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# HOME & SCHOOL CONNECT

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## *Principal's Message*

*Dear families,*

*It is great to write to you all, although in a very different setup than usual. But let's not forget to thank the Almighty for keeping us safe and together in these trying times!*

*It is quite strange not having that 'face to face' contact with all our students and parents. During this time, when we can't see our friends or hug our relatives, keeping in touch has never felt more important. Even that expression sounds odd in these strange times when 'touch' is exactly what we can't do any more. I'm heartened to see all- staff, pupils and parents looking for new ways to reach out to one another, to support each other ,to stay connected and 'in touch'.*

*What we need to acknowledge is that our kids are just as fearful as we are right now. Our kids not only can perceive everything that is going on around them, but they feel our unvarying anxiety and apprehensions. They have by no means experienced anything like this before and hopefully never should again.*

*The idea of being off school for weeks might have sounded amazing initially, what they probably were picturing was having a fun time like summer break, and not this harsh reality of being trapped at home and not seeing their friends/ relatives etc*

*Dear Parents, over the months, you might have seen a surge in behavior issues with your kids. Whether its fretfulness, or annoyance, or dissent at the reality that they can't do things normally it is ok. You definitely will experience more meltdowns, crabbiness, maybe rebellion. This is what every parent is going through and in such a situation- it is normal!*

*What our children need right now, irrespective of their age is to feel reassured and treasured. They need to know that everything is going to be ok.... Soon!*

*In all this, you might see yourself toggling between working from home, attending to meetings and also to the melt downs at the same time. But, then you might have to re-look at your schedule and shower 'Time' on your children when they need it!*

*Baking, painting, playing board games, reading together, studying together, catching up on pending school projects/ activities./ assignments, maybe watch your child's favorite cartoon... who knows you may start loving that cartoon too! (all these promise quality time!)*

*Don't scream at your kids, don't worry about them losing headway in school.... remember that every single kid is in this boat and they are all in it together! When we are back in the classroom (hopefully soon), we will all course correct and take them ahead from where they are. Our teachers are experts at this and with your support they will be back to where they should have been at the grade level exit!*

*Parents attending to teenagers ..don't pick fights with them! It's a no, no!*

*If I can leave you with one thing, it's this: at the end of all of this, our child's mental well being will matter more than anything else. How they felt during this time will hang about with them long after the reminiscence of what they did during those, never ending months is long gone. Bear this in mind, every single day.*

*Having said all that, we are sure that you acknowledge our staff that has been working hard to create some great learning ambience. The feedback from you dear parents added a glint in their eyes and they pledged to themselves to do more! Thank you for those very kind words!*

*The montage of learning over the months has showcased some fantastic engagement. We have seen our staff singing in videos, sharing photos and reading to children and I know that they are also contacting children and parents individually as well as providing learning support and feedback. It has been lovely to see children and parents sharing photos and videos, posting supportive comments on Teams. I want to say a big Thank You to all of you for the wonderful ways in which you are keeping the Presidency Family connected and together. This emotion of family and togetherness is going to be as imperative as never before we slowly return to some kind of new ordinariness, whenever that may be. This is an anxious time as we wait to hear the government's plans to ease the lockdown. As adults, we must stay optimistic for our children and protect them from our own fretfulness, however we may feel inside. Once again, thank you all for doing such an implausible job at keeping together.*

**J. Ashalatha Micah**  
Principal

# WHAT'S ON AT THE KINDERGARTEN?

June 2020-October 2020

While we all had hoped for the unprecedented time to go as suddenly as it had appeared, and looked forward keenly to welcoming all our tots to school, nature seemed to have had other plans. However, none of us was giving up and thus began the story of e-school, e-life, e-world order!

Our KG tots, parents and teachers embraced the new normal with a virtual 'Hello Session'. This session served as an ice breaker as the teachers introduced themselves and interacted with the parents and children and organized fun-filled activities to spike the creativity of the children while arousing their curiosity and imagination. Learning was not going to stop and now from the comfort and safety of homes, education promised to be more a picnic and fun of course.

## Fun that has a purpose: at the Kinder World

The pre-primary tots undertook various activities like vegetable, thumb and block printing, doll, paper bag and jewellery making, cotton dabbling to name a few. The tots of K1 made paper bags, masks and kites, leaf printing, threading beads, sorting objects, and emotion faces. The older ones of the K2 wing climbed the ladder higher and made paper bags, fish puppets, vegetable printing, paper cup dabbling, boat making, flower collage and clay modeling.





### **Environment Day: Seeing Green for a better world**

A better environment means a better tomorrow. 'Environment Day' was celebrated to promote environment awareness among our young learners. The children and their enthusiastic parents dressed in vibrant green, took a pledge to save Mother Earth by planting saplings to begin with. The lovely potted saplings spread the much needed positivity as parents and children shared with us their gardening adventure in snapshots.

### **Chef Day: dishing out mouth-watering delicacies**

The little tots of Pre K prepared cool and refreshing lemonade while the budding chefs of K1 made crunchy and delicious biscuit toppings during the much awaited event 'The Chef Day'. This delectable event was mouthwatering to say the least and kept taste buds waiting for more!

### **Puppet Show- Dancing to my tunes!**

A puppet show was organized for Pre K and K1 tots. The children were spellbound to watch the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' unfold before their eyes. It was an entertaining experience for the little ones to watch the puppeteers (their own teachers) manoeuvring the puppets, using effective voice modulation.

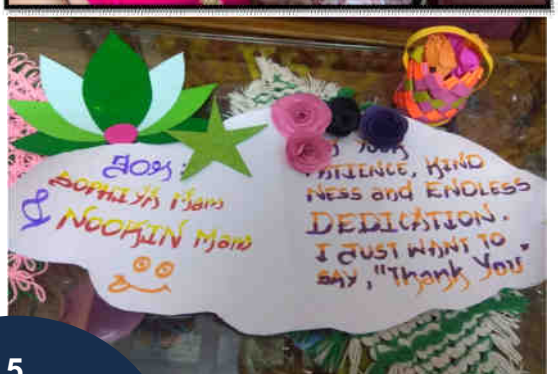
### **Independence Day- Bharat humko Jaan se pyara hain**

To commemorate the 74<sup>th</sup> year of Indian Independence the tiny tots of kindergarten came together on a virtual platform and celebrated the day with great enthusiasm and patriotism. The children gave remarkable speeches, put up dances, and sang patriotic songs too. They explained the importance of the National Symbols as well. The pride to be Indians was writ large on all faces and Jai Hind echoed and resonated in all virtual corridors but more so in all hearts!



## When words fail, emotions speak!

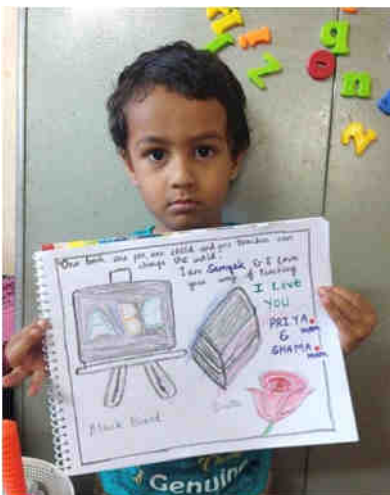
At Presidency, the culture that has been deeply rooted is respect for one another and that begins from home. Our little learners have truly understood the essence of giving due respect and gratitude to all, especially those who shower unconditional love on them. Special events like Grand Parents day, Father's Day, Mom and Me, etc are organized for our kindergarten children year on year and this time too, there was no compromise. Our lovely Grandparents expressed their love for the grand children and shared their special skills like singing, narrating stories and enjoying the famous game of antakshari. Our little tots rose to this very special occasion and made beautiful crowns, cards, recited poems, danced and sang as a token of love for all the care they got from their grandparents. Parents took all efforts to make this day special for the senior members of the family and threw in a few surprises for them as well. A memorable photo session carpeted these beautiful moments for eternity.



## Teachers' Day- Our Guru, Our Friend, Our Family!

A special assembly on Teachers' Day gave an opportunity to the little tots to express their love and gratitude for their teachers. The little ones conveyed their heartfelt messages through cards, speeches, rhymes, songs and dances. The responses were very emotional and teachers thanked all their little learners and parents for their abundance of love and best wishes.

We also paid rich tributes to all parents and grandparents back home who were in this noble profession as well!



## Field trip-Sun and Sand-here we come!

The tiny tots of Kindergarten had a blast on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020 on a virtual trip to Goa.

They virtually took off from Bangalore International Airport and reached Goa. On arrival they had welcome drinks and Goan cuisine for breakfast. They were then introduced to famous tourist destinations of Goa like Aguada Fort, Palolem and Agonda beach, St. Basilica and St. Cathedral church, the breath taking Dudhsagar falls. They experienced adventurous games like snorkeling, jet skiing, banana boat ride and even a look through the underwater aquatic life and believe us, the fun was limitless as each one experienced their share of this virtual adventure.

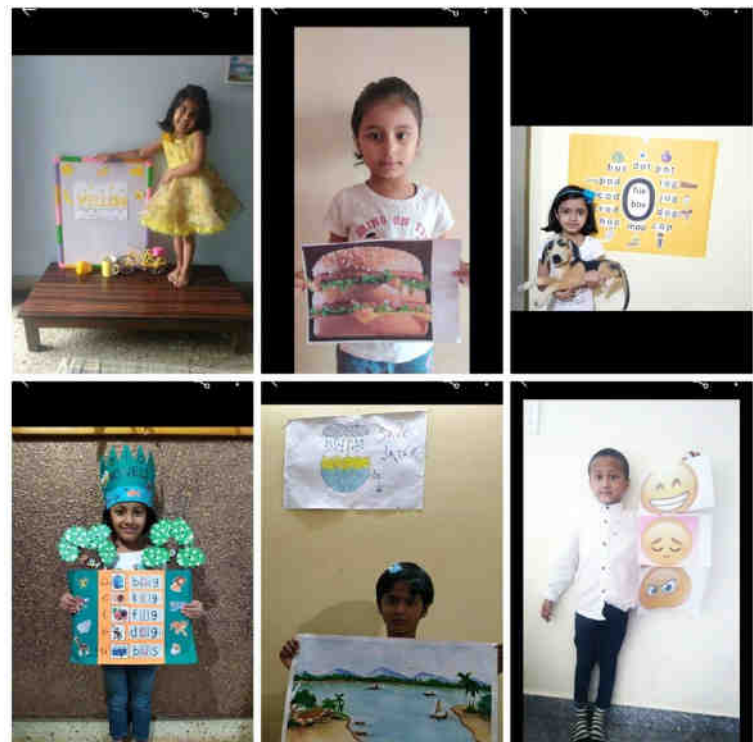
The children had a glimpse of the famous Goan Carnival. They enjoyed the twinkling fire-works and even danced to some Goan numbers. The virtual trip ended with children coming back to school with an experience and fond memories for a life time, we are sure.



## Theme Presentation- And these are a few of the many things we learnt!

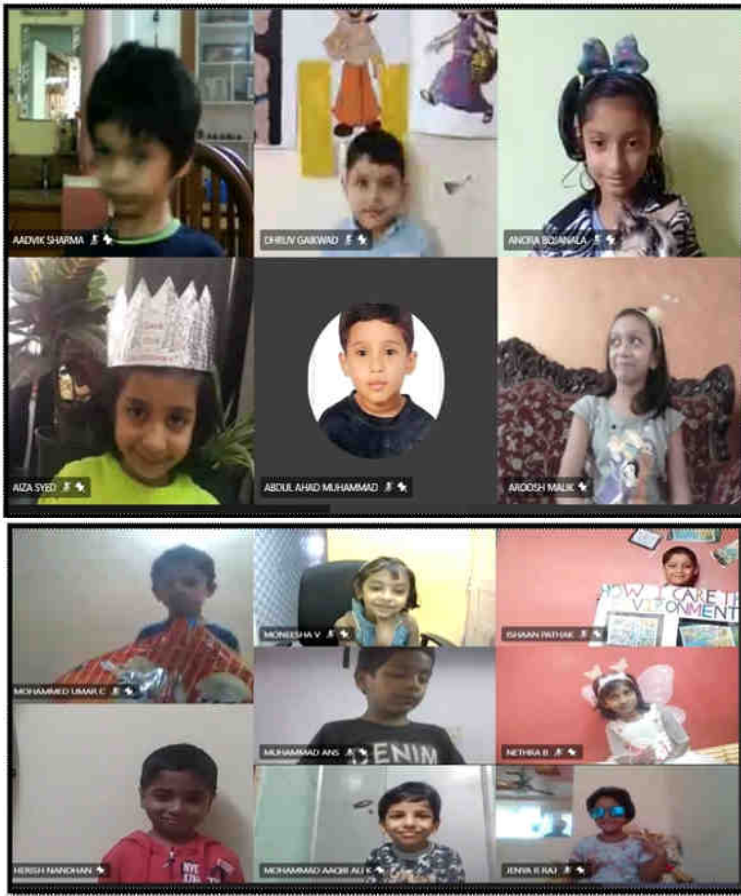
The Kindergarten 'Theme Presentation' - Little Explorers was the most awaited event for Kindergarten students which was conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020. It was overwhelming to watch the little ones dressed in colourful attire, speaking confidently about Colours, Shapes, Community helpers, reciting rhymes, narrating stories, dancing etc. supported by vibrant and creative props. The purpose of conducting the presentation was not only to blend learning with fun but also to develop confidence in students to perform in front of audience.

Kudos to all the children and parents for making this theme presentation a roaring success.









## And this is what I have to say..

Developing the confidence of public speaking is very important for children irrespective of how young they are!

Communication allows us to form connections, influence decisions, and motivate change. Public speaking is one of the most important skills that we are looking at harnessing. While some kids take to it naturally, others tend to be more fearful of standing and talking in front of a crowd. However, our little learners were a far cry from these inhibitions. Public speaking event was held for K2 students, where every child was encouraged to speak on a special topic. The onlookers were spellbound as the students spoke with confidence and aplomb. Bravo kids!

## Bring them on! It's festive time!

Festivals like Janmashtami and Dasara were celebrated with great pomp and show by the kindergarten tots.

They were apprised about the significance of the celebrate through an array of activities like flute and dandiya making.

It was a beautiful sight to see them dance, sing and celebrate all festivals together and in gay abandon! With memories so gratifying, we can confidently say that our little ones are well prepared to face any challenge that may ever come... we shall over come !



# Celebrations

## World Environment Day

On 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020, World Environment Day was celebrated virtually by students of grade 6 to grade 10.

On this occasion, a special virtual assembly was held, wherein, students were all dressed in green. Students planted the saplings and shared the pictures of the same, very sportive parents took part in the sapling drive actively.

Video on the importance of celebrating Environment Day was displayed to the students across grades. Also, Students shared their views and discussed about the theme of World Environment Day- 'Biodiversity'.

Teachers participated in the plant sapling drive and shared memorable pictures for the virtual gallery.



## The Virtual Investiture Ceremony

### Here we are again! Empowered!

With the whole world literally in lockdown, it was Schools that kept the momentum going and the energy raring! Whether it was adapting to technology to take classes to the students homes or interacting with families, schools continued in their selfless endeavour to make it to the finish line.

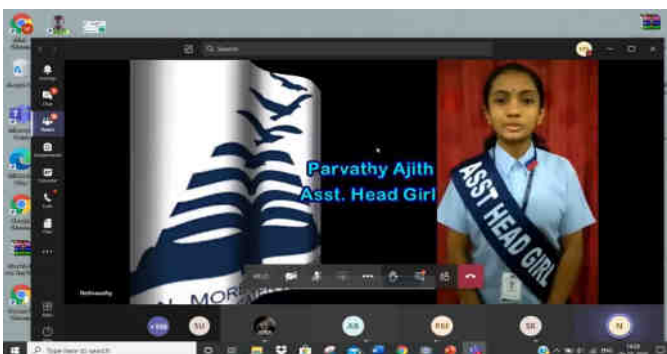
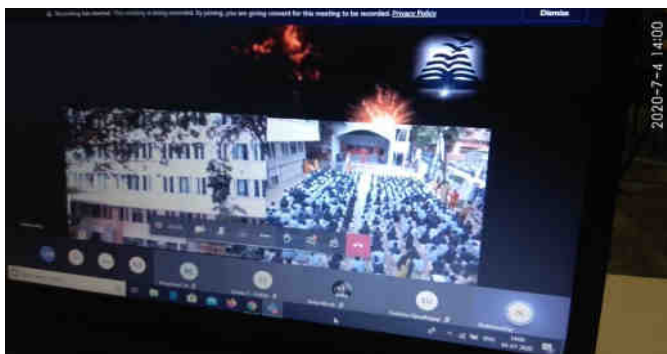
Presidency School RT Nagar proudly put up its newly elected cabinet members and prefectorial body on a virtual platform as they were pledged to office.

The run up to the elections was no less a bustle than a real election set up! Nominations were filed, contestants e -canvassed, Virtual polling followed by panel interviews and of course the announcement of the winners. The effort was worth it and more!

The Chief Guest Trishala A our ex- student connected with us from France and addressed the young cabinet. For the first time ever, we ensured that all students who contested the elections are given a berth and a portfolio in the Prefectorial Body.

Invocation song by the choir sung from the safety of their homes. Hoisting of the school and house flags, Oath ceremony, virtual Sashing and badging were all adhered to as per the solemnity of the occasion.

Ultimately, the greatest lesson that this pandemic could teach humanity is that we are all in this together. It has also given us a glimpse of the good that exists, the avenues that we can explore. The fact is, uncertainty is the reality of the moment. In the fight to end this crisis, we truly can't afford to lose anyone behind and hence we are here again..... empowered to take on challenges, pandemic or no pandemic!



## Felicitation

FELICITATION - 2020

SOAR HIGH..

Presidency School RT Nagar honoured its Achievers and Teachers in its solemn ceremony themed 'Soar High'.

An All Faith Prayer thanking the Almighty for His abundant blessings began the ceremony. There was a display of the results, School Toppers, Subject Toppers and the Centum scorers.

**Amrutha R. Sonal S and Vaishnavi RK** spoke of their strategies and how exams are not something to fear about.

The Heads of the Department while congratulating the achievers, also shared guidelines for the upcoming batch, who listened with all earnestness. The teachers who were instrumental in bringing in fantastic Board Results year after year were honoured with Certificates of Recognition by the Director of PGI Ms Nafeesa Ahmed. Their hard work and dedicated approach were rightly penned out on the Roll of Honour that was presented to them.

The Guest of Honour Azeeza Easa addressed the assemblage and advised that we must not dwell on success. She exhorted the students to discover what their heart wants and work towards that, passionately.

E certificates were sent out to all the achievers, which they could cherish always. The Principal congratulated the Batch of 2019-20, the parents and the teachers for their achievements and wished everyone the very best for all that lay ahead of them.

THE MANAGEMENT,  
PRINCIPAL,  
STAFF AND STUDENTS OF  
PSRTN WELCOME YOU ALL  
TO THE FELICITATION  
CEREMONY AND APPLAUD  
ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESS

### SCHOOL TOPPERS (ENG+BEST 4)



Student's Name	Percentage	Rank
AMRUTHA KRISHNAN RAJASHREE	98.60	1
SONAL SHRIYA PAI	98.60	1
VAISHNAVI RAVI KUMAR	98.60	1
ISHITA HEMANT ADSUL	98.40	3
HARINI SHREE SUBBURAJ	98.20	4
SURABHI K C	98.20	4
VAISHNAVI K UPADHYAYA	98.20	4
VISHISHTA SHENOY	98.00	5



## 74<sup>th</sup> Indian Independence Day Celebrations



Presidency School, RTNagar paid its rich, prayerful tributes to all those who fought for the Indian Independence then and the warriors of now, on the 74th year of Indian Independence.

The National Flag was unfurled at the school campus maintaining all social distancing and safety guidelines. Ms. Azeeza Easa Coordinator - Office of the Director PGI was the Guest of Honor for the day.

The virtual celebration resonated with the quote of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru who said “At the dawn of history India started on her unending quest, and trackless centuries are filled with her striving and the grandeur of her success and her failures. Through good and ill fortune alike she has never lost sight of that quest or forgotten the ideals which gave her strength.”

The flag hoisting dove tailed a series of events that were showcased virtually for all parents and students from Pre-K to Grade 10. These comprised Fancy Dress, fiery speeches, emotional stories of unsung heroes, tributes to the **warriors**-soldiers, medical staff, pourkarmikas, teachers and not forgetting our dear own parents and students who have bravely fought the odds that life has thrown at them!

The Chief Guests for the Day were Major Anup Kulkarni (alumna Presidency School RTNagar) currently serving in the Indian Army and Ms Snigdha Jha Sub Lieutenant in the Indian Navy who encouraged and motivated the assemblage to be a part of the armed forces- No duty is bigger than the service to our Motherland and there was a thunderous applause!

The month long School events and activities gave a fresh push to the Theme of AatmanirbharBharat (self-reliant India). Since its independence, our India has made stellar progress in every field, including education, military and space programmes and we are mighty proud of it!

Through Thick and Thin - We Win! Jai Hind!

## Teachers Day

The students of Presidency School, RT Nagar reminded us of how wonderful a teacher is and what they mean to the students at a very memorable 'Real Heroes Teach' event.

The students of grade 10 and the cabinet members put their heads together to chalk out a fool proof plan for their teachers on this day. The Teacher Appreciation Week which began as a prelude to the big day, had messages, thank you notes and videos flooding our Inboxes and the MST posts. These were neatly compiled into videos to be presented on this day to all audience. The Stand In Principals for the Day were the Head Boy Rohith and Head Girl Manisha, who monitored the entire proceedings with the Cultural Secretary Pragnya taking the reins of responsibility.

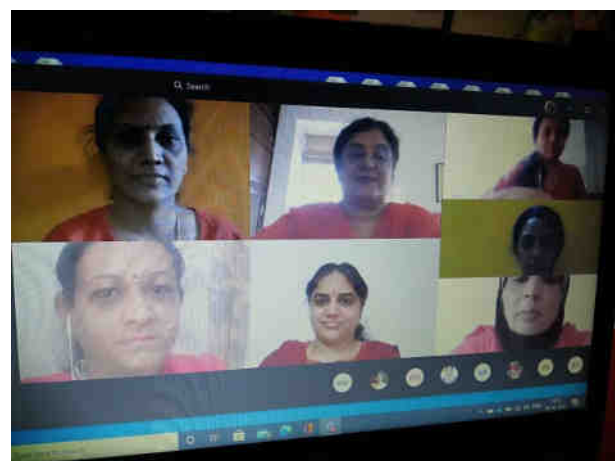
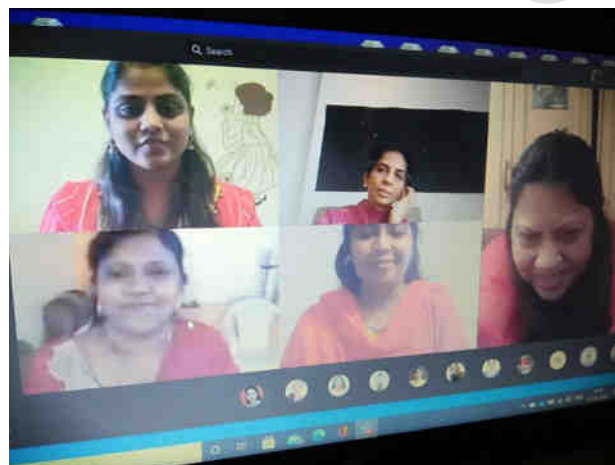
Stand in teachers took charge of online classes and delivered classes to the tee with presentations, quizzes, hands -on learning, simulation and assignments beyond the books. The messages of the original teacher Dr Sarvapalli Radha Krishnan were played in his voice, which left all mesmerized.

Parents and Grand- parents who have been in the field of education were given a respectful tribute and we are sure they were touched- The notes of appreciation say it all !

This was followed by a very special programme just for teachers which began with an invocation dance song followed by a song rendered by Krishnan for his teachers. There were rib tickling games too and what was a feather in the cap was the ex-students coming on video to thank their teachers. It was a fun filled programme which did not let the essence of teachers' day fade away. The memorable day came to a close with the Principal's personalized tributes to all teachers and Departments of the school and no one was left behind. Mr Babu Ahmed, composed a very special song and compiled a video of memorable moments which wet many eyes.

Truly teachers are heroes without capes!

Presidency School, R.T. Nagar



## Founder's Day

1st September 2020

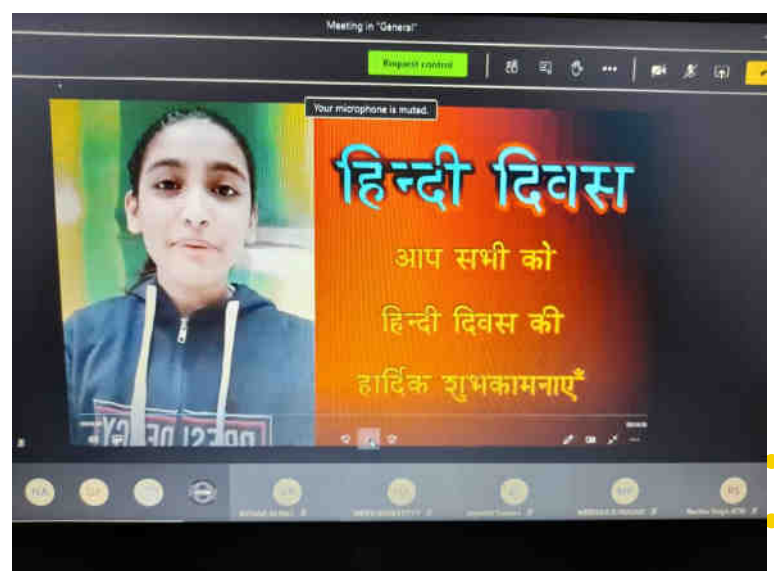
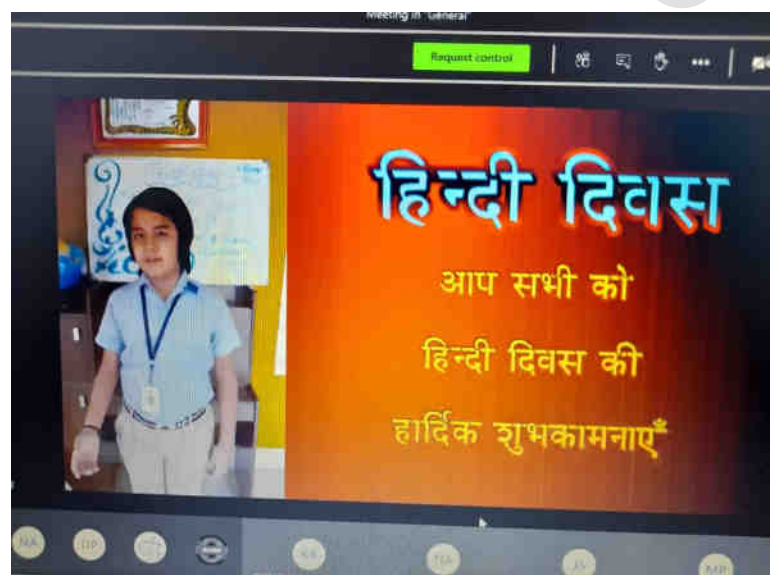
Presidency Group of Institutions fondly remembered its Founder Late Janab Abdul Hameed on its Founder's Day. Parents and students joined for a very special assembly to offer respects and prayerful homage. The journey of Presidency school and its growth as a Premier institution was retraced on this solemn day

## Hindi Diwas

**Presidency School, RTNagar** celebrated Hindi Diwas with zest. This day is celebrated on the 14th of September, to commemorate the adoption of Hindi in Devanagari script as one of the official languages of India.

The Special assembly across grades had a line-up of interesting events. The month-long Hindi activities that were a prelude to this special day added to the enthusiasm. These activities were conducted from grades 1 to 10 which had रचनात्मक लेखन, कवितिवाचन, वज्जिापन लेखन, दर्शनीय स्थलों का कोलाज बनाना, अनुपयोगीवस्तुओं से उपयोगी वस्तु बनाना, दोहा वाचन, वाद-वविदप्रतयौगति etc

The special assembly had a special prayer by the faculty of the Department of Hindi. After the invocation the students put up their presentation which comprised a talk on the background of Hindi Diwas, There was recitation of a beautiful poem written by Shri Harivanshrai Bachhan- Koshish Karne valonkihaarnahinhoti, as well as songs and dances commemorating the virtues of this language.



# Festivities at Presidency School, R T Nagar

**Team PSRTN**, has left no stone unturned in ensuring that our students do not miss out on their academics and has ensured quality online education to the students across grades. In addition to this, the various departments have also conducted extra- curricular activities throughout the grades to ensure holistic development of the students. In order to promote a sense of diversity and to keep the students retain their traditional values, we at PSRTN, celebrated various festivals through our special assemblies. Yes, we did not let the situation outside deter the festive cheer. These 'Special Assemblies' were celebrated in the same manner as we have been doing every single year, except that this year it was on the virtual mode. Nevertheless, the festive cheer was not compromised at all.

**Bakrid-** An assembly was held to observe the significance of Bakrid. The assembly commenced with Asra of Grade 7 delivering the prayer and Abdul Aziz presenting a PPT on the significance of the festival. This was followed by a song by Zoha and Farhan chanting a few verses from The Quran.



**Varmahalaxmi-** The Varmahalaxmi festival was celebrated 30th July. The programme commenced with an invocation song by Pratham of Grade 7 paying obeisance to the Goddess. This was followed by a small speech on the significance of the festival and colourful dance performances by students from Grades 6 to 10.



**Janamashtami-** The festival that marks the birth of Lord Krishna was celebrated on the 10th of August. Students rendered a song followed by a colourful dance display and a speech that spoke about the significance and the festivities observed during the festival.





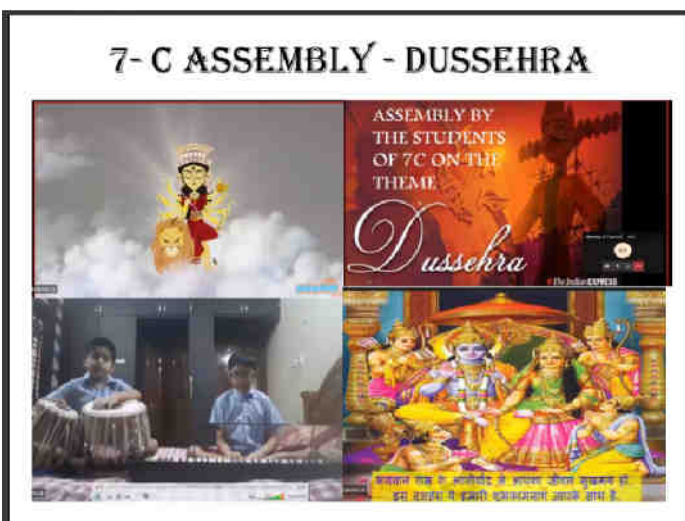


**Onam** The very famous harvest festival of Kerala, was celebrated on the 17 th of August. The students across grades put up spectacular dance performances and presented a PPT with a speech describing the importance of the festival.

**Ganesh Chaturthi-** The assembly to celebrate this festival commenced with an invocation song by Pratham of Grade 7C. This was followed by a speech by Girik. Chinmayee recited a few shlokas while the students from Grades 6- 10 put up colourful dance performances.



**Dussehra-** This assembly was held on the 24 th of September. Pratham of Grade 7 sang the invocation song and to add rhythm and beat to the song we had Sushant on the Tabla. This was followed by a speech on how the festival is celebrated differently across the nation. There were various dance performances by the students of Grades 6- 10 to celebrate the Goddess in her full glory.

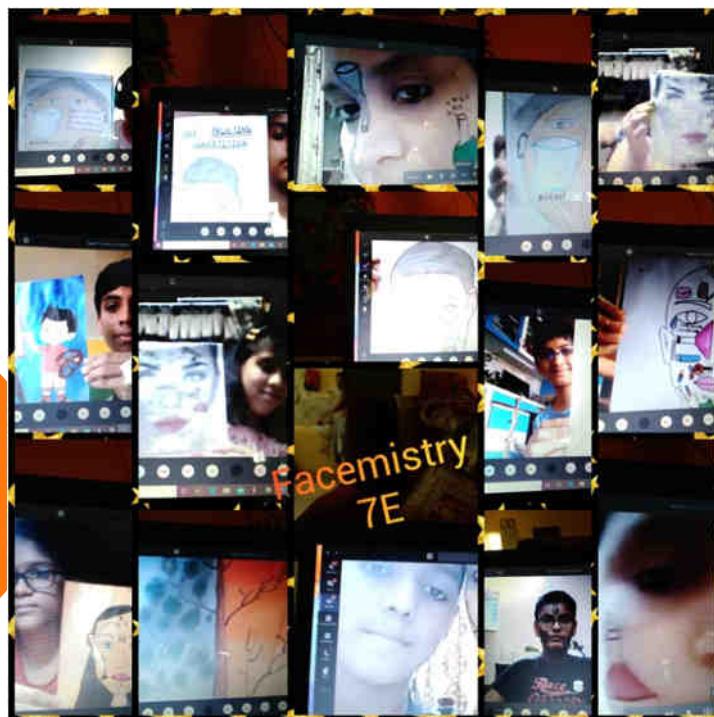


These assemblies were not only informative, but also gave the students an opportunity to display their talents and develop their confidence.

## Science Activities and Competitions

**GRADE 6** - Students of grade 6 participated in the activity 'Environment Theatre' where they essayed the role of endangered species of plants and animals. Students dressed up as one endangered plant or an animal. The purpose was to throw light on the plight of endangered species and to help them gain perspective on human issues that continue to endanger species and there after our global environment. Students were at their best and it was a great learning

**Competition:** Students of grade 6 participated in 'What is on my mind' where they doodled in the outline picture of a brain. They experimented with beautiful designs and patterns and put their best foot forward. They were judged on the basis of their creativity, art and presentation.



**GRADE 7** - Students participated in the activity 'Quick Thought'. Students were given a set of 10 words from which they were to pick a word and speak about it for a minute. It reflected the confidence and presentation skills of the students.

A competition titled 'Facemistry' was also held. There was a lot of enthusiasm and eagerness in students to participate in the competition. Students were to paint a face either their face or anyone else, or the face of a doll to bring forth a term from the World of Chemistry.

### GRADE 8

1. Students participated in the 'Kahoot Quiz' competition which was based on 'General facts of Science'. The quiz consisted of 30 questions with a time limit to stick by.

2. A physics activity was conducted in grade 8 on 'Application of Physics in daily life'. Students made models of fans, reflection of light (mirror) using concave and convex mirror, evaporation of liquids etc.



**GRADE 9**

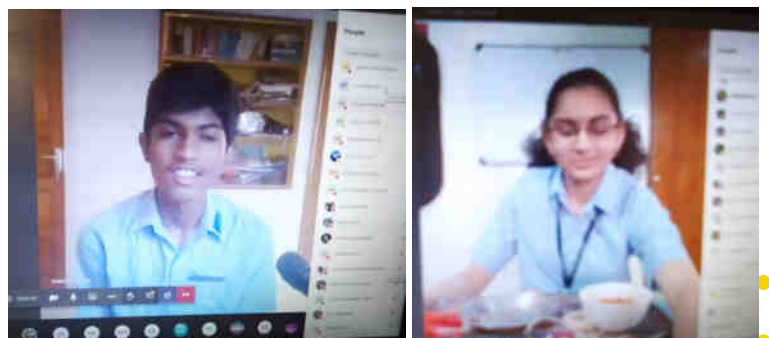
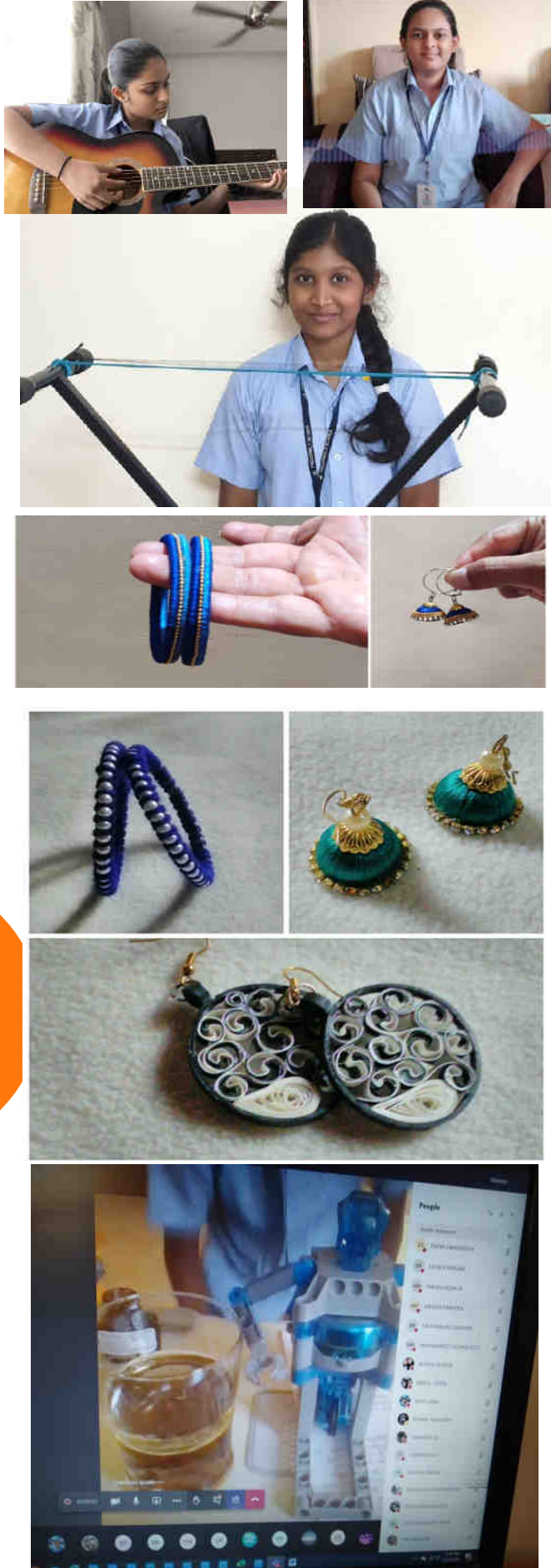
**Waves and strings activity :** Students used various materials of different lengths and thickness to demonstrate wave formation by plucking the strings. They observed the transverse waves and the standing waves formed by plucking the strings. They could analyze how music could be played on instruments like guitar, veena etc only by plucking at the strings.

**Simple Circuit designing** Students designed simple circuits with materials available at home. They designed circuits using wires, batteries, cords and switch. They explained their simple circuits with ease and clarity.

**GRADE 10**

Grade 10 students participated in the competition that called for jewellery designing. Students designed beautiful and innovative jewellery using clay, beads, metal pieces flowers, paper etc.

Students of grade 10 also performed an activity 'Bring out the Scientist in You'. Students researched and developed the content for a topic of their choice. They also explained the topic with a power point presentation / 3 D working model.



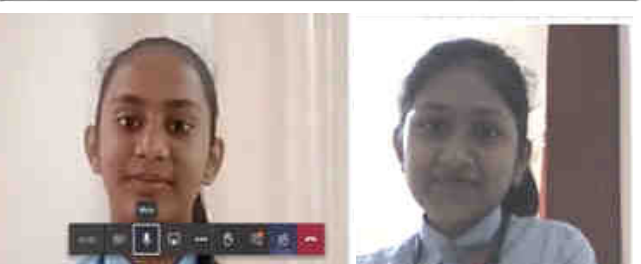
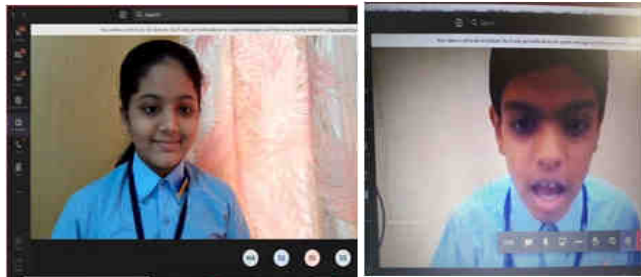
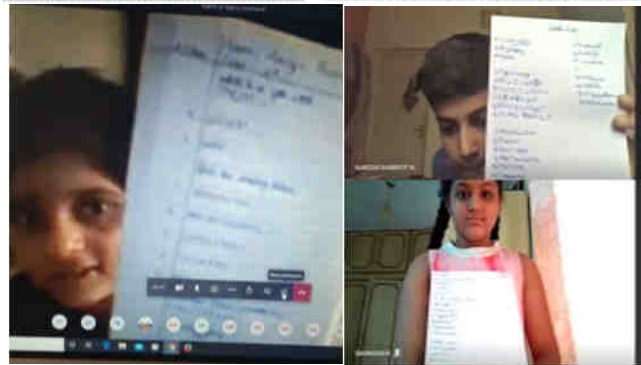
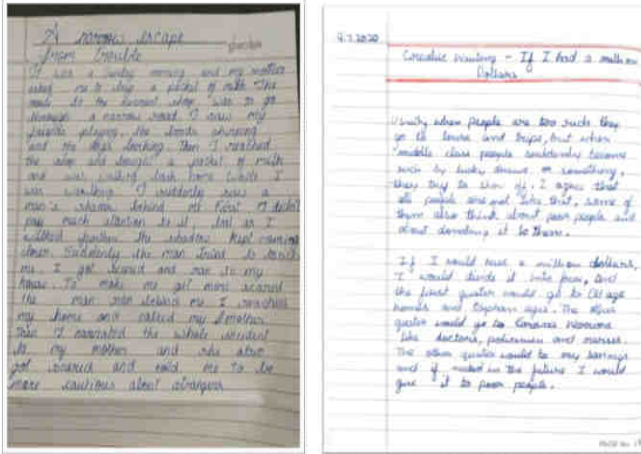
## GRADE 6

1. "Writing is the painting of the voice!" - Voltaire  
 Creative Writing expresses the writer's thoughts and feelings in an imaginative way. Students of Class 6 participated in creative writing activity. Students gave expression to their creative ideas and penned them down in the form of beautiful paragraphs and essays. The activity provided an opportunity to improve their spellings, increase their vocabulary and hone their creative skills.

2. Spell Bee was organised for grade 6  
 In this age of auto-correct and spell check, the Spell Bee activity for Grade 6 came as a whiff of fresh breeze. An activity on Spell Bee was conducted for the students of Class 6 on 2nd July, 2020. Students participated with great enthusiasm and dueled through some tough words to prove their mettle. They were to find the missing letters in the words. Clues were provided to look for the correct words. Pictures of vegetables, flowers and animals were also shown to the students to identify and write the words with correct spellings. The activity made the students aware of the spellings and also enriched their vocabulary. It was a wonderful learning experience for the participants.

3. Elocution refers to one's capacity of communicating with others, with the use of exact speech and gestures. An Elocution Competition for Grade 6 was conducted. Students earnestly participated in the competition. A preliminary round for the same was conducted and seventeen students qualified for the finals. It was indeed astounding to see how students presented their poems and speeches with great enthusiasm and vigor.

The themes for the competition were 'Wellness', 'Compassion' and 'Happiness'.



## GRADE 7

1. Two activities 'Grammar quiz' and 'Fact File' were organised for students of grade 7

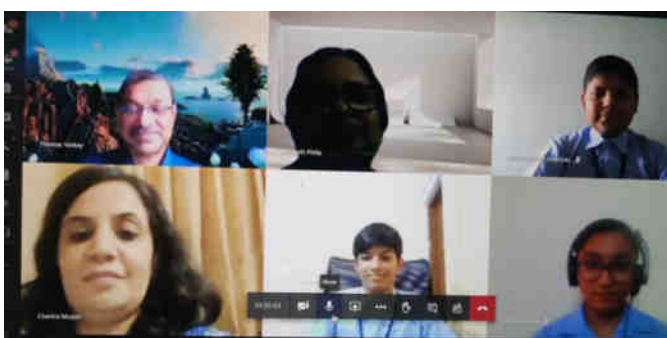
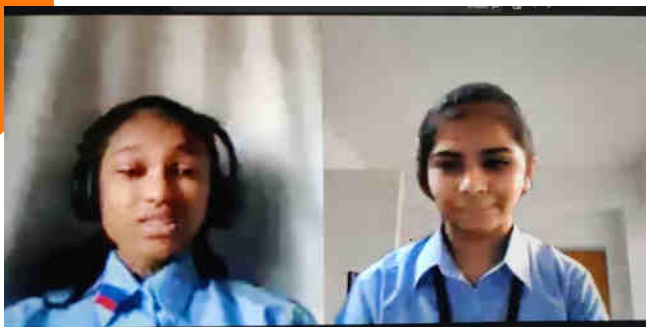
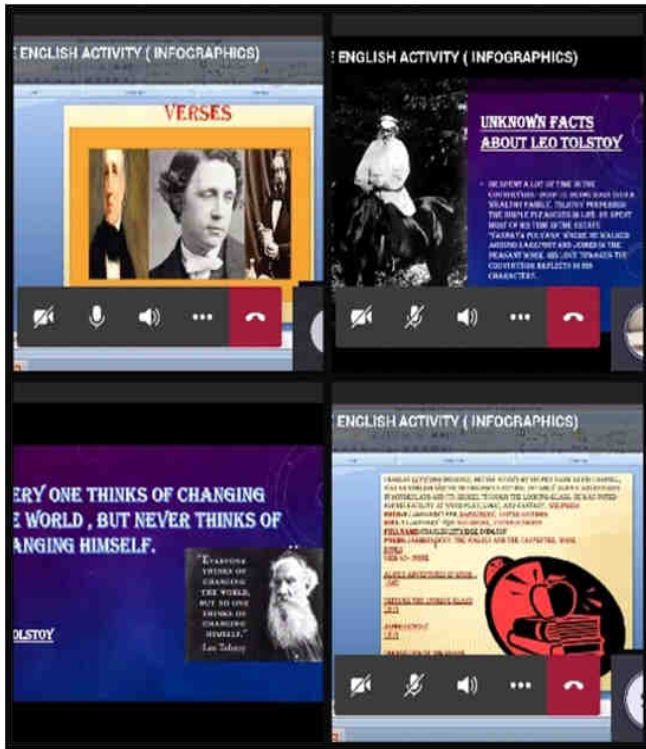
2. The students of Grade 7 participated in the Elocution Competition. The theme was 'humour' which is much needed in the current day scenario. Students recited pieces of poetry and prose. Their renditions were amusing, humorous and gave the audience a much-needed comical break.

## GRADE 8

1. Students of 8ABCD took part in the Poetry Writing Activity on the topic Racial, Gender and Religious Discrimination. Students actively participated in the activity and came out with thought-filled poetry. Each student chose a topic of interest and produced extraordinary work. Overall, it was a creative platform where every student got a chance to present him/her poetry to others.

2. Grammar quiz. Students of 8ABCD participated in a Grammar Quiz as a part of English Activity on 9th July, 2020. 56 students participated. The Grammar Quiz comprised various grammar concepts which helped them to brainstorm and quickly apply the concept in the given time frame (20-30 seconds). The concepts covered in the quiz were Prepositions, Sentence Types, Transformation of Sentences, Synonyms and Antonyms. The quiz had a nail-biting finish, with a very healthy competition amongst the students.

3. Students of 8ABCD took part in Declamation Competition. Fourteen students competed and were judged on skills such as expression, modulation, oration and most importantly originality in delivery! The students did not mimic the original author of the speech. Instead, they developed an oration that delivered the message of the author in an original and engaging manner.



## GRADE 9

1. Students of GRADE 9 participated in poetry writing as part of English Activity. Thirty-three budding poets, logged into 9 ABCD General Channel to showcase their poetic talents. Relevance of the topic is significant in the present scenario of northern border incursions.

The participants came up with some beautiful lines:

'We go to war to protect peace', 'War is nothing but merciless blood shed' 'Peace is harmony in the absence of violence', 'Destruction is War, Construction is Peace'

'Do we fight wars for peace, or is peace broken by wars?'

The students were enthusiastic about this activity, some of their works were beautifully illustrated.

2. Grade 9 students also participated in a Slogan writing competition

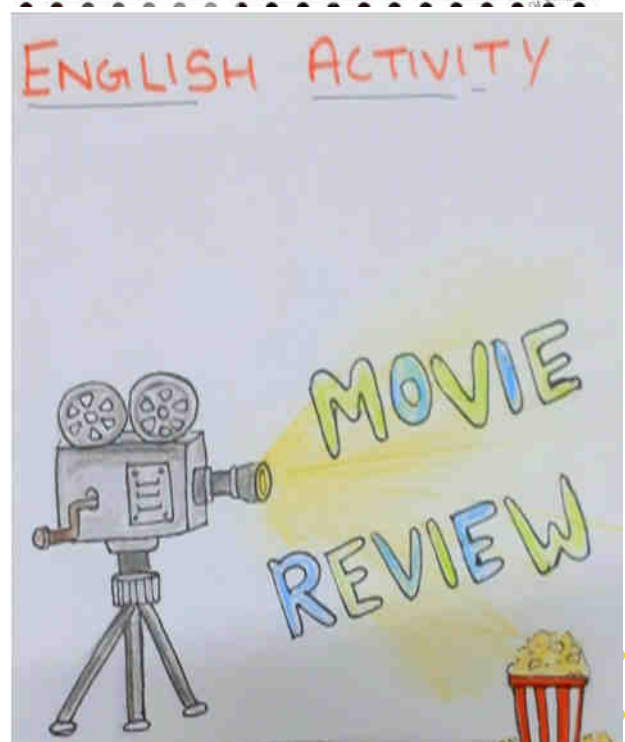
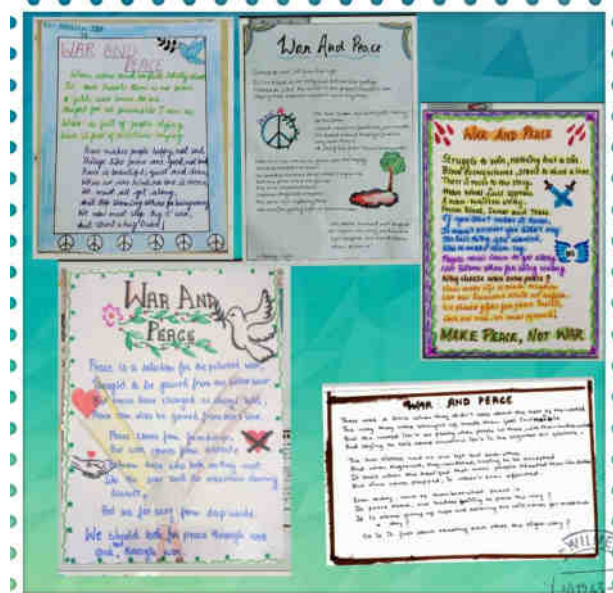
3. Students of 9 ABCD participated in Inter-House Debate Competition as part of English Activity at 2 pm on 21st July, 2020. Topic: 'Fear of Punishment Enforces Discipline.'

Two students from each of the four Houses formed a team, one spoke for the motion, the other against it. The speakers were well prepared and put forth their arguments convincingly. The winners were Abhinand and Jegashree of the Green House and the Best Speaker was Sanjana Warriar of 9D, Blue House.

## GRADE 10

Students of grade 10 participated in two activities : 'Report Writing' and 'Movie Review'

An Inter-House Debate Completion on the Topic- Public Examination at School level should be abolished was conducted for grade 10.



## Social Science Department Activities

### GRADE 6

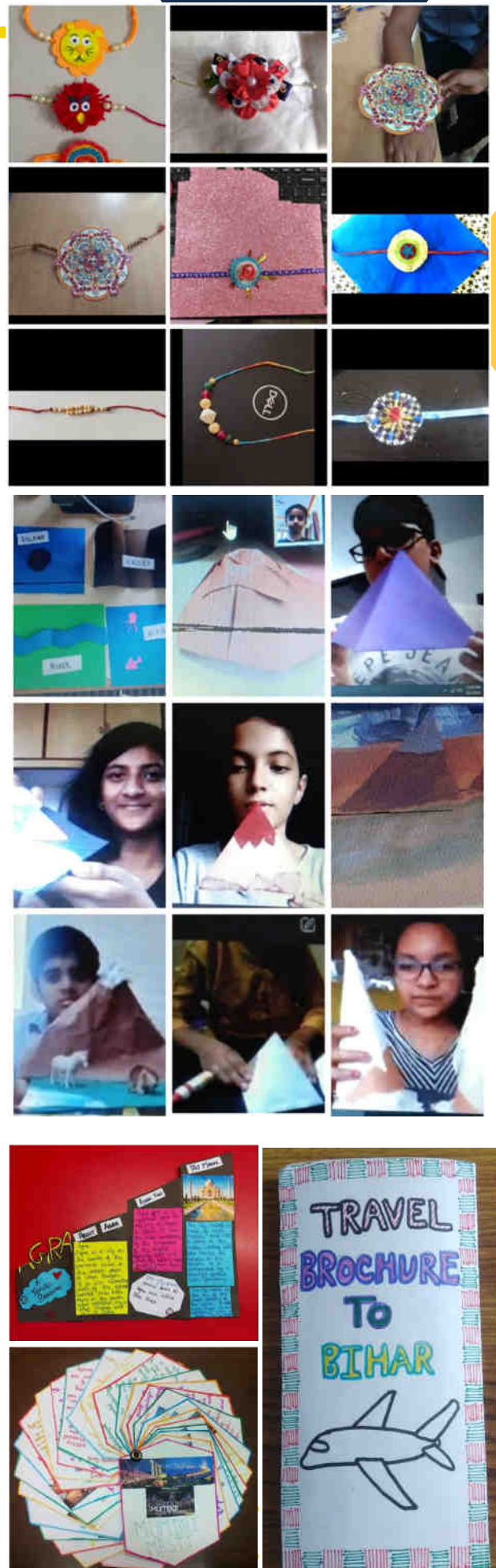
A competition on Rakhi making was conducted for the students of Grade 6. The event had a prelude with introductions and a session on the values and history of rakhi making. The main reason behind this competition was to celebrate and depict the precious relationship of brothers & sisters. Students used unique materials to present their creativity in the most exquisite manner.

An activity on Origami Landforms was conducted for the students of Grade 6 on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2020 at 11.30am. The students participated with great enthusiasm as they made origami of different landforms. The activity brought out the flow of ideas in presentation as the students made vivid origami craft showcasing the mountains, plateaus and plains. And yes, they did not forget to embellish them with everything that defined the landform.

### GRADE 7

#### **LET'S TAKE A TRIP: TRAVEL BROCHURE**

An interesting Competition of making of a Travel Brochure - **LET'S TAKE A TRIP** was conducted for the students of Grade 7. Students participated with great enthusiasm and the guidelines to make a travel brochure to any city/ state were shared. They were guided on collecting information about location-specific items maps, vacation brochures, souvenirs, photos, ethnic artifacts (clothing, pottery, etc.) and travel Web site URLs. Students kept all materials handy for the competition and completed it during the given time slot with clarity on expectations of what their presentations 'Must Have' and 'Could Have'. The competition brought out the creative best in the students. It was a wonderful learning experience for the participants as well as the judges as they witnessed a rush of creativity in content, beautiful borders, pictures and presentation.



### Slogan Writing-Stay Safe Stay Healthy

A competition on Slogan Writing was conducted for the students of Grade 7 on 19th August, 2020. Students participated with great enthusiasm. They made creative slogans on Stay Safe, Stay Healthy. Students were all prepared with materials for the competition and completed it during the given time slot. They went on to speak on the topic. Rubrics for competition - creativity, content, preparedness and presentation for a total 20 points. The competition brought out the hidden streak of creativity in the students. How we can be safe during this pandemic situation was the highlight of the presentation

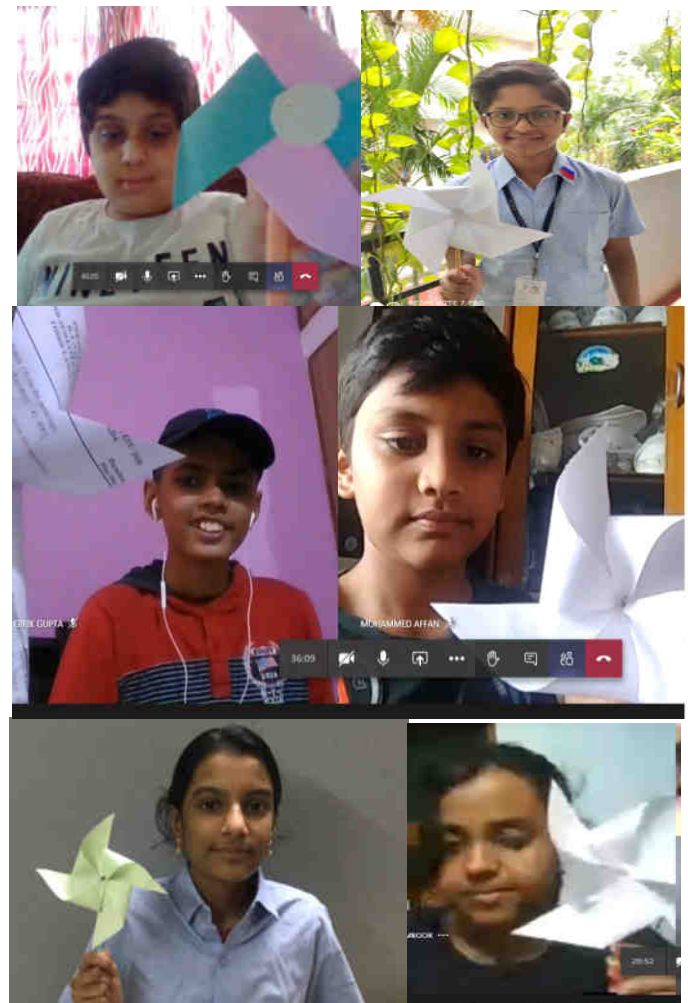


### MODEL MAKING WINDMILL

An activity on Model making- WINDMILL was conducted for the students of Grade 7 on 4th August, 2020. Students made working models of a Windmill.

The students during their presentation spoke of the windmill as a structure that converts wind power into energy. Some of them brought out the reference of the journey of windmills through the early days.

A job well done and a concept well learnt!





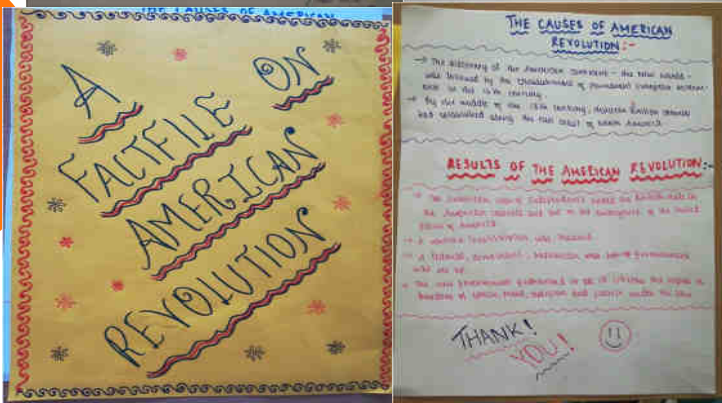
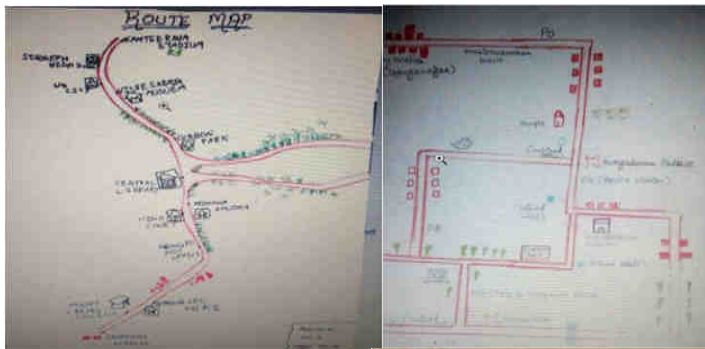
## GRADE 8

The **Unsung Heroes** competition was held for the students of grade 8. It was an inter-house competition where the participants spoke about the 'Unsung Heroes' and their contribution to the society which was beautifully presented through Role Play. Students were very enthusiastic as their presentation highlighted the depth of research. The five most valuable characteristics of unsung heroes who work silently but steadily among us were highlighted - humility, empathy, committed to a cause, courage to do the right thing and consistent excellence.

A competition on Route map Drawing was held on 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 2020 for the students of Grade 8. Five destinations were given to the students to cover and draw a Route map showing the conventional signs and symbols as used in a Topographic map using appropriate colors.

An activity on fact file on American Revolution was conducted for the students of Grade 8 on 5th August, 2020. The students made a fact file on the American Revolution.

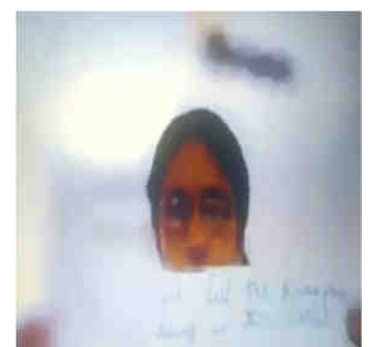
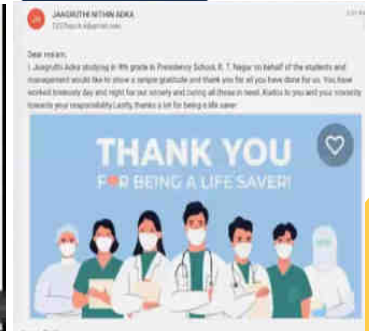
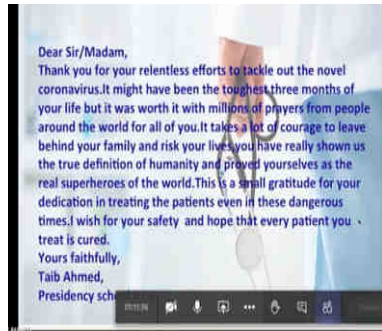
In their presentation the participants spoke of one cause and one result of the Revolution. A well researched and well presented theme.



**GRADE 9** - An activity on 'Expressing Gratitude' to the frontline warriors was conducted for the students of Grade 9 on 6th August, 2020. The students were required to write a letter to the front line warriors thanking them and wishing them well. There were poignant letters that touched our hearts. Students used a good blend of technical skills as well as what their hearts had to say as they churned out beautiful messages to those in the Medical Field and the Police forces. We also sent out wishes to all parents who were in this service and thanked them for their selflessness

**GRADE10 - Fish Bowl** - Fish Bowl activity! Pick and Speak was organized for students of Grade 10. The topics were- What changes did the European explorers bring the world? Is Industrial Revolution good or bad? Is Equality a myth? Does What is right or wrong change from generation to generation? Child Labour, Should voting be made compulsory? World Peace, Should government tax sugary drinks and use the revenue for public health? Is Nuclear Disarmament possible?

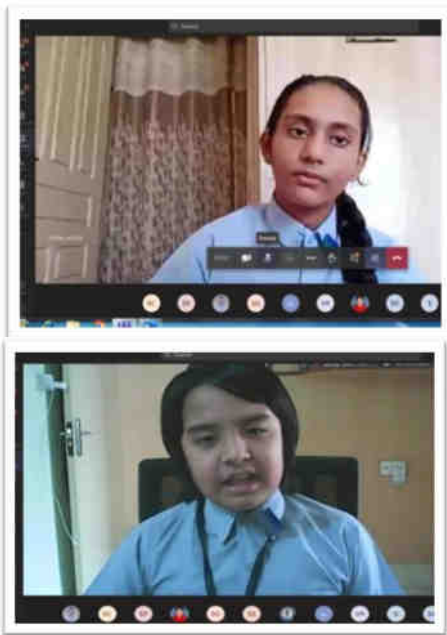
Our students left no stone unturned to bring out the facts and leave the judges enthralled by the content that was profound.



## Hindi Department Activities

Slogan Writing activity was conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The students wrote out 5 creative slogans that sent out a clarion call to save the environment.

The need for a clean environment which is necessary for the sustainability of life on this planet, our role in ensuring the same and of course the message that, 'we must be the one to take the first step forward and not wait for someone else. This activity served' as a gentle reminder to all of us to be responsible individuals who can make or break the future!

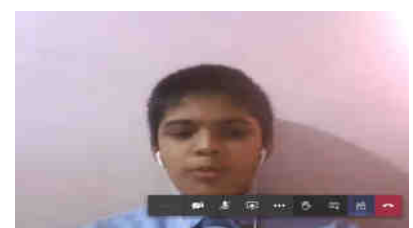
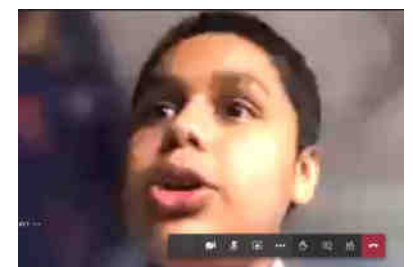


**GRADE 6 - 'Pick and Speak competition (Hindi)'** Students of grade 6 participated in this competition. Participants spoke on the topic that was picked by them. The participants were given 2 minutes to prepare and present. The objective of this competition was to equip young students with the skills of thinking clearly, speaking persuasively and listening to the opinions of others critically and constructively. It also served as an enabler for the young participants to test and demonstrate their fluency in Hindi

**GRADE 7 - Doha-Vachan' Competition (Hindi)'** was conducted for students of grade 7. Participants recited 5 dohas with the required expression.

They were judged on the criteria of their selection of Dohas, pronunciation, presentation and delivery. The objective of this competition was to develop fluency in language and build vocabulary and correct structure of sentences. The confident participants recited the Dohas with rhythm, followed it with an explanation which made it easy for all to grasp.

'Muhaavare Chitran' Muhaavare- Chitran activity was conducted for students of grade 7. Each child presented 5 idioms pictorially and wrote the related idioms corresponding to the pictures.



## GRADE 8 - Hindi event- Debate [वाद-ववाद]

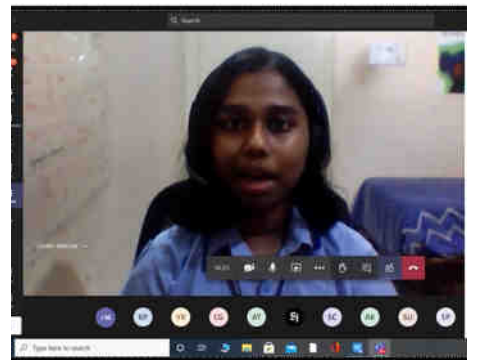
Theme - "उच्च शिक्षण प्राप्त केलिए बच्चों को वदेश भेजना सही या गलत" - The Debate was held on 10th of September 2020 for the students of class 8. The participants were well prepared with their point of view for/against the topic and presented them with conviction.

## GRADE 9 - COLLAGE MAKING' - TOPIC : दर्शनीय स्थलों का कोलाज बनाना.

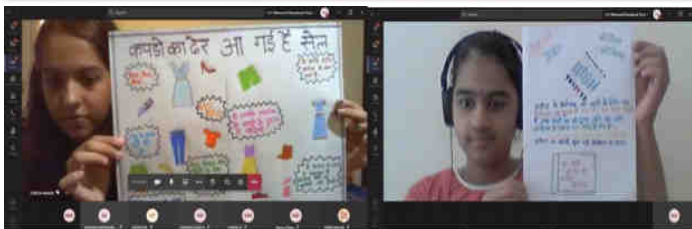
The Hindi ACTIVITY 'COLLAGE MAKING' was conducted for grade 9 students. The topic given was दर्शनीय स्थलों का कोलाज बनाना [to make a collage of the places of tourist attraction]. 30 students participated in the event. The collages were pretty informative and the research that had gone into it was evident.

## Role Play Competition

[प्रतियोगिता] A Role play competition was conducted by the Department of Hindi on the 9th of September 2020. The participants of Grade 9 made effective use of their props and costumes, as they presented with confidence, the character that they were portraying.



**GRADE10 - Main Kaun Hoon?** Creative writing with pictures (main Kaun Hoon?) This was conducted for grade 10 students. 12 of them participated in the activity. This activity was an autobiography of sorts where students introduced themselves to an audience highlighting themselves, their families and friends who matter.



## Advertisement Writing [वज्जिापन लेखन]

Theme-गतविधि [वज्जिापन लेखन]

The Activity on 'Advertisement Writing' was held on 4th sept 2020. Their focus was, to persuade the audience to be interested in their product by creating awareness of the brand, product, service, and the idea as a whole. Students were very creative indeed!



## Intra School Yoga Competition

Students of Grades 6 and 7 participated in an Intra School Yoga Competition.

The criteria for Judgement were Flexibility, Good balance & Posture

GIRLS				BOYS			
S.N	Students name	Section	Position	S.N.	Students name	Section	Position
1.	Keerthana S	6 B	I	1.	AdithyaRaghunath	6 B	I
2.	Hafsa Iqbal	6 D	II	2.	Md. Shafeeq	6 D	II
3.	Pranamyayeng aldas	6 C	III				

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1.	Gauri Vijay	7 B	I	1.	Pratham Kamath. K	7 C	I
2.	Ishika Raj	7 E	I	2.	Syed RehanQuadri	7 E	II
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## Primary Panorama

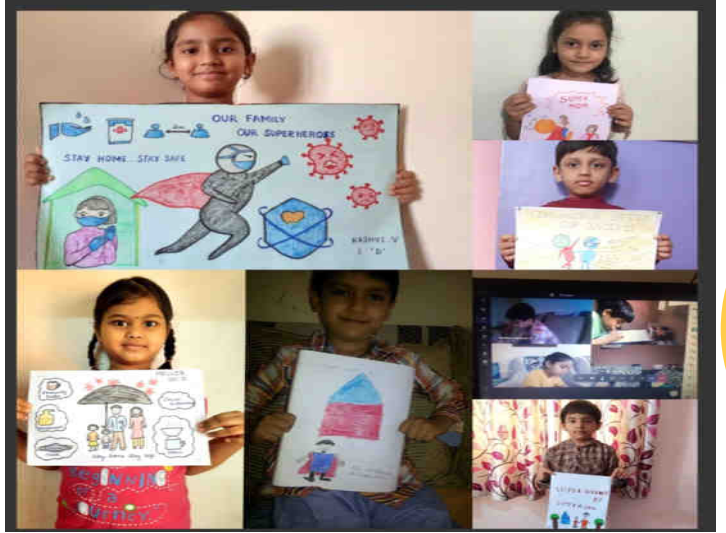
The academic year 2020-2021 started with unanswered questions, apprehensions and uncertainty for the entire human race. The spread of this pandemic turned lives topsy-turvy and with a lockdown that confined people within the four walls of their homes, the year ahead looked bleak... but not for long. Quick positive decisions were taken by the School Management, training teachers to use technology and providing new tools for teaching and learning online soon became second skin. It did not take long for teachers and students to adapt to this new way of virtual learning. We were all in it together. We were venturing into pastures unknown, yet it was a great going for all of us. Nothing could hold us back and together the Presidency family forged ahead breaking the barriers of the lockdown and took school into the individual homes of our children, where they were safe...but learning never stopped. Classes started off full swing for all grades. Virtual learning became the buzz word for success. All students attended their classes as if it were a regular classroom. PowerPoint presentations for teaching and learning, Forms for assessment and Kahoot for testing knowledge became a daily affair for all. All classes were activity-oriented sessions.

In LAR, students actively participated in a series of activities some of them being-“Phonic Crowns”, Notable Nouns, Origami Activities, Poetry Writing, Grammar Games, Sporting Parts of Speech, Role plays and Representation of various characters from the prescribed novels for each grade.

Reading, writing and class discussions were held at various intervals which helped children to develop the four skills of the language.



In languages like Kannada and Hindi, all lessons were taught through activities. Short stories were screened from time to time which enabled children to listen, understand and speak. Worksheets were administered which helped teachers to make an Assessment For Learning .... Our AFL tool!



Math is a subject that interests most of our budding learners and our teachers make it more interesting through various approaches. Models of abacus, patterns, projects on comparisons, addition, subtraction and fractions were used to help students understand concepts better.



Science is a subject that captures the attention of every learner. Under various topics, projects on different types of food, balanced diet, food pyramids, germination activities, models of birds nests, habitats, poster making, paper bags, ball and stick activities, models of elements and compounds, pictorial charts of insects, were all part of the learning process.

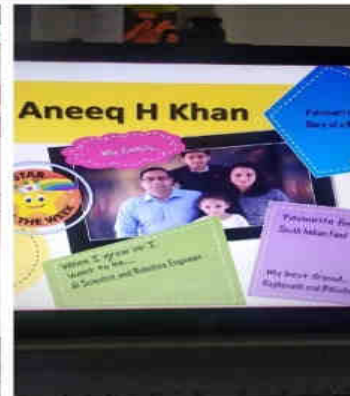
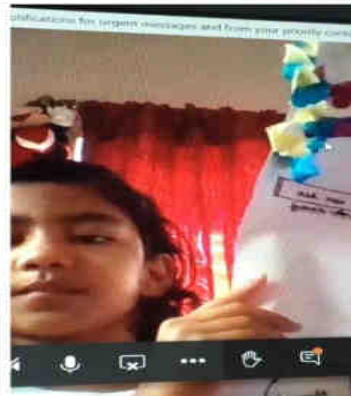
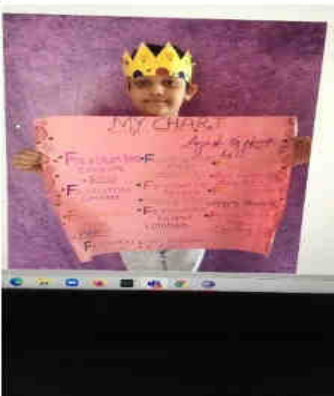
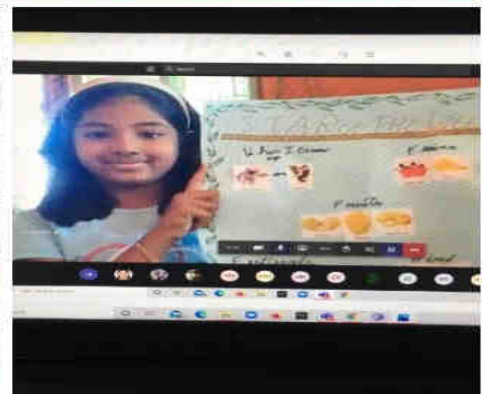
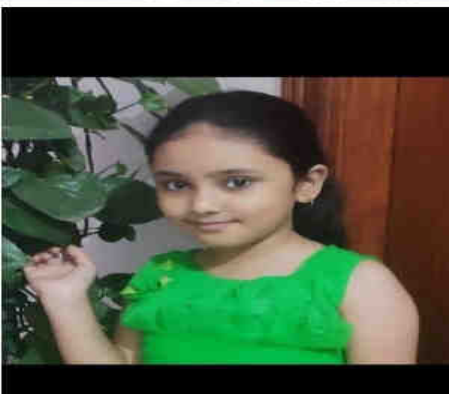
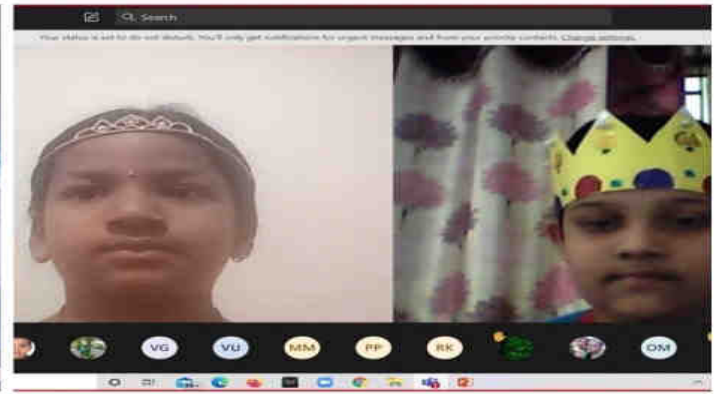
In Social Studies, children learnt many new topics through presentations and projects. They worked on setting up their own Family Trees through which concepts of relationships and generation were understood. Models of Dream Homes, Favourite Festivals, Latitudes and Longitudes and projects on Sources of History and the Preamble of the Indian Constitution, were developed and presented. Despite learning being in a virtual classroom, all activities were conducted as it used to be in a regular classroom.





The HRP sessions and class assemblies were conducted three days a week. Useful thoughts were discussed, value talk, kind words and self-motivation talks were a part of these sessions. It was very encouraging for us when parents appreciated this session where moral values were instilled in our children. The class assemblies which carried a theme helped students to display their talents and skills through this platform.

Every week, one child was selected as the 'Star of the week' and this child was given the opportunity to share his/her thoughts, likes, dislikes or something personal. Birthdays were also celebrated during the week.



In the month of July, we celebrated the English Month. In connection to this, every class was assigned two activities and one competition. Children from all grades participated with great enthusiasm. Activities like word building, role plays, dressing up as characters from novels, representation of dialogues, elocution and various grammar related activities were conducted.



In the month of August, it was the SST month. Here again, children took part in competitions and activities. To mention a few, children were engaged in activities like Rakhi making, role plays, quiz, knowing their freedom fighters, writing letter to soldiers and activities related to India and the constitution were conducted.

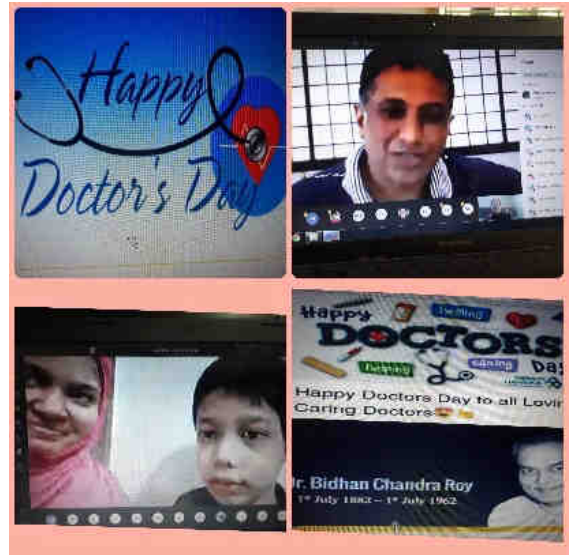
September was the Hindi month. Competitions were held in patriotic songs, rangoli designing, "kavitavachan" and collages. Hindi Divas was celebrated on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September highlighting the importance of the language and the need to learn it. Special assemblies were something children looked forward to as they knew it was time for celebration. In Presidency, we celebrate all festivals together as one big family-Be it Religious, Harvest, Seasonal, National, Regional or State festivals.





The first celebration that was held, in the month of June was “The Environment Day”. Students were dressed in green and presented their own little plant that they nurtured themselves. It was with pride that they held up their potted plants while listening to the teacher talking to them about saving our environment. They pledged to take care of their environment in every possible way they could.

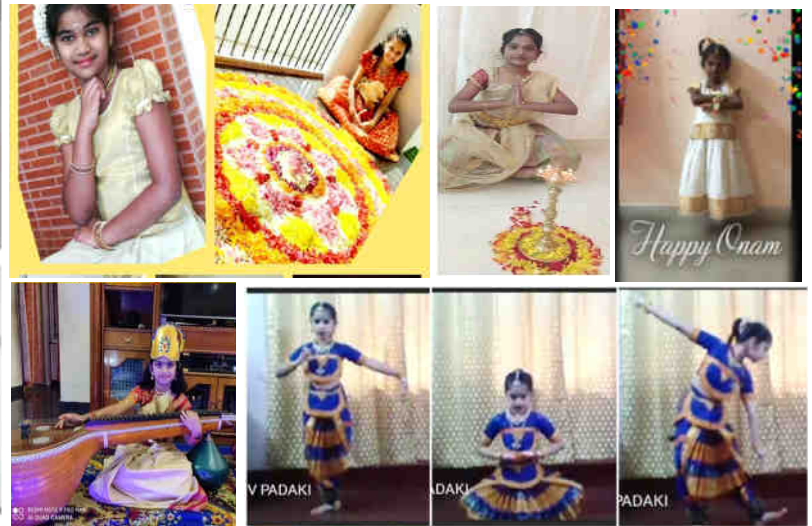
In the month of July, we had the first special assembly where we celebrated Doctor's Day. We need to respect and honour doctors who serve the nation especially with the present pandemic raging around us. They are considered as health warriors of our nation who have made great sacrifices saving the lives of others.



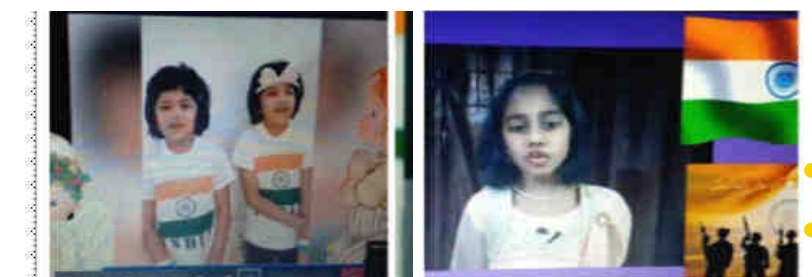
Kargil Vijay Divas commemorated beloved soldiers who face all odds in protecting and safeguarding our nation. Our children realized the hardships they face under freezing weather conditions and various other circumstances.



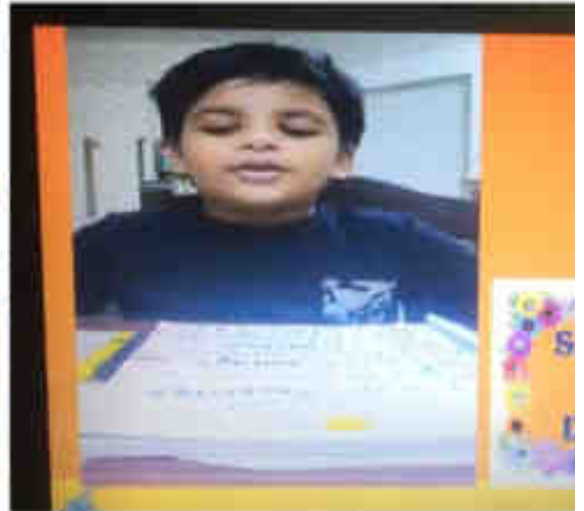
Special assemblies were conducted to celebrate various festivals like Varamahalakshmi Vrata, Bakrid, Krishna Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi, Raksha Bandhan and Onam. Each of these festivals were celebrated by the entire school. The importance, significance, cultural and traditional aspects and much more were highlighted through speeches, songs, dances, roleplays and videos. Children thus learnt the need to respect each other, their tradition, culture and rich heritage passed down to them.



Independence Day was celebrated with aplomb. Speeches, songs, dance, skits and role plays were presented. Children took part in various activities in consonance with the event. Through this celebration children reflected upon the sacrifices made by our great freedom fighters. They realized that the independence we enjoy today was not free but bought at a price paid by many great men and women of our country, many who sacrificed their lives too. Celebrating National festivals together as one big family brings about a great sense of unity and brotherhood.

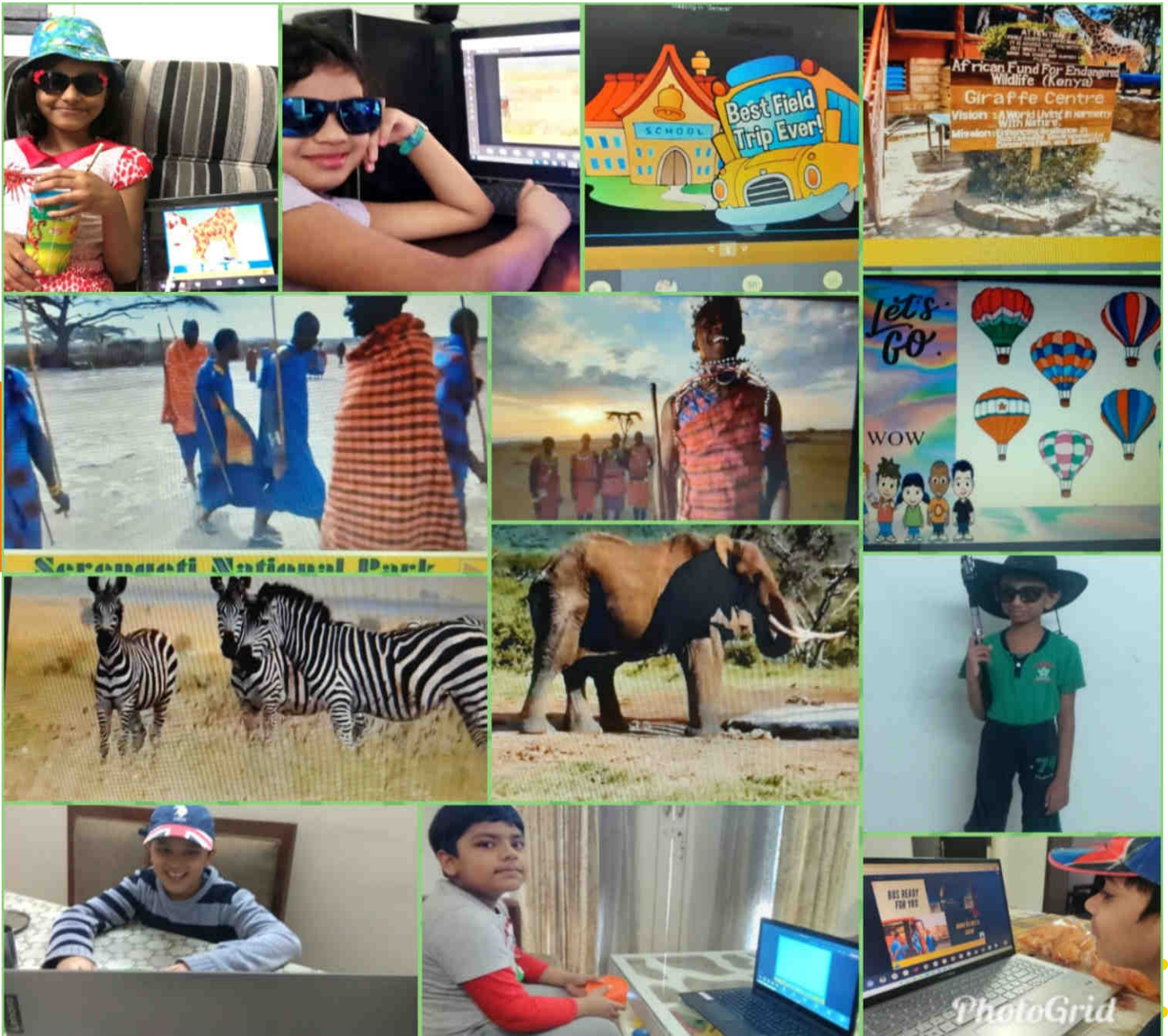


Teachers Day was celebrated on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September by our very dear students. Their warm wishes and appreciation filled us with joy and satisfaction. They acknowledged what the School had done for them, even in the toughest times. Parents and grandparents who were a part of the education system were also paid rich tributes through a presentation.





The special highlight of the first academic session were the virtual field trips conducted for all grades. Children travelled all over the world on Magic Carpets, Hot Air Balloons and Picnic Carriers to various destinations. They dared into forests, plunged under water, roamed around woods, had adventurous safaris and enjoyed the excitement of a fantasy world they had never seen before. The children of grades 1 and 2 had some more excitement witnessing their virtual pet show and their special theme culmination showcasing their virtual learning of their first academic session this year.





## Pattern Rangoli Making Competition:

A Rangoli making competition was conducted on 19th August, where students participated enthusiastically. With Gowri-Ganesha and Onam festivals round the corner, this activity truly infused the spirit of festivity.

Students proved their talent in all possible ways. They made different rangolis using flowers, fruits, pulses and vegetables. The students put their best foot forward and took part in the competition with zest. Innovation and creation are the words that best described their efforts.

Looking at the enthusiastic participation and pro-active involvement of children, the Principal declared all the students as winners! The assigned judges too agreed with this decision so as to motivate the children and acknowledge their efforts. Customised e-certificates will be given away to all the participants



Two PTMs were conducted where all parents attended and expressed their thoughts as we shared our experiences of this new normal. All of them appreciated and expressed their gratitude towards the institution.

Well last but not the least, two class tests and the First Semester Exam were conducted after which the curtains have been drawn, satisfied with a successful, eventful and a special session for all of us.



We wish all teachers, parents and students a very Happy Dussehra Break! There's a lot more awaiting on the other side of the break!



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