

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

THE BUZZ

JUNE-AUGUST -2021



Of
INDIA'S GLORY
15th August
INDEPENDENCE DAY

"TOGETHER WE RISE"

MOMENTS OF GLORY

TIMES ONLINE EDUCATION SURVEY 2021 – SCHOOL SPECIAL -OUR SCHOOL AS THE TOP BEST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN ONLINE CLASS MANAGEMENT

OUR ACHIEVERS

Congratulations to all our students for their excellent performance!

IGCSE TOPPERS

Cambridge Assessment International Education
Cambridge International School

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International early years curriculum

193 A* and A

Heartiest Congratulations to our young learners of IGCSE and AS / A Level
In the CAIE February- March 2021 series

IGCSE High Achievers

Student Name	Percentage	Achievement
Devanshi Kumar	(96.60%)	8 A*
Khush Jain	(94.60%)	7 A*
Niharika Swain	(93.90%)	7 A*

IBDP TOPPERS

Student Name	Points
Shauna Shanbhag	44 Points
Naman Mathur	43 Points
Dhwani Shetty	41 Points
Arya Nair	41 Points

OUR ACHIEVERS

A LEVEL TOPPERS



Sania Prabhu



Rachit Mehta



Nishi Yajnik

4A* & 1A

4A*

4A*



17 A* and 20 A's in A levels



Samvit Mavinkurve
4 A's



Simran Bhardwaj
4 A's



Mariam Ghani
4 A's



Om Vedant
4 A's



Rishabh Jain
4 A's



Lavanya Juvekar
4 A's



Celine Joshi
4 A's



Aafreen Shaikh
4 A's



Aayesha Vaswani
4 A's



Yahvi Agarwal
4 A's



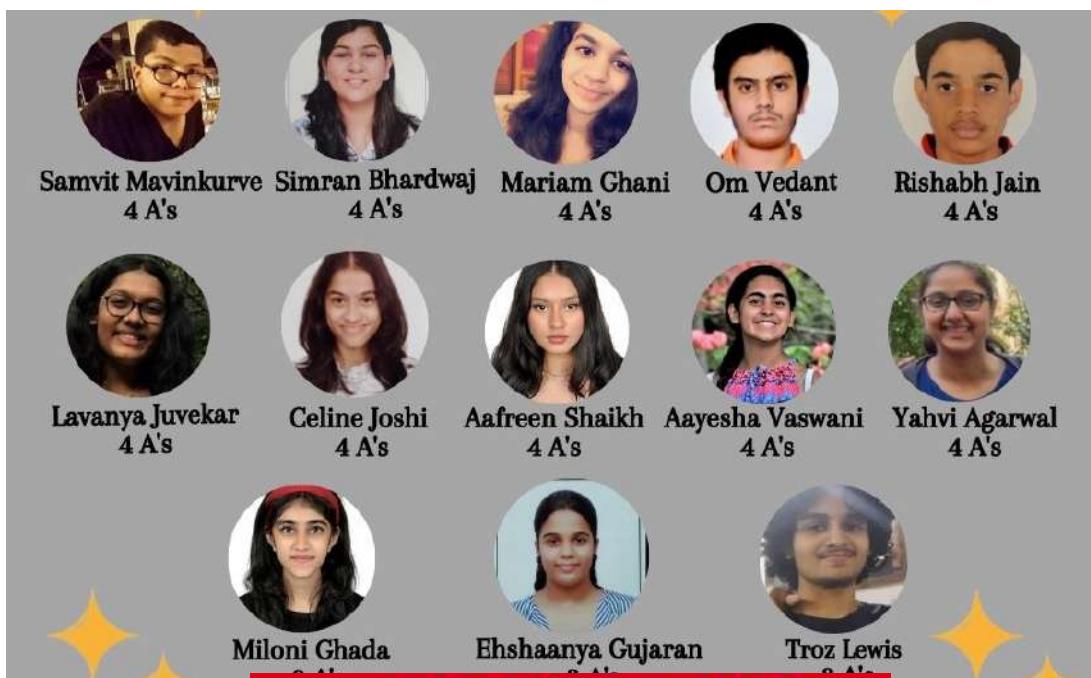
Miloni Ghada
3 A's



Ehshaanya Gujarani
3 A's



Troz Lewis
3 A's



58 A's in AS

AS Mathematics

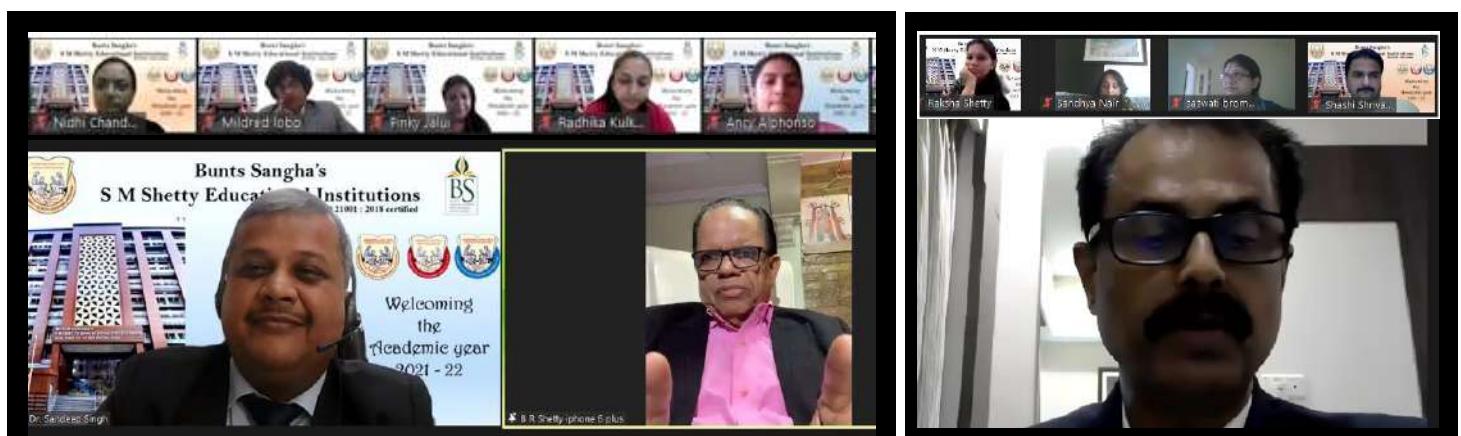
Samvit Mavinkurve (125/125)



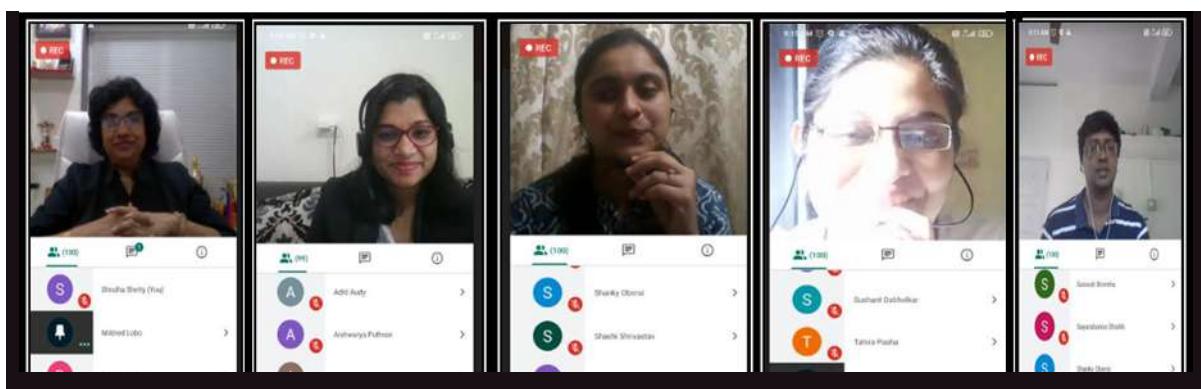
We heartily congratulate **Samvit Mavinkurve** for securing **125/125** in Mathematics (AS Level) at the CAIE offline examination held in the March 2020 series. We applaud him for his diligence and commitment and wish him continued success in the forthcoming examination.

ANNUAL INDUCTION PROGRAMME

The Induction Day marked the beginning of the new academic year with new teachers and a new work environment. **Chairman Mr. B R Shetty** presided over the programme and warmly welcomed the employees. He acknowledged the contribution of all members in the development of the institution. The focus of the Induction Programme was to understand challenges faced by teachers, increase teacher efficacy, and student outcomes. The programme included presentations by Principals across sections. **Principal, Ms. Mildred Lobo** in her presentation motivated teachers to put in dedicated effort to take the school to extraordinary heights. The management encouraged teachers to interact on an open forum thereby establishing transparency and a positive work culture.



STAFF ORIENTATION BY PRINCIPAL



An orientation was conducted by the Principal to welcome the teaching and non teaching staff to the Academic Year 2021-22.

The Vision and Mission of the school was reiterated as the guiding light for all the programmes that the school will carry out through the academic year. Principal welcomed the new teachers and wished them a long and fruitful association with the school. The school philosophy and ideology were reinforced and expectations made clear. Principal said that each teacher should consider it their responsibility to make this year a special year for each student under their care.

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT SMSISJC

The 75th Independence Day was celebrated at Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty Educational Institutions, Powai on the 15th of August 2021. The programme commenced with the hoisting of our national flag followed with the Flag Song and the National Anthem.

The event was graced by the Members of the Management Committee, Principals, Section Heads, and our School Toppers from the AL and IBDP Section.

President, Mr. Chandras K Shetty, congratulated the efforts taken by all the stakeholders of the Educational Institutions for successfully enduring through the challenging times during the Pandemic and having adapted well to the “new normal” with confidence and resilience.

Chairman, Mr. B R Shetty, reminded one and all that the collective efforts of all in eradicating illiteracy will help develop well educated and socially responsible future citizens.

Principal, Ms. Mildred Lobo, highlighted the fact that it is only because of the freedom which we enjoy, do we own our thoughts and can ask questions. She reiterated the idea of us all moving from an “I” to “we” to “India” so as to build a nation of peace, harmony and development.

Celebrations across the school promoted feelings of patriotism and love for our country through songs, dances, sharing of Indian culture and remembering the sacrifices of our freedom fighters.



WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Investiture Ceremony

signifies the preparedness of young students to don the mantle of leadership and pledge to lead the student body with commitment, confidence and competence.

Mr BR Shetty, Chairman, (PEC) quoted Martin Luther King "I am not interested in power for power's sake, but I'm interested in power that is moral, that is right and that is good." He congratulated the students on their positions and asked them to use all the opportunities provided by the school to grow individually and collectively. Sir thanked the parents for their support in the Virtual Ceremony today and urged them to continue to support the ventures of the school.

It was a poignant moment when the Head Boy and Head Girl of each section presented their agenda and pledged to work as a team to take the school to greater heights.

Ayati Kaul's rendition of "Don't give up, I won't give up" reminded everyone present to never give up . In her address, **Principal, Mildred Lobo** exhorted the student leaders to live up to the oath every single day and to scale up their leadership by having a posture of learning. We wish the Student council all the very best on an exciting journey ahead.

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other. - John F. Kennedy

Student Council 2021-22



Head Boy
Advik Arora



Head Girl
Sakshi Gor



Sports Captain
Avani Singh

Cambridge Primary Morning



Jr. Head Boy
Abbas Husain Beg



Jr. Head Girl
Ananya Harish



Jr. Sports Captain
Heetarth Sheth

Cambridge Primary Afternoon



Jr. Head Boy
Aanjaneya Navin



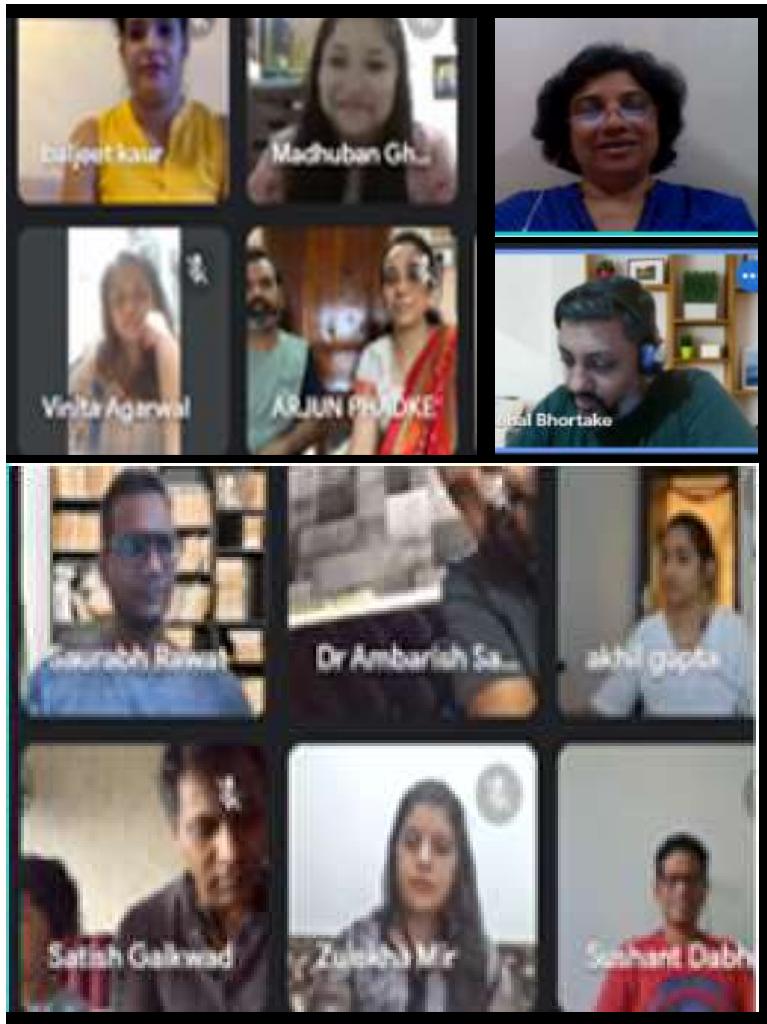
Jr. Head Girl
Kristina Salmon



Jr. Sports Captain
Moksh Shah

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

PARENT ORIENTATION



On the threshold of a new Academic Year, the school leaders conducted an orientation to welcome parents and students. Parents were briefed about the different programmes and policies of the respective sections.

Principal Ms Mildred Lobo, expressed her gratitude to parents for being partners all through the last academic year. She said that, this time round is taking the learning and experiences of the last year and working hard to improve processes. She mentioned that the dedicated faculty members have been planning and preparing and new ideas, new online tools, new lesson plans and exciting activities are on the anvil.

COVID VACCINATION DRIVE

The Management acknowledged the immense contribution of the teaching and non teaching staff in ensuring that learning never stopped in the face of unprecedented challenges by organizing a vaccination drive in association with Thunga Hospitals for the staff and their families. We are indeed grateful for the care extended to us by our benevolent Management.



MAKING NEWS AT TIMES NIE

COMM-MERX



RUCHI STEVEN, HEAD OF FACULTY, COMMERCE

"The best way to create a future is to create it"
- Peter Drucker, The Father of Management Thinking.

SM. Shetty International is educating students to create and be the future of the coming generation. The school held its first virtual Commerce Week called the COMM-MERX, comm means coming together and merx stands for merchandise.

The event took place over four days from 30th August to 2nd September. Students from Checkpoint 1 to IBDP and A Levels participated in it. There were various competitions that took place over the week:

- The Concept Lab - Logo Making Competition
- Jingle all the Way - Jingle-Making Competition
- Brandomal - Advertisement Competition
- Fight Club 1.0 - Debate on E-commerce VS Retail

- Fight Club 2.0 - Debate on Space Tourism
- The Cafe Project - Creating a Business Plan for a Cafe

From creative logos, catchy jingles, witty advertisements, amazing pitches at the debate to the most unforgettable virtual tours of cafes designed with mouth-watering menus and detailed business plans showing budgets, cash-flow forecasts, break-even analysis and more - students proudly exhibited their entrepreneurial skills and passion towards becoming successful businessmen and business women. Their detail to attention took the competition one notch higher as they all pursued excellence and creativity.

The School Motto is- Inspiring Learners to become confident, knowledgeable, kind, responsible global citizens. Students lived out our motto as these young children represented creative ideas that not only benefitted but paved a way to give back to society making them responsible global citizens for a sustainable world in their pursuit.



YOGA DAY

Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty International School and Junior College, Powai

AISHWARYA PUTHRAN, TEACHER

Yoga, one of India's greatest gifts to the world.

Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India. The word 'yoga' derives from Sanskrit and means to join or to unite, symbolizing the union of body and consciousness. Recognising its universal appeal, the United Nations proclaimed 21 June as the International Day of Yoga.

To celebrate this day, Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty International School and Junior College organised a virtual Yoga session on Sunday, 20th June 2021. Enthusiastic parents, students and teachers across the school demonstrated several yoga poses as well as Surya Namaskarasan under the guidance of trained yoga practitioners. While promoting an approach for good health and wellbeing, the session emphasised various benefits of Yoga such as maintaining cardiovascular health, stimulation of the nervous system, strengthening the immune system, enhancing cognitive functions, toning muscles and relaxing the mind. Principal, Mildred Lobo congratulated the par-

ticipants for demonstrating their commitment to a healthy lifestyle by joining the session in large numbers and exhorted everyone to continue to make healthier choices to foster good health. A certificate was issued to each participant.

It was a holistic experience for students, teachers and the parents and the first of regular fitness sessions planned throughout the year.



INTERVIEW WITH PRINCIPAL

THE EDUCATIONIST
PANDEMIC: A CATALYST FOR DIGITAL CLASSROOMS

Mildred Lobo, the principal of Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty International School and Junior College, discusses potential of online classes and its limitless boundaries with Ley Lalik

THE NEW NORMAL

Online classes are the new normal now. Although connecting with students in an online class is difficult, we have spread our arms out of ourselves for us to explore. We continue classes through every possible transmission programme boundaries.

We have invited experts and collaborated with schools from all over the world to interact with our students, along with having several virtual trips.

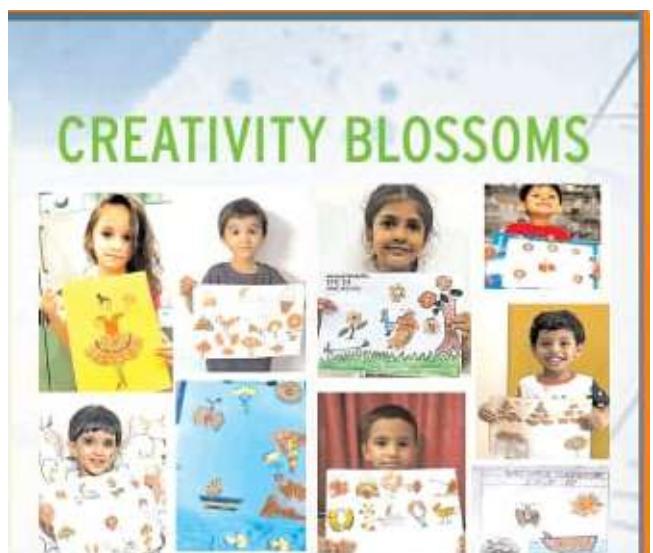
MILDRED LOBO, PRINCIPAL
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TAKING CARE OF ONESELF

The pandemic has closed down any scope for students to have physical or social interaction which took a toll on their mental and physical health.

To tackle this the counselling centre of our school held sessions for children, teachers and parents regarding mindfulness and meditation. They were encouraged to speak about how they feel. Physical education sessions were also taken online and students were taught exercises and various other activities.

IEYC- "MAKING WEALTH OUT OF WASTE"



What we do makes a difference and it is time we decide what kind of difference we want to make. The Earth is what we all have in common and it is on us to ensure that the link between man and nature is never broken.

In SM Shetty International School and Jr. College, right from the Early Years we instill our beliefs and the knowledge of our responsibilities towards a

better tomorrow...a greener and a happier planet.

It is definitely not just the talk, we walk the path too. Here is a small peek into one such activity where little IEYCians created beautiful artworks from something which has always been considered a waste....pencil shavings.

Children collected pencil shavings every time they sharpened their pencils and created 'Wealth out of waste'.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

LOGIQIDS MENTAL APTITUDE OLYMPIAD 2020 - 2021

The LogIQids Mental Aptitude Olympiad Final Stage 2020 - 21, took place in March - April 2021 for Cambridge Primary students. Ananya Harish of CP IV and Shivansh Kale of CP I were ranked 1st at the international, state, and school levels. Kyra Bhamgara of CP I secured 8th rank at the international and state levels, and 5th at the school level. Ayaan Ram of CP I was ranked 1st at the international level, in an examination that assesses kids' mental abilities. It was conducted in partnership with Techfest IIT Bombay. Many congratulations to Ananya Harish, Shivansh Nitin Kale, Kyra Bhamgara, and Ayaan Ram for their outstanding performance.



Congratulations!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

ASIA BOOK OF RECORDS

Driti Kothari of CP III B has had a lifelong interest in learning RUBIK'S CUBE since the age of five. Initially attempting 3*3, 2*2, and pyramid cubes, she now solves more than 7 cubes. "One of her biggest dreams came true on May 1st, 2021, when she entered ASIA BOOK OF RECORDS virtual competition of solving 3 cubes 3x3, 2x2, PYRAMID cube with more than 300 participants,"



SEVEN ISLES COMPETITION

On 21st August 2021, our students from Pre-primary & Primary section participated in the 3rd Inter-School Language online competition organised by Seven Isles School, Mulund.

Vian Mehra from IEYC I bagged the 1st prize in Rhyme Recitation and Kiaan Zaveri from IEYC II won 2nd prize in the Fancy Dress competition. Vihaan Varshneya of CP IVC bagged the 1st position in Hindi Anokhi Shayari. Tejashree Satpute of CP IIIE won 3rd position in the Rap Competition. Ananya Harish of CP VB secured the 3rd position in French Poetry Recitation competition. We congratulate and applaud the efforts of all the participants.



Vian Mehra
IEYC I



Kiaan Zaveri
IEYC II



Tejashree Satpute
CP IIIE



Vihaan Varshneya
CP IVC



Ananya Harish
CP VB

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Ayaan Ram of CP II B has another accomplishment to his name. On August 2021, he competed in the **16th SAFAM Maharashtra Open and won 5 gold medals.** He won four gold and one silver medals last year and is looking forward to competing again in Lucknow in December 2021.

YOUNG VIEWPOINT-SAMVIT MAVINKURVE



Samvit Mevin Kuruveil, (age 10) was the *Story Mirror Author of the Week (Reader's Choice)* Award (April, 2021). His first book has been titled, "The Eternal Truth".

The Eternal Truth

The Ivy asked the man, most wise,
What is that which is the Divine above?
What pervades both human and mice?
What is the source of all life and peace?

What is beyond the mind?
What is beyond the sense, dead and alive?
What is that, which is Eman and Great?
What did this Universe create?

Fascinated by the question, Dvina,
Said, "The Truth is beyond and Mine.
The Truth cannot be expressed with words.
Neither can the Truth be perceived with our externally limited eyes.

The Truth itself is difficult to find,
But O my big most kind, remember always these Divine words,
In the heart of The Divine Truth is indeed infused in these words:

I am That Eternal Being,
Who is The Creator of all.
I am that Witness present in all.
I am the One who is in all places,
The All Penetrating Bliss I am, Eternal and Limitless.

You yourself are the Truth which you seek,
Search relentlessly for this Truth, don't be weak."
enforced was the boy by these words divine,
When he began to search, he found the Truth beyond
and more.

Sitting in the deepest of leaves,
Meditating on the words most divine,
Going all through the night and day,
He attained the Truth, with the balance of which his body began to shiver.

The wise man met again.
The wise man himself came into the boy's little den.
"What is your name?"
A man of mystery.

With beat of around his face,
He was the whitest in his own race.
Who are you?" the wise man asked,
To which he replied,



AUTHOR OF THE WEEK

CERTIFICATE - READER'S CHOICE

Worshipper of Goddess is award
Samvit Mevin Kuruveil

An accomplished writer & Digital
content creator, Samvit has been selected as
the Author of the Week for his story-telling & poem
writing capabilities.

Samvit Mevin Kuruveil
Date: 24.04.21
Editor: Kanika Sarawat

A Level student Samvit Mavinkurve's Poem –the Eternal Truth, was published in Kanara Saraswat Magazine June 2021 issue and he was conferred the title Author of the Week .



AS Level Student, **Advik Arora** has been selected among the top five winners for the **Collin's World Book Day Contest.**



Varya Rohit of IGCSE I won the third prize in "Mono Act Competition" held on 21st August, 2021 at **Universal School, Ghatkopar**

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

MASTERMIND NATIONAL LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIP



Yagna Siddharth Paliwa
IEYC II B- 4th rank (Math)



Kiaan Kaushal Zaveri
IEYC II A-6th rank (English)



Bhavi Vikas Thakur
IEYC III D-11th rank (Math)



Rishabh Amol Naik
IEYC III B- 11th rank (EVS)



Vivikth Raghu Vamsee Vedantam
IEYC III B- 12th rank (English)



Gitisha Jagdish Shetty
IEYC III B- 14th rank (EVS)



Jayraj Meghraj Manerkar
CP I A- 4th rank (Math)



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

INDRADHANUSH ' ART CONTEST-SANSKRITI ARTS

We believe in holistic development and strive to achieve the same for our students. We are extremely happy that many of our students participated in **Indradhanush 2021 -the All India Art Contest organized by Sanskriti** and many won recognition there.

WINNERS :



Harshi Davavala
CP I C



Aaditya Joshi
CP I C



Tirtha Sajaikumar
CP IIIA



Kavya Parabh
CP III C



Svara Nandgirikar
CP III A



Tisha Rusia
CP I C



Riddhima Pradhan
Checkpoint III D



Neil Gawde
Checkpoint I C



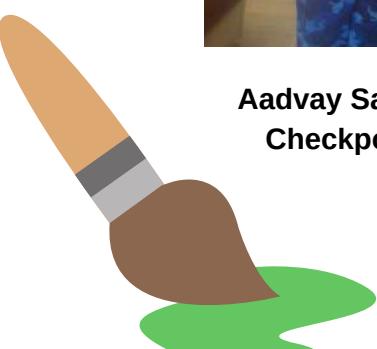
Aadvay Sashankar
Checkpoint I D



Aishwarya Joshi
Checkpoint II D



Kiaan Shaikh chpt
Checkpoint I B



TEACHER ACHIEVEMENTS

GLOBAL TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2021



It's a very proud moment for our school as our **Primary Checkpoint Coordinator, Ms Neetha Shetty** received the 'Award for Contribution to Student Development' - Global Teaching Excellence Awards 2021, organized by KitesKraft Productions to identify, invite, and commend individuals & organizations working to revolutionize the education system. Ms. Neetha Shetty said "I humbly dedicate this award to all the teachers who contribute to student development every single day". Congratulations Ms.Neetha Shetty and may you continue to inspire and touch the lives of our students.

A wonderful interaction with students at Cambreur College was conducted on the 23rd of June 2021. **Secondary Checkpoint Coordinator, Ms Anamika Sharma** was invited as a key note speaker in a collaborative session on "In Depth China, Position of Hongkong and Taiwan",

Ms Anamika Sharma expressed her gratitude to **Cambreur College and Ms Hanny ten Thije** for this great learning opportunity.



Painting of our Art Faculty, **Ms. Josephine Davis** has been showcased in **PAINTATHON, biggest Virtual Exhibition, World Book of Records, London, UK.**



Our faculty, **Ms. Ruchi Steven** has been appointed as an **IB examiner for the subject- Business Management**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

IBDP YEAR 1 SUBJECT ORIENTATION SESSIONS

IB Diploma subject orientation was scheduled for the IBDP Year1 students from 7th June 2021 to 11th June 2021.

The students were introduced to all the key aspects of the Diploma Programme, including the core curriculum and the range of IBDP subjects offered in the school. The Students learnt about the subject specific details which also helped them to decide their final subject choices for the Diploma Programme.



"FASHION :AN EYE TOWARDS THE FUTURE"



A guest lecture was organised for the **students of AS , AL, IBDP I and IBDP II on 19th July,2021**,highlighting the shift of the fashion industry from being one of the biggest contributors to waste and climate change, to its movement towards sustainable fabrics and manufacturing methods. The keynote speaker **Ms Corrine Sequira- D 'Souza, an NID post graduate** spoke to the students about the operations of the multinational and local brands and how the fashion industry is a great tool to eliminate poverty and raise standards of living.

'EXPERT TALKS' BY LT.CDM SADHANA GIRI

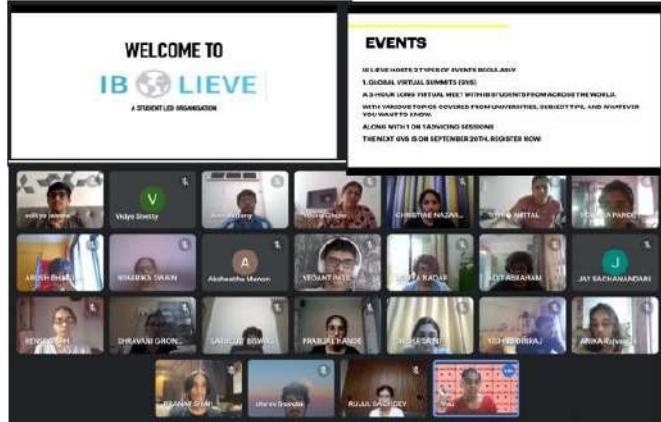


On **18th June**, we had pleasure of hosting **Ex Navy Officer, Lt.Cdr Sadhana Giri** in an expert talk with students of **Checkpoint II**.

Ms.Sadhana Giri engaged the students with interesting stories from her own life and spoke to them about the importance of Discipline, Integrity and Gratitude in one's life.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS



Our alumnus **Aditya Jaiswal** presently doing his Undergraduation programme with Calgary University briefed the IBDP students on a student led organisation- IBlieve that helps students with resources and guidance which support students face challenges during the pandemic. IB students can use the experiences of the alumni mentors ,knowledge from the community and useful strategies to achieve academic excellence.

A webinar was organised by our **alumnus, Aryan Ganesh, on 17th June, 2021** for the students of IBDP Year 1, to explain '**How to make Graphic Novels and Cartoon Strips.**'

The webinar enabled students to analyze and interpret the different techniques and skills involved in creating graphic novels and cartoon strips as a part of the IBDP English & A Level curriculum. Students were also given a brief explanation about the different roles and job opportunities involved in the field of Graphic Designing as a promising career option.

WORLD LION DAY



Ananya Harish
Jr. Head Girl

World Lion Day is observed on 10th August every year across the globe to raise awareness and to educate people about lions and find sustainable solutions to protect and save wild lion populations from extinction globally. A very innovative newsletter was made by **Ananya Harish - Our Junior Head girl**. The newsletter involved an extensive research, collating of information, and of course, compiling everything to create this piece of work. We encourage our students to take up such initiatives which will hone their skills.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

CENTA ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME

IMPORTANT ROLES EXCELLED BY US...

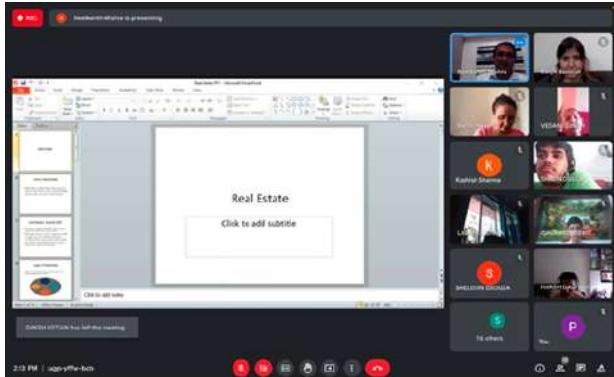
PRODUCT ENGINEER- GAURANSH

- A PRODUCT ENGINEER BASICALLY KEEPS AN EYE ON HOW THE MANUFACTURING IS DONE AND DEALS WITH PROBLEMS WHILE OCCURRING OF MANUFACTURING.
- THE PRODUCT ENGINEER WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DELAYED OR NO PRODUCTION WHICH WOULD HAMPER PROFITS AND EXPENSES OF THE BUSINESS.
- OTHERWISE THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED AND IS NECESSARY TO HAVE ATTRIBUTES LIKE CREATIVITY, QUICK THINKING, COMMANDING (IN A WAY THAT WORKERS DON'T FEEL INSULTED) AND MOST IMPORTANLY COORDINATION WITH WORKFORCE.



Entrepreneurship for kids was a program which was conducted by **Centa** on four Saturdays from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm i.e 31st July, 7th August, 14th August and 28th August 2021. It was conducted by **Ms. Anupam Sharma Educator, Trainer, Ed Tech Enthusiast and Edupreneur** and **Mr. Manickavel Muthusamy, Entrepreneur and CEO, Canada**. The sessions held for IGCSE students broadened their perspective about entrepreneurship skills and qualities, with hands on project on making a Moving Car model by using waste materials. Students presented their work in the Fourth session and one team out of four teams was selected as winner.

ABOUT THE REAL-ESTATE INDUSTRY



Mr. Neelkanth Mishra, a real estate specialist, on 30th July, spoke to our **AS and IBDP Commerce students** about the huge real-estate industry that makes our city one of the costliest in the world as well as one of the competitive real-estate markets globally. The interactive session revolved around the legal structure of the real-estate industry, future potential in the market and career prospects in this industry and more.

MENTORING WORKSHOP



AS student **Apeksha Fernandes** attended the **Harvard Graduate Women in Science & Engineering (HGWISE) Mentoring Workshop**, held on Saturday, 31st July 2021. This webinar was conducted to inspire the next generation of girl students for careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

GRANDPARENTS GRANDEUR- A JOURNEY IN TIME



The Student Council launched their new initiative - '**Grandparents Grandeur' a Journey in time"** - on the occasion of **Independence Day**. "Grandparents Grandeur" is initiated to engage our grandparents in exciting activities and to learn from their rich experiences as well.

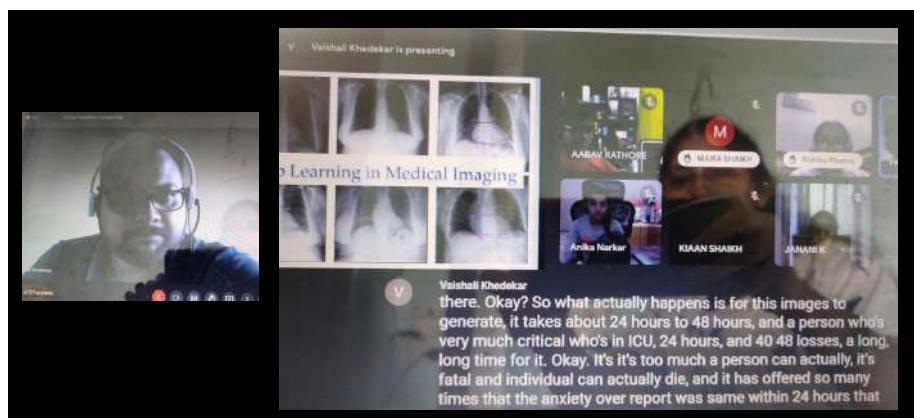
The Student Council organized fun –filled games and a patriotic song session on the occasion of India's Independence Day.

LEARNING BEYOND CLASSROOM



As an extension of learning about various occupations, the department of **Humanities** organized a guest lecture by **Captain Athish Shetty , Master Mariner in Merchant Navy**, in command of a ship named Advantage Pride. He explained in detail about the working of the ship and also told the students how important the job of every mariner is. What a brilliant learning experience for our students of **CP III!**

EXPERT TALK BY DR SANKET BAPAT



Dr.Sanket Bapat , Professor in MIT University ,Pune addressed students of the Curious Minds Club on the topic - Deep fake in Artificial intelligence.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

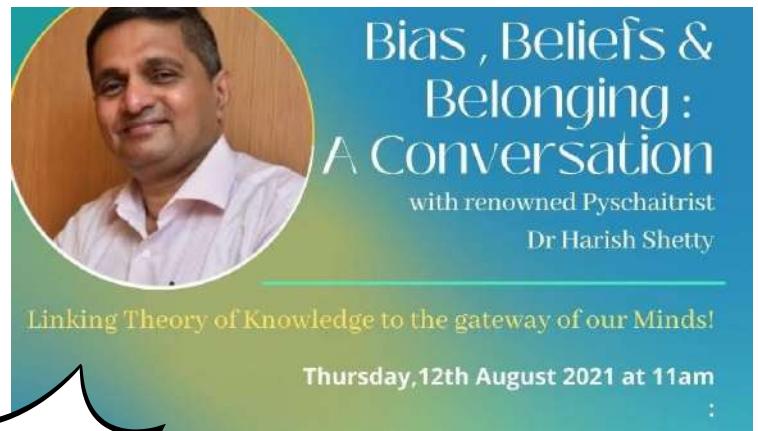
BIAS, BELIEFS & BELONGING - A CONVERSATION

In a spirit of sharing and osmotic learning students of A Levels and IBDP explored the topic , **BIAS , BELIEFS AND BELONGING** , in an engaging session with eminent psychiatrist, **Dr Harish Shetty**.The spirit of the discussion was open and respectful as students explored own biases that constrain understanding of the world.We thank Dr Harish Shetty for such a meaningful interaction with our students.

Dr Harish Shetty's session was pretty interactive. We talked about biases, beliefs and opinions which was interesting. The examples chosen were relatable.

Trisha Saini
IB I Student

Student Feedback
on Dr Harish
Shetty's session.



It was a great session because we had a lot of genuine and spontaneous conversations and it was generally really sober and introspective, we spoke relatively freely and it was pleasant

Aarush Bathula
IB I Student

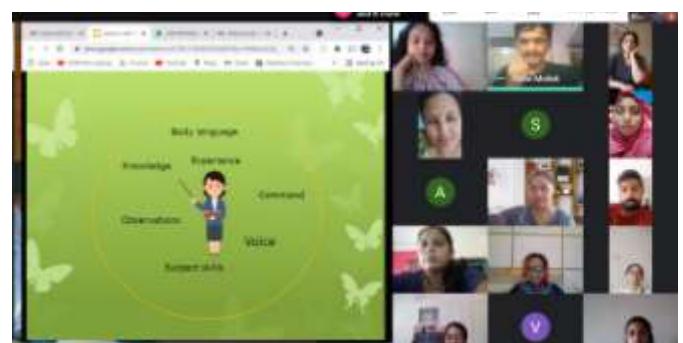
The talk was very interesting, there were many life lessons included in the talk and so much to learn from.

Atharva Mondkar
IB I Student

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS

TEACHER AS A PERFORMER

On 7 th June 2021, it was a fresh start for the teachers of the Checkpoint section. The session with a theatre artist, an actor Mr Nikhil Modak was held for the teachers to integrate dramatics with teaching.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS

SOFT SKILLS TRAINING SESSION



Shaila Thakur

Trainer, Consultant, Coach, Facilitator

Tr. Shaila Thakur, is a Certified Soft skills, MEPSC, RASCI & PoSH Trainer
She is a Master of Commerce, PG-DBM & MDIT holder with over 18+ years of experience in HR & L&D, of which 8 years has been a corporate stint for UK based clients and worked onsite (UK).

She has imparted trainings to various sectors such as Retail, Educational Institutions, Manufacturing- Automobile, Auto-components, Medical equipment & others, Travel & Tourism and IT & ITeS pan India and abroad.

She is proficient in conducting classroom (Off-line) and VILT program (Online) for the learners.

Forever a learner herself, she believes training can transform people's lives and wants to be a catalyst for the same.

On 8th June, 2021 teachers got an opportunity to attend a webinar on '**Soft Skills Training**' organised by Tr. Shaila Thakur, a certified **Soft Skills, MEPSC, RASCI and PoSH trainer**. Through the webinar, Ms. Shaila informed the teachers about the significance of Professional Development and the different areas of trainings offered by the Success Transformations Group such as in: Andragog & Teaching/Training/Facilitation, Role of Effective Communication in Education, Story Telling as a Learning Tool, Impactful Online Teaching, Blended Classroom Management, Building Resilience to Beat Stress and Staying Atop Time.

LEARNING SESSION ON HOW TO USE FLIPGRID, AN INNOVATIVE TOOL TO MAKE OUR CLASSES MORE ENGAGING AND INTERACTIVE FOR STUDENTS BY Ms. RANJITA GHARAT.



WEBINAR ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE - 'WHAT DOES IT SAY? VERSUS WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

LEADERSHIP TRAINING @ ADITYA BIRLA EDUCATION ACADEMY



What makes an Effective Team?

Basic Elements of Effectiveness:

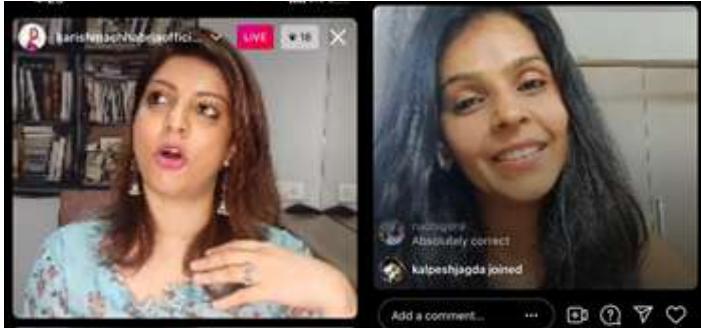
- Good Communication & Social Skills
- Positive Interdependence: We instead of me
- Individual Accountability/ Personal Responsibility



Faculty members from the Secondary English Department, Ms. Priti Shanbhag, Ms. Veena Ghole and Mr. Jose Antony, on 19th July 2021, attended a webinar 'What does it say? Versus What does it mean?' presented by Dr. Ananya Das Gupta. Through the webinar, Dr. Das threw light upon the breaking down process of reading and writing skills with focus on Descriptive Writing and also explained how to distinguish it from works of analysis. Teachers were oriented about the deconstructing process with the help of various analogies, metaphorical expressions found in disciplines other than the arts and humanities via verbal and visual texts.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS

LEARNING CYCLES



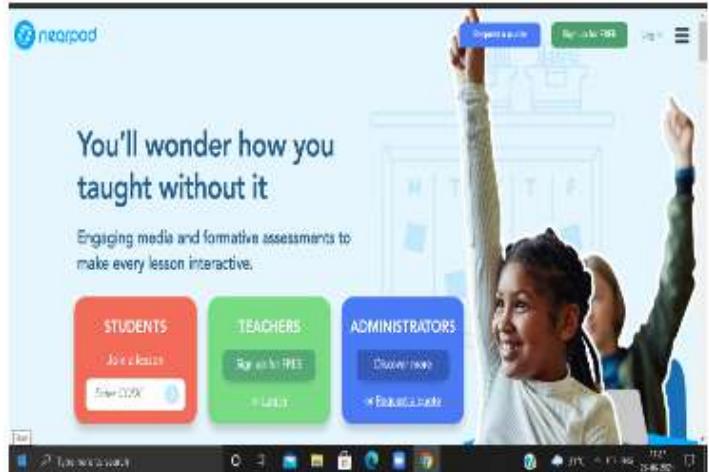
Primary Checkpoint Coordinator Ms Neetha Shetty was invited by Ex Mrs India Karishma Chabbria to her talk show - Coffee in Chaos which was telecast live on Instagram. She shared her insights on online education, metamorphosis of teachers owing to the pandemic and the way ahead for schools and educators. The 45 minute talk let the viewers know of the immense effort put in by the teaching fraternity of our school and across the world to make sure learning happens.

The school has launched a Programme "Learning Cycles"-a professional learning community of teachers. Every month teachers meet in small groups to learn new skills and new ideas from fellow teachers.These sessions help teachers to increase effectiveness and strengthen their practices.



NEARPOD SESSION BY MS ELIZABETH ABRAHAM

Nearpod is a fantastic interactive learning tool for both online and in-person learning, with features such as polls, draw it, matching pairs, quizzes, and virtual field trips. **Ms. Elizabeth John** conducted a session for Cambridge Primary teachers on 9th June 2021. This session assisted teachers in understanding its various features and options for making learning more engaging for the students.



THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE @ IBDP

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (TOK)

DID YOU KNOW?

That there is no one who hasn't experienced ethical dilemmas

In the contemporary corporate culture, **ethical dilemmas** are not uncommon. The path to crucial decision making often crosses through moral paradoxes



IT TAKES ABOUT 12 YEARS OF LIFE FOR CHILDREN TO DEVELOP THE COGNITIVE CAPACITY FOR ETHICAL THINKING.... AND GOOD JUDGMENT? WELL, THAT TAKES ALMOST 25 YEARS TO DEVELOP!

An ethical dilemma is a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two courses of action, either of which entails transgressing a moral principle.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

- You accidentally scratch someone's car. Do you report it, accepting the consequences, or not?
- You accidentally use a family member's toothbrush. Do you inform them, knowing they would be upset, or not?
- Someone tells you about their personal experience, which would be really helpful in your school project. Would you use this knowledge, without their consent, or not?
- You have to submit a paper the next day but you have not started it as you have been sick for a while. So do you go online and plagiarize content or you turn in an incomplete paper?



How does TOK help?

Theory of Knowledge (TOK) aids us to evaluate knowledge acquired in different ways, be aware of various biases, to reflect critically, and to maintain ethics bringing justice and balance to the society.

So how do we follow through with ethics in the right way?

Ethics is the basis of doing what is right. It is constantly evolving over time and cultures. Integrity is a huge part of ethics as it is regarded as the honesty and truthfulness or accuracy of one's actions. Therefore, we need to remain focused and balanced, refute the paradox (dilemma) and carefully analyze the situation, choose the right action, find alternative solutions, and support our values and integrity.

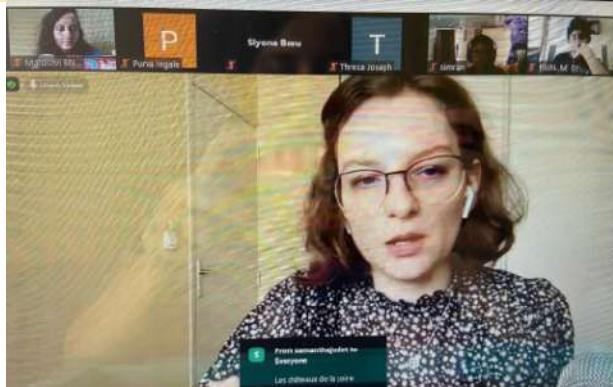


by Niharika Swain
IBI Student

Images taken from the internet

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

EXPERT TALK BY SAMANTHA JUDET



. On 29th June, students of IG -I, II & IBDP I, had a very interactive session with our guest speaker from France, **Ms. Samantha Judet**. She shared many interesting facts with our students on topics such as life in France, the French culture, the stereotypes and French gastronomy. This informative session not only helped our students to get familiar with the French culture but it also helped them to have a deeper understanding of how the French converse, the use of particular sounds to enhance speech in French and moreover to become confident French speakers.

VIRTUAL TOUR “LE MARCHÉ FRANÇAIS DE LAVAL”



On July 6, 2021, the students of Checkpoint had their first virtual tour to the city of Laval, France. The theme for the tour was “Le Marché Français de Laval”- Glimpses of one such market of France. This French market featured dazzling pyramids of fresh colourful fruits & vegetables, different types of cheese, honey, meat and more.

SESSION ON ‘COLLABORATION’

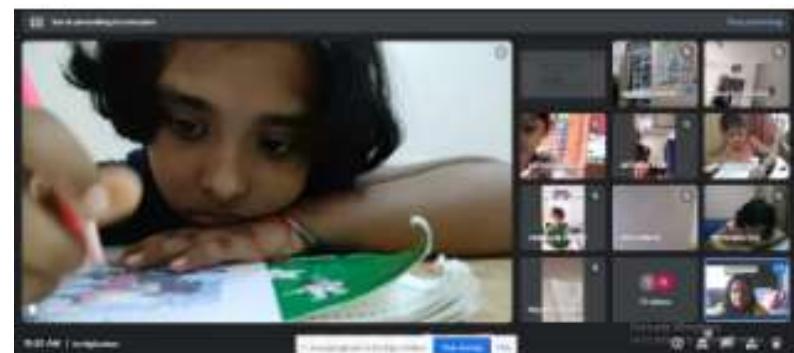
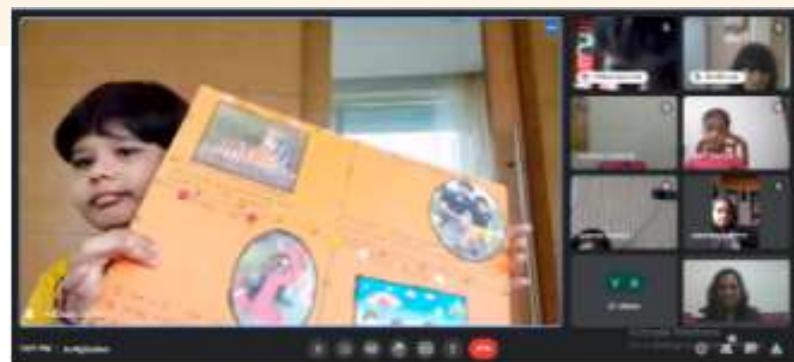


It was an amazing experience collaborating with **Noa de Zeeuw** for a session on 'Collaboration', one of the important skills in Global Perspectives. The interactive session was very well received by the students of Checkpoint II & III . Heartfelt thanks to **Rosanne Severs** for connecting us!

ACTIVE LEARNING

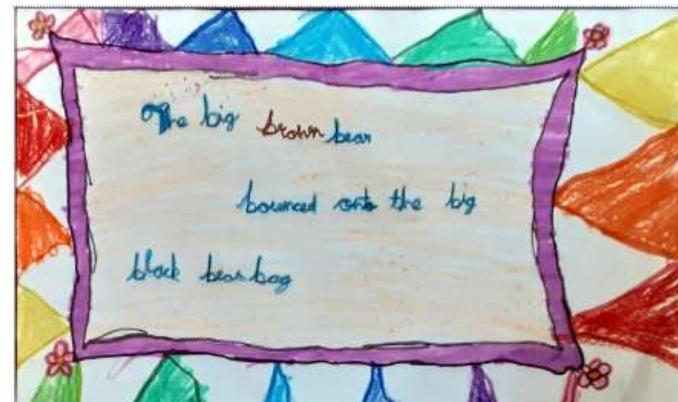
NOUN AND ADJECTIVES FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Students had to draw or stick pictures of their favourite person, place, animal, and thing and describe each picture or drawing using appropriate adjectives in 2 - 3 sentences.



Alliteration:

Learners created their own tongue twisters keeping in mind the repetition of the same sound.



MATH- MONEY

The learners used Indian currency to understand the concept of money wherein the students participated and understood the valuation and the terms for the currency.



ACTIVE LEARNING

"I HEAR AND I FORGET, I SEE AND I REMEMBER, I DO AND I UNDERSTAND"

We know we are on the right path and direction when we see our students produce quality work from the confines of their homes. The physical space is confined but not the mind. **CP V** kids created brochures for different places as a part of their English assignment. The brochures they made were no less than the professional ones. Creativity has no bounds and ideas have no ownership as mentioned by Dr. Harish Shetty in one of his speeches. We are extremely proud of our students who portrayed this through their works.



HINDI & HUMANITIES

Integration of **Hindi** with **Humanities** was conducted by the teachers of **CP V** and **Checkpoint II** through team teaching.

Students learnt about the north & south poles, the solar system and rotation of the earth. They enthusiastically participated in the group discussions and are looking forward for more of such collaborative learning activities.

EVENTS @ SMSISJC

FRENCH DAY CELEBRATIONS- LE QUATORZE JUILLET

The IEYC section showcased their budding craftsmanship with their Good Luck Lanterns (IEYC -I), Brilliant Bunting Skills (IEYC - II) and turning themselves into kings and queens of the past with adorable head gear and crowns (IEYC -III). all in the colours of the French tricolour.

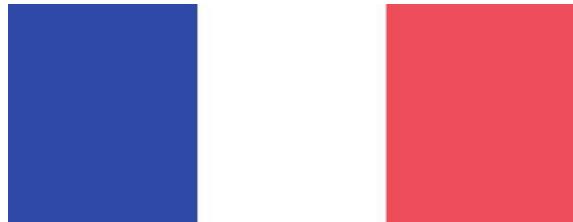
The students of CP I coloured the French National Fruit, Pear, and the students of CP II coloured the Fleur De Lis, the French National Flower in the French tricolour. The students of CP III and CP IV drew La Tour Eiffel and L'Arc de Triomphe, outlining it with matchsticks. The students researched about these monuments and presented their findings using Franglais (a mix of French and English). Students of CP V, made posters on 'All about France' singing French songs and dancing to the French tunes. The students also conducted a fun quiz.

Checkpoint and IGCSE celebrated Bastille day with a special programme with students singing La Marseillaise, the French National Anthem.,followed by a skit on the French Revolution by the students of Checkpoint III. The highlight of the event was the fashion parade by students of Checkpoint II with hand painted T Shirts. The students of IG I presented talk shows and role plays depicting the culture, gastronomy and tradition of France.



EVENTS @ SMSISJC

Our alumni, **Mr. Aditya Jaiswal** and **Ms.Tithi Arekar** inspired our students by sharing their experiences and benefits of learning French. Our school encourages and promotes celebration of all cultures and this spirit of being 'International Minded' was aptly mirrored through the students' passion in celebrating La Fête Nationale.



Aditya Jaiswal-Alumni



Tithi Arekar-Alumna



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY



The International Yoga Day was celebrated on **Sunday, 20th June 2021**. A virtual Yoga Event was conducted for all the parents and students so as to promote wellbeing and good health. Participants were briefed about the various benefits of Yoga such as maintaining cardiovascular health, stimulation of the nervous system, strengthening the immune system, enhancing cognitive functions, toning muscles and most importantly, relaxing the mind - a powerful medium for achieving a healthy mind, body and soul.

EVENTS @ SMSISJC

COMM-MERX- CREATING THE FUTURE

“The best way to create a future is to create it” – Peter Drucker, The Father of Management Thinking.

The school held its first virtual Commerce Week called the COMM-MERX, comm means coming together and merx stands for merchandise.

The event took place over four days from **30th August to 2nd September**. Students from Checkpoint 1 to IBDP and A Levels participated in it. There were various competitions that took place over the week:

- The Concept Lab – Logo Making Competition
- Jingle all the Way – Jingle-Making Competition
- Brandalism – Advertisement Competition
- Fight Club 1.0 – Debate on E-commerce VS Retail
- Fight Club 2.0 – Debate on Space Tourism
- The Café Project – Creating a business plan for a Café

ANAKA Bijuvala is presenting

LOGO

The colours we have chosen for the logo are sombre and widely used in 1970s pop culture. The wavy patterns represent a laid-back and relaxed dimension.

cherie CAFÉ

You jivin' yet?

BASIC OVERVIEW

- The name of our cafe is "Cherie", which means dear in french. We wanted to create a welcoming environment along with a dash of reminiscence.
- This is a private limited company because we would like it to be its own separate legal entity.
- Target audience will be students and professors. This is a form of emotional appeal advertising technique as the 70s create a sense of nostalgia attracting the middle-aged group. Also the 70s aesthetic is well known and appreciated among young adults who like following trends.
- We are offering part-time jobs to students who wish to earn. This helps us with employment and gives students work experience.
- We want to provide students with calm ambience to concentrate or just wind down after a long tired day with the help of some jazzy 70s tunes.
- We have decided to run the cafe for 18 hours (8am-2am) to make it more accessible for students who do not want to leave the campus at night.
- Our tagline is short and catchy.

SHAWNA MASCARENHAS is presenting

HOT DRINKS

TEA / ₹100
HERBAL INFUSED TEA / ₹120
GREEN TEA / ₹120
COFFEE / ₹120
LATTE / ₹120

COLD DRINKS

ICED TEA / ₹120
ICED COFFEE / ₹120
DALCONI COFFEE / ₹150
MOCHA FRAPPE / ₹120
CARAMEL MOCHA FRAPPE / ₹200

SPECIALS

FALOODA BOBA / ₹100

It consists of falooda, rose syrup and desi milk topped with fresh fruits and saffron strands.

POPPING BOBA FLAVOURS

MANGO STRAWBERRY BLUEBERRY PASSION FRUIT CHIA BOBA

From creative logos, catchy jingles, witty advertisements, amazing pitches at the debate to the most unforgettable virtual tours of cafes designed with mouth-watering menus and detailed business plans showing budgets, cash-flow forecasts, break-even analysis and more . Entrepreneurship skills and a passion towards success were proudly displayed by students.

OUR SCHOOL'S VISION IS - INSPIRING LEARNERS TO BECOME CONFIDENT, KNOWLEDGEABLE, OPEN-MINDED, RESPONSIBLE GLOBAL CITIZENS. OUR STUDENTS EMBODIED THIS VISION AS THESE YOUNG CONFIDENT MINDS PRESENTED CREATIVE IDEAS THAT NOT ONLY SOUGHT PROFIT BUT PAVED A WAY TO GIVE BACK TO SOCIETY.

EVENTS @ SMSISJC

FAREWELL CEREMONY

A Farewell Ceremony for the outgoing batch of IBDP [2019-2021] students was organized on 29th June, 2021. The theme for the party was 'Bollywood' and the events were packed with quizzes and games on Bollywood. The students of the passing out batch shared joyous moments spent at school along with their teachers who paved the way for their future achievements and helped build their aspirations. Students also reminisced about the fun filled times spent with their schoolmates and about lifelong friendships.



'Fare Thee Well IBDP Batch of 2019-21!!'

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey!



The students of AS organised an online Farewell party for passed out A Level students of June 2021 series. They say distance makes the heart fonder but we could see our students of AS making it happen beautifully even when they are far away from each other. AS students arranged a few games and shared memories with A Level students to make the moment nostalgic. Students had a great time together. They enjoyed and cherished the moment and expressed their thoughts of online and offline mode. Our Principal and teachers wished them the best for their future.

EVENTS @ SMSISJC

FRIENDSHIP DAY CELEBRATIONS

IBDP I students celebrated Friendship day on **2nd August 2021**. Students cherished their childhood memories of how they celebrated the day. They watched a small story on the friendship of Krishna and Sudama emphasizing the significance of Friendship. Students shared messages for their friends in the class on the padlet and concluded with beautiful song by Avani Singh.

IBDP II students commemorated their friendship by honouring each classmate with a FRIENDSHIP TITLE of the year award with titles like drama queen, faithful friend to the one friend who doesn't shy away from correcting you. Friendship Day is just an opportunity to value love , harmony and embrace different perspectives as future global citizens.

The screenshot shows a Padlet board titled "Friendship day" with a blue background. It contains several message bubbles from different students:

- guli guli - happy friendship day))) honestly we've come a long way[not so long] tali
- Viraj happy friendship day.
- happy friendship day ishaan, you're chad well not really but okay
- Gulgun- Happy Friendship day I know we have not got to know each other so well but your the most carefree and one of the nicest soul i have met. I hope you stay the same and we bond better. :
- Ishaan- great friend happy friendship day
- Niharika At first, I never thought we could be friends, because I just thought you were someone I would only meet once. But later on, we started talking, and you had formed a connection with me, I don't exactly know what trait of you was the one that
- Guli guli Happy friendship day idiot! I never thought we would make such good friends but broo we really tagged along sooo well...coz obvu
- Avani - happy friendship day!
- Soumya- Happy Friendship Day! We have known each other for quite some time and I think we understand each other so well. You have always been there for
- ishaan
- Niharika-Happy friend day



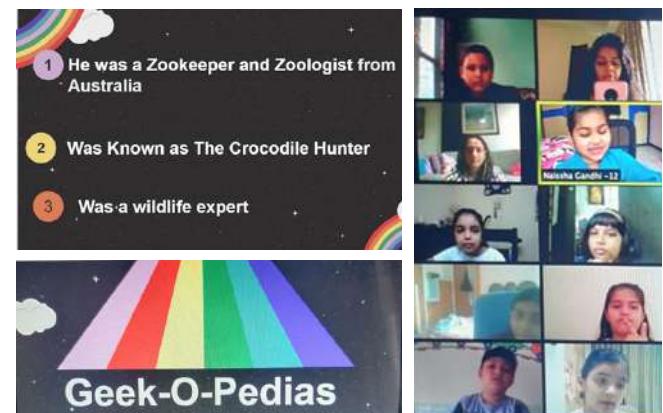
COMPETITIONS

GEEK-O-PEDIA

The new academic year for the CP students kicked off in Geeko style, with the first inter-house competition of the year **Geek-O-Pedias**, a **GK Quiz Competition**. It was an action packed morning for the students of **CP III, IV, and V**, and the spirits ran high with each round, the thirst for victory led to answers to questions based on General Knowledge.

First Position -(Tie) Spring house & Winter house :

Soumya Upadhyay (CP VA), Rithvika Shukla (CP IVA), Yugvir Yadav (CP IIIC)
Kanika Bachche (CP VB) , Vidnyey Shewale (CP IVC), and Pearl Jain (CP IIIB).



ELOCUTION 2021-22

Students of IGCSE I and II were given an opportunity to prove their talent of excellent oratory skills by participating in the **Elocution Competition 2021-22 held on 26th July 2021**. Students selected a topic from the given list of ten topics.

The proud winners being-

1st Prize - DIVYESH SARAVARAN [IGCSE-II]

2nd Prize - AARON JOHN [IGCSE-I]

3rd Prize - SIYONA BASU [IGCSE-I]

The competition was held with a purpose of developing and enhancing students' oratorical skills as well as fluency in English language.



Speech is Power !!

COMPETITIONS

SHOW N TELL COMPETITION

The **Show and Tell Competition**, encouraged students from **CP I and II** had the opportunity to express and communicate. Students spoke about their pet, guitar, favourite toy, plant, and many other topics.

The winners :

1st position - Ira Joshi (CP I A), Swara Talekar (CP I A), Jaksh Gada (CP I A), Yashsh Das (CP I B) Prithvi Shetty (CP II A), Ayaan Ram (CP II B), Aadya Salve (CP II C)

2nd position - Eshita Gupta (CP I A), Jayaraj Manerkar (CP I A), Evan Amal (CP I A), Shivaansh Shetty (CP I B), Liam Rodrigues (CP II A), Aadya Varadkar (CP II B), Rewa Rathore (CP II B), Neel Kota (CP II C)

3rd position - Mohanara Adepu (CP I A), Vihaa Menon (CP I A), Vivaan Unni (CP I A), Aarna Thakur (CP I B), Reyansh Jagtap (CP II A), Taroosh Singh (CP II B), Jeremy D'silva (CP II B), Vivaan Agarwal (CP II C)



CLUBS

Sci Pi CLUB



Our students dived into the world of curiosity and revelation through the very enterprising **Sci Pi club** started by our Science and Math teachers. The idea to start this club was to explain daily phenomena and occurrences to kids through demonstration and experiential learning. The topic for this week was - Refraction of light and Palindrome. Students thoroughly enjoyed the session in a non classroom kind of an environment.

TEAM GREEN

At SMSISJC, we are committed to create crusaders of the Green Planet. The first session of Team Green started with a bang on 26th August. **Ms. Arundhati Mhatre,(Founder : Arenya)**, a passionate environmentalist and an expert on butterflies, birds, trees and plants spoke to the young children about attracting 3 Bs, butterflies, bees and birds. The Team Green in-charge Ms. Shagun Srivastava (Checkpoint II) and Ms. Moksha Gupta (CP IV) beautifully managed the flow of events. Such events take us one step closer to caring for our environment. The session concluded with making a pop-up butterfly card. The students enthusiastically shared their experiences about the Green initiatives taken up by them at home and at school.



CLUBS

CURIOS MINDS CLUB

Curious Minds Club encourage students critical thinking. With an array of activities conducted, the Club is a major hit with all the inquisitive minds, who love to experiment and learn. It is an after school Science Club for the **Checkpoint students**.



GIVING BACK TO COMMUNITY

We are glad to see our students making a difference.

We are proud of our students Yahvi Agarwal Shambhavi Nair, Tithi Mittal, Avani Singh, Siddhart Dhali and alumnus Uma Vyas for volunteering with Helping Hands for Humanity in the project 'Bridge the Digital Divide'. The aim of the project is to Bridge the Digital gap created in learning of the less privileged students during the pandemic. We are super proud of our students to see them lend a helping hand.

'BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE'

MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE SEPT-OCT NOV-DEC

Days of the week

Famous people

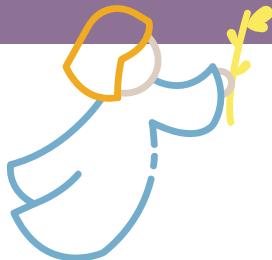
Months of the year

Globes (Mumbai)

Shambhavi

TITHI

GIVING BACK TO COMMUNITY



KONKAN RELIEF



PART OF BEING A PERSON IS ABOUT HELPING OTHERS." – REGIS MURAYI

With parts of Maharashtra's Konkan region inundated due to torrential rains, and many people stranded with no access to basic necessities the school joined forces with NGO Goonj to help those affected by the floods and provide relief.

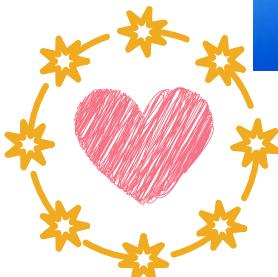
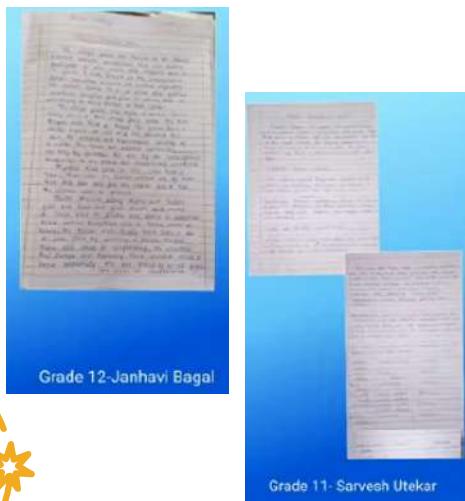
We thank our parents for contributing towards this effort!

SHARING IS CARING

When 7 year old **Aakansh Ghosh** from CP II alongwith his 13 year old brother, **Mitansh** decide to give back to the community, the world becomes a kinder and happier place. Let us encourage these brothers and every other child for all their endeavours towards making someone's day brighter and lighter.



BE THE CHANGE , YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD- MAHATMA GANDHI



To support access to education in face of challenging times, our Chemistry faculty **Ms Vaishali Khedekar** offers her time with **Udan Academy**, teaching students of Raigad district in Maharashtra who are unable to attend offline classes due to Financial conditions, Nisarg cyclone and CORONA -19 pandemic.

ASSEMBLIES



AS Assembly - 'OFF ROAD'

On 28th June 2021, the students of AS presented an impactful and mesmerising assembly regarding the issue of Mental Health so as to create awareness amongst the audience. The assembly emphasized on the fact that 'if in trouble, it is alright to ask for help and guidance'. The issue of mental health and well being was depicted through a short film 'OFF ROAD' created by the AS students.

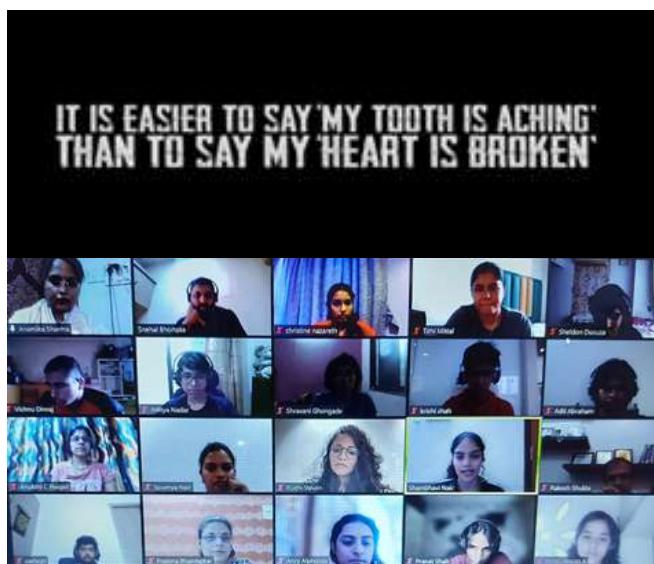


AL Assembly- 'Bullying and abuse'

Strong people stand up for themselves, but the strongest people stand for others. Our A Level students proved that they are way more stronger and well-read about the burning issue faced by almost all age-groups, by presenting a virtual assembly with great audacity and poise on a subject that is considered to be a taboo for many – 'Bullying and abuse'.

IBDP Year II - 'Resilience'

On 12th July 2021, the students of IBDP II put up an exemplary exhibit of an individual's contemporary struggles in challenging situations like a pandemic with the central topic being "Resilient". Students put up an inspiring testimonial surrounding real life examples of determined minds who are now reaping the rewards of their 'never-give up' spirit and being empathetic towards others' needs. They also presented some scientific and philosophical facts which prove that being resilient is more than just a trait, or a mere theory used for affirmation.



ASSEMBLIES

IGCSE-I Assembly – Positive Thinking

The IGCSE I Class Assembly was conducted on 19th July via the Google Meet platform on the theme of 'Positive Thinking'. Students made a very thought provoking presentation on positive thinking. There were several pre-recorded skits, a compiled dance video and various thoughts were posted on the wall of positivity. Each act showed us how to adapt a positive attitude in different scenarios of life.



Checkpoint III Assembly showcasing the French day celebration.

The love of liberty and the sense of humanity are the basic elements of life

Checkpoint III Assembly was conducted on **14th July 2021** in collaboration with the French day celebrations.



CAREER COUNSELING INITIATIVES

Hearty congratulations to our faculty **Ms Vidya Shetty** upon completion of the IC3 Institute's Flagship One-year program in Career and College Counseling. The IC3 Movement shares a deep commitment to high school empowerment and supporting systems of helping students to find best-fit higher education. Engaging with Universities globally located and interacting with reputed mentors, University representatives and more than a hundred Counselors across the world in the cohort was the highlight of the learning sessions. The final milestones included a capstone project to further prepare for a professional role in Career Guidance.



TRANSFORMATIVE COURSES AND CAREERS OF THE FUTURE

A conversation with the faculty at **O P Jindal University** was organized on the **22nd of July** to discuss on topics of importance towards career paths of the future, Liberal Arts are an important part of an evolving educational landscape.

The presenters for **Liberal arts & Humanities** Mr. **Ankur Vohra**, **Psychology & Counselling** - Dr. **Suresh Joshi**, **Banking & Finance** - Prof. **Ram B. Ramachandran** and **Art & Architecture** - Prof. **Akanksha Maglani** spoke to the students on the myths and misconceptions related to Liberal Arts, skills needed and developed through the course study, pre-requisites for individual programmes, and the promising career opportunities in the chosen fields. Our students need soft skills, such as communication and problem solving, just as much as they need technical training. Our focus is to find a way to orient students and parents on interdisciplinary education that can translate students' abilities & skills needed in the workplace.

What is liberal education?

- * A liberal education refers to education that provides interdisciplinary knowledge and develops intellectual ability.
- * This type of education can prepare you for workplace of the future.
- * Liberal arts education cultivates intellectual ability rather than plain technical or professional skills.

CAREER COUNSELING INITIATIVES

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

An open discussion for students from **grades 8 to 12** was held on the topic-'**My passion, My Career**', an opportunity for students to engage with our alumni of Art & design , Visual Arts and Media Studies and to be able to guide our learners to understand the scope of careers in the creative fields. We thank our Alumni for their valued association.



The session brought together Alumni from India & Abroad:

- Srushti Kakade.studying 3D Animation ,ESMA, France
- Aryan Ganesh who specialized in Animation Design at MIT Institute of Design, Pune
- Pooja Nair at University of Cambridge, England, Engineering
- Vedanti Bongaralla studying Fashion Communications at National Institute of Fashion Technology Kolkata,
- Nikhil Maheshwari who found his path with Srishti School of Art, Design and Technology, Bangalore - Film studies,
- Tithi Arekar studying Bachelor of Fine Arts at Parsons School of Design, New York,
- Sogand Fotoohi studying Graphic and Communication design at Pearl Academy

In an effort to bring education and counseling community together and to connect with University representatives, the **IC3 Leaders** hosted an in-person networking event on the **22nd of July 2021**, at Grand Hyatt , Mumbai, attended by **Principal, Ms Mildred Lobo and the School Counselor,Ms Vidya Shetty**.

In his speech the founder **Mr Ganesh Kohli** emphasized on the significance of Career guidance and need of counselors in schools to bridge the gap between schools and Universities.



BEHAVIOURAL COUNSELLING

EMOTIONAL LITERACY

Emotions play an important role in child development. The Counselling Centre on 10th June had a rollercoaster of a ride with teachers of Pre-Primary and IEYC, in a session on the significance of emotional literacy in early childhood. Our teachers demonstrated how emotional vocabulary is an integral component of any preschool curriculum.



STRONGER TOGETHER

An orientation session 'Stronger Together' was conducted with CP Teachers 7th June. The Highlights of the Session Included Introduction to the Counselling process, understanding and identification of the Red Flag behaviours, Learning Disorders and Inclusion. Teachers shared experience of online teaching and Best Classroom Practices for learners.

LEADERS ALL THE WAY

The Counselling Centre had a riveting conversation with teachers of AS & A Levels and IB, on 11th June, on leadership lessons learnt from people around us and those immortalised in the pages of history.



HOWZ THE WEATHER

A Conversation on how trauma influences behaviours in children with students of Checkpoint & IGCSE. The session highlighted on what is trauma and how adverse childhood experiences can impact growth and learning. Teachers were also given tips on how to connect with students non intrusively, to open communication styles and understand patterns in behaviour. Most importantly they were reminded to take of their own mental health by defining boundaries and promote help-seeking behaviour themselves.

BEHAVIOURAL COUNSELLING

MIRROR MIRROR ON THE WALL

Self awareness is the first step to personal growth, as it helps us to make better decisions, be more creative and can turn us into better individuals, both personally and professionally. This session was a Self-Awareness exercise with students and teachers of A levels and IBDP, who took away tools like the JoHari Window as an activity to do with their family member and close friends circle.

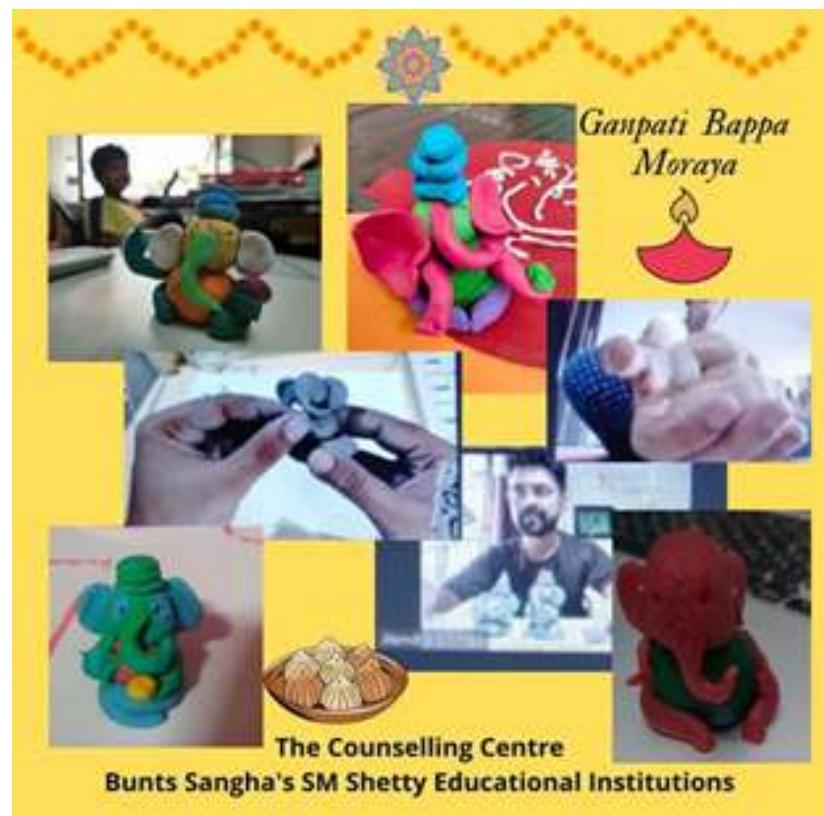


RAISING PRE-SCHOOLERS: MYTHS, MEANING AND METHOD

On 14th & 16th July, The Counselling Centre had an interactive session with parents of IEYC students (aged 3-6) on ways to help children express a range of emotions, develop close and satisfying relationships and grow into well adjusted adults.

FUN & FITNESS

Children with additional needs have a Fun & Fitness session every Saturday, as an initiative of the Counselling Centre... our students had fun with their fingers in the festive season; they had an exciting time playing with clay and what they created was simply divine!



BEHAVIOURAL COUNSELLING

A MENTAL NOTE A CONVERSATION ON MENTAL HEALTH WITH STUDENTS OF A LEVELS AND IBDP

Mental Health needs open dialogue..and this session did just that! Seven stories were shared with the students that highlighted issues of bullying, parent-child conflict, sexuality, rejection, aggression, cyber-crime, eating disorders, depression and suicide. The students were open with their feelings and were able to identify emotions in the scenarios, which they found very relatable. They expressed a sense of comfort at the help available to them. Teachers also participated in the dialogue, giving mental health the importance it deserves.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Connecting home and school in the Teaching-Learning process ensures a great community of learners. **On 7th August, the IEYCians** teamed up with their parents, siblings, cousins, grandparents, friends, neighbours and began a day filled with energy and Zumba Zeal as our very own dance faculty **Mr.Sushant Dabholkar** who is also a certified Zumba trainer took up a peppy virtual Zumba session.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

We believe that the entire family is involved in the students' educational journey, not just the students. The first of its kind, '**Family Engagement Day**', was observed on **27th August 2021 by CP students.**

Father-daughter, mother-son, siblings, and even pets gave outstanding performances. The performances varied greatly from dancing to music to magic tricks, there is something for everyone. It was an exciting day for all the kids and their families.

Members enthralled us with their wonderful performances, whether it was singing, dancing, cooking, storytelling, or anything else – they had accomplished everything.



PARENT GRATITUDE DAY

26th July was a very special day as nationwide it was celebrated as 'Parent gratitude' day and on this occasion the little ones of IEYC began their day with a prayer to thank their parents for their unconditional love and praying for their parents good health.

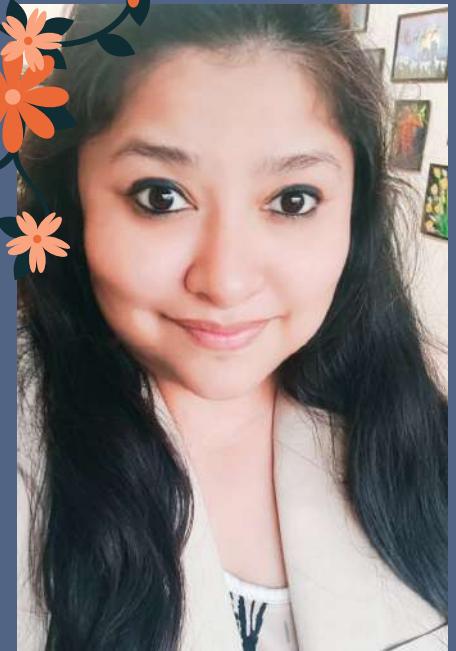


WEEKEND ENGAGEMENT WITH PARENTS: YOU AND ME GADGET FREE

Once a month, on a weekend, a family activity is sent to parents and children which has to be done together. This initiative is taken to discourage the constant use of gadgets and to help parents and children bond over a creative activity



*Thank you for being
a part of our
Journey*



Dear Parents,

We wish to inform you that our IEYC Coordinator, Ms. Madhuban Ghosh, who has been associated with us for the past nine years, is moving cities. We thank her for her immense contribution towards the school and the curriculum. She will be greatly missed by all of us. We wish Madhuban all the very best for her future endeavours.

Ms. Margaret Paul who has been associated with us since the inception of IEYC, which was then known as IPC, will be taking over as the new IEYC Coordinator. She is already a familiar face and much loved. We wish Margaret all the best as she taken on her new role.

You may connect with her
@ieyccoord@smshettyinstitute.org

*Best Wishes for
new beginings!*



Principal

PEEK INTO IEYC

IEYC I

Fun with play dough



Re-enacting thirsty crow



What do you see in the sky?



Oh Mr. Golden sun! Please shine down on me.



Go straight down and then you are done, I am number one!



A for Alligator



PEEK INTO IEYC

IEYC I

Bounce and bounce, bounce like a bunny!



We know what causes day and night.



Now I know how to draw a mouse



Blast off! In the sky



PEEK INTO IEYC

IEYC II

How's the weather today?



I am a hungry caterpillar, I love to eat



My beautiful and bright rainbow



I am a little snowman, round and fat



What fun to go out on a rainy day with
Mr.Froggy!



Teddy bear teddy bear turn around



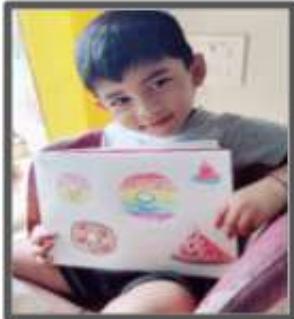
PEEK INTO IEYC

IEYC II

Lickety lickety lick till all that
is left popsicle stick!



Watermelon and donut



Pig and Cat



I am a square robot, big and strong



The season I like most



PEEK INTO IEYC

IEYC III

Do you want cupcakes and ice-cream?



Let's meet butterfly and snail



My sweet home



Funny bones



A bee with an aquatic Jelly fish



Funny mouse and a Turtle



PEEK INTO IEYC

IEYC III

Handprint- Lion and Zebra



Look at my ladybug and penguin!



Look what I aspire to be...



PEEK INTO IEYC

Friendship Day Celebration

"A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be!"



PEEK INTO IEYC

Independence Day Celebration

IEYCians celebrated 75th Independence Day with lots of enthusiasm and respect for all the brave soldiers and freedom fighters from 75 years ago to the brave warriors battling the ongoing war against corona now and spoke about the same. Children also made beautiful tricolour flag and a fan.

