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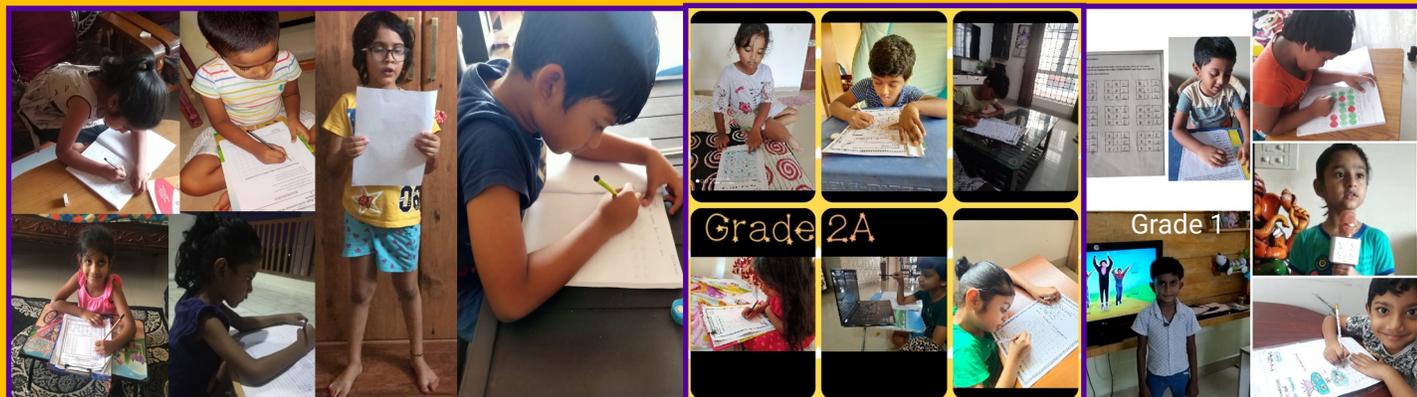
The Kangaroo Kids are acing school assisted home learning!

Here are some clicks showcasing our Kangaroo Kids making the best out of this lockdown by getting themselves involved in fun learning activities assisted by their parents and remotely assisted by their teachers.



Bridging gaps

When the doors and gates of educational institutions and companies have closed, technology has opened its windows for us. Yes, the technology is acting as a perfect bridge to connect the teachers and the students effectively. With the technology available at hands end, we want to ensure maximum utilization in the form of “e-learning”. This e-learning reinforced “Self Learning Home Sessions” Self learning is a great method that encourages and enhances students’ independent learning abilities. To bridge the gaps in the process of learning, teachers from the primary wing are actively engaging their students with online worksheets and supportive links for co-scholastic activities. It is evident that the students are enjoying these learning sessions at home and from home.



An Act of Goodwill

The coronavirus outbreak and the lockdown has changed life as we never knew it. With schools, businesses, and restaurants closed, life today doesn't look anything like it did two weeks ago, especially for the underprivileged. For all the fear and anxiety the pandemic has introduced, it has also brought something else: an opportunity for us to empathize. The Management of Billabong High International School, Kelambakkam extended its help to the underprivileged by distributing essentials to the laborers living in and around Kelambakkam.



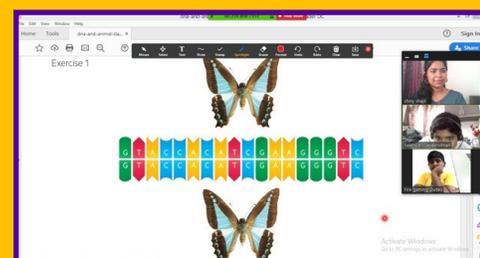
Create a night sky at home

The 6th graders enjoyed the activity of creating the night sky at home. The children were asked to make holes in a paper and cover it with a light source like a torch or mobile light. In a dark room, the children were asked to switch on the light. They were delighted to see how they had created a starry night sky on their very own ceiling. The children shared their preparation and observation, which clearly highlighted their interest and involvement. Our teachers are trying all innovative ideas to engage children and gift them the same enthusiasm and thrill of e-learning as they experience in the school.



Taxonomists in the making

The 9th graders took their learning to an advanced level by understanding the nuances of classification. They compared the DNA sequences of two or more organisms and found similarities and differences between the nucleotide bases of the two sequences. Based on the differences they tried to chalk down the point mutations that might have taken place during evolution and traced the ancestral lineage of the organisms.



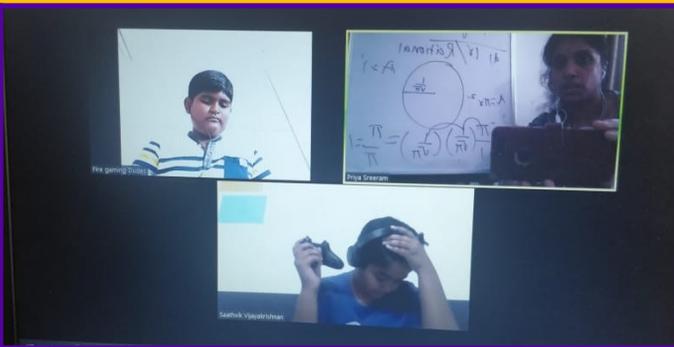
Nothing can stop us

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Learning Maths via Remote Learning

Online is the way forward. As the virtual world becomes our new normal, we are all grappling with the challenge that comes with remote learning. However, our ninth graders who are into their second week of online learning via zoom are becoming masters in comprehending remote instructions. Math class on zoom is giving these youngsters a platform to indulge their tech-savviness. On one hand, the students showcased their concept clarity on “approximations” by acing the review created on the topic through google forms.



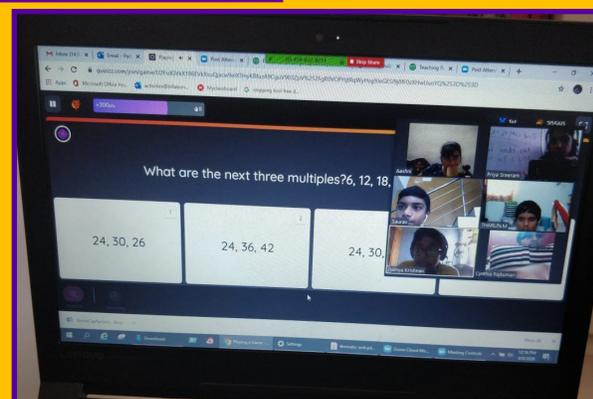
This sleek alternative to seeing questions on the board and answering got the students excited as they used the google interface with relative ease. Besides, the students got to demonstrate their talent in video making by constructing irrational numbers on a number line using the Pythagorean spiral. The students not only did the construction on paper but also flaunted their skills using a video maker to make a short video of their construction. Remote learning is here to stay and using it build on learners' strength is the way to go.

E-learning during the lockdown

Kitchen tables and sofas may have replaced classroom desks, but that hasn't stopped student engagement. And thus, we began the digital learning via Zoom for our seventh graders.

Any learning experience, whether instructor-led or digital, cannot be complete without a quiz. Especially for a subject like math, quizzing brings in a fun element and boots out the anxiety. And that's why the vibrant seventh graders

were treated to an online quiz on integers. The quiz was shared on the screen so that everyone played together and reviewed answers as a group. Hooting and cheers accompanied every time they got some power-ups for the right answers. The leader board on top added to cheer and fun as the students fought against time to answer the questions. The session wound up with a vociferous affirmation of the concepts learned so far. Math has never been so much fun!



Co-scholastic Sessions

The students from across all grades aren't only involved in learning and building knowledge, but they are also engrossed in improving their artistic skills, vocal skills and at the same time learning some new dance moves along with improving their fitness level. The co-scholastic teachers have also been actively involved in conducting online sessions and sending activities to the students during the week thereby keeping them at the best of their health physically and emotionally. The dance teacher opines with happiness that she has many new dancers in the family.



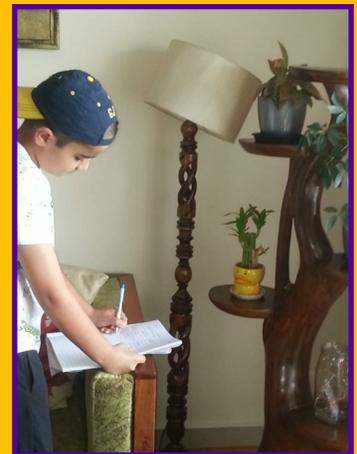
Social interaction in Mathematics

Creating remote learning environments for a memorable classroom experience is a challenge and that's what Math e-class rooms of Grade 8 set out to achieve. It's only been a week for our eighth graders on the online prowl, but they have already started building a classroom community that is not just about the curriculum but also establishing a strong peer support network. As the present eighth-graders welcomed a new student into their family from across the globe, the online camaraderie and the change that has come about the older students is something to cherish. The eighth-graders utilized this opportunity and tuned into the concept of ratios by drawing on real-life experiences. Learning is indeed a social process and these interpersonal interactions are providing our young learners with the motivation and opportunities for applying and connecting knowledge.



Let's play and let's learn

Online learning doesn't always mean staying in front of the screen and listening to your teacher. It also means engaging ourselves with activities that involve us going around our home and observing things we never observed before. The 6th graders were excited to play the game of scavenger hunting as their Biology teacher gave them 5 mins to go around their home and list all the living and non-living things found there. The challenge of the scavenger hunt was finding the living things apart from themselves and their family members, however, Pratyush spotted a Pigeon resting on the sunshade of his home, while Harsha was witty in pointing out the names of all his friends who he could see on his computer screen. This scavenger hunt then advanced to a brainstorming session of tracing those characteristics that helped them in differentiating between living and non-living things. Thereby by the end of the session, they were able to arise with the 7 characteristics of life.



A Good Starter!

A good starter is as important as the procedure of learning. The students of grade 8 started the geography class with a small activity of finding useful things which turned out to be the starter for the Chapter Resources. The children moved around the house to explore more things other than the usual name of the stationeries, food items and so on. In the later part of the lesson, they were clarified about the classification of the resources. This exploration helped connect their prior knowledge of useful things to the new concept of resources hence validating the success of the starter activity.



Feathered friend!

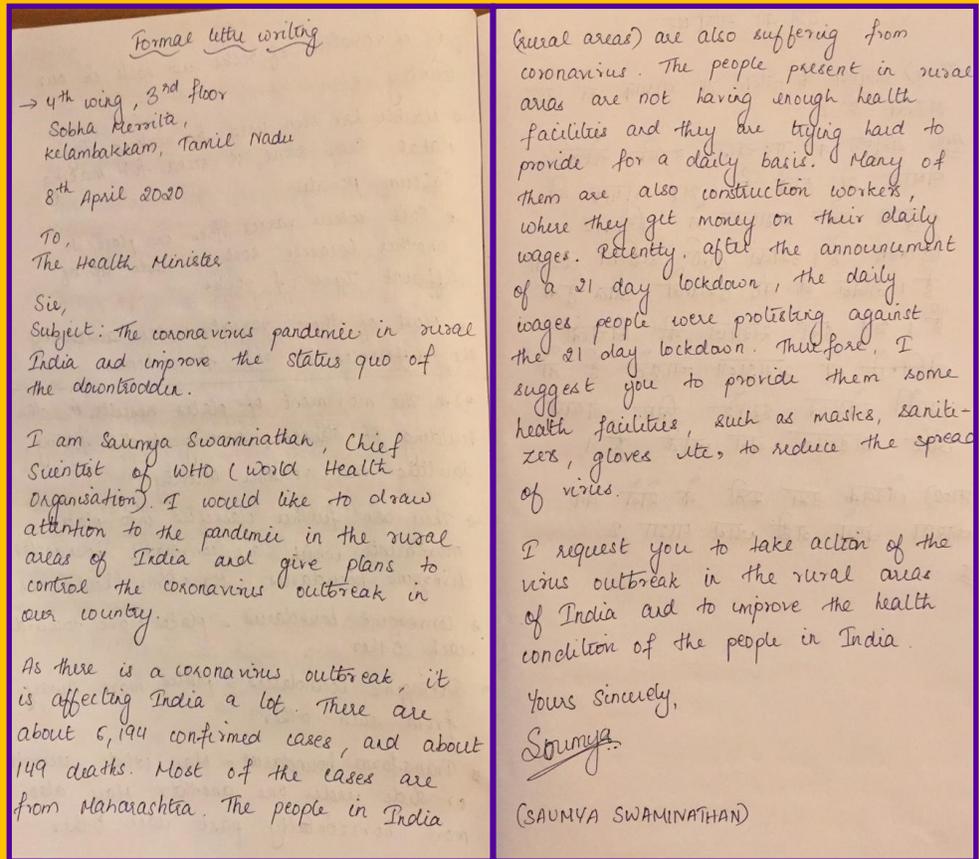
Our 9th graders had a resourceful visitor during their biology session when they were busy trying to decode the unique features of the animal kingdom. It was Mr.Muddy the pet Cockatiel of their biology teacher who decided to help them remember the concept being learned. Using Mr.Muddy as a tool in learning, Ms.Shiny pointed out the characteristic features of birds which helped to earn their spot in the animal kingdom. It was indeed a lesson worth the mention.



Be the Pro

A senior student of our school has stepped into the shoes of Dr. Saumya Swaminathan. She has let her imagination run riot and chalked out measures to contain the Pandemic in Rural India and control the economic crisis of the nation.

Oh! Her thoughts are just Fabulous. She says the migrant workers should be used to till the land that has to be harvested to prevent famine. She also suggests that they are provided adequate masks to protect themselves while working in the field.



Lockdown and Me

Because of the coronavirus lockdown, I am currently on a break from school. During this lockdown, I am enjoying myself at home by watching new movies like 'The Lion King' and reading my Harry Potter novels.

Now I will describe my day from the morning. First I wake up at 7:30 am. I then proceed to brush my teeth, take a bath and my mother makes me delicious breakfast like pancakes. Next, I go into my room to attend the online classes from my school via the Zoom app. I feel incredibly happy seeing all my teachers and friends online at this time. My classes finish for the day by 12:30 pm. I will now suggest a few things to keep yourselves occupied while at home. For all you cricket fans out there, I recommend downloading Amazon Prime video and watch 'The Test: A New Era for Australia's team', which is the behind the scenes story of the Australian cricket team's strive for success. I have already seen it and it's really awesome. You can also read novels and learn some new words every day. You can also write your own story!

After having lunch, I watch movies and spend time with my family. In the evening, I video call my cousin and talk with him. At 6:30 pm, my family and I play the carom board for an hour. I then play soccer on the corridor with my brother, have dinner and play on my Xbox for a while. I finally go to sleep at around 10:00 pm. This has been my new daily routine since the lockdown began.

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