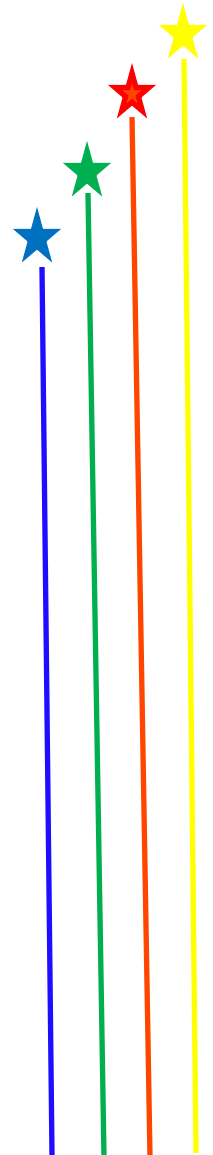
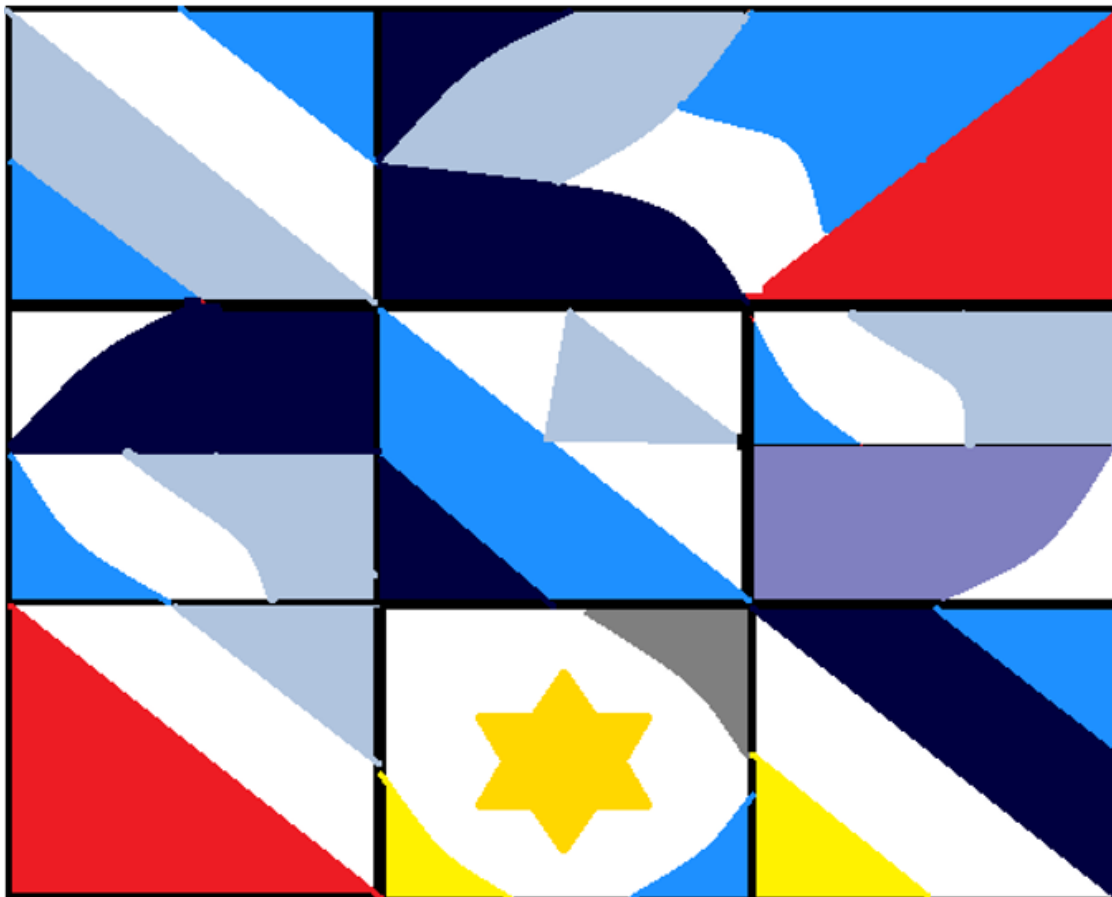




# INDIAN SCHOOL SALALAH

**NEWSLETTER**  
2020—21'  
**FIRST QUARTERLY**



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**T**he invisible yet widespread enemy transformed our life. Schools are closed. Daily life disrupted. Confinement becomes the norm. But in every darkness there is light. Every challenge makes us bit more stronger. In every struggle there is a way.

At Indian School Salalah, we are committed to provide unobstructed light of knowledge to dispel the prevailing darkness. The school building may be shuttered down, but learning has not stopped at IS Salalah. On the contrary, it reaches new heights.

Fighting against all odds, we first, had ensured the distribution of text books on war footing. Moulding the methodology to suit the need of the hour, our teachers keep on engaging students in the most productive way using the most advanced teaching tools.

At Indian School Salalah, we always believe that it is only after one step outside one's comfort zone one begin to change, grow and transform.

I am very happy to present you the latest edition of newsletter for it gives you the glimpses of the creativity of our students, vibrancy of our faculty.

**Mr. Deepak Patankar**

**(Principal)**



## EDITOR'S DESK



Dear parents,

*‘Optimistic thoughts and selfless deeds, have never failed to pave the path to success’.* We at Indian School Salalah, feel immensely happy to release our first quarterly E-Newsletter Vol 1 for the Academic year 2020-21, to keep you updated with the events initiated on the digital platform. Indian school Salalah flexibly transformed their traditional classrooms to virtual classrooms, in response to the school's closing due to the unprecedented situation caused by Covid19 thus, continuing in catering not only to academics but also the co-curricular activities of the students in the best possible ways during this challenging time.

**Editorial Team**



**Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil**  
**President (Acting), SMC**

## PRESIDENT, SMC INTERACTS



A webinar was hosted on 11 July for the teachers of Indian School Salalah to analyze and appraise the challenges posed by COVID-19 and the path ahead for the school.

The key note speaker and the Acting President of the School Management Committee, Dr. Syed Ahsan Jamil, enumerated the challenges faced by the school. Applauding the teachers for the smooth transition to virtual teaching even at an early stage of the lock down, he urged them to adapt to the virtual classroom environment and make it more appealing.

He disclosed that the school plans to upgrade IT infrastructure to cater to the needs of the students and teachers. Dr. Jamil pointed out that the virtual environment has become 'Doable, Demanding as well as Dependable'. He welcomed the move by CBSE to reduce the syllabus to defuse the stress among both teachers and students.

Dr. Jamil opined that Virtual Environment is the 'New Normal and blended teaching is going to be more promising and enriching. He elaborated upon various ways and means to spearhead and stay ahead in the IT enabled teaching environment. He emphasized upon the need to 'Adapt to Changes, Learn to Learn newer things and to be Resilient' ■■■

**"Virtual Environment becomes 'Doable, Demanding & Dependable'."**



# KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATES....



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MOTHER'S  
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FATHER'S  
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## ORAL HYGIENE DAY



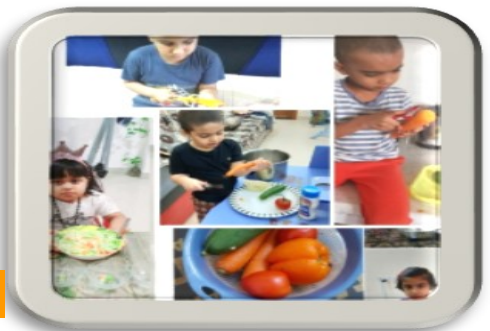
An awareness on oral hygiene was given to the tiny tots of Kinder Garten through a video which highlighted the importance of brushing their teeth regularly.

15/04/2020

## VEGETABLE DAY

Vegetables are an integral part of our diet. To make the kids realize the importance of vegetables and to explore the world of vegetables, they were asked to make green salad. Making creative impressions with the vegetable lady's fingers made this learning a fun filled activity.

29/04/2020



## FRUITS DAY

Fruits are one of the best sources to boost our immunity. To explore the wonders of fruits, the tiny tots



indulged themselves in an activity of making delicious fruit salad by helping their mothers in the kitchen.

23/04/2020

# BLUE DAY



Colours make our world beautiful and each colour has a significance. To know the significance of blue which is often associated with depth and stability, a Speaking Activity was conducted, where the student picked a blue coloured object from the house and spoke on it wearing a blue dress. Paper craft "Octopus" and "Blue whale" painting were the other activities. It was a fun filled family day for the kids with all the members of the family wearing blue coloured dress and having blue coloured snacks.

30/04/2020



# ORANGE DAY



To stimulate the kids' imagination and creativity, they were introduced the colour Orange. Wearing orange coloured dress they danced to the tune of orange colour song. They made orange fruit paper craft, models of orange colour fruit with clay, strip pasting on the picture of lion. They helped their mothers to make orange popsicles.

06/05/2020

ORAL HYGIENE DAY 15/04/2020

FRUITS DAY 23/04/2020

VEGETABLE DAY 29/04/2020

BLUE DAY 30/04/2020

ORANGE DAY 06/05/2020



# INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DAY

To make the students realize that the family provides a sense of belonging and a unique identity to them, children were asked to speak about their family members by holding their pictures. They made a photo frame and stuck their family picture in that frame. This created a special emotional feeling in the students about their family.



14/05/2020

## MOTHER'S DAY



## FATHER'S DAY



To celebrate the everlasting special bond of love and affection between a mother and a child, the kids danced and sang along with their mothers. A special greeting card also was made for their mothers.

10/05/2020

To respect and honour fathers, the kids made greeting cards for their fathers during the online class. They also did yoga with their fathers and in turn the fathers narrated stories to their kids.



21/06/2020

# EID MUBARAK

To understand the meaning, purpose and importance of Ramadan and to instil purity and nobility in the kids, an activity on colouring related to Eid was conducted.



of Candle light dinner with family enabled them to understand the importance of saving electricity to save earth.



## EARTH DAY & GREEN DAY

To encourage and motivate children to protect nature and to understand the significance of 'go green', children wore green coloured dress and danced to the green day song. Children did bit pasting activity online and also made photo frames out of waste materials. An enchanting activity



# YELLOW DAY

To instill happiness, energy and optimism in the little ones, they were asked to wear yellow coloured dress and also danced to the yellow song. They made



chick, smiley face and crown. The motive of celebrating Yellow Day was to make children aware of yellow colour, its significance and to develop fine motor skills in the students.



# COVID—19 AWARENESS

A video was also made which was dedicated to all the Covid warriors and teachers during this testing time and also an



awareness on Covid-19 was given.

MOTHER'S DAY 10/05/2020

INTL.. FAMILY DAY 14/05/2020

EID 21/05/2020

EARTH DAY & GREEN DAY 02/06/2020

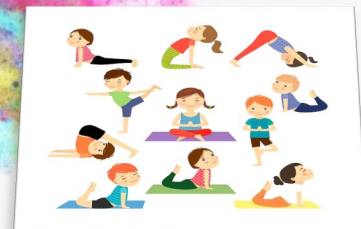
FATHER'S DAY 21/06/2020

YELLOW DAY 24/06/2020

“  
**WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER -**  
**AND WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS,**  
**TOGETHER**”



# PRIMARY - CELEBRATIONS & SESSIONS





# EARTH DAY

1

**A** virtual celebration of Earth day was well received by the primary section students of classes 1 to 4 on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. It was celebrated as a one week programme. The students actively took part in the activities for the whole week like helping mother to lay the table with green coloured dishes and enjoy a healthy green lunch with family, making ecofriendly paper bags. A check list was made to ensure that they take care of Mother Earth. Beautiful micro garden activity was the highlight of this celebration.





## PARENT'S DAY

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he most precious gift that God has given us is our parents. Students observed the Global parents Day On 1<sup>st</sup> of June. To create a memory during this lockdown the families had made hand imprints cut outs and created a collage to acknowledge the togetherness of a family.



## MOTHER'S DAY

3

**E**very Mother is the queen of her family and rightly deserves a Special Day dedicated to her. Mother's day was celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2020. Students presented their mothers with beautiful handmade cards and handmade beautiful crowns which did bring smiles on the faces of all the moms. The pictures of all the moms glowing with happiness and bright smiles said it all.



Wishing you a day filled with goodness and warmth  
Wishing you happiness today and forever  
Happy Mother's Day!





## FATHER'S DAY

4

**A**n y t h i n g made out of love is always precious , students of classes 3 and 4 marked the celebration of Father's Day by making beautiful cards for their fathers, and later surprised their fathers by helping



their mothers in preparing his favourite dish. Meanwhile the students of classes 1 and 2 made a beautiful origami tie , decorated it and wrote a small message on it for their fathers. It was a day well spent in love and affection.



## YOGA DAY

5

**Y**oga is the essence of adding energy, strength and beauty to the mind , body and soul. Students of classes 1 to 4 celebrated International Yoga day on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2020. All the students actively participated by doing a session on yoga as demo videos were sent to the students.



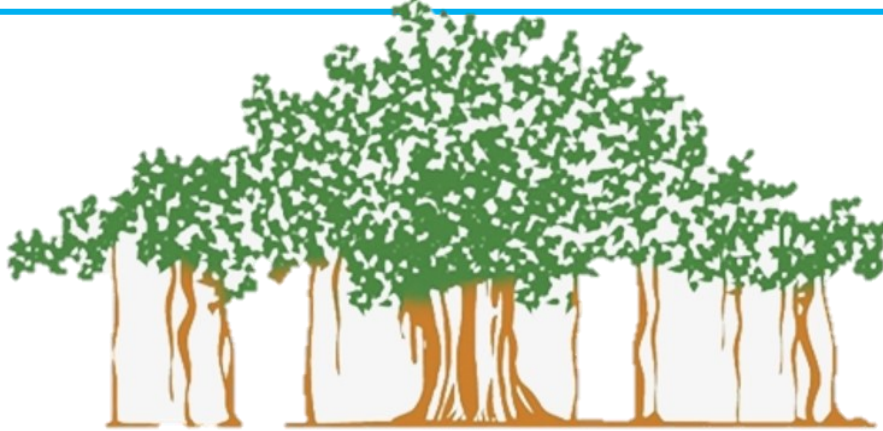
## ENVIRONMENT DAY

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ected to nature is one of the basic lessons the young students should be encouraged to learn. The skills of observance, love, care and kindness is highly encouraged in order to bring about the connection to nature.



Environment day was celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.. The students took an oath

promising to take care of the environment. They made posters with captions. Students of classes 3 and 4 took part in the quiz sent to them. Students of classes 1 and 2 did their bit by making bird feeders to understand the importance of taking care of the environment and of birds and animals.

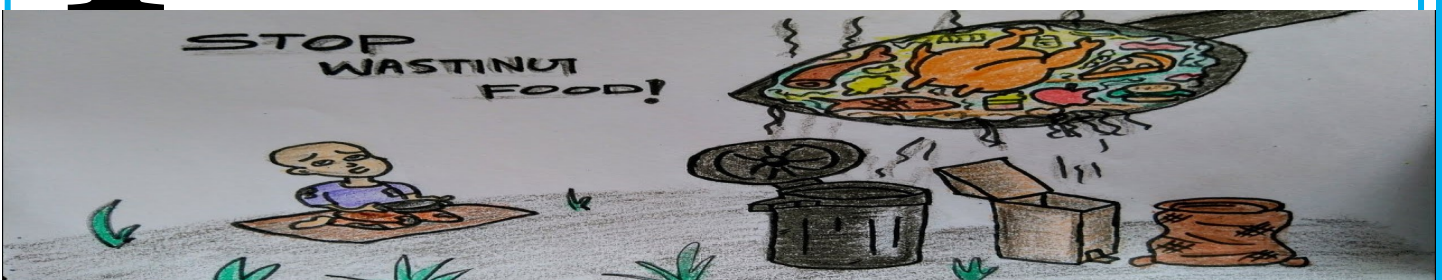


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## ZERO WASTE DAY

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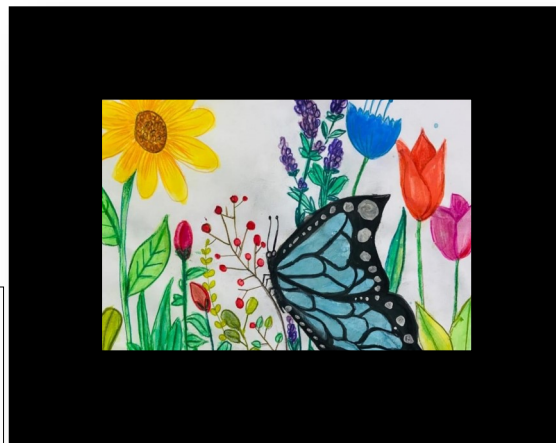
To be a part of the 'Zero food waste campaign' by the UN, students of classes 1 to 4 shared a photo of a finished meal with a hash tag #zero food waste.





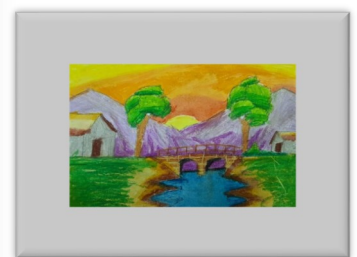
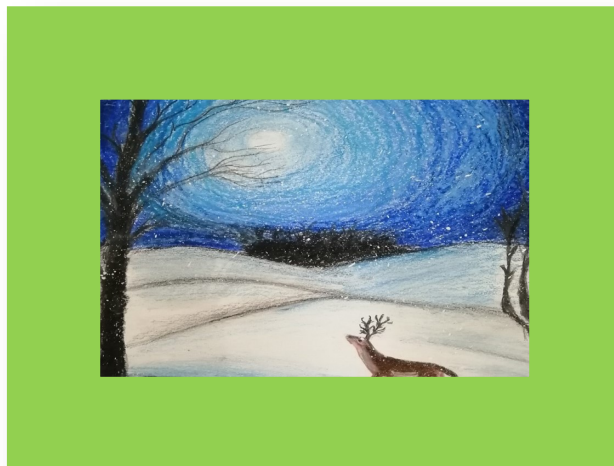
# ON-LINE ART

# EXHIBITION



## On-line Paint

Students of classes 1 to 4 contributed their work for the online art exhibition, which was published on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.



# ON-LINE PTM

**The Primary**  
section, organized a virtual  
PTM on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.  
Links were shared with the  
parents to attend the meet-  
ing.



Class teachers of all the  
classes met their students'  
parents.  
on the day virtually.

**PTM**



Regular Updates on

- Nurses Day
- Anti—Tobacco Day
- World Food Safety Day
- Ambedkar Jayanti
- World Migratory Bird Day
- International Day for Biodiversity
- International Dance Day
- International Family Day





# ACADEMIC UPDATES...

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✓ IT TRAINING

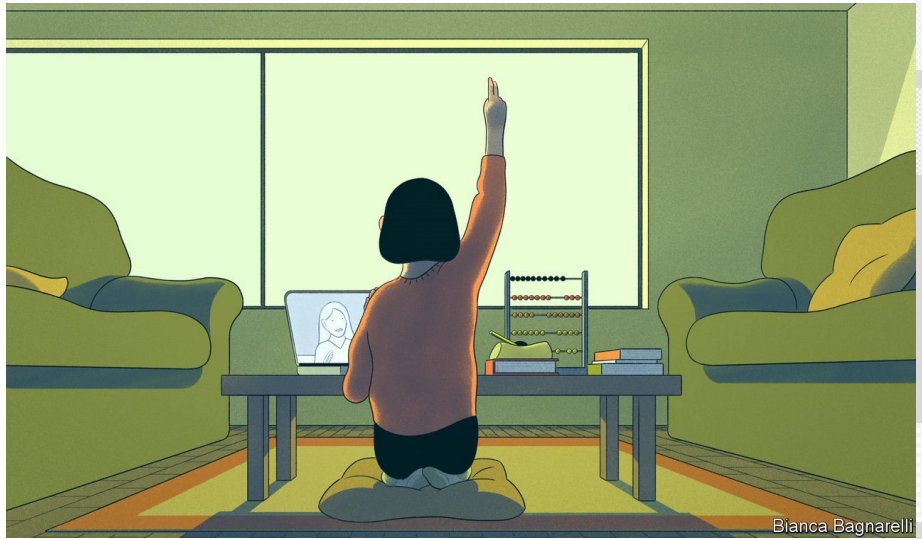
✓ CBSE ON-LINE TRAINING

✓ PTM




# ON-LINE CLASSES

Indian School Salalah was one among very few Indian Schools in the Sultanate that started **on-line** classes for its students from the day one when new academic session 2020-2021 commenced.



While the session commenced in April 2020, the school already had made preparations for **on-line** teaching for students of all grades from KG to XII. Understanding the current challenges due to the novel coronavirus COVID-19, the staff and faculties, to ensure the continuation of learning to their students, are committed to impart the best for them **on-line** just as effective as face to face education in a physical classroom environment. ■

## TRAINING PROGRAMME

 **Continuous training sessions by IT Dept:** To enhance more learning experience and knowledge, students have an additional exposure to a wide and rich e-learning resources available in the school website other than the VLE platform of BOD. As a further step, the school conducted tests and periodic assessments online using the best platforms available. The IT department of school is too devoted to help teachers to equip with virtual teaching conducting various training sessions and guidelines for effective teaching-learning experience. The department is on its way to explore further possibilities of e-learning and teaching.



# ON-LINE PTM



Indian School Salalah officially commenced the Online Classes for the academic year 2020-21, on 6th April 2020. For effective online classes, the support and cooperation of the parents is very essential and Parent Teacher Meetings play a crucial role in enhancing a child's education. To strengthen the bond with the parents and to guide them on their role in virtual learning, Mr. Deepak Patankar addressed the parents from

Kindergarten to class XII through Online Parent Teacher Meeting. He emphasized that parents form an integral part of the child's learning environment and this entails working together with the teaching staff by providing the children, necessary support and a conducive learning atmosphere at home. To resolve the queries of each and every parent, class wise online interactive sessions were conducted by the Principal and it ended up with positive responses from the parents.

As insisted by Principal Mr Deepak Patankar, class teachers of all the classes conduct a Parent Teacher Meeting once in a fortnight to discuss about the progress in the teaching learning process and also to listen to the queries and concerns, if any. Thus, Indian School Salalah in collaboration with the parents works as a single unit, to incorporate the emerging trends in education technology and make the teaching learning effective during this pandemic period. ■

**FREQUENT ON-LINE PTM HELD**



**CBSE**



## ON-LINE TRAINING SESSION

An Online Teacher Training Programme was conducted by the CBSE to keep the teachers abreast with the changing trends in education.



The three objectives of the CBSE Online Teacher Training Programme were:

- ✓ Enable teachers to teach better and lead improved learning outcomes.
- ✓ Continuously instil new knowledge and skills as per the demand so as to keep them at par with what is expected.
- ✓ Help teachers revise and refresh the knowledge that has already been provided to them in their regular training and make it more crisp and practical.

The Online Teacher Training classes comprised of several sessions on topics like Decoding Portfolios and Subject -Enrichment Activities, Dif-

ferentiated Learning, Dealing with Misbehaviour in Class, Happy Classrooms, etc.

The teachers of Indian School Salalah enthusiastically took part in these online sessions and also shared their experiences among the colleagues which, in turn, helped to enhance their Continuous Professional Development.

**“IS Salalah teachers attended CBSE On-line Training Programme. ”**



# JUNE 5



Indian school Salalah celebrated, 'World Environment Day' on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, 2020, on the digital platform, based on the theme



of the year, 'Conservation of Biodiversity'. Under the guidance of the teachers of the Social Science Dept, students enthusiastically participated in preparing charts depicting the significance of protecting our environment for the present and future. The attractive charts, put up virtually, gathered a lot of praises urging us to be aware, sensitive and responsible, in preserving Mother Earth.



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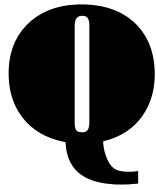
# ACTIVITIES | PHY. EDN.



From the month of May, a weekly **Online Chess Tournament** is conducted for students of Grade 3 to 12 under three categories- Sub Junior (classes. 3 - 5), Junior (classes. 6 - 8) and Senior (classes. 9 - 12).

## WINNERS

1. arunachalam16496 (1915)	
2. Satvik_Reddy (1639)	44
3. Arjun2012 (1406)	38
4. Jeswin16231 (1318)	34
5. GAGAN15277 (1425)	32
6. aaron14275 (1524)	28
7. Adidev16235 (1295)	24
8. ileshpower (1319)	23
9. Santhosh15998 (1280)	22
10. Aditya14612 (1491)	21

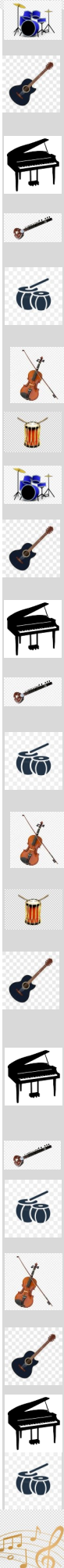


Weekly Online Sports Awareness Quiz is conducted on every Thursday from classes 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

On the occasion of International Day of Yoga (21<sup>st</sup> June), the department of physical education released the video where all the teachers of the physical education department demonstrated the 'asana' with a briefing on its health benefits. The department was congratulated for their effort. The video released on this occasion was highly appreciated by everyone..







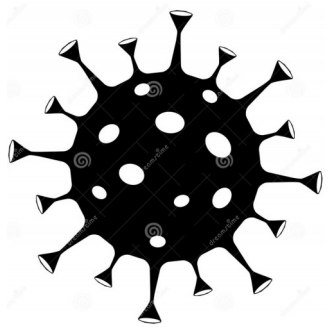
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 solace to the  
 hearts of many, undergoing uncertainty and stress, in this challenging time of the  
 ongoing pandemic, was a welcome move for the denizens of Salalah who heard the  
 melodious notes of ragas in the form of classical fusion defining the beauty of the  
 Raga- Hamsadhwani. The melodious voices of Mrs. Bindukala, Mrs. Deepti  
 and Mr. Rajesh blended together  
 rightly served the purpose.

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ACCEPTING  
 THE  
 NEW  
 NORMAL

Our children are most susceptible to be affected by this pandemic and it is the responsibility of the parents, teachers and mental health professionals to guide them to overcome this challenge.



We at Care & Special Education,( Ms. Smitha, Ms.Neha & Ms.Tahseen) Indian School Salalah under the guidance of our Principal, address this situation by conducting interactive sessions with students of Grade IX through Grade XII to ensure that our children are ready to accept the NEW way of NORMAL LIFE.



# ON-LINE ART

# EXHIBITION



## On-line Paint

An art exhibition was held by the Art Department. More than thousand students from the primary section to the senior section participated. Some of the best entries were then shortlisted and furnished in a video which was displayed on the digital platform. The online Art exhibition, coordinated by Mr. Shaiju Augustine, Art dept.



## Online Safety



## Indian School Salalah

The **IT Department** of Indian School Salalah has planned for sessions to create awareness about “**Digital Footprint**” and “**Online Safety**” of students, sessions are planned and class 9 had their sessions taken by Mrs. Anita Rose on Tuesday, 30/6/2020. The sessions will continue from 7<sup>th</sup> of July for classes 7 to 12

During this lockdown phase there is a steady increase in the online time spent by students apart from their classes, so it is the need of the hour to educate the students to be safe online. The **IT department** of Indian School Salalah has taken up that responsibility.

### Etiquette for online classes

Identify a quiet place at home

Join your class on time

Follow your teacher's instructions

Use the registered email id

Use the Chat box to raise your question

Turn on the camera but mute your microphone





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