



# **IB PYP Edition Playgroup**

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**Ms Anjalika Sharma**  
**Principal IBPYP**

**Dear Parents,**

**Greetings!**

**It has almost been 4 months that we have been at home- working - coping with changes and challenges! None of us had ever dreamt of our lives and our environment to undergo this sudden transformation. But probably this is what the future has always been looked upon by many- volatile, complex, unpredictable and ambiguous.**

**In the midst of this condition, we have also been given the opportunity to reflect on ourselves, our actions, our purpose and our future. We have found time to be with ourselves, our families- connecting and building bridges. There have been people from all walks of life, who have attended to their calling and made a difference to lives around. From a pilot, who flies on mission Vande Bharat to a doctor who sleeps in his car to safeguard his family from the spread of virus to a common man spending his life's saving to procure food for the migrant workers- we have emerged as a stronger community - a greater nation. One such section of our nation, probably did not wear a PPE or go out to serve the patients, but stayed at home and ensured that the future remains strong and prepared- these are the teachers. Globally, schools and teachers faced a strange challenge - connect, teach, learn and assess students online- using technology like they had never used before!**

**Designing content, doing personal research into finding innovative and student friendly technological tools and resources, ways to assess and report authentically to the stakeholders, along with imbibing school vision and philosophy, and taking care of the family and daily chores at home - a day begins early and ends very late for a teacher. We in our attempt to ensure that everything should go perfect- aligned to what a teacher and a classroom should be, forget to empathize with these warriors, who silently and diligently work before, during and after the school online time. There are many who probably also face a challenge of someone in need of medical assistance at home, taking care of their very young children and even their own health.**

**Today, dear parents, my newsletter is dedicated to all the teachers, who, wherever and whichever nation they are in- deserve not just a standing ovation but a heartfelt 'thank you' and gratitude for their strength, their belief, their never to go down attitude and ever willingness to take up the challenges! Let us in our ways remember our teachers, who made us who we are today and express our gratitude to all teachers who are striving to make our children stronger and better citizens of the world!**



**Ms Anjalika Sharma  
Principal IBPYP**

**I end my message to you with a few lines from my own poem-**

**You stood like a rock firm and steady,  
In the dark hour of change and adversity!  
When everyone doubted and none believed,  
You arose to the call- worked hard to succeed!**

**It was new for you like it was for everyone,  
People demanded -your hard work summoned!  
You rose to the challenges we could tell,  
You met adversities that behind the screen fell!**

**Your tender hands moved fast on the keys.  
Your loving glances were always on the screen!  
Your connect and bond was never once weak,  
Each day you continue to strive for the peak!**

**Sometimes behind you, we see a small hand rise,  
Your own child calls out and you give her a smile.  
“You can stay my dear for my other children wait,  
I shall be with you soon”, a dedicated teacher says!**

**Anjalika Sharma  
PYP Principal**

# PYP Coordinator's Desk

**At, The Gaudium School, we give an importance to holistic development. Therefore, even during the lock down we focus on the core values and the 5 developmental pillars.**

**Mindfulness- The students and teachers have been practicing mindfulness regularly. They practice mindfulness under 5 major domains which are mindful breathing, mindful movement, mindfulness through sensory organs, self - awareness and mindful thinking.**

**Core values- The teachers and students explored the value 'respect'. The students read books, watched videos and discussed about respecting parents, teachers, helpers etc.**

**Stakeholder engagement- As a part of stakeholder engagement we had various events like Parent Teacher Meeting and Bonding Over Breakfast for grades 3 and 5. We are looking forward to have many such events.**

**Holistic Excellence- As a part of holistic excellence the students have started reading books online. They have started using Get Epic and the books shared by the teachers to enhance their reading skills.**

**Trishna Sharma  
PYP Coordinator**

# Center Head-Nanakramguda

**At the Gaudium School, professional development of teachers is given utmost importance and dedicated time is invested in upskilling as well as improving the quality of learning-teaching.**

**The following sessions were organized this month:**

## **Sharing of best practices**

**As an initiative during our professional development sessions, we have introduced sharing of best practices with the entire team.**

**Ms. Brinda Pandit, Teacher Librarian for PYP, shared with the team how she co-constructed success criteria with her students during her library class. Understanding the success criteria helped the students to understand the task well and what is expected from them during the task. This enabled them to self-assess their involvement during the task based on the success criteria.**

**Ms. Puja Sharma and Ms. Malavika Aneja, Homeroom Facilitators of PP2, shared with us how they created a live bar-graph during their class from students' responses. They demonstrated how the data collected was recorded on an excel sheet and a bar graph was created from it. The students thoroughly enjoyed this session and could understand that data can be collected, recorded and represented in many ways. Ms. Puja and Ms. Malavika also shared the resources created by them to introduce students to emotions and feelings, thus emphasizing on the creative use of resources to support learning-teaching.**

## **Promoting reading of IB documents**

**Various reading groups have been formed with an objective of reading and reflecting in smaller groups and enhancing the program knowledge. Reading this month has been focused on the IB documents on, 'Assessment', 'Learner Profile' and 'Agency'. The facilitators met in their respective groups, and shared their learning with their peer group members as well as documented their reflections in the reflection sheet.**

## **Orientation for Media Communication**

**A training session by Mr. Praveen, Consultant Branding & Marketing, was organized on techniques for effective communication through various mediums and portals such as articles, blogs and reflections, that includes the content selection, supporting visuals, formatting and editing.**

# Center Head-Nanakramguda

## **Contact Program by Drishti Foundation**

**As part of our ongoing SEN Enabler Workshop for which selected teachers from our Early Years and PYP team have registered, a Contact Program was conducted by Drishti Foundation on 4th July, 2020. The session focused on the special learning needs of the students and how the teachers can facilitate through differentiated instruction. The session also highlighted the role of early intervention. The teachers planned lessons looking at the differentiated instruction in terms of content, process, product and the learning environment, in different teams. The acceleration model was introduced during the session. It is a shift from remediation, where the learning is connected to the core class rather than in isolation. The acceleration model also provides scope for self-efficacy and skill development for the students. The session was highly enlightening and interactive.**

**Apart from the PD sessions , there are a series of group counselling sessions planned for our students .**

**The pandemic situation has affected every one of us in several ways. The students are experiencing range of emotions in their daily life. It is crucial to address these wide ranges of emotions. At the Gaudium School, the Learning Diversity and Counselling department has taken the initiative to support the emotional needs and psychological needs of the students by conducting Group Counselling Sessions. The counsellors have been conducting these sessions twice a month for Nursery to Grade 5. These sessions are designed explicitly with the aim to address specific needs. Every session has a central theme. The topic that was covered during the month of July was of Self-awareness in terms of self, others (people around us) and their surroundings. During these sessions the counsellors incorporated different learning engagements and strategies to establish a rapport with the students and took student reflections as well.**

**Ranjeeta Sahoo**

**Center Head**

## **Theme: All about Myself**

- **Myself(Parts of body)**
- **My family**
- **My home**
- **My likes**
- **I feel....**



The students were engaged in general conversation. They enjoyed singing rhymes like, 'Daddy finger', 'Ding dong bell', 'Johnny Johnny Yes Papa', 'Five little monkeys', 'Are you sleeping', etc. along with actions. The geckos actively participated in picture talk on, 'My body parts', 'My family', 'My home', etc. They were curious during 'Show and tell' activity wherein they identified objects like, 'House', 'Doll' etc. and showed their toys as well. All the students were enthusiastic to listen to stories like, 'The goldilocks and the three bears', 'The three-bear family', etc.

## **Dance:**

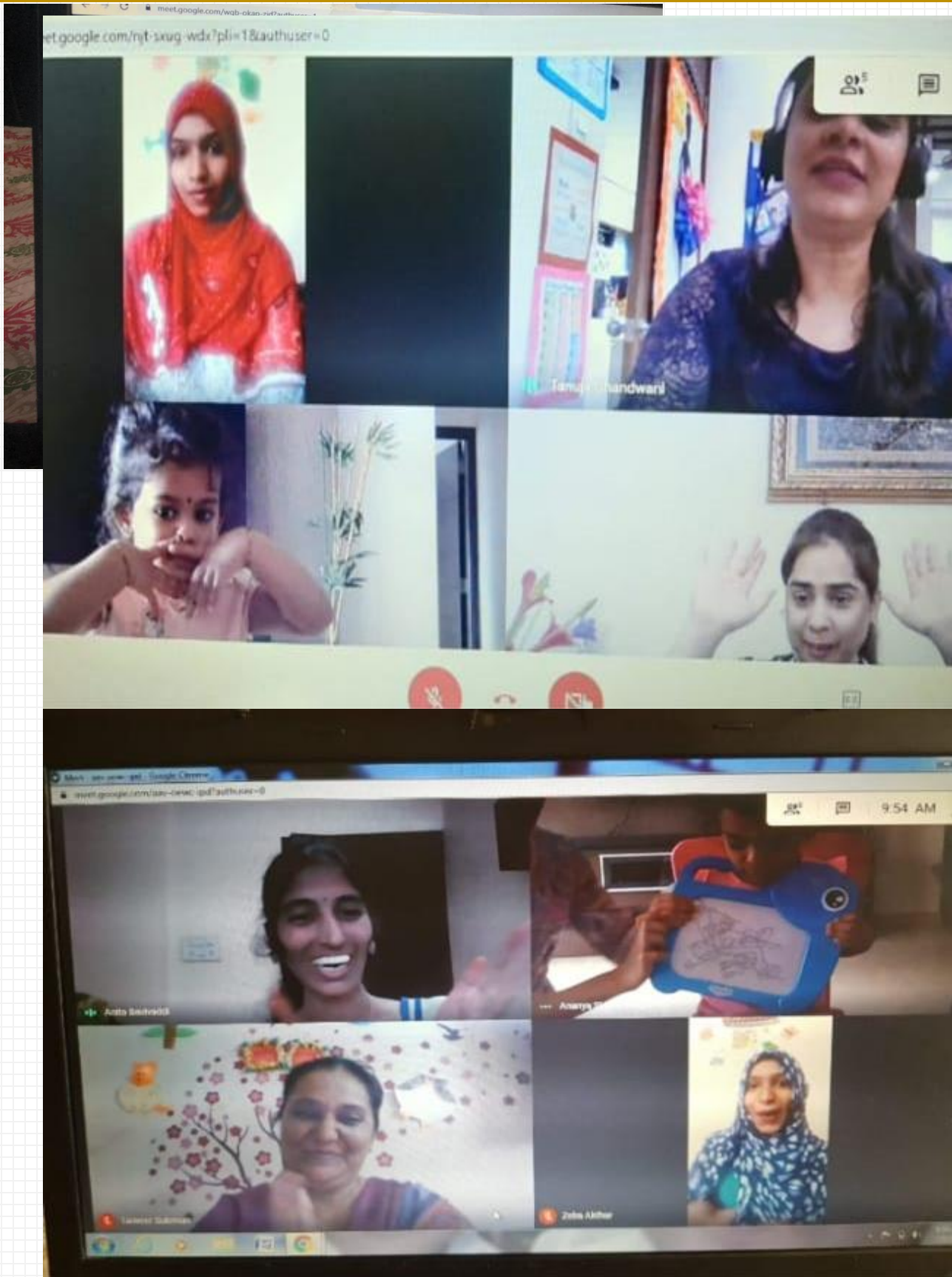
The students have participated enthusiastically in the dance class. They shared about their favourite songs. Students were introduced to basic dance movements and enjoyed dancing on the songs, 'Gummy bear' and 'Baby shark'.

**Music:** The young learners had interactive sessions, sang rhymes with the teacher using electronic keyboard as an accompaniment. They actively participated in the class and sang rhymes like, 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star', 'Five little monkeys', 'Where is Thumbkin', along with actions.

**Art:** The students started with basic art like making dots using crayons to develop their hand-eye coordination.

**PE:** The geckos were enthusiastically engaged in various body movements and also responded to the toys. They were engaged in various hand movements like opening and closing hands, clapping, waving and shaking hands in a fun way.

# Learning and Teaching

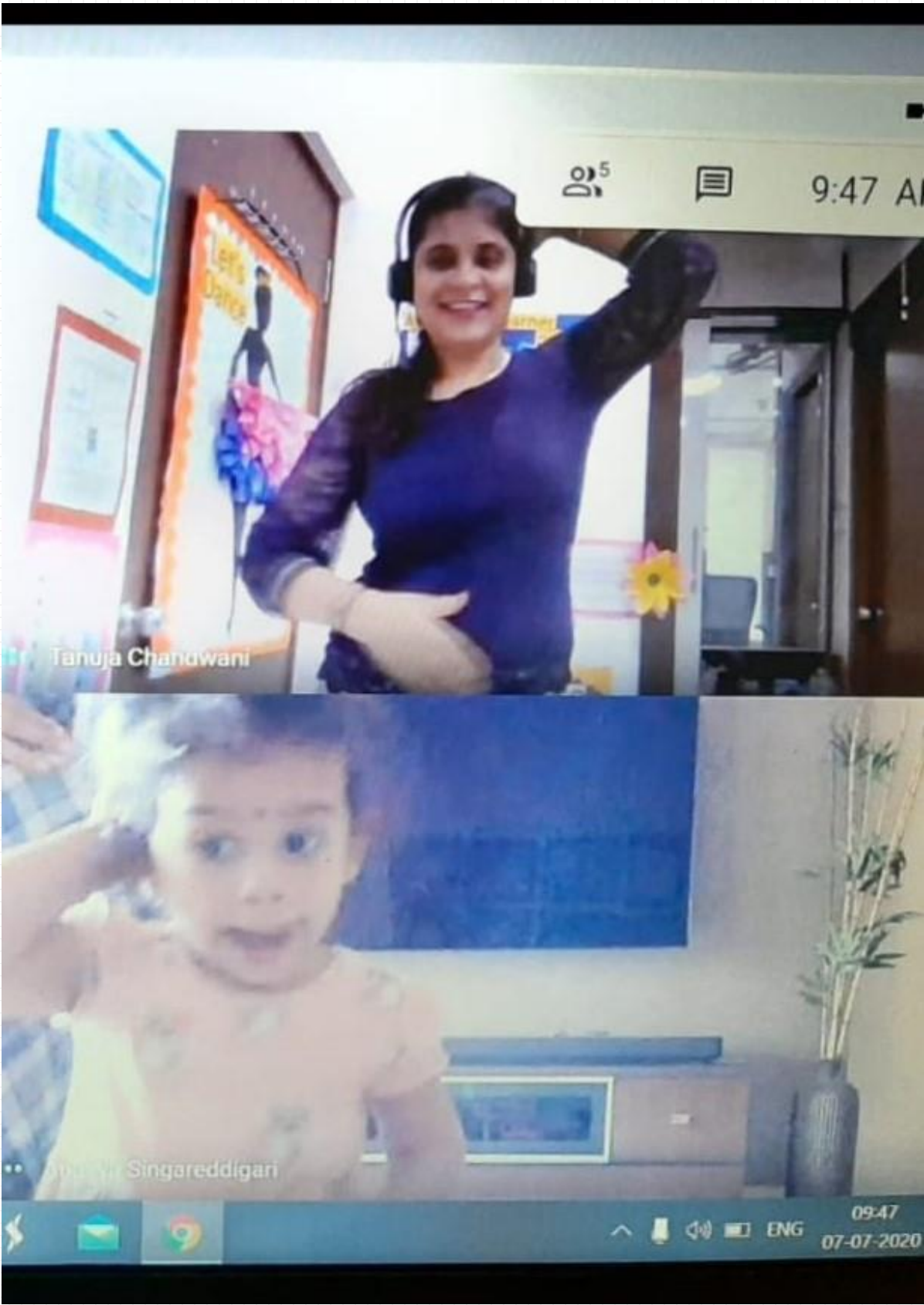


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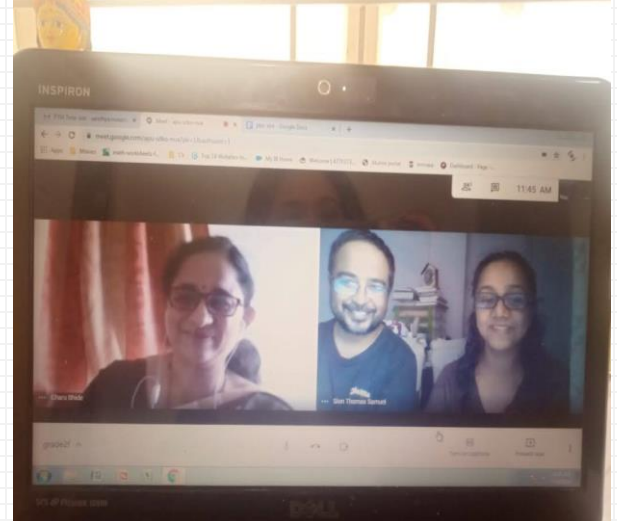
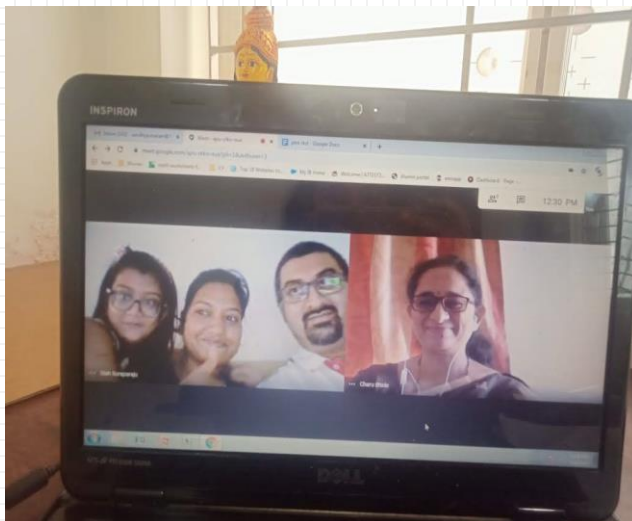
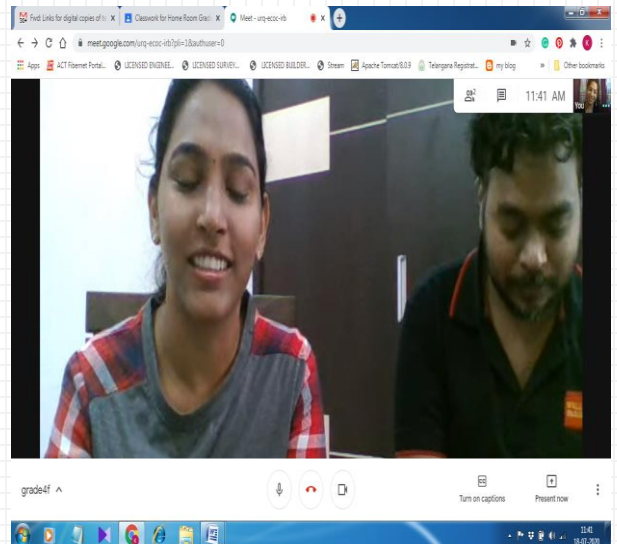
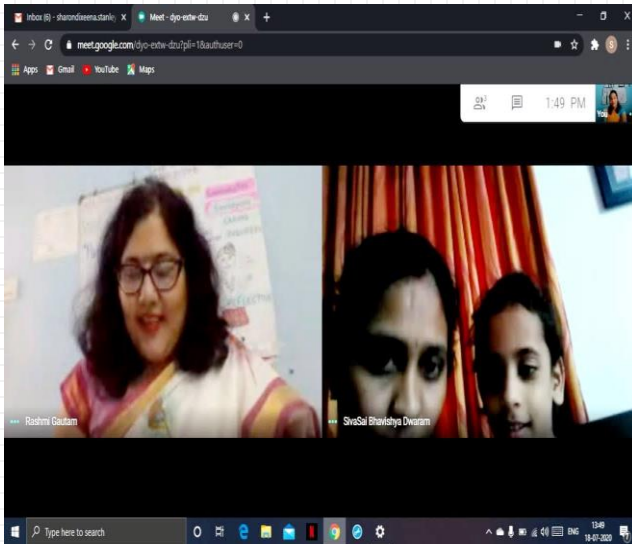
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# Events- Parent Teacher Meeting

## Parent teacher meeting in PYP

The first parent- teacher meeting was conducted virtually recently, where the parents expressed their satisfaction of how the online classes are being conducted. They appreciated the collective efforts of the teachers and the school to ensure uninterrupted learning for their kids. The communication helped the teachers know about the child's learning style and their special interests from a parent's point of view. This helped us in making the connection and the bond stronger. Needless to say, we are looking forward to more such interactive meetings with the parents in the near future.





# Events- Fire Safety Training

## Fire Safety Training

A training session was arranged for the office staff of The Gaudium School at the Kollur campus on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020 on 'Fire safety'. The training was facilitated by the District Fire Officer and his team who visited the school campus to demonstrate the safety practices in order to avoid any unfortunate fire accidents and what to do when it occurs.

The session began with the Fire Officer briefing about the various types of fire accidents and the different ways it can be caused. He explained the simple precautionary measures to be followed at all times and also on how to defuse a fire using fire extinguishers during emergencies. The team at Gaudium were provided with a hands-on physical training on the methods of defusing wood, chemical and gas-cylinder fire.

Around 100 office staff attended the training session and found it to be extremely knowledgeable and practical.



# Events- Fire Safety Training



Fire Officer speaking



Demonstration of defusing a fire



Handling the fire extinguisher



Defusing a gas cylinder fire

## **Theme - Being Healthy**

- **Vegetables**
- **Fruits**
- **Body movements (Fine motor and gross motor skills)**

**Dance:** Students will be practicing basic dance movements. They will be learning dance on action songs..

**Art:** The geckos will trace their hand and other objects to improve their visual spatial skills and fine motor skills.

**Music:** The learners will be learning fun rhymes.

**PE:** The students will be engaged in the body movements through different physical activities.



# Event Links

**Our website:**

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

**Learning blogs:**

**<https://www.thegaudium.com/the-learning-blogs/>**

**Facebook : For daily updates please like the page.**

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