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## Little Gardeners at work

### A Nursery Activity

Nursery students were super excited to dress up like a farmer/gardener on their special day "Little gardeners at work". They were busy planting the seeds during their activity time. Kids always love anything to do with seeds and plants. Not only its super fun to plant seeds and watch them grow, but it provides all kinds of learning opportunities. Besides learning about plants, children also gain knowledge in using various scientific skills like making observations and predictions. Planting seeds also teaches them about responsibility as they learn to care for their plants daily.



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# Cubes from nifty nets!!!

## A. Sandra Mary, (Grade 3 Student)

I am super excited to share our latest happening in the classroom!

We have started to learn about shapes. Our, Maths educator, explained all 3d shapes. Our Ma'am asked to pick real-world objects and we discussed the shapes related to it. Then we moved to a new concept called nets. Learning through activity gives us immense fun and deep understanding hence our

ma'am gave an activity involving the concept, Activity was done by drawing nets on paper/chart, then fold it into the solid shapes like cube, cuboid, etc. we shared our work through photos and explained it by video. I was excited to watch my friend's nets.

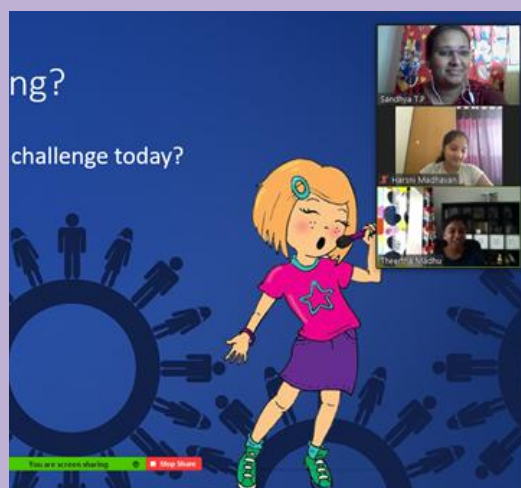
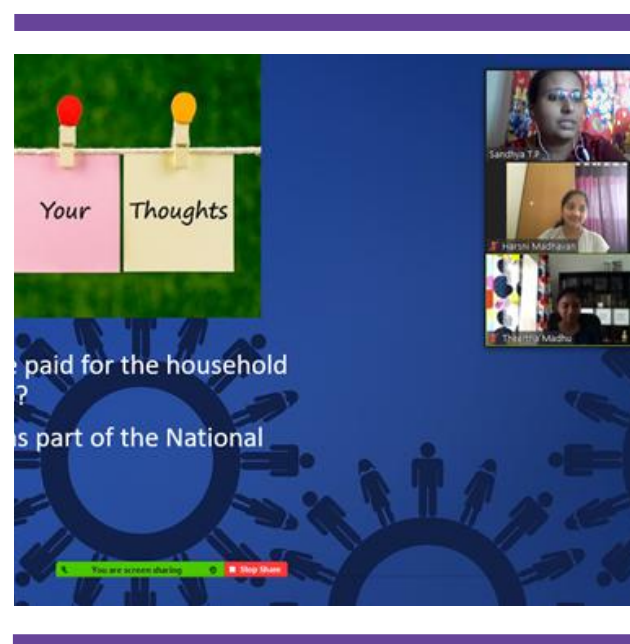


## Share your thoughts

### A Grade 9 Activity

The IX graders were involved in a starter activity in Economics- sharing their thoughts on whether women should be paid for the work that they do at home. The learners responded highlighting the love and affection involved in doing household work, so quantifying that was disagreed by them. The learners were asked to interact with their parents to know their thought as well. This is a

topic that is always widely debated. So the value of family and the bonding of family was also a hidden reinforcement for the learners. From their mothers, the children learned the idea that- if the work is to be done by maids/ helpers, they are supposed to be paid as it was their livelihood. Hence it made it easier for discussing the concept of market and non-market economic activities.



## Remove the inhibition

### Ms.Sandya (CBSE Middle School In-Charge)

Music is what fills the mind and soul of anyone. The easiest way to break the ice is to sing a song. This technique was tried out in the social science class to break the monotony of the serious topic of Human resources. The IX

graders sang a song thereby removing their inhibition. Reducing the distance between the teachers and children will enable the learning fun and a lifelong memory.



# Our virtual field trip

## A Jr.KG Activity

Junior kindergartners had a fun-filled week learning about the pet animals. They enjoyed learning about cats, dogs, rabbits, and fishes. They experienced a wonderful virtual field trip to the Baltimore national aquarium where they saw different species of fish and enjoyed the virtual trip to the fullest.



# Word Clouds in Math

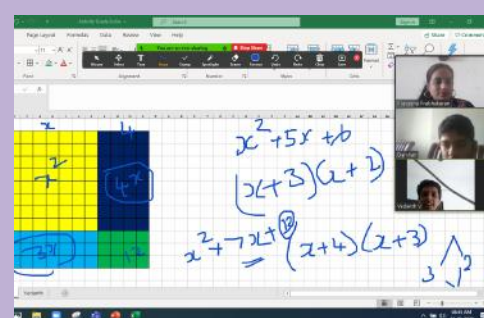
## Padmapriya Sreeram (CAIE Coordinator)

Word cloud, also known as Tag clouds, is a fun way to get students thinking creatively about any topic. It is a great tool to visualise content and creatively display either a student's previous knowledge or takeaways of any concept.

Our seventh graders had an interactive time as they brainstormed all the famous members of the world of 'Algebra'. Used as a starter activity, these tag clouds

served as a graphical representation that illustrated the important words of this new branch of mathematics the students were stepping in. As the learners tapped into their prior knowledge, there was a collective cementing of their understanding with a strong groundwork for things to come. The e-tool was collaboration at its very best as they proudly put up their Math Vocabulary on the e-wall.

us members of our algebra world



## Factorise

### Vedanth.V (Grade 8 Student)

What better way to learn to factorization of algebraic equations than through an excel grid, which was interesting and even saves time for teachers and the student. The chapter itself is quite complex but through innovative ways like this, the students found it easy to understand.

The steps themselves were really easy to understand and remember. This specific activity was a mind opener to complex problems and It definitely helped us.



# Skip Counting

## A Grade 2 Activity (Nithish S. Grade 2B Student)

Skip Counting helps students see patterns in numbers as well as it lays a great foundation for number sense and learning the multiplication facts. First, the class was divided into groups and each group was given a number and a pattern. Students had real fun and learned as well. Let's hear it from one of the students itself: "I enjoyed making skip counting puzzles. It was very interesting. I used different colours and it looks amazing. It was fun to arrange the puzzle. This activity is very useful for me to learn about multiplication tables. I love to make the puzzle in the same way for other tables."



# Tux paint

## A ICT activity ( Kohana Mahapatra Grade 2A Student)

Tux Paint is a drawing program designed for young children. It has a simple user-friendly interface, fun sound effects, and an encouraging cartoon mascot who helps guide children as they use the program. It provides a blank canvas and a variety of drawing tools to help children be creative. Our Billabongers were so excited to paint on the new canvas and are very creative and everyone came up with amazing creations. Kohana says - "Tux paint is user-friendly. It is a simple, easy to use application. It has fun sound effects. I used flowers, the sun, the house in my painting. I found it very easy and interesting to paint more."



# Water, Water, Everywhere... But not a drop to drink !!

## A Grade 5 Science Activity



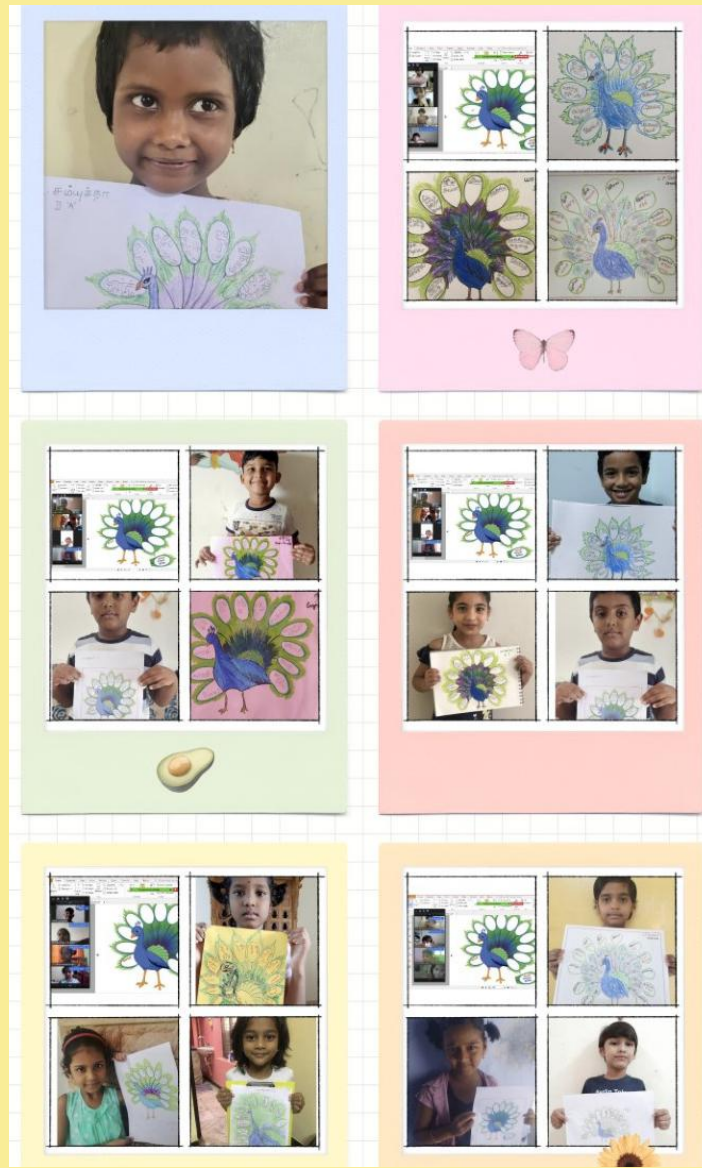
The 5th Graders learned the importance of conserving water through anchor charts and went on to compose poems to spread the word amongst their peers. Hiren of Grade 5 went a step higher and composed his very own rap on conserving water. Looks like we have a rapper in the making at Billabong !! Way to go Hiren !!



# நினைவூட்டி

Ms.Stella Shoba (Tamil Educator)

இரண்டாம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்கள் தமிழ் ஆசிரியை நடத்திய வாழ்த்தலாம் வாங்க பாடத்தில் மாணவர்கள் தங்கள் நண்பர்கள் உறவினர்கள் பிறந்தநாள் மற்றும் நன்னால்களை மறந்து விடாமல் இருக்க நினைவுகளை எப்படி உருவாக்குவது என்றும், நினைவுகளின் மூலமாக நல்ல நிகழ்ச்சிகளாகிய பிறந்தநாள், திருமண நாள் போன்றவற்றின் மூலம் மற்றவர்களை சரியான நேரத்தில் மறக்காமல் வாழ்த்துச் சொல்லி ஆச்சரியப்படுத்துவதைப்பற்றி மாணவர்களுக்கு தமிழ் வகுப்பில் கற்பிக்கப்பட்டது. இதன் மூலம் மாணவர்களிடையே நல்லுணர்வும் தன் உற்றார் உறவினர்களிடம் பழகும் பண்பாட்டையும் மாணவர்கள் அறிந்து கொள்கின்றனர். நினைவூட்டிகளை உருவாக்கி பிறந்தநாள் போன்ற நல்ல நிகழ்ச்சிகளை மறக்காமல் நினைவூட்டிகளில் எழுதி வைத்து பயன்படுத்துவோம் என்று மகிழ்வுடன் தயாரித்தனர். இவ்வகுப்பில் நினைவு கூறுதல், தானே கற்றல், படைப்பாற்றல் போன்ற திறன்கள் உருவாக்கப்படுகின்றன.



## A Quiz on India's Heritage

- By the Heritage Club

1. In which state is silent Valley National Park Situated?

- (a) Tamilnadu
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Kerala

2. What is the common name for Ocimum tenuiflorum?

- (a) Holy Basil
- (b) Lotus
- (c) Peepal
- (d) Ginger

3. An Indian social reformer, educationalist, and poet from Maharashtra. She is regarded as the first female teacher of India. Who is she?

- (a) Sarojini Naidu
- (b) Annie Besant
- (c) Savitribai Phule
- (d) Kamala Das



4. Name the archeological site in India, a UNESCO world Heritage site, which is located near the banks of Tungabhadra River.

- (a) Bakel Fort
- (b) Ajanta-Ellora
- (c) Hampi
- (d) Ujjain

Identify the Monument

- (a) Tipu's Fort at Bangalore
- (b) Agra Fort
- (c) Ahmednagar Fort
- (d) Red Fort



4.(b) Agra Fort

3.(c) Savitribai Phule

2.(a) Holy Basil

1.(d) Kerala

Answers