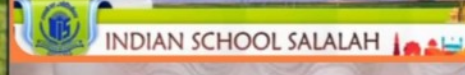




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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am extremely sanguine that Indian School Salalah, since its inception in 39 years has offered itself as a shell for sheltering and nurturing human minds from their raw state into matured and empowered citizens.

Indian School Salalah has unlocked the store house of creativity and set buoyant the students' zeal by its curricular and co-curricular activities. The wheel of excellence and constant progress has been steered with values and ethics as its fulcrum, quality education, constant improvement in infrastructure, educational technology, teaching and learning processes as it shafts to fortify immeasurable efforts to set the wheel on its track.



I take this opportunity to thank the parents, teachers, non teaching staff and my dearest students for standing unitedly in this difficult time of pandemic Covid-19. Yes, we all have fought this together. There was once a time when things were not clear and all were worried about the education of the children, Indian School Salalah was one of the first schools in Oman that commenced online teaching. The schools were closed but the teaching and learning never ceased. Indian School Salalah did not only continue with the online classes but it sustained the various activities such as CCA, Morning assembly, celebrating special days and events, Inter School competitions, various workshops and training sessions for the students and the staff followed by online exams. This colossal success is the result of the team spirit of the school staff and the cooperation and support of the parent community of Indian School Salalah.

I hereby, wholeheartedly present the last quarter of the school newsletter of this academic year. And I also wish the students and the staff all the very best for the new academic year which will commence from 1st April 2021.

I congratulate and thank the students and the teachers in bringing forth this edition of the newsletter. I passionately appreciate the hard work and dedication for the publication of this newsletter. I am sure that the positive attitude, hard work, and sustained efforts of the teachers and students will surely stimulate the minds of the readers.

With warm wishes and God's blessings,

Mr. Deepak Patankar

PRINCIPAL



Indian School Salalah



IS SALALAH TOWARDS NABET ACCREDITATION



National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET) is one of the statutory boards of Quality Council of India (QCI) that provides accreditation to schools, training course providers and auditors that meet the Board's criteria and offers a mechanism for their international recognition.

This accreditation is important because it ensures that the school has been reviewed in terms of its academics, recruiting, admissions and faculty. Moreover, NEP 2020 has made school accreditation mandatory.

Indian School Salalah aims to provide a uniform quality education from KG to Grade 12. For the same, a committee has been formed under the able

guidance of Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, President, School Management Committee, Mrs. Harmit Kaur, member SMC and Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar. Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil congratulating the NABET team stated that *they have started working*



on this with the aim to increase the standard of the teaching and learning process and to acquire the accreditation at the earliest, so to bring the school to international standards.

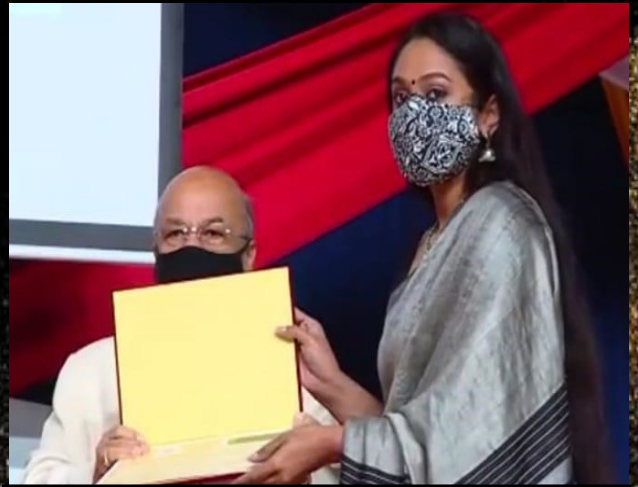
Mr. Deepak Patankar requested a *collaborative* effort from all the staff members to avail the accreditation within a year.



IS SALALAH TEACHERS WON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

In the Navin Asher Kazi award for excellence in teaching, instituted by the Board of Directors, Indian schools in Oman, in the recently held award ceremony, we feel proud to announce that our staff, Ms. Smitha Chandrasekhar, faculty of Special care and education has been honoured with the award of Excellence in teaching.

To add more glory to the school, Mr. Vipin Das, HOD, faculty of Commerce and Mr. Narayan Kutty, HOD, faculty of Mathematics have been conferred with Certificate of Recognition. The President of SMC, other members of SMC, Principal and staff take great pride in congratulating the proud award winners.



Ms. Smitha Chandrasekhar

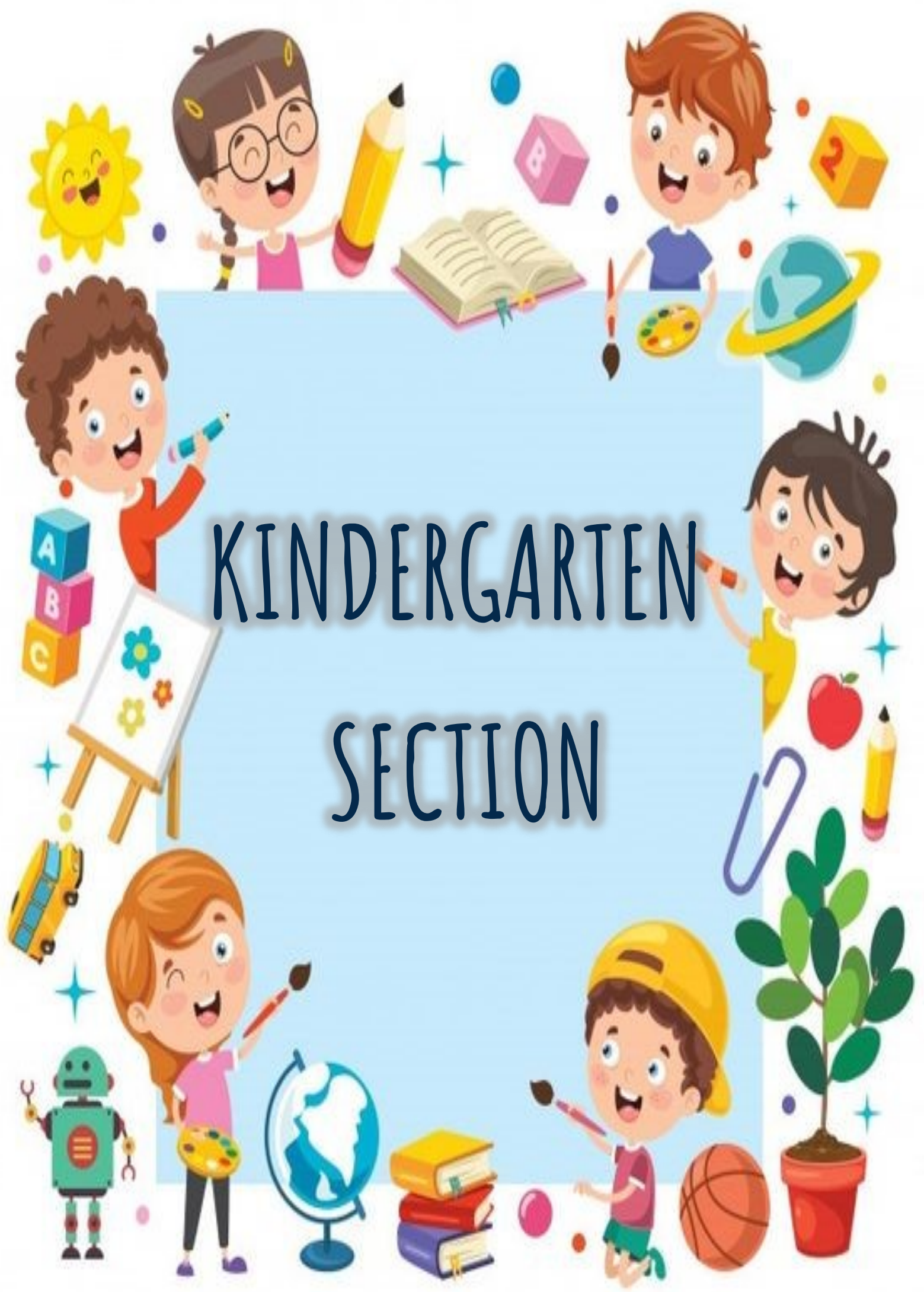


Mr. Vipin Das

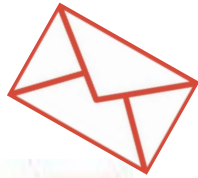


Mr. Narayan Kutty

KINDERGARTEN SECTION



WORLD POST OFFICE DAY (07/10/2020)



Today, world has become a global village.

Communication and information technology have played a crucial role in bringing the world close. Postal service was the early means of communication.

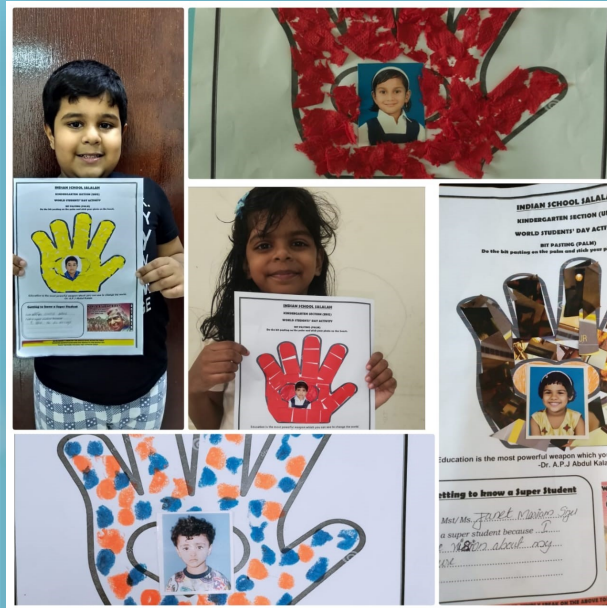


The purpose of celebrating World Post Office Day is to create an awareness on how the postal sector functions. The UKG children made models of post box, envelope and stamp during the online activity.

The children enjoyed the activity to the fullest and it helped them to understand the earliest means of communication - The Post Office.

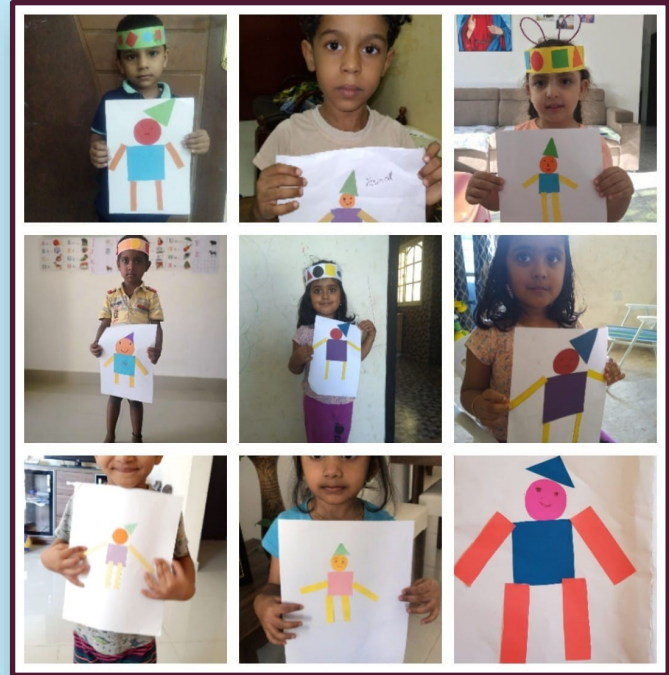
WORLD STUDENTS' DAY(15/10/2020)

World Students' Day is celebrated on 15th October to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam. Bit pasting of palm by the students and tracing of Dr. Abdul Kalam's portrait made the day exciting for the students. Students also spoke about Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and the importance of Students' Day.



SHAPES' DAY (21/10/2020)

The ability to accurately identify shapes is a foundational mathematical skill, and it is quite rewarding for children because their world is full of shapes. Understanding shapes will enable students to be more in tune to the world around them. The activity helped the children to identify and organize visual information and it also helped them to learn skills, other signs and symbols.

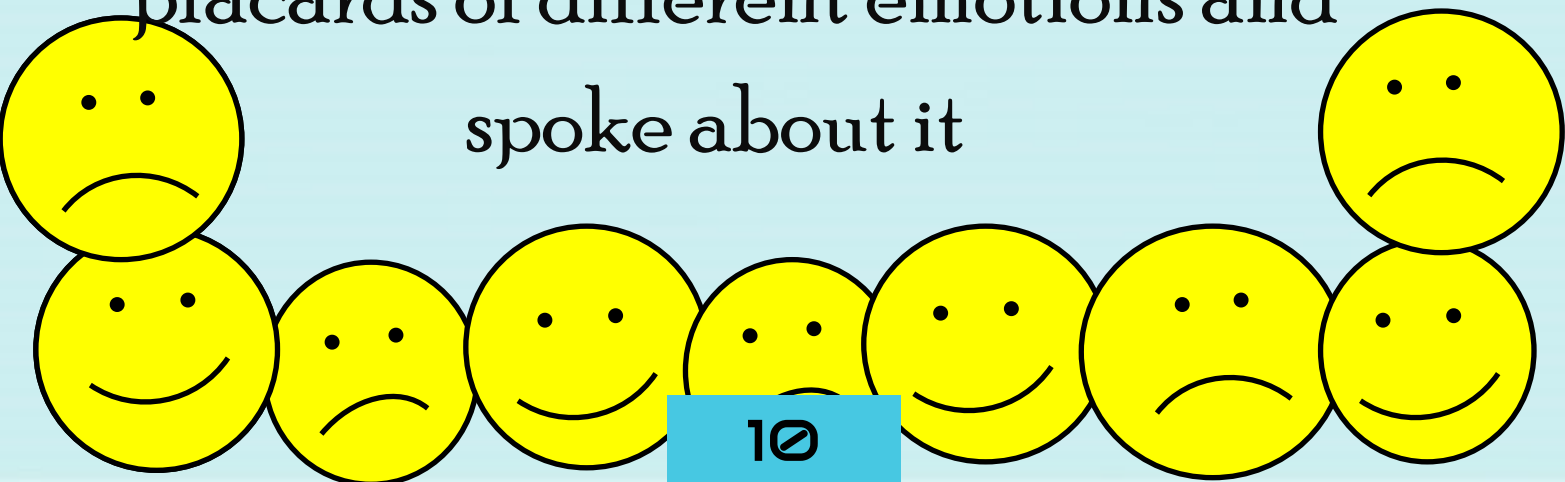


EMOTIONS ' DAY (28/10/2020)



The first day of kindergarten is filled with emotions. And to make them understand

what emotions are, an activity was conducted. Engaging the students in a series of activities to identify different feelings and emotions enable to develop their language, literacy, social and emotional skills. Children made placards of different emotions and spoke about it



DIWALI CELEBRATION (11/11/2020)

"Diyas to enjoy life, Sweets to sweeten success and Worship to thank GOD".

Diwali is one of the important festivals of India. It is the festival of light and symbolizes the spiritual victory of the light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. Children



made Diyas and Lanterns during online class. The highlights of the celebration were the sweets made by the mothers and their performance of different cultural programmes along with their kids.



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION (14/11/2020) LIVE STREAM

The tiny tots of the Kindergarten celebrated Children's Day online along with the students of the senior sections. Their high-spirited participation was the icing on the cake.





Educating students about the community helpers and the kind of roles they play in our daily lives, is highly important. Indeed, they remind us of how interconnected we all are when



we live in a community. With an aim of stimulating the students' imagination and enhancing their social development skills, we celebrated 'Community Helpers Day' during online class. Children dressed up as different community helpers and spoke about their role in daily life.



FASHION FIESTA—SEASONS

(20/01/2021)



Each season of the year has its own beauty and significance. A fancy-dress show was organized for the tiny tots during online class to

make them understand the four seasons. Children dressed up according to the seasons and spoke about the dress they wore and the and the season depicting it.



KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION DAY 2021

Kindergarten section celebrated virtual Graduation Ceremony on Saturday, March 13, 2021. The programme began with a prayer song and a formal welcome by the UKG children. It was followed by a wonderful welcome dance by the girls of UKG. The president of the school, Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil blessed the students with his speech followed by Principal, Mr. Deepak Patankar, KG in-charge Ms. Reenu Davis and Primary in-charge Ms. Anita Rose with a felicitation address. They all congratulated the teachers for their dedication and hard work in shaping the students through education and other co-curricular activities. Then a mesmerizing western dance was performed by the students. The highlight of the celebration was the collage of each graduation class where the students' photos were displayed wearing the Graduation attire.

Icing on the cake was the 'Thank you song' by the UKG students with a journey from their home to the school and handing over a Thank you card to their teachers. Vote of thanks was proposed by the LKG students. It was indeed a joyous and memorable day to the little ones as they move up the ladder to the Primary school.



PRIMARY SECTION



ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE - CLASSES 1&2

LIFE SKILLS



DIWALI LAMP ACTIVITY



ART & CRAFTS

COIN PURSE ACTIVITY



HINDI DIVAS

WORLD POSTAL DAY



World Postal Day was celebrated on 9th October. This day is celebrated to bring awareness about the role of people engaged in postal services. Children enthusiastically made post boxes and shared the pictures of the same with their respective class teachers.



World Heart Day

To create awareness about the importance of a healthy heart, and also to promote different preventative steps and changes in lifestyle to avoid any heart diseases, the Primary wing of Indian School Salalah celebrated World Heart day on 29th September. Posters and videos related to this were shared in the class groups.



GANDHI JAYANTI

To commemorate the 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, students of grade 1 and 2 celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October. As a mark of respect and reverence to the pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence, Children dressed up in Gandhiji's attire, enthusiastically delivered speeches on Gandhiji's values and contribution to the Indian nation. Melodious songs paying tribute to the 'Father of Nation' were also sung. The Class teachers compiled these videos and shared it with the kids in the class groups



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION



International Day for Disaster Reduction was celebrated on 13th October to create awareness about disaster and their management. The videos and messages related to this were shared in the class groups. 'Disaster risk governance' was the theme for this year's disaster management and children drew beautiful pictures based on the theme.



WORLD STUDENTS' DAY

World Students' day is celebrated on 15th October across the globe to mark the birth anniversary of the Missile Man of India, Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam, Former Indian President and Aerospace scientist. Students paid tribute to the great hero by dressing up like Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and also by rendering speeches about his personality and achievements. The videos were shared with the respective class teachers, who in turn, shared it with the class groups. A motivational video of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam's struggles of his childhood was shown to the students. They were inspired by the will-power and dedication of this great scientist.



GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY



Global Hand washing day was celebrated on 15th October to raise global awareness on the importance of washing hands with soap. The day became more relevant than ever before due to COVID-19 pandemic. The importance of washing hands was explained by the class teachers and the process of hand washing was demonstrated to the students. Children actively participated in this activity.



UNITY DAY



31st October, the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel, is observed as the National Unity Day. The day was celebrated with great patriotic spirit and fervour by the students of grade 1 and 2. The students participated by dressing up in the costumes of different states and the videos of the same was shared with their class teachers. The videos were compiled and posted in the class groups and it was enjoyed and appreciated by one and all.



CHILDREN'S DAY

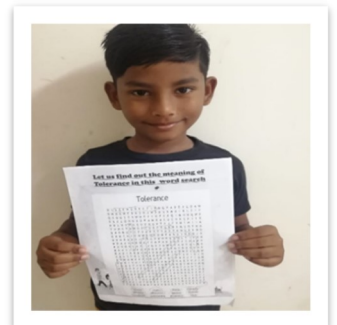


“There is no garden as beautiful as childhood”. The Children’s day was celebrated on November 14th with fun and frolic. The pre-recorded videos of cultural activities performed by the staff of Indian School Salalah for their beloved children were live streamed and the performances were enjoyed by both children and their parents.

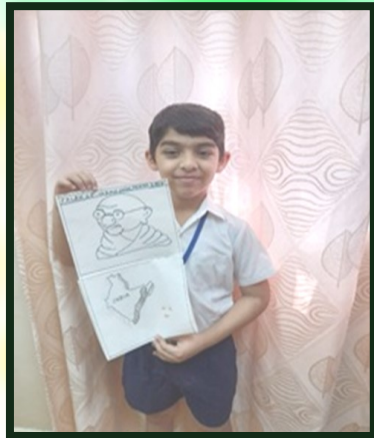


TOLERANCE DAY

Tolerance is respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world’s cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human. To educate the students to accept and respect the differences in people, the International Day for Tolerance’ was celebrated on 16th November. Children actively participated by colouring pictures on the theme of Tolerance Day. A word search activity was also conducted, in which, the students had to find out the meaning of ‘Tolerance’.



REPUBLIC DAY



The 72nd Republic Day of India was celebrated virtually with great patriotic spirit. A pre-recorded video of patriotic songs, worthy speeches in English and Hindi and colourful dance performance by the Primary and Middle School students was live streamed to parents and students.

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

International Mother Language day was celebrated on 21st February. Mother tongue is always an asset. Multilingual education from early childhood will enhance the quality of learning and helps in reaching the unreached. Children celebrated this day by recording their self-introduction in their mother tongue and the videos were shared with the respective class teachers



CCA EVENTS



The finals of the CCA events - English Recitation, Hindi Recitation, and Just A Minute Competition were conducted virtually. The students confidently participated and displayed commendable performances.

OTHER EVENTS

Other important days like World Kindness Day, Engineers' Day, Ozone Day, World Television Day, World Braille Day, National Girl Child day, National Student Day, National Pollution day, World Mental Health Day, International peace day, National Education day, National bird day, World Science Day, World Sight Day, World Food Day, World Television Day, World Hello Day, National Pollution Prevention day, International Education day, International World teachers day, International Girl Child Day were all celebrated to create awareness and educate the students. Activities and videos related to the same were shared with the students.



ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE - CLASSES 3&4



CCA - FANCY DRESS



WORLD SCIENCE DAY



ART INTEGRATED PROJECT



Art integrated project

COMPUTER SCIENCE CLASSES



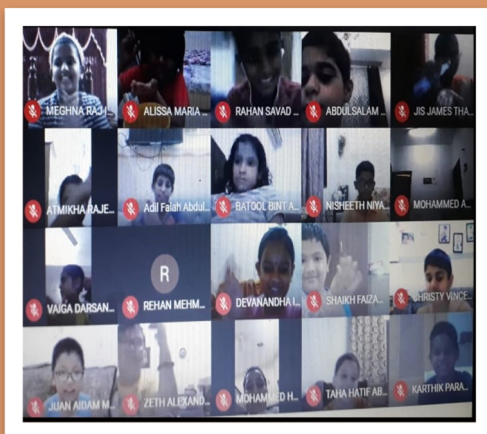
GANDHI JAYANTI

To commemorate the 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a spectacular programme was presented on the virtual platform by the students of grade 3 and 4, on 3rd October 2020. To show their respect and reverence to the Father of our Nation, many children participated in the programme enthusiastically and it was live streamed for the parents to watch.



GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

To raise global awareness on the importance of hand-washing with soap to prevent the spread of any virus and to ensure better health and hygiene, the students of grade 3 and 4 celebrated the Global Handwashing Day on 14th October 2020. How to wash the hands neatly, was demonstrated by the teachers, and, the students were made to do the same. Videos related to this were also shared with the students.



IS QUIZ

The second edition of mega Inter-school Quiz Competition (ISQUIZ 2020) was hosted by Indian School Salalah, under the aegis of the Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman. In the Sub Junior category more than 500 students from Indian School Salalah registered for the competition.

The grand finale of the Sub Junior category was conducted on 5th

October 2020, at 5 pm and

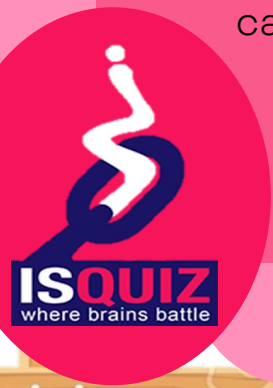
Miss. Ima Salam from grade 3H and Miss. Aysha Imran from grade 3C, emerged as the proud winners of this competition.



Imah Salam



Aysha Imran



Children's Day

To mark the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India, Pandit. Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian School Salalah celebrated the children's day with great zeal and excitement on 14th November 2020, through the virtual platform. The celebration was organized by the teachers. The teachers of the Primary Section actively participated in the colourful programme to make the children feel special on this joyous occasion.



ART- INTEGRATED PROJECTS

Art Integrated and Experiential Learning helps to broaden the minds of the students and enables them to see the multidisciplinary link between topics of real life. To enhance this and to make learning more interesting, students were made to do activities based on Art Integration.



WORK

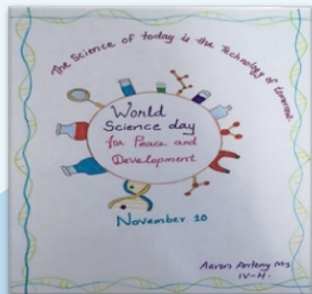
EXPERIENCE CLASSES

To help the students to progress in their computer skills, the Primary Section started with the Computer Science classes (work experience classes) for the students in the month of February. The students attended the classes with much interest and enthusiasm.



REPUBLIC DAY

The 72nd Republic Day of India was virtually celebrated with great patriotic spirit and fervour by the students of grade 3 and 4 along with grade 7. The melodious patriotic songs, the colourful dance and the worthy speeches delivered by the students filled every heart with pride and patriotism.



OTHER EVENTS

To create awareness and educate the students on the global issues and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity, the Primary Section of Indian School Salalah celebrated various days. On 8th October 2020, *World Postal day* was celebrated. Beautiful Post Boxes were made by the children on that day and they also learnt about the Postal Service. World Science day for peace and development was celebrated on 10th October 2020. Videos and snap shots of the experiments conducted by children and posters made by them, were sent to the teachers.

World teachers' day, International Day of the Girl Child, Indian Air force day, World Sight Day, International Day for Disaster reduction, National Unity Day, World Vegan day, Tsunami awareness day, National Education day, World Hello Day, World Television Day, World Braille day and World Men's day were some of the special days celebrated in the school. Videos and cards were posted in the class groups on these days. All the video presentations and drawings of the students were live streamed on 15th October, the day that is celebrated as World Students Day, to commemorate the birth anniversary of APJ Abdul Kalam.

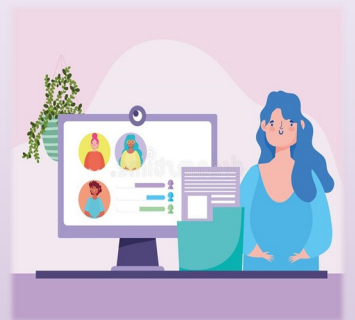
CCA EVENTS


The CCA events for the Primary Section commenced on 18th October 2020 with the selection process for the events - Solo Song and Hindi Recitation for grade 3 and 4 respectively. The initiation taken by the students to participate in various competitions is commendable. Overall, 311 students from class 3 and 256 students from class 4 participated in various CCA events.



PTM

The second virtual PTM was organized on 17th October 2020 at 5 pm. Parents appreciated the hard work of the teachers and the effort taken by the school admins to make the online classes successful. It was followed by the third virtual meeting on February 23, 2021. The main agenda was to give a clear idea of the final examination and also to thank them for extending their support and cooperation throughout the pandemic period which helped in making the online classes interesting and fruitful.





SENIOR SECTION

RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL AFTER THE LOCKDOWN

Re-opening schools, even in a phased manner poses a lot of challenges for the school authorities and the management, but Indian School Salalah weathered the storm as it commenced the regular schooling on Sunday, 10th January 2021, for its students after a long break due to the COVID-19 pandemic as per the decision of the Supreme Committee and following the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education for schools in Oman.

Initially, class XII Science batches attended the school for their Science and Computer Science practical sessions. Various measures had been put in place, from social distancing to staggered school times, to keep students and staff safe and reduce the likelihood of transmitting germs. To ensure

safety and security of each child and the staff attending school, school had asked students and staff to furnish Self Declaration Health form and provided guidelines and SOP to be followed while attending the sessions. After being successful in this venture, Pre-Board Examination for grades 10 and 12 and Final Examination for grades 9 and 11 were conducted successfully in the school premises.

Staff were assigned at the two main gates to monitor each student. Their body temperature was measured and recorded and ensured that they had all the protective measures like gloves, face shield mask and hand sanitizer. The school also arranged facilities for isolation, First Aid, ambulance etc. in case of emergency.



INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH HOSTS THE SECOND EDITION OF 'GLINTS-GOING BEYOND'-MEET-THE-LEADER PROGRAMME



Indian School Salalah, under the aegis of the Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman, organized the second edition of Meet-the-Leader programme titled “GLINTS - Going Beyond”, on 12th January 2021 on virtual platform. “GLINTS – Going Beyond” is an initiative by the BOD to empower the educators by interacting with the great teachers who have brought a positive transformation in the society and to acquire the skill that enables a person to go beyond the precincts that binds him.

The resource person for the second edition was Mr. Anil Pradhan, an Indian engineer, innovator and revolutionary educationist also known as the “Ideas Man of India.” He is the founder of Navonmesh Prasar Foundation and School for Rural Innovation (IPSFRI), which was founded in 2015 to educate the less-privileged students of Odisha through an interdisciplinary curriculum. The mission of this exceptional leader is to create a thirst for innovation among students so that every student, regardless of their background, becomes an achiever and this helps in the progress of the country.

In the interactive session with the principals and teachers of 21 Indian Schools in Oman, Mr Anil Pradhan shared the experience of his journey from a civil engineer to that of an innovator who wants to make the future generation ‘entrepreneurs’ and not mere ‘employees.’ He opined that students become self-motivated when curiosity develops in them and for this, one must shift from passive learning to hands-on experiential learning and exploration. He concluded his speech by requesting all the teachers to ‘believe’ their students, consider them as their own children and teach them from heart.

It was followed by the question answer session, where Mr. Anil clarified the doubts that teachers had. To a question asked regarding how to incorporate interdisciplinary courses, Mr. Anil elucidated that with a positive mind and a willingness to take up the risk, one can surely make a difference. He also said that the National Education Policy (NEP)2020, has incorporated interdisciplinary learning which would be beneficial for the students to get equipped themselves. The views shared by Mr. Anil were truly an eye opener for all the teachers.

Mr. Deepak Patankar, Principal, Indian School Salalah expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Baby Sam Saamuel, Chairman, Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman for giving an opportunity for all the Indian school teachers across Oman, to interact with the great teachers who have made a difference. Overall the session was enriching and fruitful. The session came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by the moderator, Mrs. Rachel Abraham, faculty, English Department, Indian School Salalah.

ALUMNI MEET – JEYANSH 2021 HELD AT INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH

Marking excitement, entertainment and expectation, JEYANSH 2021, the Alumni Meet of Indian School Salalah was held online through digital platform on 6 February, 2021 at 5 pm. A video presentation of lighting of lamp gave an auspicious start to the meet. The video presentation titled 'Video with Jeyansh 2021' highlighted the salient features of the meet. To start the occasion on an auspicious note, school choir presented a heart-touching invocation song. Mr. Anto Lalu, faculty in Economics welcomed the gathering. Reminiscing their old yet memorable school days, the spectacular 'Video of Memories'; made all the alumni closer to their memories they cherished at their alma mater.

Alumni Mr. Jasmeet Singh Konsal, the first head boy of the school, Dr. Kuryakose Joseph and Ms. Reshmi Soans spoke on the occasion sharing their experiences in their adult life as well as interesting moments of their school days. It was a special moment of celebration when alumnus Mr. Ashish Samtani and alumnae Ms. Ayana Sara Shaji and Mrs. Devi Krishna sang beautiful songs. An audio visual presentation highlighted the alumni spread around the globe with very good positions in their career.

Re-awakening alumni's memories of their lovely teachers, an entertaining and enthralling session, the 'Tag Line'- a rapid round of guess the teacher- was held by Mr. Parvinder Singh, faculty of Physical Education. During the meet, convener and deputy-convener of alumni meet 2021 were announced. Mr. Unnikrishnan, HOD, Social Sciences was announced as the convener of 'Jeyansh' for the year 2021 and Mr. Parvinder Singh, Mrs. Ponni Bhaskar, Mr. Anto Lalu and Mr. Showkat Ali to represent various batches from 1993 to 2020 as deputy-convener.



Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, President, School Management Committee and Principal, Mr. Deepak Patankar wholeheartedly participated in the meet through an interactive session in which both of them communicated with the audience sharing about the essence - vision and objectives—of alumni meet - Jeyansh. Speaking on this occasion, the President, SMC highlighted the basic require-

ments for having an alumni association at school, where as the principal reiterated that school would give its alumni ample opportunities for their interaction and guidance for the students. The interactive session was well convened by Mrs. Renu Jethin, faculty in English.

The virtual alumni meet - Jeyansh 2021 well anchored by the students, came to its closure when alumnus Mr. Sameer Ahmed proposed vote of thanks. Attending the alumni meet proved to be a very nostalgic and gratifying experience for the alumni as they virtually met their batchmates and teachers.

INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH ALUMNA MRS. JULIE ANTONY AT JEYANSH ALUMNI MEET 2021 AT INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH

Jeyansh 2021 rolled out the first Alumni programme for students of Indian School Salalah on 20th February 2021 at 7.00pm. This was an exclusive online session for class X and XII on "How to chase your dreams?" by Mrs Julie Antony, a software Engineer in the U.S. and an alumna of 1997 batch.

The session was presided over by Dr.Syed Ahsan Jamil, President of the School Management Committee. It was attended by Principal Mr.Deepak Patankar, the members of the School Management Committee, Asst. Vice Principal Mrs. P.V.Anantha Lakshmi, Incharges, HODs of various departments, teaching and non-teaching staff and students of classes X and XII.

Miss Jerina Sebastian introduced Mrs Julie Antony, alumna of 1997 batch, to the audience on the online platform. Mrs Julie Antony in her address quoted that the school prayer reminded her of her old school days. She felt honoured to be back to her Alma mater. She added that Indian School Salalah had given her enormous values which made a difference in her life. She expressed her gratitude to all the teachers who taught her and influenced her from KG to class XII especially, Mrs Ponni Basker , Mr.Parvinder Singh, Mr Balasubramanian, Mrs Winnifred Lobo and non-teaching staff Mr Ismail.

Mrs Julie Antony highlighted three important key points one should bear in mind after class XII: the right set of friends who are instrumental in shaping the minds; to trust our instinct and to be in touch with their parents as they are the pillars of support. During her talk on 'How to chase your dreams?', she quoted,



Dr A P J Abdul Kalam's famous words that dreams are not what you see in sleep. It is the thing that doesn't let you sleep. She spoke briefing seven points on how to chase your dreams. Her anecdotes from her personal experiences made it more convincing. According to her first thing is to believe in oneself. Students need perseverance to chase their dreams and should be ready to face risks associated with opportunities.

She answered all the questions raised by the students diligently. To the question 'What is the biggest factor that has helped her to be successful?' she replied that it's 'self motivation'. For another question, "How has your alma mater helped you in your success story?" , she became candid and said that Indian school Salalah had taught her, irrespective of political views, religious difference, faith, gender, culture and race of the other person, to treat everyone with same dignity.

School Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar thanked Mrs. Julie Antony for the session and for sharing her experiences with students. Miss Elsa proposed the vote of thanks.



Mrs. Julie Antony

INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH STUDENT RECEIVED EAMUNC 'DIPLOMACY AWARD'

E. Ahmad Model United Nations conference is an international model UN conference organised by Indian school Al Ghubra. Conference was organised on 24 th and 25 th October 2020. Five students of Indian school Salalah participated in the conference, they were Miss.Mansi Gururani, Miss. Angelamary John, Miss. Manithra Camelia Augustine, Mater. Samved Shaji Nambiar and Mast. Justus Sebastian. They had represented different organs of the UN like UNIL0, UNHRC, UNFA0, DISEC and the UN Security Council in the conference. Master Samved Shaji Nambiar has been selected for 'Diplomacy Award' of the conference.

INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH EMINENT WRITER CHETAN BHAGAT

Indian School Al Mabela organized an interactive session with widely acclaimed Indian author and columnist Mr. Chetan Bhagat on 29 January 2021 through virtual platform. Students from various Indian schools of Oman got an opportunity to interact with the famous personality. During the session, the students asked many questions to Mr. Chetan Bhagat to which he answered to their utmost satisfaction.



Ms. Ananya.G.V. of class XI A represented Indian School Salalah for the interactive session.

She asked Mr. Bhagat how he would overcome writer's block for which he responded that he would try not to reach that pressure as far as possible and do other things not just writing. He also added that taking breaks keeps the mind fresh. The session was truly lively and the students gained energy and inspiration from this eminent writer.



LAURELS IN INTER SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

Though out the academic year 2020-21 with confronting challenges, uncertainties and new experiences, Indian School Salalah has continued to achieve success, trophies and awards in the inter school competitions held on the virtual platform, the ongoing pandemic has failed to dampen their spirits.

FIRST RUNNER UP-AMBASSADOR'S POLEMIC INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION



In the Ambassador's Polemic Inter-school Debate competition held by BOD on the 28th of October 2020, Master Samved Shaji Nambiar with his effective communication, well-placed arguments and charismatic expressions, bagged the First Runners-up position, in the best speaker's category, speaking against the topic, 'Online education has made students more independent learners'. He competed against 37 speakers from 17 Indian schools across Oman. It is indeed a matter of pride that our school has been bagging awards consistently in the Ambassador's debate competition since the last four years.

ONLINE INTER-SCHOOL ART FESTIVAL ORGANISED BY AL - JADEED EXCHANGE, OMAN

In the Online Inter- School Art Festival organised by Al-Jadeed Exchange, students of ISS participated whole heartedly and bagged several prizes. In 'Reading own story'- J.Raizel Rayna bagged the first prize and Zamohra Dsouza won the second prize. Kashif Firoz, Aveena Rose and Farha Fathima won consolation prizes. In Recitation-Poem, Huda Tasneem Irshad was the winner of the second prize. Philip T George, Sidharth Jayaprakash and Suryadev Umesan won consolation prizes. In Recitation -Elocution, Jhanvin Mary and Yushika Jaiswal bagged consolation prizes. In Action Song, the second prize was won by Ghaidaa Taher.

ISTF

Indian school Salalah has been constantly putting up a fabulous performance in the ISTF over the years. This year too, was no exception. Our students did not leave any stones unturned in putting in all their efforts for this esteemed virtual event conducted by Indian School Al Mabella. Many students secured A Grade certificates by showcasing their talents in various events like Dance, Music, Art, Literary, Performing Art, and IT events. Colouring events witnessed a large number of students participating actively in the sub junior category. Wonderful performances were put up by the SEN students too. Students with unique talents also got a chance to portray their special talents in UTAR (unique Talent Recognition).

FIRST POSITION IN MATHS QUIZ

In the 3rd High School Mathematics Quiz Competition conducted by Dhofar University, on 22nd February 2021, our school students Master Antriksh Singh [Class.XI] secured the FIRST position and Master Aditya Kumar Singh (Class.X) secured the SECOND position individually and our school secured FIRST POSITION for the consecutive third year. Master Vineet Vatsal received the 5th position along with prize and a certificate



ANTRIKSH SINGH



ADITYA KUMAR
SINGH



VINEET VATSAL

WINNER IN EMBASSY INTER-SCHOOL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION



MANSI GURURANI

In the inter school essay writing competition conducted by Embassy of India, Muscat held as a part of celebration of Constitution Day and Campaign on citizens' duties. Miss Mansi Gururani of class XII has made the school proud by emerging as the winner, by presenting her views in the competition. Her logical flow of ideas and cohesiveness greatly helped her to win the position.

FIRST RUNNER UP IN INTER SCHOOL MATHS QUIZ

Indian School Salalah held its head high once again as Master Antriksh Singh and Master Sagin Anil of class XI, secured the first Runners-up position in the fifth edition of Inter School Mathematics Quiz 'Vision of Infinity' conducted by Indian School Wadi Kabir, comprising of twelve teams.



ANTRIKSH SINGH



SAGIN ANIL

FIRST AND SECOND POSITIONS IN LET'S TALK COMPETITION



KHUSHI SHARMA



VAREESHA JAVED

In the All Oman Indian Inter-school "Let's Talk" contest organized by Life Institutes for grades 5-12, ISS students Ms. Vareesha Javed of class VII stood first for entire Oman in the class VII category and Ms. Khushi Sharma of class XI stood second for the entire Oman in the class XI category.

INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH OBSERVES UNITED NATIONS DAY

Reflecting on the contributions of United Nations Organisation towards global peace and security, Indian School Salalah observed the UN Day on 24th October, 2020. Students from classes 8 to 12 participated in the virtual event marking the 75th anniversary of the United Nations Organisation. The programme began with a welcome speech, delivered by Ayman Arif of X F.

The participants, through presentations, posters and speeches, remarkably articulated their views and convictions on the purpose, objectives and relevance of this dynamic global organization. The United Nations Organisation. The programme threw light on the objectives of UNO, the role of India with UNO in peace keeping, functions of its principal organs and the contributions of UN Secretary Generals. The occasion indeed, reminded the young minds to reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of the United Nations.



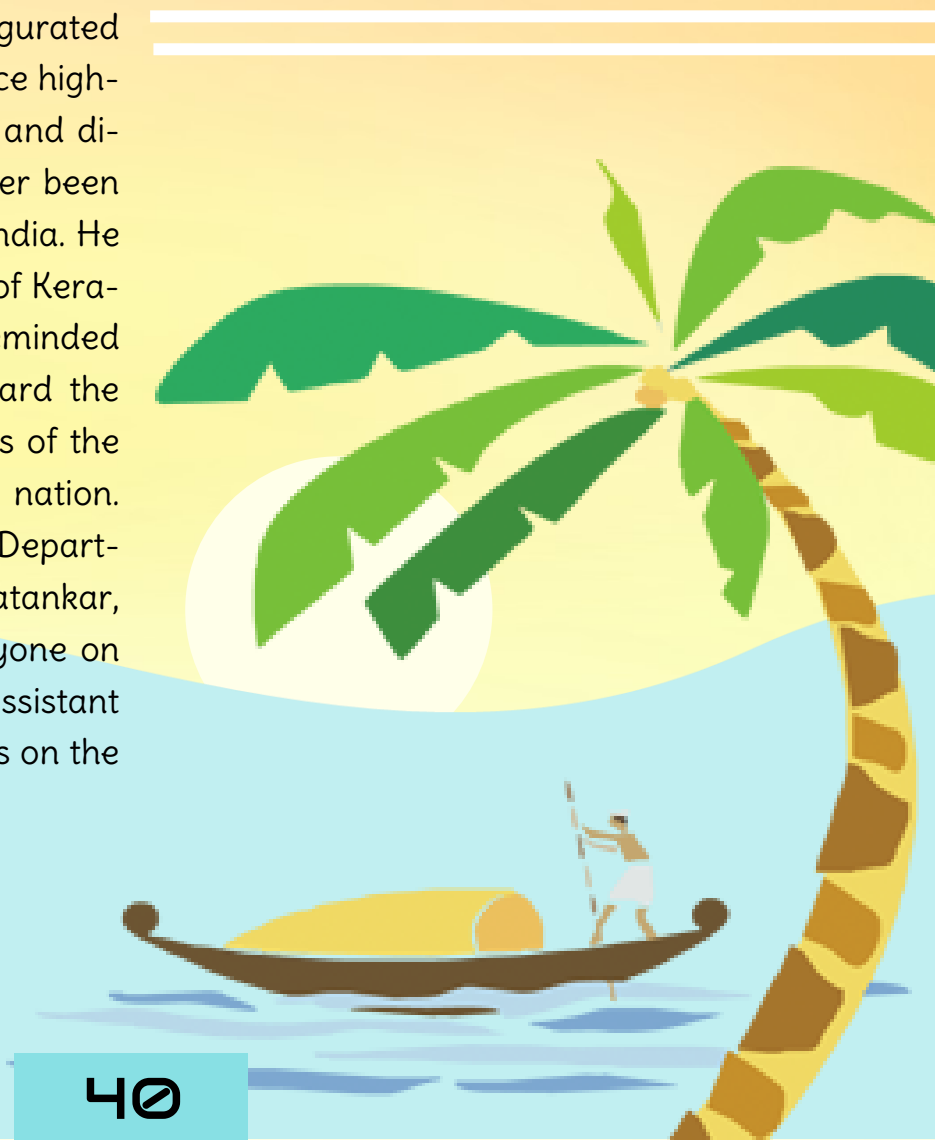
The Principal, Mr. Deepak Patankar, in his address, acclaimed the ethical commitment exhibited by the United Nations Organisations in establishing and maintaining international peace and security. He appreciated the students and teachers of the Social Science department for their stupendous effort and high spirit of enthusiasm that made the event a memorable one. The vote of thanks, proposed by Irine Anna Sunil of X D marked the end of the programme.

INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH CELEBRATES THE 64th 'KERALA PIRAVI'

Indian School Salalah, with its Malayalam Department, celebrated the 64th anniversary of Kerala Piravi; on 5th November 2020 on virtual platform with programs depicting the true love for Kerala and Malayalam. Kerala Piravi; is the celebration of the formation of Kerala state by the unification of Travancore, Cochin and Malabar in 1956. Gracing the occasion, Dr. Ambu Suresh, Co- Convener, School Management Committee, presided over the function as the chief guest. The occasion was also graced by Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, Assistant Vice principal Mrs. Ananthalakshmi amidst teachers and students. The function began with the welcome address extended by Miss. Tejal Vijil Prajith of class VIII D.

The Chief Guest Dr. Ambu Suresh inaugurated the function and addressed the audience highlighting the cultural heritage, tradition and diversity that the state of Kerala has ever been upholding among the other states of India. He further highlighted the unity of people of Kerala in facing various calamities. He reminded the students that they should safeguard the values in life and must be the stewards of the Malayalam Language and the whole nation. Appreciating the effort taken by the Department of Malayalam, Mr. Deepak Patankar, Principal conveyed his wishes to everyone on the occasion. Mrs. Ananthalakshmi, Assistant Vice Principal also conveyed her wishes on the occasion.

Celebrating the festivity, students in traditional Kerala attire put up a very colourful display of cultural extravaganza that included Semi Classical dance, Keralanadanam, Kavya nartaki (Nrutha Shilpam), Group song, Group Dance and myriad of mesmerizing activities. The poetry recitation by Master Amruth Krishna drew special attention of each and every one. The scintillating and enchanting Panchari Melam and the energetic foot tapping folk song left the spectators spell bound. The celebration concluded with the vote of thanks proposed Abhishek Prasad of class VIII.





INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH CELEBRATED CHILDREN'S DAY WITH GUSTO AND GAIETY

Children's day marks the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru. Indian School Salalah celebrated the children's day on 14th November 2020 through the virtual platform with great zeal and excitement. The teachers presented a colorful programme to make the children feel special on this joyous occasion.

The ceremony commenced with the pleasant welcome speech by the anchor of the programme, Mrs. Tabassum Farhan from the Department of English. Dr. R. Navaneetha Krishnan, Member SMC, and Chairman of CCA-Sub Committee honoured the occasion as the chief guest of the day. He highlighted the importance of Children's day through his informative speech. He said that one must run faster to stay in the race that is life. He advised the children to plan well and work hard to execute the same. Principal, Mr. Deepak Patankar expressed his heartiest wishes to the children. In his address, he stressed on the need of a great bond between the teacher and the students. He applauded the efforts of the teachers for putting up a spectacular show.

The talented group of Kindergarten teachers entertained the children for the all-time favorite rhyme 'Old Mac Donald' and mesmerized everyone. Class 3 and 4 teachers presented a humorous skit based on Online classes. Other highlights of the programme were the video presentation of Letters to Indira and amazing mime performance presented by Senior section teachers. Mr. Shaiju Augustine showcased his creativity through a paper relief art of Jawaharlal Nehru. Many talented teachers captivated the students with their spell binding musical performances. The programmes presented by the teachers made the Children's Day fun filled and memorable that will be etched in the young minds forever.



'Avenir 2020' was organized with the objective of facilitating students with dissemination of world-class higher education opportunities; kindling and empowering students to confidently navigate the future, know their strengths and choose their dreams. In addition to it, the program offered expert career guidance and fresh perspectives to resolve their quandaries of career choice inspiring the youth to explore the innumerable and authentic career offers around them and benefit to the fullest. It also intends to develop an insight into soft skills which are an essential requirement of the modern times for a successful career.

The Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman, launched the 3rd edition of 'Avenir' – the mega educational and career guidance programme for the Indian School students across Oman with a plethora of programmes facilitated by highly renowned speakers, and in the presence of prominent universities across the world. Hosted by Indian School Muscat, the 2020 edition of Avenir - mega nine-day virtual event in light of the pandemic - was organized from the 20th of November 2020 to the 28th November 2020.

The event was occupied with over 100 renowned universities in and around the globe providing Career talks by Eminent Personalities, Soft Skill talks by World Class Connoisseurs, Success Stories by Efficacious Achievers and Motivational talks by famous Orators. Indian School Salalah had been the greatest beneficiary in comparison to the capital schools

where a large number of students could take advantage of

this mega event as it had been conducted in

a virtual platform. This was a great initiative

by the Board of Directors, Indian Schools

in Oman, to enkindle the minds of

students in diversified fields and

motivate them to

choose the course of

their interest and

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INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH OBSERVED INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER SECURITY DAY 2020

Organized by the Dept. of Computer Science, Indian School Salalah

The department of Computer Science of Indian School Salalah observed International Computer Security Day by arranging an array of activities which was broadcasted LIVE on YouTube on 3rd Dec 2020. The programme commenced with the welcome speech by Miss Kesiya Sunil of class X. She extended warm welcome to the President of SMC, other esteemed members of SMC, Principal, AVP, HODs, In-charges and all the students of Indian School Salalah who joined the Live session.

The Chairman, IT Sub-committee Dr. Muhammed Yousoof in his speech enlightened the online viewers how to stay protected from the online attacks. He also advised parents to monitor the Internet usage of their children and encouraged to use parental controls. The opportunity for students to take IT security as a career was also highlighted.

Amritha of class 10, welcomed Miss Soujanya of class XII to present her video on "Copyright and illegal downloading". Miss Soujanya highlighted why the topic has been chosen as it is commonly done by many, thinking it is not wrong. She reminded that it comes under Cyber crime. Next, it was the turn of Miss Pavitra Krishnan of class 7 to present her PPT on IT Security which received first position in the middle section PowerPoint presentation competition conducted as part of International Security Day 2020 to create awareness among students.

The highlight of the programme was the informative session by the guest speaker Dr. Rajeev R Raj, Programme Head International Centre for Free and Open Source Software. Dr. Rajeev's session was meant for both students and parents to understand the Virtual World and the hidden dangers of the Virtual World. He demonstrated how the commonly used platforms track the personal details of users and how they deal with these. The department of computer science conducted poster making completion for class 5 and 6 students as part of International Computer Security Day to create awareness among students and the selected posters prepared by the students were displayed in the programme.

Mast Sanathan of class XII engaged the online viewers with the presentation on IP address giving an insight to the risk involved when the IP address is available to the wrong hands. Mast Adil Saheer Khan of class XII presented a demonstration "Compromising Android Devices Using Hidden Payload" to alert the students and all that how Android devices may too get hacked by the cyber criminals

Mast Savio and Jeswin of Class X through their presentation explained to online viewers why Linux is a superior operating systems and why we should switch over to Linux.

The Dept. of computer science conducted quiz for the classes VIII to X and for XI and XII. The winners were declared and their photos were displayed. Mast Justus Sebastian won the first position in the category of VIII to X. Second and third position by Mast Fatin Ahmed of class X and Mast Bavish Mangalore respectively. In the senior category of Class XI and XII, Mast. Obed Samuel John (XII) won the first position, Mast Naman Verma Second position and Mast Sameer Mehmood XII came third. Mr. Mohammed Javed conducted the online quiz for classes VIII to X and Mr. Shivithlal conducted online quiz for the classes XI and XII.

Mrs. Anita Rose, Sr faculty of Computer Science Dept. presented the topic “Why we need screen timeout?” a relevant topic in the current scenario where everybody spent majority of their time in front of Computers, Tabs Mobile phones etc. Mr. Shivithlal, HOD of Computer Science in his presentation reminded that the transition form on campus to online add more responsibility to the individuals in securing privacy and their official data. The faculties of the department of computer science Mr. Nandakumar compiled and edited the video and Mrs. Purnima Santosh supplied the informative tips in the programme.

Miss Shivani Nair of class 6 proposed the vote of thanks for the online event. On behalf of the Dept of Computer Science, Miss Shivani expressed heartfelt gratitude to HM Sultan Haitham Bin Tariq Al Said. She extended thanks to Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, the President of the School Management Committee, other esteemed committee members. She thanked Mr. Deepak Patankar, Principal, Mrs Ananthalakshmi AVP, In-charges and HODs, teachers and all the students and online viewers of the programme. Miss Shivani in her vote of thanks mentioned special thanks to Mr. Shivithlal, HOD Computer Science, Mrs. Anita Rose, Mrs. Purnima Santosh, Mr. Nandakumar, Mr. Mohammed Javed and IT staff for the efforts taken to conduct the programme smoothly.



72nd Republic Day virtually celebrated at Indian School Salalah

Indian School Salalah celebrated the 72nd Republic Day virtually. The President of the School Management committee, Dr Syed Ahsan Jamil, other esteemed members of the SMC, Principal Mr Deepak Patankar, Assistant Vice Principal Mrs. Ananthalakshmi, Incharges, Heads of various departments, teachers, parents, and students graced the occasion with their presence.

Miss Alqama from class 8 C welcomed the gathering. The chief guest Dr Syed Ahsan Jamil, President, SMC addressed the audience. In his address he reminded the preamble of the Constitution which guarantees Liberty, Equality, Justice and Fraternity to all the citizens. He said that these four basic principles are not only needed to be practiced but it should be ensured that these principles would pave a way for the country to reach its heights. The Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar in his address expressed his joy in celebrating the 72nd Republic day. He shared his thoughts to the three main stakeholders of the school-parents, teachers and students. Parents should be close to the children and be friendly to fulfill their needs. To achieve this goal, parents should spend quality time and can take the guidance of the school so that the children can reach greater heights. He advised the teachers to be life-long learners to cope up with the 21st century children. On this auspicious occasion, Mr. P L Eapen, Treasurer of SMC extended his heartiest greetings and good wishes. In his address he shared about the significance of the Indian National Flag. He advised the students to do well in all walks of their life and fulfill the great vision of the great leader Late Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam.

Students of class 3, 4, 7 and 8 presented a plethora of cultural programmes and

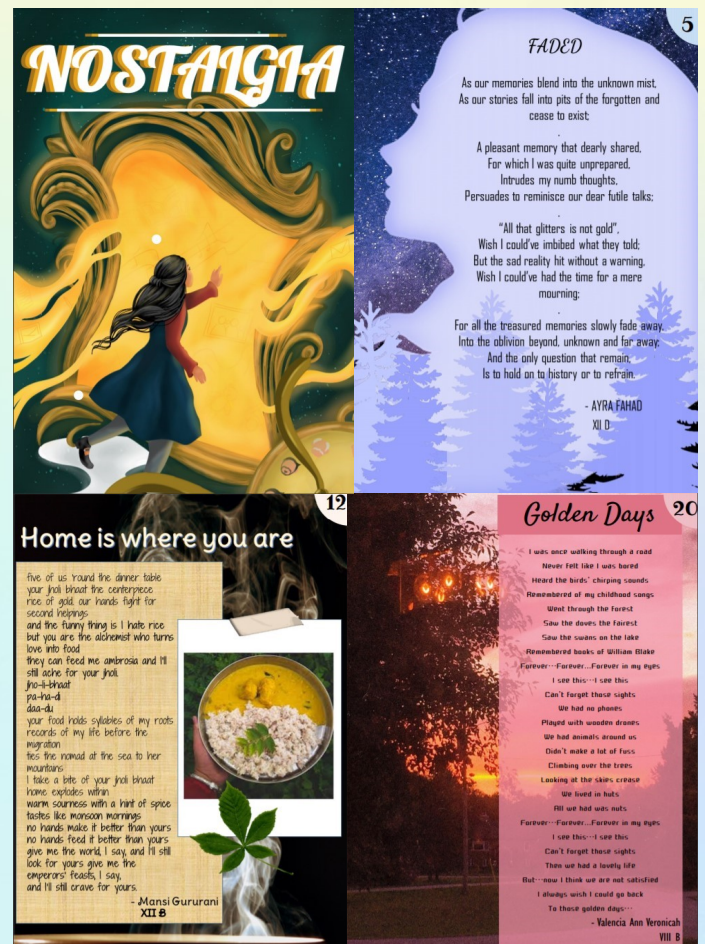
showcased their talents in the virtual platform. A soulful rendition of the prayer song 'Tumhi ho mata' was presented in a harmonious melody by the school choir. This was followed by Omani National Anthem and Indian National Anthem. The Song 'Vandemataram' presented by the students of Care and Special Education imbued the feeling of love and care to the special needs children. Class 3&4 children rendered a beautiful song 'Three colors' which mesmerized the audience. Miss Meghna, Mast Arjandeep and Miss Ananditha of class 4 delivered an emphatic speech on the Republic Day. Students of classes 7 and 8 filled the ambience with rhythm and melody with a patriotic song - 'Hind Desh Ke Nivasi'. Miss Vareesha Javed of 7 delivered a speech in Hindi that evoked the feeling and commitment to the nation. The power and energy exhibited by the young dancers of classes 3 and 4 was mesmerizing. The Fillers by the students of classes 3 and 4 added charm to the festive mood. The slogans dedicated by Mast Arushan Abub Nassar, Miss Arona Shiju and Mast Mohammed Ahkam created awareness of patriotism in the minds of the viewers. Mast Abhishek Prasad, Miss Janushika and Miss Sana of class VIII spoke on the history and significance of Republic Day. They highlighted Dr. B R Ambedkar's great contribution in making the constitution of India., and the sacrifices made by the great leaders to achieve the freedom of the country.. The finale of the programme was the amazing dance performance by the students of class 7&8. The colorful cultural programmes by the students of class 3,4, 7&8 were enjoyed by all.

The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by Miss Sandrine Sunil from class 8 G.

Providing a new perspective on the year 2021 as a whole and managing to create a publication that any person could relate to, Indian School Salalah's E-Magazine, an initiative by the BOD, was indeed a manifestation of the raw talent that fills ISS to the brim. The editors for the E-zine comprised entirely of eight students, along with the Literary Coordinators, Mr. James Varghese and Mr. Amit Rathod, faculty, English and mentor Mr CT Ramasamy, HOD, English, all supported by the esteemed Principal, Mr. Deepak Patankar.

At a time where uncertainty and challenges run abound, people tend to look towards a much simpler theme. And that was what the magazine's student editors at Indian School Salalah considered while choosing the theme for the e-magazine, something each and every person could understand and relate to. The theme of the magazine was Nostalgia – Life before the New Normal, decided by the student editors in accordance with the present pandemic situation. The team of eight student editors was divided into two to focus on the two key areas – design and content. Students who were more inclined towards art and graphic design were in-charge of page design and overall page layout of the E-zine, while the content team would collect, coordinate and proofread the content received. This division proved to be highly effective and helped the students work professionally and meet the required deadline.

The process began by the first week of December 2020 and the entire magazine was finished by January 2021, which is certainly a testimony to the competency and capability showcased by the students, and the immense support and valuable guidance offered by the teacher coordinators. From digitally drawing the cover page to meticulous proofreading and editing, the students, with the help of the teacher coordinators handled it all. Regular meetings to indicate the level of progress, and periodic brainstorming sessions were also conducted and indeed brought about a sense of teamwork and mutual cooperation.





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26/01/2021

The entire world is in an unprecedented situation of the pandemic and we here at Indian school Salalah have also been facing the consequences for the same.

But to make schooling feel normal and intact we the CCA team under the able guidance and suggestions from our Principal and CCA sub-committee, planned to put forth regular events and celebrations of special days and various events through virtual platform to cater to the co-scholastic development of students of our school.

In accordance to this, following all the **Covid Protocols** from **August 2020 to January 2021** the events that we could schedule were:-

Sr. No	CCA Event	Date	Registered Numbers	Finalist Numbers
1	Hindi Poem Recitation (Class 5 & 6)	03/10/2020	64	16
2	English Extempore (Class 7)	03/10/2020	54	23
3	English Extempore (Class 8)	03/10/2020	37	23
4	Regional Solo Song (Class 9 & 10)	03/10/2020	33	19
5	Regional Solo Song (Class 11 & 12)	03/10/2020	12	12
6	Arabic Poem Recitation (Class 5 to 10)	22/11/2020	17	17

Sr. No	Special Days	Date	Number of Participants
1	Independence Day	15/08/2020	14
2	Teacher's Day	05/09/2020	28
3	Hindi Diwas	14/09/2020	
4	Gandhi Jayanti	03/10/2020	118
5	Students Day	15/10/2020	22
6	UN Day	24/10/2020	26
7	Kerala Piravi	05/11/2020	28
8	International Computer Security Day	03/12/2020	15
9	Republic Day	26/01/2021	55



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- The **E - certificates** for all these events have been issued to the participants excluding Republic Day which also will be issued at the earliest.

The in depth figures about the number of certificates issued in each category are as follows:-

Sr	CCA Event	Registered Numbers	Finalist Numbers	“A” Grade	“B” Grade	Finalist	Participation
1	Hindi Poem Recitation (Class 5 & 6)	64	16	5	5	6	48
2	English Extempore (Class 7)	54	23	9	7	7	23
3	English Extempore (Class 8)	37	23	7	8	8	23
4	Regional Solo Song (Class 9 & 10)	33	19	6	6	5	17
5	Regional Solo Song (Class 11 & 12)	12	12	4	4	4	12
6	Arabic Poem Recitation (Class 5 to 10)	17	17	7	5	5	17

- The participants for **Special Days** have been awarded with a “**Certificate of Appreciation**” for their commendable performance in the events.
- We could also conduct **virtual assembly** for few of the classes using the **Google Live Stream**.
- The highlights for the “**Republic Day**” was the active participation by **6 students** from **Care & Special Education** and we thank Mrs. Smitha and her team for their efforts.
- The CCA events for this academic year 2020-21 has come to an end, as students have their Periodic Assessment’s and Term Exam’s scheduled for both these months.
- The events and celebrations could reach its pinnacle because of constant support and cooperation received from everyone.
- Thank you one and all!!!

Regards

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION BRIEF REPORT



The Online P E classes were smoothly conducted comprising of varied topics such as Yoga, Exercises, Aerobics, Drill, Games, Sporting events with proper explanation, demonstrations, Meaning, Importance, Benefits, Techniques, History of games, Rules, Officials, Signs of Referees, Measurement of playfield/court and Records. The practice sessions were also conducted in the class to ensure that the students do it in a correct manner. The PPT's and video files of related topics were uploaded for different sections as per the topics.

Online physical education classes were conducted for classes LKG - VII and for Children of Special Education

COMPETITIONS - The Weekly Online Chess Tournament was conducted for students of class. 3-12.

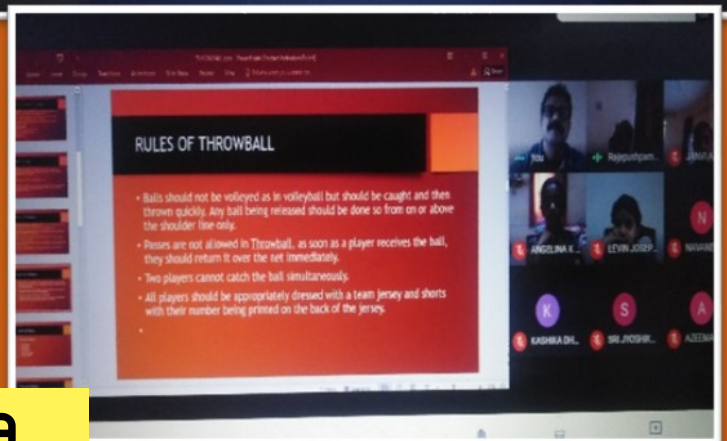
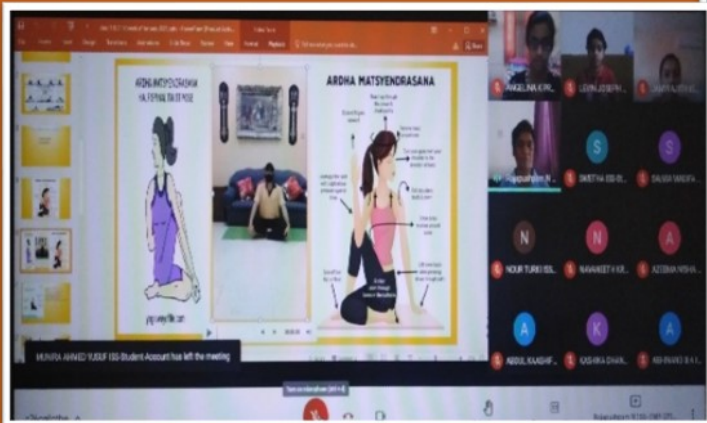
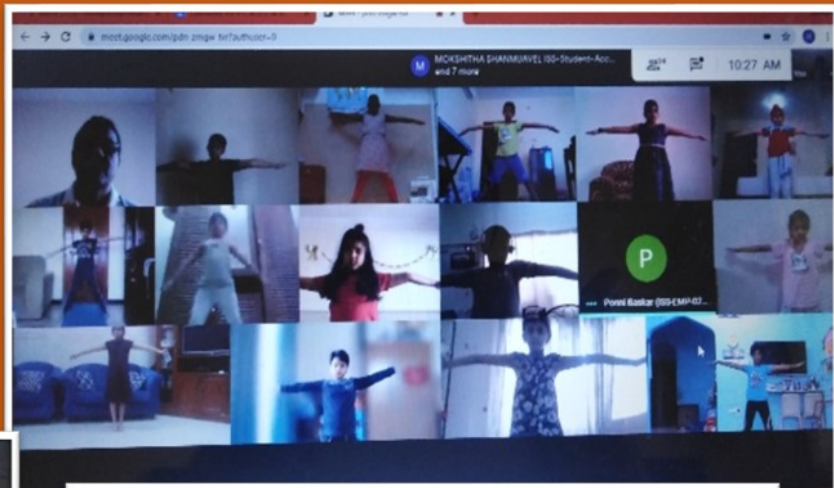
The following were the categories-

Beginners (Of class. 3 - 4) Sub Junior (class 3 - 5) Junior (class 6 - 8) Senior (class 9 - 12)

It was an altogether a unique experience for students to be online for this subject and overall they all enjoyed the classes.



Glimpses
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