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where learning has a purpose



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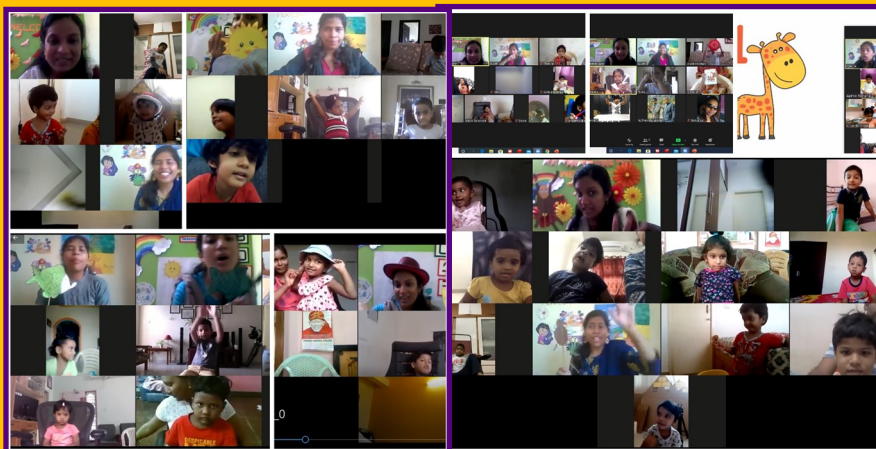
Magical Learning

In the second week of virtual classes, our nursery students started learning some new concepts like emotions and magic words. They did activities using household items like water and sponge, wheat dough, shirt and purse for buttoning and zipping. They are slowly understanding the new concepts and are trying to recall it during their class time. Children were also excited to explore through the scavenger hunt activity posed to them. It is heartwarming to witness all our students getting adapted to the virtual environment and are eagerly waiting for their next class to learn and do the activities.



Jr.KG Heroes

Our little learners are exploring technology through their little eyes and have learned to interact with their teachers and peers. Our little tiny brains are actively engaged in the class by singing, dancing, doing workouts, scavenger hunt, and learning the concepts as a part of remote learning adventure. No matter how far we are our children are connected to us with their endless love and affection. We could see the same enthusiasm and love for learning in our little learners. As we all are changing our approach & ways in these tough times, our kids too are showing that they are equally ready to face the new world.



“A Farewell to Remember” - From the Director’s Desk

*Chitra Ma’am your smiling face
Chitra Ma’am your ease and grace
Your name means a piece of art
Very much so as we miss you in every part
As student and teachers we look afar
Towards Chitra Ma’am our guiding star*



Ms.Asma Nainar

Director and Deputy Chairperson

Chitra Ma’am was our founder teacher and coordinator who later went on to lead our school as the Principal. On 1st June 2020 ma’am decided to walk into retirement and spend more time with her family. She promises to be around and mentor our teachers and students but has decided to relieve herself from official duties at BHIS K.

Chitra Ma’am is an epitome of knowledge teaching experience and leadership grace. She owns the vision of our school and dreams alongside the management of how to make the vision come true.



We will miss Chitra Ma’am and we will look forward for her guidance and blessings as we continue to climb the ladder that leans on the vision and mission that we pursue.

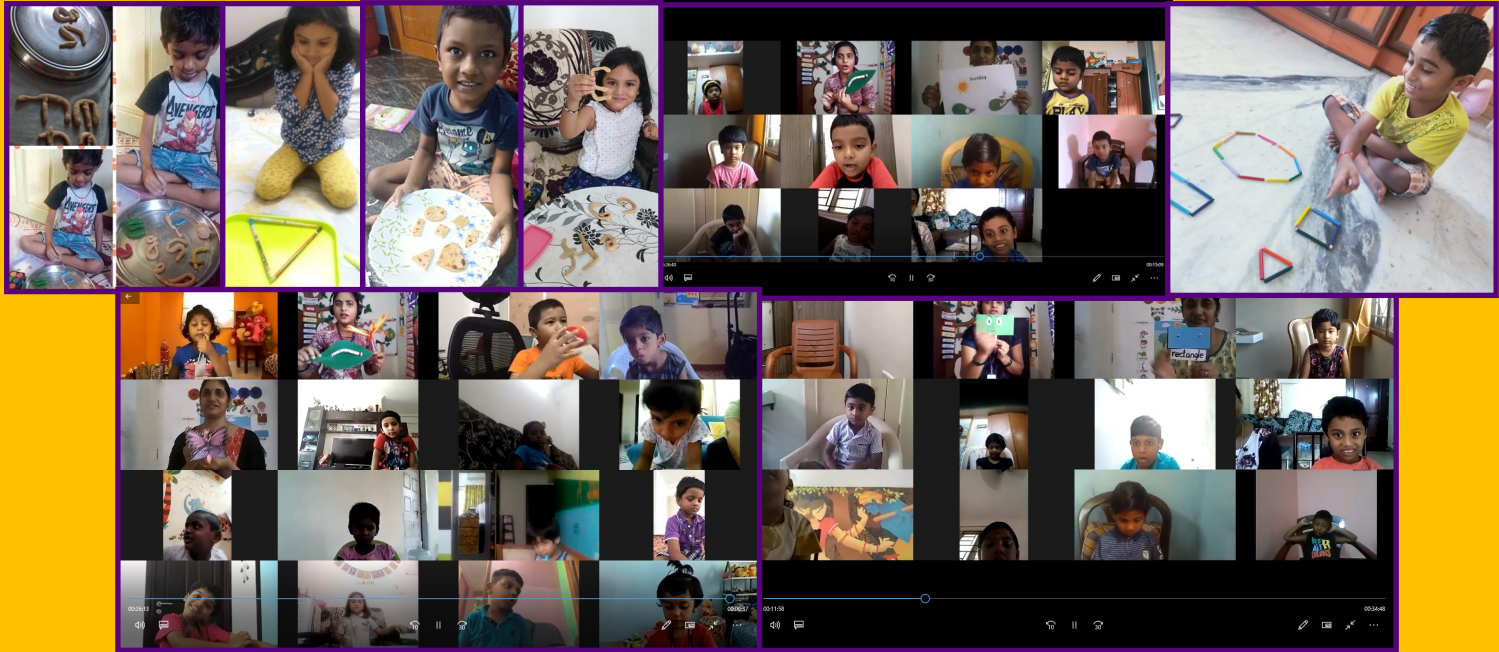
Our best wishes to her and her family who have gained back her company. We will remain indebted to all that she has done for our school and will continue to do in future.

Teachers and students are only products of a mission of innovative thinking and creative doing. We will continue to work on these principles that Chitra ma’am has laid out for our school.

God speed and God Bless let us as parents, students and teachers continue to work towards our vision and mission and make every day a continuum of our new beginning.

Brushing up our Skills!

Our Senior Kindergartners had a wonderful week, strengthening their basic Math and Language Skills by doing various interesting activities during their virtual classes. They utilized the usual household items to showcase their skills and us, the educators are amazed at our little learners' enthusiasm and love for learning! We express our sincere thanks to our parents for their Support and Encouragement! Here is a peek at our students learning moment through the eyes of a Camera!



Young Astrophiles

We were created in this world we were all born from the universe itself. Moondust in our lungs, stars in our eyes, we are the children of cosmos, ruler of the skies. Nothing truly compares to how ethereal we feel when we dive our soul into the Heavens-Above us Staring at the stars gives fullness of the heart. The beauty is



infinite and never changing. It has always enchanted us. That was how we felt during stargazing and that was how infatuated we were with the heavenly bodies when we were young and even now. As part of learning, our Grade 2 children are becoming Star grazers and Astrophiles. We had a hands-on-activity to encapsulate our Solar System. Each came up their own planets made out of all-purpose flour (maida), wheat flour, and play dough. Children were excited to draw the milky way and positioned the planets at it's right place. They were so excited and had good fun and as well as understood the finer aspects of our Universe.

Big Boom

Learners of grade 5 raided their kitchen to do the activity in finding how exactly did the Big Boom take place. With the pepper particles, water, and dish soap experiment they were able to see the change in the surface of the water and the pepper particles as it shot across to the corners, with this they were able to relate it to the big bang theory.

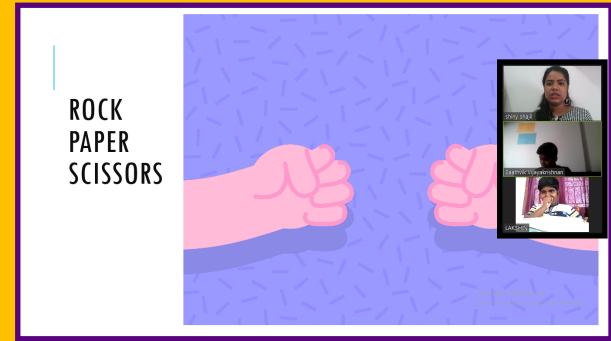


Colourful Beads

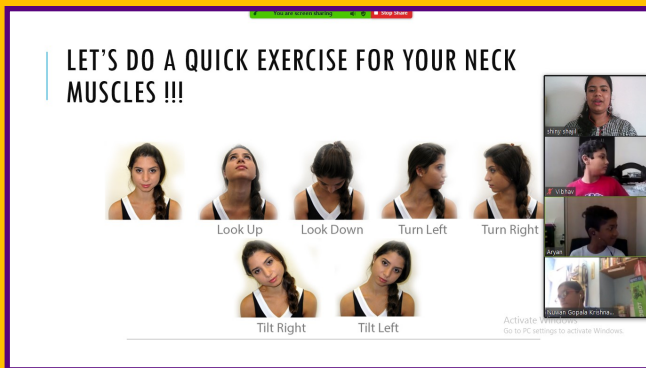
The demonstration of making a colourful necklace by multicoloured beads of their choice to make them understand that each one of us is different in many ways but when we come together we make a difference. The “unity in diversity” concept was explained to them through this fun activity and it came out as a beautiful Necklace of learning and understanding.

Rock Paper Scissors

To ensure our students got a fair chance to share their work, their teacher had a fun trick up her sleeves. A game of Rock Paper Scissors helped decide the winner who would share their assignment to the entire class. This quick game was refreshing and brought back the same happiness the children had when they were in school physically.



Warm-up

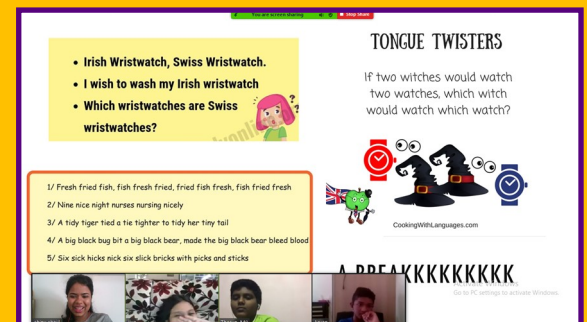


We bend a little bit forward to look into the screen, and sometimes we twist our bodies in the weirdest of ways while we sit and listen to our online classes. Little do we know that our bad posture might be hurting our neck in ways we can never imagine. Our teachers have been doing all things possible to ensure the best for your students and one such measure was to introduce some neck exercise routine in between classes. This quick routine helped the students in relieving stress put on

their neck and what made it more fun was they got to do it along with their peers.

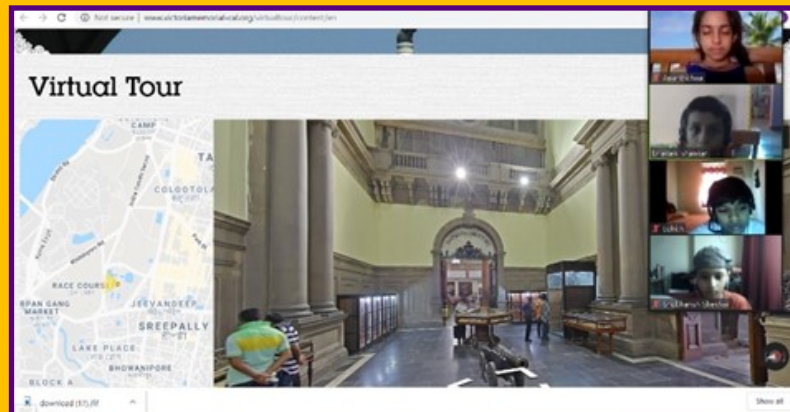
A Tongue Twisting Break

All study and no play would make Jack a dull boy. But how about our tongue muscles? Doesn't it deserve some quirky challenges? Continuous lessons are surely not the way forward for our Billabongers!! They have fun breaks where they are challenged to try something out of the ordinary. This week the students were challenged with some tongue twisters and had a hearty laugh at how words were eaten up since their tongue got twisted to a knot literally!!



A Virtual Tour

The 6th graders were taken for a virtual tour to Victoria Memorial Hall Kolkatta. The children visited the site of the culture Ministry of India which gave a lot of online information about the gallery displays, of the many important sources of medieval and modern history. How these sources are preserved in the museum was shown through the virtual tour. Though the whole tour was not made possible for the learners in one period, the link for the virtual tour was shared with the children and they were guided on how to go about in it. The children were also reminded to take the tour accompanied by their parents.



Democratic in the Kitchen



The activity was planned as part of the democratic politics for the IX graders on the impact of a democratic government due to the change of leaders every five years which is one of the arguments against democracy. The children were asked to change the place of essential things in their kitchen which was used by their mother daily like sugar, tea dust, and oil. Mother was asked to find it out. So the difficulty that the mother faced was compared to the organising of procedures in a democratic government when the government changes every five years. The children were also taught on the need to change leaders if they are not accountable to the people. Thankfully all our mothers cooperated well. This cooperation gives us the freedom to involve parents in the learning activities for our children.

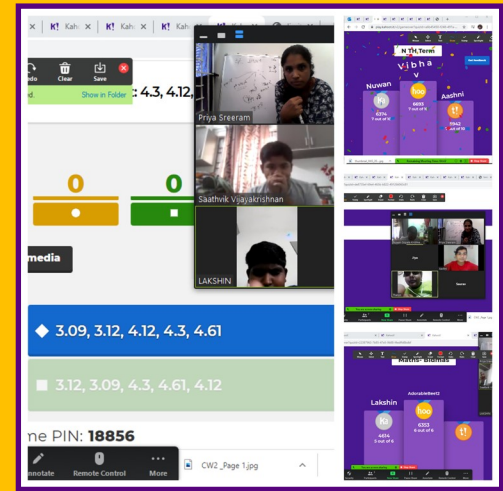
Time for a debate

The students of grade 9 had a debate on ‘Is democracy good for the country?’. They were initially familiarised with the concepts of democracy and other forms of government. Enough case studies as a part of the curriculum were discussed with a lot of visual inputs. Then the application and recall of this understanding were accessed through this debate. The children prepared well for the topic and the debate helped develop their recalling, problems solving skills, analytical, and critical thinking skills. This activity will help the children to speak with a lot of confidence later in the public forums and also improves their presentation and communication skills.



Math Edutainment

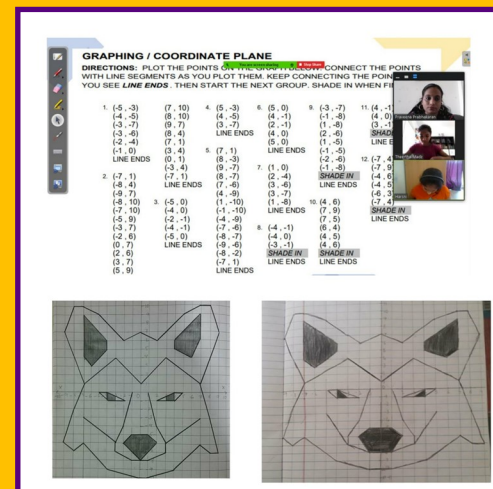
When an activity interests students, the more motivated they will be to learn. And if the process involves gamification, the emotional engagement of the students hits the roof. Our seventh and ninth graders experienced this refreshing surge of adrenaline rush in their maths classes as they had an online assessment of concepts learned using game-based quizzes. As the questions were projected on the shared screen, the students answered the questions with their smartphone/tablet/computer; creating a social, fun, and game-like environment. Typically having 30 seconds to click an answer on their gadgets the students earned points for correct choices and extra points for clicking faster. The gong sound when the time was up for each question elicited passionate exchanges about the right answer even as the classroom board immediately tallied the class's correct and incorrect answers. As the leaderboard appeared, ranking the top five students by points accrued, the excitement and the urgency of a quiz show were replicated in the digital platform.



This practice of applying elements from games to nongame realms is surely a winner.

The Mystery Picture

What is the Math behind the beauty of the world? How can math help in appreciating that beauty? What is the relation between Art and Math? All these questions were explored by our Ninth graders. A mystery picture of Fox's face was revealed by plotting the points and connecting them with lines. A fun way of learning Co-ordinate geometry, which kindled their desire to explore more than the boundaries of Art and Design. This unlocked the doors of knowledge for them to think of math creatively and apply it in various other fields.



A TRIBUTE TO OUR TEACHERS !!!

To recognise the tremendous efforts of all our teachers, Kangaroo Kids Education Ltd., along with our group company Eurokids, is extremely proud to put together an event on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/teachermysuperhero>, which we are promoting with different types of content and intend to use it for community building going forward. We are also working on pulling together stories of our teachers/ other teachers who through their efforts and passion, help students build a successful career even in adversity. The event will feature Bollywood singer Shaan unveiling a special song dedicated to teachers – 'O Teacher Shukriya' Composed & Sung by Shaan. In addition there will be musical performances by fusion bands like 'When Chai Met Toast' and Swarathma, a song tribute by students and a series of thanksgiving/ tributes by celebrities for all our teachers. We invite you to attend the event, come together, and cheer our superheroes our "Teachers".



Date & Time: 14th June | 7 pm onwards · **Where – Premiers on FB** <https://www.facebook.com/teachermysuperhero>