



PRISM

GRADE PP1

Message from the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Greetings!

Leadership capabilities range from intellectual and interpersonal skills to the conceptual and creative – required in today's environment. Effective leaders are aware of the happenings in this chaotic world. They realize the new and better methods and at the same time integrate it into a cohesive framework that helps others understand the next step forward.

Leaders are not just about decision making and strategy, they are the ones who take risk, go against the grain, often driven by a higher cause, a deep care for others or a complete conviction that they are acting for the greater good.

In this edition of the newsletter, I share with you an interesting and a valuable leadership story and lesson!



There was a beautiful kingdom, which was ruled by a prince who took over the Kingdom after his father's death. After few months of ruling, things started testing him. The drought caused losses for the farmers, many animals, birds, and precious plants in the forest were lost. This was followed by an unknown disease which affected many people. After few months, things started slowly improving.

Before they could recover completely, an enemy king took over the kingdom. The young king somehow managed to escape and planned to meet his childhood friend who was the king of a neighbouring kingdom.

On his way, he was thinking about how all these things could have happened to him. He was born to be a king of the most powerful and richest Kingdom, but now he lost everything. He believed that he had bad luck because nothing has happened to his father or any other king he knew.

When the Young king reached his friend's palace, the guards did not allow him, because of his dirty looks and clothes and he tried many times and all failed. He took a job so that he can buy some clothes. After some days with new clothes, he was allowed to meet his friend.

He explained all the things that happened to him to his friend. After hearing his story, his friend king ordered his people to give him a herd of 100 sheep. The young king was surprised as he was expecting much more than this. He doesn't want to be a shepherd. But he has nothing else, so he took his friend's offer.

After a few days, while he was grazing his herd, a group of wolves attacked his herd and killed all. While the wolves were attacking, the king ran away from that place. Then he again went to his friend and asked for help. This time he gave 50 Sheep. But once again he failed to protect his herd from the wolves. The 3rd time, he was given just 25 sheep. This time young king decided that, if I don't protect my herd from these wolves, he will not get any more help from his friend. So, he studied his place completely and understood the wolves' attacking areas. He added additional fences and guards all around. He continued to monitor the places and talked to all people and kept on learning the tricks of maintaining the herd.

After a few years, his herd has grown into 1000 Sheep. With so much joy he met his friend and shared his achievement. After hearing him, the friend ordered his ministers to give him a whole state to rule over. Hearing this, he asked his friend "Why you didn't give me the state to rule when I first came to you for help?"

The friend king replied, "First time when you came to me for help, your mindset was like you were born to be a leader, but the truth was you are far from it. You needed to learn to lead your people. So, when I gave you the herd, I was waiting for you to learn, how to manage and lead others. Now I believe you are ready to lead others!"

(Source-<https://winnersstory.com/short-stories-leadership-1/> - adaptation)

Holding a position doesn't make you a leader. Knowing your people better, winning hearts and minds, achieving dreams and goals are important. Leaders handle situations for a better outcome- they make a difference.

Let each one of us ensure that we are leaders, who are ready to make a difference and provide our students opportunities to build their leadership capabilities as well.

Best wishes

Anjalika Sharma

Message from the Center Head's Desk

Dear Parents,

Greetings!

Students take pride in sharing their learning journey with their peers, teachers, and parents. The student portfolio is the compilation of the evidence of learning, which the students share with others to make learning visible and apparent.

The portfolio is an on-going, working document that is specifically used to document student's learning. It enables the student's voice and choice and gives them a sense of ownership of their learning, building their self-efficacy. It gives students a space to reflect on their learning and provide a place for them to monitor and record their progress. A portfolio over the time shows the progressive development with respect to knowledge, conceptual understanding, skills, and attributes of learner profile.



To build their portfolio, both students and teachers in each grade level, have begun sharing their chosen piece of work in different subject areas that best demonstrates their learning or their progression of learning. For making these choices, they reflected upon the reasons for the choices made, how they performed in the selected learning engagement, what they learned from these tasks and how they can improve further.

The portfolio also documents any action they took as a result of their learning.

One key point to highlight is that the entire process here involves continuous reflection. Reflection is an integral part of the learning process. Opportunities to engage in self-reflection are a part of everyday learning and teaching at The Gaudium.

Teachers too reflect and provide necessary support as they monitor and document learning regularly through a range of assessment strategies and tools. The various assessment tools that are being used for this purpose are anecdotal records, checklists, continuum, and rubrics.

Our students of Grade PP2 and Grade 1 have been introduced to the Design Thinking process in connection with their current units of inquiry. They engaged in discussions to develop an understanding of the different stages in the Design Thinking process.

We have successfully begun with our first Parent informative session, on School Policies. The upcoming sessions will cover key elements of our Program and pedagogy. We are very appreciative of all the support extended from you so far to connect, engage, and collaborate.

Ranjeeta Sahoo

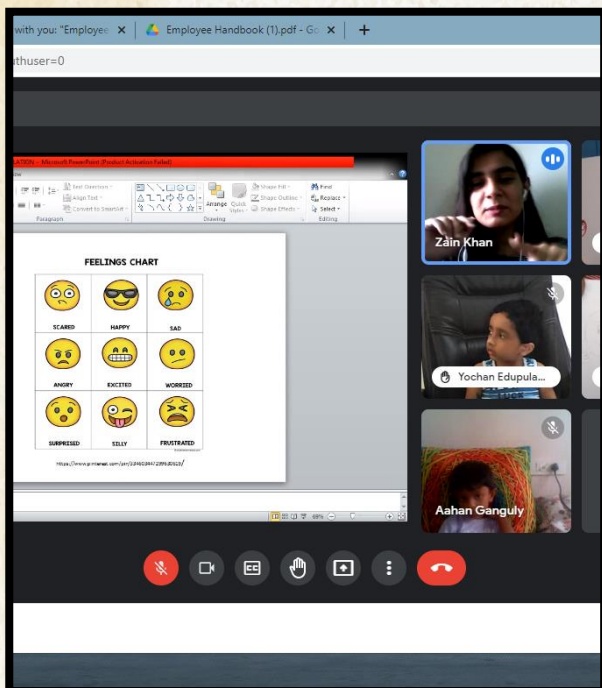
Center Head

School Philosophy-5 Developmental Pillars

Mindfulness and Well-being

Students practiced bunny breathing, slow walking and sense countdown. They also discussed about their feelings and emotions as part of self-awareness. Students also talked about what happiness is for them and framed heartfelt phrases for themselves and their peers.

Sense count down

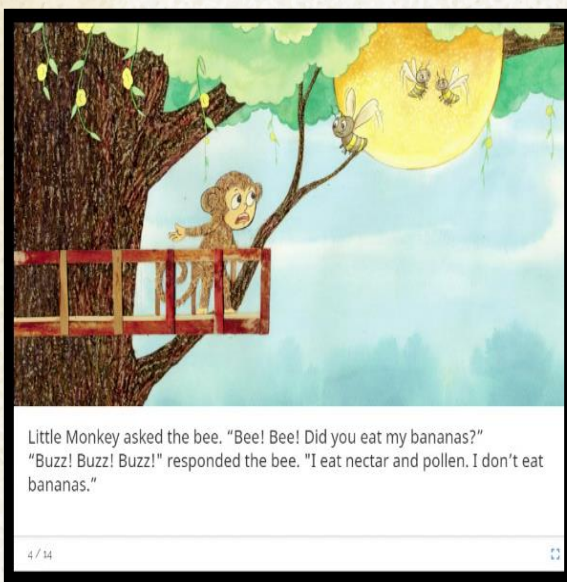


As part of the group awareness sessions, students engaged in recognition of the emotions they were feeling during that session. They shared their reflections orally or drew the emotion that they felt at that moment.

School Philosophy- 5 Developmental Pillars

Core values

Students continued to develop their understanding of the Core value 'Respect', through various ways. They connected to stories related and shared real-life examples of where they have displayed respect.



Holistic Excellence

As a part of holistic excellence, students engaged in read aloud sessions, listening to stories during their reading sessions.

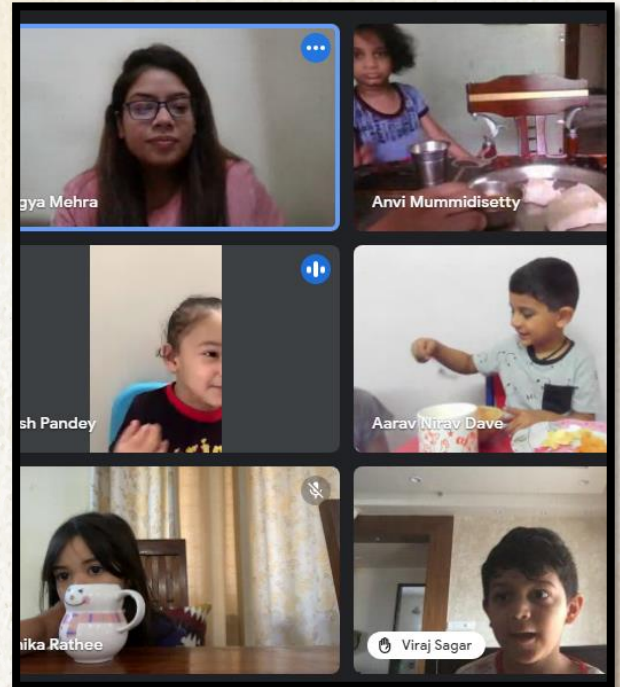
They thoroughly enjoyed listening to the stories and shared their reflections as well.

Students engaged in inquiry and made transdisciplinary connections. They made connections with attributes of learner profile during the learning and teaching.

School Philosophy- 5 Developmental Pillars

Stakeholder Engagement

Various events were conducted to promote stakeholder engagement such as, 'Bonding over breakfast' and 'National Sports Day'. "Begin your day with Yoga", was launched too for all the students and teachers along with their family members to practice yoga and make conscious efforts towards leading a healthier lifestyle.



Student Reflection

My chosen work is

I did this task with Peers ☐ Alone ☐

I chose this work because

Global Leadership

Students demonstrated their ownership of their learning by engaging in sharing the choice of work they would like to include in their portfolio that shows their learning or progression of learning.

Students continued co-constructing of criteria for assessments.

Professional Development

Reading Sessions

The following documents were discussed as part of our regular reading sessions:

Solo Taxonomy: This document focused on understanding different levels of thinking within the SOLO taxonomy and discuss how SOLO taxonomy can be used to design learning outcomes across a unit of inquiry (a learning progression), identify inquiry-based strategies to support students and structure success criteria for a specific task.

Student Language Agreements:

Through this document we developed an understanding of how to establish agreed understandings about language use among students and teachers.

Translanguaging: This document covered what translanguaging is. As part of sharing reflections, the team discussed strategies for building an active translanguaging classroom.

Developing a culture of questions: We read and shared our reflections on the importance of questions in inquiry learning, and how students can be supported in developing their questioning skills.

Flexible Unit Time Frames: The document gave insight to a range of flexible unit time frames and the associated benefits.

Professional Development

Session by the Inclusion department on Self-criticism

Ms. Jaswandi Sahasrabudhe, School counsellor, conducted a session on Self-criticism. It is an evaluation of one's behaviour and attributes, with recognition of one's weaknesses, errors, and shortcomings. Self-criticism impacts our decision-making skills, leads to clouded thoughts, strained relationships with others and self, and negative thoughts patterns about ourselves. She concluded the session by suggesting few ways we can work on excessive self-criticism and emphasized on the importance to balance self-improvement with self-acceptance.

Parent Informative Sessions

We conducted the first parent informative session on the virtual platform. The session focused at developing a common understanding of our various school policies.

The following school policies were discussed in different breakout rooms:

- Library Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Language Policy
- Inclusive Learning Policy
- Child Protection Policy

The upcoming sessions will be covering key elements of our program and pedagogy.

Learning and Teaching- Month Review

Transdisciplinary Theme:

Where we are in place and time

Central Idea:

Homes reflect range of influences and local conditions.

Lines of Inquiry:

- Homes over time
- Homes around the world
- Impact of influence on homes

Key Concepts:

Change

Function

Perspective

Related Concepts:

culture, needs, time, locality

Learner Profile:

Communicators

Inquirers

Open-minded

Unit of Inquiry

Students continued inquiring about the types of homes through various learning engagements. They learnt the meaning of influence through different scenarios and stories. Students were curious to learn about the homes overtime like cave, hut and villa through different stories. They also learnt about how lifestyle has changed overtime and how these changes had influenced our homes. Students also exhibited their learning and understanding through the end of unit assessment task.

Learning and Teaching- Month Review

Transdisciplinary Language

Students were introduced to the letters- Kk (King), Qq (queen), Vv (Villa), Tt (Technology) and Ee (Entertainment) with the phonic sound through a video. They had a reinforcement of the letters Cc (Culture, clothes), Ff (food), Ee (entertainment), Mm (money) with the phonic sound and related objects. They practiced writing the letters with their correct formation. Students were also introduced to the 'ap', 'it', and 'id' family words. They were able to blend two or three letters with the phonic sound. They also practiced reading and writing family words in their notebooks. They engaged in reading simple sentences using sight words.

Transdisciplinary Math

Students were introduced to place value of numbers from 11 to 20 using tens and ones. They revisited timeline. They were introduced to backward counting from 20 to 1 as well. Students practiced writing numbers using backward counting from 20 to 1. They were introduced to tally marks through various learning engagements. They also did comparison of numbers with single- and double-digit numbers.

Learning and Teaching- Month Review

PE

Students were engaged with practicing fundamental skills. They used different objects while balancing. Students practiced whole body movements as well. They watched videos based on fitness games and shared their reflections.

Art

Students sorted different objects by colour. They identified the colours in our national flag. They used their choice of colours to fill pictures related to different festivals like Rakshabandhan, Onam and Janmashtami.

Dance

Students learnt basic hand and leg movements and combined them in different ways on count of 4. They developed an understanding about different body postures.

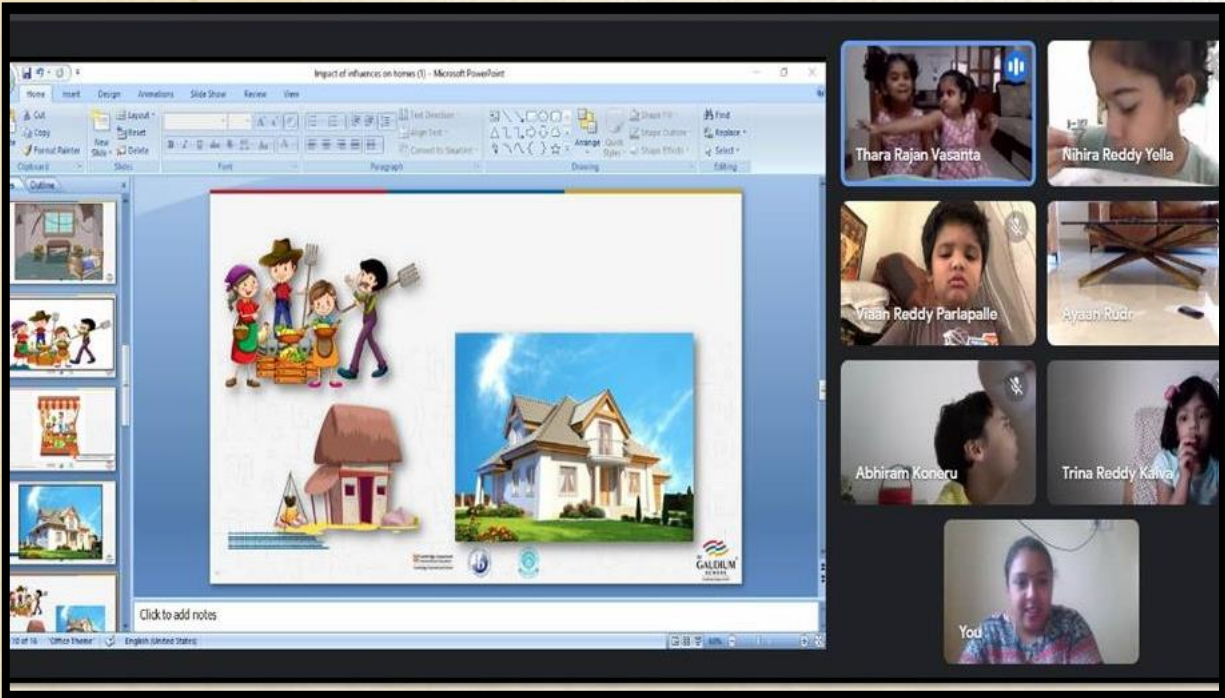
Drama

Students continued to build their understanding of a story. They discussed the actions of characters. As part of warm up, students used the space for basic body movements like walking, hopping.

Music

Students identified and learnt the difference between high and low sounds.

Learning and Teaching- Month Review



Learning and Teaching- Month Review



Learning and Teaching- Month Ahead

Transdisciplinary Theme:

How the world works

Central Idea:

All living things go through a process of change.

Lines of Inquiry:

- Ways living things change over lifetime
- Patterns of growth
- Effects of factors that influences lives

Key Concepts:

Change

Function

Causation

Related Concepts:

patterns

Transformation

environment

Learner Profile:

Caring

Inquirers

Communicators

Unit of Inquiry

Students will tune into their second unit of inquiry under the theme 'How the world works', wherein they will be inquiring about the difference between living things and non - living things. They will also explore about how the living things change and grow over time.

TD Language

Students will learn the letters of the alphabet related to new vocabulary from the unit. They will trace and practice letter formation and phonic sound of these letters by connecting with related words beginning with the same sound. They will be introduced to the digraph, 'ch' and 'th'.

TD Math

Students will sequence numbers in an order. They will use non-standard units of measurement such as big-small, tall-short.

Learning and Teaching- Month Ahead

Art

Students will continue to explore the element of art-line. They will use different types of lines in their artwork and express their feelings using lines.

Drama

Students will share about the characters, their lives in the story and how they can relate to them. They will share the stories using actions and objects and find a connection with the environment to create and stories the stories on their own.

Dance

Students will be learning full body movements (moving different parts of the body) including shake, shimmy, footwork and other locomotor movements.

PE

Students will practice fundamental skills to improve fine and gross motor skills through different learning engagements.

Music

Students will watch different videos on clapping (1 beat, 2 beat and 3 beat). Students will watch another video on clapping (2 beats, 3 beats and 4 beats). They will also watch a video on "BINGO" song and follow the beats along with the lyrics. Students will be introduced to tempo (Speed – slow and fast).

Happenings Month Ahead

Teachers Day Celebration: 4th September

International Literacy day: 8th September

Bonding Over Breakfast: 11th September

World Mindfulness Day: 13th September

Hindi Divas: 14th September

International Dot Day: 15th September

Student Led Conference: 18th September

International Day of Peace & World Gratitude Day: 21st September

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