

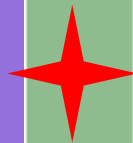
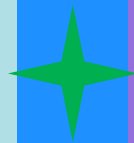


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MESSAGE



MR. Deepak Patankar
PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and students,

Greetings to you all!

It gives me immense pleasure to update you all with our activities at school in the second quarterly of our newsletter. Despite the pandemic challenges, we have gathered momentum, both in academics as well as in CCA activities. It is heartening to witness the ever growing cooperation from all the stakeholders of this iconic institution. We have resolved to sustain our commitment to continue empowering the students in spite of these dissoluble circumstances.

Your commendable support helped us to brace against the pandemic. The fathomless and unconditional support we received from the parents, students and teachers in the smooth and successful conduct of the IS Mega Quiz- 2020 has indisputably shown that this community school has announced before the world that our unity is our strength.

At this juncture, let me remind my students that the way ahead is not going to be a cake walk for any of us. The resilience and self restraint we acquired will be a boon for facing all odds in the days to come. The Board class students should chalk out plans to make the best use of their time, yet not compromising on your reasonable recreational and leisurely activities.

The school celebrations and competitions are sound proof for our students' unstoppable spirit and acclimatization to the changed norms. Forge-ahead with the same vigour.

Best wishes,

Mr. Deepak Patankar

Principal



KINDER GARTEN



RED DAY CELEBRATION



Colours are the smiles of the nature and so is the colour Red. In order to emphasize the importance of Red colour, RED DAY was celebrated which symbolizes enthusiasm, life and energy. All the parents and children actively participated in the celebration wearing red colour dress. Moms and kids danced to the tunes of red colour song. The other activities for the kids were making paper watermelon, bee and watermelon milk shake. The kids enjoyed the Red Day understanding the significance of red colour.

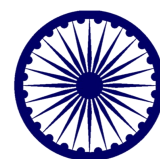


Independence Day Celebration always instills a feeling of patriotism among us. To do the same, children were asked to dress up as freedom fighters and speak about Independence Day. They also sang patriotic songs holding the Indian national flag.

All the kids enjoyed the first online celebration of kindergarten, the Independence Day Cele-



bration. 'Tri-colour sandwich making' was the activity which was done online. The parents and children took part actively in the sandwich making activity and presented the tricolor in beautiful and yummy sandwiches.



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INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION PHOTOS

29 States, 7 Union Territories

19500+ Languages Spoken



**“At the stroke of the midnight
hour, when the world sleeps, India
will awake to life and freedom”**

**Speech: Tryst with destiny
15 August 1947
Jawaharlal Nehru**





Onam Celebration



Onam, the national festival of Kerala is celebrated by malayalis all over the world. ISS kindergarten celebrated virtual Onam on 02/09/2020. The kids and their moms danced and sang to traditional Onam songs. Most of the kids were dressed traditionally and it was interesting to note that parents also played an active part in this celebration. The virtual celebration was exciting and made us feel united.





TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Teachers' Day- A day to show one's gratitude to his/ her teacher and our kids showed their gratitude to their teachers on this Special Day. Children made greetings cards for their teachers, made videos with the help of their parents as a tribute to their teachers. They spoke about their teachers, enacted as teachers. Their songs and dances made the celebration lively and exciting.



planned the celebration in a big way. As per the CBSE directives the entire week was celebrated as Reading Week. We had activities for the entire week – a mix of online and offline activities. On a span of five days, we had activities like, General



INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY READING WEEK (SEPTEMBER 8 TO 14, 2020)



Reading, Identifying Pictures, Reading Story Books, Memorizing Story Characters, Puppet Show and Treasure Hunt. Children enjoyed the activities and took part very actively. The feather in the cap was the Puppet Show and the Treasure Hunt which was done online.



To understand the importance of reading, ISS kindergarten

GRAND PARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION

(13/09/2020)

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have a huge role in shaping our lives. As a tribute to our elder ones, a special activity was conducted as a part of the Grandparents' Day Celebration. The children were asked to make a greeting card in a general template and hand them over to their grandparents to express their love and affection.



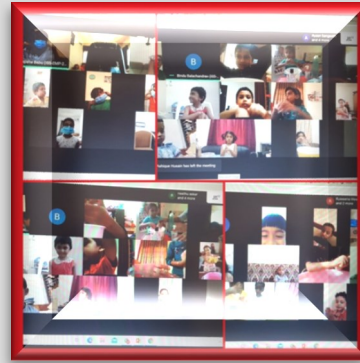


**INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF
PEACE
(21/09/2020)**

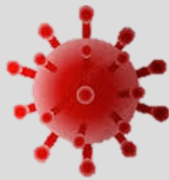


ISS kindergarten celebrated International Day of Peace on September 21 in line with the celebrations conducted by the UN. A presentation by the teachers emphasizing the importance of working together as a team to achieve one goal made the children comprehend what is PEACE. Each student was made to realize that “peace is in his/her hands”. The children sang and danced to the peace song during the online class with candles in their hands. Candle and dove which are symbols of peace were made as a part of the International Peace Day activities. Celebrating International Peace Day made our students appreciate the importance of maintaining peace amongst themselves, families and their surroundings.

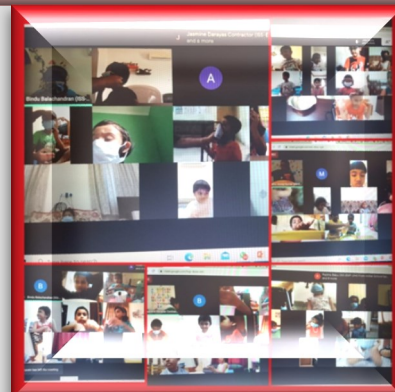




Corona virus has now become a synonym for fear outbreaks and mortality all over the world. As it is an unsafe situation all over the world, we at ISS kindergarten had an awareness programme on Corona Virus to bring in a better understanding of the disease and its prevention in our students. As goes the famous saying – “Prevention is better than cure”, an awareness session to develop and follow good hygiene routines as preventive measures were discussed and a presentation on Corona Virus was shown to the students. Children along with their mothers actively participated in the online session with practical demonstrations as instructed by the teachers. It was a very informative online session and the feedback from the parents was overwhelming.



CORONA AWARENESS PROGRAM 24/09/2020





PRIMARY



PAPER BAG DAY, SIMPLICITY DAY

“ The New Normal may even be a better normal, certainly a different normal.”

ONLINE CLASS THROUGH GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Google classroom became the new platform for taking online classes. Co-scholastic subjects (music, art and PET) classes also began to be conducted through the Google classrooms.



Paper bag day was celebrated on July 12. An informative video was posted in the class groups to create awareness about the importance of the day. Children made beautiful and colourful paper bags to mark the special day. A video was created and shared in the class groups including the pictures of the kids with their paper bags. Story on simplicity was shared in the planner of classes 1 to 4.



“The best things in life aren't things”

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY



**“We do not inherit the earth
from our ancestors, we borrow
it from our children”**



NATURE CONSERVATION DAY

Day” was celebrated to create awareness about conservation of nature. The children were told about the need to take care of the environment. They made beautiful cards and posters related to saving Mother Earth and sent to their teachers.



**“World Nature
Conservation Earth and sent to
their teachers.”**

Children enthusiastically. Celebrated “International Friendship Day”. They were asked to make friendship cards for their friends and share with their friends, teachers posted friendship day video in the class groups to mark this lovely day

**“Real friend is one who walks
in when the rest of the world
walks out”**



INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY



LION DAY

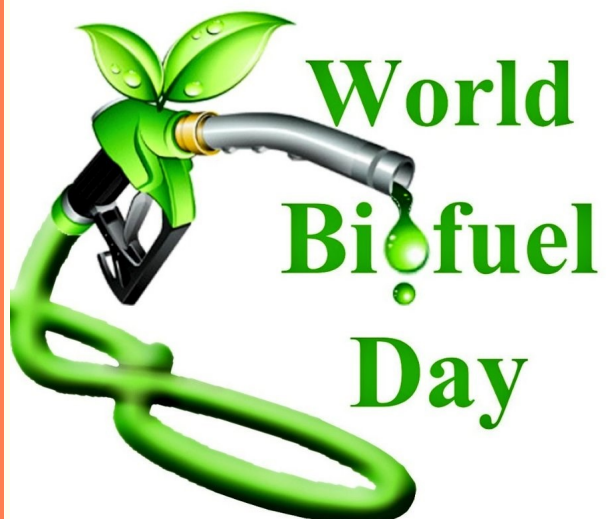
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WORLD ELEPHANT DAY



Informative Video links
on how to make
bio-fuel
at home
were posted
in the class groups to
create interest
in kids
to explore
more and to find the
young scientists
of
primary section.

**“International Tiger Day”, Lion Day and
Elephant Day was celebrated,
which the kids enjoyed
immensely.
Augmented reality
was the attraction
of these celebrations.
Children were excited
to see
the 3D animals
in their
classes.**







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 Festivals are celebrated to bring families together in the bond of love and togetherness. As part of Onam celebration, special video was posted to wish our dear parents on this day. 

International day of peace was celebrated on 21st September. Children of classes 3 and 4 made paper 'doves' the symbol of peace and sent the to the teachers. Classes 1 and 2, also celebrated the International Day of Peace by doing various activities and sharing videos.

Primary section celebrated the international day of clean air for blue skies on 07-09-20. EVS teachers shared informative video links in their class groups to create awareness among the kids.

An overwhelming response was received from the students of primary section in the form of creative writing for the Virtual magazine. Children wrote poems, paragraphs and stories, highlighting their creative side.

INTERNATIONAL

VIRTUAL MAGAZINE

*Day Of
Clean Air for
Blue Skies*





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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



The Independence Day celebration was yet another important virtual event conducted by the primary section. The live streaming was on 22-08-20 for classes 1 & 2 and on 25-8-20 for classes 3 and 4. Children sent their videos on Independence Day which were live streamed in the special assembly (Independence Day assembly).

Around 74 kids of class 3 and 59 kids of class 4 were part of the Independence Day celebration. An interesting Google form quiz was conducted for the kids of classes 3 and 4 on the same day. Teachers of primary section sang and enacted a famous song on national integrity, dedicated to the kids of primary section.

Virtual assembly was another new experience for the students of primary section. The first virtual assembly was organized and conducted on 09-08-20 by the teachers of primary section, classes 3 & 4.

A common assembly was conducted for the children of classes 1 & 2 too on the same day. A puppet show was live streamed by the teachers. The theme of the assembly was "Where there is a will, there is a way".

ONLINE

ASSEMBLY

World Photography Day was celebrated on 19-8-20. Children were given activities to perform, based on life skills. Children then sent their photographs of their activities to the teachers. A video was shared in class groups.



WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY



ENGINEER'S DAY (15/09/2020)



OZONE DAY (16/09/2020)

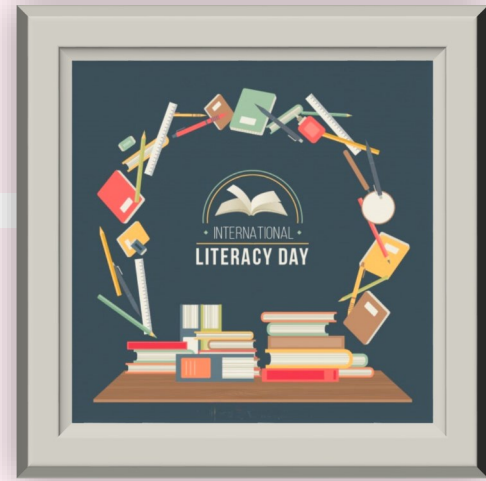
Engineers' Day was celebrated on September 15. Ozone Day cards were sent on September 16. Informative video links about ozone and the importance of protecting the ozone layer were shared in the classes.

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

Informative videos were shared in the classes 3 and 4 to explain how to make First Aid Box and to set the required things in it. Children made First Aid boxes with available materials at home. Students of Class 1 and 2 also celebrated the First Aid Day by making First Aid boxes and arranging essential things in it.



**WORLD
FIRST AID
DAY**



As a part of international literacy day, September 7 to 10 was celebrated as reading week. Teachers spoke about the importance of reading in their classes on the first day of reading week.

Reading activity (read aloud) was posted every day in the planners of class 3 and 4. Various reading activities were conducted by the English teachers in their classes.

Class 1 and 2 children shared pictures while reading books with their teachers. Reading activities were conducted during online classes.



TEACHERS' DAY

Teachers' Day, children sent beautiful messages, virtual cards and videos to their dear teachers. Class teachers compiled these videos and posted them in their class groups.

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their love and affection for their loving teachers, on the occasion of

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LIVE STREAMING

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CA events started on 18

-08-20 with solo song selection for class 3 and Hindi recitation selection for

class 4. The final events were held on 01-09-20. The first CCA event, solo song selection for class 1 was on 27-08-20 and the finals was on 10-09-20. The very next CCA events were English recitation selection for class 3 and Solo song selection for class 4, held on 08-09-20. The finals were held on 22-09-20 which was live streamed for the parents to watch.

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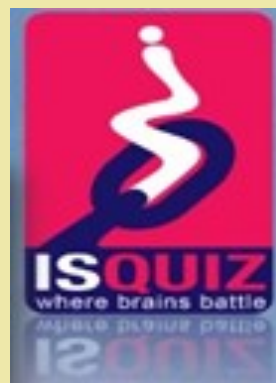
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section participated in the Hindi diwas cele-

bration which was live streamed successfully on 14th September 2020. Beautiful poems were recited to mark the occasion. To add colour to the programme a video of the activities of kids of class 1 to 4 was also presented.

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than 500 students registered their names for the online ISQUIZ for sub-juniors. The kids of Primary section started to register their name for the IS QUIZ on 22-09-20. The last date of registration was 15-09-20. .

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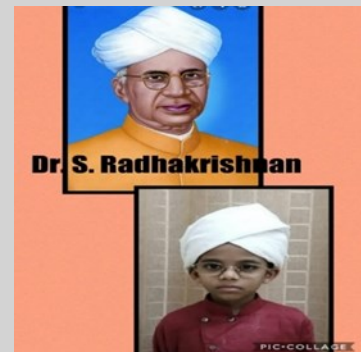
A Session on discipline battles-positive solutions, was organized by Mrs. Harmeet Pal, SMC member of ISS for the mothers of primary section on 29-08-20. The one-hour informative session was fruitful and well appreciated by the parents.

PTM with parents of classes 1 and 2 was conducted on September 3, 2020. Parents appreciated the hard work of the teachers of ISS. They shared their suggestions and concerns with the respective class teachers.





PHOTO GALLERY



CCA ACTIVITIES

Students with a perfect balance between academics and extra-curricular activities are an asset to the society and will be successful in different spheres of life. In this unprecedented situation of the pandemic, engaging students with online classes alone will not help in the holistic development of the students. They might become victims of boredom, laziness and may lack interest to harness their hidden talents. So, to make schooling feel normal and intact, the CCA team of Indian School Salalah under the able guidance of Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar and the CCA Sub-Committee, started off with online activities

which includes Class Assembly, celebrations of special days, and CCA competitions, giving students a platform to exhibit and showcase their talents.

The online class assembly for the secondary and the senior secondary classes commenced on 9th August and for the juniors and sub juniors on 13th August 2020 respectively. The 74th Independence Day of India was celebrated virtually on 15th August 2020 and this maiden attempt was watched and appreciated by more than 1000 viewers through the live stream. It was then followed by the virtual Teachers' Day Celebration on 5th September 2020. The splendid programmes put up by the students made the day a memorable one for all the teachers of Indian School Salalah. The online activities for the month of September concluded with the cele-

bration of Hindi Divas on 14th September 2020.

The online CCA events for the month of October started off with the Gandhi Jayanti Celebration on 2nd October 2020. The celebration was a visual treat to the viewers, with a variety of programmes put up by the students under the guidance of the teaching faculty. 3rd October 2020 marked the beginning of the class wise online CCA competitions. Competitions for Sub Junior, Junior and Senior categories were held on that day. The events are as follows -Hindi Poem Recitation for Sub Juniors, English Extempore for Juniors and Regional Solo Song for the Seniors. The active participation of the students in all the events was much appreciated by all. These online activities opened the doors to the parents to ardently watch and enjoy their kids' performance.



74th

Indian School Salalah celebrated the 74th Independence Day on 15th August, 2020 virtually with great patriotic spirit and fervor.

A Video Presentation channelizing the scholastic and co-scholastic activities of Indian School Salalah in this pandemic unveiled the efforts taken by management and staff to ensure that academics is not affected due to this pandemic.

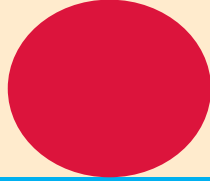
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



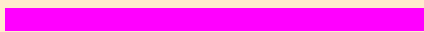
The on-screen celebration commenced with a formal welcome which was followed by a Prayer song and Indian National Anthem filling the hearts of all with true patriotic spirit and pride. To make virtual celebration memorable and fantastic a medley of patriotic songs in various languages was presented by the students.

Addressing on the occasion Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, acting president of school management committee said, “We should remember the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters and national leaders. He also added that along with celebrations, comes the responsibility to make democracy and global citizenship a reality and urged students to realize their potential and work towards the prosperity of India.

The Independence Day virtual celebration concluded with the vote of thanks by Master Naman Verma.



TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION



5th September commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan – a staunch believer of education, scholar, the former President of India and above all, a teacher. On a virtual platform, for the year 2020, Teachers' Day was celebrated at Indian School Salalah on 5 September, dedicated to all the teachers.

The students at Indian School Salalah put up a stunning show online for the occasion to honour the heroes who have quickly adapted to new teaching methods that are effective and inclusive in these challenging times of pandemic COVID 19.

The cultural programme commenced with an invocation dance. The touching rendition of poems by Miss Sakhti Nikita Manivannan, Ayra Fahad and Miss Ananya Vishwanathan, to honour their teachers. The medley songs by grade 11 and 12 students added joy and celebration to the occasion. Master Samved Nambiar and Miss Mansi Gururani in their speeches expressed their gratitude and respect to the teachers.

Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, President, School Management Committee, addressing the audience on the occasion, appreciated teachers for adapting to a changed environment for teaching and learning online and said that teachers are *guru* who remove the darkness and bring light among students and people. Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Vice-president, SMC in his address insisted the need to respect teachers who instill values in students' life and who help them shape their future.

At the end, the Principal, Mr. Deepak Patankar expressed his words of appreciation to both teachers and students for putting up a very bright and colourful programme for the occasion online.

On behalf of the teaching fraternity of ISS, Mrs. Rachel Philips, faculty, department of English appreciated the students for the wonderful presentations and thanked them for their overwhelming affection towards their teachers.

Miss Angela Mary john proposed the vote of thanks.



GANDHI JAYANTHI CELEBRATION



Indian School Salalah celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with zeal on the virtual platform to commemorate the 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation. To mark the occasion, a spectacular programme was presented on the virtual platform by the students of Indian school Salalah.

The programme commenced with a welcome address followed by Gandhiji's favourite devotional song-Raghupati Raghava rajaram. The Principal in his address stated that Gandhiji is an inspiration not only to India but to the whole world through his message of ahimsa and non-violence. He shared an incident about Gandhiji's honesty as a child. The students Miss Parvathi Sunil and Kruthi in their eloquent speeches expressed their tribute to Gandhiji. Self composed poems of the students bringing forth the ideals and message of Mahatma Gandhi. Mast Oliver Jojesh James, Miss Sandra and Sid-dharth Jayaprakash narrated stories of childhood days of Gandhiji.

Tiny tots of KG section paid tribute to Gandhiji through various dance forms. Mast Jeffin of class VI H presented a review of Gandhi's Autobiography - The story of my experiments with truth. Power point presentation on Gandhi's life was presented by class VI students. They portrayed the major accomplishments and important freedom movements under the leadership of Gandhiji. The programme came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by Miss Sanghamitra.



Bapu's
legendary Swiss
Pocket watch

Adding one more feather to its cap, Indian school Salalah organised the grand inaugural launch of the Alumni Registration Portal online on 17th Oct 2020. The launching of the grand website commenced with the release of a video which gave a glimpse of the saga of ISS from its inception to the current day. Dr Muhammed Yousoof Ismail, the esteemed member of the SMC delivered the welcome address. Dr. Baby Sam Samuel, Chairman, Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman launched the much-awaited Alumni Registration Portal.

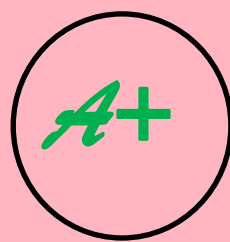
Addressing the audience on the occasion, he expressed that Alumni association is an opportunity for all the students to be present for their Alma Mater as a host for future generations and alumni can show the students the glimpse of the life ahead.

Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, the President of the School Management Committee, in his speech, mentioned the purpose of forming an Alumni Association that it will bring all the alumni to a common platform to connect. In his address, the Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar urged all the alumni to register on the official alumni portal and to stay connected with the school and extend their support, cooperation and expertise.

The event was packed with fun, emotions and entertainment. The alumni lent colours to the occasion by showcasing their talents. Cherishing the old memories with new hopes, the first batch (1994) alumni Mr. Somesh Panwar and many other alumni shared the memorable moments of their school time.

To make this event memorable, some of the teachers who have completed a long span of their lives in serving ISS shared their experiences and relished those treasured moments of their life. The power packed musical performance of the energetic faculty from the Department of Physical Education Mr. Parvinder Singh mesmerized everyone. The ceremony was well compered by Mrs. Divya, faculty, English Dept. The inaugural ceremony came to its conclusion with the vote of thanks proposed by the Assistant Vice Principal Mrs. Ananthalakshmi.

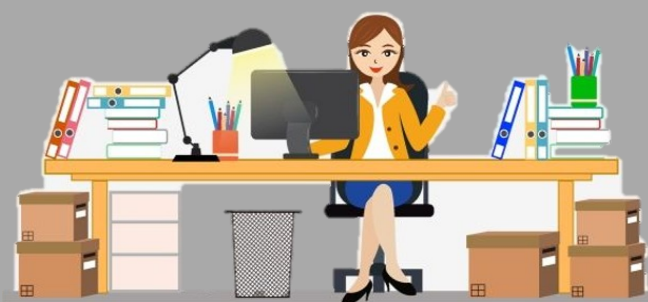




ONLINE

EXAMINATION

YET ANOTHER STEP



Indian School Salalah, identifying the vital role that exams play in the process of teaching-learning, conducted the Term I examinations online. The scheduled examinations here took place from 16 August to 25 August 2020 for secondary and senior secondary classes and in the digital platforms.

Just a week prior to the examination, school arranged a session for both students and their parents informing them about the platforms, procedure and other details including FAQs on the examination. The session was live streamed on 8 August at 9.30 am.

Notifications regarding the exams were given well in advance, virtual question papers were set, students were engaged with mock exams in their virtual classrooms and finally, as per the schedule, exams were conducted online. After the completion of evaluation, the results were also released online; students received scores in their school domain emails.

The examinations were conducted here at Indian School Salalah online as a part of its effort in exploring the possible opportunities for enhancing learning process when students and faculty are confined at their homes and traditional pen and paper exams are no more feasible due to COVID-19.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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The unfortunate advent of Covid -19 which resulted in school closures across the globe, resulting in the drastic change in the system of Education, brought a rise in virtual learning on digital platforms.

Providing quality education from a distance during this unprecedented time was a challenge accepted by Indian school Salalah too. A number of webinars were organized to provide assistance to teachers in transitioning to online classes by integrating technology in virtual classrooms, to discuss effective teaching methods, to conduct exams, getting trained in the art of lesson planning etc.



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A webinar was also conducted to discuss the impact of NEP 2020, on private school Education and the role of teachers. These webinars conducted by CBSE, Eminent Educationists heading various Indian schools in Oman, Counselling Psychologists, special Educators introduced the teachers to a whole new world of virtual teaching.

In order to nurture creativity webinars were also conducted for sports teachers, art teachers, and special educators. Various professional development sessions were conducted for teachers to acquaint them with the latest techniques and methods of virtual teaching.

The teachers of department of physical education strive to keep the students mentally and physically fit by conducting the online classes for classes LKG to 7. The students enthusiastically participate in activities such as Yoga, Exercises, games, Drill, during the online PE classes.

DEPARTMENT PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In addition to these, an Online Chess Tournament, Sports Awareness Quiz Competitions and Online Chess Classes are some of the highlight that keep the students motivated for the competitions.

SPORTS NEWS



Along with the online sessions from PE dept. Mr. Ishwar Deshmukh, Head- Physical Education Department shared his views on ‘How to nurture Sports Skills’ in a Webinar on “HURDLES IN BECOMING SUCCESSFUL PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER” organized by Everest Sports Academy, Ludhiana, Punjab (India)” on 8th August, 2020 on Zoom app

“The World Belongs To Those Who Read”



Worldwide Literacy Day is commended on 8th September every year to raise awareness and concern for literacy across the world. To instill the propensity of reading among the students alongside adhering to the directions and rules given by CBSE, English Department of Indian School Salah observed "International Literacy Day" during 'Reading Week' starting from

8th September, 2020 to 14th September, 2020. Various interesting activities related to reading were carried out throughout the week across all sections.

The students of Class III, IV and V were engaged in various activities like Weave a story, Picture description, Loud Reading, Vocabulary building. Framing sentences and Talking about the most important characters in the story which they read. The students of Class VI, VII, VIII got an opportunity to read out their own work in the forms of poetry, story, articles and anecdotes. Activities such as Read a Thon, Round Robin stories and Book-Buddies were some of the major highlights of the Reading week. Book review was done.

For Classes IX to XII the activities that were held during the week mainly focused on discussions on the benefits of reading which led students indulging in reading exclusively and presenting their views and thoughts on the storyline, discussions were held on the synopsis, theme, book reviews, debate and few students also created audio narrating the summaries of their favorite novels. Few made comic strip or poster based on the novel/poem read.



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Indian School Salalah under the aegis of the Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman, organises the 2nd Edition of the mega inter-school quiz competition (ISQUIZ) for the year 2020. Noor Gazal is the mega sponsor of this mega event and Muscat Daily is the media partner.

Around 8158 students from the 21 Indian Schools will now vie for the top honours in this highly reputed Quiz Competition. ISQUIZ 2020 consists of three categories: Senior (Classes IX to XII), Junior (Classes V to VIII) and Sub Junior (Classes I to IV).

The four stages of the Quiz Competition, viz. the two qualifying rounds followed by the mega prelim and then the Grand Finale was conducted online. Registration for the event commenced on 23rd August 2020 and closed on 15th September 2020. The grand finale of the Mega Quiz was held on 10th October 2020 and hosted by the celebrity Quiz Master, Mr. Vinay Mudaliar of Mindcogs. The Mega Preliminary and the Grand Finale was aired on Zoom and the live broadcast made available on You Tube for the public.

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The Inaugural Ceremony of the Second Edition of IS Quiz 2020 was conducted virtually on 19th September 2020 at 5pm. The ceremony was graced by the presence of elite dignitaries like Dr. Baby Sam Saamuel, Chairman, Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman, Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, President, School Management Committee, Indian School Salalah and Deputy Vice- Chancellor Dhofar University, Mr. P.B Salim, Managing Director of Noor Gazal, Mr. Mark Rix, the CEO of Apex Media, the celebrated Quiz Master Mr. Vinay Mudaliar of Mindcogs, the members of BOD, the Principals, the Management Committees and the Quiz coordinators of the participating schools. The salient features of the IS Quiz presented to the viewers by the Principal, Mr. Deepak Patankar, revealed how commitment to excellence, intelligent planning and focused effort can make the impossible possible.

The renowned quizzier, Mr. Vinay Mudaliar from Mindcogs familiarised the viewers regarding the “Digital Avataar” of IS Quiz 2020. The Vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Anita Rose, the In Charge of the Primary Section and one of the event coordinators and Mr. Ramasamy Chidambaram, Head of the English Department was the moderator for the ceremony.





The Covid 19 pandemic has utterly disrupted the education system around the world. But with the emergence of effective online classes, learning is not hampered and Indian School Salalah is able to provide essential service to its students. Grade X students are all set to gear up for the upcoming CBSE Board Examination 2020-21.

To overcome the anxiety of the students and to help them out with a proper and systematic study plan, Indian School Salalah under the able guidance of Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar, organised a virtual Interactive Session for the students of class X with a panel of experts from various departments of the school.

GEARING UP

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BOARD EXAMS 2021

INTERACTIVE
SESSION

The session commenced with the address of Principal Mr. Deepak Patankar to the students. He highlighted that the session would definitely help the students to gain confidence to face the Board Exams in a positive way. Tips for effective learning and preparation of each subject were given by the respective subject experts. Mr. C T Ramasamy, Head of the Department of English advised the students to respect the timetable that they prepare for their studies, follow it systematically and also to pay attention to the explanation given by the teacher.

Mr. Latheesh, faculty, Mathematics Department stressed on the fact that practicing and solving each and every question in the NCERT text is essential. He also suggested solving maximum number of questions papers prior to the Board Exam for gaining speed and better understanding.

To score well in science, Mrs. Ananthalakshmi, Assistant Vice Principal and Mrs. Prema, In Charge of the Science Department instructed the students to focus on the basic concepts and be crystal clear with the textbook. Upon enquiring on how to get rid of the fear of learning Physics, Mr. Jojesh, faculty, Science Department clearly stated that the practice of neglecting a subject throughout the year and then taking it up at the last moment should be eluded by the students. He also added that students should 'Believe their teachers' as no teacher would like to put their students into trouble. "If you want to shine like the sun, then burn like the sun."

GEARING UP FOR

BOARD EXAMS 2021

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INTERACTIVE SESSION

Mr. Unnikrishnan, Head of the Social Science Department quoted these words, to emphasize the need of an organised and systematic learning for excellent scores. The School Counsellor, Ms Smitha accentuated on being smart learners and asked the students to compete to their own self, once they realize their potential.

The moderators for the session, Mr. Binoy CA and Mrs Renu Jethin, faculties, Department of English posted the queries of the students to the panel of subject experts and they ,in turn ,cleared all the uncertainties and concerns of the students by giving them prompt and proper guidelines. Overall the session was very fruitful.



OCTOBER 15
WORLD
STUDENTS DAY

"REAL EDUCATION ENHANCES THE DIGNITY OF A HUMAN BEING AND INCREASES HIS OR HER SELF-RESPECT. IF ONLY THE REAL SENSE OF EDUCATION COULD BE REALIZED BY EACH INDIVIDUAL AND CARRIED FORWARD IN EVERY FIELD OF HUMAN ACTIVITY, THE WORLD WILL BE SO MUCH A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN" - Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Indian School Salalah celebrated World Students' day on 15th October 2020, the 89th birth anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam known popularly as the 'Missile man of India' through virtual platform. The students of class 8 to 12 mesmerized the audience through a wide array of programmes related to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.



The online event was graced by the presence of the president of the School Management committee Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, Chief guest of the day Mr. Jose Kaviyil Chacko, Convener, School Management committee, esteemed members of the school management committee, Mr. Deepak Patankar, Principal, Ms. Anantalakshmi Assistant vice Principal, teaching and non-teaching staff.

WORLD STUDENTS' DAY OCT 15

The Chief Guest Mr. Jose Kaviyil Chacko greeted all the students and in his speech, emphasized on the significance of self-belief and humility. He advised the students to have a great aim, acquire knowledge, be courageous, work hard and achieve their goals.



Ms. Prema G. Krishnan, In-Charge, Science Department, on this occasion reminisced the people's president's thoughts in her speech. She also insisted that children must be ready to accept challenges and move forward, true to the words of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



THINK CREATIVE





MY GRAND—MA

My GRAND-ma is sweet, her love has no end,
When she is with me, she's my best friend.

With long silver hair and twinkle in her eyes,
Her 'Long Ago' stories add wrinkles to her smile.

Her favorite black shoes with open toes,
She puts them on, wherever she goes.

Her big brown bag with pockets so deep,
She carries with her from morn to night,

She brightens my day and blesses my night,
She's always there, with her hugs so tight.

My GRAND-ma stays in a land far, far away,
I am waiting to be in her arms, to love and sway.

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VI H

Ah! I said 2020 is here.
Flowers blooming, trees growing and eager to start a new year
Suddenly, brings the news channel
a terrible news.....! "A new virus is here"
The virus wouldn't spread too much thought I.
It spread more and more before my eye.
Came the month of June,
Couldn't see my grandparents and monsoon
Here comes the month of September,
Learning for exams, in my chamber
I wish Covid and lockdown gets over
Could see the sun and play in the grass forever.
And see the blue seas and skies again.
All in 'HIS' hands now, to regain
Every day to 'HIM' I pray
And I hope 'HE' hears me someday.

Twenty—Twenty

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What's up Corona?

*W*hat's up Corona?

Came you out of blue...?

Of from a lab you fled

Some say you came with bats

You spared neither the young nor the old

You visited places whether it be hot or cold

You dance your "Dance of Death"

Taking away your victims breath.

You forced us to sit at homes

And send the rebels to their tombs

We want to be negative

While you teach many positives

You made the air clear

You make us value nature

Or else, you lay on us a wreath

What's up corona?

You taught us many

But now say bye

Its time we must live by

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HOPE

Another effort drenched in vain.
Another endeavor ends in pain.
Another sweat bites the dust.
Another hope withers in gust.
When solitude wraps its wings,
Wings of discord and wrath,
When isolation deceives us,
Deceives us to another path.
When life becomes a void,
When loneliness hard to avoid,
As I scramble in despair,
Broken beyond repair,
My eyes caught magnificence yonder.
Sometimes the treasures you want,
Might not be the ones you need.
As we cross our Oceans of desire,
It might be buried in what we aspire.
When the darkness hides our heavenly light,
When shadows tint our yearned delight,
Remember the hope that awaits you in the dark,
And let that not vanquish our spark.



Frailty & vehemence

The night is a physical thing
more than a voice, a color, a million inferior suns
something forgotten comes alive
like a billion impossible futures.
cold and warmth are for dreams
what angst imprisons, the moon sets free.
pickpocket hurricanes, obtrusive and unrepentant-
kneel in the life of the night;
for each soul owns a sky,
sidewalk secrets and apologetic hands
years of a river that won't devour
forsythia fantasies, untame maestro
pummel into the silence, fractured by a squawking clock
a gardenia memory, unfleeting and icy beneath the petal
there's no faces in the night, only
something titanic than what was lost
hope is a word and all the world's multitude,
of light but found in shadow
and so owned by the night.
when thunder is not entirely itself, a
growl in an already amorous sky
when what is not seen makes a thousand ghost echoes
a burning world and bare fingertips
a season without name
singular and infinite
made for anarchy and song.



Gender Inequality—A Global Issue

Treating both men and women is one of the important aspects of life. 'Gender Equality' is all about treating all our fellow Human beings equally despite their genders, but it is disappointing that 'Not even a single country has achieved Gender Equality'. Gender Inequality is a serious issue faced globally.

Another word related to Gender Equality is 'Feminism'. This is one of the most misunderstood words. People seem to believe that 'Feminism' as a movement or ideology which support 'only females', but forgets that the actual ambition and idea laid is to achieve equality between the two sexes. **"Gender Equality is a Human Fight; Not a Female Fight"**. Most of the people who fight for gender equality are women, while only a few men come up to be feminists. People like Harry Belafonte, David Schwimmer, Malala Yousafzai, Gloria Steinem, Emma Watson, Sadiq Khan, and many others work for a better world that accepts all equally as one. Everyone has to accept the fact that 'soul has no gender' and work together to change the prejudice against women and help to make a better world for those 66 million girls who are locked up in their own house.

Boys and men must also come forward. Gender Equality is not just some people's issue, it's our issue too. **"It is time we all see gender as a spectrum instead of two sets of opposing ideas"**.



Reminiscing



Being under lockdown has given me a lot of time to reflect on my past and bring back some long lost memories. One such memory is of a friend I had back when I was seven. Things seem much simpler back then. She was a quiet girl. No one ever saw her talk in class and if she ever did, she talked with a slight lisp. She was a fair-skinned girl who had really long hair, always braided in neat plaits. Her long hair was something that always fascinated me as no one our age had such long hair. She never seemed to gather any attention from anyone.

I did not have a lot of people that I could call my friends back then. The ones that were (and still are) my closest friends somehow always got (and still get) put in different classes. One day, my teacher went around asking all my classmates who their best friend was. I was sure no one would consider me their best friend though I hoped someone would. Then, as some sort of miracle, the quiet girl who always sat in the corner of the class called out my name. I was taken by surprise. I never really talked to her so much but I always did my best to be nice. Her saying that I was her best friend had warmed my heart and made me feel really happy. Ever since that day, we were inseparable.



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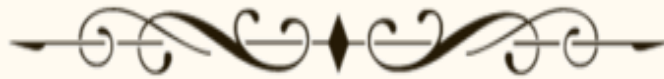
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