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NEWSLETTER

Forthcoming events in April 2022



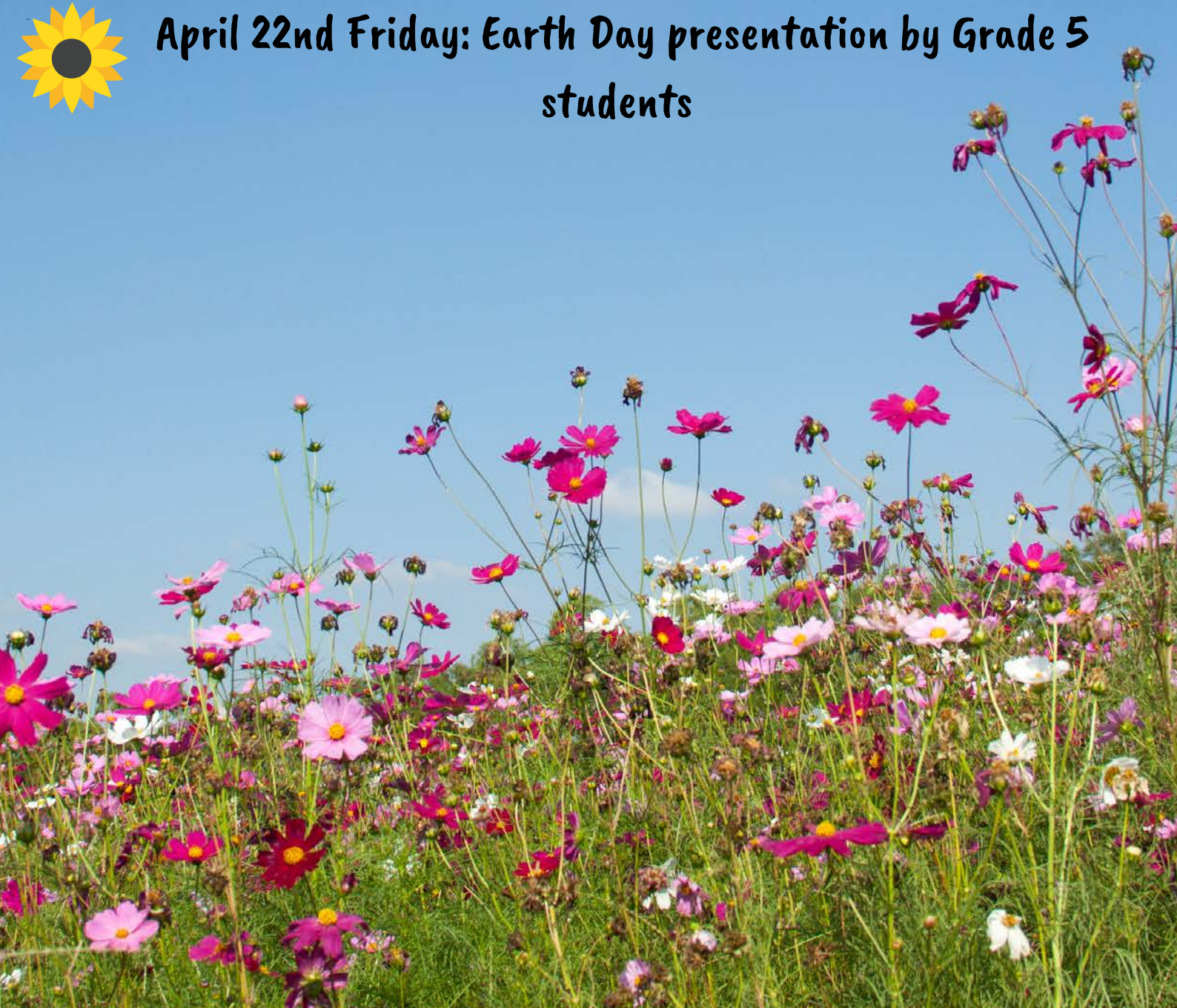
**Wednesday, 6th April Math Science Quiz - Grade
Upper Nursery**



**Monday , April 18th to Friday, April 22nd : Earth
Day Week for Junior School**



**April 22nd Friday: Earth Day presentation by Grade 5
students**





INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS

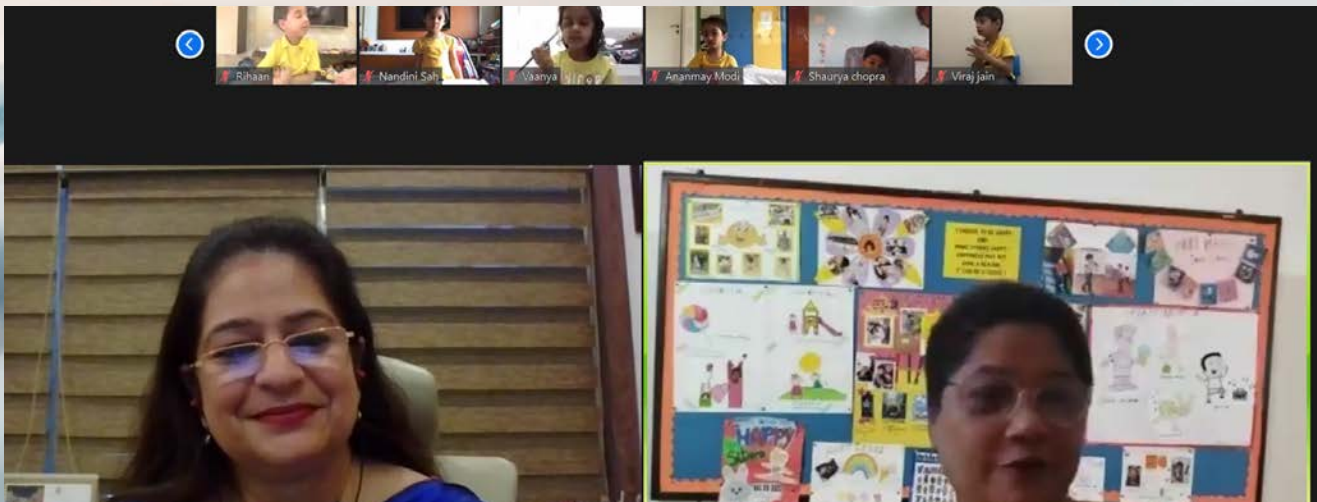
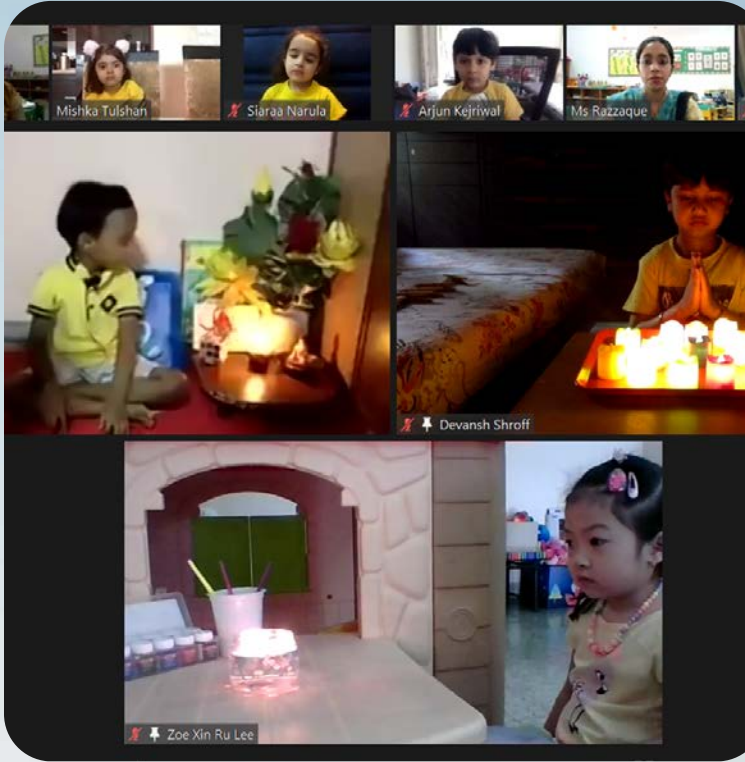
Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony – Mahatma Gandhi

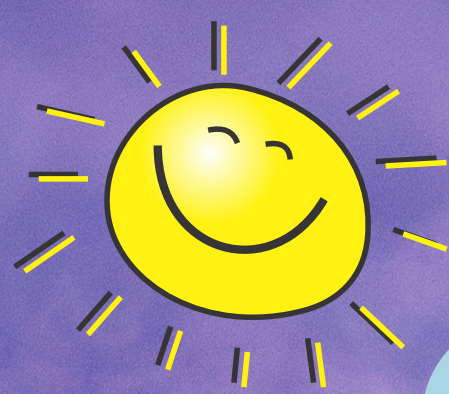
Pre Nursery A

The students and teachers of Pre Nursery, clad in yellow, came together on the 15th of March to celebrate the joyous event of the International Day of Happiness. We were graced by the presence of our beloved Principal Mrs Nayar and Section-Head Mrs Majumdar, who joined the event as Ms Tewari lit a candle with a prayer for world peace and happiness. The teachers presented a video compilation of the students about what happiness means to them. The assembly concluded after the students happily painted a smiley on a white t-shirt which they proudly wore to school the next day.



Pre Nursery B





Nursery A



The sun shiny students of Grade Nursery A radiated happiness by sharing their thoughts on what makes them happy through beautifully illustrated charts. Happiness to them is ice cream, snowman, unicorn and dinosaurs, rainbows and flowers, spending time with family, playing games, coming back to school and writing songs for their friends.





Nursery B



The students of Nursery B performed a 'Happy dance by Pharell' in the form of a pre-recorded video. The students sang a live Happiness song- "Happiness is finding a pencil" and they took turns to render their lines. The audience including their fellow peers, parents and teachers were mesmerized by their flawless execution.

GRADE NURSERY B CHOOSES TO BE HAPPY AND MAKE OTHERS HAPPY



'TREASURE YOUR HAPPINESS AND SEE THE GOOD IN YOURSELF AND OTHERS'



Upper Nursery A



Happiness is singing a song



UPPER NURSERY-2022

The International Day of Happiness is celebrated throughout the world on 20th March. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly on 28th June 2012. The International Day of Happiness aims to make people around the world realize the importance of happiness within their lives.



Happiness is Christmas

Smile



make HAPPINESS happen



Share



The students of Upper Nursery A and B celebrated the International Happiness Day on 15th March 2022 on the online platform. It was not just one day for us but a series of activities culminating on that day. The assembly featured singing, dancing, recitation, storytelling and a piano recital. The students looked cheerful dressed in yellow and wore attractive smiley headbands during the performance. We explored the key to Happiness through inspiring stories, poems, songs and creating a 'Happy Corner' at home.



Upper Nursery B

MEETING MY NURSERY TEACHERS



An art activity called 'Paint Happiness' was done in collaboration with parents where a happy picture was created within eight minutes with moms and dads followed by sharing what Happiness means to each student. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to understand that Happiness lies in doing small things which bring smiles on everyone's faces.

SMALL THINGS THAT MAKE ME HAPPY



Parent Visitor in Upper Nursery



A parent from UN B, Mrs Aparna Ramakrishnan conducted a fun filled session on - Zumba for Good Health and Happiness. She guided the students through the Zumba steps and conducted an action packed session. The happy and energetic moves were thoroughly enjoyed.





Lotus Rescue



As an ongoing Project undertaken by the Junior school to work with the children of Lotus Rescue, this time the Primary Section initiated the Stationery Drive to celebrate their 'Happiness Day'. Exercise copies, drawing books, colours were collected to share with the children of Lotus Rescue and handed over to them on 10th March 2022 in the school atrium. It provided an opportunity for our students to be sensitive to the needs of others and also understand that sharing gives 'Happiness'.

Student Driven Sessions

On 2nd March, Nayantara Singh did an interesting session on a fizzy experiment.

She was dressed up as a witch and guided all her witch and wizard friends to create some fizzy magic potions. They had 4 to 5 different ingredients with them including vinegar, baking soda, honey, water, oil. She instructed them to mix any two at a time to find out which combination made the perfect fizzy potion. The ingredients were given special names like cat claws, rat traps etc.

Students found the fizzy experiment quite amazing!



On 4th of March Neera Surana did a story telling session with her peers. She narrated her favourite Peppa Pig story 'The Tooth Fairy' with her stuff toys. This was followed by a craft activity, where Neera guided her classmates to create a Peppa pig bookmark. It was a creative session!

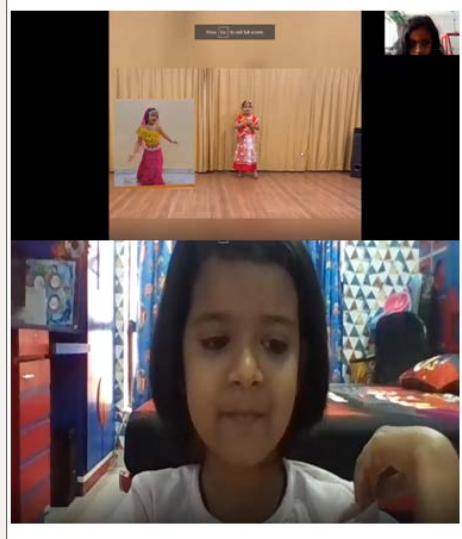


SPRING ASSEMBLY

GRADE 1

Changes during the spring around us.

The students of Grade 1 have touched upon the changes in nature in their assembly presentation on spring. There is a change in the climate and it is a very pleasant time as it marks the end of winter and beginning of summer. The beautiful flowers bloom and crops are harvested during this season. Enjoyable festivals are celebrated all around the world. The dances of two students of Grade 1 that were performed for Abhiviyakti on Phagun were also aptly showcased to conclude the assembly.



Reyansh: Demeter and Hades were pulled into a fight. Persephone begged Zeus to decide who was right.



Advait: Suddenly appeared a chariot of gold, Pulled by horses, strong, black and bold.



GRADE 2

The students of Grade 2 narrated the Greek myth of Persephone, the Goddess of Spring. Dressed up like the Greek Gods, the students looked stunning in floral headgears and sparkling crowns. The assembly came to an end with a song describing the beautiful days of the Spring season.

In the Spring Assembly, held on 16th March, the students of Grades 3 and 4 celebrated the advent of spring together. Grade 3 gave a short presentation on some spring festivals celebrated in different parts of India. Following this were the mesmerizing Holi and Baisakhi dance performances and recitations in Bengali and Hindi by some of the Grade 3 students which kept the audience glued to their seats.

Baisakhi



GRADE 4

Grade 4 took the audience on a virtual tour around the globe as they presented some of the best spring traditions from around the world. While 4A shared information about the Spring celebrations of China, Thailand, USA and Central Asia, 4B focussed on the spring traditions of Australia, Bosnia, England and Mexico. Grade 4 also showcased beautiful spring crafts done by them.

The Egg Standing Game in China

The Li Chun festival celebrates the Spring Equinox which marks the beginning of spring in many East Asian cultures. During the Li Chun festival, people decorate eggs and play the "egg standing game." Many believe that because the Sun is directly above the equator during the spring equinox, the eggs are more likely to stay balanced. Tradition says that if you are successful at balancing your egg, you will have health and good luck for the rest of the year!

The Egg Standing Game started in 1976.

The first day of the festival is for the welcoming of the deities of the heavens and Earth at midnight. It is a traditional practice to light fireworks, burn bamboo sticks and firecrackers, to ward off evil spirits.

By - Aryan, Divit and Oliver



Thailand

The Songkran water Festival takes place shortly after the spring equinox. Songkran stems from the Sanskrit word for "astrological passage" and is celebrated within Thailand as New Year's Day. Festivities involve going to a Buddhist monastery, visiting elders, and, of course, throwing water. The northern capital of Chiang Mai is the setting for the biggest celebrations, with festivities lasting up to six days. Locals and tourists alike take to the streets, equipped with cannon-sized water guns, pressure hoses and buckets, ready to drench anyone in their path. Children, adults, and the elderly take part in the tradition, dancing in the streets to loud music. This is one of the many festivals that are celebrated in Thailand.

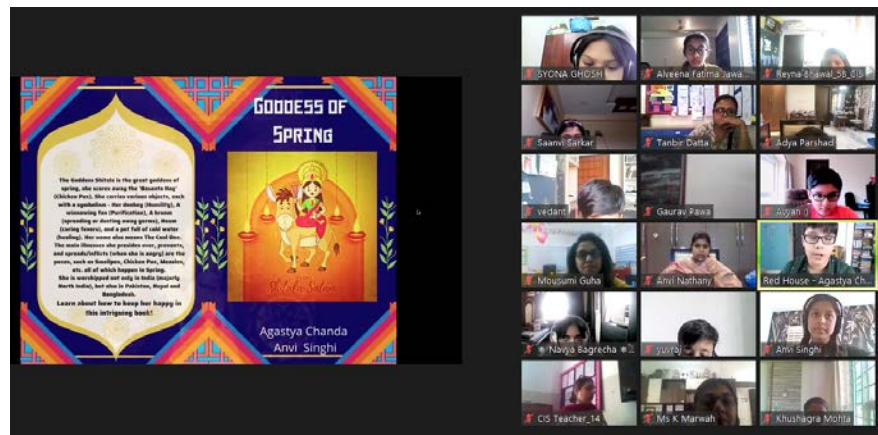
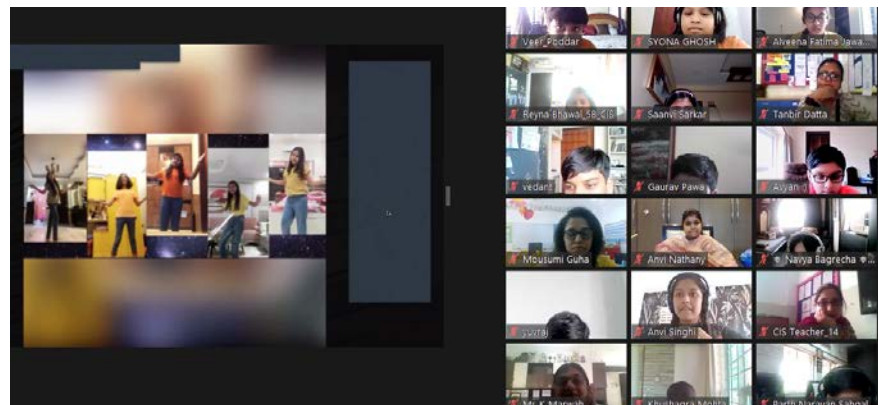
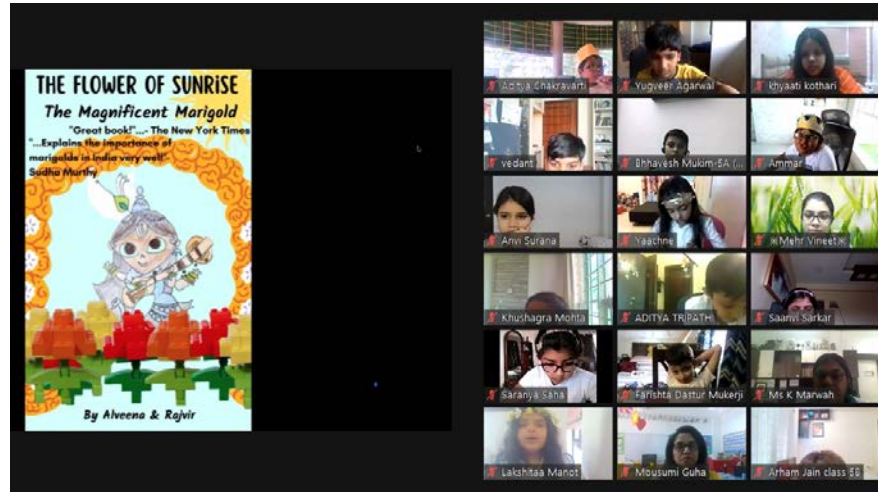
By - Aaradhya, Atharva and Ronit



GRADE 5

Spring is a treat to our eyes when we see the fresh, tiny buds and leaves sprouting on the branches. Spring is the season of new beginnings, ready to mend whatever winter has broken. To welcome spring, Grade 5 took us on a breezy stroll, through the various flowers, plants and folk tales of spring all shaped into creative book covers with digital and painting group collaborations, followed by interesting facts, melodious songs and lively dances!

The unique presentations uplifted spirits and set the tone for the upcoming spring festival and the spring break!



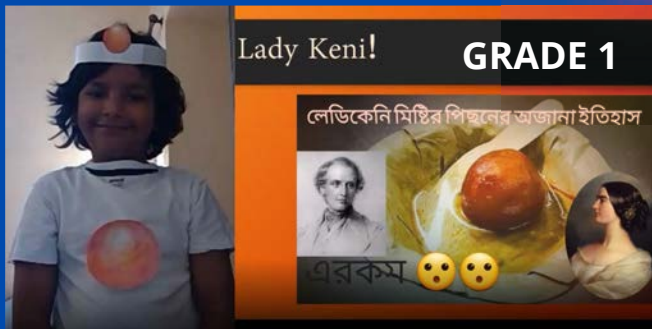
A different language is a different vision of life

The academic session 2021-22 has been quite interesting as well as challenging. We started off our session on the online platform and we are wrapping it up in physical space. During this session we have explored different online tools such as the padlet, the word wall, the nearpod and many others. Students have played quizzes on various topics, shared their oral productions, put up posts on a particular topic, and did fun activities via these online tools. Technology has been utilised to its maximum to make teaching-learning effective and fruitful.

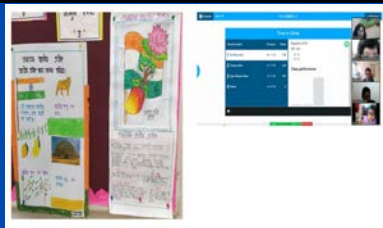
However, teaching-learning becomes most productive and enjoyable when the teacher and students are face to face in a physical classroom. Students are enjoying this experience of raising their hand to say the answer instead of clicking a button or coming to the board and writing on it with a marker, something they missed for two years. They are now doing activities using paper and pencil, which are being displayed on the classroom boards.

Some glimpses of the students' work from the Language Department...

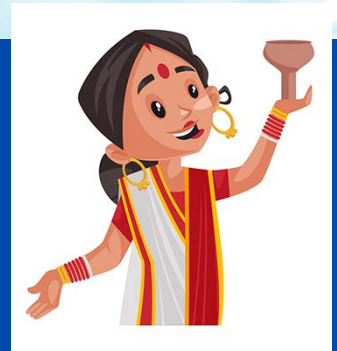
BENGALI



To honour the diverse cultural heritage of our state, students of Grade 1 presented their class project on 'Banglar Misti'. Misti or sweets form an integral part of each and every occasion in Bengal. From Rosogolla to Shar Bhaja, the choices are innumerable. Students shared their love and the story behind their chosen sweets. We even got to know about Kumirllar Rosmalai all the way from Bangladesh! একটু মষ্টিমুখ হয়ে যাক!



Students of Grade 2 learn the national symbols of their country through a project and participate in a quiz with full enthusiasm.



Grade 3- The students of Grade 3 enjoyed a pairwork on Adjectives. They worked together to solve a worksheet and had fun working together and guessing words, in their offline class.

Grade 4- The students of Grade 4 were excited to return to school and expressed their feelings through drawing and writing.

Grade 5- The students of Grade 5 enjoyed a pairing session. They tried to solve a crossword puzzle. It helped the students to talk, discuss and learn new words. It also gave them the chance to think and try out ideas.

French

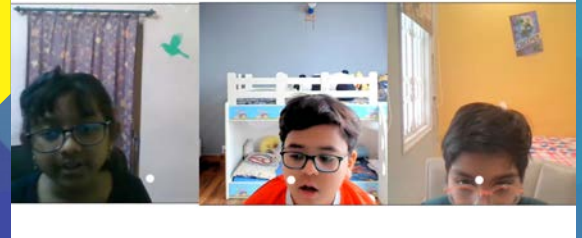
French students of Grades 3, 4 and 5 learn through various interesting activities during online and offline school.

The students of Grade 5 do a Calligramme activity (shape poem) in French.



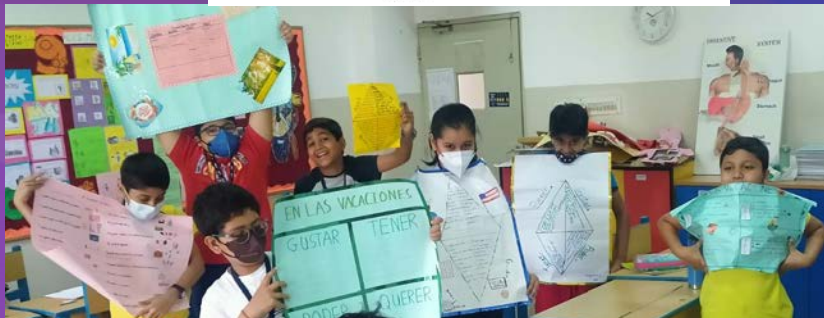
Mandarin

The Mandarin students of Grade 5 learnt about the Sugar Painting, rare yet beautiful art of Chinese culture and a discussion on the origins of sugar painting soon followed with the students relating it to similar art forms in different countries as well as voicing their opinions on the relevance of sugar painting in modern times. The students thoroughly enjoyed the video and hope to see this art form if they travel to China.



Spanish

The students of 3A and 3B learned sentence construction in Spanish through the famous story of Don Quijote de La Mancha. They then prepared dialogues in Spanish based on episodes from the story and took turns to enact the same. Students of 4A and 4B wrote poems in Spanish as part of their creative writing exercise and then illustrated the same through art that they created by hand or digitally using skills learnt in ICT. Grade 4 students worked on preparing posters in Spanish expressing their preferences, needs, abilities and possessions using important verbs learnt.



Hindi

The Hindi students of Grade 1 ushered the colourful season of spring with their vibrant charts which showcased the festivals we celebrate during spring. The festive and cheerful spirit of spring was depicted aptly by the students. They explained their charts with joy.



Students of Grade 2 reinforced their learning through their project on 'Matras'.



The students of Grade 3 learned about numbers in Hindi through hands on activities and the Kahoot App.



Learning the fun way! Group activity in Grade 4. Students enjoyed working together in groups to reinforce concepts and take part in a quiz on 'vilom shabd'.



Grade 5 students revised their 'Visheshan' through an activity where they worked in groups to write the 'Visheshan' for the 'Sangya shabd' given to them on balloons. Group activity has always been fun!

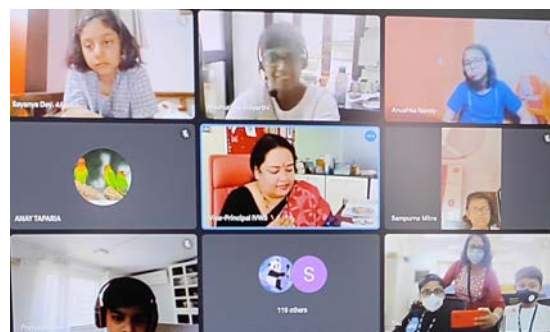


Author Interaction

Indus Valley World School hosted a virtual interactive session with Dr. Madhurima Vidyarthi on 10th March 2022. Dr. Vidyarthi is a well-known endocrinologist who lives and works in Kolkata. She has taken time out from writing prescriptions to write her first book - 'My Grandmother's Masterpiece'.

Ten students from Grades 4 and 5 along with their English teacher, Mrs. Tanbir Datta were invited to attend the interactive session in which the author read out some excerpts from her book and introduced the children to some of its characters – Nini – who is somewhere between her seventh and eighth birthday and Minima – Nini's grandmother who became an artist – among others.

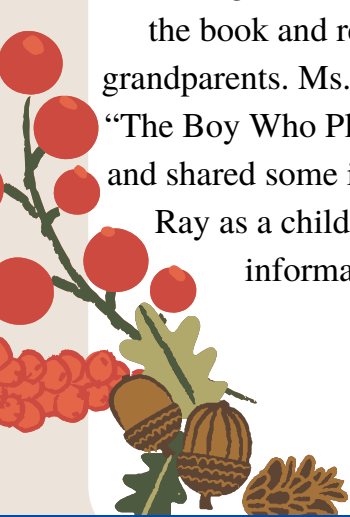
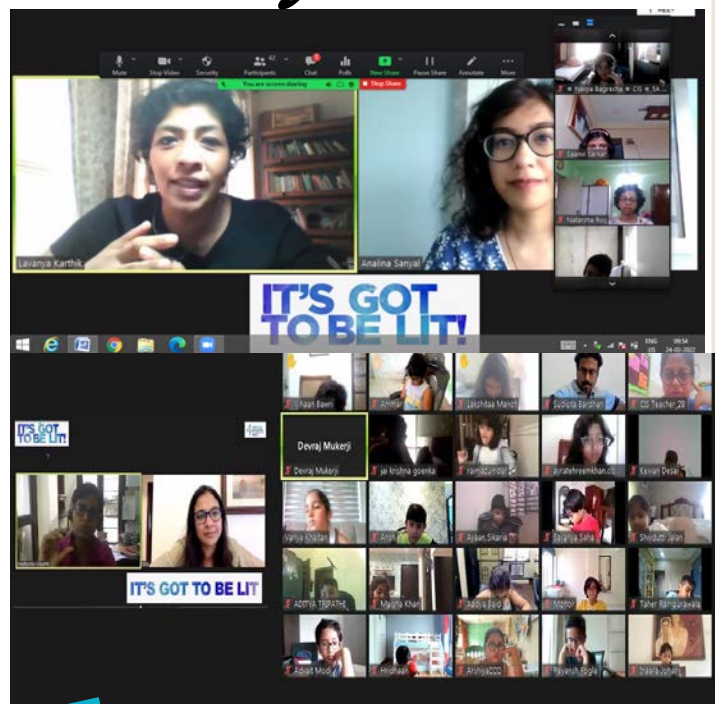
The interaction was very lively and students really enjoyed interacting with the author who patiently answered all their questions. Overall it was a wonderful learning experience for the students.



Junior Kolkata Literary Meet

Grades 2 and 5 attended the Junior Kolkata Literary Meet 2022 on 24th March and 25th March, 2022 respectively. They got an opportunity to hear the book reading sessions of the authors Dr. Madhurima Vidyarthi and Ms. Lavanya Karthik. Dr. Vidyarthi talked about her new book, "My Grandmother's Masterpiece".

Grade 2 found the excerpts read at the event interesting and later expressed their desire to buy the book and read it with their parents and grandparents. Ms. Karthik spoke about her book, "The Boy Who Played with Light: Satyajit Ray" and shared some interesting trivia about Satyajit Ray as a child. Grade 5 found the session informative and interesting.



Awards and Accolades

We are proud to announce that CIS has been ranked No.1 in Kolkata, No.1 in West Bengal and No.19 in India among the Top 20 International Schools of the country by Education Today. Heartiest congratulations to Team CIS!



CIS received a Best School Award with All India Ranking -20 for the The 7th International Vedic Maths Olympiad (iNAVMO) 2021-22

A talk from the winners end



Tamanna Bhutoria - "My mother wanted me to take part in the Math Olympiad. At first, I was nervous ,but when I won the prize, I was very happy and excited. I practised and solved many worksheets before the Olympiad ,and I could complete answering all the questions."

Prakhar Jain – 'My mother told me about the Olympiad. Then I thought about it and told her I would try. I was nervous and practised 10 sheets. I feel extremely happy that I have won.

Arjun Nandy- I prepared by studying from the Mental Math book. I participated so that I could become smarter in Math.

Krishnav Marothia – I took part in this Math Olympiad as I wanted to be smarter in Math and win trophies. I practised 10 worksheets, and when the day came I was nervous, but when the results came, I was very happy.



Viren Chakrabarti- My father said it was a great opportunity for me to improve in Math, and so I participated. Slowly, I overcame my nervousness before the Olympiad and I won an award. I felt very happy.

Chinh Web Channel organised a film competition on the occasion of Grandparents day(6th - 17th September). There were two categories - Junior and Senior. The children were asked to make a film within 60 sec to 120sec. The films were uploaded on YouTube for public viewing. The results were declared on the occasion of International day of older persons.

Sammagnah Bardhan attempted to make a film and chose to work with his Grandparents. He Titled his film - Holding Hands(length 2min). His film has won the first prize (Junior Category) in the competition. The Award was handed to him by Mrs Nayar in school.

Heartiest Congratulations to Sammagah!



ERRATUM



Smoke Free Diwali

Aryahi Chatterjee of Grade 1B was the winner of the Smoke free Diwali event that was organized by the SwitchOn foundation. She expressed her gratitude as she could take part in the event and also was elated to win it. She expressed how thoughtfully she curated the poster which was made by her and kept in mind ways how she can make her Diwali a pollution free Diwali yet amazing without using firecrackers.

Dear readers,

In the article on the Vernacular Elocution Competition 2021-22, in the February- March Issue of the Junior School Herald for the Grade 1 Bengali Elocution, one of the pictures on Page 8 of the issue was uploaded mistakenly.

The correct picture of a winner of Grade 1 – Ripanshi Dutta, has been published in this issue.

We regret the mistake made in the previous edition.

CIS Herald Team



Words on Wings

CIS participated in the maiden Literary Fest 'Words on Wings' hosted by the Junior Section, Shri Shikshayatan School, online on the 10th and 11th of February, 2022. The event saw participation from different schools Pan India and abroad.

A few students from Grades 3,4 and 5 were selected to participate in the following three events –

1. My Mind – My Voice

Participants had to submit a nine second video speaking on the topic 'What the Pandemic has Taught Me'.

2. Tech-o-graphy

Two participants had to create an E-cover of their favourite story book in MS Word.

3. Passionate Pens

A team of three students together create a single literary piece on a topic given by the judge in an online event.

It gives us great pleasure in announcing that Aarav Pasari of Grade 4B has won the Second Runner Up position in the event 'My Mind - My Voice'. Heartiest Congratulations Aarav!

We would also like to congratulate Aaradhya Didwania, Syona Ghosh, Samara Laiq, Shivam Himatsingka and Saanvi Sarkar for their active participation in the fest.

We are so proud of you!

SHRI SHIKSHAYATAN SCHOOL
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"WORDS ON WINGS"
2022
MY MIND- MY VOICE

WINNER	B.D.M International School	RINEEMA DASH (IV)
	Mahadevi Birla World Academy	ANAYA KHAN (III)
1st RUNNER UP	South Point School	MAYUKH ROY (IV)
2nd RUNNER UP	Calcutta International School	AARAV PASARI (IV)



THEIR GOLF STORY



Three Cheers to the young Tee off ers of CIS

Varish Mohta and Hredaan Raj Bihani of Grade 5 are two young , talented golfers, and students of CIS. The CIS Herald team takes immense pride in narrating a bit of their success story and their great, though tough journey on the golf greens through their growing up years.

The two young students had a lively interaction in class with their friends and demonstrated golf strokes and golf techniques in class which are the means by which golfers advance the ball around the golf course, much to the delight of their peers

Their friends lauded them in class and asked them questions , which they answered.

We wish them all the very best for a wonderful future in golf.

Varish shared “ I started playing golf when I was three and a half . My parents and grandparents encouraged me . Through the years, I had to manage school and golf together. Though it was chaotic initially , I started to think of the sport and the experience as not only challenging , but also relaxing . My School gave me a lot of support and I thank the School for that. I have qualified to play the National Junior Golf Tour from 4th -8th April in Jaipur.”

Hredaan shared , ‘ It's been very challenging to manage school work and golf , but I know that with confidence and faith in myself , I can achieve more. I have won InterSchool Competitions with my school friend Varish Mohta at Tollygunge Club in the Under 9 and Under 13 categories. I have also practised at the Golf Academy at Bangalore. I have learnt how to cope with school hours and hours spent on the Golf course all in one day, day after day.”



We proudly announce that our school psychological counsellor Ms Farishta Dastur Mukherji was awarded the “Leading Psychotherapist” in the East by The Times of India. It is indeed an incredible honour, We thank Mrs Dastur Mukherjee for having touched so many minds and the wonderful job she does. Congratulations on achieving this milestone.

TALK WITH THE BEST COORDINATOR – MRS. ANTARA BANERJEE

How do you feel about being awarded the Best coordinator?

I am delighted. I was never expecting this.

What all challenges you faced to become one?

There was no challenge as such and I was fully supported by my colleagues, principal and my section head. The only problem was coordination among the students and team iNAVMO as the competition was fully online and it was at times difficult to track whether all the students have given their exam or not. Team iNAVMO was a great support in this.

Who all you would like to thank for your big achievement?

I would like to thank our principal Mrs P. Nayar who has always encouraged me to take up these challenges and have always been the motivating force inspiring us. I would also like to thank Mrs N. Choudhary, who helped me with the planning and execution of this competition. Last but not the least my colleagues and teachers of Mathematics Department who always have encouraged students to think and work mathematically and learn the different techniques and shortcuts to arrive at a particular solution.



We are happy to share that Mrs. Sujata Ahuja, Science Coordinator of Junior School has been nominated for the “Dedicated Teacher Award” by Cambridge University Press. This is an extremely prestigious award. Mrs Ahuja’s strong work ethic, selfless devotion and creating enriching interactive classroom environments are indeed inspiring. Along with this her commitment to teaching and nurturing young minds, making them curious, aware and sensitive towards her subject and the environment is truly commendable. It is a proud moment for the CIS Community and we wish her all the best for her future endeavours. May she continue to inspire us all!



Wishing you all the love and happiness that only Easter can bring. Have a joyous celebration with your family!



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