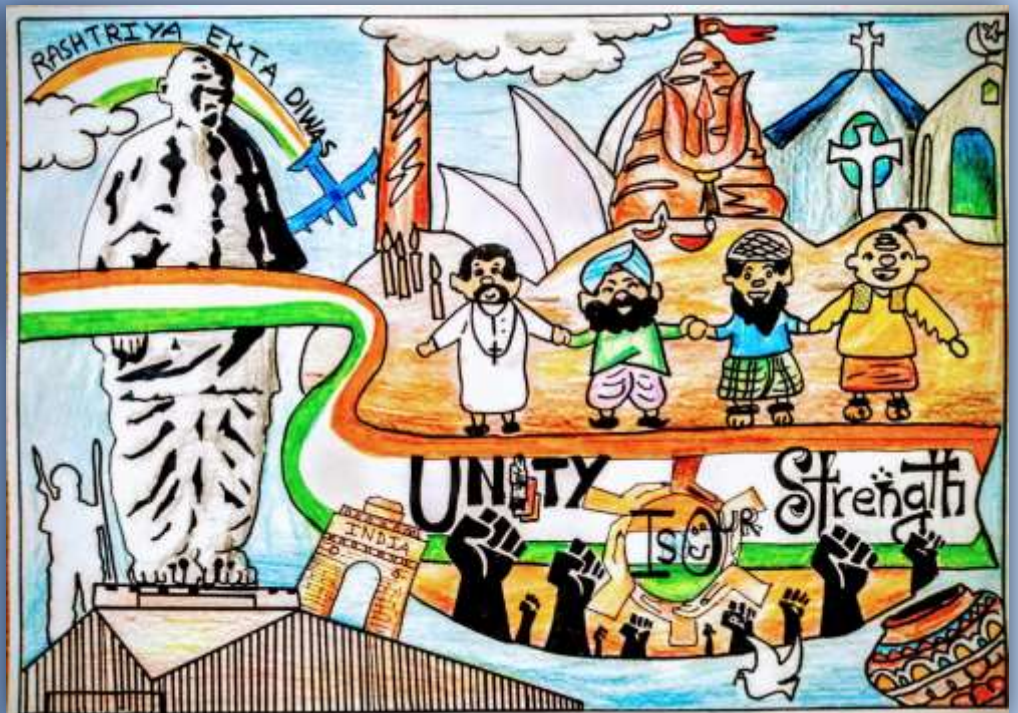




IMPERIAL HERITAGE SCHOOL SECTOR-102, GURUGRAM (CBSE AFFILIATION NO.: 531835)

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The academic year 2020- 21 will be remembered in history as a very special year- and a year that we would like to put behind us. It was a strange opening of the new session. There was no excitement, there were no children running down the corridors, there were no hugs to meet old friends and shyly greet the new ones, there was no mix of laughter and giggles and occasional crying from the pre- primary. The session commenced, but the corridors stood still. Virtual classrooms became the new norm. Phones and laptops became the new mode of instruction. As teachers learned to grasp with technology, children came forward to help with understanding Zoom better. They were always a step ahead in knowing the latest features. It took time to settle down in the new way of teaching and today, half the session later, teachers and students all got accustomed to it. Being virtual didn't stop the activities, competitions and assemblies. Nor did it stop the PE classes. The future still doesn't look bright...the school corridors still await the children...but in the meantime, as a team, we continue to fight this battle and will be back at Imperial Heritage School one day.

We shall overcome,
We shall overcome,
We shall over come some day.....
Oh....deep in our heart,
We do believe,
That we shall overcome some day!

**Being patient paid...and we received our CBSE affiliation during the pandemic.
We are now CBSE affiliated till Grade X.**



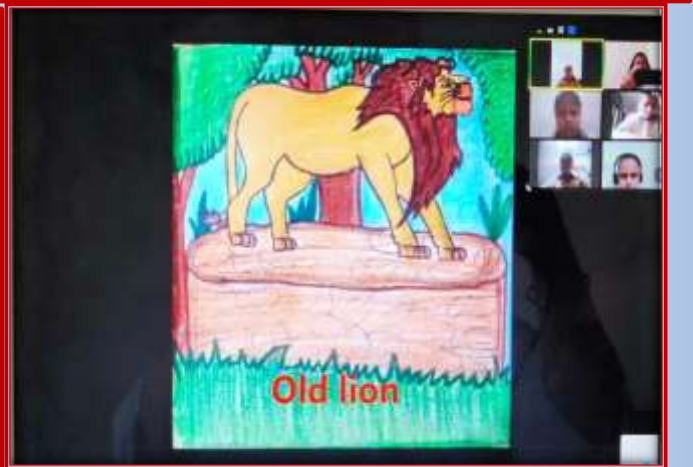
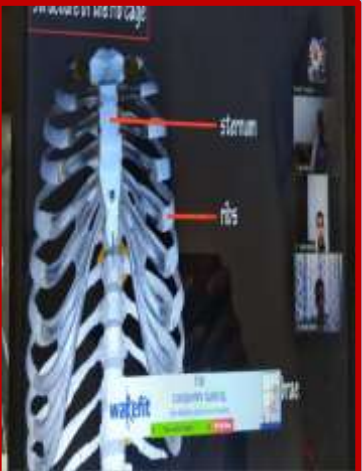
ONLINE CLASSES

"If you want to teach people a new way of thinking, don't bother trying to teach them. Instead, give them a tool, the use of which will lead to new ways of thinking."

- R. Buckminster Fuller

The teachers and the children alike had looked forward to the new session, but it had a newness that no one had experienced before. Classes were held virtually. Just a few days ago, teachers were not allowed phones in the classrooms and children were kept away from electronic gadgets- and the new session brought in technology and gadgets galore! It didn't take too long for the instructor and the learner to get used to this new system and the classes went on with the same enthusiasm and excitement- the excuses for not doing homework were the same, the interruptions during teaching-learning process were the same, and yet, it was all so different!



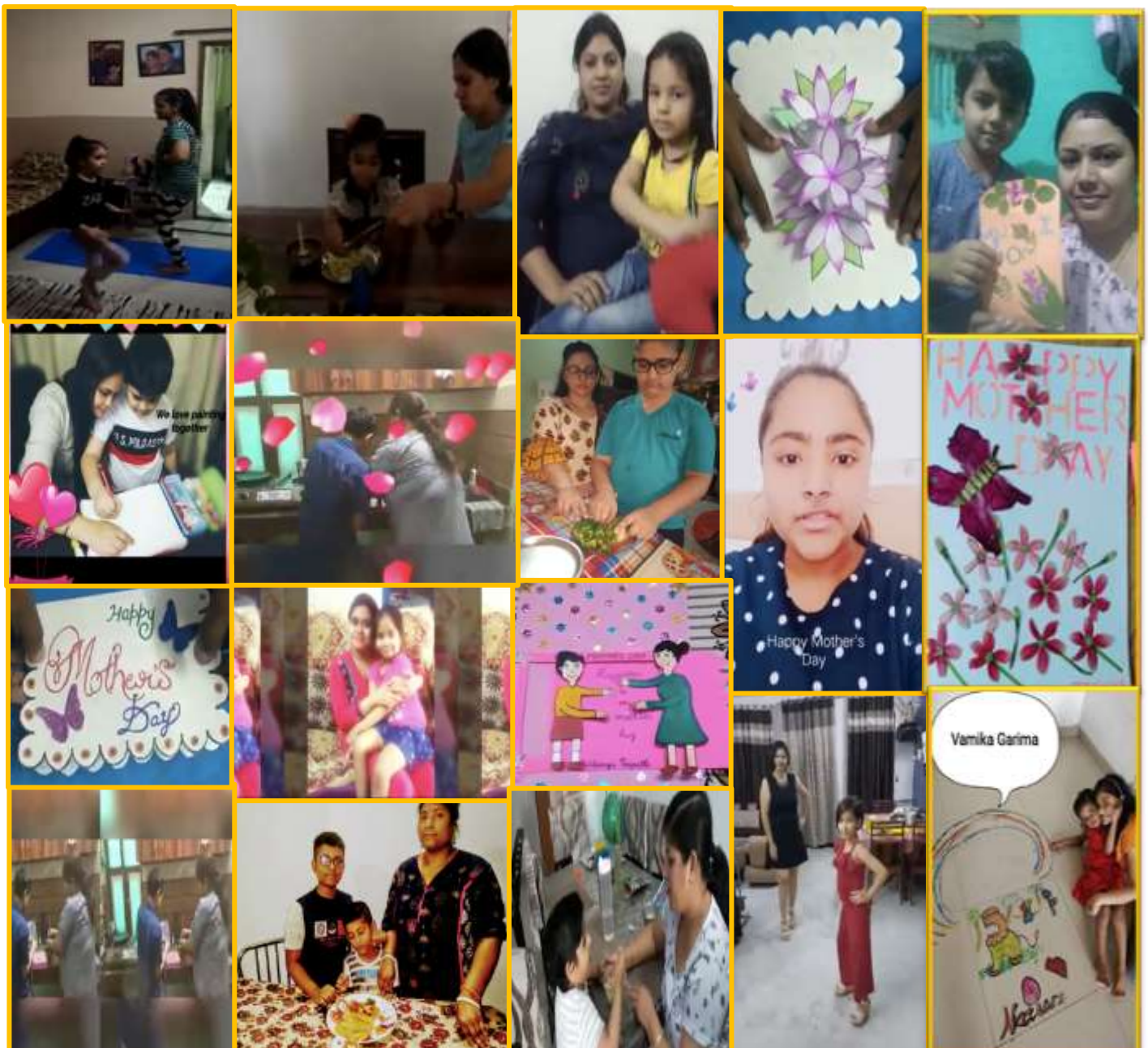


MOTHER'S DAY AND FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

"You don't have to be famous. You just have to make your mother and father proud of you."

-Meryl Streep

Parents are the most important for all of us- daughters having a stronger bond with the fathers and sons with the mothers. Who's more reliable than mom and dad? For many of us, no one. From the time we enter this world our parents are a guiding force, helping to navigate the pitfalls of life and often bailing us out when needed. While every day is spent with them, these special days help to cherish and strengthen the attachment. Students celebrated the day with their mothers and fathers on 5th May and 21st June and engaged in various fun filled activities. On Mother's Day, all the children spent time with their mothers, doing activities together- whether it was cooking, gardening, doing a fashion show or just being together- it was time well spent. The little ones of Toddlers to Grade II enjoyed a very interactive Father's Day celebration through a Zoom session. The fathers of the Toddlers group participated in a Colouring Competition and drew and coloured a picture with the help of their little one. The father- child duos of Nursery and Kindergarten had an extremely interactive Cooking Without Fire Competition and the fathers of Grades I and II participated in a Dress your Child Competition where the fathers had to dress up with five hand made accessories.





COLOUR DAYS

"Color! What a deep and mysterious language, the language of dreams."

- Paul Gauguin

Children usually learn about color during their preschool years. The ability to identify colors is considered a marker and milestone in a child's cognitive process and is often part of early screening for development and educational admittance. Recognizing the colors and identifying the color names is an important part of a child's development. Early identification of colors helps to create the cognitive link between visual clues and words. Different colour days were organized- Green, Blue, Orange, Purple, Pink and Red. Children wore clothes of the specific colours and were quick to relate the colour to items in their daily lives. While they were not in school, a few of them created their own colour corners, and were very proud that they had hand picked the items themselves. Each colour day had a craft activity done to reinforce the colour of the month.







CELEBRATIONS

"Celebrations infuse life with passion and purpose. They summon the human spirit."

- Terrence E. Deal

Celebration is a splendid word. Life itself is a celebration. It is loaded with emotions and dynamism. And when celebration comes in the form of a festivity, all worries and sorrows begin to fade away. Even though the sense of dread was in the air, yet it did not dampen the spirit of the young ones. Jamanashthami, Rakhi and Gandhi Jayanti were celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervor in the school by the Pre Primary- Grade II students. They made colourful rakhis and tied it to their brothers at home. Various craft activities and a dance programme were also conducted in the classes. Gandhi Jayanti had students talk about Gandhiji and his values through a Show and Tell and the students also learnt to draw him.





SPECIAL WEEKS

"We are here to add what we can to life, not to get what we can from life."

-William Osler

IHS believes in the holistic development of the students and along with academics, there are special weeks celebrated to rejoice in the rich culture of India. In spite of having virtual classes, the festivities continued and all the special weeks were celebrated through carefully thought of activities. The students all participated with keenness and the healthy competitive spirit was always there- each kept peering over the shoulder- in this case, on the screen, to see what their peers were doing. Book Week, Heritage Week, Dusherra Celebrations, Diwali Celebrations and Christmas Celebrations all had interesting activities and intra- class competitions.

Book Week



Heritage Week



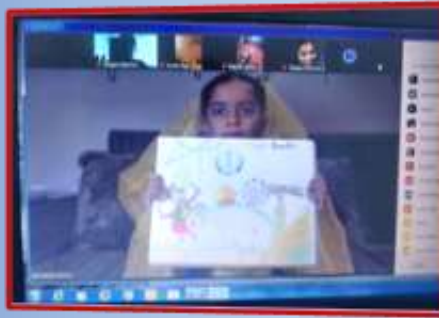
Dussehra Celebrations

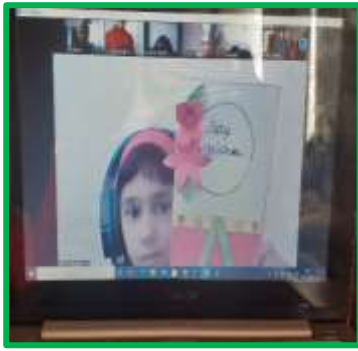


Diwali Celebrations



Christmas Celebrations







Main Problems often faced by Indian Farmers



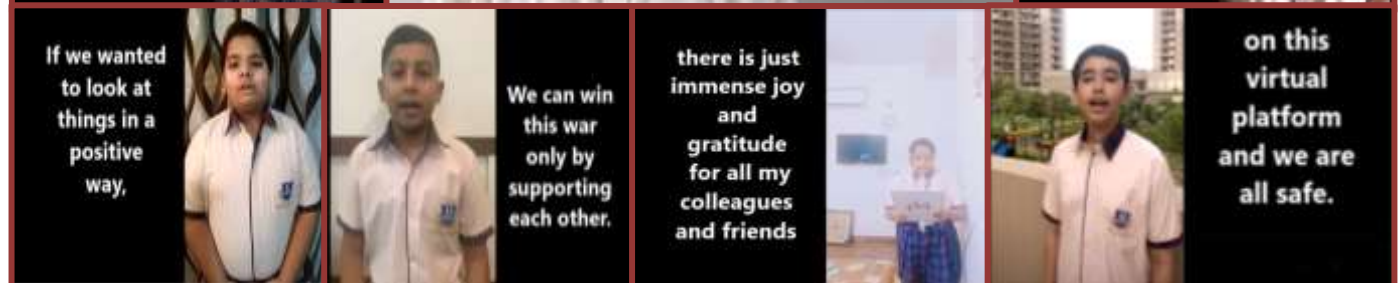
- Possible Solutions to These Problems:**
1. Multiple Crops
 2. Modernisation in Agriculture
 3. Farmers' Education is Vital
 4. The Requirement for Crop Insurance
 5. Better Water Management





SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

The assembly roster was maintained and designated classes presented special assemblies on Independence Day, Diwali and Christmas. There was also a Welcome Back to School assembly. Teachers and students were very innovative in their thinking and the assemblies were none different to off line ones- speeches, songs, skits and dances- it was all there.





The Hindus have a large numbers of festivals out. Diwali is their major festival among all. The word Diwali is derived from the Sanskrit word 'Deepawali' which means 'row of light'. It is celebrated at the end of October or many a time in the beginning of November. According to the Hindu calendar, Diwali is celebrated on the 15th day of the month of Kartik. The festival is celebrated in the joyous memory of Ramchandra's Lord Ram's return to Ayodhya after an exile of 14 years. The people of Ayodhya had lit 'diyas' using ghee to express their infinite joy on the return of their beloved Ram. That was the first Diwali to be celebrated. Goddess Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth too is worshipped on this day.

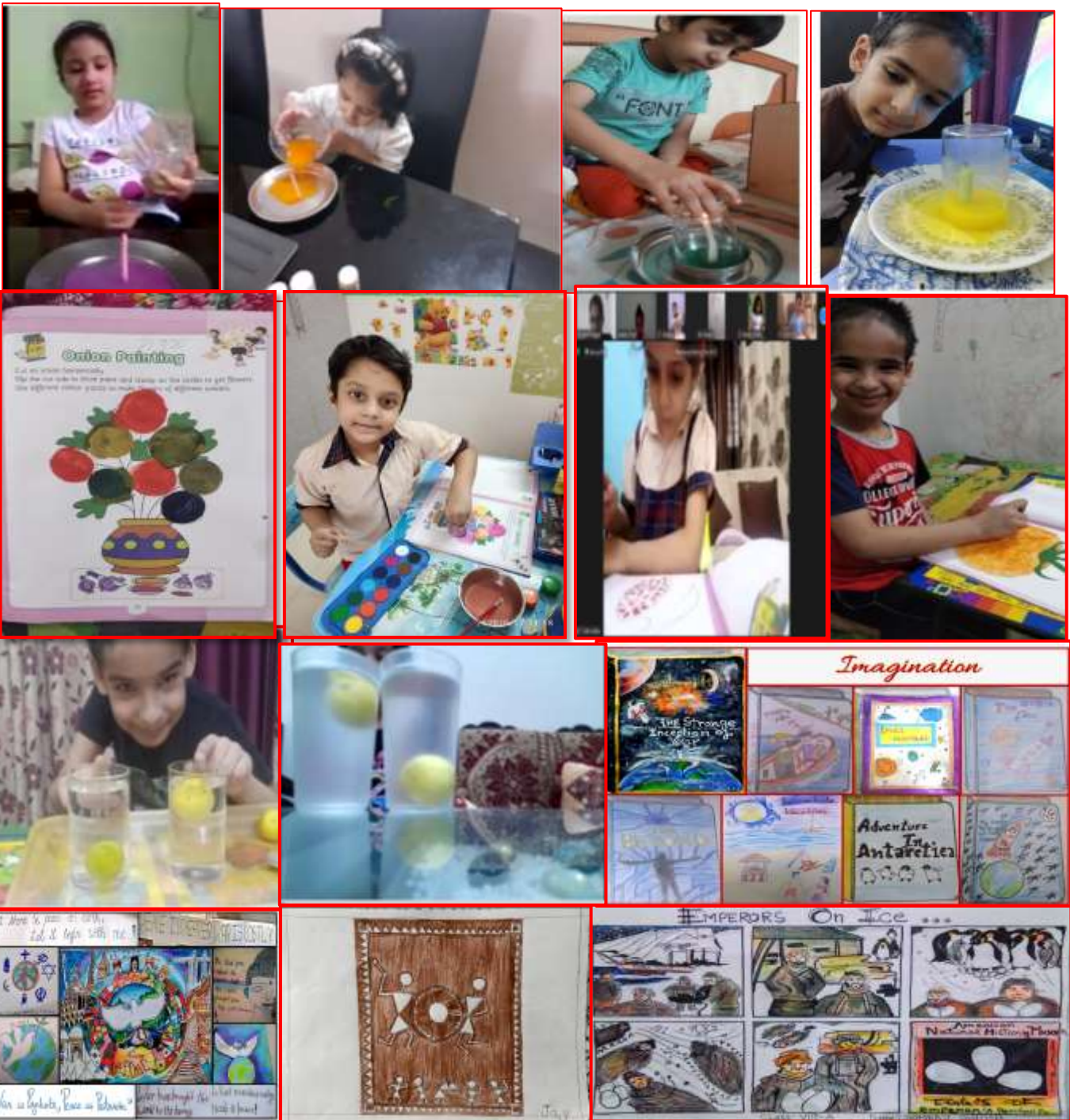


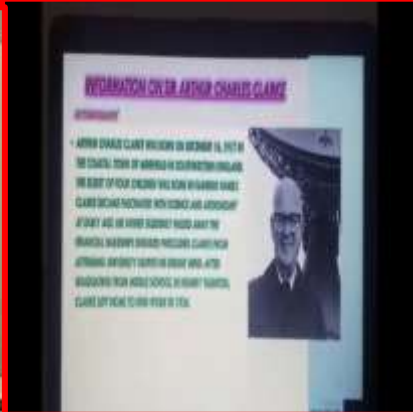
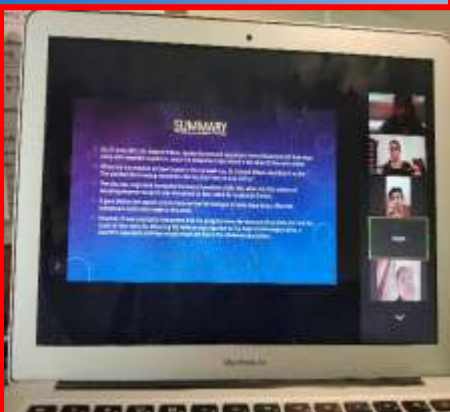
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

"You don't learn to walk by following rules. You learn by doing, and by falling over."

- Richard Branson

Experiential education is when learners actively engage in activities or experiences. Where a student would say, "I learned more because I did it instead of just talking about it." Every child is active, inquisitive and wanted to explore and it is important to develop these skills. Bearing this in mind, learning should be relevant and rewarding – rather than only theoretical. Students across all grades learnt various concepts through various activities that helped enhance the knowledge. It helped them to answer questions like why and how. STEM experiments, student led presentations, quizzes, role plays and research were some of the ways in which students dwelled deeper into the concept being taught.





INVESTITURE

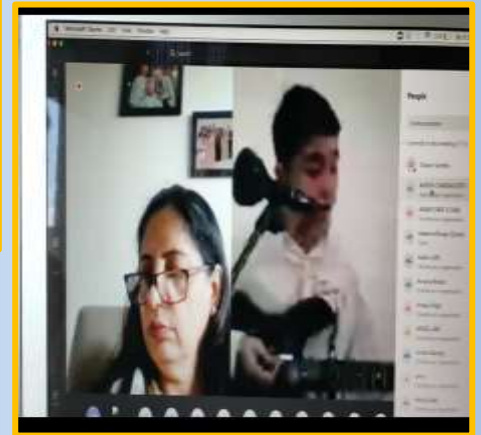
"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." – Margaret Fuller

No academic session can be complete without the student council and the pandemic didn't act as a deterrent to that. The student council of the academic session 2020- 21 was sworn in on 19th September 2020 via an online session where parents and staff were all present, along with the esteemed council members. The students went through an interview where they had to showcase their strengths and weaknesses and also highlight their values. After a thorough round of interviews and careful deliberations, the student council was selected. Respected Principal Ma'am, Ms. Neelu Sharma addressed the august gathering and shared her thoughts, while guiding the students to be the role models of the student community.



INTERSCHOOL COMPETITIONS

Students of our school got an opportunity to participate in a few Inter School Competitions and were well guided by the mentor teachers- be it via a zoom session, whatsapp video calls or emails. The hand- holding was there through out the preparation. Our students did very well and we bagged a few medals and positions.



CBSE ACTIVITIES

Being a CBSE affiliated school, there are activities under the wide CBSE umbrella that need to be conducted at school. Our students participated in Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and CBSE Expressions. For Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, the class teachers and the students took a pledge towards unity, followed by an explanation of the importance of the day. Students participated in various activities like drawing and essay writing. CBSE Expressions was an art integrated activity where activities were done around two states- Haryana and Telangana. Opportunities like these give students a pan- India platform to showcase their talent.



