



PARENTS' PERCH

How to Improve your Child's Etiquette and Social Skills?

Social skills are as important as academic skills in a child's life. Whether in playground, in the classroom or at home, a child's social skills define him or her. Teaching your children these skills gives them a lifelong survival skills kit.

In contrast, the lack of social skills and grace can make them feel inferior in the presence of friends, family and teachers. This could sometimes lead to disastrous consequences.

How difficult it is to impart these skills? Well, when children are very young, they would do anything you ask. Why not grab the opportunity to teach appropriate behaviour?

The links here lead to two PowerPoint presentations.

The first is ETIQUETTE TEST for PARENTS. Try and answer the questions. Correct answers in the next newsletter. [Download this PowerPoint.](#)

The second is SOCIAL COMMUNICATION TIPS for PARENTS. Use the content to teach your little one a thing or two about facing difficult or embarrassing circumstances. [Download this PowerPoint.](#)

TEACHERS' CORNER

Is Surface Learning all that harmful?

Some students learn deep; others skim the surface.

So what's new about this?

The problem is that Deep or Surface Learning is not an attribute of the learner or individual. The same person may use both approaches at different times.

Let's also get this right: no one is a deep learner across all subjects at all times. Most of us are deep learners sometimes; we skim the surface at other times.

Ok, what distinguishes Deep and Surface Learning styles? And is Surface Learning really all that bad, as educationists are making it out to be?

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BOOK REVIEW

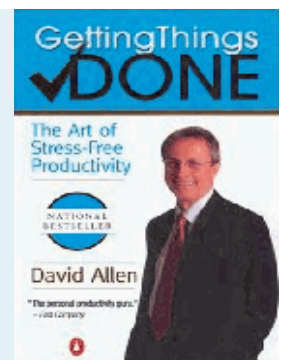
Getting Things Done: The Art Of Stress-free Productivity

By David Allen

Paperback

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Over the past one year, my workload had stacked up, stacked up so high that it would resemble a mountain of unchecked files from a typical 1980s Government office. I couldn't cope with this kind of pressure and I had difficulty organizing my priorities in a clear and logical fashion. As a result, my personal life suffered because I put too much emphasis on completing official stuff and not meeting up with friends often enough. In other words, my work-life balance was so skewed to the side of work that I felt more disconnected with the real world.

Enter Getting Things Done by David Allen.

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WEB REVIEW - AN AMAZING VIDEO PORTAL

Salman Khan - not our Six Pack Abs heartthrob - is an amazing person. He has founded the Khan Academy hoping to use technology to foster new learning models. Currently the portfolio manager of a fund based in Menlo Park, California, Sal received his MBA from Harvard Business School where he was president of the student body. He also holds a Masters in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, a BS in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and a BS in Mathematics from MIT where he was president of the Class of 1998.

At MIT, Sal used to develop web-based math software for children with ADHD.

Khan has created a website that will make children and math teachers dance in joy. The website offers links to 800+ (and growing!) videos on YouTube covering everything from basic arithmetic and algebra to differential equations, statistics, probability, finance and what have you. He has also developed a free, adaptive math program. The entire video library can be accessed FREE!

This is simply marvelous. We decided not to review any other website in this issue so that only this URL sticks in your mind.

<http://www.khanacademy.org/>

REPORT OF THE MONTH

Private Equity Pulse on Education, prepared by Chennai-based media firm Venture Intelligence brings together the views of Education Entrepreneurs, Private Equity / Venture Capital investors, Law Firms and Investment Banks. Several key players in the education segment, including India Value Fund, Sequoia Capital India, Kaizen Education Fund, KPMG, ARA Law and Dhir & Dhir Associates, have expressed their views on the emerging trends in India's education sector.

Also, a team from The Parthenon Group has written about how investment opportunities in India's education industry can generate high returns even in an unfavorable economy.

Download this 'must read' report from the following location:

http://ventureintelligence.in/pepulse_edu.htm

SCHOOL NEWS

- Do you have a learning-related event coming up in your school to which you want to invite others?
- Is there a school initiative in which you want others to participate?
- Do you want to write about a school event that saw great ideas being exchanged?

You have come to the right place.

NimbleKits aims to build a community of all the stakeholders in the K-12 spectrum, constantly learning, refining and sharing ideas on best practices in education. For this, what happens within school premises is critical.

We would be delighted if you could write in with details of school events and initiatives that caused significant learning experience. Write to support@nimblekits.com

[ABOUT US](#)

We hope this newsletter will interest you enough to know more about NimbleKits. We believe in helping children learn with understanding.

Now, that might sound rather pedestrian. Don't children learn with understanding, you might ask.

Amazingly, in the case of a large number of children, the answer is 'no'. We are ambitious and think we can cause a positive on a very large-scale here. To know more about us and our plans, [download this PowerPoint](#)

[ASK US](#)

Do you have a query related to classroom management, English, Science and Math domains (K-5)? Please [write to us](#). Our in-house experts will respond to your queries in the next newsletter

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