



THE GAUDIUM
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Grade-4

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Dear Parents,

Greetings!

One day a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They waited anxiously at their desks for the test to begin. The professor walked around the class and handed the question papers with the text facing downwards.

Once he handed them all out, he asked his students to turn the page and begin. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions, but just a black dot in the center of the page. The professor thoroughly read through everyone's bewildered expressions and said- "I want you to write what you see there."

The perplexed students began to do what they had been asked to do.

At the end of the class, the professor took all the answer papers and started reading each one of them aloud in front of all the students. All of them with no exceptions described the black dot, trying to explain its position in the middle of the sheet, etc. After all, had been read, the classroom silent, the professor began to explain:

"I am not going to grade you on this test; I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot – and the same happens in our lives. This is exactly what we end to do with our lives. We have a white paper to hold onto and enjoy, but we are so busy contemplating about the dark spots that's in there. Life is a special gift and we will always have reasons to celebrate. It is changing and renewing everyday- our friends, jobs, livelihood, love, family, the miracles we see every day."



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And yet we insist on focusing only on the dark spots – the money that we need to have, the luxuries we don't have, complications, problems at work, disappointment with a friend and so on. We need to realize that the dark spots are very small and only few. We allow these to pollute our minds. Take your eyes away from the black spots, enjoy each one of your blessings and each moment that life gives you. Be happy and live a life positively!

Given the unforeseen challenge that we all are facing today in the form of a pandemic, we need to be positive, believe in ourselves, follow instructions and enjoy these moments with our family- taking care of them and ensuring that we are together in such a volatile situation. Our students and teachers are connected and enjoying their learning in a different setting altogether- on a virtual platform. This experience will definitely help them prepare for the future. It has always been our endeavours to keep our students and children well prepared for the next step, but these are life's lessons that teach us the need to focus on the skills, target building resilience and grit because these help us adapt and gear up! We cannot control or stop challenges but must work towards turning them into opportunities to think, experiment and innovate!

On this note I thank each one of you for being our support and collaborative partners this academic year, 2019-20. We spent time reviewing, reflecting, collaborating and experimenting to ensure that authentic learning happens for all our learners. We await the reopening and start of the next academic year, with fresh zeal and enthusiasm and a new perspective that prepares us for an uncertain future, which will continue to throw challenges to exhibit our capabilities and develop our competencies.

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Transdisciplinary Theme: Sharing the Planet.

Central Idea: Biodiversity relies on maintaining the interdependent balance of organisms within system.

Lines of Inquiry:

- The interdependence of ecosystems, biomes and environment.
- Impact of human interaction with the environment.
- Consequences of imbalance within ecosystems.

Key Concepts: Connection, Responsibility, Causation

Related Concepts: Balance, systems, Interdependence

Learner Profile: Reflective, Communicator, Open minded

Unit of Inquiry :

The geckos have inquired into the ways humans interact with the environment where they made connections to pollution, deforestation, hunting and poaching. They went on a field trip to the Godrej Green business centre and inquired the ways to reduce the negative impact of human interactions. The geckos were also enlightened about the biodiversity of the area and measures the organization has taken to protect it. Through ICT the students also inquired into the consequences of the factors and made connections with global warming, extinct and endangered species. They completed the unit with the Assessment using the Design thinking process.

Transdisciplinary Language:

The geckos made connections to picture compositions, haiku poems, newspaper reports and persuasive writings. They read unit related articles and reading comprehensions. They continued to write creative stories and reading the novel Matilda.

Transdisciplinary Math:

The geckos continued performing addition and subtraction of decimals. They were introduced to multiplication of decimals with whole numbers and multiplication of decimals with decimals. They also solved word problems involving the four operations of decimals.

2nd Language:

Hindi :

The geckos were introduced to the concept of “विदेशी कहानियाँ” which is Foreign stories under types of story. Keeping in mind that Visual language—viewing and presenting allow students to understand the ways in which images and language interact to convey ideas, values and beliefs. Geckos had watched, the series of foreign stories like ‘Sindbad the sailor’ and ‘Veer Hercules’ in Hindi. Later they discussed about the character and plot and reflected on their learning. Geckos read a poem “कर लो पर्यावरण सुधार” and understood the depth of author’s intention and the message he wants to give through the poem. They were asked to choose their own style to present their understanding and learning, in which they designed posters using shapes, colours, symbols, writing slogans to save environment. Some of them researched and collected poems on environment and recited in the class. Few wrote a paragraph to reflect on their learning and one gecko wrote a letter to his community to plant more trees in the society to save environment. All these learning engagements helped geckos to enhance their presentation skills and vocabulary.

French:

The geckos learned the rules of negation and interrogation. Geckos can now transform simple sentences into negative and interrogative forms.

Telugu - The geckos learnt “chandassu” in telugu. They learnt the ways to find guru laguvulu in poems. They also learnt Telugu vibhaktu and to write sentences with quotations. The geckos also learnt Sumathi sathaka poems.

March 2020- Monthly Review

Dance:

(Warm up and the clapping dance activity)

The children learnt rasa and navarasas in Bharatanatyam and second set of adavus (Natta adavu). They also practiced Western dance: in preparation for Grade 5 graduation day.

Music: The geckos learnt the song 'Earth anthem'. They sang this song in different languages, as this is a multi language song. This happened to be a new learning experience with respect to melody, rhythm and dynamics. The song brought a sense of awareness towards well being of our planet.

Drama: The geckos worked on the following areas:

- An indulgent stress on sense perception: looking, seeing, taste, smelling, touches.
- The Mind: focus/ concentration/belief/ imagination/curiosity.

Art:

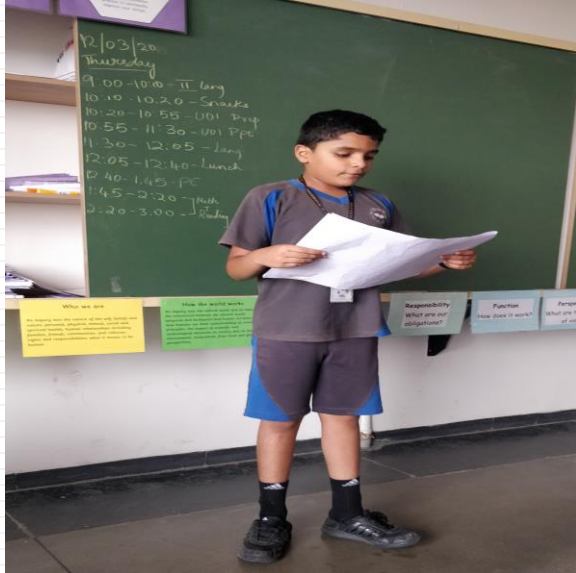
The geckos watched a video on Visual Art History. They have continued with their Cubism, Pop art and modern artwork. They experimented and experienced modern art style, to comprehend the changes in art around the world. They have worked on an assessment and understood the learning by writing their reflections. They displayed various attributes and skills during the creative art process.

PE: The geckos practiced the defense by playing the matches and one on one matches. They practiced the full court and half court drill to improve the ball handling skills and shooting.

March 2020- Learning and Teaching



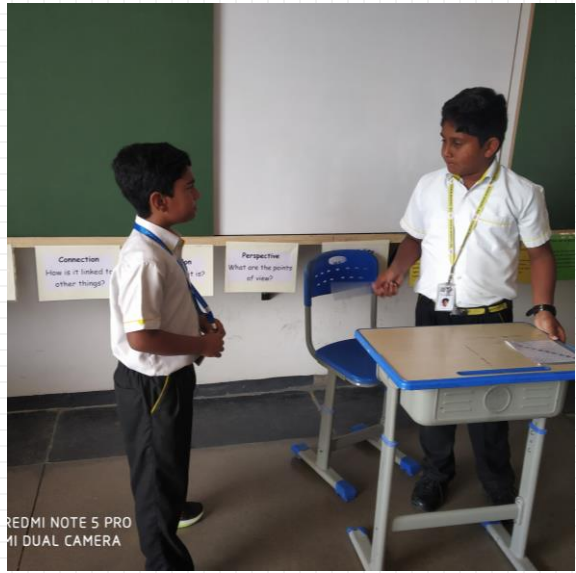
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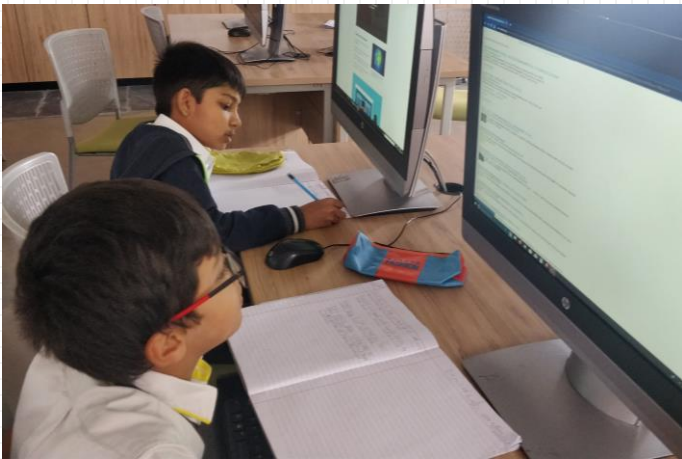


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March 2020- Learning and Teaching



Events- Field trip to Godrej Green Business Centre



Events- Grade 4 conducting the assemsbly



Grade 4B conducting the assemsbly



Grade 4C conducting the assemsbly

Events- Women's day celebrations- 6th March 2020



Events- Women's day celebrations- 7th March 2020



A training program was organized at the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) in The Gaudium School, Kollur campus, on 19th March 2020 for the support staff team of The Gaudium School. The training session was facilitated by the field trainer of the Compass team, Mr. Sai Kumar. and the session was attended by 73 ' support staff members.

The first point covered in the training program was on communication and behaviour when it comes to customer service. The trainer spoke to the support staff on how to greet and communicate with parents, students and staff of the school. They were also instructed on how to prepare themselves for service, and the importance of grooming and hygiene. He emphasized on the delivery of quality service.

The next topic covered was the awareness of coronavirus. The support staff team were shown a factsheet on the same topic and were also instructed the steps to be followed such as the proper way of washing hands for 20 seconds and the do's and don'ts when it comes to Coronavirus awareness. It was a very informative session on awareness as the session cleared their doubts and misinformation about the pandemic Corona. The support staff were very thankful as many were exposed to various incorrect information and myths.

The Support staff were also trained on soft skills in the training session. The session was concluded with a talk on general hygiene and its significance in work and life. The session was concluded with a vote of thanks.

Events- Training program for Support staff- 19th March 2020



Support staff getting trained on health and hygiene



Awareness session on coronavirus



Training program of support staff

Creative suggestions of activities to do while at home during lockdown



Its a good time for children to participate in a little 'arts and crafts' session! Many videos are available on YouTube!



Art and crafts



Not everything in computers is harmful or boring! Get your child to have their very own blog!



Write a blog

Board games are always fun during this lockdown (anything to get them away from TV or digital!)



Play Board games



Creative suggestions of activities to do while at home during lockdown



Making the family tree will be an exciting project for your children during this lockdown!



Family tree project



Make your children keep a journal of their activities and daily life - and continue that even after the lockdown!



Write a journal



Introducing finance and budget



PYP Online Classroom update

As you are well aware, in view of the prevalence of coronavirus, the school had to shut down from 16th March as a safety and precautionary measure. The PYP teaching faculty devised a plan of action for the geckos to continue their learning by sharing worksheets for the geckos to be done on a daily basis. But with the rapidly changing situation and the efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, the lockdown was extended by the Government. With successful collaboration and ensuring that we confirm and connect with our students on a safe and secure platform, we started our online classes and made it a reality!

The online classes started for the geckos of PYP from the start of April and is a grand success. We, at The Gaudium are grateful to each one of you in being our support and collaborative partners in ensuring that the online classes for grades 1- 5 are meaningful, significant and engaging. The positive response and approach to make this online learning a success is greatly appreciated by the entire PYP team. It was indeed an overwhelming moment for all the teachers to see the smiling faces of our students and their excitement in being able to connect. Since the start of these classes, our students have been punctual and attentive as well as very participative and adaptive to this new learning platform. With the enthusiasm of our geckos and teachers, the online classes which started from early April continued till Thursday, 30th April, 2020.

Transdisciplinary Theme:

How we organize ourselves

Central Idea:

Economic activities rely on a system of production, exchange and consumption of goods and services.

Lines of Inquiry:

- The role of demand and supply
- The distribution of goods & services
- Our responsibilities as consumers

Key Concepts: Function, Connection, Responsibility

Related Concepts: Interdependence, Inequity, Fair trade.

Learner Profile: Communicator, Thinker, Risk-Taker.

Unit of Inquiry:

The geckos were introduced to the new unit of inquiry where they explored the concepts of needs, wants, goods, services, consumers, producers, distributors and made connection to economy. They also inquired and researched about demand & supply, their graphical representation in the form of curves and the factors that affect the curves. The geckos made connections with consumer rights and responsibilities and enjoyed the learning engagements on identification of the consumer rights. During the unit, students watched videos, read articles, and attempted the quiz posted on Google classroom.

Transdisciplinary Language:

The geckos were introduced to the concept of direct and indirect speech and dialogue writing as they made connections with the unit of inquiry. They also practiced reading and poem comprehensions. Geckos also revisited a few critical concepts such as tense, punctuation, story writing, and haiku. They watched videos, practiced few sentences in their virtual classes and attempted doing the tasks posted on google classroom.

Transdisciplinary Math:

During the month, geckos made connections to percentage and profit and loss with their unit of inquiry on economy and practiced the sums virtually as well as on Google classroom. They solved tasks involving percentage, money and profit and loss together. They also revisited the concepts of decimals, fractions, basic 3-digit and 4-digit multiplications, all four-operations word problems, and BODMAS posted on Google classroom as Google forms.

2nd Language:

Hindi:

The geckos revised all the grammar parts like nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, punctuation marks taught the previously to the students. Reading sheets, worksheets and links related to the topic so that they could understand the lesson better were shared with students.. In order to develop creative writing in the students, the activity of writing picture descriptions in story, paragraph, and simple sentences was also given. The students practiced reading through reading sheets and online story links.

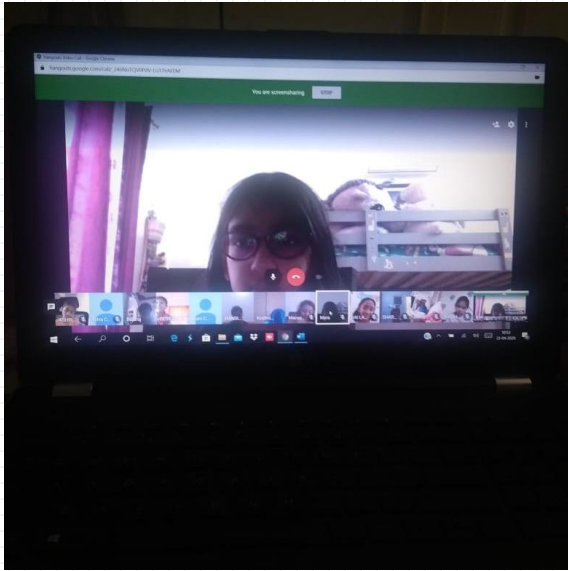
Telugu:

The geckos revised different types of stories, Sumati sataka poems and they did some worksheets of guru laghuvulu related with “chandassu”. They revised telugu nakshatralu and raasulu, and completed worksheets related to telugu vibhaktulu.

French:

The geckos primarily revised the verbs, adjectives and parts of speech which they have learnt in the past months. Geckos have been introduced to short comprehension passages and they have also learnt word cognates and how to translate a sentence using cognates.

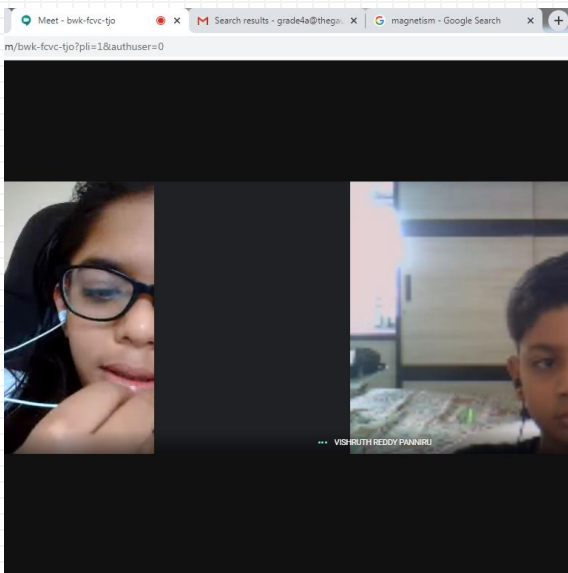
Learning and Teaching- Online



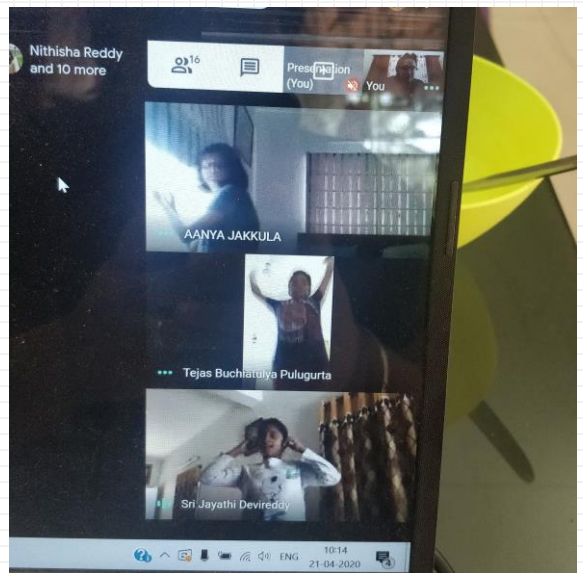
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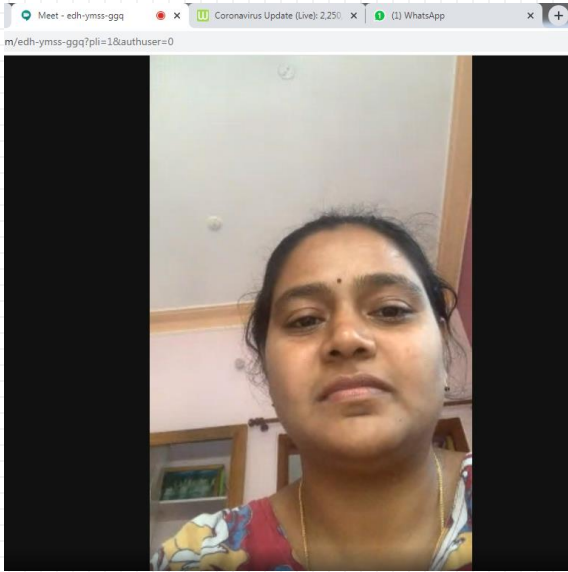


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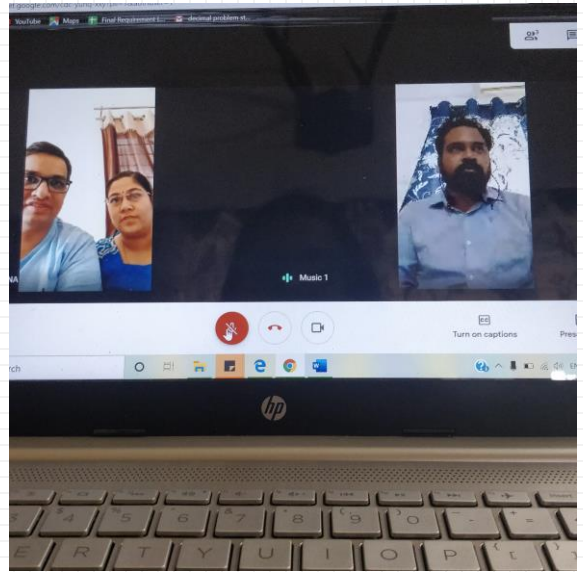


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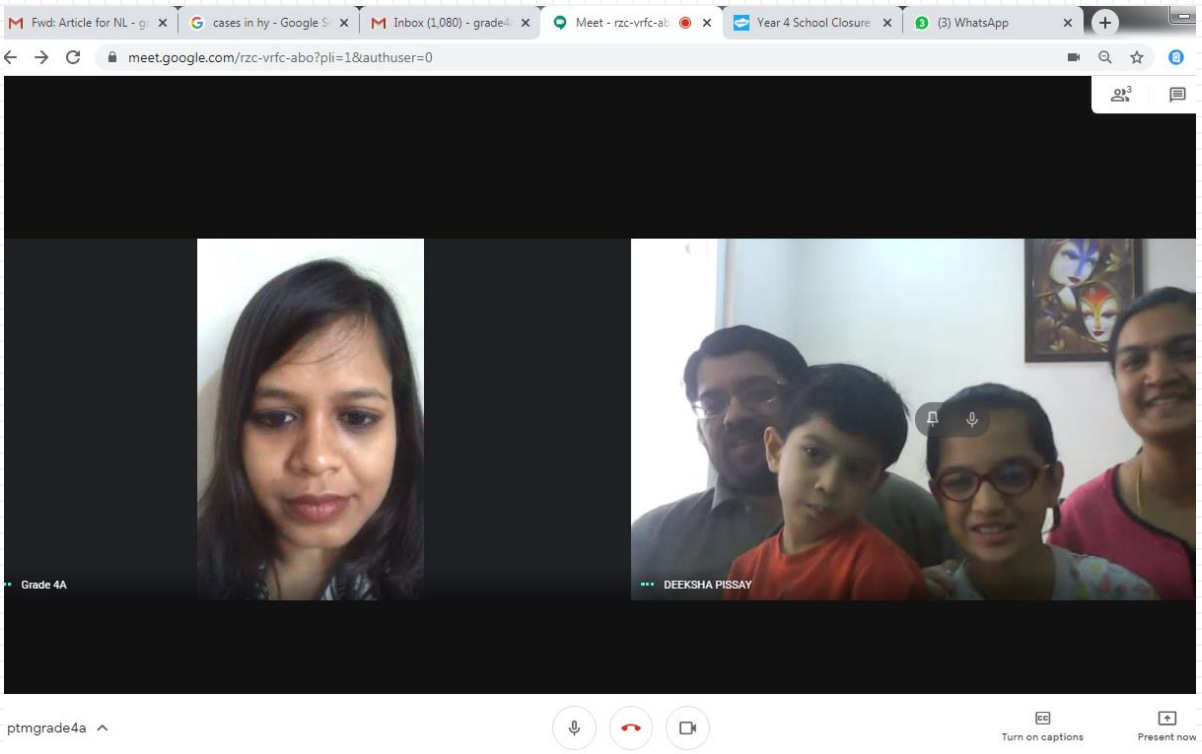
Events- Parent Teacher Meeting



Online PTM



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Online PTM

Coffee Meetings- An endeavour to connect minds and hearts

The lockdowns due to Global Pandemic has thrown open a plethora of Virtual connecting initiatives ensuring learning continues in spite of challenges. Gaudium recognizes that this could happen only due to undaunting spirit and commitment displayed by the entire learning and teaching community, Stakeholder engagement is one of the key components of our school culture and we display this through a number of initiatives. The School Director, Mrs. Kirthi Reddy along with the Principal PYP, Ms. Anjalika Sharma, GM Human Resources, Ms. Rohini connected with the PYP teachers, to appreciate and express their gratitude for taking up the role of conducting online classes and ensuring that learning continues. These coffee evenings got all the members of the teams sharing their experiences, fun moments, challenges and opportunities along with appreciation and recognition for each other, the team spirit and the commitment to continue making a difference to the world around us!

Sportopia Updates- Free trial sessions



General Fitness /
Gymnastic Trial
sessions online!

By

Manoj Kumar Rana
National Gymnastics
Coach, India

Click here to register
for free!





General Fitness / Gymnastic
Trial sessions end April 14.

Join the Professional
Session from April 15 to
May 31 by following this
link:

<https://www.gaudiumsportopia.com/online-fitness>

General Fitness: Mon-Sat - 7.30 am to 8.30 am

Gymnastics: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri - 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm



Upcoming Events- Sportopia online coaching



Online Cricket Coaching - curated by
Ravinchandran Ashwin

Mode of Delivery: Online

Syllabus: Program curated by R. Ashwin, delivered by our ICC Certified Coaches

Duration: 2 weeks

Dates:
Monday to Friday
May 4 to 15 & 18 to 29

Please reply to this message if interested for fees and other details



Cricket coaching



Online Chess Coaching - curated by
Grand Master Ramesh

Mode of Delivery: Online
Syllabus: Program curated by Grand Master Ramesh

Duration: 1 month

Dates: From May 1

Time:
Intermediate: 11 am to 12 noon
Beginners: 10 am to 11 am

Please reply to this message if interested for fees and other details



Chess coaching

Online Badminton Coaching - curated by
Pulella Gopichand

Mode of Delivery: Online
Syllabus: Program curated by P Gopichand
Duration: 1 month
Dates: From May 1
Time:
Intermediate: 7 am to 8 am
Beginners: 8.30 am to 9.30 am
General: 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

(Two sessions per day for each group)



Badminton coaching

Event links:

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Learning blogs:

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