

**BUNTS SANGHA'S  
S M SHETTY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL & JUNIOR COLLEGE  
AN IB WORLD SCHOOL**

# THE BUZZ

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2020 Mumbai**

# Proud Achievements

## Felicitating the best in the field of education

Education plays a vital role in every individual's life. In order to felicitate the best schools, residential schools and preschools in the city, we present the Times Education Icons 2020, an initiative by the Optimal Media Solutions, a division of Times Internet Limited.

These awards are based on surveys conducted for the schools, and preschools across Mumbai, and residential schools across Maharashtra. The winners are selected on the basis of surveys un-



dertaken by independent research agency Market Excel Data Matrix Pvt Ltd. They were published as 'Times Preschool Survey, Mumbai' on January 23rd 2020, and 'Times School Survey, Mumbai' on October 29th 2020.

The research had 3 major modules that is Desk Research, Factual survey and a Perceptual Rating survey. Post collection of data a methodical analysis was done to rate the various schools that participated in the study and rank them according.



It is with immense pride and great pleasure that we announce that we have been felicitated with the **Times Education Icons 2020 Mumbai**.

We thank our Management, Students, Parents, Teachers and Support Staff who have been instrumental in us achieving our success.



**Principal Ms Mildred Lobo** - was conferred with **Best District Principal Award 2019-20** by SOF (The Science Olympiad Foundation).

Our school has been ranked **34<sup>th</sup>** in India in the **Category of International Schools by Education World** in association with C fore, Delhi in the 14th Annual Education World India School Rankings survey.

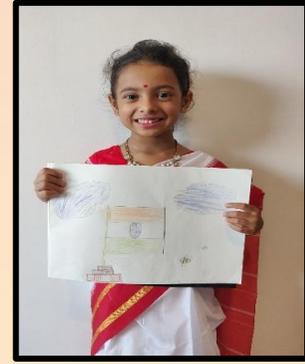
# 72nd Republic Day Celebrations

Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty Educational Institutions celebrated the 72nd Republic Day with zeal and enthusiasm. The tri-colour was unfurled by Honourable President, Bunts Sangh, Mumbai Mr. Padmanabha Payyade. Office Bearers and members of Bunts Sangha Mumbai ,Powai Education Committee and Mahila Vibhag were present on the occasion. In his speech,President acknowledged the efforts of the teachers in quickly adapting to the new normal. Chairman (PEC) exhorted teachers to train students to become changemakers.

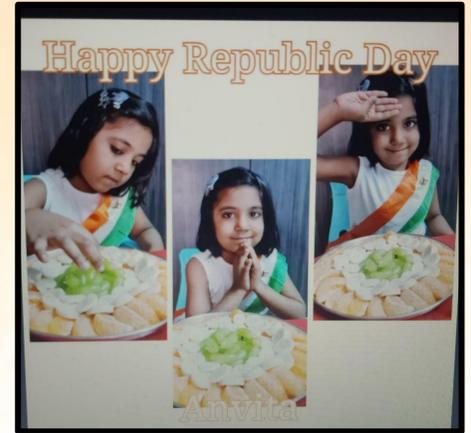


# Republic Day Celebrations

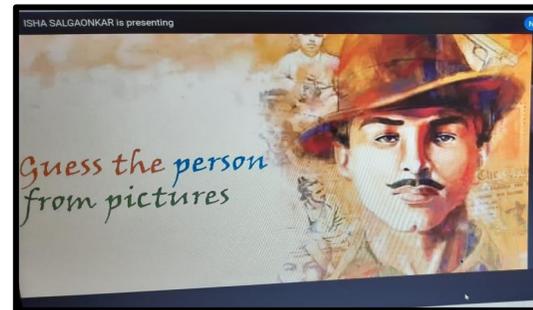
**IEYCIans** celebrated our 72nd Republic Day with the theme “Unity in Diversity”. Dressed in traditional wear they spoke about their culture, language, dress, food, festivals etc. in their mother tongue.



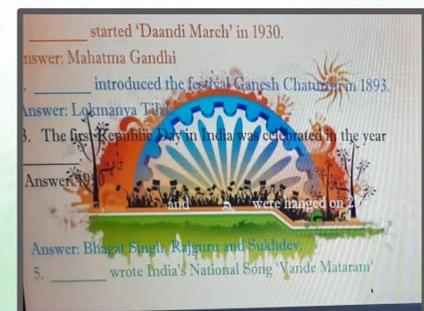
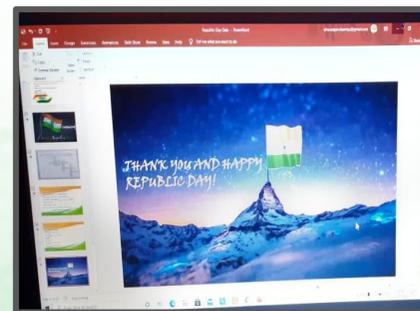
From non-fire, tricolour cooking in **CP I & CP II** to speaking about Kargil war heroes, emotions knew no bounds. Patriotic songs, and dances, discussions on children’s rights bestowed by the Indian Constitution in **CP III** to writing of gratitude notes to our armed forces. Students of **CP IV and V** sang patriotic songs while some dressed up as freedom fighters. Through their speeches, students remembered the precious contribution of great freedom fighters.



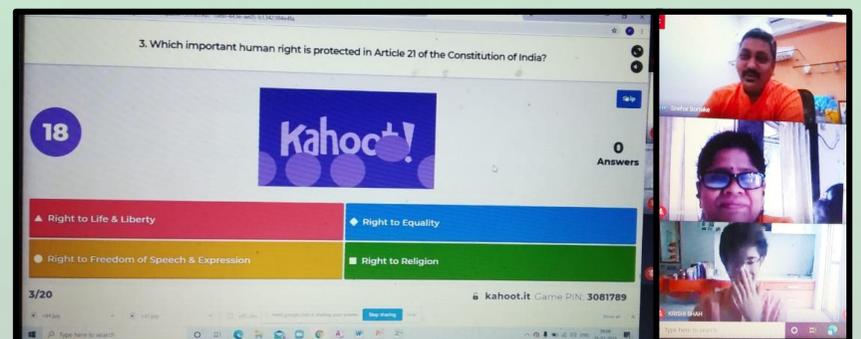
Students of **Checkpoint years** ensured that the fervour of patriotism through poetry recitation, patriotic songs, poster making, powerpoint presentation, quizzes, poem recitation and role play. The varied activities displayed by the students signified the right spirit of Independent and individual India.



Republic Day was celebrated in the **Pre Igcse classes** with great enthusiasm and zeal. The activities included quiz, slogan writing and speeches of great leaders were played and patriotic songs were sung.



The students of **IBDP** celebrated Republic Day by displaying their knowledge about the country as they participated in a Kahoot quiz and yet another audio-visual quiz that reflected their patriotism. Adrian George, in his speech reiterated “ we are the backbone of this nation and it is up to us to shoulder the responsibility of change, progress and innovation”



# Achievements

**LogIQid Mental Aptitude Olympiads 2020-21.**  
**Students have secured the following ranks at the State Level.**



**Shreehan Sachin  
Adawade  
IEYC III B**



**Charvi Meena  
CP 1B**



**Hazel Himanshu Soni  
CP 1B**



**Shivansh Nitin Kale  
CP 1C**



**Mitansh Dohare  
CP 2D**



**Abhir Ghalke  
CP 3A**



**Anika Narkar  
Checkpoint 1C**

**Swarit Dahake of IEYC III B has secured 2nd rank in the Marris Play2Learn Carnival Interschool Championship 2019 - 2020**



**Ananya Harish from CP IV C secured the 9th rank at International Level in LogIQid Mental Aptitude Olympiad and has qualified for the Finals.**



# Achievements

**Gayatri Samudra from Checkpoint II has had her poem 'The Firefly' published in INNSAEI ( International Journal of Creative Literature for Peace and Humanity )**

**Check it out on**

**<https://innsaeijournal.co.in/current-issue/>**



## The Firefly

Firefly,  
Like sparks in the night sky,  
Dancing in the night,  
And filling the dark with light.

Spreading warmth all through the air,  
As they flutter by here and there,  
With clear thoughts and only one aim,  
Considering all one and the same,

In their clan everybody cares for one another,  
All are one,  
All are equal,  
Each one is a sister or brother.

The head is a queen bee,  
Who leads everyone justly,  
Under her rule,  
Everyone is calm and happy.

Once she is gone,  
Many will mourn,  
But they all know they must pass the throne,  
The crown another one will own.

And yet all will be the same,  
The joyfulness will remain,  
And even after generations,  
There shall always be one to light the sky,  
Known respectfully by us as the Firefly.



# Achievements

Our school participated in a pan India 'Diwali Math Challenge 2020'. In this 10 day challenge, students from CP III to IGCSE used Mangahigh Mathematics, a UK based math e-learning platform and experienced the power of games-based learning.

The school earned a total of 2522 medal points and came 48th on the leaderboard over 125 participating schools. Following students earned a certificate for their commendable performance.

**1st position - Rishab Ganguli - CP IIID**

**2nd position - Priyam Chedda - CP IVC**

**3rd position - Aditi Bhalerao - CP IIID**

**4th position - Aayush Kotian - IGCSE I**

**Congratulations to all the winners!**



**Rishab Ganguli - CP IIID**



**Priyam Chedda - CP IVC**



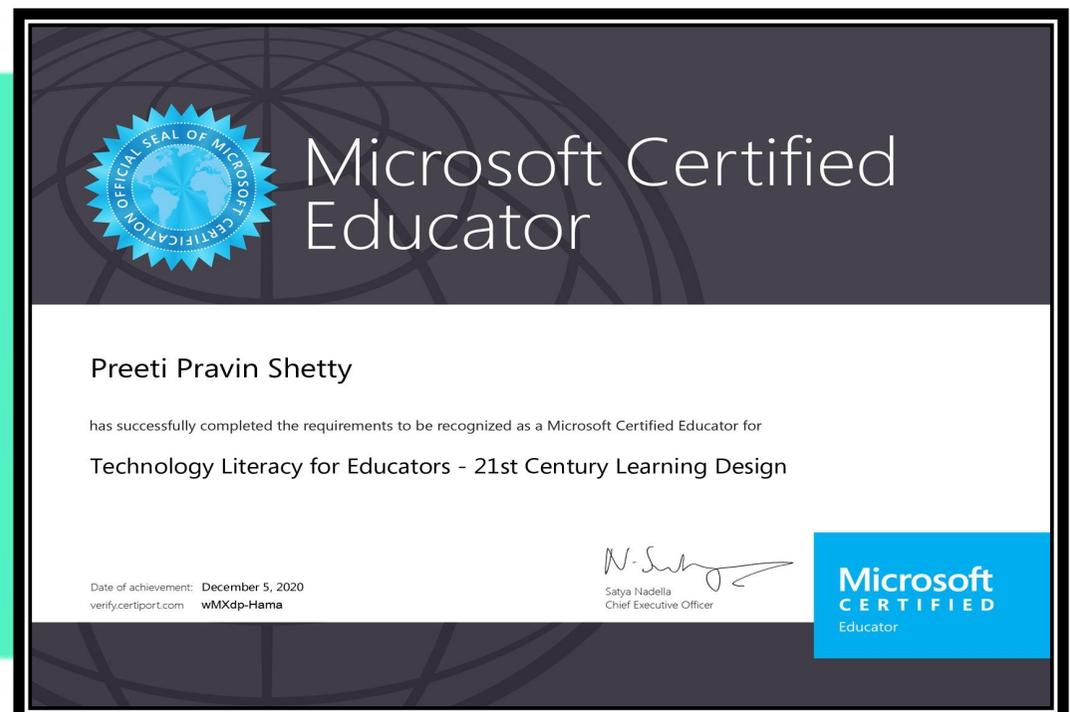
**Aditi Bhalerao - CP IIID**



**Aayush Kotian - IGCSE I**



**Ms Preeti Shetty, Information and Technology Faculty, successfully completed the Microsoft Certified Teacher course conducted by Microsoft Certification team in collaboration with Sankalp Smart School.**



# Achievements

In the words of the great poet & novelist Victor Hugo, “Music expresses that, which cannot be put into words.”

**Young Musicians Competition & Awards - Quarantunes**, presented by **MISA** was a huge success. The competition received over 700 entries PAN India. Every participant was a star in their own right ! The competition was under 2 categories, Vocals & Instrumentals.

For the Vocals Category, the participants were evaluated based on Song Selection, Vocalisation, Skill, and Performance whereas for the Instrumental Category, the participants were evaluated based on Mastery, Skill & Technique and Performance.

Our School is very proud of **Anushree Padmakumar**, who won the best vocals awards in **Grade 3** category and **Gaurang Waingankar** won the best Instrumentals award under **Grade 5** category. Hearty congratulations to our young musicians !!



**Anushree Padmakumar**



**Gaurang Waingankar**

# Achievements

**MISA (Members of International School Association)** organised **SYNERGY 2020-2021**, a Science educational event for Cambridge schools' learners from grade III to IX. Students of **Grade IV** participated under Category A (Grade III to Grade IV).

A synopsis and video of our project was submitted based on the following criteria:

**Social Applicability**

**Scalability**

**Cost Effectiveness**

Our project **Easy Go** suggested technology solution 1 to reduce returns of goods ordered online through 'Fit Me' feature in-built into the shopping app. In this feature the customer's various body parts can be scanned with the help of mobile cameras, so as to take the perfect measurements. This will help the customer to avoid the hassle of long procedure of returning goods.

Easy Go technology solution 2 suggested using BEST buses public transport for delivery during the night hours, as during this time most of the buses travel empty.

**Advantages:**

**Reduction in**

- CO2 Emissions
- Delivery Cost
- Congestion
- Fuel consumption and cost (as the buses run on CNG)

Our students bagged the prize for **BEST OVERALL PRESENTATION** in Category A.

**Topic: Technology to change the way we purchase and consume**

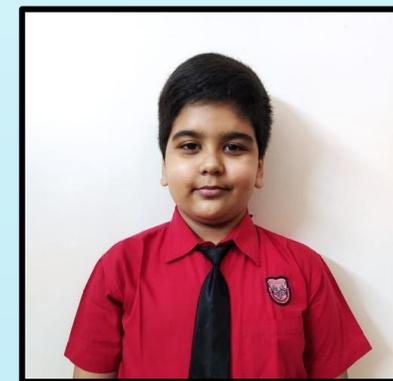
**Category A: Grade IV students**

**Name of Project: EasyGo**

## Winners of Cat-A-BEST OVERALL PRESENTATION



**Ananya Harish - CP IV C**



**Aadvik Sharma - CP IV C**



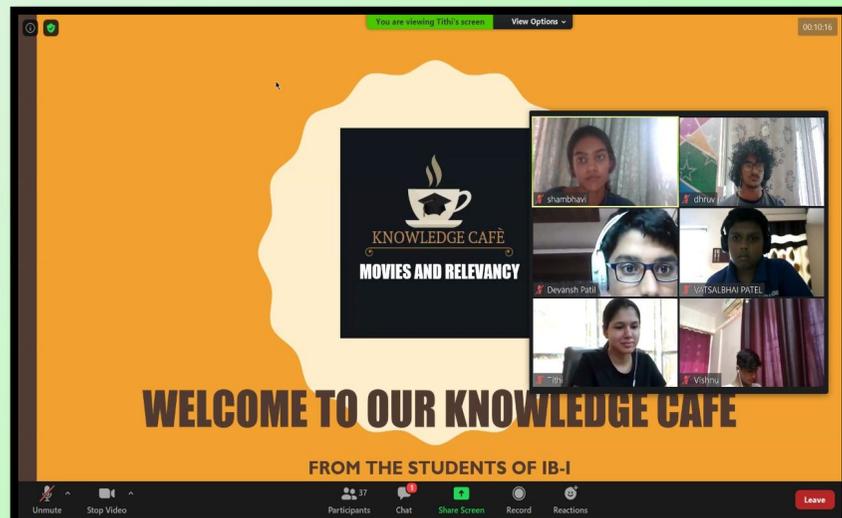
**Abbas Beg - CP IV B**



**Mannat Gupta - CP IV A**

# Events

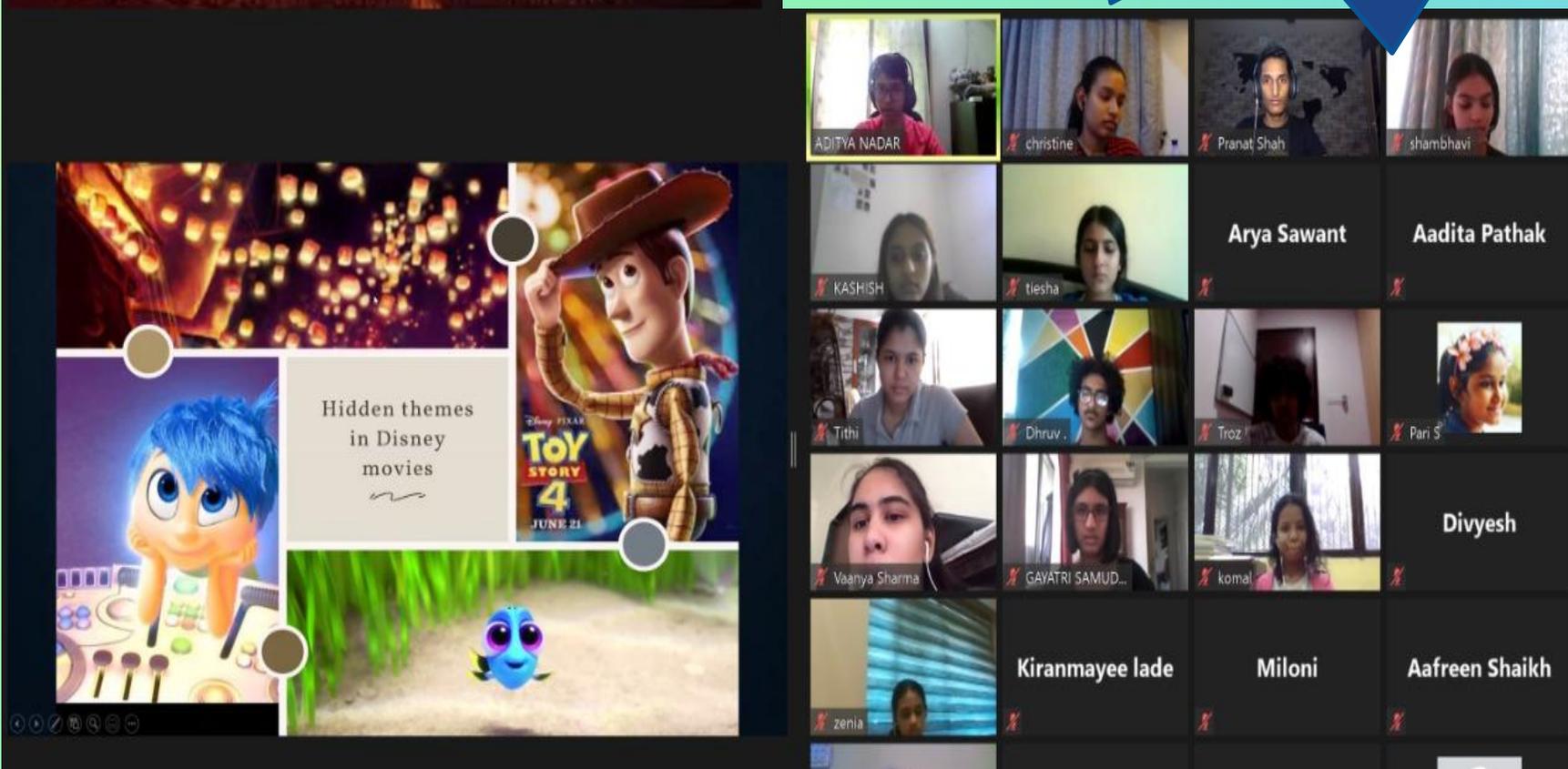
The students of **IBDP1** introduced the first session of the **Knowledge Cafe**, a CAS initiative on 16th December, 2020. The programme aims to create a platform for exchange of knowledge, ideas, interests and information that will help students move beyond textbooks and explore the world around them. We have completed four sessions on **Movies, Global Culture, Gaming and Reality and Birth of languages**. Students have been participating actively and are thoroughly enjoying these action-packed sessions.



## Student feedback:

"From the first time I heard its name, I already knew that I would be in for something so fun, interesting and yet so knowledgeable. The classes are fun and very interactive and the topics chosen are great as we even had topics like gaming and reality!

So overall knowledge café is a perfect 10/10 for me."  
-Neil Malhotra, Checkpoint 2D



# ‘#SMSISJ LIT- LIVEWIRE 2021’

English literary week was organized with great enthusiasm from 11th January 2021 to 15th January 2021 with several motivating and inspiring activities to hone the skills of the students. It was a special week for the students to showcase their understanding and love for language, improve written and spoken expression, and to develop the habit of reading.

Our IEYC little story tellers enjoyed narrating the story of “The Enormous Turnip” and were very eager to put forth their thoughts when asked by the teacher what they liked about the story.



Children used their imagination and wrote their names creatively using elements found in nature. They also communicated their thoughts and ideas to their friends and teachers as they explained what they have used and why.



Children celebrated the festival of Makarsankranti by drawing kites. They talked about the festival and how they celebrated it with their friends and family.



# #SMSISJ LIT- LIVEWIRE 2021'

## Dress up

CP1 students dressed up as their favourite character from books they love and spoke about what they liked most about that character.



## Word Wheel

Students of CP2 had to explore a word from several angles for a deeper understanding of words. They came up with multiple words of three letters or more from the letters in the wheel, using each letter in each word only once.

**Sample Copy**

3 letter words	4 letter words	5 letter words	6 or more letter words
cot	tool	coach	chocolate
lot	cool	hotel	
hot	coal		

**Chocolate**

**Clue:**  
a light inside a container that has a handle for holding it or hanging it up, or the container itself

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# '#SMSISJ LIT- LIVEWIRE 2021'

## Puppet show

Our **CP III** students used critical thinking skills and innovation to create their own puppets and narrate a story using those puppets. It was an interdisciplinary activity that involved subjects-English, Life-Skills and Art.



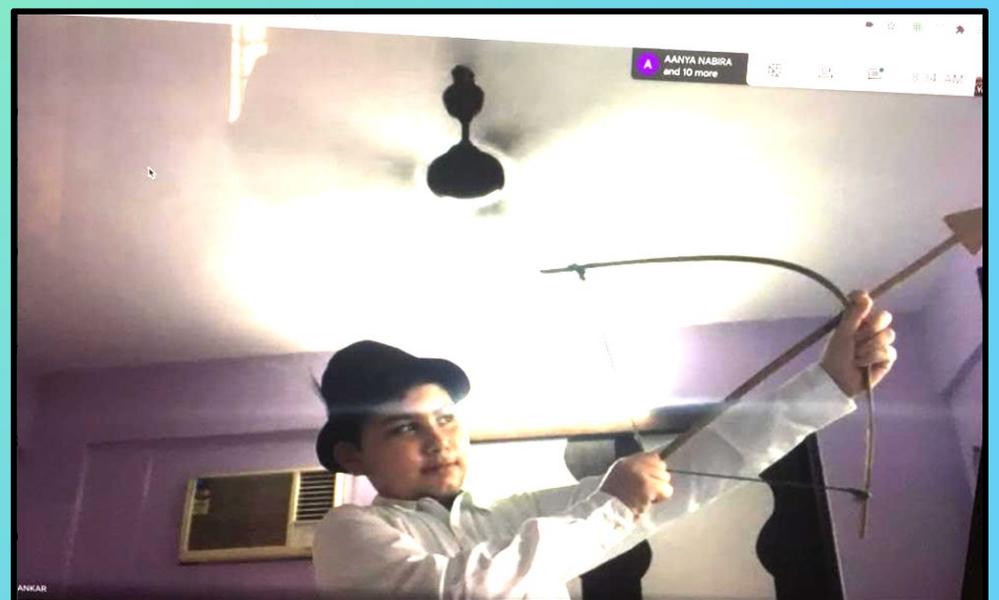
## Ad Mad

Students of **CP IV** created advertisements using persuasive techniques. It helped the students enhance multiple skills such as: cognitive skills, expression, and voice modulation.

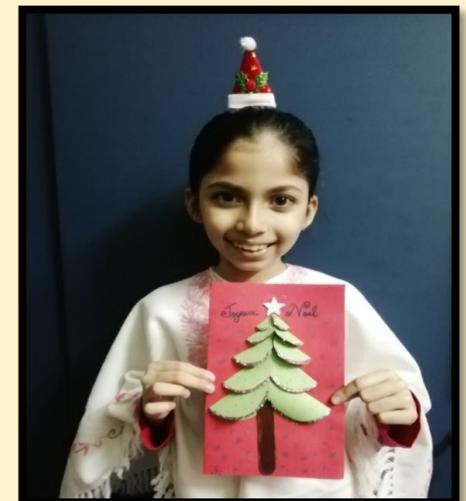
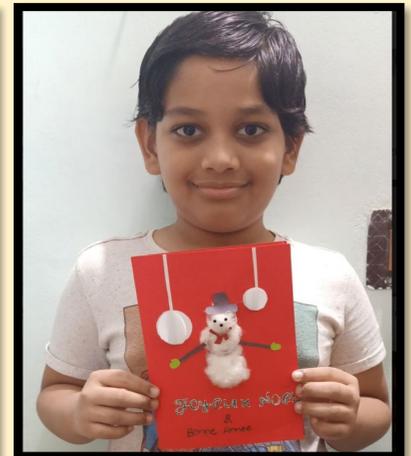


## Monologues

**CP 5** students engaged into a soliloquy session that displayed their communication skills and their command over the language. The objective of the event was to offer opportunities and a platform to the students to speak before an audience.



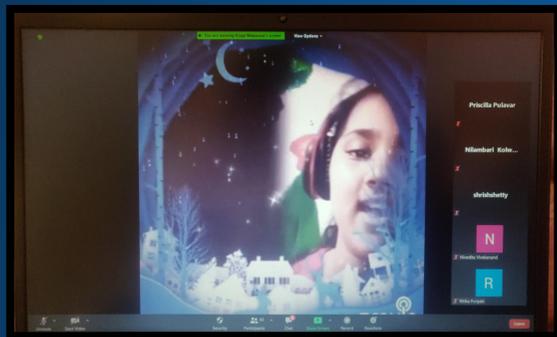
***“Christmas waves a magic wand over the world and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful!”***



Our creative team put together a medley of Christmas carols sung by our students from IEYC to A levels . **Watch it on our Facebook page.**

Christmas was celebrated online in individual classes with Christmas stories, carol singing and lots of Christmas goodies. Christmas trees and greeting cards for friends and family added to the Christmas spirit.

The students of **Checkpoint II** based their assembly on the theme of Christmas and New Year. The online platform echoed with melodious Christmas carols and hymns .A thought-provoking skit with mono-acting of the characters from the crib emphasized values of generosity, patience, health and family taught to us by the remarkable year 2020. Students paid a tribute to all the Covid-19 warriors. Christmas karaoke was the highlight of the occasion. The message of the assembly was loud and clear- Christmas is more than just Santa, cards, toys or gifts under the Christmas tree.



The students of **IBDP1** celebrated Christmas with the school support staff and lived out the true meaning of the **Joy of Giving** on the 24th of December. Although we could not physically meet due to the pandemic, the students organized a small programme over Zoom that included songs, games and a heart-warming video of the students expressing their gratitude towards the support staff for serving them even during such times.



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**Merry Christmas everyone! Love and light from ours to yours...**

# Team Green Initiatives

In the words of Mr. Robert Swan

*“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”*

Team Green aspires to inculcate values for a sustainable living in the minds of our young students. **Ms. Huzaifah Bhaldar**, Team Green Coordinator, introduced the 2nd session by teaching students to grow spring onions in their homes. Science faculty **Ms. Kulvinder Kaur** explained the right weather and soil conditions required for the growth of spring onions in her session on Germination. The session took an interesting turn when **Ms. Josephine Davis** demonstrated how to make a bird feeder at home with waste plastic materials.



# Team Green Initiatives

Team Green connected with **Parisar Asha**, an NGO that is working in the field of education for the underprivileged. The guest speaker **Ms. Sapna Ahuja**, Head - Theatre-in Education and Professional Development was in conversation with our students and highlighted the importance of saving water and how difficult it is to get potable water in remote areas. Our students too shared a few points on how they are involved in gardening, composting, sensitive towards stray animals, etc. As a token of gratitude, our students sent e-cards for the underprivileged. The session culminated giving our students a sense of responsibility towards our environment.



# Competitions

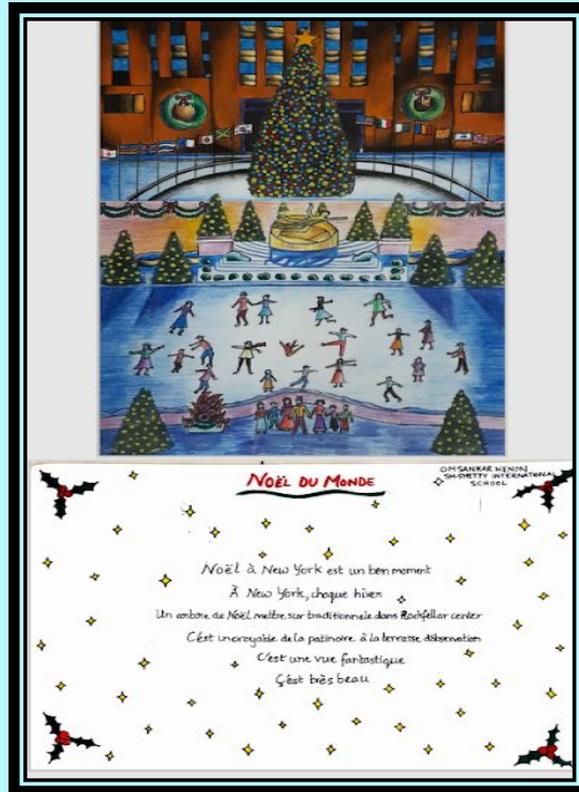
The French Department organised an **Online Poster Making Competition** for the students who have taken up French as a second language. This competition on the theme **"Noëls du Monde"** had student participation pan India.

Our esteemed judge, **Ms. Amrita Raghunandan**, French expert, Chennai, announced the winners from among the many entries.

**Khushi Krishna** from **CP VB** Secured the 2nd Position.

**Om Menon** from **Checkpoint IIC** secured the second position.

**Ananya Harish** from **CP IVC** secured the fourth position.



# Competitions

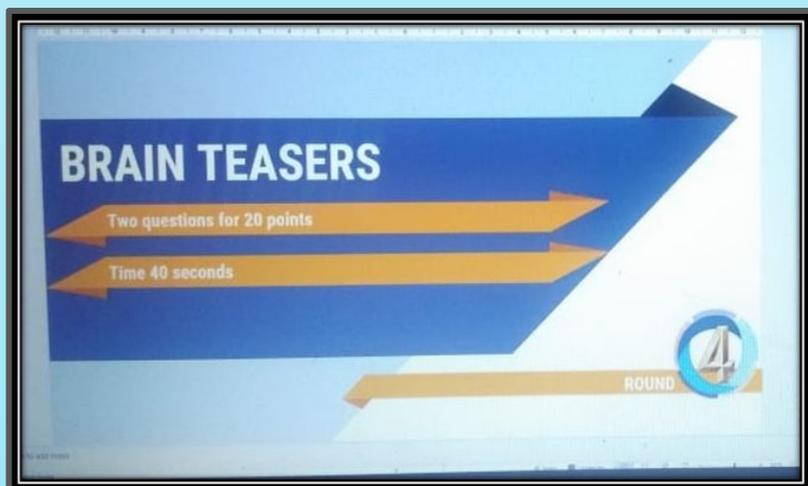
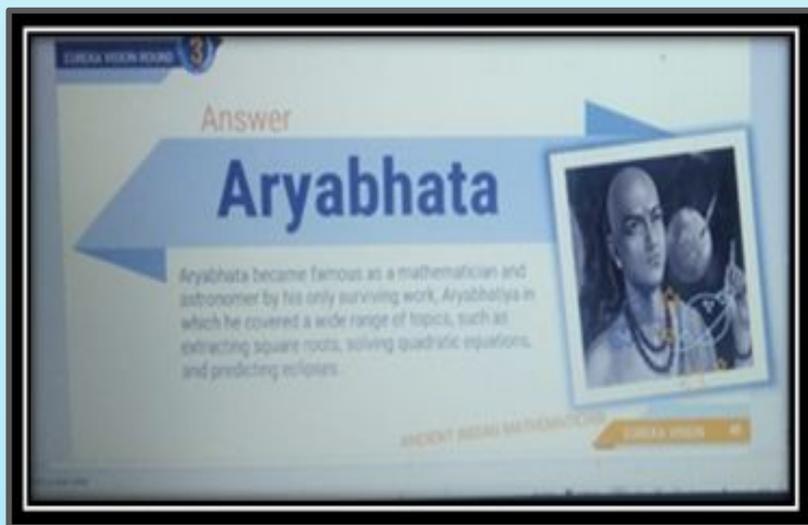
**Mathotech Whiz** tested **CP III** students in the field of Math and Science. **CP IIIA (Abhir Ghalke & Aahna Tolani)** bagged the first position while **CP IIIC** were the runners up (**Kiaan Nischol Kaul and Zayaan Shaikh**).



**Abhir Ghalke - CP III A**



**Aahna Tolani - CP III A**



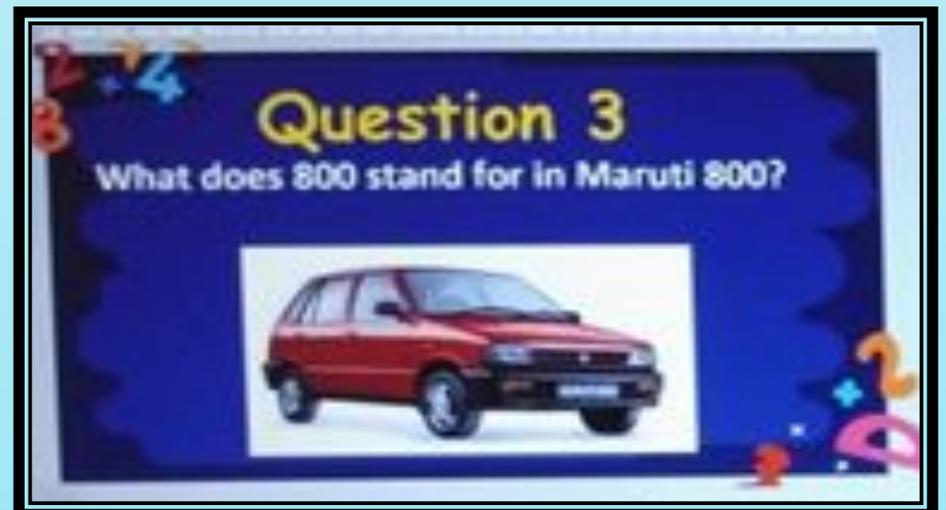
The students of **CP IV & CP V** witnessed the war of the houses with the **Sci-pi Quiz**. The young minds showed exemplary performance and the event was a great success. The quiz went into the tie-breaker round before the final results. **Summer house (Ananya Harish and Aadvay Shashankar)** won the competition. The runners up were **Ronit Raghavan and Pavithra Udaiyar** from **Autumn House**.



**Ananya Harish  
CP IV C**



**Aadvay Shashankar  
CP VC**



# International Connections

Students of Checkpoint III are collaborating with a Cambreur College in Netherlands on the project Ecological footprint.

It is rightly said 'Learning is evolution of mind'. 20 students from CPV & Chkpt I participated in the French language Indo-Dubai Collaboration on 7th December 2020 with Cambridge School Dubai. This was a platform for exchange of ideas and culture between two countries.



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Pre-Assessment

Complete the table using the opposite adjectives :

Grand	Petit
Moderne	ancien
Simple	développé
Cher	Bon marché
calme	occupé

Translate the following:

- Maintenant Dubai est moderne
- Les bâtiments sont grandes
- Dubai est magnifique

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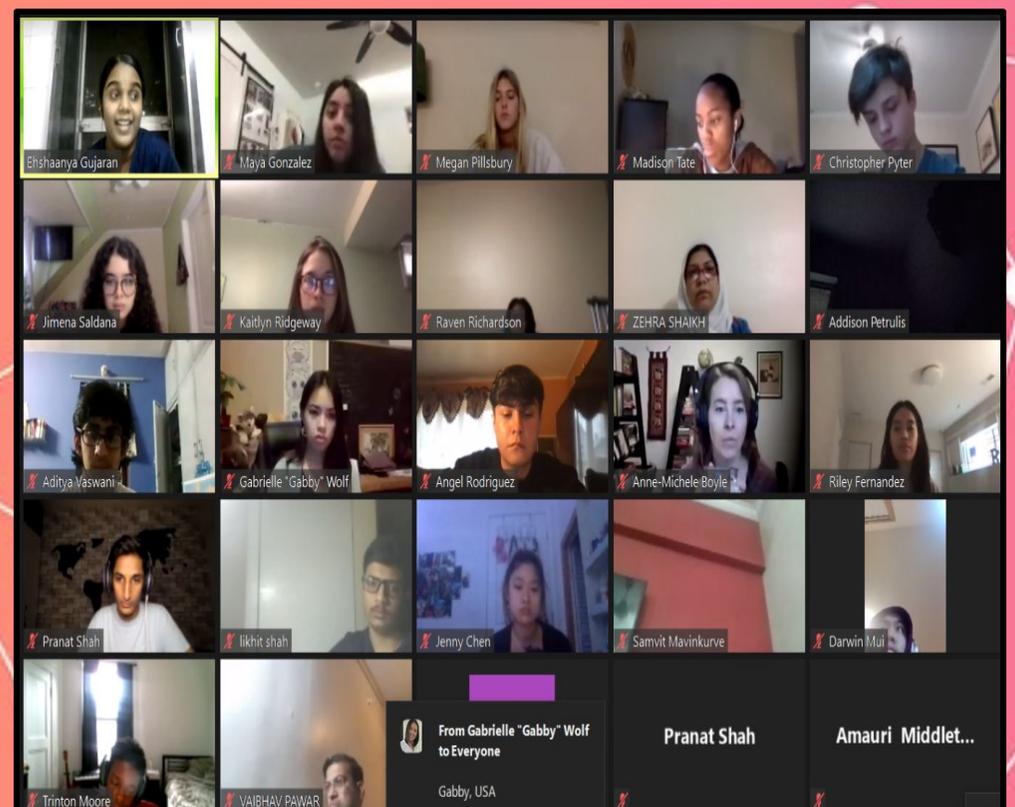
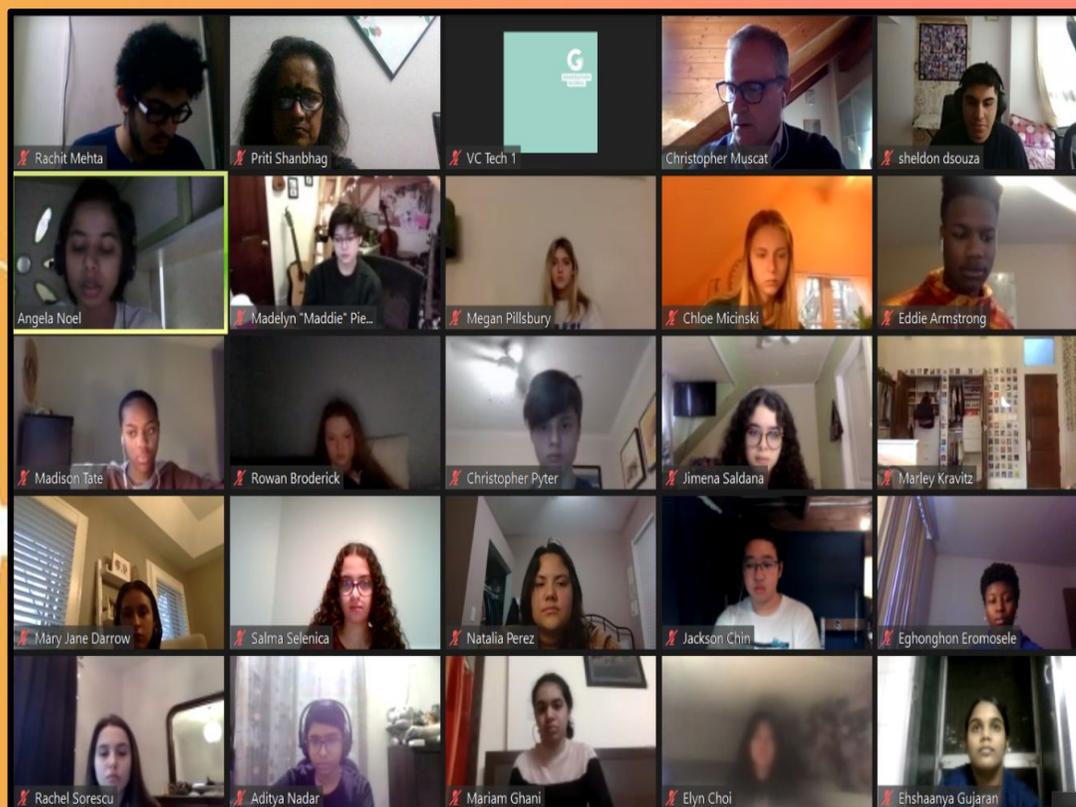
Activités avec mon groupe

- You are making an interview... as a group to talk about the positive points in Dubai, write the script including the Arabic culture.
- You are making a research about different cultures in the past, describe Dubai and India from your point of view.
- You wake up and found yourself in 2050, describe Dubai and India in your view.
- Create an online quiz / game about places and culture in Dubai and India.
- Create a simple French blog about the morals in Dubai and in India.
- Design an online poster about the main landmarks in Dubai and India.
- Make a website about the times who inspired you from Dubai and India.



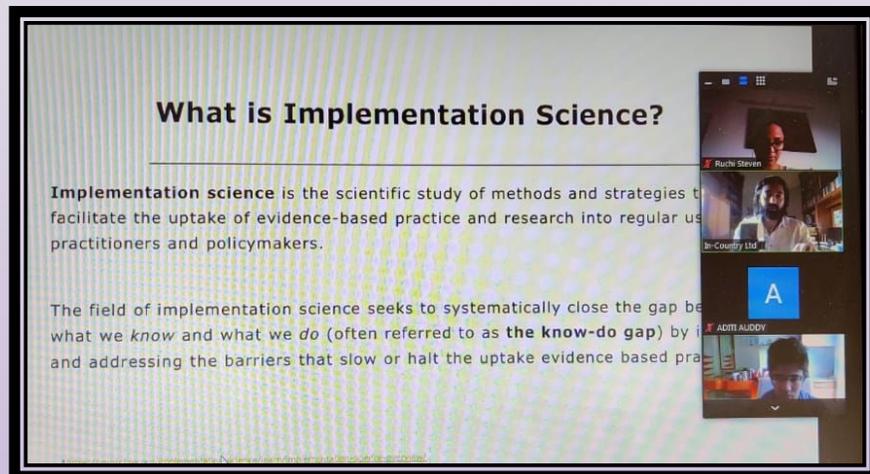
# International Connections

The students of **IB1, AS,AL** and **IGCSE1** connected with their peers of **Whitney M. Young Magnet High School (United States)** on the 25th January, 2021 over a dialogue session on the topic 'Wealth, Charity and Poverty'. This interactive session by **GENERATION GLOBAL**, an initiative of Tony Blair Faith Foundation, imbued in our students a sense of global citizenship, encouraging them to be accepting and at ease with cultural, economical, social, and political differences.

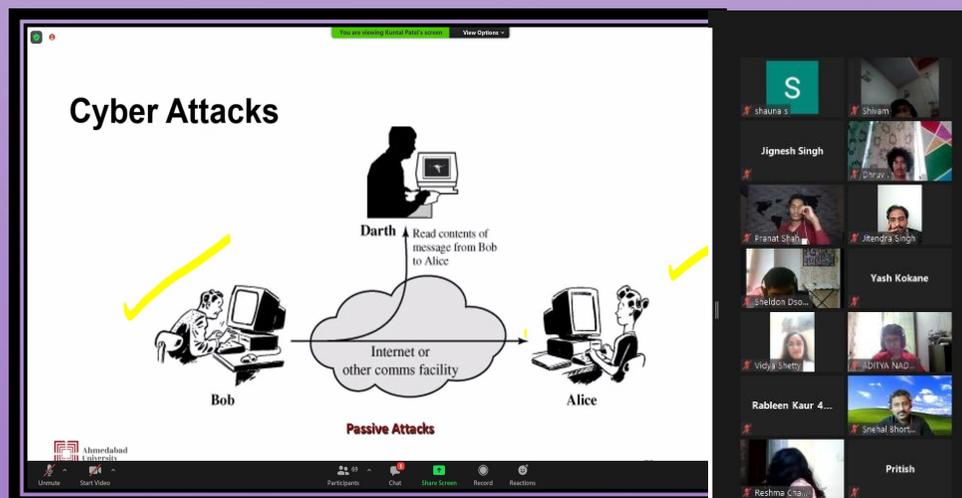


# Guest Lectures

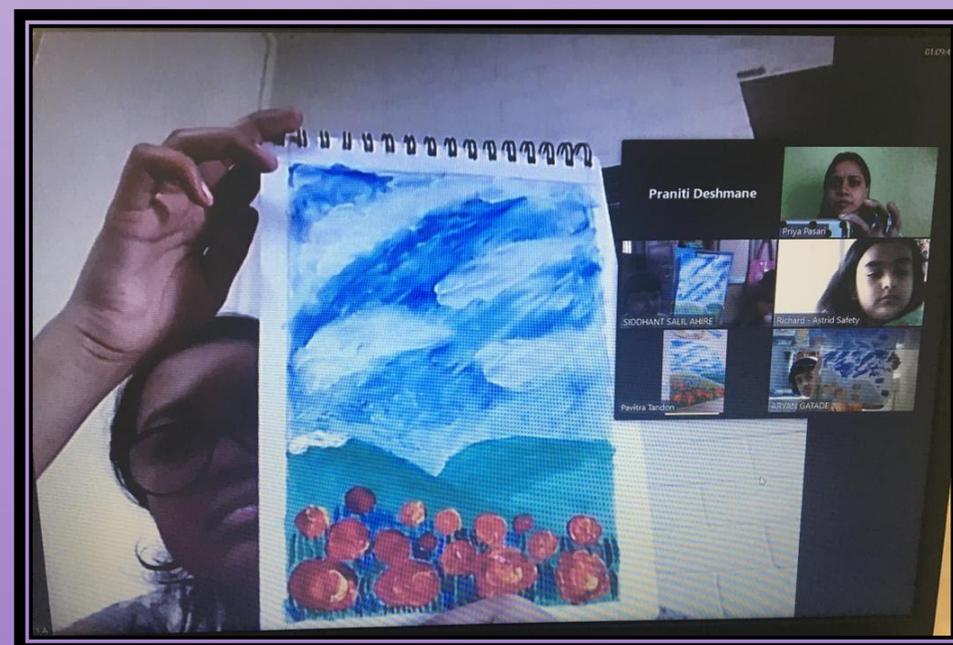
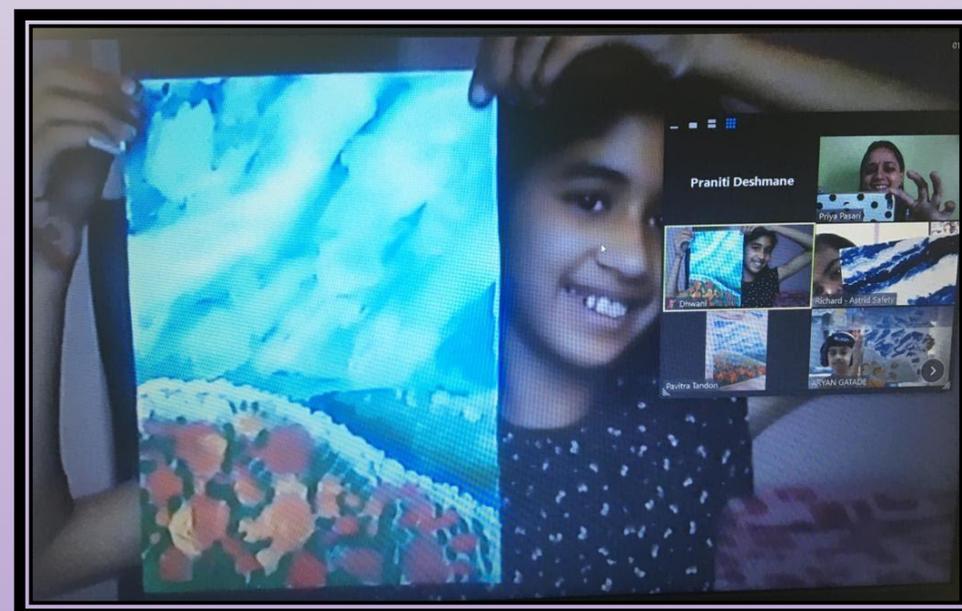
A workshop on Implementation Science was organised for the Commerce students and was delivered by **Mr. Arjun Sharan**, a graduate of **Nottingham Business School UK** and an international education expert on 17th December, 2020.



**Theory of Knowledge & ICT** subject collaboration with Guest Speaker, **Mr Kunal Patel** (faculty expert at School of Engineering and Applied Science, Ahmedabad University) on the topic: **Technology in current times, Use and Misuse, Cyber Security and Career Paths** was conducted on **21st January, 2021**. The session aimed at leading students to reflect as digital users of today and the ethical use of technology.



On the 18th of January, 2021, **Ms Pavitra Tandon**, parent of our alumna **Ms Manya Tandon** conducted a Finger Painting workshop for students of **Checkpoint I**. This activity provided the students the opportunity to paint a landscape picture using fingers as a tool, encouraging them to be creative and exploring new techniques.



# Career Counselling Initiatives

**On 5th of December.2021, Ms Rachna Talsaniya, an experienced Career Counselor and former Admission officer & Visa facilitator conducted a session on admission and related procedures.**

**The key takeaways were -**

**Admissions criteria and applications process to universities abroad**

**Profile building and enhancement**

**Comparative analysis of pursuing courses in India, US, UK, Ireland, Canada, Germany, Singapore, Nordic and Asian countries.**

**Application deadline of universities in the specific areas.**

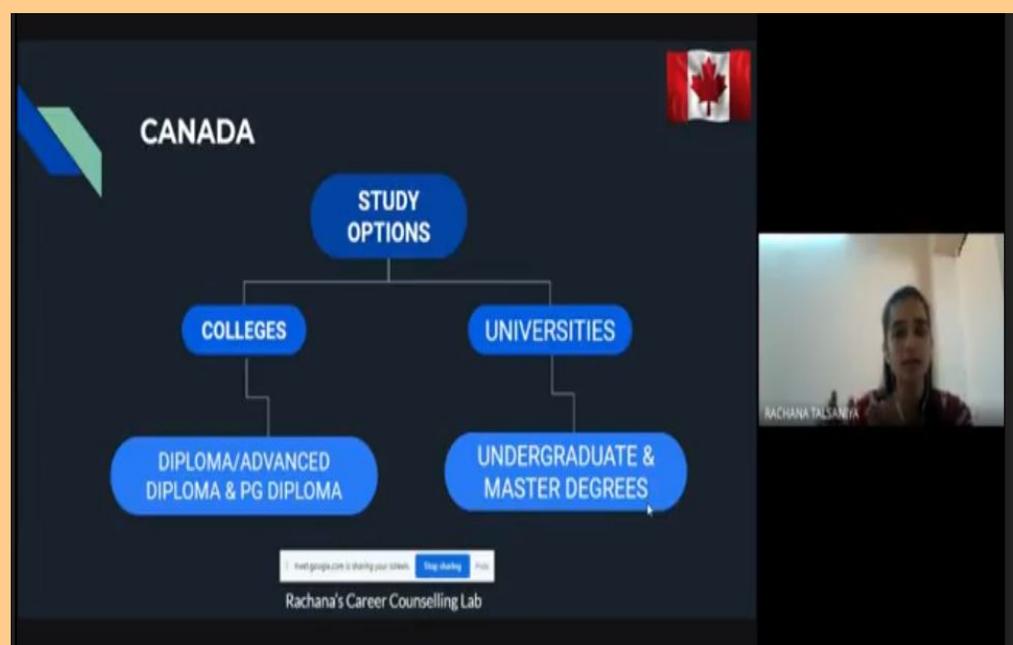
**Scholarships and financial aid options**

**Expenses and tuition fee overview**

**Advanced placement & Job opportunities**

**Info on SAT, SAT Subject tests, TOEFL, IELTS and PR.**

**Students were briefed about the admission criteria of various countries – USA, UK, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, Germany and Japan. The speaker also highlighted both the pros and cons of studying in these countries. Students were provided information on profile building, IELTS, SAT, & TOFEL.**



**As part of the "INNOVATE AND INSPIRE - CANADA SERIES", students and faculty got a rare opportunity to participate in a Fireside Chat with **Professor Donna Strickland**, a Canadian optical physicist and pioneer in the field of pulsed lasers and professor at the **University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada.****

**She was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2018, together with **G rard Mourou**, for the practical implementation of chirped pulse amplification.**

**Canada series - Innovate and Inspire**  
Virtual Professional Development Sessions for CBSE

**Donna Strickland** is an optical physicist who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2018, together with G rard Mourou, for the practical implementation of chirped pulse amplification. They paved the way toward the shortest and most intense laser pulses created by humankind.

She is the third woman in history to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics.

Her research has a number of applications today in industry and medicine - everything from laser eye surgery to laser printers.

She is currently a professor at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada.

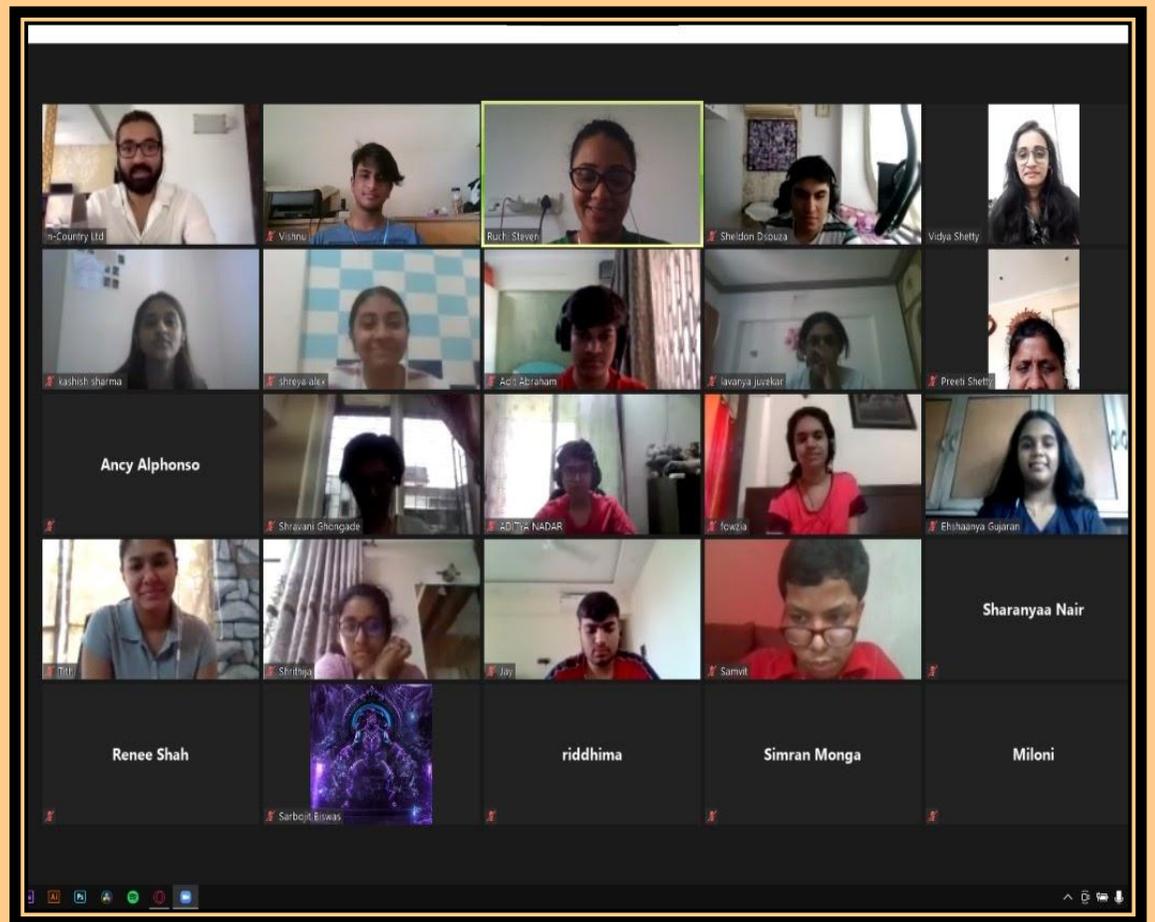
**Fireside Chat with Prof. Donna Strickland**  
Nobel Laureate,  
University of Waterloo, Canada

**Thursday, November 26th 2020**  
8.00 pm - 10.00 pm IST

# Career Counselling Initiatives

A session on **Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Smart Subject Choices of the Future** was held on 20th January, 2021 for the students of **IBDP and A Levels**.

The impact of AI and Machine Learning has evolved our global economy in many ways. The speaker focussed upon the changing job scenario in changing times and how students can best prepare themselves for the coming technological shifts from a global perspective, also touching upon how an international education helps assist the students manoeuvre the ever-changing, fast-paced evolution of technology.



# Career Counselling Initiatives

## Test Drive Carer workshops from Clever Harvey Workshop

The students from **Checkpoint III to IBDP & A Levels** attended the lively, interactive workshops by Clever Harvey on the 27th, 28th and 29th of January 2021. The sessions focussed upon -



**Entrepreneurship**



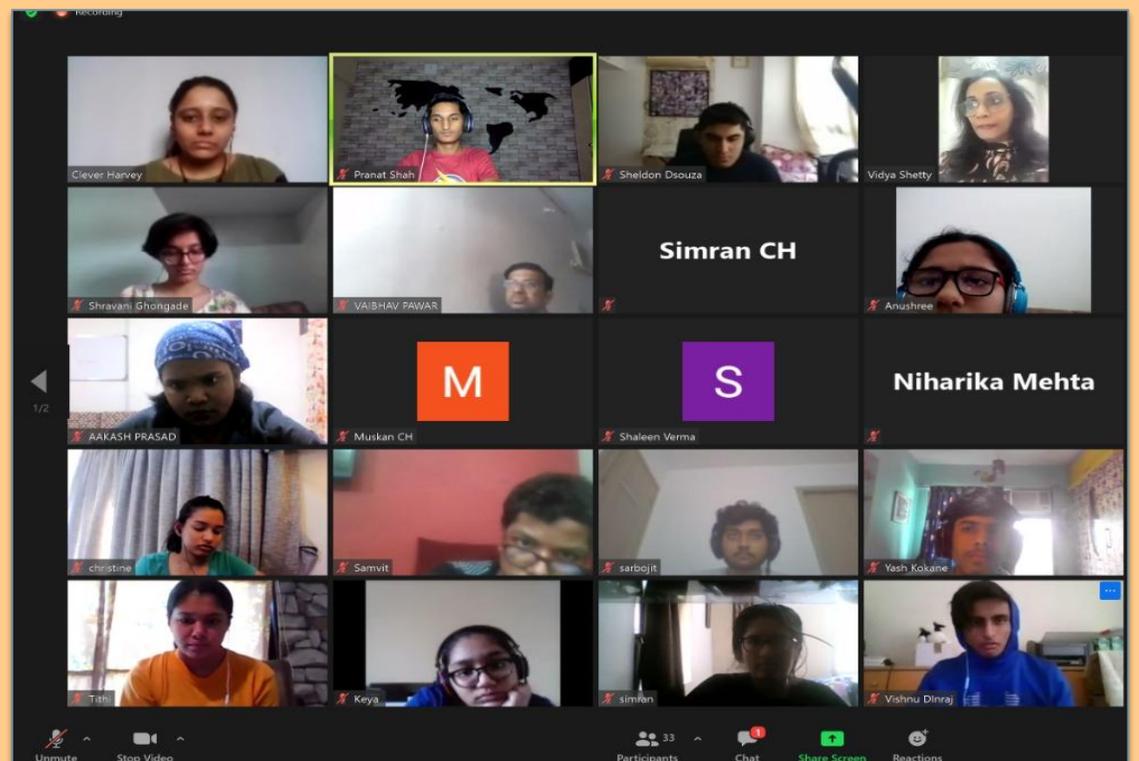
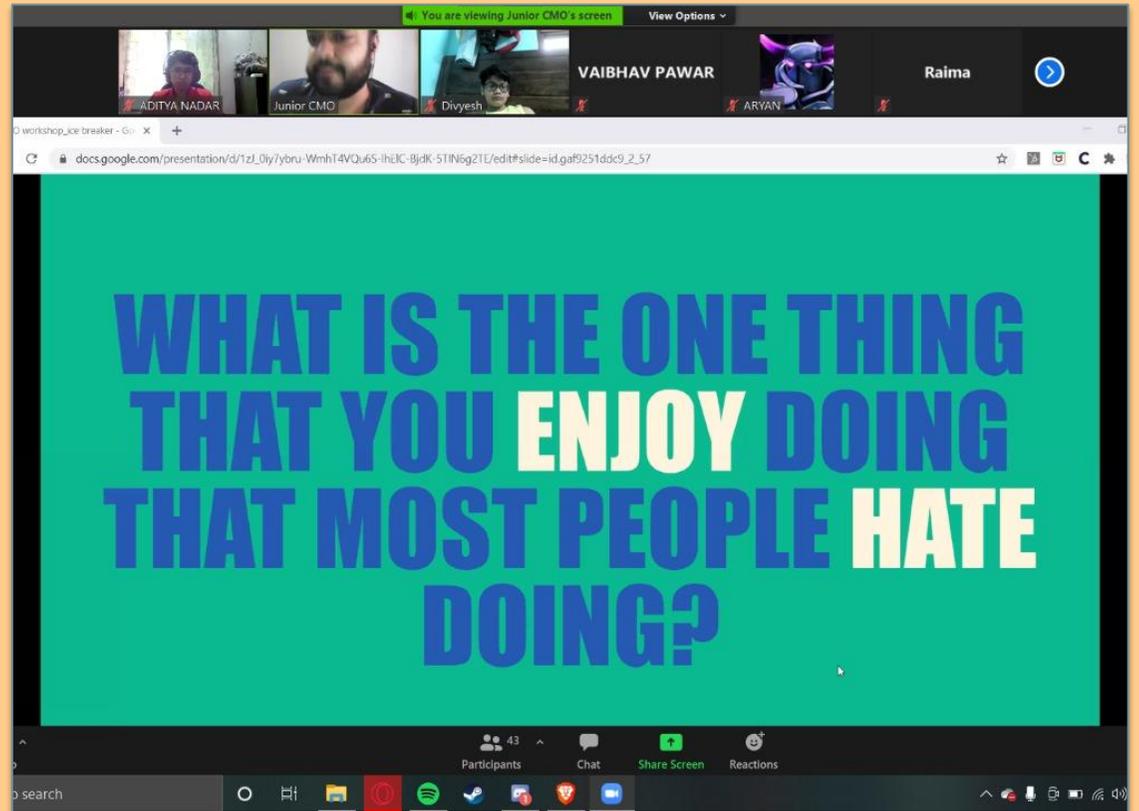
**Marketing and Branding**



**Technology and Innovation**

The aim was to provide students with -

- Opportunity to learn hands-on, the basics of entrepreneurship, marketing, and technology!
- Develop commercial acumen through the C-C-C approach (Concept, Case study, Challenge)
- Earn a certificate of participation from a faculty at an Ivy League institution



# Opportunities for Students

Students of **Checkpoint I** were taken on a virtual tour session to **Lyon (France)** organised by **Le frehindi**, a Paris based student benefit organization on the theme “Discover the streets of the beautiful city of Lyon, students saw Carrefour City (grocery store), boulangerie & boucherie which is the Unit that they are working on in school.

As a token of gratitude students also wrote letters to Indian Armed Forces personnel. The process was facilitated by our Alumnus **Aritra Banerjee**, Defence journalist, presently associated with **Mission Victory India Magazine**.



**Aritra Banerjee**



# Opportunities for Students

As part of 'Lit-Livewire-2021' the school invited speakers including our Alumni from the fields of journalism, film animation, graphic designing, puppetry and publishing. Students enjoyed these interactive sessions with the eminent speakers on a virtual platform.

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From: 11-01-2021 to 15-01-2021

Special Invitee  
*Ajinkya Mane*

SPECIALISING IN  
FILM MAKING, GAME  
DEVELOPMENT,  
ANIMATION AND  
VFX.

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"It was an amazing experience with him and he made us understand all about gaming and I wish to become a gamer 1 day."

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"The session on filmmaking was quite informative and interesting."

"It was a wonderful opportunity to witness the budding talent of the young students of SMSISJC, their inquisitive minds filled me with joy and their queries showed their enthusiasm and quest for learning."

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Special Invitee  
*Ms. Sudipta Mukherjee Mandal*

MAJOR IN EDUCATION & SOCIOLOGY, CREATIVE RESOURCE PERSON WITH PROJECTS IN AREAS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD, INCLUSIVENESS, STORYTELLING, PUPPETRY.

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"I really enjoyed the puppet show. It kept my attention the whole time. I was fascinated!"

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"Fun learning about puppetry."

"I was overwhelmed by the number of students who joined in and that they took an interest, had queries, and were quite intrigued by Puppetry."

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Special Invitee  
*Ms. Lana Shetty*

AUTHOR & WRITER, AUTHOR OF THE BOOK 'BETRAYALS AND PAYBACKS'

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"Encouraged me to 'engage' into more books. I gained more knowledge."

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"Got a lot of advice on how to start reading and learned a lot about how we could start writing a book."

"It was fun to connect with kids and talk to them. I had a great time and found the kids attentive and smart. I am honored and happy about the experience. Thanks for having me."

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Special Invitee  
*Ms. Anushka Mohite*

FREELANCE CONTENT EDITOR AND WRITER

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"I got to know the plethora of opportunities in the field of journalism."

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"The idea of journalism was quite clear after attending this session."

"It was a pleasure talking to the young minds at SM Shetty High School. Thoroughly enjoyed the experience and I hope we ignited some minds about the importance of journalism in today's society."

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Special Invitee  
*Mr. Aryan Ganesh*

ANIMATOR & ILLUSTRATOR

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"The talk Aryan sir gave regarding animations was fascinating to many students in the grade, including me. I learnt many interesting things and I look forward to other talks as such."

"Thank you so much, always a pleasure to interact with students and of course, teachers as well!"

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Special Invitee  
*Mr. Vrishasen Dabholkar*

MEDIA PROFESSIONAL WITH OVER A DECADE OF EXPERIENCE IN CONTENT CREATION & ADVERTISING.

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"I have learned a new definition of media and have realized the importance of media in our lives."

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"We had a conversation with Mr. Vrishasen Dabholkar who gave us an insight on how media and journalism is helpful and how they are used in our daily lives."

"Am glad the students loved it. Happy to be a part of this initiative."

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Special Invitee  
*Aritra Banerjee*

DEFENCE JOURNALIST

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"Helped me understand the struggles and that journalism is not an easy job."

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"The session gave me an insight about defense journalism from the point of view of career."

"It was a truly humbling experience for me to be able to share my limited insights to students at the school I grew up in."

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Special Invitee  
*Ms. Shweta Ramanujan*

PRINT JOURNALIST, EXPERIENCE IN REPORTING CRIME, EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES AND POLITICS

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"Very interesting, got to know about important facets of journalism such as questions optimized, the way they're put out etc."

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"Got to know about print media in depth."

"It was great to see some intelligent questions coming in and we hope that they go on to become fearless journalists who are never afraid to ask the right questions."

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Special Invitee  
*Nikhil Makeshwari*

SPECIALIST IN FILM MAKING

STUDENT REFLECTION  
"Changed my opinion about filmmaking as a career and also gave me a good input on the media."

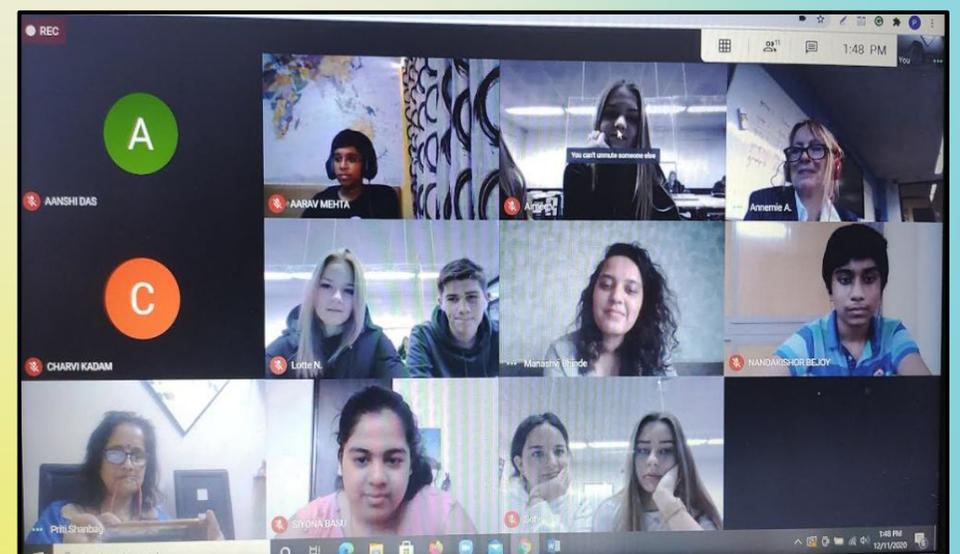
STUDENT REFLECTION  
"Opened my eyes to the sea of endless opportunities in the filmmaking industry."

"Personally, it was a really nice experience to talk to my Juniors about the range of possibilities in filmmaking... The literary week is a great initiative I feel to make students, who are in their developmental years, aware and open to anything and everything."

# Opportunities for Students

**EUMIND** is a platform that creates and supervises virtual exchange projects in which Indian and European students work together on real-life issues such as sustainability, human rights and arts & culture. Our students are engaged in communication and working together in projects with students of Netherland. The first video conference was conducted on the 26th November , 2020 where senior group students had a healthy discussion with the **students of B C Broekhin school , Netherlands** on the Onstage Project. The discussion was moderated by the coordinators of both schools ,**Ms Marieke van der Goor (Netherlands)** and **Ms Priti Shanbhag (India)** and graced by **Ms Jessie Vas, Eumind India Chair**.

The first round of discussion on the **Go Green Project** was conducted on the 10th December , 2020 by our junior group students with the students of t Rijks Bergen op Zoom , Netherlands. The go green project discussion was moderated by the coordinators of both schools ,**Ms Annemie Arntz (Netherlands)** and **Ms Priti Shanbhag (India)**. The central aim of connecting the students was not only to make the students aware of their responsibilities towards our planet but also help them learn from each other's strengths.



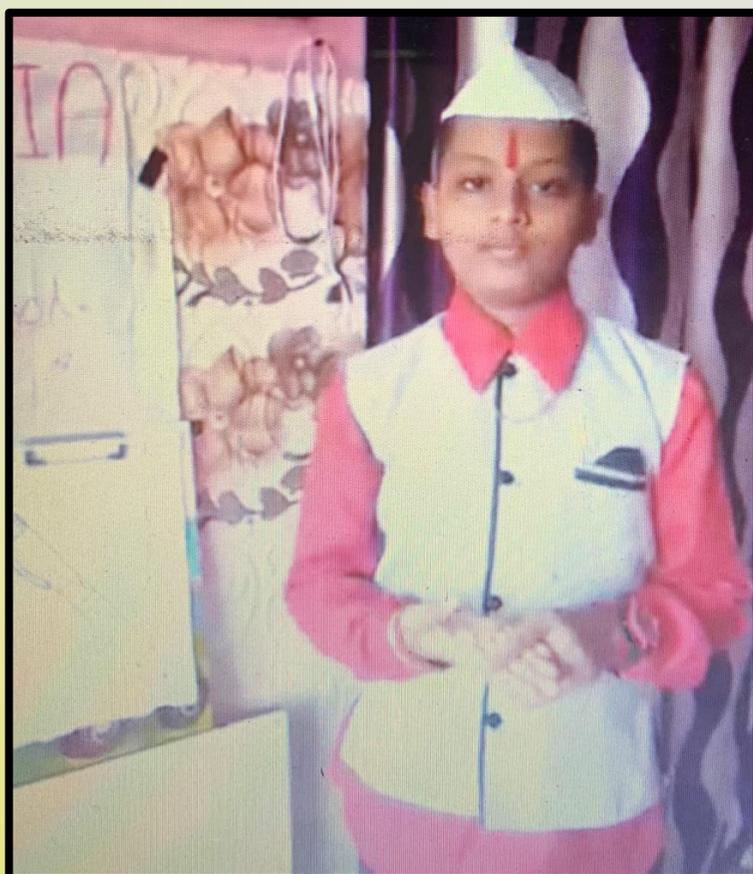
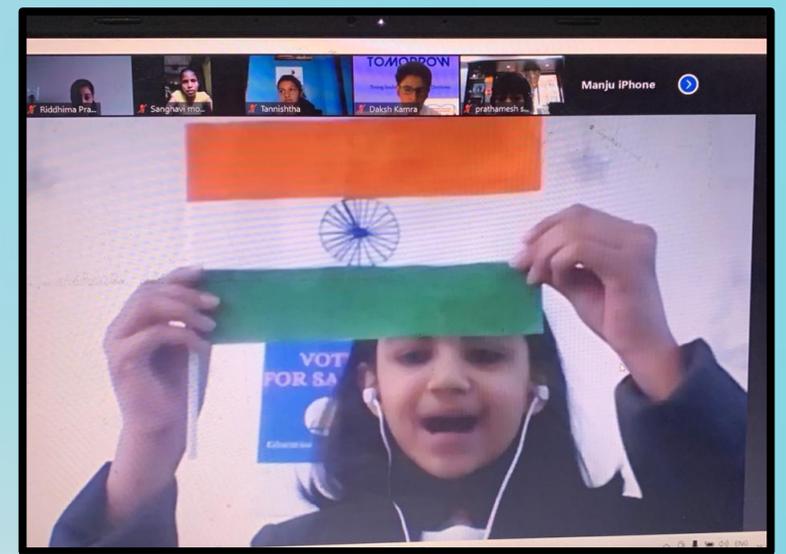
# Voices of tomorrow

On the eve of the 72nd Republic Day celebration, the students of **Checkpoint II** along with **Kotak Education Foundation** participated in **"Voices of Tomorrow"** a collaborative activity to appreciate our rights and liberties.

This foundation works with some of India's most economically underprivileged communities.

It was a spoken English program which reinforced the communicative skills of our students, thereby building their confidence and ability. The activity was interactive and fun filled, as the students were given an opportunity to speak and campaign about themselves using their own symbols.

An election process was also carried out wherein children had to cast their vote. The aim was to go beyond the curriculum and give exposure beyond their community, exchange information, and create aspirations at the same time.

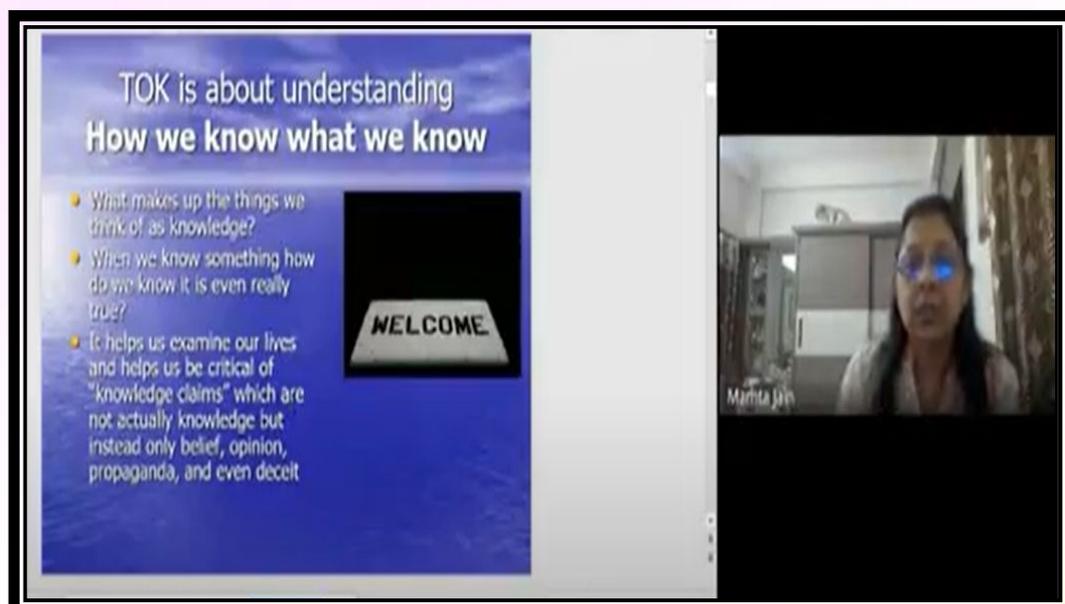


# Opportunities for teachers

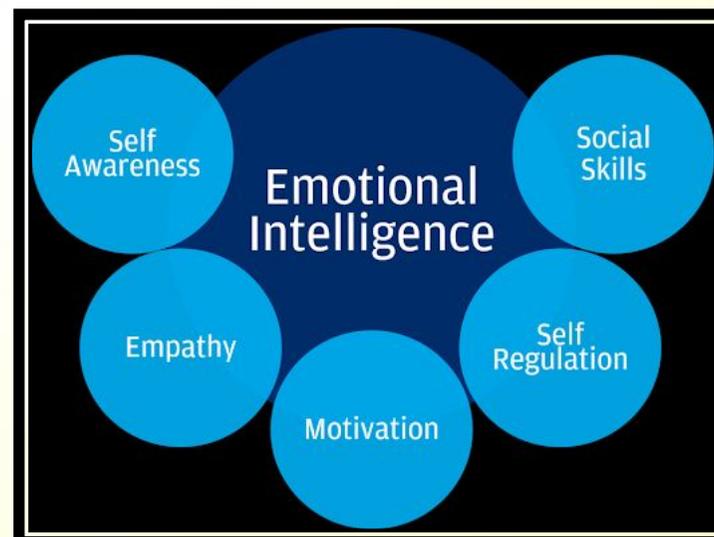
IBDP Coordinator **Mr Snehal Bhortake** attended the IB Conference '**Reimagine the Future**' and had the opportunity to engage with education experts, IB staff, peers and exhibitors.



IB teachers attended **Theory of Knowledge training** by **Ms. Mamta Jain** and TOK coordinator **Mr. Amit Puranik**, from Choithram IB School Indore on November 30, 2020.



A session on **Emotional Intelligence** was conducted for teachers by **Mr Dilip Vasu** Principal Choithram School Indore on 5th December.

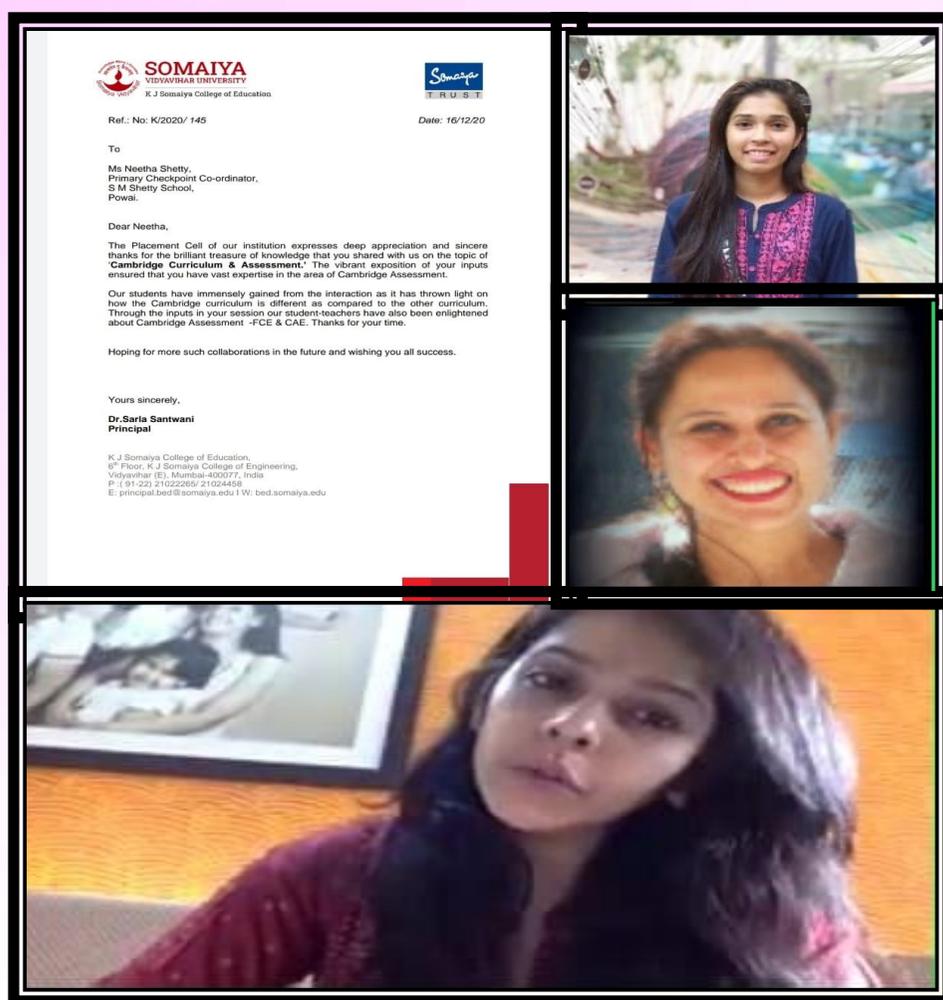


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Primary Checkpoint Coordinator **Ms Neetha Shetty** conducted a webinar for the BEd. Students of **K J Somaiya college** on 4th December 2020, on – **Cambridge Curriculum and Assessments** with emphasis on the various assessments for English. Busting the myth that the curriculum is only aligned to courses offered abroad was one of the highlights of the interaction. From being a B.Ed student herself, just like the participants, to a teacher and a coordinator was the pathway that inspired and motivated the participants.

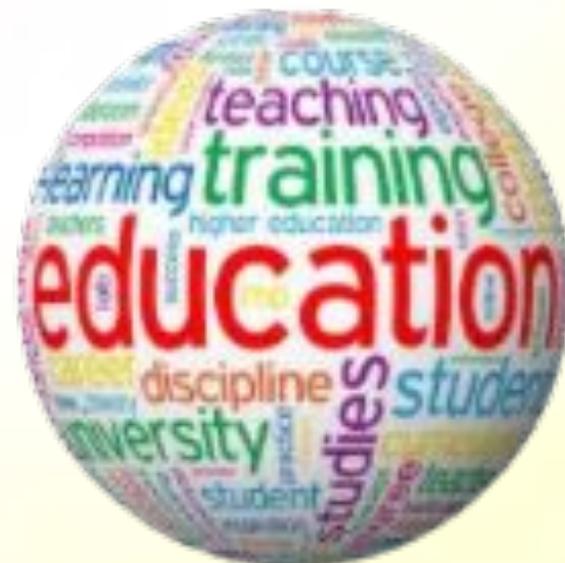
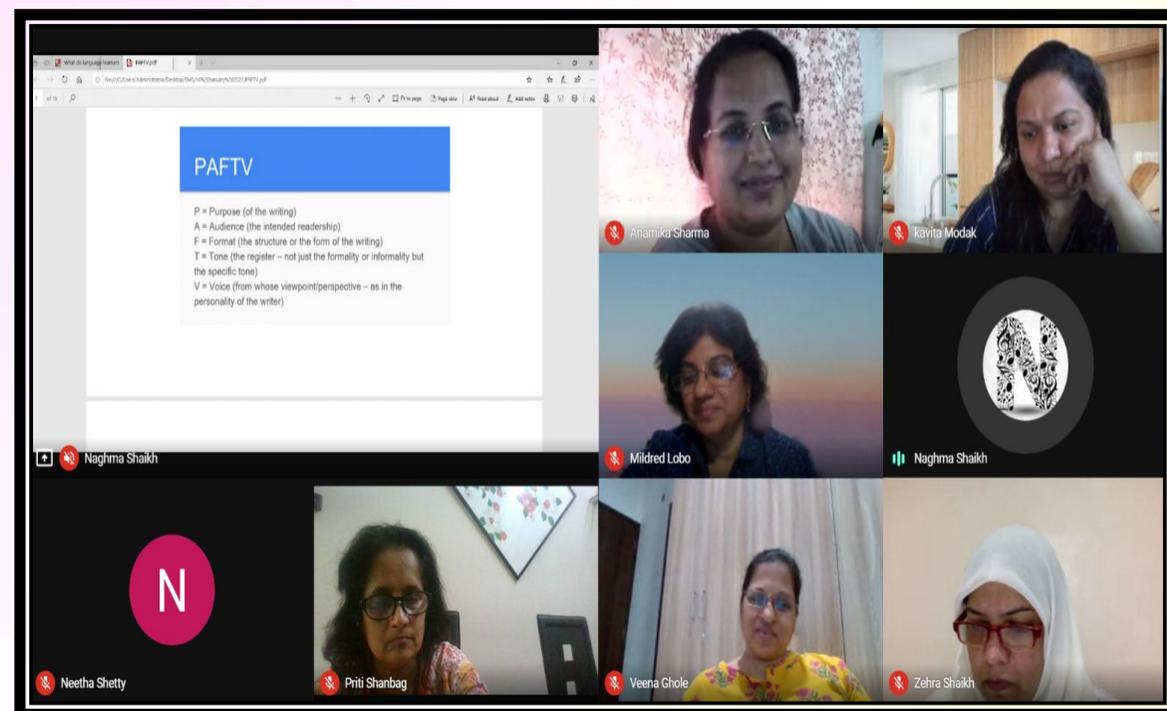
Turning adversity into opportunity – Rural school development by **Ms. Neetha Shetty**, Primary Checkpoint Coordinator.

Primary Checkpoint Coordinator Ms Neetha Shetty closely worked with **Indian Public school, Haryana** to restructure their system and conduct meaningful workshops on pedagogy and latest technological innovations that can be used in imparting education. The entire teacher force was trained on how to inculcate 21st century skills in students. Workshops for training them on Google classrooms and introduction to Micro teaching.



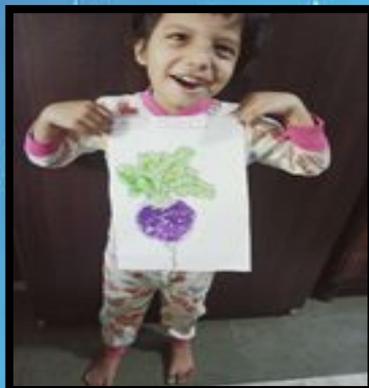
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The school had organised sessions with **Ms Naghma Shaikh**, an expert in English skills with a number of years of experience in Cambridge teaching, training and moderating for English teachers across all levels. The session was a complete blend of interactive value added skills with tips for improvisation of language from the fundamental years to building proficiency at the higher secondary level.



# Peek into IEYC I

## The Enormous Turnip – pincer grip activity



## B for Bus – Paper tearing activity



## Beautiful flower colouring activity



## Our caterpillar is so cute, just like us



# Peek into IEYC I

## Yummy vegetables using play dough



## I love fruits



## It was so exciting to make Gingerbread man and a butterfly using play dough



## My big, yellow Sun



# Peek into IEYC I

## Tiny Tim the turtle



## Meet Mr. Square, Mr. Rectangle and Mr. Circle



## Delightful dotted 'D'



## Once upon a time there was a ...



# Peek into IEYC II

## Nature hunt: Fun to see children creatively writing their name



## Sink and float concept was so much fun to learn



## Scenery Drawing



## Hungry Caterpillar

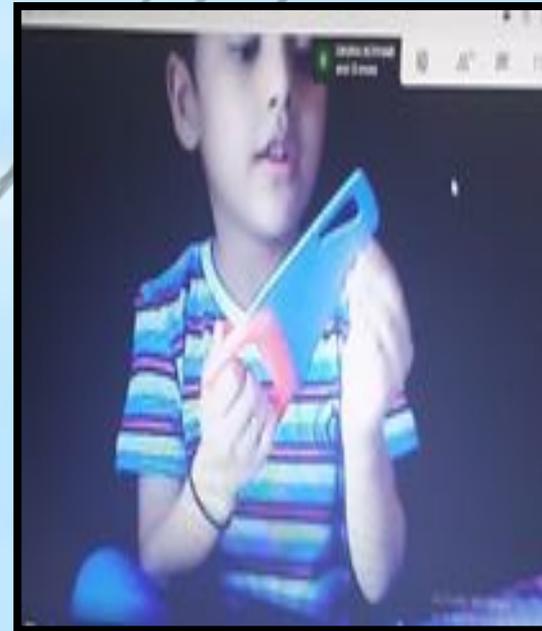


# Peek into IEYC II

## Exploring the loose parts



## Learning about different tools



# Peek into IEYC III

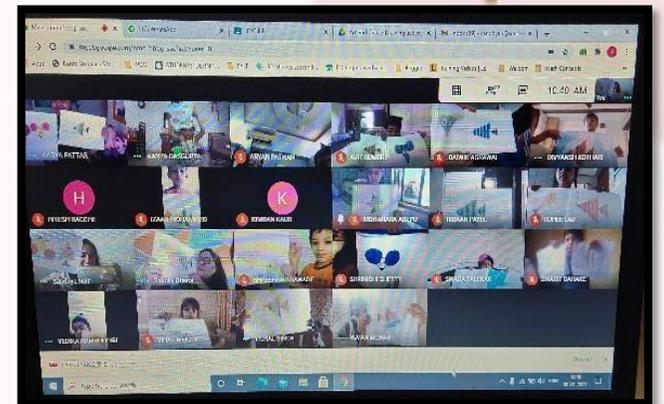
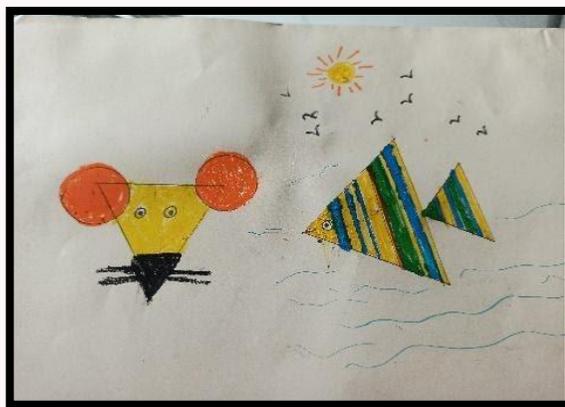
**What fun we had making and playing with our paper toy spinner!!**



**Look at this beautiful scenery !**



**It is so easy to draw animals using 2d shapes**



**I am dressed up as my favourite sports personality**



# Celebrating Makarsankranti -IEYC

So what if we can't go out to fly kites? Even the lockdown couldn't dampen the spirit of Makarsankranti as children enjoyed drawing and colouring their kites.



# Counselling Initiatives

In order to address the question, why mental fitness in sports is imperative, psychologist **Ms Radhika Kulkarni** from The Counselling Centre hosted a LIVE webinar, **MIND YOUR SPORT!** on 18th December 2020 with two teen athletes **Ms Apeksha Fernandes**, 15 years (swimming) and **Ms Diya Chitale**, 17 years (Table Tennis) who have brought international laurels for our country, in conversation with celebrity Sports Psychologist **Ms Mugdha Bavare**.

The entire video can be viewed on the bssmse YouTube channel, or you can click on the following link: [https://youtu.be/CV\\_Qt7d0o50](https://youtu.be/CV_Qt7d0o50)

Bunts Sangha's S. M. Shetty Educational Institutions present **Mind Your Sport!** Candid conversation about sports, psychology & mental training with an exciting panel!

**Apeksha Fernandes**  
Swimming - International

**Mugdha Bavare**  
Sr. Sports Psychologist

**Diya Chitale**  
Table Tennis - International

Moderated by **Radhika Kulkarni**  
Counselling Centre, BSSMSEI

Friday, 18th December 2020 5-6 pm

Watch us LIVE on YouTube/bssmse

On the 9th January 2021, Checkpoint Coordinator, **Ms Anamika Sharma** along with heads of different sections of the Institution was a panel member in an interesting dialogue on the changing educational landscape. Titled the **3 H in Education-Head, Heart and Hand**, the session had insightful experiences as the panellists took us through their journey in the educational field.

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BUNTS SANGHA'S S.M. SHETTY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THE COUNSELLING CENTRE presents **3 H in Education** HEAD, HEART & HAND

**MS. NEHA BHAVE**  
HM Preprimary, State Board

**MS. RESHMA RAO**  
Vice-Principal, State Board

**MS. NATASHA MEHTA**  
MODERATOR  
Counselling Psychologist, BSSMSEI

**MS. KALPANA RAI MENON**  
Coordinator, Dept of Mass Media, Degree College

**MS. ANAMIKA SHARMA**  
Coordinator, Secondary Checkpoint, International School

Join us LIVE ON **JAN 09, 2021 SATURDAY** @ 5.00 - 6.30 PM  
channel/BSSMSEI

Key Points of the Discussion:

- What is the meaning and purpose of Education?
- What is the mind make-up of an Educator?
- Education - A Past, Present and Future Perspective

The pandemic has been particularly hard on our students with special needs, because of restrictions on outdoor physical activity. Addressing this gap, The Counselling Centre's initiative of **FITNESS SESSIONS** for students with additional needs has been very well received by parents. PE coaches of the institution have been holding these sessions for the students once a week since mid-December'20 and the students eagerly await these sessions as they not only get some much needed movement but also play and socialize with their peer group.

