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## “Parenting is Paranoia!! Not any longer” -From the Principal’s Desk

*In the ERA of Pandemic COVID-19. COVID-19!!*

*Oh! No!! We seemed to have developed a distaste for the word. Not anymore!! You know why? We have found the KEYS to this COVID19 LOCKDOWN and wish to step forward making the best of what we have at hand.*

*During this Lockdown period, our students and their parents have developed newer skills. They share valuable time in the presence of each other, being adaptive and accommodative. Haven’t we tailored our clocks to suit the situation?*

*Once upon a time..... The mobile phones and laptops were taboo!! Today it is a handy tool for Learners and Teachers across the globe. Doesn’t that mean these gadgets are the BEST inventions that Science could have ever made? “This only goes to prove that anything used productively is a gain’ say our BHIS-K Students.; and just as we float any News or Information, they don their Thinking Caps to establish the credibility of the matter.*

*Our students have also learned the Values of Life because our “Teachers Teach more by what they are than by what they say”. To complement it all, as Parents you’ve nurtured compassion and responsibility all through. So Parenting is not Paranoia, it is a pleasure, say the Parents of many students.*

*This will be the History rewritten by the Historians of our school.*

*On one side it is devastating news, on the other side our students bespoke the advantages of E-Learning and it helped us paint a surreal rosy picture. We thank each one of you for working alongside us to help us achieve our goals.*

*On this note, it is our humble request to help your children develop the 3R’s of Life, viz. Reading, (w)Riting, and (A)Rithmetic. We also want our students to keep abreast of the News around them. The NEWSPAPER has it all so begin your day with News-Reading along with your children.*

*I’m sure you’ll agree. Looking forward to seeing our students in the campus soon. Until then, ‘Stay Home. Stay Safe’ and enjoy your Vacation.*



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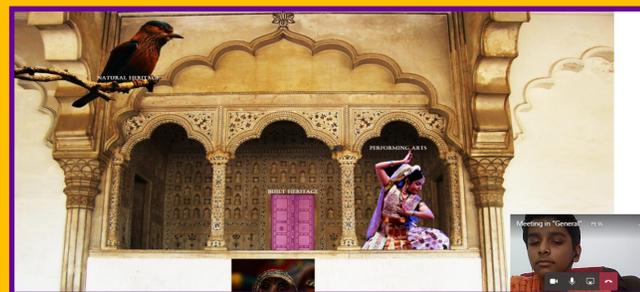
# OUR KANGAROO KIDS DID IT!

A huge shout out to all our Kangaroo kids for their successful completion of four weeks of distance learning! Our teachers were using a variety of ways like Skype, email, and phone calls to connect with the students and made videos to reinforce daily instructions and opportunities for asynchronous teaching. We are so very grateful to all our parents for reaching out to our staff and extending your kind thoughts and support. We miss our students and families very much and look forward to the day when we can come back to our school and see our student's smiling faces! Until then let's make the best of what we have !!



## Quizzing about our Heritage

A briefing on Heritage quiz was done for the children across all the grades from 7 to 9. Apart from the bookish knowledge the relevance of learning more about our country, its heritage, and culture were highlighted to our children. We can always get information at the click of a button, however, it's always important to know about one's country and its heritage. So the partnership committed will be attained only when the path shown by the teachers is reminded by the parents. There is always an inquisitive nature in all our children. We just need to blow the air to keep it glowing.



## Flipped Classroom

Flipped classroom is a positive role reversal for students which allows to build better relationships. Flipping into teacher's role provided an opportunity to understand concepts better. The 9th Graders were asked to present their mathematical research on "Number System and Polynomials" to their peers. The objective of this flipped classroom was to give the students in-depth Content Knowledge. Using Microsoft Teams Platform, the students presented their topics and by that they obviously developed skills like public speaking and researching.



# Plenty of Chemicals in the Palm of Their Hands

Learning about the limestone cycle was the task at hand for the grade 9 students. The students obviously were going to miss the presence of calcium carbonate, bunsen burner, calcium oxide and the whole lot. I only wished that they had at least the two chemicals to begin with. They say wishes come true if only we wish hard enough. So we started wishing hard with a combination of keywords in the hope of getting a virtual grab on these two chemicals. Lo and behold, our wish got rewarded more than we could have wished for. The students were able to lay their hands on a treasure trove of virtual chemicals. A mobile application just turned their mobile phones into mini chemical laboratories. The accelerometer, gyroscope and proximity sensor of their phones meant that they could be even used as virtual beakers to transfer liquids, mix chemicals, heat them just like one would do in the lab.



Finally they were able to observe limestone change to lime, lime water and limestone again completing the cycle. We just were amazed at the transformation this powerhouse in the palm of their hands was able to make.

## A Cohesive Approach to E-learning

The online era is beginning to change the way we deliver the concepts to our students. E-learning integrates technology into learning and teaching. We create, foster, deliver, and facilitate education through self-learning home sessions and interactive sessions through Zoom and Teams. Our primary children were engaged every day, through either a worksheet or a link, which gave them continuity in their education during this pandemic situation. They were much involved in every day's sessions and sent pictures solving the worksheets, or singing along to a song and dancing to the tune. Most people believe that habits are formed by completing a task for 21 days in a row. We are almost done with 18 days, but we can surely say, "Voila, a habit is formed".



## A New Paradigm for Teaching and Learning!

With much of the world shifting to e-learning due to the current Covid-19 pandemic situation, we too had done our part since we started our self-learning home session this academic year. Our second graders had an interactive session through Microsoft Teams with their homeroom educators. It was like a long day's awaited wish fulfilled for both the students and educators. The students' smiles, their stories, innocence, positivity, and the vibes they brought were enthralling. Their voice made our day. Ages ago, mobiles, iPods, computers, and laptops were a niggling distraction in family life and school life, but at the moment they are the absolute lifeline, and there are lots of ways to use them positively. There is emerging evidence that using technology for interactive conversations might help build effective learning. Truly, this session was the most exhilarating experience of the 2020 summer.



## Learning keeps going

Schools across the globe are shifting to digital learning in the wake of the corona pandemic. While we all miss the personal interactions and the routine of a physical school environment, the new normal also allows us to reflect on "What will we do better once we are back in the brick & mortar edifice that is a school building?"

And thus continues our endeavor to positively engage the students in meaningful interactions.

This week on e-classes, Our seventh graders had a rather inspiring start to one of their sessions. Being able to spot a pattern is an important skill, not only for math but for many other subjects as well, from science to spelling to reading comprehension. The smart kids were thirsting to flaunt their love for decoding the pattern in numbers and as part of a starter, the kids battled their brains to recognise a number sequence and complete sequences of numbers.

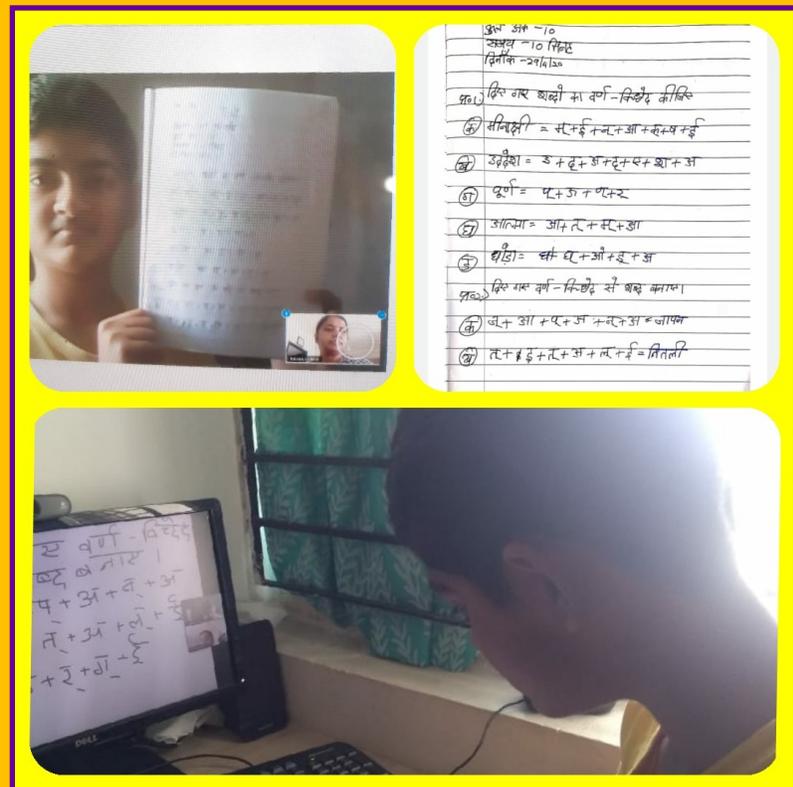
A particularly twisted sequence was straight from the book "Are you smart enough to work for Google?"

Not to be undone, the spirited math ninjas of Grade 7 came up with many possible answers and some of them nailing it too. Sundar Pichai you say... I say 'We are smart enough to create Google'. Hello to many future Larry Page or Sergey Brin!!



## मेरी भी सुनें!

मैं दर्शन कक्षा 8 से ,सभी को यह बताना चाहता हूँ कि मैंने कक्षा परीक्षण अपने ऑनलाइन क्लास में दिया । मुझे थोड़ी देर के लिए ऐसा लगा कि मैं सचमुच कक्षा में बैठ कर लिख रहा हूँ ।ऑनलाइन कक्षा मुझे बहुत अच्छा लग रहा है ,15 मिनट का यह परीक्षण मेरे लिए नई उत्साह के बराबर था । घर पर सुरक्षित रहकर मैंने अपनी पढ़ाई में कोई भी बाधा आने नहीं दिया ।

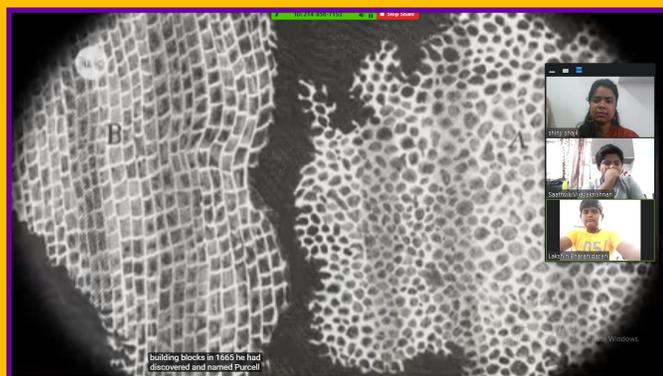


# An RJ in the Making

Hiren of Grade 5 had set out to learn a new skill during the lockdown by enrolling in a webinar 'Junior RJ' conducted by AORS Academy of Radio Studios. Hiren was engrossed in a live interaction with RJ Dheena who even appreciated him for his enthusiasm and cheery self. Kudos to our Junior RJ Hiren !!



## Into the lens of a Microscope



“How little is a cell to be seen by the naked eye? Take out thy compound microscope and thou shall see it !!”... Hold on!! But aren't our microscopes stuck up in our school laboratory? Well, at the click of thy mouse out came the ability to virtually witness cells and their incredible intricacies. The 9th graders went on a virtual tour down the timeline to understand how Microscopes became a reality as it is today. This helped them appreciate the invention and at the same time understand the effectiveness of the advances made into it. A little bit of History in Biology was indeed a success story.

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## Co-Scholastics through Virtual Reality

Study and no play are never our say !! To prove just that, our Billabongers were seen practicing their co-scholastic skills safe at home under the virtual guidance of their teachers !! Through audio-visual guidance the teachers had new tricks up their sleeves to keep their students active to the E. Dancing to a fusion of moves, adding strokes of colours to paper, singing at the right note and strengthening some core muscles were some of the ways in which our students kept their emotional and physical wellbeing at check.



## செய்யுள் வாய்மொழிப் பயிற்சி

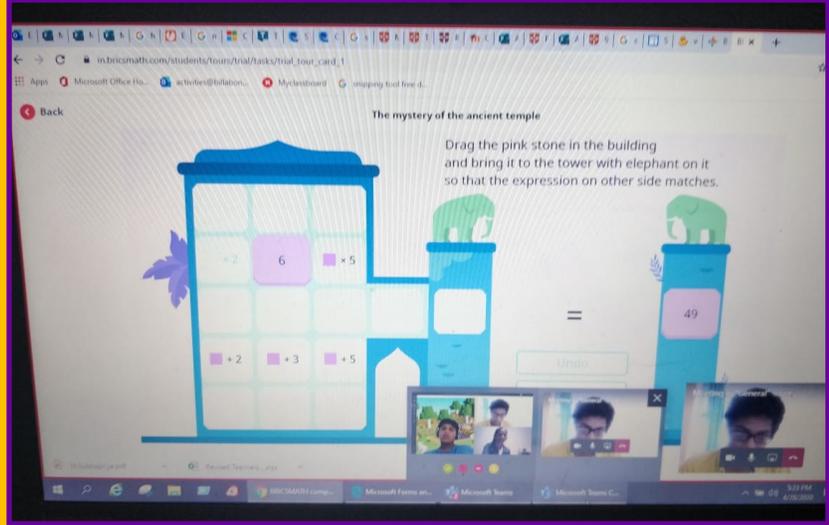
இணைய காணொலி பாட வகுப்பின் மூலமாக தமிழ் ஆசிரியர் திரு.சத்தியானந்தம் நடத்திய திருக்குறள் மற்றும் ஆத்திச்சூடி, அதன் விளக்கங்களை மாணவர்கள் அறிந்தது மட்டும் இல்லாமல் பொருளைப் புரிந்துக்கொண்டு வாய் மொழி பயிற்சி செய்து தன் இனிய மழலை மொழிகளால் grade 3 மாணவிகளான Promitha திருக்குறளையும், மற்றும் Sathvika ஆத்திச்சூடியும் தன் இனிய குரல் ஏற்றத்தாழ்வுடன் காணொலி மூலமாக பதிவு செய்து அனுப்பினர். இந்த கொரோனா விடுமுறை நாட்களில் இணைய பாட வகுப்பின் மூலம் தான் கற்றதை மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் பதிவு செய்து அனுப்பி உள்ளனர்.



## Interactive Mathematics

Math is beautiful. But sometimes, this can be hard to see, and even harder to convey to students who don't — yet — share our passion. This is especially true when the physical interaction is missing.

And what do we do to bring the zing back? It does pay to take time away from the normal curriculum. And this is exactly what the eighth-graders did. As they wound up the current session with a grilling online quiz on Ratios to assess their concept clarity, the session screamed for a break in the routine. Thus began our mini detour to Bricsmath - an online portal to get the creative juices flowing. As the kids jostled to solve the tasks, they were thoroughly entertained and delighted by improving their essential skills like number sense, spatial awareness, pattern recognition to name a few; as the session got them excited and motivated.



## Nothing like Practice & more practice...

You won't get far without practice. Our ninth graders comprehended that the hard way as they toiled the whole week by solving problem after problem till they got their concept clarity right. Battling it out over online quizzes and fastest finger first were some of the few ways the students got their maths right this week.

E-learning has indeed opened up a whole new world of exciting challenges for young minds.

