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Budding Ecologists of Billabong!

This year our Billabongers conducted a webinar to celebrate World Environment Day on the 5th of June 2020. The students from grade K - 9 carried out project works during their summer break and shared their findings with their fellow students on various means to protect our environment by taking simple measures!

Our chief guest Ms.Nahla Nainar, Asst. editor of The Hindu newspaper shared her experiences and thoughts on our human actions and its impact on the environment, which gave an invaluable insight into the topic. Our Chairperson Mr.Yasir Nainar and Deputy Chairperson Ms.Asma Nainar shared their views and plan to protect our environment. It was a wonderful event with a lot to take away home.



Avid Environmentalists

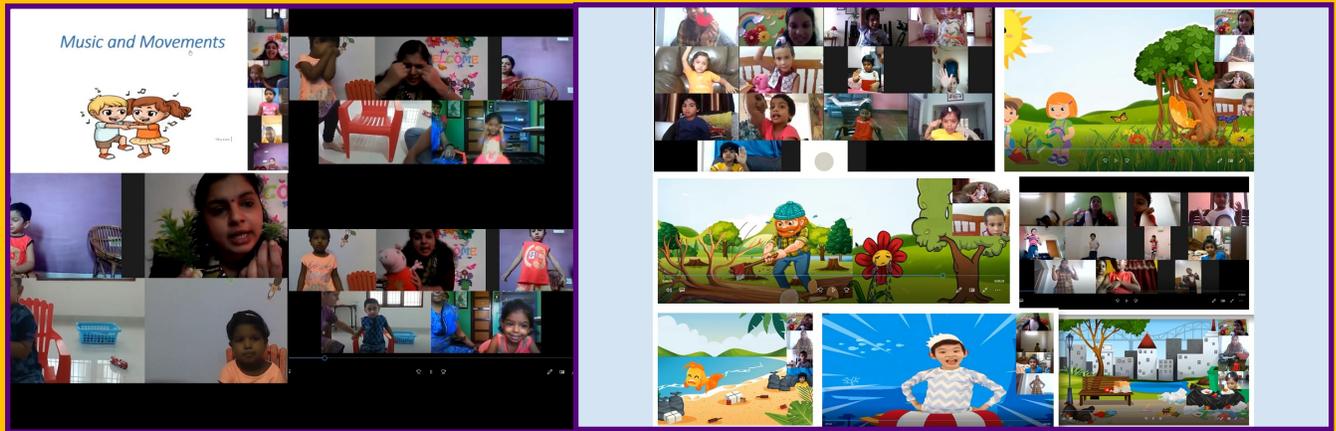
After a month-long summer break, our Kangaroo Kids resumed their schooling through an online platform, on 3rd June 2020. Our Sr.Kg students celebrated the World Environment Day, by reusing the plastic containers as pots for planting the seeds. Our budding Ecologist Adithya has shared a video message with his fellow students on a few simple things we can do every day to protect our environment. Our students and teachers had a wonderful week of learning and teaching through interesting activities!



Virtual schooling for our Nursery children !!

The objective of the new digitally-enabled learning programmes is to ensure that the students who are now home due to COVID-19 don't miss out on their education and connection with peers and teachers because of the pre-school closure. I started the virtual classes for nursery students to keep themselves engaged not just in their academics but also their extra-curricular activities. Children were so excited on their first day of the virtual class. Parents played a vital role to help their tiny tots. They happily enjoyed the session by singing rhymes, playing imitation games, and show and tell. As a part of World Environment Day, I explained to them how to plant a seed, and parents helped them in planting on a special day. Even though they don't have a school experience they are slowly adapting the situation through a virtual platform and I believe that it will be a wonderful experience for them that they can cherish in their lives.

-Ms.Devi (Nursery Teacher)



Crafty contribution towards World Environment Day

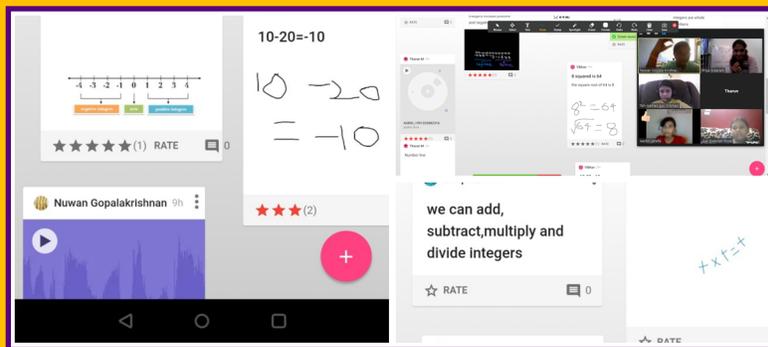
The students of Grade 1 involved themselves in making photo frames using old newspapers, on the event of world environment day. It was an experimental learning experience as they understood the value of reuse and the importance of reducing the environmental pollution. All the student's contributions were made as a collage and were displayed at the world environment Day webinar.



The Virtual Bulletin Board

'We all may be a different kind of fish but in the class, we swim together'

This favourite quote of mine resonates more than ever in the unprecedented times we live in. Our seventh graders gave meaning to the wonderful words of the quote by collaborating for a virtual bulletin board. Using Padlet, our young creative minds summed up their takeaways in Integers, Powers & Roots by doing a host of things virtually. They mutually reflected, collaborated, doodled, set up voice notes, added pictures, scribbled hand notes, and in general, had a whole lot of fun whilst affirming their conceptual clarity. Math is Fun!



PS: For the uninitiated, Padlet is an online bulletin board allowing multiple users to collaborate information on any topic on a single screen.

Go digital with Aryan

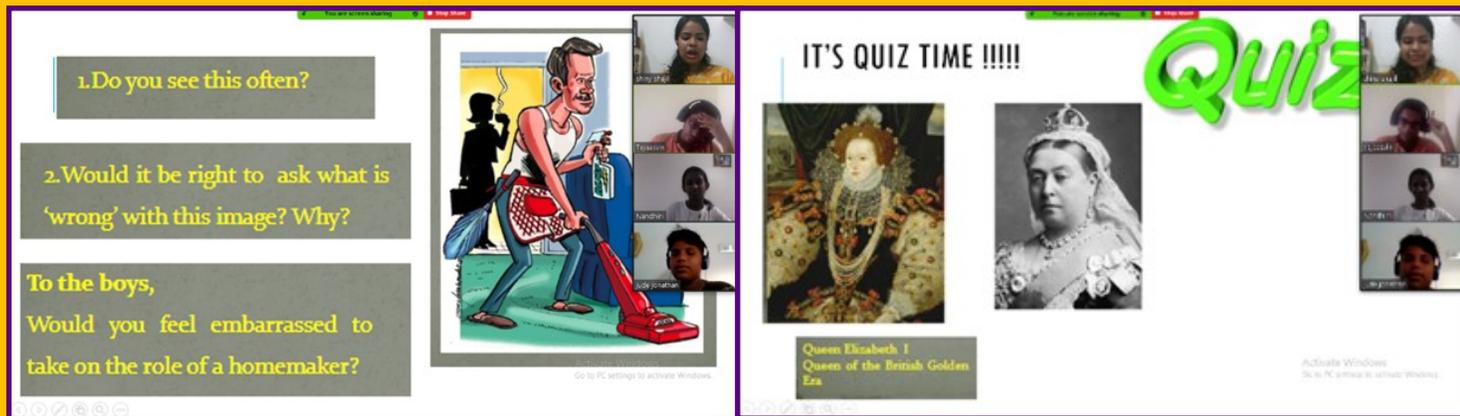
Aryan of Grade 7 explored the World Wide Web during the summer vacation and went on to create his very own website using Wordpress. From the theme to the content he did it independently and has set the standards high for his friends !! Go digital and do visit his website readers -



<https://godigitalwitharyan.wordpress.com/>

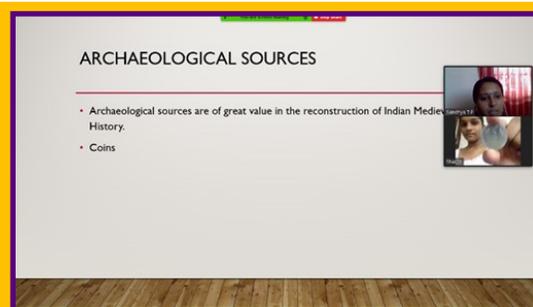
Do women have it easy?

Gender inequality has been one of a rising issue from the yesteryears and is still prevailing in some countries and villages across the globe. The 8th graders were posed with a simple scenario and were probed on how they would react to the situation. It was heartwarming to see how the boys of the class were quick to defend the female population and shared their disagreement with gender-related taboos being followed across the world. Following this, they went on to play a fierce game of "Guess the Woman in the picture" which saw them twisting their grey matter in trying to figure out the famous women personalities of Britain. This fun session acted as an introduction to their History lesson on the Suffrage movement in Great Britain.



A coin study

The learner of grade VII shared her understanding of a coin by showing her coin collection. The role of coins as an archaeological source was then discussed in comparison to the present day coins and its use as a source of history and the reconstruction of history. These hands on experiences on interpreting coins helped in interpreting sources.



A Virtual Guest !!

The 6th Graders were in for a surprise as Mr. Anil Jose Kumar the Admin officer of the school visited their virtual class as a guest lecturer. Mr. Anil was laden with historical details about the school and posed as a primary source of the history of our school BHIS-K. The students listened carefully to their primary source and chalked down important details and have now been challenged by their teacher to make a creative secondary source about the history of Billabong Kelambakkam. Who said History can't be applied in real life?



Decode the Cartoon

The role of a cartoon in understanding politics was explained to the IX graders by allowing them to interpret the cartoon, as an extension of the video which was shown to them regarding the political conditions in Myanmar. This activity was used as a brainteaser and a tool in checking their understanding of the video and to trigger their higher-order by directed probing.



Virtual Observations

The 7th Graders were introduced to the concept of Weathering by real-life examples during their virtual class. They were asked to brainstorm on situations they came across in real life and then a connection was made to the topic in the limelight. To make the brainstorming even more fun the teacher had used aids to help them in the visualization of the situation put forward. By the end of the session, the children were awed by how water which known by them to be something so innocent turned out to be a powerful agent that could even break down rocks.



We are authors!!

The 5th graders had donned the hat on an Author and penned a short story – "Eddie the plant", where they wrote a story about the life cycle of a plant. The short story was presented in the form of a book to their peers and over a virtual reading conference the author read out the book to their friends. Each student had a completely different story to tell and were creative writers. After the reading conference, the audience shared their review for the book and the author himself/herself self-reflected on their area of improvement. This interdisciplinary approach towards teaching a concept in science was indeed a success story.

