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For those who have read literary works of Shakespeare, Ides of March and its effect on Julius Caesar's life would not be unknown. For us in St. Mark's, like rest Indians, 19th of March 2020 also rung the same bell. The Corona pandemic started to be taken seriously and our academic calendar turned topsy-turvy. We had to close our academic year 2019-2020 post-haste and were unable to devote whole-heartedly towards the preparation that goes into welcoming new academic session. All of us found ourselves quarantined within our four walls. But our responsibility towards students did not let us feel handicapped.

Taking a cue from the famous expression in English 'When the going gets tough, the tough gets going', our School Management, under the able leadership of our Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal decided to roll in the academic year 2020-21 virtually. The strong conviction and commitment towards our students propelled our school management, especially our Manager Mr. Rahul Aggarwal to find appropriate tools that could help us bond with our students, albeit virtually. Microsoft Teams was introduced for teachers and students.

Though, initially, most of us found, let alone mastering, navigating various icons of Microsoft Teams daunting, a prophetic phrase from our Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal during one of her interactions with us- "You are teachers, and nothing is impossible for you" helped in boosting our confidence. We haven't looked backed since. Everyday has been a learning experience, which helped us work in right earnest to master a technology we would not have attempted, but for this peculiar situation we all have found ourselves in. The icing on the cake is that not only are we covering the curriculum through online classes but also in the sphere of extracurricular activities we have not been found wanting. We successfully celebrated various important days/weeks 'virtually'. So, as they say "Every cloud has a silver lining", the grim situation of the Corona pandemic brought together teachers, parents and students on an interactive technological platform and every 'thank you' message from the parents motivates us to do even better.

**CBSE BOARD EXAM SCROLL OF HONOUR**

The following students found a place in the scroll of honour in the CBSE Board Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (XII) and Secondary Certificate Examination (X) for the academic session 2019-20 :

**TOPPERS OF CLASS XII****SCIENCE STREAM (XII)**

Mayank Narang (96.8%)

Gautam Joshi (96.2%)

Yash Solanki (96%)

Ash Aggarwal (96%)

**Mayank Narang****Gautam Joshi****Yash Solanki****Ash Aggarwal****COMMERCE STREAM (XII)**

Vansh Babbar (97.6%)

Palak Aggarwal (97.6%)

Saumya Virmani (96.6%)

Malika Kapoor (95.6%)

Prachi Gupta (95.6%)

**Vansh Babbar****Palak Aggarwal****Saumya Virmani****Malika Kapoor****Prachi Gupta**

## HUMANITIES STREAM (XII)

Dimple Kaushik (98.2%)

Jayati Garg (98%)

Drishti Juneja (97.2%)



**Dimple Kaushik**



**Jayati Garg**



**Drishti Juneja**

## TOPPERS OF CLASS X

Kavish Dham (96.4%)

Sarthak Aggarwal (95.2%)

Anant Aggarwal (95.2%)

Sarthak Monga (95%)



**Kavish Dham**



**Sarthak Aggarwal**



**Anant Aggarwal**



**Sarthak Monga**

## STUDENTS WHO SCORED 100% MARKS IN CLASS XII & X

Aishwarya Sharma

(XII – Psychology)

Ganya Dhir

(XII – Psychology)

Vani Garg

(XII – Psychology)

Dimple Kaushik

(XII – Psychology)

Jayati Garg

(XII – Psychology)

Mohit Arora

(XII – Maths)

Gunjan Mittal

(XII – Physical Education)

Aditi

(XII – Physical Education)

Sarthak Aggarwal

(X – Science)

## TECHNOLOGY SAVES THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Our Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal delivered a talk in the webinar series ‘Meet the Schools that Shine’ organized by Shri Aurobindo Society and Health Champs, on the impact of Covid-19 on our education methods and the challenges faced by teachers, students, parents, and the education system as a whole. She opened her talk by focusing on the nature of technology and put it very beautifully as “Technology is an excellent slave but a very dangerous master.” She discussed the changes that online education methods have brought around in the attitude of students and parents. She very rightly said that due to this online education system, parents are more participative in the process. They are able to keep an eye on the classes, exams and other activities like competitions, festival celebrations that are being conducted by the school. She touched upon very important issues like emotional and personal void among students and teachers due to the lockdown, but was optimistic about a fruitful outcome. The students and the teachers continue to work hard to live up to these expectations.



**DIRECTOR MS. ANJALI AGGARWAL**

“Diversity and independence are important because the best collective decisions are the product of disagreement and contest, not consensus or compromise.” — James Surowiecki

Our school organized its 4th Annual Inter School Online English Debate Competition- ‘Ideologue’ on 22 August. We at SMS Janakpuri strongly foster the belief that life’s challenges should not be treated as a setback by anyone, rather those challenges ought to assist them to push their limits so that they emerge out as shining stars in absolute darkness. Thus, to keep alive the freedom of expression, healthy dissent and divergence of views in the midst of this global pandemic, we endeavoured to create an online platform for the young, critiquing scholars.

The competition received an enthusiastic participation from 32 venerated schools across Delhi wherein the fervent participants put forth their views on the trending topic ‘The New Education Policy 2020 will herald progressive changes in India’, and competed for the Rolling Trophy. The entire event was hosted using the online platform- ‘Microsoft Teams’. The participants were judged by Dr. Kusum Lata, Principal, Sri Aurobindo College (Evening), Delhi University, Dr. Sachin Nirmala Narayanan, Associate Professor, Dyal Singh College, Delhi University, and Dr. Rajya Laxmi, Associate Professor, Janki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University. The event was graced by the benign virtual presence of our Chairman, Mr. T. P. Aggarwal, Director, Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Manager, Mr. Rahul Aggarwal. A warm and congenial welcome was extended to all by our Principal, Ms. Alka Kher. The event culminated with a vote of thanks by our Vice Principal, Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia.



The results of Ideologue 2020 are as follows -

**Rolling Trophy : Bluebells School International**

**For The Motion**

- I : Pratyush Rudra**  
Bluebells School International
- II : Anoushka Pal**  
St. Thomas’ School, Dwarka
- III: Tarannum Sehdeva**  
Sri Venkateswar International School, Dwarka

**Against The Motion**

- I : Riti Verma**  
Indraprastha World School, Paschim Vihar
- II : Diya Rao Jaini**  
Bluebells School International
- III : Mahek Gupta**  
Bal Bharati Public School, Rohini



'Hindi is the soul of Indian culture.' To inculcate passion and respect for Hindi language, an Inter school competition '**Hindi Rasdhara**' was organised online for the students of Primary classes on 29 September 2020. On this occasion our School Chairman Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, Manager Mr. Rahul Aggarwal, Principal Ms. Alka Kher, Vice Principal Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia, Educational Supervisor Ms. Jyotsna Vishwakarma, judgement panel Mr. Krishna Gopal, Ms. Alka Suri, Ms. Sushma Gupta, Ms. Archana Kumari, participating students and their parents were present virtually.

Various competitions were held, like Recitation competition for the students of Classes I, II and III. Narrating a folklore for students of Class IV and Debate Competition for students of Class V.

Our students who won prizes are :

**Class I : Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition**

Gurmehar Kaur, I F - Special prize

**Class II : Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition**

Ayaansh Mendiratta, II E - III Prize

Anupriya Kaur Malhotra, II D - Special Prize

**Class III : Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition**

Arshnoor Kaur, III B - II Prize

Mannat Khurana, III A- Special Prize

Akshita Agnihotri, III D - Special prize

**Class IV : Desh Videsh Ki Pauranik Kathayen**

Gouravi Sachdeva, IV A - I Prize

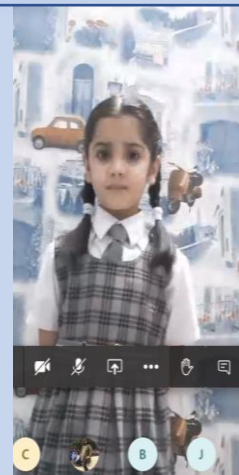
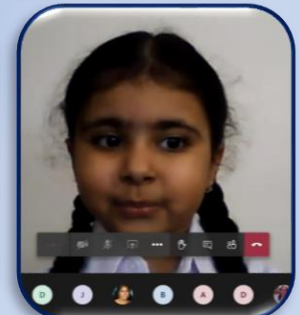
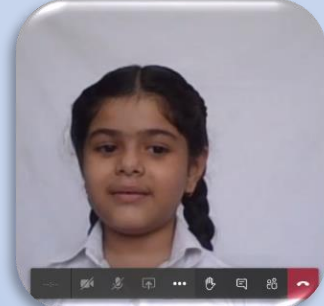
Kiara Manav, IV B - II Prize

Aaradhya Singh, IV C - III Prize

**Class V : Debate Competition**

Asmita Rana, V E - Runner Up (For the motion)

Srishti Sethi, VA - Runner up (Against the motion)



## JASHN-E-AZADI

May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right- because true independence and freedom can only exist in doing what is right. To instill this patriotic fervour we celebrated Independence Day as Jashn-e-Azadi. Students of Classes IV and V presented some lively musical and dance performances, narrated stories and recited poems about the architects of our freedom struggle to make the day memorable.



## INVESTITURE CEREMONY

*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."* -

John Quincy Adams

The Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2020-21 was held virtually on 25 September wherein the newly selected members of the Student Council took the pledge to uphold the school motto of 'Loyalty, Truth & Honour' in high regard and esteem. Our Chairman Mr T. P. Aggarwal, Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal, School Manager Mr. Rahul Aggarwal, along with the Principal Ms. Alka Kher and Vice Principal Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia graced the occasion with their benign virtual presence. It was a moment of immense pride for the parents to pin the badges to the young office bearers on behalf of the school management. "If you look at history, you will find that great discoveries were made in the times of adversities. Likewise, this is the time to discover our abilities and innovate ourselves", said the Head Boy Shouryya Veer Monga, in his speech of gratitude during the virtual Ceremony. Our Chairman, Mr. T.P. Aggarwal, advised the office bearers to work with a spirit of unity in the interest of students at large. Director Ms Anjali Aggarwal congratulated them and rightly remarked that leadership does not mean enjoyment of one's power, rather, it is a means to empower others. The School Manager Mr. Rahul Aggarwal congratulated the students as well as their parents for being a part of the virtual Investiture Ceremony. Our Principal, Ms Alka Kher, appreciated the honesty, confidence and clarity in thoughts which the office bearers had exhibited during the selection process and wished that they work not just for the betterment and growth of their fellow students but for their personal growth as well. Vice Principal, Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia advised the Student Council members to be humble and remain in gratitude because they are on the threshold of a new beginning, and the values and ethos that they have imbibed from the school will guide them forever in their lives.



## OFFICE BEARERS CLASS XI (2020-21)

Name	Designation
Kavish Dham (XI C)	Vice Head Boy
Aishwarya Nagdev (XI A)	Vice Head Girl
Suryansh Singh Rana (XI B)	Vice School Captain
Manisha Varma (XI E)	Vice School Captain
Dev Bahl (XI E)	Vice Sports Captain
Shagun Shukla (XI B)	Vice Sports Captain
Suhani Khanna (XI E)	Vice Gandhi House Captain
Sarthak Monga (XI C)	Vice Nehru House Captain
Vansh Malhotra (XI B)	Vice Patel House Captain
Sarthak Aggarwal (XI D)	Vice Shastri House Captain
Suvda Virmani (XI E)	Vice Discipline Incharge
Shrishti Sharma (XI B)	Vice Discipline Incharge
Bhavya Srihari (XI F)	Vice Discipline Incharge
Srijan (XI D)	Vice Discipline Incharge
Ekansh Verma (XI D)	Vice Discipline Incharge
Arnav Singh (XI C)	Vice Discipline Incharge
Sagar Kumar Joshi (XI E)	Vice Discipline Incharge



Head Boy



Head Girl



Vice Head Boy



Vice Head Girl

## OFFICE BEARERS CLASS XII (2020-21)

NAME	DESIGNATION
Shouryya Veer Monga (XII B)	Head Boy
Aayushi Jain (XII C)	Head Girl
Tiya Sharma (XII F)	School Captain
Chaitanya Sharma (XII A)	School Captain
Aman Bhalla (XII F)	School Captain
Ananya Gupta (XII F)	School Captain
Komal Sachdeva (XII D)	Patel House Captain
Tushar Sethi (XII C)	Gandhi House Captain
Raashee Babbar (XII E)	Shastri House Captain
Ananya Tiwari (XII C)	Nehru House Captain
Tanisha Kapoor (XII A)	Discipline Incharge
Sarthak Goyal (XII B)	Discipline Incharge
Shivek Seth (XII E)	Discipline Incharge
Nishita Yadav (XII C)	Discipline Incharge
Mridul Aggarwal (XII F)	Discipline Incharge
Kashish Goyal (XII D)	Discipline Incharge
Dhruv Sharma (XII B)	Discipline Incharge



## GENERATION GLOBAL



- Eleven students of our school participated in Generation Global Video Conference with Senior High School SMA 3 Bandung (Indonesia) on the topic 'Article 18 UNDHR: Freedom of Belief' held on 15 October. Students from both the schools shared with each other how free they feel to express their thoughts, ideas and beliefs. They also asked questions to deepen their knowledge and thoughts around Article 18 of the UNDHRs.
- Bhavya Srihari of XI F and Suhani Khanna of XI E participated in Generation Global Video Conference along with students from other schools like Philadelphia National School(Jordan), DAV(India), CMS(India) and an Indonesian School on the topic 'Rights of Women and Girls' on 19 October. Students shared their views on Questions regarding prevalent gender disparities, societal restrictions on women, impact of reservations on young women, etc. It was an enriching experience for all the budding global citizens of our future and a great platform to discuss and combat global issues.
- Generation Global organized a Focus Group Discussion for the students around the world, to discuss their experiences till date with the Ultimate Dialogue Adventure and to gather their ideas for how they can improve the platform for thousands of users. Sana Gupta and Tanishk Mehrotra of Class XD participated in the discussion along with the students of many other schools all over the world. Generation Global Team discussed about the challenges faced by the students and informed them about the upcoming projects and the improvements which will help in making the Ultimate Dialogue Adventure site more interesting. Sana and Tanishk actively participated in the discussion and it was indeed a wonderful experience for them.

## RASHTRIYA AVISHKAR SAPTAH 2020



To celebrate Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's birth anniversary, Rashtriya Avishkar Saptah-2020 was conducted from 15 October to 21 October 2020, as proposed by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi. The theme for this year was "Water Auditing and Calculation of Carbon Footprint", which helped in spreading awareness about the importance of judicious usage of water and to lessen the emission of carbon in our country.

Following activities were designed for students of Classes VI-XII

Classes VI-VIII : Water Audit for Household Purposes and Water Audit for Gardening

Classes IX – X : Water Audit for Agricultural Crops

Classes XI – XII : Calculation of Carbon Footprint

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

### Enthusiastic Delegates of MUN :

S.No.	Event	Committee(s)	Winners	Prizes/Awards
1	The Global Model United Nations	United Nations General Assembly	Tiya Sharma (XII F)	Special Mention Award
2	Model United Nations	WHO,UNW and AIPPM	Ansh Girdhar (X F)	High Commendation
			Aishwarya Nagdev (XI A)	High Commendation
3	Screamless Youth Conclave MUN	UNHRC	Sana Gupta (X D)	Verbal Mention
			Akshita Kumar (X B)	High Commendation
4	The Sommaire 2.0 MUN	AIPPM(All India Political Parties Meet)	Saina Bajaj (X D)	High Commendation
			Aishwarya Nagdev (XI A)	Honourable Mention Award
5	Fraternity MUN	AIPPM(All India Political Parties Meet)	Aishwarya Nagdev (XI A)	High Commendation
6	ENTHRAL MUN 3.0	HLPF (High Level Political Forum)	Advaita Kadam (X E)	Best First Timer
7	Diplomacia MUN	IPL Mock Auction	Vansh Malhotra (XI B)	Second Prize
8	Vilakshan MUN 3.0	AIPPM(All India Political Parties Meet)	Suryansh Rana (XI C)	Special Mention Award
			Sana Gupta (X D)	Special Mention Award
9	Excelsior MUN	WTO, UNSC, UNHRC, AIPPM	Saina Bajaj (X D)	Verbal Mention
			Ansh Girdhar (X F)	Verbal Mention
10	Encourage MUN	The Vampire Diaries	Manya Vats (X E)	Verbal Mention
11	JYP(Jagruk Youth Parliament)	AIPPM(All India Political Parties Meet)	Aishwarya Nagdev (XI A)	Best Delegate
12	Online Youth MUN	UNHRC(United Nations Human Rights Council)	Tiya Sharma (XII F)	Best Delegate
13	Sommaire 3.0 MUN	AIPPM (All India Political Parties Meet)	Aishwarya Nagdev (XI A)	Honourable Mention Award
14	Chandigarh Youth Summit	UNSC(United Nations Security Council)	Tiya Sharma (XII F)	Special Mention Award
15	Bravo MUN	The Vampire Diaries	Manya Vats (X E)	Special Mention Award
16	FINESSE MUN	The Vampire Diaries	Manya Vats (X E)	Special Mention Award
17	IIIT Lucknow	MUN Training Virtual Session	Tiya Sharma (XII F)	Invited to attend Virtual Sessions
18	MCMUN	IPL Auction	Vansh Malhotra (XI B)	Special Mention Award
19	Gracieux MUN 2.0	IPL Auction	Vansh Malhotra (XI B)	Special Mention Award
20	Virtual MUN	UNGA(UN General Assembly)	Vansh Malhotra (XI B)	Special Mention Award
21	Magistrate MUN	The Vampire Diaries	Manya Vats (X E)	Special Mention Award
22	Aura MUN	International Press	Srijan (XI D)	Special Mention Award



**Aishwarya Nagdev**  
XI A



**Manya Vats**  
X E



**Vansh Malhotra**  
XI B



**Sana Gupta**  
X D



## TEACHERS' DAY

*"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression & knowledge."* – Albert Einstein.

“Instead of celebrating my birthday, it would be my proud privilege if September 5 is observed as Teachers' Day,” Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan had said and the tradition of celebrating Teachers' Day started from 1962 in India in honour of Dr Radhakrishnan and all the teachers.

As the common adage goes, the future of a country lies in the hands of its children and teachers, as mentors, can mould students into future leaders who shape the destiny of any country.

And so to salute our educators, on 05 September i.e. Teachers' Day, our school organised a virtual cultural programme. After paying a heartfelt tribute to Dr. S Radhakrishnan, some of the students enthralled everyone with their spectacular performances-singing songs, reciting poems and expressing their gratitude to the teachers for always making the teaching-learning process so effective and enjoyable. The Management appreciated the continuous efforts and hard work of the teachers in making the transition smooth from physical teaching to online teaching. The ex-students surprised everyone by sharing their videos, showing how much they missed their school and how indebted they are to their mentors for grooming them so well. A few teachers made this virtual meet even more memorable by singing their favourite tracks.



## MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is the day dedicated to all the mothers and is celebrated every year on the second Sunday of May to honour mothers and motherhood. This year Mother's Day fell on 10 May. On this special occasion, tiny tots of Class I wished their moms a very Happy Mother's Day by making beautiful cards and by displaying their culinary skills.



## COMMONWEALTH DAY

Commonwealth Day is a day of observance by approximately one billion people of their common bonds and the contribution of the Commonwealth of Nations to the creation of a harmonious global environment. The 2020 Commonwealth Day theme focused on 'Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming' which offers opportunities for the people, parliaments, governments and institutions of the Commonwealth to connect and work together at many levels through far-reaching and deep rooted networks of friendship. Sakshi Kumari, X C shared insightful details about the significance of this day with all of us. Harshit Dubey, IX F and Suryansh Rana, XI C made beautiful paintings on Commonwealth Day 2020. Kritanu Gulia, IX E went a step ahead and created a digital poster on this year's theme.

## WORLD LAUGHTER DAY

*When you laugh, you change and when you change, the whole world changes around you!*



As we are facing a life altering situation around the world today, it becomes even more important to laugh and make others laugh too. Hence the need to celebrate 'World Laughter Day'. World Laughter day is celebrated every year on 3 May. Our students - Jashandeep Kaur XII E, Tushar Jha IX C, Ayush Pandey XII B and Ayush Utsav VII A made beautiful posters and sketches in their attempt to spread joy, positivity and happiness. Aaradhya Singh tickled our funny bones with her hilarious poem *Kab Mar Rahe Hain* by Shail Chaturvedi.

## Pi APPROXIMATION DAY

Pi Approximation Day is observed all over the world on 22 July every year. This day is also known as Casual  $\pi$  Day. Angel Pahuja, VIII A shed light about this constant  $\pi$  and  $\pi$  Approximation Day.

## WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

World No Tobacco Day aims to bring attention to how harmful tobacco can be as a substance; it seeks to fight against tobacco addiction and compensate for the deaths and illnesses caused by it. Students of Classes IX to XII took a pledge on this day while the students of Classes VI to VIII made posters to highlight the adverse effects of tobacco on humans.



## WORLD OZONE DAY

**Earth without Ozone, Is Like A House without A Roof!**

Since 1995, 'World Ozone Day' or 'International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer' is observed on 16 September annually. The day is mainly intended to spread awareness about depletion of the ozone layer and search for solutions to preserve it. Let us join hands to work in the direction of saving the ozone layer with our synergized efforts. Jayesh Singh, VI D shared with us some important facts about this day.



## WORLD TOURISM DAY

Travel has been said to broaden our mind by virtue of exploring the world and seeing the broad vistas and cultures that the people of the world have to offer. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness on the role of tourism within the international community and to demonstrate how it affects social, cultural, political and economic values worldwide. Since travel has become an important part of everyone's life and is no longer considered as a luxury but a necessity to break away from a mundane routine and rejuvenate; we look forward to the good times when travel and tourism will revive. On 27 September, World Tourism Day, a presentation made by Sannidhi Arora, XI F was shared on school Facebook page.

## INTERNATIONAL NELSON MANDELA DAY

International Nelson Mandela Day is observed on 18 July every year. The day hopes to inspire people to embrace the values that Mandela shared. These values include democracy, freedom, equality, diversity, reconciliation and respect.

Many people and organizations around the world take part in various activities, which include volunteering, sports, art, education, music and culture, in order to honour Nelson Mandela's work.

A small tribute on this day was given by Ekansh Verma, XI E in the form of a brilliant life-like sketch of Nelson Mandela.



## WORLD POPULATION DAY

'World Population Day' is an annual event observed every year on 11 July to raise awareness of global population issues. To create awareness about the same, students of Classes VI to XII of our school made creative and colourful posters on the following topics: Minimum age at marriage for girls and boys, Need for small family, Role of fathers in responsible planning of families and healthy upbringing of children.



## WORLD SHAKESPEARE DAY

"With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come." - William Shakespeare

Our school honoured the Bard of Avon by celebrating World Shakespeare Day on 23 April. Students recited Shakespeare's ever so famous sonnets and poems, donned the garb of grief stricken and helpless Juliet by delivering her most renowned monologue. The powerful speech of Brutus from 'Julius Caesar' moved one and all. The videos uploaded by the students received immense appreciation too.



## WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY

*Everyone has a right to safe, healthy and nutritious food. Let's imagine a world where no one gets sick from food.*

On the occasion of World Food Safety Day, Pranjal Jindal of Class VI-F explained its significance and emphasized the fact that 'Food Safety is indeed, everyone's business.'

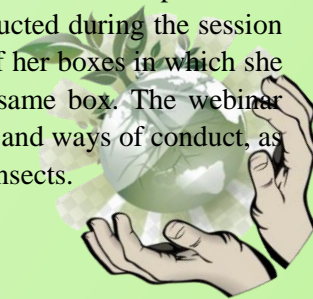


## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

A World Environment Day special, CSE webinar, 'An Environmental Agenda For The Future' was held on 5 June. The hosts Sunita Narain and Anumita Roy Chowdhury talked about post lockdown strategies to retain our clean air and blue skies. They spoke about various sources of pollution (vehicles and combustion from industries) and the sharp change in the air quality post lockdown. Our Educational Supervisor (Primary) Ms. Jyotsna Vishwakarma, teachers Ms. S. Hakku, Ms. S. Sahni and Ms. P. Bora attended this webinar and are of the view that these measures can have a positive impact in maintaining clean air quality.



Additionally, on the occasion of World Environment Day, a webinar by renowned environmentalist Ms. Prachi Singh was also conducted for students of Classes VI to X. It was organized in association with FM 104- Speaker of the Year Forum. The session commenced with our Principal Ms. Alka Kher addressing the students and wishing them a happy World Environment Day. She shared an insightful message with the students to do their part in keeping the environment clean and emphasized on the fact that it was the need of the hour to respect and honour Mother Nature for all that it has given us. The session was a very engaging one wherein Ms. Prachi spoke at length about her passion for which she is known across the nation - that is, her hobby of collecting and nurturing over 550 butterflies. She taught the students how they can also develop an interest in the activity and how they should go about creating a home environment for the caterpillar, which would later metamorphose into a beautiful butterfly. The students enthusiastically participated in the polls that she conducted during the session and came up with an array of questions. They were also lucky enough to peek into one of her boxes in which she had recently harboured a caterpillar, alongwith a moth having metamorphosed in the same box. The webinar concluded with Ms. Prachi asking the students to be environment friendly in their actions and ways of conduct, as well as persuading them to show mercy towards the harmless and voiceless animals and insects.



## WORLD HAND HYGIENE DAY

World Hand Hygiene Day is celebrated annually on 5 May. It is the WHO's global annual call to action for healthcare providers and is quite apt in today's scenario. During the ongoing global pandemic, one of the cheapest, easiest and most important ways to prevent the spread of Corona virus is to wash our hands frequently with soap and water. And who could acquaint us better with the correct way of washing hands than young Naksh Budhani, I-B, who participated in the 'Covid-19 Awareness Program: Handwash Challenge'. Disha Goyal, X-A and Diya Chawla, IX-F also sang a song on this important day to spread awareness about hand hygiene.



## VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

Vigilance Awareness Week aims to promote transparency, accountability, integrity and greater awareness on vigilance in public life. This year, the theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week was 'Satark Bharat, Samriddh Bharat (Vigilant India, Prosperous India)'. All the teachers, non-teaching staff and students of Classes X to XII of our school virtually took an E-Integrity Pledge during the Vigilance Awareness Week to encourage the fight against corruption.

**EARTH DAY**



*Just putting a smile on your face will help make this Earth a better place.*

Due to lockdown all over the world, there was less vehicular movement both on surface and air, hence less pollution. A blessing in disguise ! Mother Earth seems to be healing. This was exactly our theme for Earth Day activities for the Primary wing this year, which children enthusiastically accomplished, sitting in the comfort of their homes. The newest addition to the SMS Family, our tiny tots from Class I, wholeheartedly participated in the Earth Day activity organized especially for them – ‘Draw and Colour A Happy Earth’. And, that is precisely what they did - used every possible colour to make our Earth look happy. Students of Classes II to V made crowns, wall hangings, posters and even recreated beautiful things from unused items at home; showing us that when we heal the Earth, we actually heal ourselves. Students of Classes VI and VII expressed their ideas of green inspiration this year by using a palette of colours - be it driving a zero-emission vehicle or something as simple as beginning a home recycling plan. With each piece of art, they reminded us that every green act of kindness helps take care of the planet that we so fondly call home. Jasmine Verma of VIII C recited a beautiful poem ‘Earth Day is Special Day’. Jasleen Kaur of VIII A shared a video in which she talked about the ways to conserve water in order to save Earth. Kavish Dham of XI C told us more about the inception and significance of Earth Day through his impactful speech.



**WORLD PAPER BAG DAY**

**World Paper Bag Day** is observed on 12 July every year. Students of Class VA enlightened us on the importance of usage of paper bags in today's world through an informative power point presentation, prepared by Pious Bajaj and Manal Goswami and video messages by Manal Goswami, Samrudhi Sahoo, Srishti Sethi and Akshit Gulati.

**WORLD HERITAGE DAY**

World Heritage Day encourages us to celebrate all the cultures of the world. It brings awareness of important cultural monuments and sites as well as espouses the significance of preserving the world's cultures. The theme for this year's World Heritage Day - Shared Cultures, Shared Heritage, Shared Responsibility is important as an expression of our global unity in the face of the ongoing worldwide health crisis. Ansh Girdhar, X-F happily penned down a beautiful poem 'World Heritage - Our Pride' and shared a video of his impressive recitation. Suhaani, X C also recited a beautiful self-composed poem, enlightening us about our rich cultural heritage.



## INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

Chuck Berry rightly said, "If you want to release your aggression, get up, and dance."



Dance is to music, what soul is to a body. With the coming of music, man felt an insuppressible and intense desire to bring about musicality and rhythm in their body movements. It is believed that, if you dance with your heart, your body will follow. Celebrated on 29 April every year, International Dance Day is a day that was created by the International Theatre Institute, the main partner of the performing arts unit of UNESCO. It is a day on which both amateurs and professionals can hit the dance floor and get the groove on. After all, dance is both an art form and a form of cultural expression for many cultures all over the world. Continuing our virtual celebration of all the important days, students of Classes III to VI shared videos of themselves dancing to some scintillating music from across the world.

## AMBEDKAR JAYANTI

Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was an economist, politician and social reformer who fought for the rights of the Dalit community. A principal architect of the Constitution of India, Ambedkar also advocated for women's rights and labours' rights. To honour his contribution and service to the country, his birthday is celebrated every year on 14 April. Ekansh Verma, XI E made a beautiful sketch of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti. Mishti Arya, XII D shared a video of herself, enlightening us more about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, his achievements, contribution in building the Constitution of India as well as how great a human he was! Chaitanya Sharma, XII A also paid his tribute to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar through his powerful speech.

## GANDHI JAYANTI

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, students of Class V C paid homage to Gandhiji with their artwork, depicting different facets from Gandhiji's life. Celebrating the 151st birth anniversary of Gandhiji and promising to follow in his footsteps were Saksham Garg and Harshit Chopra who had prepared a lovely presentation on the life of Gandhiji. Lehar Saha portrayed the greatness of Mahatma through her speech. Shaumit Singh paid tribute to the Father of the Nation by singing Bapu's favourite bhajan. Hritwika presented a graceful dance performance in honour of the Mahatma.



## GANESH CHATURTHI

Ganesh Chaturthi is an auspicious Hindu festival which is celebrated for ten-long days. Students of Class III gave a wonderful virtual presentation of the festival like Ganpati Vandana, a skit depicting the story of the birth of Lord Ganesha, Ganesh Stuti and some graceful dance performances.



## DURGA PUJA

Durga Pooja, also called Durgotsava, is an annual Hindu festival originating in the Indian subcontinent that reveres and pays homage to the Hindu Goddess, Durga. So on 21 October, students of Classes I and II joyfully presented Durga Pooja celebrations. To mark the victory of good over evil, we had a skit which represented Sita Haran and Lord Rama's victory over the ten headed demon king Ravana. Our students presented a mesmerising dance showcasing all the Nine Avatars of the Goddess. After chanting the popular Durga Chalisa, these little kids presented a set of power packed dances which gave us glimpses of Durga Puja celebrations in the states of Maharashtra, West Bengal, Gujarat and Rajasthan.



## BAISAKHI

*Baisakhi* is a spring festival for Sikhs and Hindus. It marks the Sikh New year and commemorates the formation of *Khalsa Panth* of warriors under Guru Gobind Singh in 1699. *Baisakhi* is also an ancient festival of Hindus marking the solar New year. Siblings Gurnoor Kaur Malhotra, III-C and Jasraj Singh Malhotra, VIII A ushered in the fervor of *Baisakhi* with a power-packed, energetic and rapturous *Bhangra* performance. The students of Classes I to V celebrated the festival by singing and dancing on folk songs at their respective homes.



**EASTER**

Easter reminds us that hope must never be lost for the road may seem dark but there's a bright light at the end of it. Diya Chawla, IX F cheered everyone by singing a beautiful Easter song. Students of Classes I-V celebrated Easter from their respective homes. They saw power point presentations, learnt how to draw and colour Easter eggs and baskets, and made Easter bunnies using origami. They also enjoyed singing and dancing on some Easter songs.



**JANMASHTAMI**

Fun-filled learning of Indian tradition is a common practise in many schools of India. Such practices infuse within students, respect of their culture. Our little ones from Classes I and II were engaged in creating Lord Krishna's favourite flute and the famous *dahi-handi* associated with Janmashtami.



## VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

**'Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary.'**

With an aim to inculcate this valuable habit in our children, Virtual Book Week celebration was held from 28 to 30 July. 'Author Interaction' was organised for students of Class V, wherein they got to meet and interact with Ms. Varsha Seshan, an eminent author of children's books who has 19 titles to her credit - 'The Story Catcher', 'Dragonfly Jigsaws And Sea shells', to name a few. Ms. Seshan shared the story of how she became a writer and motivated them to keep reading and penning down their thoughts as per their observation of things around them. The students asked varied questions and were very thrilled with this experience. A virtual book tour of the entire Book Fair was organized for them. Children of Classes I to VIII enjoyed e-browsing the books on display, from the comforts of their living rooms.

An interesting storytelling session was also organised for Class I students. Renowned storyteller, Ms Neelam Narang, enthralled the young audience by creating a magical moment through her story. Children were all ears, paying attention to the smallest details. They thoroughly enjoyed the narrative and when it ended, excitedly drew pictures of the characters from the story.



## ONLINE STORYTELLING SESSIONS

On 21 April, Akshita Kumar, X B attended one of the most interactive and fun sessions. Debsmita Dasgupta, the author of the graphic novel 'Nadya' was live on Facebook in a session sponsored by Crosswords bookstores, Scholastic India and Shoppers Stop. She read her book live in the session with such enthusiasm that it felt like everyone was a part of the world of 'Nadya'. The story telling session was followed by a doodling session in which she taught the aspiring authors how to say 'No' to their fears.



According to the author, "No matter what your age is, you will always have fears but wherever or whoever you are, you can always flip your fears." Overall, it was an enriching experience for Akshita and she hopes to take part in more such events in future. Yugal Aggarwal, III A entered the magical world of stories, albeit online, to listen to a folk tale *Eki Doki* from Maharashtra, narrated by Ms. Devaki Bhujang Gajare. Yugal enjoyed the story telling session and hopes to participate in more such activities in future.

Anika Dewan, VI F and Srishti Sethi, V A attended a wonderful interactive storytelling session by Chitralkha Bhaskar. Both the girls loved watching the renowned author acting out the story Tara's Secret. In their own words, "It was a very inspirational and entertaining session."

## INTER-CLASS DEBATE

*'Freedom is hammered out on the anvil of discussion, dissent and debate.'* - Hubert H. Humphrey

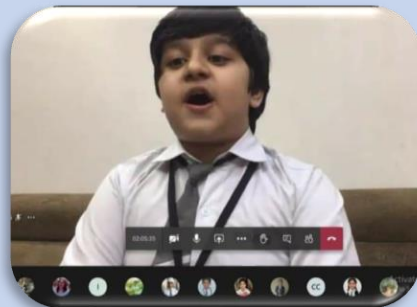
Inter Class Online Debate Competition for Classes XI and XII was held on 18 July wherein the participants of Class XI debated on the topic- 'Home schooling is better than Traditional Schooling' and Class XII debated on 'Social Media has Improved Human Communication'. The competition was graced by the presence of our Director, Ms. Anjali Aggarwal as well as our Principal Ms. Alka Kher and Vice Principal Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia. They encouraged and motivated the participants with their words of wisdom and shared their valuable feedback. The names of the winners are as follows:

	CLASS XI	Class XII
<b>Best Speaker For the Motion</b>	Srishti Sharma XI B	Chaitanya Sharma XII A
<b>Best Speaker Against the Motion</b>	Aishwarya Nagdev XI A	Tiya Sharma XII F
<b>Best Team</b>	Anant Aggarwal XI C and Harshit Gupta XI C	Komal Aggarwal XII C and Mishti Arya XII D



## HINDI POETRY

Poetry or poem is the knowledge of literature in which the story or emotion is artistically expressed through a language. Hindi Poetry Competition was organized from 25 to 28 August for students of Classes I to V. Students participated in this competition with great enthusiasm. Many interesting poems were recited by the students on various topics like toys, festivals, relationship, nature, technology, etc .



First Prize	Second Prize	Third prize	Special Prize
Gurmehar Kaur I F	Saffron, I B Amrit Kaur, I C	Sarthak Mittal, I E	Manasvi Bhatnagar, I E Soham Dhingra, I D Charvi Pabby, I D Darshan Taneja, I F
Charukshi, II A	Mishika Taneja, II C	Saysha Singh, II D	Ayaansh Mendiratta, II E Vardaan Gupta, II C Jasmehar Kaur, II D Prachi Jain, II B
Hardit, III E	Vanya, III D	Lakshika, III B Arshnoor, III B	Shamis, III F Arsh, III C Saanvi, III A
Aaradhya, IV C	Kanishka Kapoor, IV B Manav Aggarwal, IV D	Urvi Gupta, IV F	Gouravi Sachdeva, IV A Kiara Manav, IV B Krishti Yadav, IV D Mishika Batra, IV A Shivansh Gupta, IV C
Hridaan Narang, V D Chinmay Chhikara, V A	Sonakshi Mehrotra, V C	Kuhuk Khera, V B	Ishaan Aggarwal, V B Paavni Dhingra, V D Gauntaas Kaur, V D Akshit Gulati, V A

## SANSKRIT DIWAS

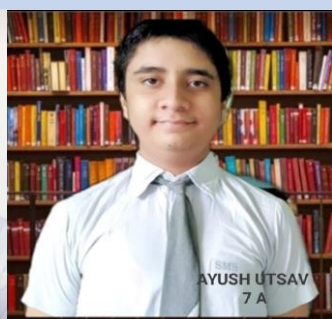
Sanskrit Competition was organized by Ratna Sagar Publications for students of Classes VI to VIII. Results of the competition are as follows.

**Class VI** : I Prize - Ansh Sharma, II Prize - Pranjal Jindal, III Prize - Anika Diwan

**Class VII** : I Prize - Namanpreet Kaur, II Prize - Ayush Utsav and Manmeet Kaur,  
III Prize - Tiya Mittal

**Class VIII** : I Prize - Somya Manchanda, III Prize Hamsini

Winners were awarded E- Certificates.



## GO LAADLI

*Golaadli* is a non-profitable organization working towards empowering young girls. Tiya Sharma of Class XII was selected as a member of the *Golaadli* Girl Advisory Board 2020, along with 13 girls from all over India. *Golaadli* launched its Covid19 campaign with the team of students from all over India. We are happy to share that Tiya's video-byte on Covid19 Hygiene Campaign has featured in *Golaadli's* official website.



## FANTASIA

Students of our school participated in Fantasia, an Inter School Online Fest, organized by Adarsh Public School in the month of August 2020. Anushka Singh, VI B bagged the First Prize in Digital Imaging wherein she created a digital poster on 'Nature Reshaping Itself'. Stavva Virmani, VII D bagged Consolation Prize in the event- 'Fun with Scratch'. He created an attractive and persuasive advertisement on the theme 'Covid Ready School' using SCRATCH software.

**ANUSHKA SINGH**



**STAVYA VIRMANI**



## JASPALIAN ARCADE 2020

Kritanu Gulia, IX E bagged second prize in the event 'E-Tale' in Jaspalian Arcade 2020 organised by Jaspal Kaur Public School, in which the participants had to create a story on the theme 'My Family-My Greatest Treasure' using SCRATCH software.



**KRITANU GULIA**

## DIGI-MUDDA



**KOMAL SACHDEVA**

A team of two students from our school participated in DIGI- MUDDA -An All India Inter School Online Debate Competition organized by JM International School, Dwarka on 22 August 2020. Seasoned orators from various reputed schools of Delhi NCR displayed their acumen and expertise on the topic 'Lockdown a great fiasco, rather than an opportunity'. In the closely contested event, Komal Sachdeva, XII D bagged the First Prize and Chaitanya Sharma, XII A the Consolation Prize.



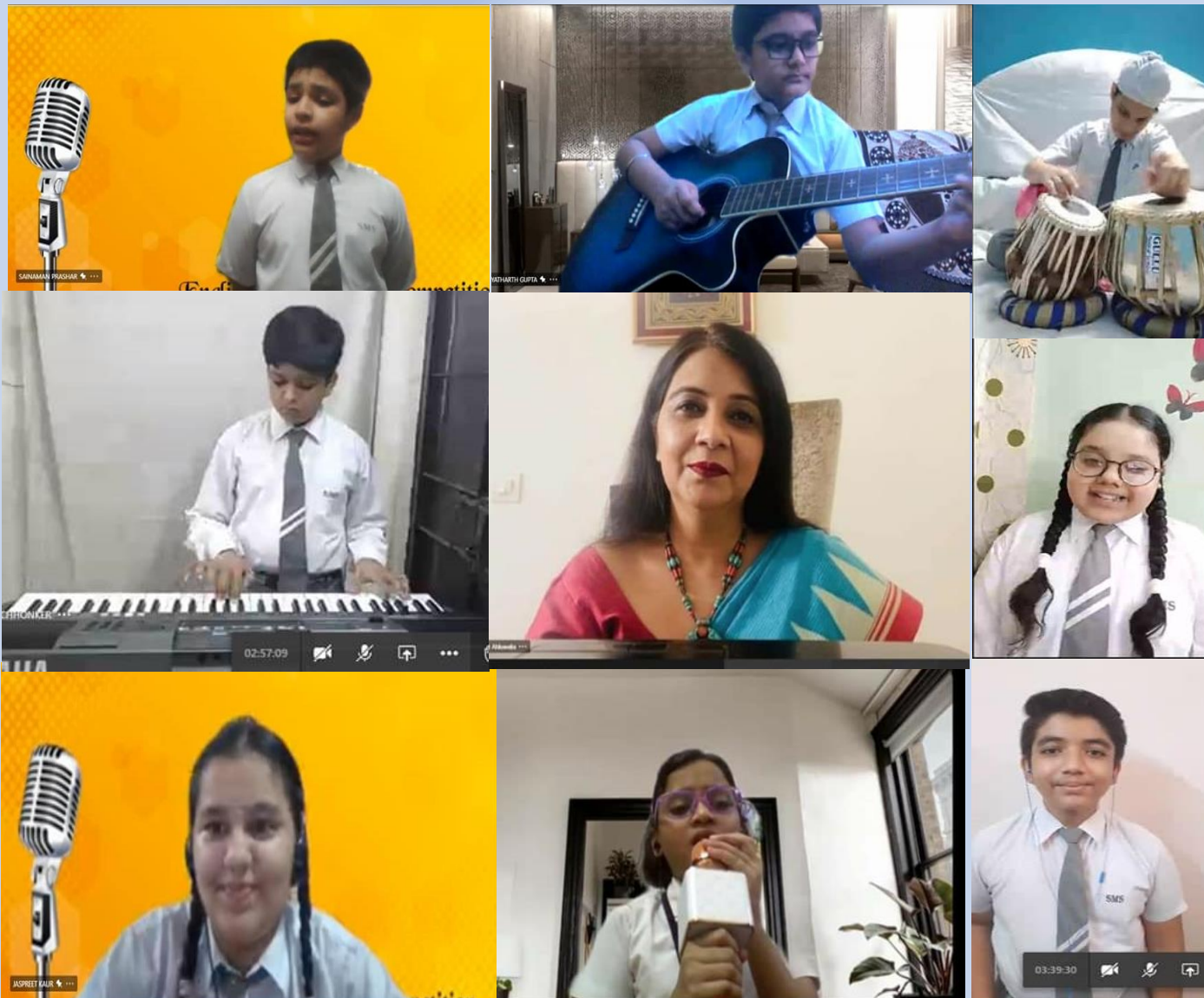
**CHAITANYA**

## SOLO SINGING & INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

*“Music is a world within itself, with a language we all understand.”*

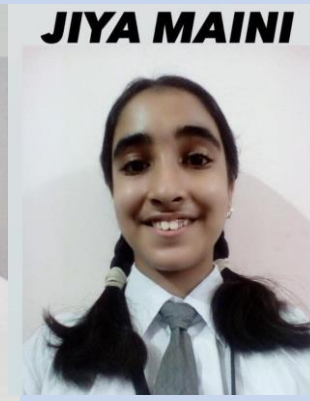
To feel love, joy and being alive during the global pandemic, we created an online platform for our young and very talented singers. Our school organized English and Hindi Solo Singing Competition on 16 and 17 September, respectively. The competition received an enthusiastic participation from vocalists of Classes VI to VIII. The talented singers sang different genres like Pop, R&B and Rock in English and in Hindi sang various soulful and soft romantic Bollywood tracks. During the Instrumental Music Competition organised on 17 September our young musicians played Hindi patriotic songs, old melodies and self-composed music on a variety of instruments like guitar, casio, harmonium and tabla. The melodious songs tugged the heart strings of the audience. The winners of the competitions were :-

	English Solo Singing	Hindi Solo Singing	Instrumental Music
<b>I Prize</b>	Sirjan Pratap, VII D Parth Srivastava, VI C	Bhavya Kumar, VIII E	Aditya Singh Chhonker, VII F
<b>II Prize</b>	Samridhi, VI E	Akshara Murali Rao, VIII D	Ayush Utsav, VII A
<b>III Prize</b>	Ramaa Chauhan, VIII D	Gaurvi Kharbanda, VIII E	Aashi Sinha, VII F



## QUEST 2020

Students of our school participated in various activities and competitions in the Virtual Annual Inter-School Science & Maths Festival Quest 2020 organised by St Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Meera Bagh. The activities were aimed at building the scientific aptitude and reasoning skills of the students. Jiya Maini, VIII B won the First Prize in the category 'Curious Minds' where she displayed how to clean our silverware, jewellery and other metallic items using simple displacement reactions based on reactivity series. Eva, XA participated in 'Anveshan-The Conference of Young Scientists' and won Second Prize on the topic, 'Death-A Reality or just an Illusion'. Pratyaksh Verma, VI C was awarded a Special Prize in Mathematical Wizard, wherein the participants prepared a video on their favourite Mathematician and interacted with the judges live, for a question-answer session.



## WONDERFUL WORLD OF LITERATURE

*Literature is the only world where imagination breathes...*

Giving children access to all varieties of literature at a young age helps them develop love and passion for reading. Our students from Classes I to V participated enthusiastically in an inter-school literary extravaganza 'Wonderful World of Literature' organised by St. Mark's Girl School, Meera Bagh. Srishti Sethi, V A, speaking against the motion, bagged the First Prize in the Debate Competition held on the topic 'Online Classes shall render Real Classes redundant'. Priyanshi Razdan, IV D won the Third Prize in the event R J HUNT where the students were judged on their rhetorical skills.



## RHETORIA

*Winning doesn't always mean being FIRST. Winning means you are doing better than you have never done before!*

Our primary students participated in Rhetoria 2020 - an Inter School Competition organised virtually by JM International School Dwarka on 25 September- wherein our little ones won accolades for the school, performing brilliantly in different activities. Navya Bansal, I D participated in 'Katha Utsav' where students had to describe a rare Indian festival in a creative manner. Navya gave a beautiful description about Thimithi Festival (Fire Walking festival) celebrated in Tamil Nadu. Navya bagged the First Prize for an alluring description of the festival. Kashvi Anand, IV D also won the First Prize in the Hindi Story-Telling Competition narrating the famous Panchatantra tale 'The Wind And The Sun' using all possible storytelling theatrics.



Srishti Sethi, V A participated in the English language event Inspire-O-Gram, a Biographic-Summary-Narration. Her commendable performance of narrating the biography of our beloved 11th President A.P.J Abdul Kalam won her the Second Prize.

## STORY TELLING

*It's not magic that takes us to another world...its Storytelling!*

Tanishdeep Singh Kalra, II C narrated the story-Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets and won the second prize in the under-12 age category of the Melio Online Storytelling Challenge#6, held on 15 September.



## INTER CLASS ENGLISH RECITATION

*“Poetry is simply the most beautiful, impressive, and widely effective mode of saying things.”*

- Matthew Arnold

Online Inter Class English Recitation Competition was organised for the students of Class VI - Narrative Poetry and Class VIII - Dramatic Poetry. The students participated in the competition with great enthusiasm and exhibited their talents and abilities. The participants left no stone unturned to win the accolades of the audience and judges. Students were judged on parameters like confidence, voice modulation, memorisation, delivery and diction. The winners of the competition were:

<b>I Prize:</b>	Pratyaksh Verma, VI C	Angel Pahuja, VIII A
<b>II Prize</b>	Ayushi, VI A	Misha Ahuja, VIII D & Riddhima Chopra, VIII F
<b>III Prize</b>	Astha Yadav, VI E	Jasleen Kaur, VIII A



## HINDI DEBATE COMPETITION

On 18 September 2020 an Inter House Debate Competition was organised for the students of Classes IX and X. All the participants were confident and impressed the judges with their arguments. The judgement panel included Ms Sushma Gupta from Salwan Public School and Ms Alka Suri from Army Public School . Principal Ms Alka Kher and Vice Principal Ms. Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia graced the occasion with their virtual presence.

### Winners of Class IX :

- 1.Swastika Maity, IX D (for the motion)
- 2.Sahaj Garg, IX C (against the motion)

### Winners of Class X :

1. Shalini, X D (for the motion)
2. Gursimar Singh Rekhi, X F (against the motion)

## ART COMPETITION

Art has the power to transform, illuminate, educate, inspire and motivate. Using vibrant colours, students participated enthusiastically in the Intra Section On The Spot Painting Competition, held virtually on 15 October for Classes III and IV, on 16 October for Class V and on 22 October for Classes I and II. Students gave a beautiful glimpse of their creativity on topics like 'My Favourite Food', 'My Sweet Home', 'A Garden/Park Scene', 'Favourite Game', 'The Festival I like the Most', 'Dreams', 'My Super Hero /Woman', 'Visit to a Hill Station', etc. Following were the prize winners: -

**FIRST PRIZE** : Sarthak Mittal I E, Aayansh II B , Saanvi Yadav III A, Yashveer Singh IV D, Manal Goswami V A

**SECOND PRIZE** : Anantpreet Kaur I E, Anupriya II D, Sharanya III C, Bhakti Sharma IV C, Yug V E

**THIRD PRIZE** : Aarav IA, Avika Singh IIB, Jaivansh IIIC, Khanak Gambhir IV A, Shivangi VB

**SPECIAL PRIZES** : Nitya Gupta IA, Rakshita Mehta IA, Pihu Chawla IB, Arnab Atrish IB, Vihaan Rai IB, Harleen Kaur IC, Aayansh Kakkar IE, Jiya I E, Japman I F, Rakshita Kumaiya I F, Samridhhi II C, Tanishdeep II C, Gunishka II C, Soumil II D, Naaira II E, Shivang II E, Veronika II F, Arnab Singh III A, Swastik Khurana III A, Vikramjeet Singh III B, Lakshita Khanna III B, Mysha III C, Mayra III C, Vinayak Badhwar III C, Sumati Malhotra III C, Vanya Sharma III D, Aarnav Sandhu III E, Anannya Bansal III E, Shamis III E, Lavya Gulati III E, Aaradhyai Gupta III E, Ayush Jaiswal III E, Aaradhya Srivastva III F, Hasit III F, Angleen III F, Mishika III F, Prisha Chopra IV A, Gouravi Sachdeva IV A, Kiara Manav IV B, Gopal IV B, Divyanshi IV C, Nidhi IV F, Pranshi Kapoor IV F, Yohan Arora IV F, Samridhi V A, Sana Juneja V B, Harsha V C, Shivansh V C, Harshdeep V C, Paavani Dhingra V D, Yashmeet V E, Asmita Rana V E, Vaibhav V E, Nitanya V E and Khushi V E





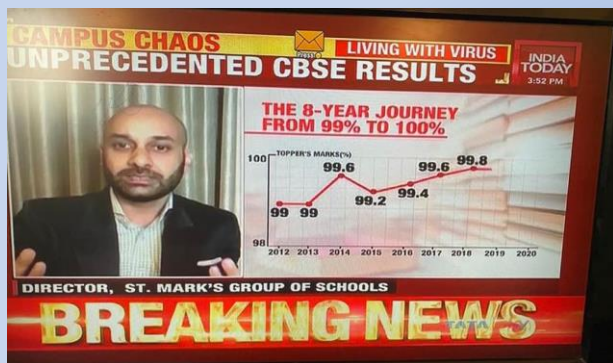
### REPORT CARD OF THE NEW NORMAL

Many of our staff members had an opportunity to be part of a webinar 'Report Card of the New Normal'. Our Director Ms. Anjali Aggarwal was one of the panelists, alongwith top educators from leading schools across India.

All the panelists were of the unanimous view that in the current hybrid learning environment, the parameters of evaluation surely need to change and that, this 'Pandemic Pause' should be taken as an opportunity to rethink and redesign assessment policies.



### THE IMMEDIATE NEED -PEDAGOGY OVERHAUL



Mr. Rahul Aggarwal, Director, St Mark's Group of Schools, was part of a panel discussion on India Today TV on the topic 'Unprecedented CBSE Results' - leading to unusually high college cut-offs this year. He agreed with the view that the immediate need of the hour was Curriculum/Assessment Reform. The way for the future could be that most of the colleges could start conducting their own entrance exams instead of relying on the inflated grades awarded by the CBSE.

### RE-IMAGINING EDUCATION: THE ROLE OF EDUCATORS AND MEDIA

'Re-imagining Education: The Role of Educators and Media' - A video conference was held by MV Speaker of the Year'20 in which Principals of different schools and eminent media persons participated. Our Principal Ms. Alka Kher was one of the panelists in the discussion on the topic 'How to keep the students engaged constructively during the lockdown'.

The panelists discussed the challenges of the online teaching-learning process. Our Principal mentioned that the teachers had embraced technology and were putting their best foot forward in dealing effectively with not only the IQ of their students, but also their EQ(emotional quotient) by counseling them, from time to time.



### CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT - STRATEGIES FOR ONLINE CLASSROOMS

A webinar 'Classroom Management - Strategies for Online Classrooms' was organised by CBSE on 27 April. Teachers from different schools, all over Delhi, joined in to share their views and experiences of online classes. The resource person gave various suggestions on how to make online teaching lively, interactive, better and useful for the learners. Our Educational Supervisor Ms. Jyotsna Vishwakarma and a few teachers from our school attended the session.

## ONLINE TRAINING OF TRAINERS

*Teach what is inside you, not as it applies to you, to yourself, but as it applies to the other.*

Our Principal Ms. Alka Kher and our Physical Education teachers Mr. G. Bahuguna and Ms. M. Wadhwa attended an online Training of Trainers (TOT) for Heads of Schools and Sports Coaches of CBSE affiliated schools, organised by Khelo India and Sports Authority of India, on the topic 'Whole School Approach to Fitness and Fitness Assessment of School-going Children.'

## WEBINAR ON ACCOUNTANCY

Ms. V. Shah (PGT Commerce) attended webinars conducted by Dr. G. S. Grewal (Chartered Accountant and Pracademic) and Dr. S. C. Sharma (Retd. Associate Professor in Commerce and Author of Accountancy Books) on 2 and 3 May respectively. Various aspects of Accountancy, like changes in the pattern of the question paper and changes in the Syllabus (Rules regarding Redemption of Debentures as per Amendments of August 2019) were discussed. It was quite a knowledgeable session for Ms. Shah.

## CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM - VALUE EDUCATION

CBSE COE Delhi West organized an online Capacity Building Program for teachers on 'Value Education' on 30 April. The resource person Mr. R.K. Srivastav focused on the importance of human values and methods of inculcating these values in the students. Our teachers who attended learnt how to integrate these values into the syllabus through poems, group discussions, debates etc.

## CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM- POLITICAL SCIENCE

A webinar was organised by Mr. Madan Sawhney (CBSE Instructor) on Capacity Building Programme - Political Science on 20 May. Mr. Sawhney emphasized on various methodologies and strategies of teaching Political Science in the classroom. He discussed the importance of Political Science as a subject in day to day life, stressed upon identifying and recognising different intelligences of students in a classroom environment and urged the teachers to adopt a variety of teaching-learning methods to make classroom environment more informative and interactive. The webinar was attended by Ms. R. Anand, who found the session really helpful.

## CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME - CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

An online Capacity Building Programme on 'Classroom Management' was organised by CBSE for the teachers on 30 April. The resource person, Ms. Hema Kalakoti, focused on various strategies for creating an effective learning environment for the students in the class. She also discussed the effective use of 'multiple intelligence' in the classrooms. It was an enriching and enlightening session for our teachers.

## CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM - LEARNING STYLES

CBSE Centre of Excellence Delhi West organized an online Capacity Building Program on 'Learning Styles' on 17 May. The resource person Major Rajesh Ranjeet enlightened the teachers on the various learning styles such as Visual, Auditory, Kinaesthetic etc. and how they are helpful in making teaching more effective. A presentation was shown to explain the concept. Overall, it was a wonderful session for Ms. R. Khurana who was part of this webinar.

## CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME - LIFE SKILLS

An enlightening online Capacity Building Workshop on 'Life Skills' was organized by CBSE for the teachers on 1 May. It was conducted by Ms Hema Kalakoti. The resource person discussed various techniques that can be used by the teachers to enhance students' problem solving, critical thinking and interpersonal skills. Life skill techniques such as use of role-play, case study, demonstration, drama, debate, mimicking, poetry recitals etc were also deliberated upon. Our teachers found the session quite informative and interesting.

## **GENDER SENSITIVITY**

A workshop on Gender Sensitivity in Classroom Environment was conducted by CBSE spokesperson Ms. Malabika Chattopadhyay on 17 May. She reiterated the fact that schools can play an important role in inculcating gender sensitivity by creating a gender responsive school in which academic, social and physical environment and its surrounding community take into account the specific needs of boys and girls. It was a motivational session for our teachers Ms. M. Khanna and Ms. G. Verma who attended this webinar.

## **UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING**

On Friday, 16 April, one of the primary teachers Ms. S. Kapoor got an opportunity to attend a webinar by Dr. C.B. Mishra on the topic 'Universal Design for Learning' which is a set of principles for curriculum development that gives all individuals an equal opportunity to learn. UDL is based on the idea that every child has his/her own unique and individual style. It was a good learning session for Ms. Kapoor.

## **TIME MANAGEMENT**

Ms. D. Dwivedi attended a CBSE Online Training Session on 17 May on the topic 'Time Management'. Some of the points highlighted by the resource person, Dr. Mosam Sinha were:- Time should be valued, One should speak with a thoughtful mind, lesser time to be spent on social media etc.

## **BUILDING A HOLISTIC ACTIVITY BASED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR EARLY YEARS**

Teachers from the primary department of our school got an opportunity to enhance their teaching skills through a webinar organised by Ms. Sonia Relia, the author of 'My Learning Train'. The workshop 'Building a Holistic Activity Based Learning Environment for Early Years' focused on providing techniques to make learning interesting and lasting for the students. The resource person encouraged the use of fun activities, theme boards, and silence activities - use of sign language and digitalization of classrooms.

## **KOHLBERG'S STAGES OF MORAL DEVELOPMENT**

CBSE COE Delhi West organized a workshop on the topic 'Kohlberg's Stages of Moral Development'. The resource person, renowned psychologist Geetanjali Kumar, apprised the teachers of the three levels of moral development : Pre-conventional, Conventional and Post-conventional. The session enabled the teachers to learn about the behaviour of children at different levels and also, how to inculcate good moral values in them. It was an inspiring webinar for Ms. N. Chawla.

## **UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL LIBRARY**

CBSE Centre of Excellence organised a webinar on 'Understanding School Library : Purpose and Future' on 14 May. The webinar was attended by our school librarian Ms. H. Kaur. The session was conducted by Ms. Somdutta Dhar who discussed about the different types of libraries like Academic Library, Public Library and Special Library. Then the spokesperson very well explained the importance of the school library, its features and purpose. She also discussed about the virtual library, its working, merits and demerits of the virtual classes. Overall, the session was highly informative.

## **GENERATION GLOBAL VIDEO CONFERENCE**

'Generation Global' conducted a Dialogue Video Conference for teachers in India and Indonesia on 14 May. The agenda was to discuss the challenges being faced by the teachers while taking online classes and to come up with certain tips and strategies that can be undertaken to enhance the entire process. Our teachers alongwith the other participants reached a consensus that there was a movement towards paperless teaching and that this pandemic had inspired them to tackle it by honing their skills to 'connect and collaborate'.

## VALUE EDUCATION

CBSE Centre of Excellence, Delhi West conducted an online programme on the topic 'A School's Approach towards Value Education' on 15 May. The resource person, Ms. Pratibha Kohli, focussed on reasons for lack of values in today's world and the sustainable development goals needed to promote a peaceful and inclusive society. It was an enriching experience for Ms. A. Nigam who was part of the webinar.

## BLOOM'S TAXONOMY

CBSE Centre of Excellence, Delhi organised a training session on 15 May on 'Bloom's Taxonomy and Questioning Techniques in Assessments.' The resource person, Mr. V.K. Mishra, explained Bloom's Taxonomy as a classification of the different learning objectives and skills that educators set for their students. He emphasised on the six levels of cognitive domain that can be used to structure the learning objectives, lessons and assessments of our course i.e. going from Remembering (lower level) to Understanding, Applying, Analysing, Evaluating and finally Creating (higher level). It was an informative and very effective training session for our teachers Ms. R. Marwah and Ms. A. Puri, who attended the webinar.

## MULTIPLE DISABILITIES

CBSE conducted a webinar on 'Multiple Disabilities: Nature and Strategies' on 14 May. The resource person, Dr. Rajesh Mishra, talked about various types of physical and intellectual challenges faced by teachers in Indian classrooms. He pointed out how one can figure the nature of challenges faced by children and how teachers can deal with these issues while keeping them in mainstream system of education. The workshop was quite informative. Our teachers Ms. A. Ghai and Ms. N. Sawhney attended the same.

## PATHWAYS TO CRITICAL THINKING

Primary teachers Ms. J. Sachdeva, Ms. A. Sikri and Ms. R. Sharma attended a Capacity Building workshop on 'Pathways to Critical Thinking' conducted by CBSE COE on 16 May 2020. The resource person Ms. Kalpana Kapoor held an interesting session about the importance of developing thinking skills in students, while highlighting the significance of critical and creative thinking. Ms. Kapoor also talked about the crucial need to include 'open-ended questions' as part of our lesson plans and our role in guiding students to move from LOT (Lower Order Thinking) to HOT (Higher Order Thinking).

## KOLB'S EXPERIENTIAL CYCLE AND ITS APPLICATION

Ms. A. Tyagi attended an online session organised by COE, CBSE. The session was on the theme 'Kolb's Experiential Cycle and its Application'. It was conducted by Dr. Dheeraj Mehrotra (NPL practitioner, author, National Awardee & Academic Evangelist). The participants from different schools were explained the benefits of Experiential Learning which focused on learning through experience, more specifically defined as 'Learning through Reflection on Doing'

## CREATING INTERACTIVE PRESENTATIONS

A webinar was organised on 5 June on 'Creating Interactive Presentations using Mentimeter'. The resource person, Mr. Naveen Gupta, explained how to create fun and interactive presentations using *mentimeter*. *Mentimeter*, which is a free, online and interactive presentation tool, allows presenters to quickly gather audience response in real time. We can use *mentimeter* to assess the general knowledge of the audience in any specific topic using multiple choice questions or open questions. Overall, it was a good learning experience for our computer teachers Mr. M. Singh, Ms. N. Chawla and Ms. M. Uppal who attended this webinar.

## ONLINE SAFETY: THREATS DURING LOCKDOWN

A webinar session on Online Safety: Threats During Lockdown was organized on 28 May by resource person, Mr Rakshit Tandon, Advisor, Cyber Peace Foundation. Mr. Tandon explained in a nutshell the existing threats in cyberspace and the tips to safely navigate through this medium. The resource person also advised everyone to download the handbook on Cyber Safety Tips from [cybercrime.gov.in](http://cybercrime.gov.in). Primary teachers Ms. P. Madhusudanan, Ms. A. Puri and Ms. R. Khurana, who attended the webinar session, found it not only informative but essential for all users of cyberspace.

## APPLIED MATHEMATICS WEBINAR

Applied Mathematics webinar 2.0 was organised by Arya Publication on 28 August and was attended by Maths teachers Ms. R. Wadhwa and Ms. S. Lohit. The speaker Prof. M. L. Aggarwal gave tips on how to solve logical reasoning and blood relation problems, how to calculate effective rates of interest, annuity, and amount of a regular annuity.

## NINE PILLARS OF A GREAT SCHOOL

Maths teachers Ms. S. Lohit and Ms. R. Wadhwa attended the webinar on Nine pillars of a great school organised by CBSE on 3 September with Prof David Woods, Visiting Professor, Institute of Education, University College, London and Chairperson of the Birmingham School Improvement Advisory Boards, as the speaker. The nine pillars of greatness were explained in detail and tips were given on how to implement them effectively in school.

## VIRTUAL O LABS

*"A teacher somewhere in your neighbourhood is preparing lessons to teach her students".*

As the entire education system has shifted to online mode, there is an urgent need to understand the concept of Remote Practical and Experimental Learning. Orientation on Virtual O Labs (developed by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham) was organised on 29 August and the speakers were Professor Methil Krish (Chairman-Career Competency Development Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham) and Dr Prema Nedungadi (Director, Amrita Create, Chairperson Department of CSEASE, Amritapuri). The workshop explained how to use the Amrita O Labs website and apply it in regular classrooms to demonstrate practical lessons. Teachers Ms. S. Lohit and Ms. R. Wadhwa attended the session and found it very useful.

## ONLINE AWARENESS PROGRAM

District Legal Services Authority organized an online awareness program for the teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day on the topic 'Laws Relating to Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace'. The session was addressed by Metropolitan Magistrate Ms. Tanvi Khurana. The main objective of the program was to create awareness, amongst teachers, about the laws for protection against sexual harassment of women at workplace and for the prevention and redressal of complaints of sexual harassment for the matter connected therewith. It was indeed a very insightful experience for Ms. R. Khurana who attended this session.

## MANAGING COVID-19 CRISIS

A counselling session on 'How to Manage Covid Crisis' was conducted for students of Classes IX and X on 4 May by the School Counsellor Ms. M. Lungani to reduce myths and to increase awareness about the virus. Further, coping strategies were introduced to help students make the most of the time they have in their hands. Taking up new activities and learning new skills along with the means to do so were also shared.



## AWARENESS ON E-WASTE

A webinar on 'Awareness on Hazards of E-Waste and Plastic Waste' was organised as an initiative by Clean To Green under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology. Students of Classes VIII, IX and XI were made aware of various waste management approaches in urban, rural and hilly areas. Pledges on 'Going Green' were displayed by the students.

## STREAM SELECTION

Students of Classes X and XI attended a webinar on 23 April, which introduced them to different streams available to them. The students were apprised of the skills required for each stream. The webinar also specifically addressed the skills and characteristics required to take up Mathematics, the scope of Psychology and other upcoming subjects. It was conducted by Mr Amit Vij who is associated with the institute- 'Pratham'.

## CAREER SELECTION

An online session on Career Selection was conducted for students of Class X on 15 June by Mr. Amit Vij from Pratham. It was an extremely informative session where the importance of both merit and entrance based exams was discussed. Information was shared about various colleges and the courses they offered, along with their eligibility criteria. Further, stream neutral careers like law, management, and mass communication were also discussed in detail.

## CAREER COUNSELLING WEBINARS

Students of Class XII attended a virtual session, conducted by Pearl Academy, where they were subjected to Psychometric Testing to help them pick the right career. Not only were their aptitude and interest tested, the students were also given an insight into their personality type, orientation style and emotional quotient which are other important factors in this decision making. On the basis of their cumulative results, the students were given their top five possible careers.

## CAREERS AFTER CLASS XII

A webinar was conducted for the students of Class XI by Times NIE in association with IMS on the topic 'Careers after Class XII'. Mr. Siddharth Singhal, introduced the students to the various career options. He described in detail what each career option entailed along with the eligibility criteria for the courses as well as the colleges providing them. Some of the options discussed were Management, Law, Mass Communication, Hotel Management, etc. A webinar was conducted for the students of Class XII by Times NIE in association with IMS on the topic 'Careers after Class XII with a special focus on Management'. The session was conducted by the Chief Mentor of IMS, Mr. Prashant Gupta. He introduced the students to the various career options available to them after taking up Management. The students were made aware of the various universities and courses, along with their eligibility criteria to make an informed decision.

## LAW AS A CAREER

Times NIE in association with CLAT Possible conducted a webinar for students of Classes XI and XII on the topic 'Law as a Career'. This webinar was open for all the streams as law is a stream neutral option. The students gained knowledge about the scope of law, universities offering 5 years integrated law programmes, pattern of entrance exams and different options after completing the law undergraduate programme, packages, etc.

## CAREER WEEK

A Career Week was organised for the students of Classes IX to XII in the month of June. The aim was to introduce students to the various options available to them along with clearing the doubts they might have regarding the application process. Various topics like Emerging Careers after Covid 19, International Education, Careers in India and Abroad, Stream Selection etc. were covered by eminent organisations like Pratham, Times NIE, IMS, and Mr. Jitin Chawla.

## WORKSHOP FOR DELEGATES

The Round Table, an inter-disciplinary society of Kirori Mal College, organised an online workshop from 23 to 25 July. Our school delegates, Tiya Sharma XII F, Aishwarya Nagdev XI A, Tanisha Ahuja XI E and Ansh Girdhar X F, participated in the workshop. The workshop worked upon inculcating skills like public speaking, diplomacy, debating and leadership. The students received certificates of completion from Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi.



## INDIAN COMMITTEE SUMMIT

The Indian Committee Summit was conducted on 28 and 29 July 2020. Aishwarya Nagdev, XI A from our school was a part of the Lok Sabha Committee wherein all the delegates deliberated extensively on the Implications of CAA and Resettlement of Muslim Refugees. She bagged a High Commendation in the same.

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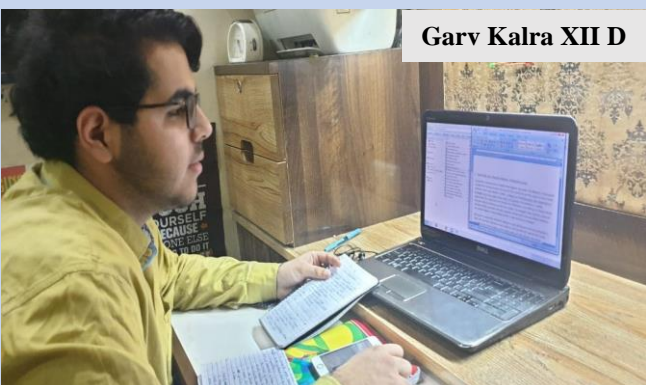
Hindustan Times conducted a webinar exclusively for the parents and students of Classes VI to IX on 23 September. The webinar was attended by over 500 participants. The purpose of the webinar was to get insight into the coding program and related concepts like website development, HTML, CSS, Algorithms, Python, etc.

## ONLINE ALL INDIA BUSINESS CONCLAVE

The Commerce students of Classes XI and XII participated in an online All India Business Conclave (AIBC) where they got to apply their knowledge of business and management in solving the current challenges being faced by the Indian corporates amid the pandemic. The students acted as leaders of some of the big companies and start-ups of India and developed their own research-based strategies. The participating students were Ankita Verma, Komal Sachdeva, Ridham Rana, Riddhi Sharma, Mishti Arya, Gauri Sharma, Shruti Goel, Sarthak Aggarwal and Thalaj Kashyap. Mishti Arya of XII D, who was representing Ola, bagged the 3rd Best Corporate Award and Riddhi Sharma of XII D, who was representing The Urban Company, won the Consolation Prize.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS – INTERACTIVE SESSION

An interactive online session by Mr. Prakhar Rathi was organised by our school, for all the MUN enthusiasts on 4 June. Mr. Rathi explained the major proceedings of the United Nations. He also gave the students interesting and helpful tips and tricks on how to perform well in a Model United Nations Conference. The students gained knowledge about the various bodies of the UN and their functioning. The session was interactive and the participants showcased their exemplary debating skills which were appreciated by all. Overall it was a very informative session for everyone.



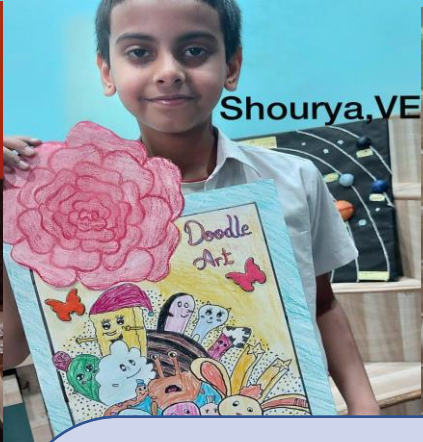
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Summer break is always a welcome time for students but it was on a different note this year. Gone were the joyous rides and the free run in the parks. So we kept them engaged in interesting summer workshops.

A peek-a-boo into the activities :-

Classes I and II : Hand Painting

Class III : Bushy Colourful Flowers

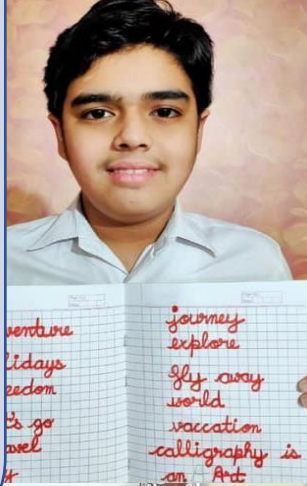
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Class VI : Warli Art , Lippan Art

Class VII : Magical Vedic Maths

Class VIII : Creative Writing , Calligraphy.



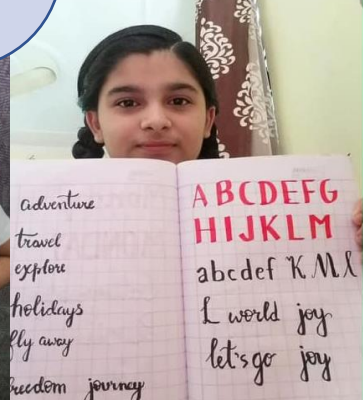
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CHRESHNA BHALLA VI- E



Amarsingh 3A



Arshnoor III-B

