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Ms Anjalika Sharma
Principal IBPYP

Dear Parents,
Greetings!

Hope you are all safe and doing well at home! As we continue to cope up with the challenges, collaborate to forge ahead and gear up to face the future with resilience, I share with you an interesting story, read recently and which got me thinking about myself!

This beautiful story focuses on differentiating between ambitions and greed. We often end up pushing ourselves to try hard which may lead us becoming resilient. On the other hand, we may end up demanding for more, without regard to what we have already. Here is a wonderful story about a peacock who almost went the same way.

There was once a beautiful peacock who was dancing on a rainy day. While he was busy admiring his plumage, his rough voice reminded him of his own shortcomings. All the joy beaten out of him, he was almost in tears. Suddenly, he heard a nightingale singing nearby. Listening to the nightingale's sweet voice, his own shortcoming once again became very evident. He began wondering why he was jinxed in such a manner. At that moment, a traveler addressed the peacock "Why are you upset?" he asked the peacock.

The peacock complained about his rough voice and how he was sad because of it. "The nightingale has such a beautiful voice. Why don't I?" After listening to the peacock, the traveler explained, "Every living being is special in his or her own way. They are made in a certain manner that serves the greater purpose. Yes, the nightingale is blessed with a beautiful voice, but you are also blessed - with such a beautiful and glittering plumage! It is all about acceptance and making the most of what you have." The peacock understood that he had been comparing himself to others and forgetting his own blessings. He realized that day, that everyone was unique in some way or the other.



Ms Anjalika Sharma
Principal IBPYP

Self-acceptance is the first step to happiness. Make the best of what you have, rather than being unhappy about what you don't.

A successful person is someone who experiences challenges and accepts them as a part of life. They are open to others' ideas and generally have positive feelings about themselves. They can more readily get over negative thoughts without chasing them down the rabbit hole.

Self-acceptance is essential for our emotional well-being. It is important to learn to love ourselves and the things that make us unique. A few things we can do to make a difference to our lives-

Let go of the things you can't change

Reflect and Identify our strengths

Set goals & Plan

Celebrate our accomplishments

Be positive

Get involved

I am sure we are together in this journey of creating a conducive learning environment that fosters opportunities for our students to self-reflect, self-develop and self-accept- who they are and how they can collaborate to make a difference!

Anjalika Sharma

IB PYP Principal

Mindfulness and Well-being-

The students and teachers have been practising mindfulness regularly. Their day usually begins with practising mindful exercises under the 5 major domains which are mindful breathing, mindful movement, mindfulness through sensory organs, self -awareness and mindful thinking.

Students enjoyed making the Gratitude Jar and displayed the virtue of being Thankful.

As a part of well-being, the school counsellors are conducting regular sessions on various themes. They had sessions on Self Awareness and Acceptance (self, peers, emotions and situations).

Core values-

Teachers and students continued exploring the value 'respect'. Students read books, watched videos and discussed on respecting the environment, resources, culture, etc.

Students of grades 3-5 have started novel-reading, which is a part of their ongoing unit and the curriculum.

Stakeholder Engagement-

As a part of stakeholder engagement, we had various events like Independence Day celebration and Bonding Over Breakfast for Grades PP2, 1, 2 and 4. The students with their teachers reminisced the moments of eating together in the cafeteria. They shared about their favourite food, their weekends, siblings etc.

The students are also bonding with their peers and teachers during the circle time, where they share their interest, likes, dislikes, etc.

Holistic Excellence-

As a part of holistic excellence the students have started reading books online. They have used the website "Get Epic" and online books from "A-Z" to enhance their reading skills.

To instil the love for reading, we conducted D.E.A.R Time. The students of Grades 1-5 selected their favourite story/book and had a silent reading time along with their Home Room Teachers and the Teacher Librarians.

Trishna Sharma

PYP Coordinator

Webinar - "Physical Education: From Face-to-Face to Online Learning"

This webinar by Mihai Catrinar, an IB physical education teacher and workshop leader, covered how to make physical education come alive in the remote learning environment. The similarities and differences between face-to-face and online PE sessions were discussed and there was further insight into how to plan units and learning experiences in physical education, prioritising student understanding, with various real examples. This webinar was attended by the entire PE department for PYP in Kollur Campus and Nanakramguda Campus along with the Pedagogical leadership team.

Webinar- "Strategies for Authentic Distance Learning Inquiry"

This webinar was conducted by Susan Powers, an avid believer in the inquiry-based process of learning, having taught mostly within the International Baccalaureate's Primary Years Programme. The purpose of this webinar was to share the strategies to successfully implement student-led inquiry throughout distance learning that will ignite curiosity, transfer skills, knowledge and conceptual understanding in our young learners. She discussed practices and strategies for effectively leading the children towards active and effective participation within the inquiry, all from a virtual platform. This webinar was attended by all the facilitators and the Pedagogical leadership team from both Kollur and Nanakramguda Campus.

Sharing of best practices

Sharing of best practices is very crucial for continuous growth. It nurtures a learning culture and builds a sense of collective growth as the team members share new ideas and innovative strategies used by them effectively and successfully, from which everyone benefits.

Ms. Tanuja Chandwani, Dance Facilitator, Nanakramguda Campus, shared with the team a range of self-assessment continuum that she used in her classes. These continuums gave students an opportunity to reflect and share where they find themselves on the learning curve or which stage of learning they are in. Such opportunities support students to become self-assessors.

Mr. Narender Kumar Singh, PYP, PE facilitator, Kollur Campus shared a range of innovative strategies that were used by him to take student reflections, fun learning engagements on virtual platform using various online tools, use of a self-made puppet to keep the class interactive and foster student curiosity and much more.

Ms. Smita Pillai, Grade 5 Homeroom Teacher, shared how she and her students explored Google Maps during her class to inquire about the routes by famous explorers. The students thoroughly enjoyed this experience, wherein the learning was hands on, practical and authentic.

Individual Presentations- Reading Groups

As shared in the July Month Newsletter, our team has been engaging regularly in reading, program related documents in their respective reading groups and reflecting as well. As part of sharing and reflecting from this practice of collective reading, Mr. Emmanuel Gollapudi , Music Facilitator EY, Ms. Beena Awasthi, Hindi Facilitator, and Mr. Rohit Singh Chauhan, Music Facilitator PYP, gave presentations to the team on Learner Profile, the attributes of Learner Profile and supporting agency in Music class respectively.

Session by Ms. Shraddha Iyer, Manager Communications & Events

A session was conducted by Ms. Shraddha Iyer, to brief the team on the format of articles, blogs, newsletter, etc for communication purpose. The objective was to ensure that the team is aware of the process to be followed and essential requirements for effective communication.

PYP Leaders Boot Camp- A virtual conference for worldwide PYP leadership learning!

Led by experienced IBENs and PYP Leaders, the various workshops at the Boot Camp focused on sharing real-life learning, providing hands-on strategies, and supporting PYP teams in building their leadership capacities. This conference was attended by our Pedagogical leadership team along with the associate coordinators from Kollur and Nanakramguda Campus.

Oxford Reading Tree (ORT) Training

The homeroom facilitators from Nursery to Grade 2 attended the ORT training, which was led by Ms. Charu Sachdev, ORT trainer and Mr. Pavan S Kulkarni, Marketing Executive Oxford Publication, South India Region. The training aimed at enabling teachers to understand in depth about successful implementation of Oxford Reading Tree program for promoting and improving reading skills of our students. The ORT program was launched during last academic year. The training has given further insight into how to maintain the reading log and track the progress made by the students with their reading skills.

Session on creating stories - Storyweaver

Storyweaver is an online platform designed to provide a range of resources for reading that includes stories with illustrations, stories for different purposes and stories that are available in different languages. This digital platform also provides easy-to-use tools to create, adapt, and translate new stories for children.

A training session was conducted by Ms. Brinda Pandit, Teacher Librarian, PYP and Mr. Anuj Kumar, Teacher Librarian Early Years for the facilitators of Grade 3 to 5. This session aimed at introducing this platform to the teachers on how to create stories for different purposes to aid learning-teaching in their respective classes.

Ranjeeta Sahoo

Center Head

Unit of Inquiry Overview

Transdisciplinary Theme:

How we organize ourselves

Central Idea:

Many products go through a process of change before they are consumed or used.

Lines of Inquiry:

- Origins of products
- Changes products go through
- Distribution of products
- Ways people select the products they use

Key Concepts:

Change, Connection, Responsibility

Related Concepts:

Components, Process, Choice

IB Learner profile:

Principled, Inquirers

Monthly Review

Unit of Inquiry:

Students started their new unit under the theme 'How we organise ourselves'. They created their product basket with the objects from their home and described them. They chose their favourite product and inquired about its origin, also understood about the term "change" and identified how objects change around them and were further introduced to reversible and irreversible changes. They also explored the distribution process and learnt how does a product reaches its customer and understood concept of need and want.

Transdisciplinary Language:

Students were engaged in interactive learning engagements to learn, read and write the naming words. They further classified the naming words into names of person, place, animal and thing. They learnt to convert the singular noun to plural by adding 's' at the end of the word. The students explored the given pictures and arranged them in a sequence to make their own story. They used blending techniques to read the given words and decoded their sounds to write their spellings. Students learnt to write simple sentences. They converted singular nouns into their plural forms.

Transdisciplinary Math:

Students were involved in several learning engagements to sort the numbers into different groups - Even and Odd to know the similarities and differences among them. They explored and connected to the starting and ending points to a line which is called a line segment. The concept of half and whole was introduced to them through various learning engagements. They further learnt to arrange the events in an order with the help of flow charts and ordinal numbers. The students explored the problem- solving techniques by identifying the problem and listing out the steps to solve it.

Monthly Review

Dance:

Students have been introduced to various types of expressions and their importance in dance. They also learnt to use expressions to enhance a dance performance.

Music:

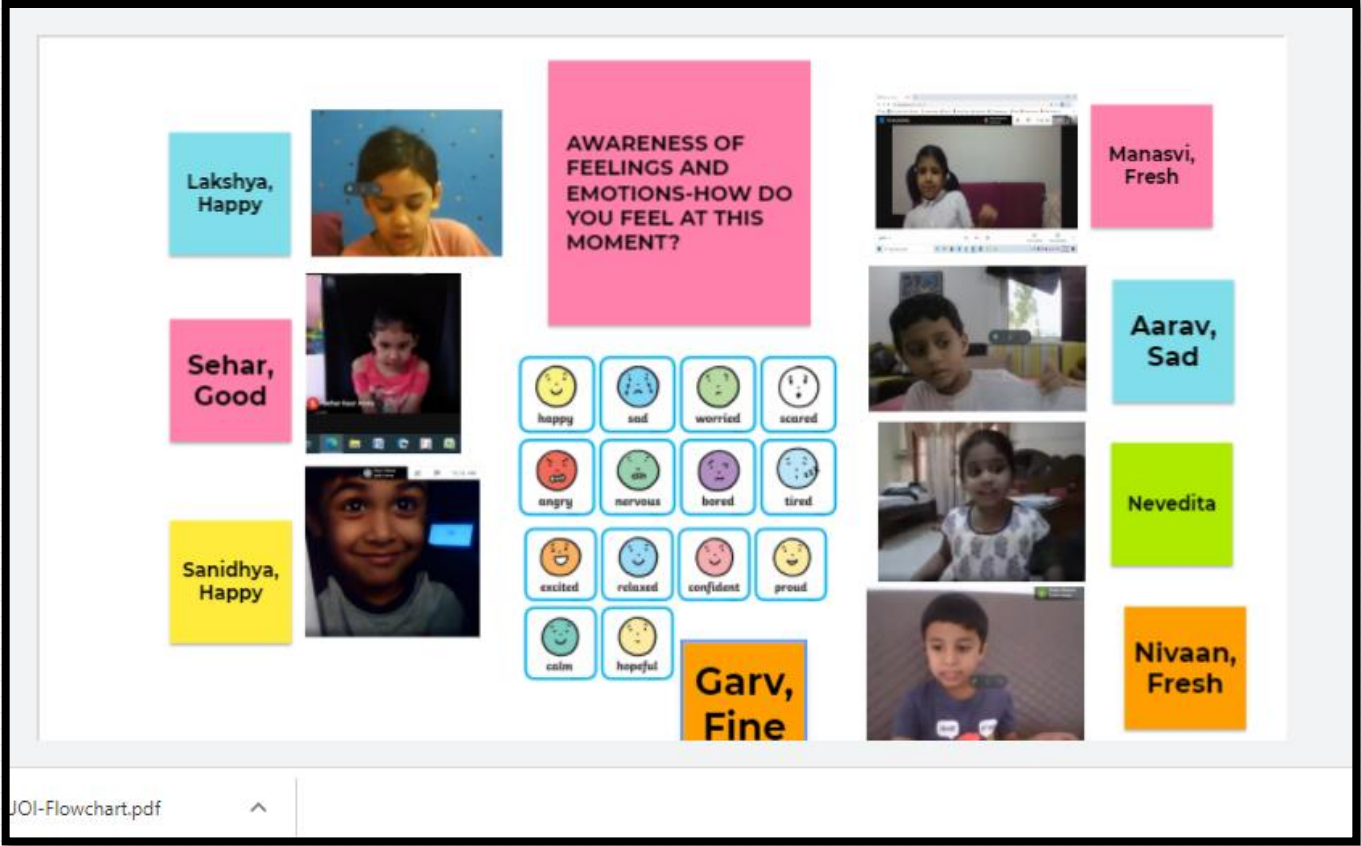
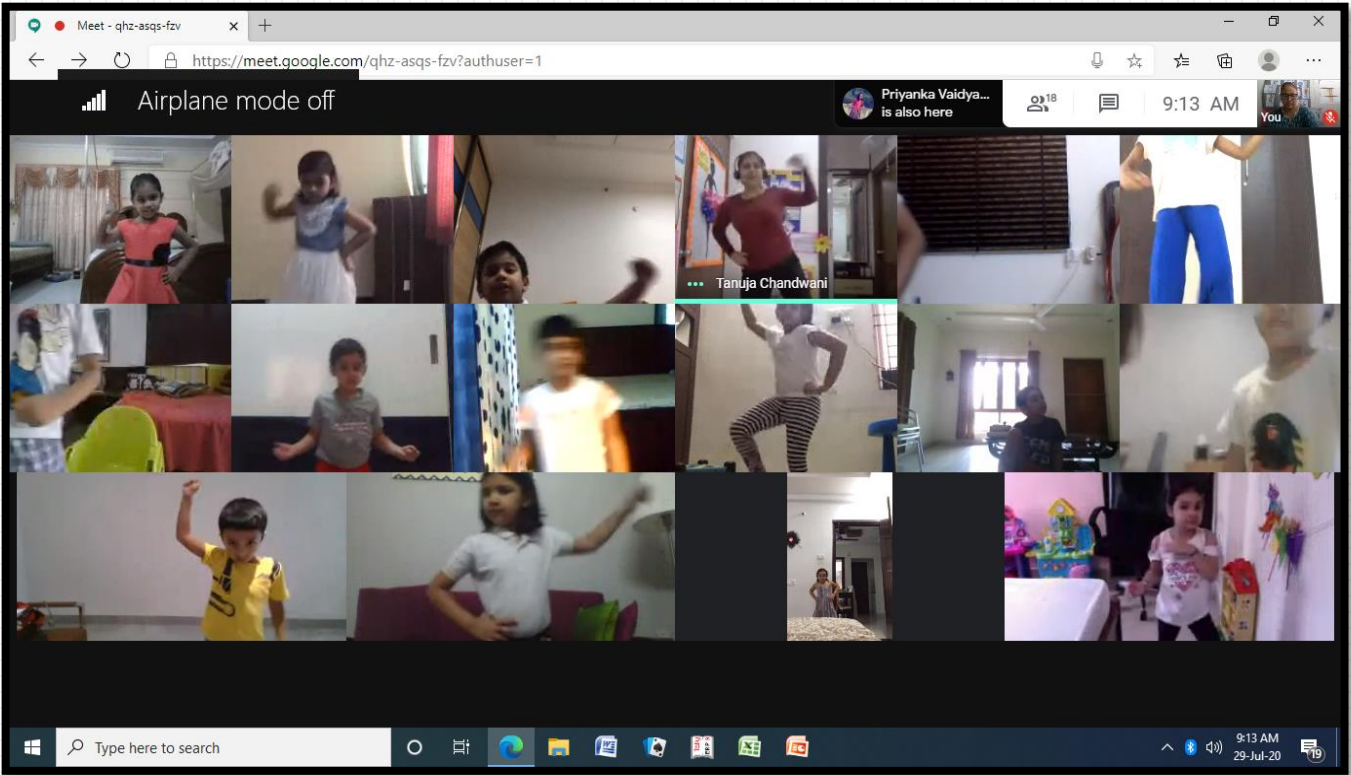
Students practiced the National Anthem and learnt the sunflower song. They practiced different rhythmic patterns and identified the instruments and importance of instruments.

Art: Students designed Rakhi to mark the celebrations. They drew the picture of Independence Day and they also made a card for independence day. The students were introduced to the element of art - Colour. They identified primary and secondary colours and used them in their artwork.

PE:


Students participated enthusiastically in different physical activities. They watched videos based on zig zag running, high knee action, single and double leg hopping. They understood the body control performance and practiced these skills. Students discussed about the importance of eating healthy food.

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Prediction, The puppy knows he should not sit on the new sofa. He has been told many times. But one day the puppy is home alone. He wants to take a nap. The sofa looks so soft



Aarav, puppy can sleep on the sofa becoz he is an animal

Sanidhya, sofa is new so he will not sleep on the sofa

Garv


Nivedita-Alzant

Manasvi he will not take a nap. sofa is new when sofa will become old so he can sleep


Nivaan, puppy can sleep on the bed but not on sofa as sofa is new

Lakshya, puppy will not sit on the sofa becoz he knows sofa is new

Sehar, puppy can sleep on bed not on sofa becoz sofa is new

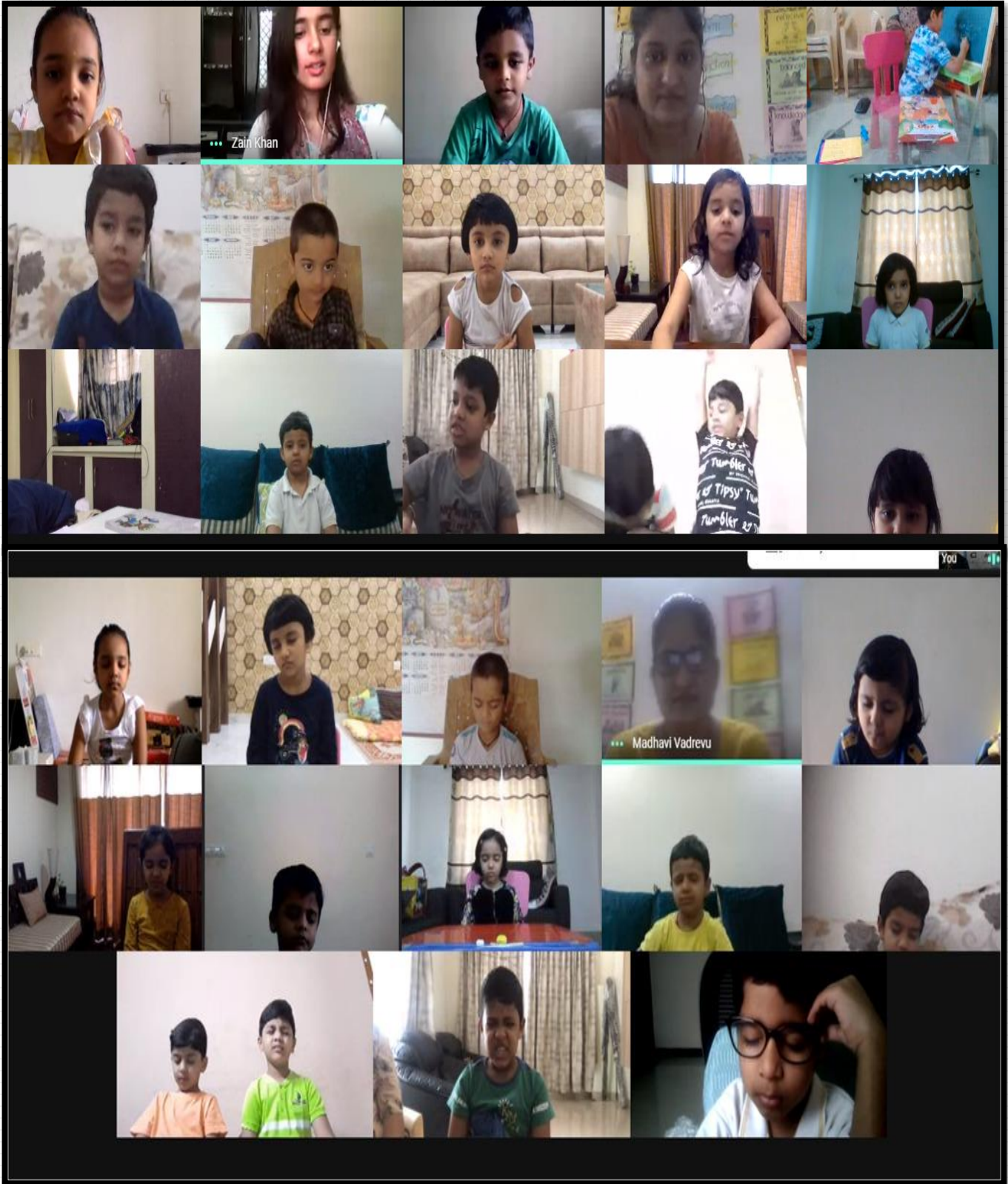


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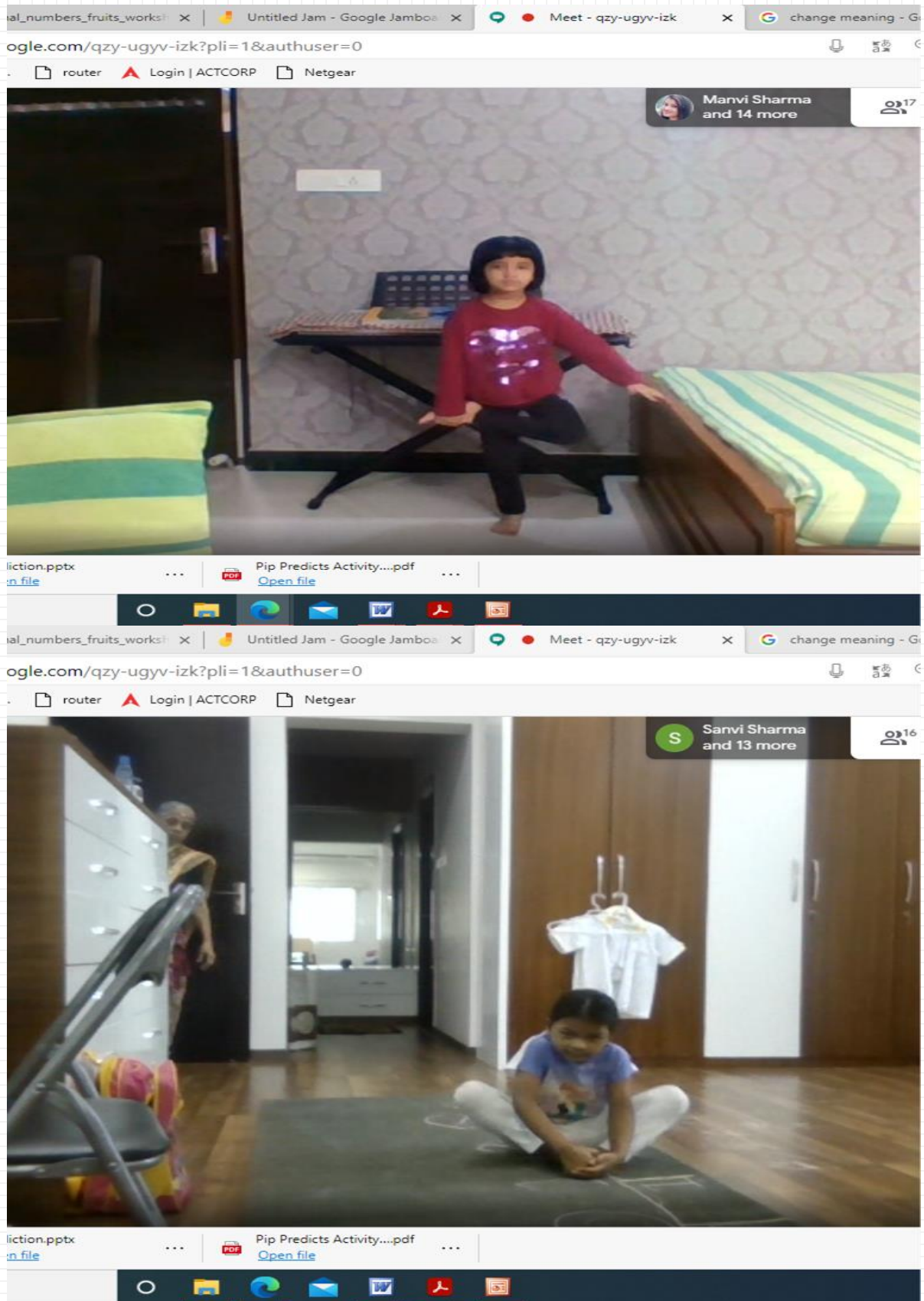

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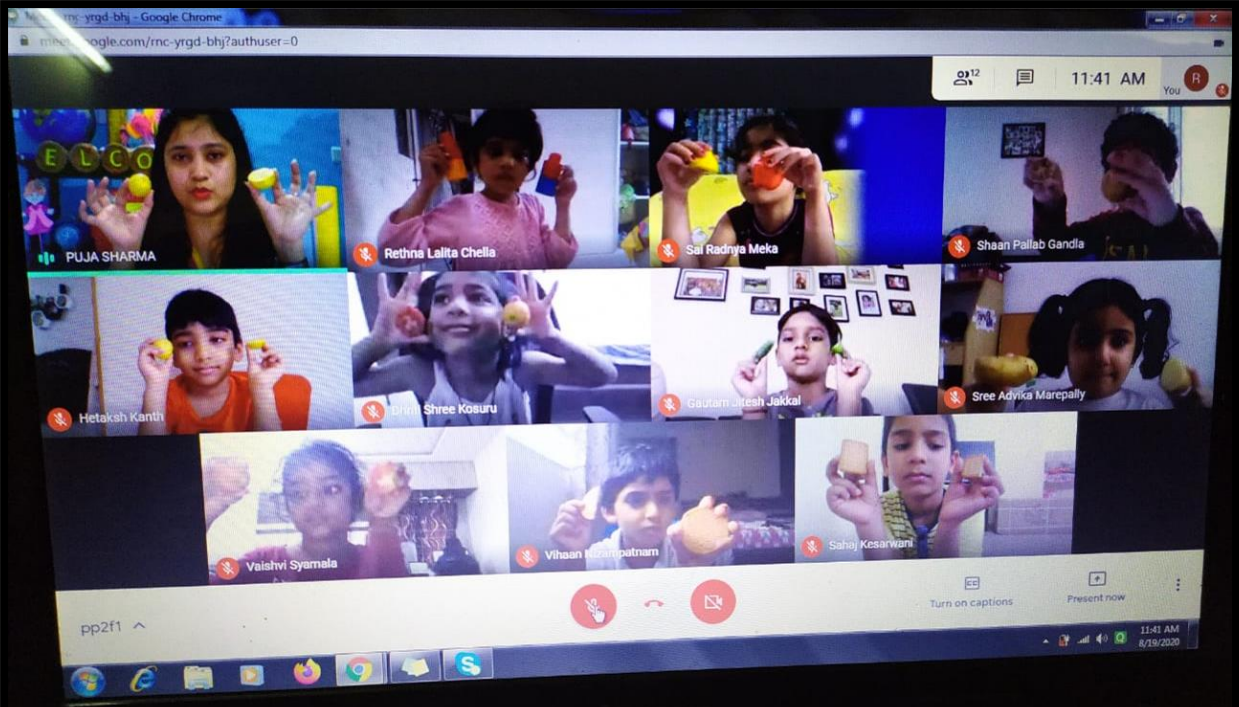
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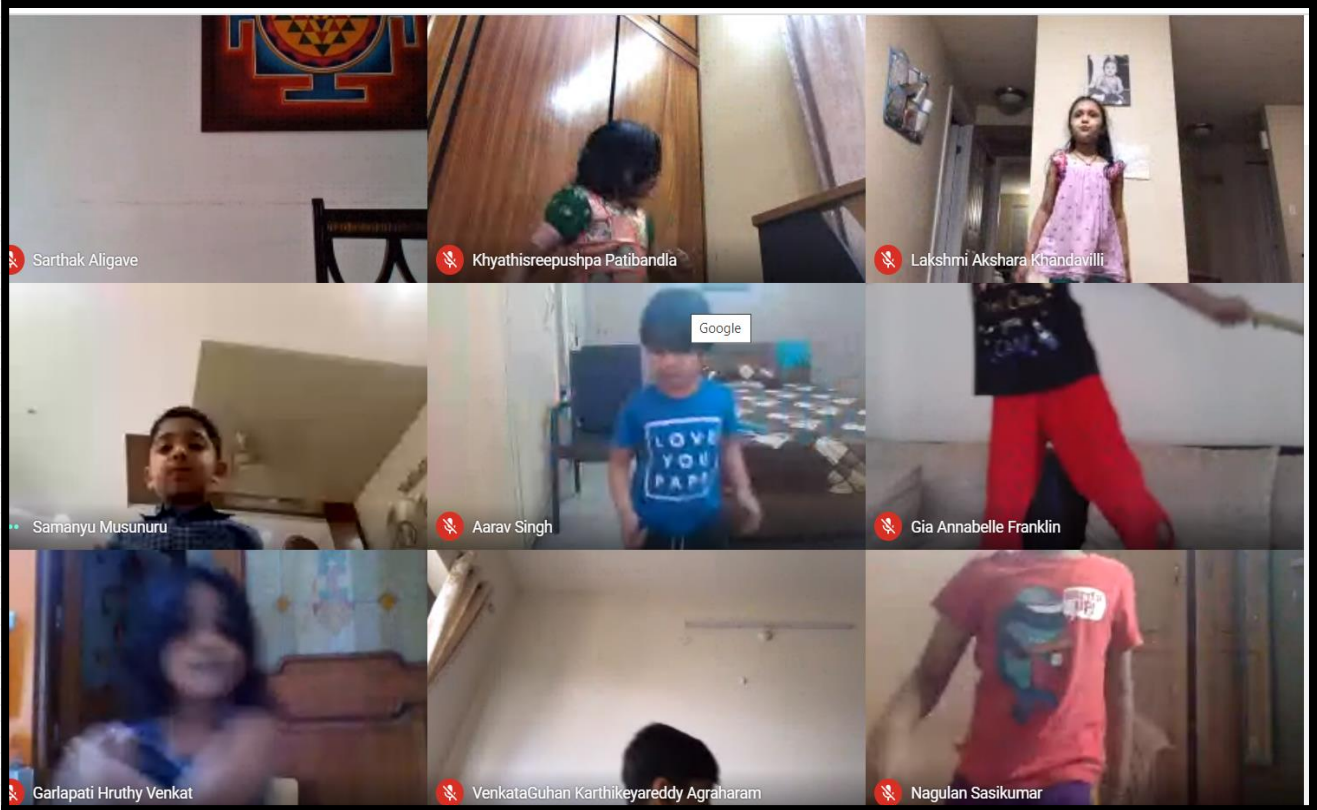
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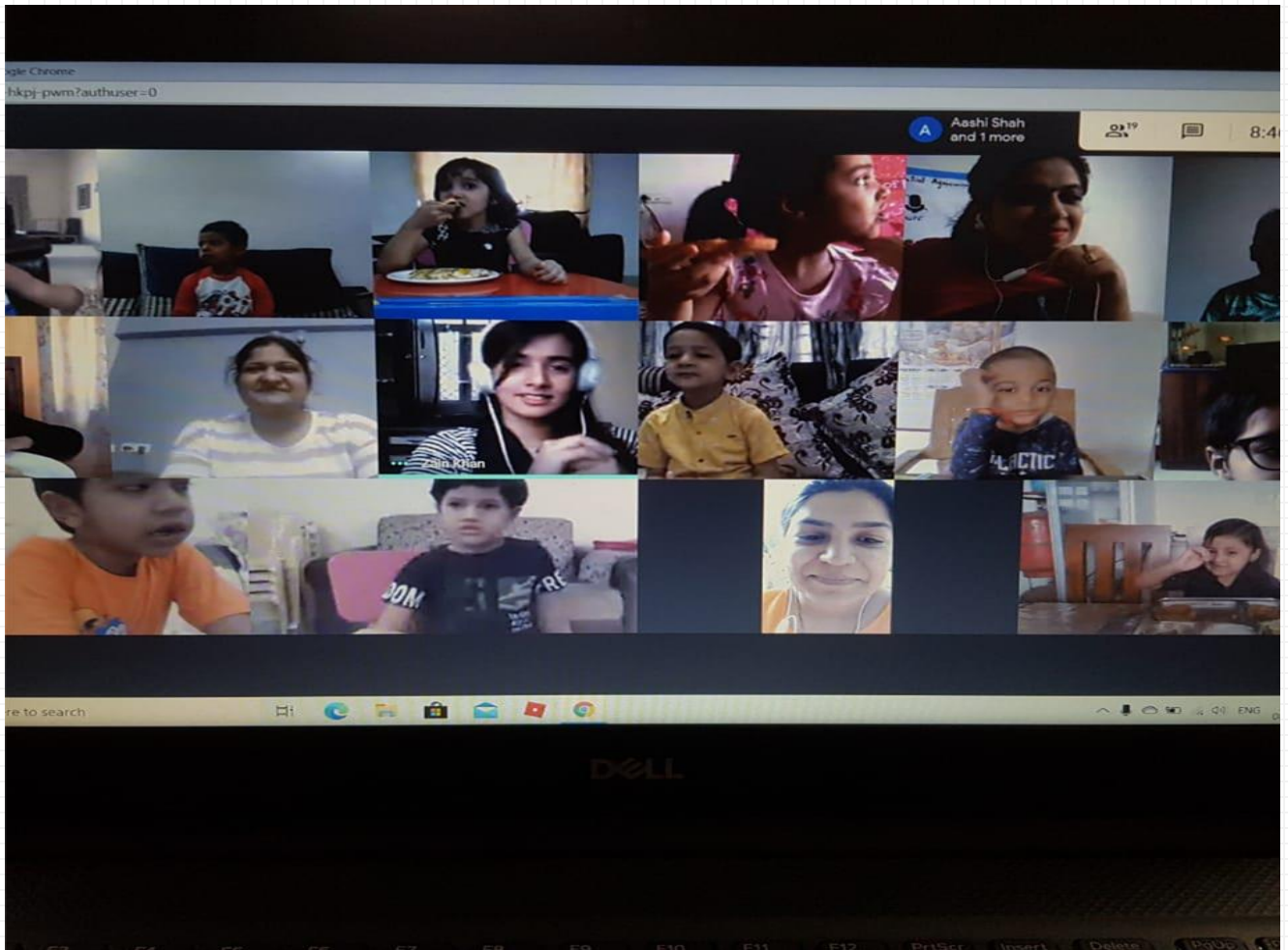
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Events- Bonding over Breakfast

Bonding over Breakfast- a virtual bonding session

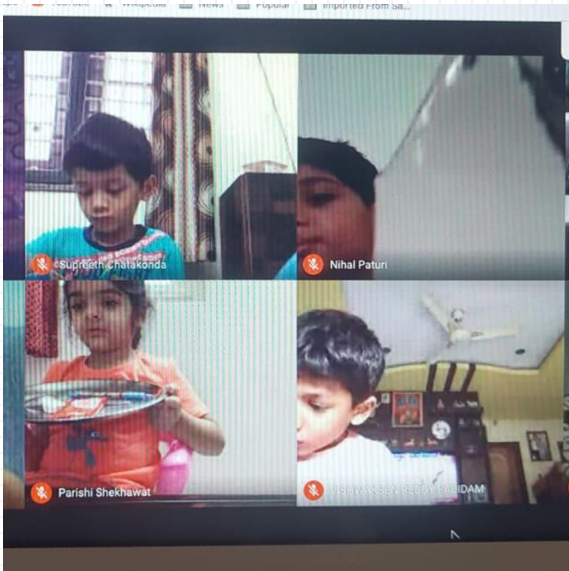
To relive the experience of having breakfast in the school cafeteria together, a 'Bonding over Breakfast' session was organized for the energetic geckos of Grade PP2 on the beautiful Saturday morning of 8th August 2020. The children were ready with their breakfasts and logged in to their class in the mentioned time. The session was hugely successful as it culminated in a merry bonding event between the students, peers and the teachers. With the conversation pleasant and revolving mainly around breakfast, it was an event which helped the students to connect and strengthen bonds and create new memories on the way.



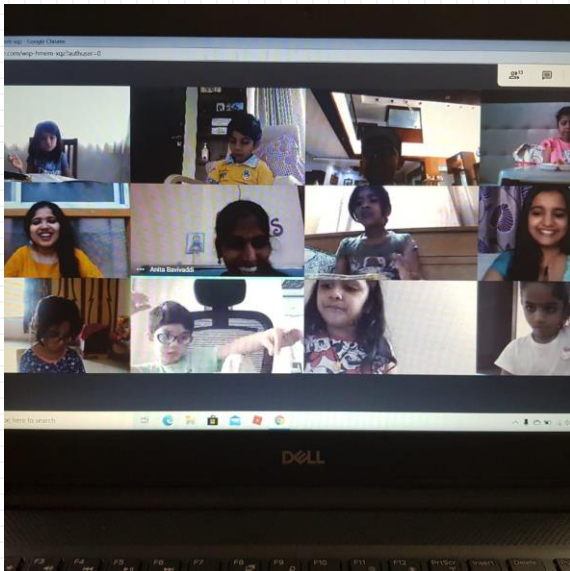
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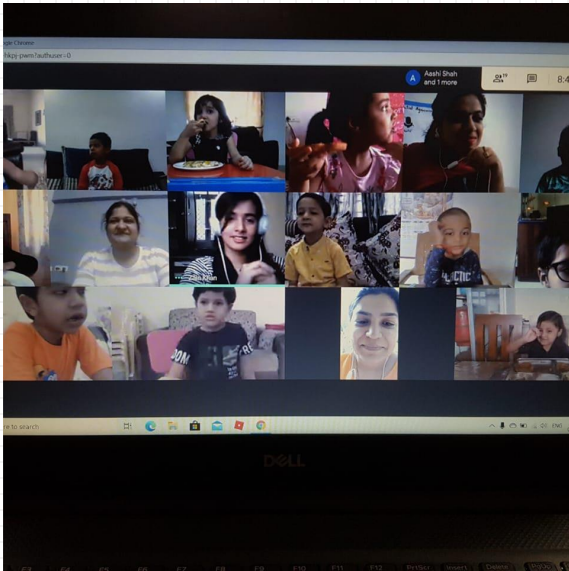
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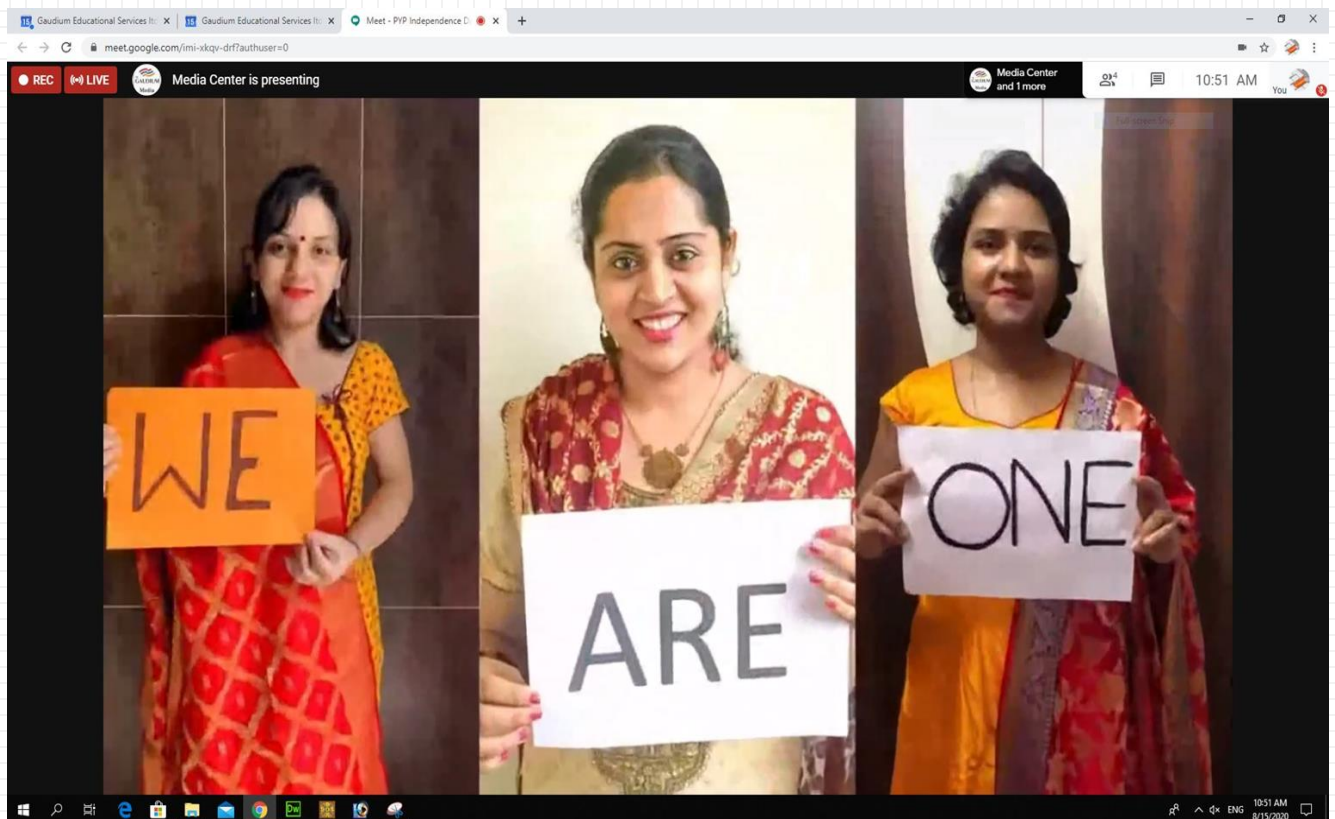


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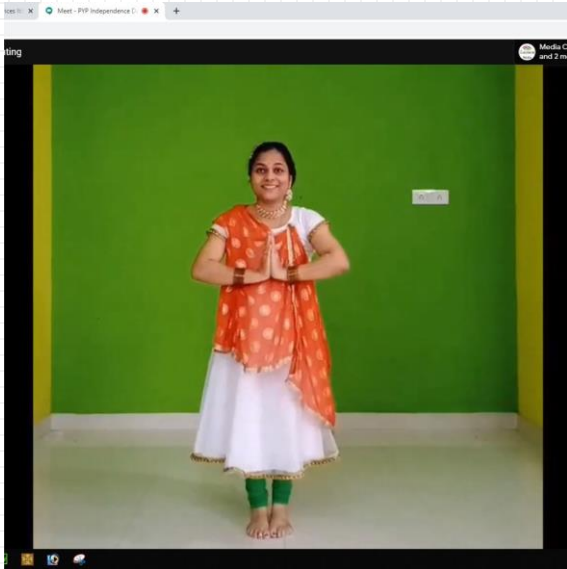
Events- PYP Independence Day Celebration

Paigam- Celebration of the spirit of Independence by PYP Art Department

The Gaudium School celebrated the spirit of Independence Day with 'Paigam', which was a spectacular virtual Independence Day celebration by the PYP Art Department on Saturday, 15th August 2020. It was live-streamed on our social media handle. The program was a splendid celebration put together by the creative PYP Art department teachers. The show was hosted by the PYP Drama teacher Mr Sandeep Sahu who moved the audience with patriotic fervour and storytelling of our Nation's journey. The Art teachers were captured live painting beautiful freedom-themed artworks. The mesmerizing dance performances by the Dance teacher and the melodious songs sung by the Music teachers captivated everyone and was hugely applauded by the live audience. The program concluded with all the PYP teachers and the team showing solidarity and support to each other and promising growth and love for our country, thus celebrating the Nation's Independence Day to the fullest glory!



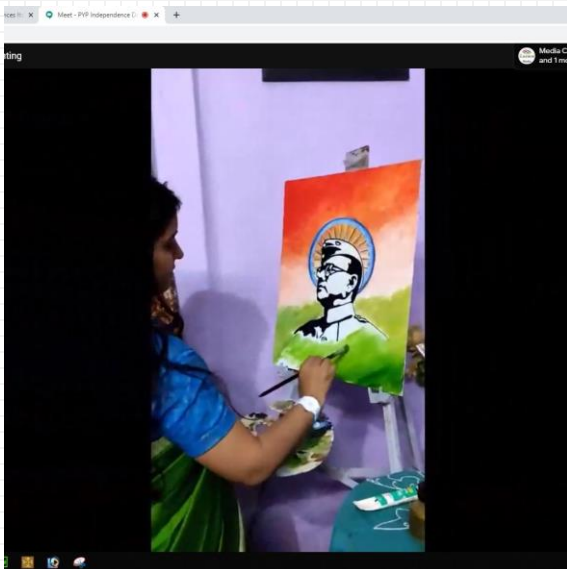
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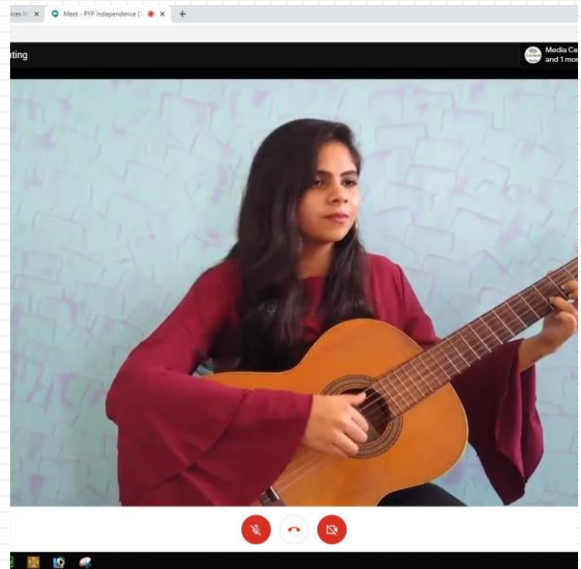
Dance performances



Musical performances



Live art

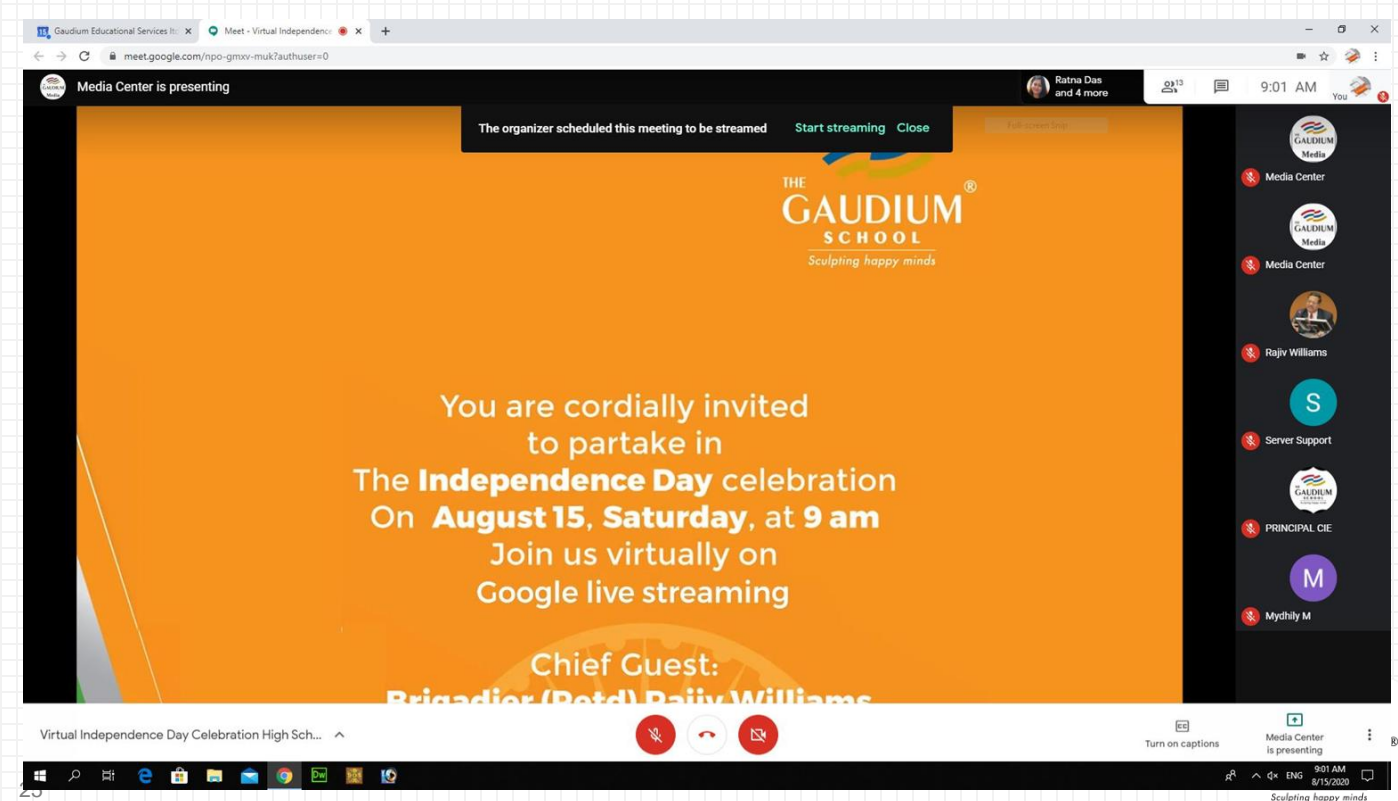


Musical performances

Events- High School Independence Day Celebration

High School Independence Day Celebrations at The Gaudium

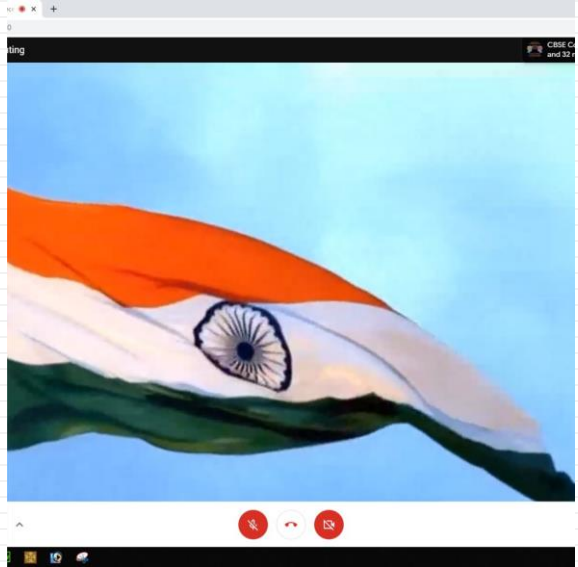
The Gaudium School ushered in the morning of 15th August 2020 in a wonderfully executed virtual Independence Day celebration by the high school wing which was captured live on our social media handle. The program commenced with the virtual unfurling of the National Flag and everyone rising up to sing the National Anthem which was led by our gecko Anandi on the live screen. The address by our Principal- CBSE and Cambridge International, Ms Shalini Singh Hamilton conveyed the warmest greetings to everyone present at the celebration. We had with ourselves Brigadier Rajiv Williams as the Chief Guest who has served our nation as a decorated army officer and is the proud recipient of many prestigious awards and medals. His address was a highly motivating one where he inspired all to rise up to action whenever there is an opportunity and motivated the students to become young leaders of tomorrow. He also expressed his happiness for this innovative idea of celebrating Independence Day virtually, which is the new normal! The celebrations revelry continued with melodious musical and energetic dance performances on patriotic tunes by the high school geckos. The program was concluded with the singing of the Gaudium School anthem and with vote of thanks given by Mr Prithvi Sinha, the HOD of English.



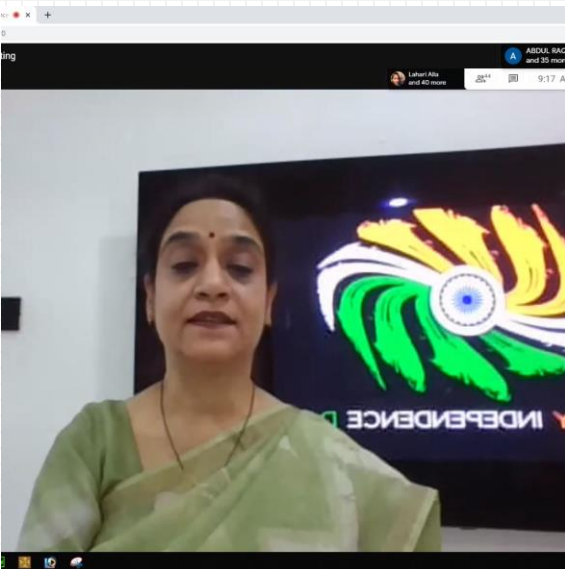
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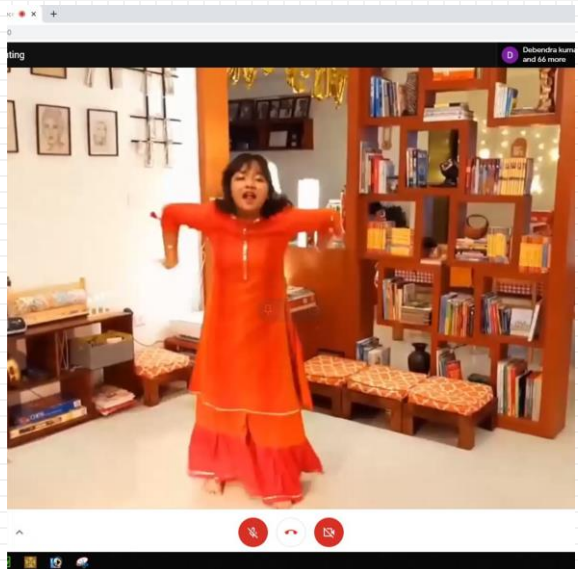
Chief Guest Brigadier Rajiv Williams address



Virtual unfurling of the Indian Flag



The Principal addressing the audience

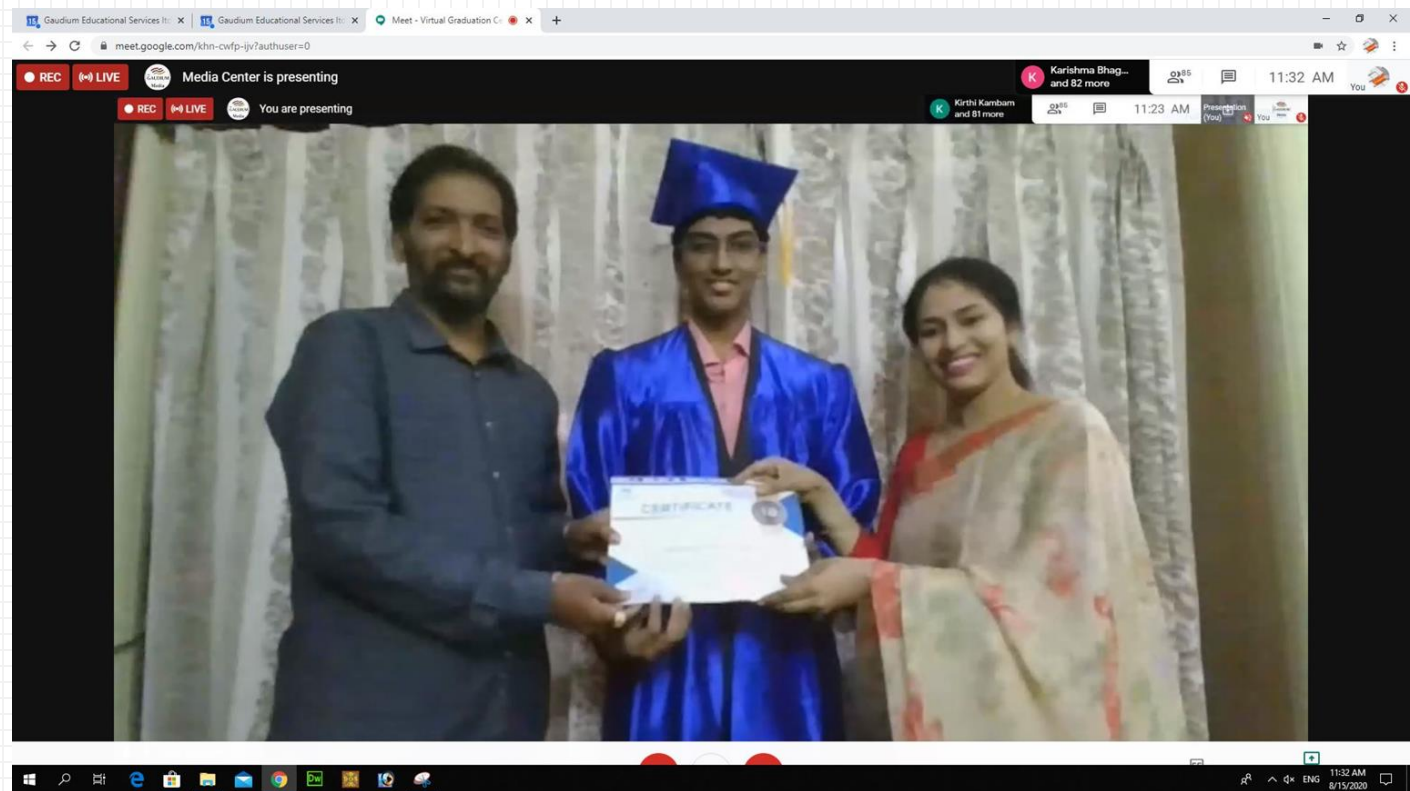


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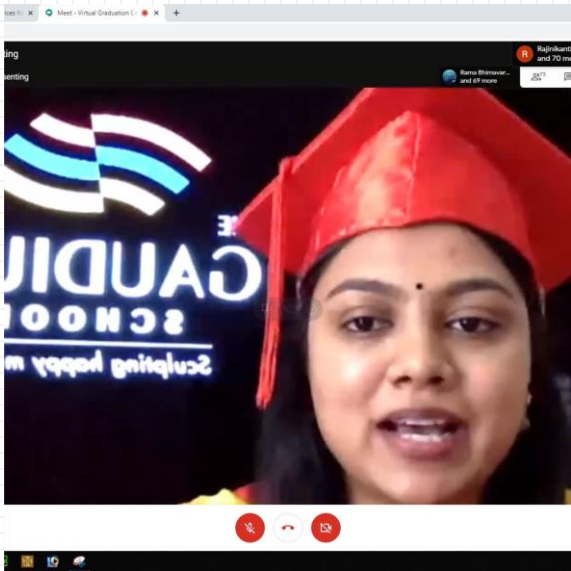
Events- Graduation Day Celebration

Graduation Ceremony of the Class of 2020

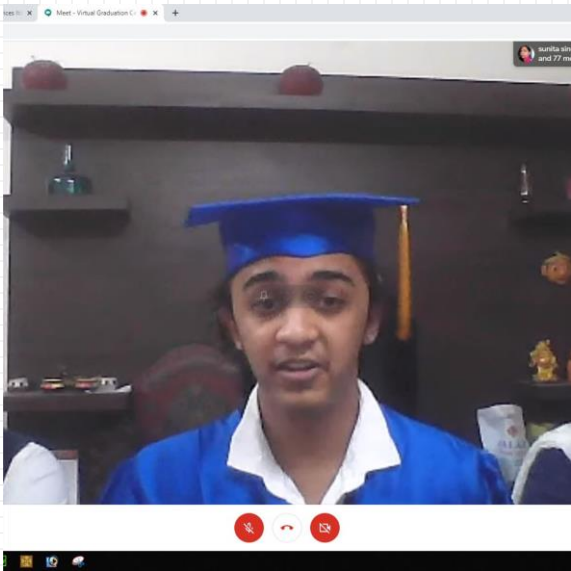
A grand Graduation Ceremony was hosted for the Class of 2020 on Saturday, 15th August 2020 virtually. The first graduating batch of 23 unique students from Cambridge and CBSE Board were felicitated by their parents at their homes in the presence of their school fraternity. The opening address by the CBSE Coordinator Ms Varsha Dillikar and then by the Principal of CBSE and Cambridge International- Ms Shalini Singh Hamilton expressed the pride that these 23 Graduates have given us and how they have raised an important milestone of our school. The keynote speaker of the event was the esteemed Director of the school Ms Kirthi Reddy. She inspired the geckos to make the choice of being a fulfilled contented person along with achieving their goals and also shared her thoughts on the various lessons learnt during this ongoing mega pandemic. The felicitation started with the Cambridge section followed by the address of class topper Sai Abhijeet who spoke about his journey at The Gaudium. The felicitation of the CBSE wing commenced next which was followed by the highly energetic speech by the CBSE Class topper Ms Shreya Jain. Parents of the graduating geckos also addressed the gathering expressing their pleasant experiences of being associated with the Gaudium School. Pulsating performances and melodious singing kept the up with celebration revelry which was concluded with Ms Sunitha Indukuri proposing the vote of thanks.



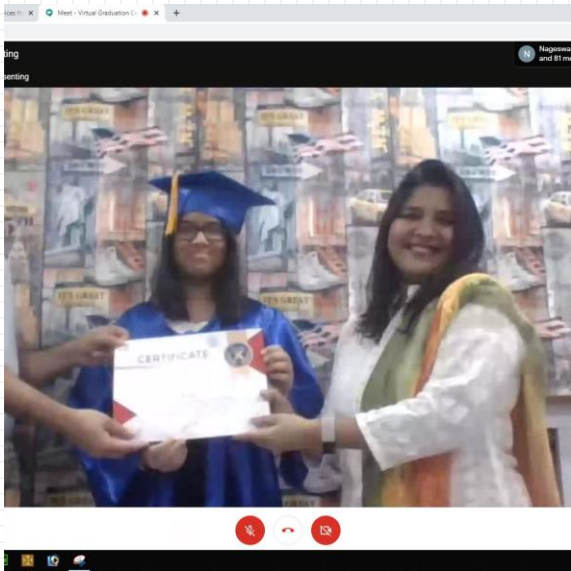
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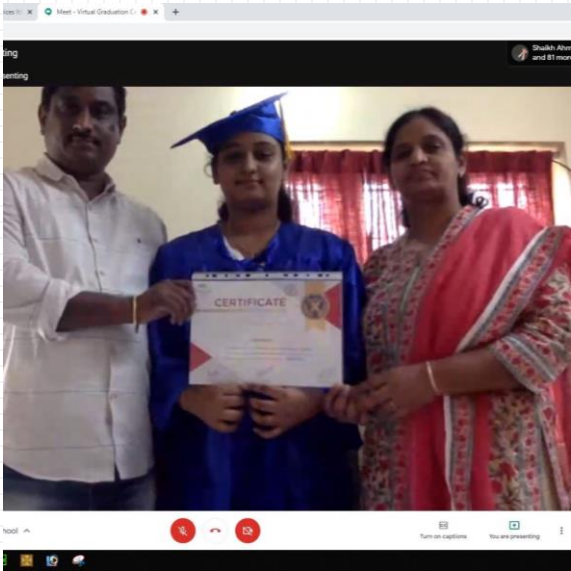
Speech by our esteemed Director - Mrs. Kirthi Reddy



Speech by CAIE topper



Felicitated by parents



Felicitated by parents

Unit of Inquiry:

Students will start with their third unit of inquiry under the theme “Where we are in place and time”, wherein they will inquire about meaning of an artifact and different ways we analyse the artifacts.

Transdisciplinary Language:

Geckos will explore different types of words in language and their usage for example: describing words, positional words, question words and opposite words. They will further learn different rules that helps them to write the words.

Transdisciplinary Math:

Students will explore the place value of the numbers and 2D & 3D shapes. They will learn to write the numbers beyond 100 using place value concept and will analyse different 2D and 3D shapes to understand their properties.

Month Ahead

Dance:

Students will be introduced to Indian folk-dance style “Bhangra”. They will be learning basic Bhangra dance movements.

Music:

Geckos will learn Doe a deer song (western notation). They will revisit previous rhymes individually and in groups following music.

Art:

Learners will be introduced to the next elements of art-shape including both 2D and 3D.

PE:

The geckos will practice balancing skills. They will engage in different physical activities involving throwing and catching.

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