like 'awesome job,' find ways to reward effort, and encourage their child to be curious and ask questions.

Taktse kids continue to learn. Here are some pictures of students learning within the boundaries of their homes – continuing to learn despite the country going into a lockdown. Please enjoy these photos, which celebrate and acknowledge resilience, maturity and gumption of our kids.

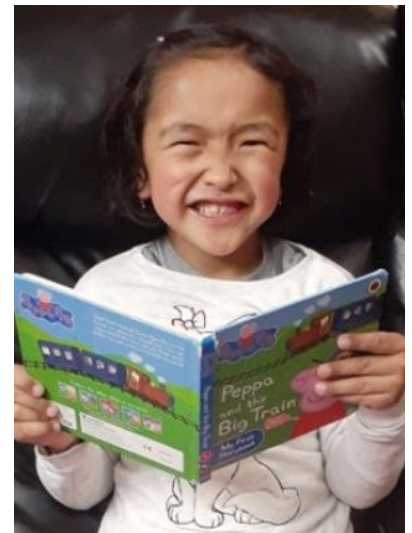
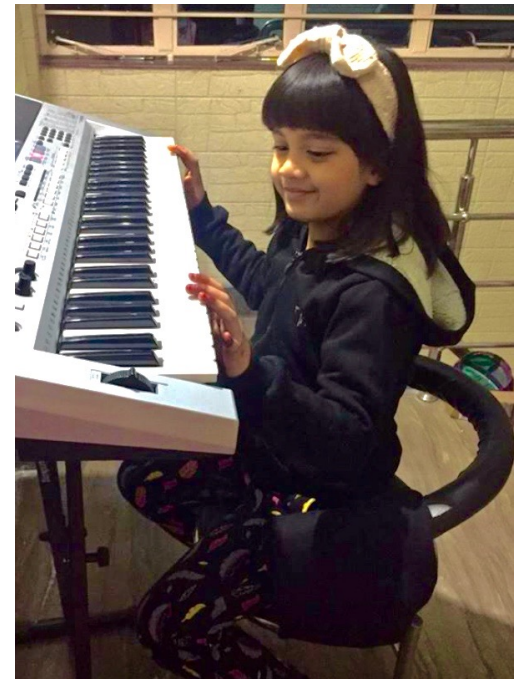
# Stories help

They entertain. They teach. They keep young minds active, alert, and engaged.

*by Shradha Chhetri*

For as long as schools are closed, children and students of all ages everywhere can instantly stream an incredible collection of audio books and stories, including titles across six different languages, that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids.

All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet using the following link: <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>.





Rigzor Norbu, a Taktse student, made a drawing and wrote a letter to his mother, a healthcare worker, who received it after a hectic shift at the hospital.

### A letter from my son

by Choden Norbu (posted on Facebook)

It's 8:00 PM and I'm just back home after a marathon run in the OT, winding up the last of the elective surgical cases before the lockdown, which starts tomorrow morning.

And this is what I received from my son, who is tucked faraway in the shelter of his doting grandparents for now.

Deeply touched by his message for all the doctors and nurses on duty.

Love you with all my heart, my sonny boy.  
Your words will keep us going.

Dear Mamala,

This is your son Rigzor.

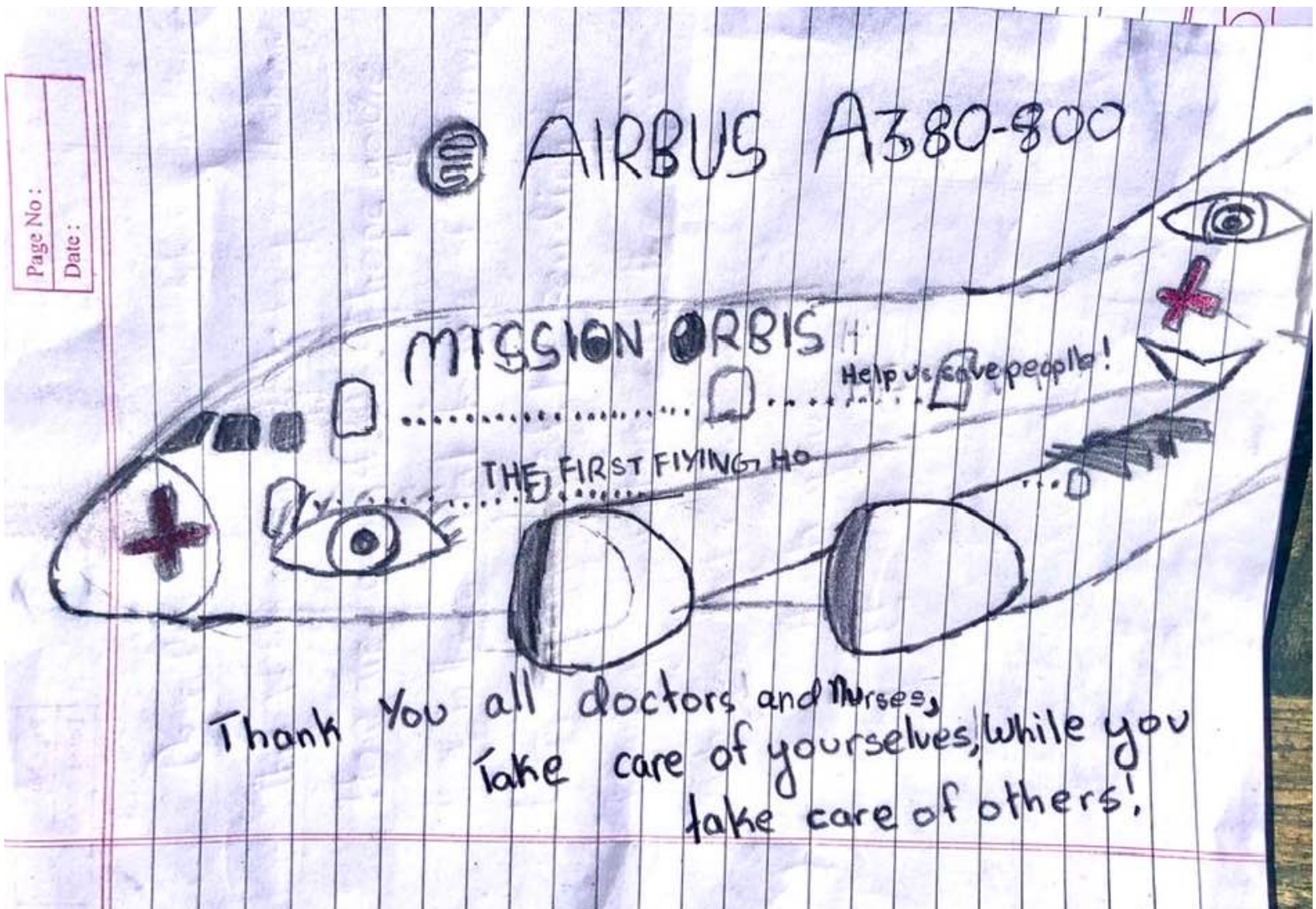
How are you im fine! I hope you're fine in the hospital because of "coronavirus"

I am very worried. Im sending a drawing of a plane with the sign

Thank you doctors!":)'

Thank you!

Bye!!!



Anoushka (Shrestha) Maskey was among our second group of Taktse graduates. She recently graduated from Azim Premji University, Bangalore. To enjoy her lovely new song, click [HERE](#).



anoushkamaskey



“Here’s a short something I wrote yesterday. Just a week into quarantine, and we’re already so restless. Really makes you think about how dependent we are on things, people. Here’s hoping we find beauty even in the missing and the quiet.”

I guess we need it  
loving arms  
and a hand to hold.  
I guess we need it  
a touch, a laugh  
to get us through the day.

The sun comes rising  
just the way it did before  
but I can’t stand it.  
Nothing like  
the warmth of flesh and bone.