

# **CBSE Edition**

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Sculpting happy minds

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Principal Cambridge International & CBSE Shalini Singh Hamilton

Dear Parents & Geckos,

Greetings from TGS!

In a first of its kind, the corona virus has brought the world to a screeching halt; Covid-19 has thrown education in a loop as its widespread has restrained us to our homes. All the educators and learners grapple with the sudden new norm of complete techmediated teaching and learning.

As we limp back to semi-normalcy, we now find ourselves in a new eco-system of blended learning and virtual teaching. Coping with emerging technologies, understanding student engagement, devising activities and participation, assigning homework and assignments, all require learning in this new paradigm. Teachers are being the beacon of hope as they rise above their personal debacle and become a pillar of strength for the students. We at Gaudium, academic team, IT team, administrative team, are putting all our efforts together to reinvent and upgrade ourselves. It is indeed a stimulating, incredible opportunity to change the education system in one clean sweep.

The COVID-19 shutdown is an opportunity for parents to rebuild their partnership role in educating their children to make them good human beings by instilling in them family values and life skills and helping them become good family persons. As we know, the family is the basic unit of our society, nation and the globalised community. Once we succeed in establishing good families and family bonds; the foundation of a better society, nation and a globalised community are done. This naturally helps us end many conflicts that trouble us and put us in great strife and stress daily.





#### Principal Cambridge International & CBSE Shalini Singh Hamilton

Geckos, be kind to your family and spend quality time together, investigate your own interests, exercise and meditate to keep yourself fit and happy, get creative, find ways to make a difference. Here are some tips for you to remain positive, strong and upbeat during this challenging time:

- Nothing lasts forever. Not even the coronavirus. So, stay strong and fight hard.
- Stay home and stay safe the only medicine found till now for coronavirus. Keep calm and help flatten the curve.
- You're braver than you believe and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think - so follow the safety guidelines and sanitisation protocols to defeat Coronavirus.
- Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow. Stay positive, stay home, stay safe and save lives.

On a positive note, the academic year 2020-21 is very special year for all of us as we put into practice the Happy Mind Model, beautifully conceived by our Director, Ms. Kirthi Reddy. We are working relentlessly to ensure that the Five Pillars are being incorporated and implemented into the scholastic as well as all the events of the school thereby leading all the stakeholders to achieve excellence in their respective domain.

All the best! This too shall pass. And we'll be here when you get back!





### The Coordinator's Message

It was so rightly said by Alan Cohen, a renowned inspirational author that "Do not wait until the conditions are perfect to begin; Beginning makes the conditions perfect". We have started our academic year 2020-21 with the firm belief that if the beginning is good, the ending will be awesome. Despite all odds, our goal and spirit to provide support and encouragement for each of you in your journey to make a positive difference remains unchanged.

The school re-opened for the facilitators on June 1, 2020. The CBSE segment with its team of highly trained and experienced teachers started its rigorous training sessions to understand the philosophy of the Gaudium school, its parents and students' community. We had wonderful sessions to enhance the teaching skills and equip ourselves for the ever-changing needs of modern-day education. This academic year is indeed a challenge due to the pandemic situation, schools are operating not from the school buildings but from the teachers' homes, while the most coveted factor, the school environment, remains wholly absent. To bridge that gap, teachers have undergone training sessions to facilitate smooth functioning by simulating the teaching and learning environment at the Gaudium.

I am truly in awe of the people who are responding heroically. Some parents are working from home, managing their kids, ensuring they are attending the classes, literally feeding them — not to mention the kids themselves, stuck inside without their friends. I do understand that students have lost their teachers' face-to-face support after weeks, rather months at home. They are missing our playgrounds, lavish classrooms, their favourite dining hall where they used to sit and enjoy their informal chats. Kids need room to experiment with different classes and different extracurricular activities which they are obviously missing so much. However, I still believe that our dedication towards our duty and our undeterred optimism will soon lead us to safer shores.

My teachers are among the unsung heroes of COVID-19: preparing resources and guidance for remote learning, connecting with kids and their parents to make sure they are comfortable — they are probably nurturing lives simultaneously at two fronts, the work-front and of course the home-front. The teachers are creating an entirely new array of possibilities of doing their jobs, to cater to every child's need so that no one is left behind. Added to it are new challenges thrown at us by the virtual class platform, like non-compliance to norms, technical glitches, lack of motivation amongst students, online bullying, time management etc. To tackle this your timely feedback the most essential tool. As always, we look forward to your support in making the learning journey a joyous experience for our Geckos and prepare them for any kind of exigency. Afterall they are the flagbearers of this new era of changing realities!

VARSHA DILLIKAR

CBSE COORDINATOR



### Humans@gaudium



#### Walking without fear

To begin with let's talk about what it means to walk without fear.

Once upon a time, there was a tortoise that lived on a ship. One day the ship sank. After swimming for long hours, the tired tortoise reached a deserted land. It was a barren land overlooking an enormous, steep mountain in front. The tortoise decided to climb the mountain in search of food. On the top of the mountain, it was freezing cold. He struggled to breathe and somehow managed to find a path downwards. The path looked scary and filled with dangers. The pertinent question here is, should he give up or walk down the path without fear? I am sure everyone will unquestionably agree that for the entire school community living in the pandemic is like treading on that frightening path, the educators, the students and the parents, alike.

Life indeed threw a challenge at us that we accepted graciously. This pandemic has revealed strengths that we didn't know we had. The virtual platform has undeniably come to our rescue and we are currently experiencing the boons of technology like never before.

Since times immemorial classrooms have been an indispensable component, probably as important as the people involved, if not more, in the sphere of education. Who had ever thought that teachers and students could teach and learn effectively on the virtual platform, too? Who had thought that students who couldn't sit on their seat without fidgeting could attend online classes attentively?

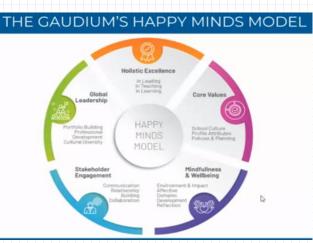
We learned, experimented and proved that we could. Yes, COVID-19 couldn't stop us. In spite of the numerous challenges faced, we emerged victorious. And we will continue to walk down the path, without fear.

#### Anita Sreejit

Associate Coordinator-CBSE



### The Five Pillars



We at Gaudium believe in the Happy Minds Model, which covers the five pillars of Holistic Excellence, Core values, Mindfulness and Wellbeing, Stakeholder Engagement and Global leadership. We are working relentlessly to fulfil these goals. From orientation programs for parents to establish stakeholder connect, to conducting mindfulness sessions for students' well-being, we are engaging in a comprehensive and well-planned approach to achieve these goals. Regular meditation sessions and breathing exercises, thematic assembly sessions on core values reiterating the values of respect, empathy, gratitude, perseverance and integrity, mindful thinking and self-awareness sessions have become an integral part of our daily routine on the virtual platform.

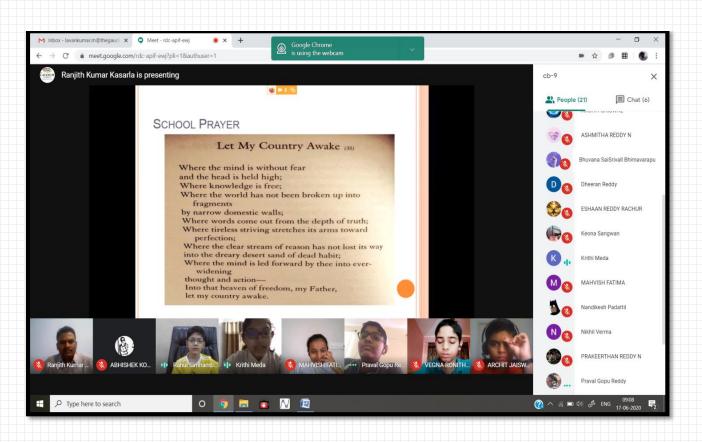


Nurturing mindfulness in the team- a poised educator guarantees classroom poise



## The Congregation of Calibre

Morning assemblies at the Gaudium is a congregation of the school community that marks the beginning of an eventful day at work. There is no more beautiful sight than to see the family praying together, exuding the strength of oneness and sense of belongingness towards the ideals that we stand for. Most importantly the assembly imparts a clear sense of vision that there are moments of peace, even if the day seems like there is too much on our plates.

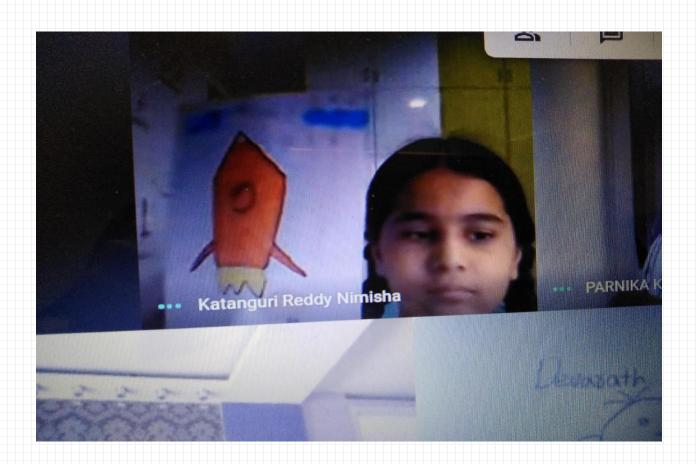


#### Meditation for Mindfulness and Well being



## Splash Literati - अनुशीलन क्रियाकलाप

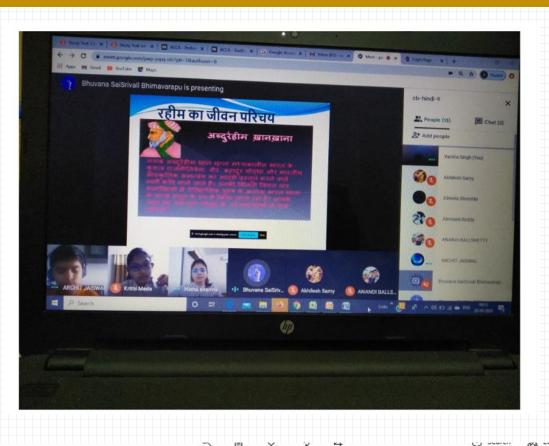
A special kind of beauty exists in our love for languages; the language-rich environment of our classrooms facilitates osmosis, that effortlessly and often unconsciously results in assimilation of knowledge. It holds the promise of a heightened self-conscious, greater sensory awareness and an expansion of the creative springs of the mind. To quote the Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore 'where words come out from the depth of truth..' the magic of life happens.

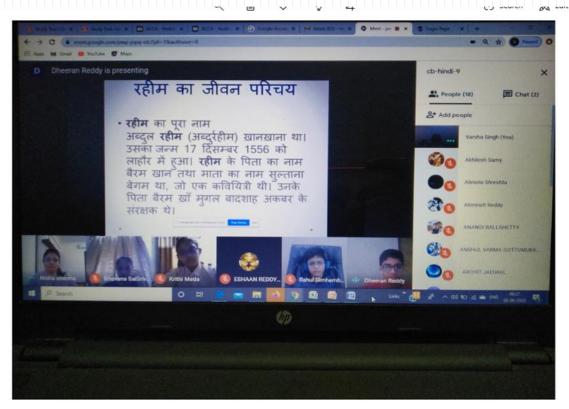


### हिन्दी तृतीय भाषा - अनुशीलन क्रियाकलाप



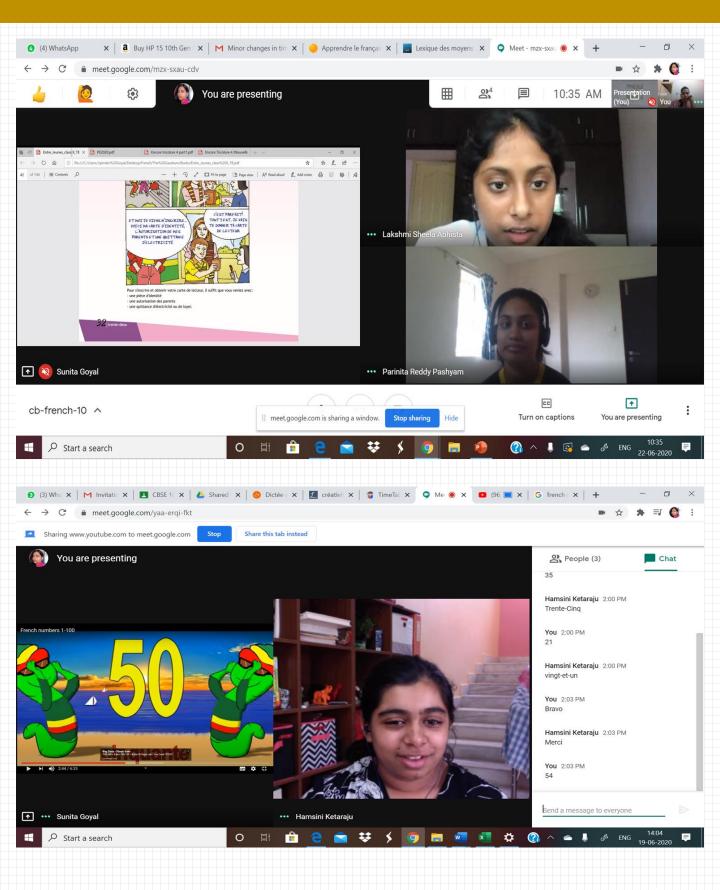
### Splash Literati - हिन्दी द्वितीय भाषा – रहीम के दोहे पी पी टी का क्रियाकलाप प्रस्तुतीकरण







## Splash Literati - Les nombres



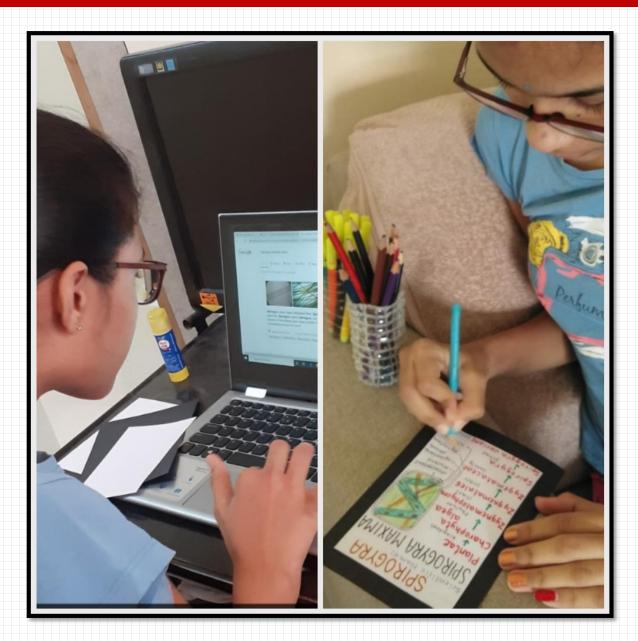


Nothing has such power to broaden the mind as the ability to investigate systematically, thus, together we seek to invoke the wonders of Science. Sciences in our classroom nurtures the art of curiosity and unlocks the doors to infinite possibilities.



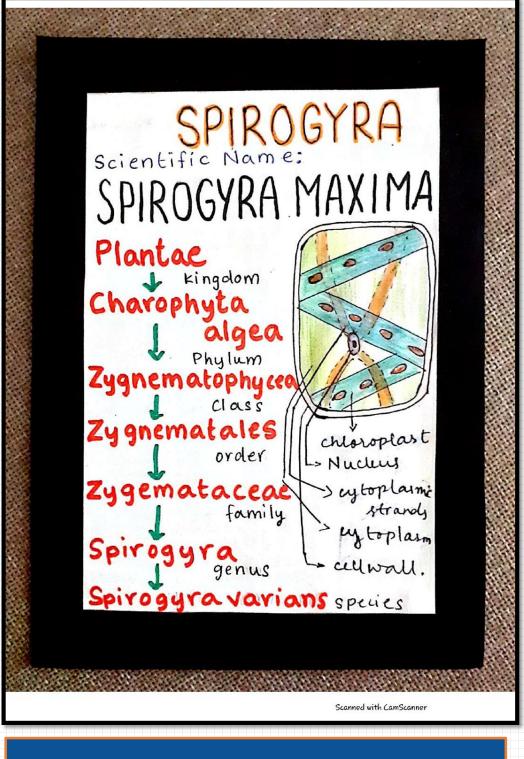
Flashcards on Diversity of Living Organisms-Akhilesh Samy of Class IX





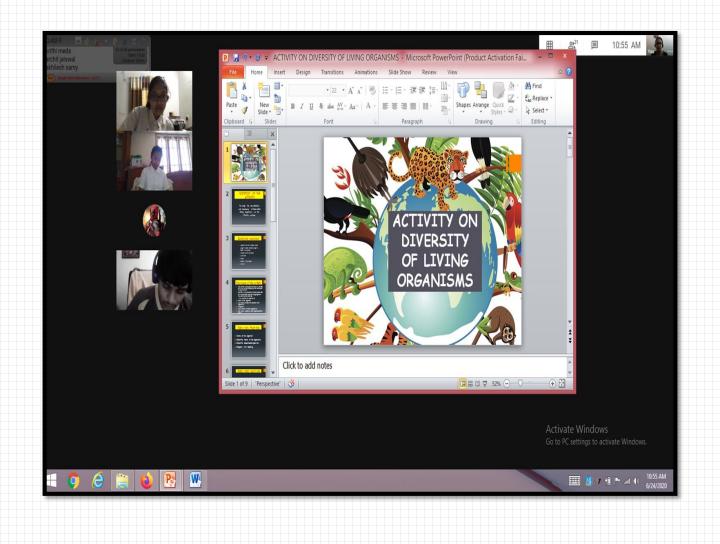
#### Flashcards on Diversity of Living Organisms-Shrestha Alimela Reddy of Class IX





### Biology activity flash cards





### Activity on Diversity of Living Organisms



# Quantum Collators - The Classification and Taxonomy of Diversified Living Organisms on the Earth's Surface

Skills developed in the students by performing the topic related activity are the following::

Thinking (Creative, transfer, critical)

 Self-management (affective skills, organization and reflection skills)

Research (information and media literacy)

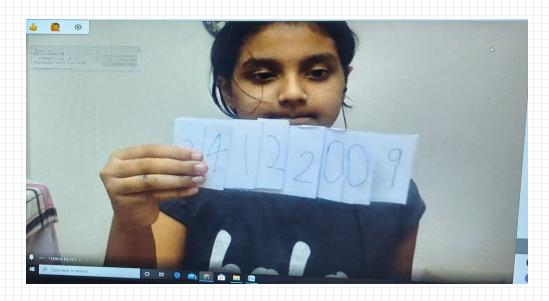


Prakeerthan Reddy of Class IX

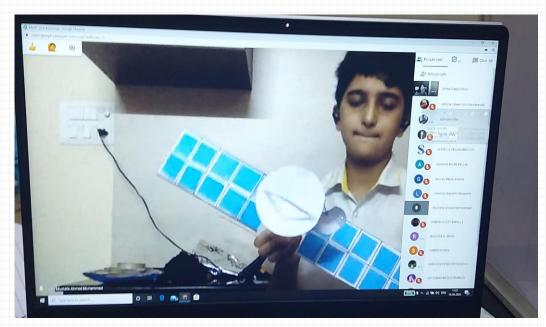


## The Magic of Mathematics-Activity on Place Value Strips and Math in Space

We attempt to unravel the universal language of numbers and instill hope that every problem has a solution. It is not just about the equations or the formulae, it is about perfecting our perspectives by way of organising a logical proof.

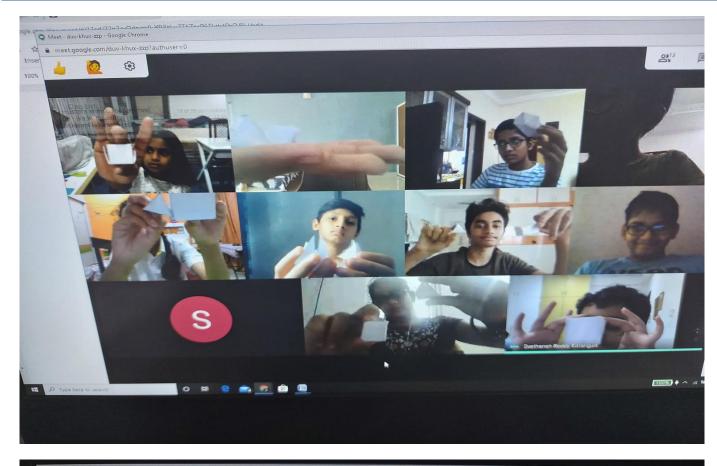


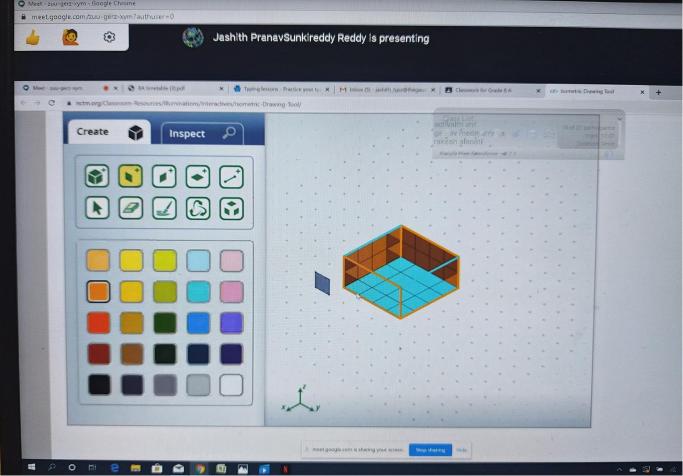
Tusha Reddy of Class VI A & Mustafa of Class VI B



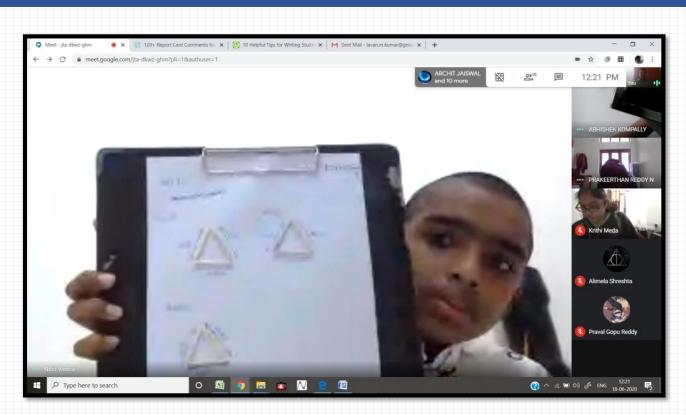


### The Magic of Mathematics -Activity on online drawing of Polyhedrons

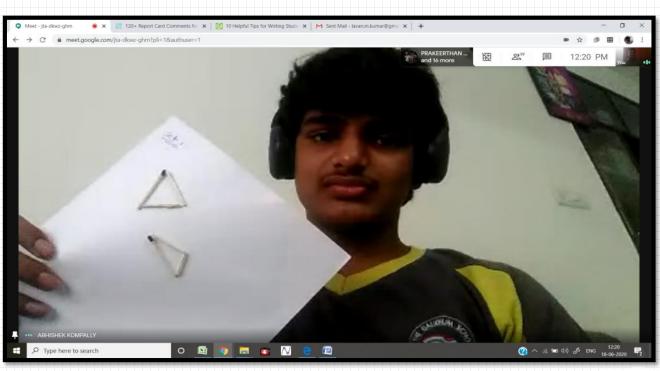




### The Magic of Mathematics-Activity on Inequalities in a Triangle



#### Inequalities in triangle-Nikhil Verma and Abhishek Kompally Class IX





### The Upskill Clan...Enduring Experiences



### **DISCOVER SELF IDENTITY WITH ART**

Identity is one of the most important topics to live in the society; Name is one of the most important unique ideas to rectify someone individually. As per all popular culture names are only one way to recognize a person in the very beginning to know their background and form which sub-community, culture and region they belong. It will create the existence mark on society and individuality of an artist. Students asked to create doodle art with their name and they can design with free hand drawing. Outcome of the project came well; students explored themselves in different individual creative ways of expression.

Chandan Roy

Art Facilitator



### The Upskill Clan... ...Enduring Experiences







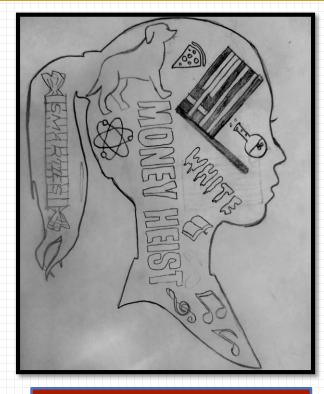
My Friend-Praval Reddy-Grade 9



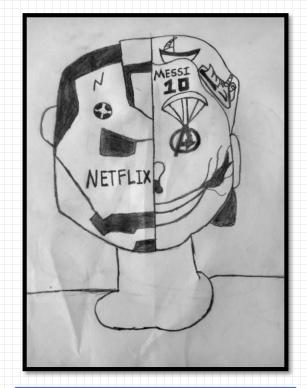
PARINITA THROUGH MY LENs-Hiya Jain-Grade 10



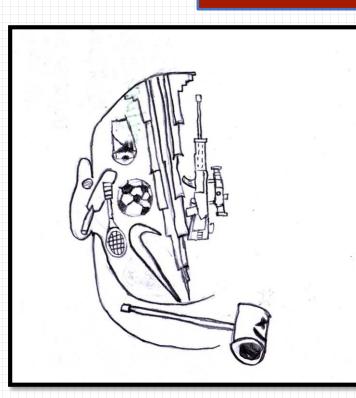
### The Upskill Clan... ...Enduring Experiences



My Friend-Saloni Singh-Grade 10



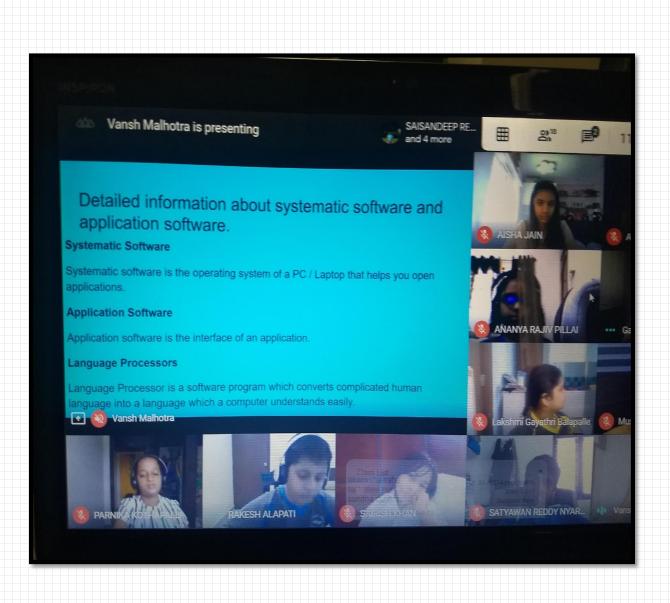
#### FEW FANTASIES OF LIFE-KARTHIK – Grade 10



MAKRAND-Grade 10



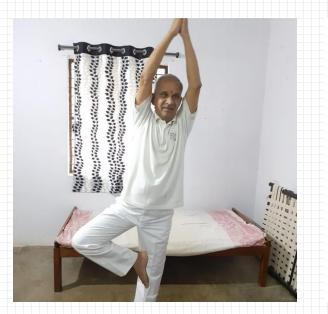
### The Upskill Clan... ...Enduring Experiences



Activity on-Enhancing Presentations by selecting a topic based on Computers



## Mindfulness and Wellbeing







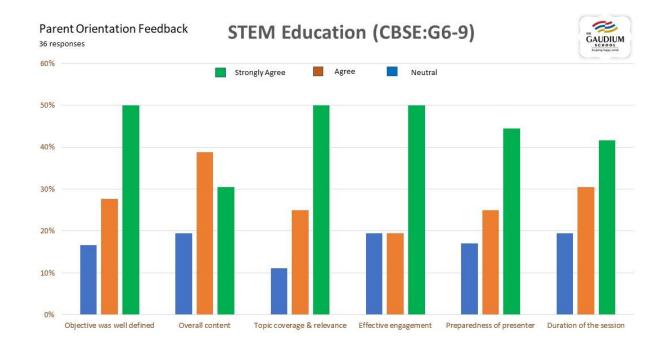
International Yoga Day celebrated virtually by the Geckos, parents, facilitators, staff and the management



### Stakeholder Engagement-Parent Orientation - STEM

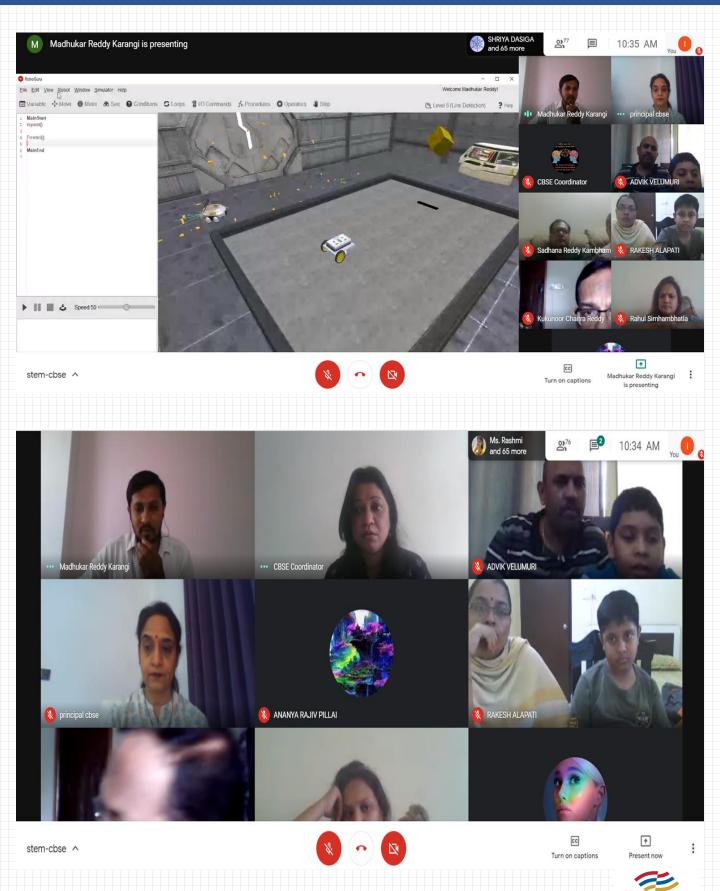
TGS is offering STEM education to the students of Classes 6 to 9 of CBSE Section.

The acronym STEM stands for the disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. STEM education, then, is the teaching and learning of these STEM subjects through an integrated approach; one that offers hands-on and relevant real-world learning experiences. It's not only the benefit of learning science, technology, engineering, and math as one, but also gaining skills of problemsolving, exploratory learning, and critical thinking that go hand-in-hand with those subjects that make STEM education valuable.





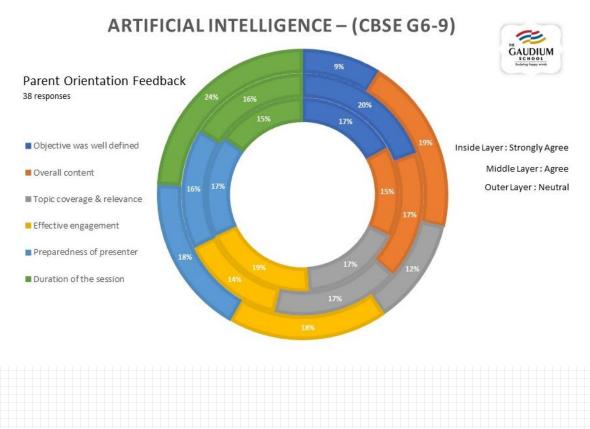
### Stakeholder Engagement-Parent Orientation for STEM



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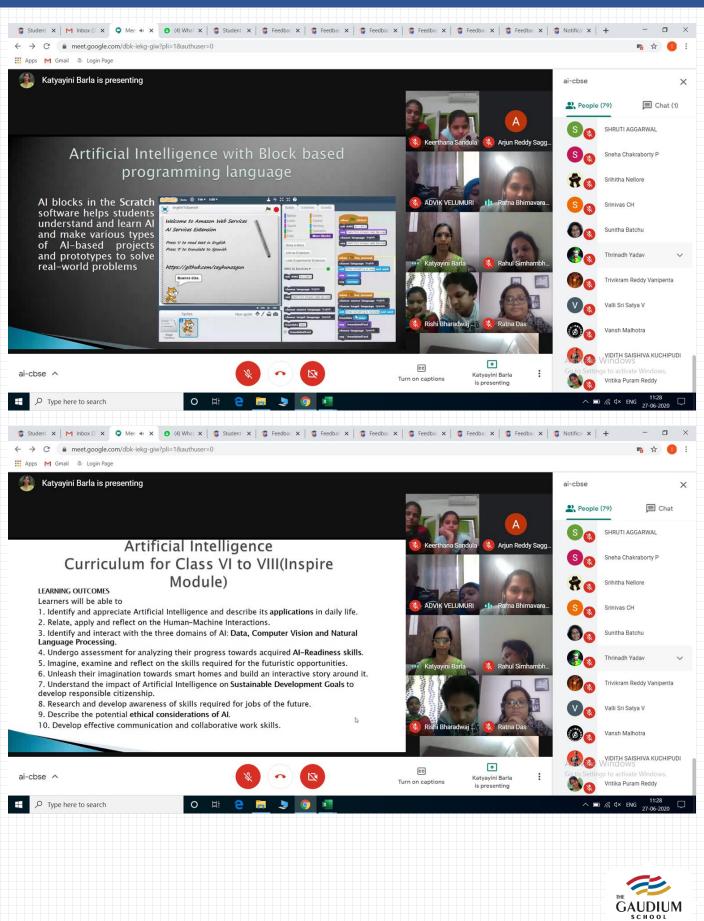
### Stakeholder Engagement-Parent Orientation - Al

TGS is introducing Artificial Intelligence as a skill-based subject to the students of Classes 6 to 9 & 11 of CBSE Section. CBSE has formed collaboration with technology giants such as Intel, IBM, and Microsoft to introduce Artificial Intelligence as a subject in schools in order to enhance the multidisciplinary approach in teaching-learning and to sensitise the new generation. Artificial Intelligence will be taught as a certification course till Grade 8 and from class 9th onward it will be taught as a regular course.



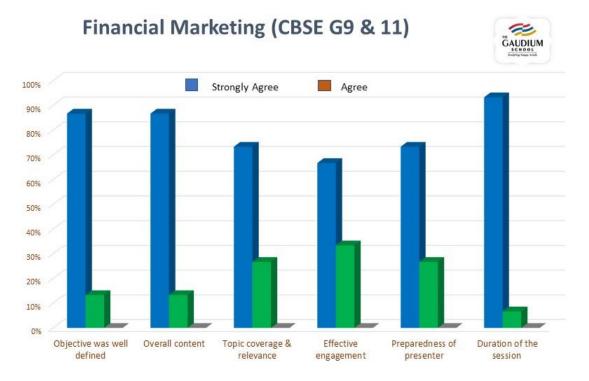


### Stakeholder Engagement-Parent Orientation for AI Session



### Stakeholder Engagement-Parent Orientation - FMM

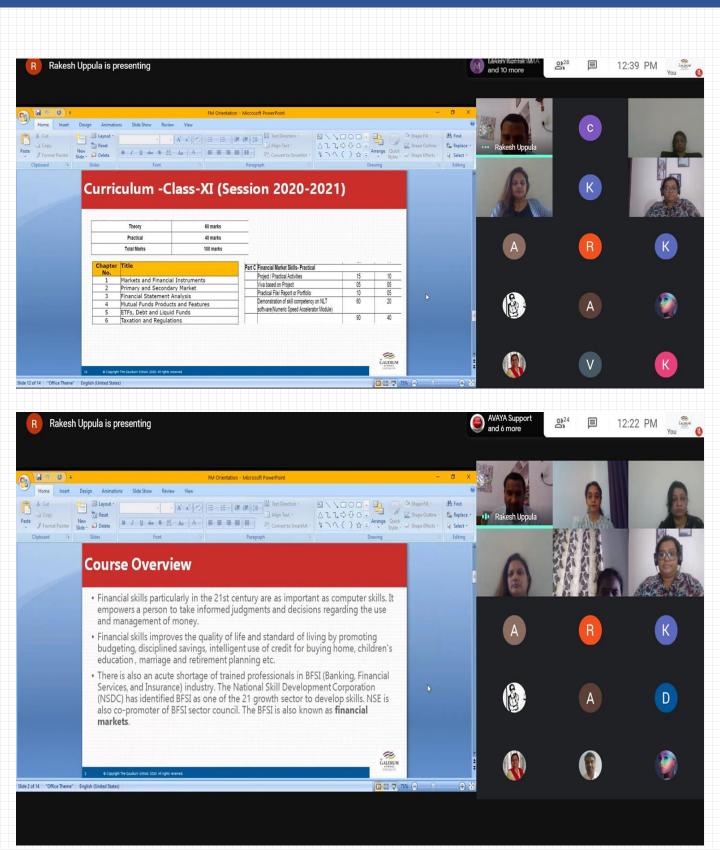
TGS is introducing Financial Market Management as a skill-based subject to the students of Classes 9 & 11 of CBSE Section. The Financial Market Management (FMM) course for students of Classes 9 & 11, is launched jointly by CBSE and the National Stock Exchange of India. The Financial Market Management will enable the students to take smart investment decisions when they grow up and understand the value of money.



#### Parents Orientation Feedback 15 Responses



### Stakeholder Engagement-Parent Orientation - FMM

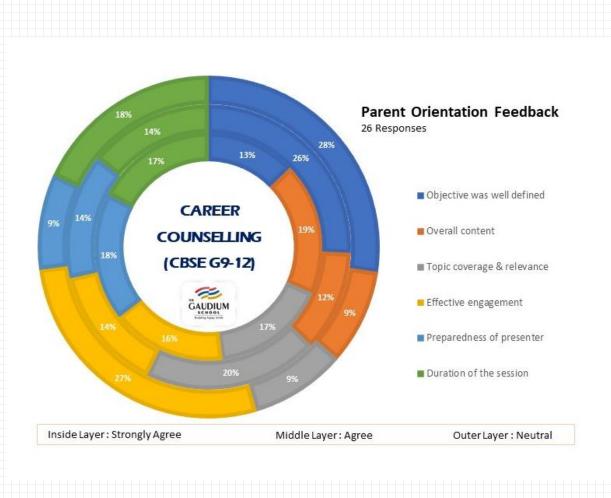




### Stakeholder Engagement

At the Gaudium, we believe that it is very important to start career planning from a young age as it guides the students in the right direction. Keeping this in mind, a Career Session was organized on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020 by the school Career Counselor for the geckos of Grade 9 to 12 and their parents.

The parents and the geckos got a clear picture about the various career options, entrance exams and the university requirements both India and Abroad. At the end of the sessions parents were happy to have their queries answered and the session was concluded with a vote of thanks.





### Hall of Fame

ASSET EXAM Our Geckos have excelled in the ASSET examination they appeared for in December 2019. They have competed against all ASSET taking students across India and scored in the top 15% and has been selected to appear for the ASSET Talent Search (ATS) examinations. Congratulations!! Keep it up!



#### The Gaudium's Pride!

Srihitha Nellore has excelled with 90% in the ASSET examination, conducted in December 2019. Srihitha has competed against all ASSET taking students across India and scored in the top 15% and has been selected to appear for the ASSET Talent Search(ATS)Examinations. Congratulations!! Keep it up!!



Srihitha Nellore Grade 8, CBSE



#### The Gaudium's Pride!



Shriya Dasiga Grade 7, CBSE

Shriya Dasiga has excelled with 86% in the ASSET examination, conducted in December 2019. Shriya has competed against all ASSET taking students across India and scored in the top 15% and has been selected to appear for the ASSET Talent Search(ATS)Examinations. Congratulations!! Keep it up!!



## Coming Up...Next Month

DATE	DAY	EVENT	GRADE
l <sup>st</sup> July	Wednesday	Induction and commencement	Grade 11
1 <sup>st</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday -Monday	Commencement of Periodic test	Grade 6-12
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Saturday	PTM-Virtual	GR 6 TO 12
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday	Bonalu Holiday	Playgroup to Grade 12
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Friday	Varalakshmi Pooja	Playgroup to Grade 12



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