



THE GAUDIUM
PRISM

**IB PYP Edition
Playgroup**

March & April 2020





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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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Theme: Wild Animals and Aquatic Animals:

We continued with the theme 'Wild Animals' wherein the children got familiar with more wild animals through learning engagements like finger printing to make monkeys, pasting paper bits on giraffe outline, etc.

Literacy:

The geckos learnt new words like open and close through actions like opening and closing a box, etc.

Numeracy:

The geckos were introduced to the 'heart' shape by singing rhymes related to heart shape and showing objects which are heart in shape. They learnt more about heart shape through learning engagements like ear bud dabbing on a heart outline worksheet, making a paper heart hug, etc.

Art:

The geckos continued to learn different types of art like collage using bindi/stickers and painting using sand to enhance their fine motor skills.

Monthly Review- March & April

PE:

The geckos enjoyed running in a zig zag direction and throwing a bean bag in the basket. They had fun walking by balancing themselves. They enjoyed playing with their peers in the play area, which enhanced their social and gross motor skills.

Music:

The geckos enjoyed singing rhymes like, 'Twinkle Twinkle little star', 'Where is Thumbkin', 'If you are happy and you know it', 'Old Mac Donald had a farm', etc. along with actions.

Dance:

The geckos enjoyed dancing to basic songs like 'Gummy bear', 'Baby shark', 'I like to move it move it', along with actions.

Term 2 PTM:

Parent teacher meeting is a platform for the parent-teacher to share insights and information for the holistic development of a child. The PTM for second term was held on 18th April for the Playgroup parents. The parents were enthusiastic and inquisitive to know about the progress of their children. The parents were briefed about their child's performance and their areas of interest.

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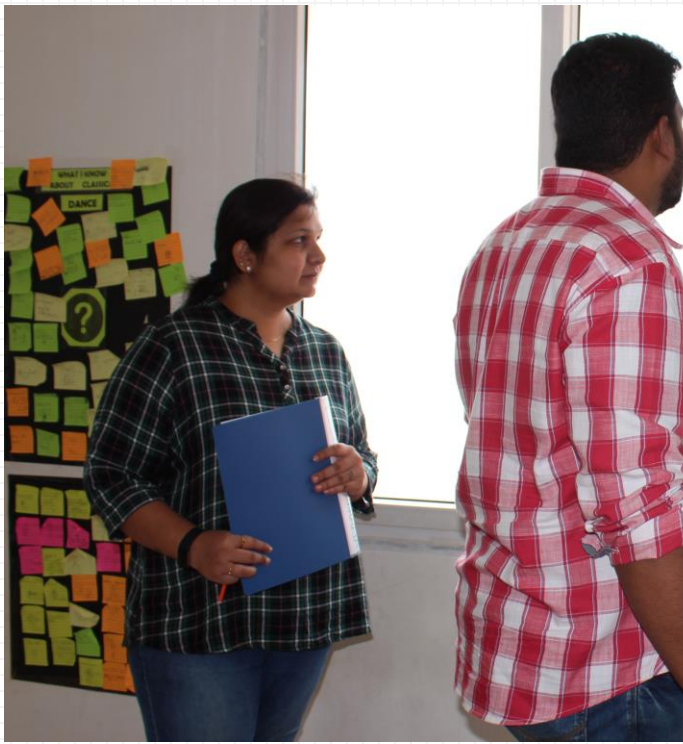
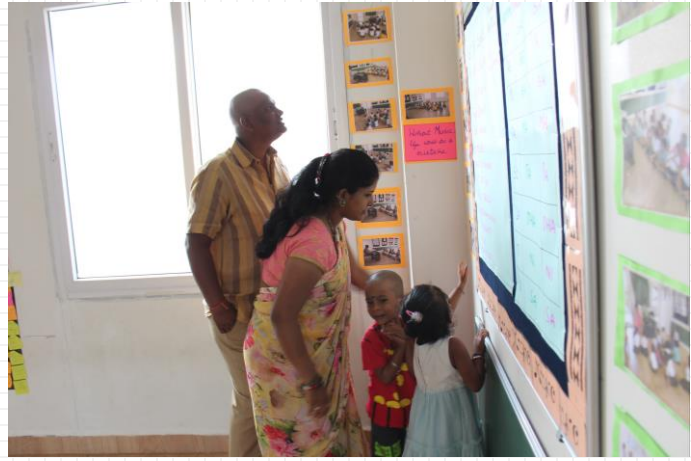


Events- Holi celebrations

Events – Online Parent Teacher Meeting



Events- Student Led Conference



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

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!

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



Sportopia Updates- Free trial sessions



General Fitness /
Gymnastic Trial
sessions online!

By

Manoj Kumar Rana
National Gymnastics
Coach, India

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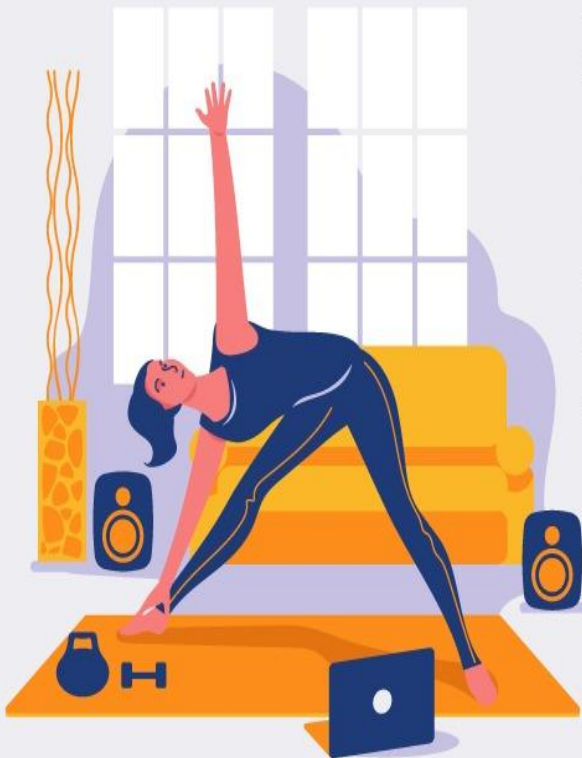
General Fitness / Gymnastic Trial sessions end April 14.

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

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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

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<https://www.thegaudium.com/>

Learning blogs:

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