

NEWSLETTER APRIL-JULY 2020

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”- Helen Keller

2020 is no ordinary year. Covid-19 put our generation of super smug homo sapiens in a confinement they had never envisioned. Everyone was shaken off their high pedestal and had to brace themselves to get empowered with core life skills to checkmate the virus. With 24x7 hours at one's disposal, in our favourite place in the world-our home, Suncitizens saw the opportunity of virtual classrooms, came together as a team and stayed together to succeed, after all, when the going gets tough, the tough get going!



On the first day of the new academic session the Director, Mrs. Rupa Chakravarty, shared some encouraging and inspiring words with the students through a recorded video. Welcome letters were shared with the students. Students became engrossed productively and actively engaged in the online activities, tests and quizzes. To start the day with vigor, the sports teachers recorded some follow along exercise videos that were played during the morning hours for the students.

ONLINE ACTIVITIES TAKE CENTRESTAGE

Apart from academics, the students have also been involved in extra-curricular activities which gave them an opportunity to explore and showcase their talents. A *Memorabilia lockdown* (school e-magazine) was created where students uploaded videos and images of activities they indulged in during 'the time of quarantine.' They also created beautiful and thoughtful posters on



Earth Day and also made cards for their helpers on Labour Day to express their gratitude towards them. Students also displayed their creativity as they contributed excellent articles and paintings for NIE (TOI) digital newspaper.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

The significant day was observed with remarkable art work that showcased the prominent message for the planet's conservation.



LABOUR DAY CARDS

Students made sentimental cards for the helpers of society and all the thoughtful people who add so much meaning and comfort to our lives.

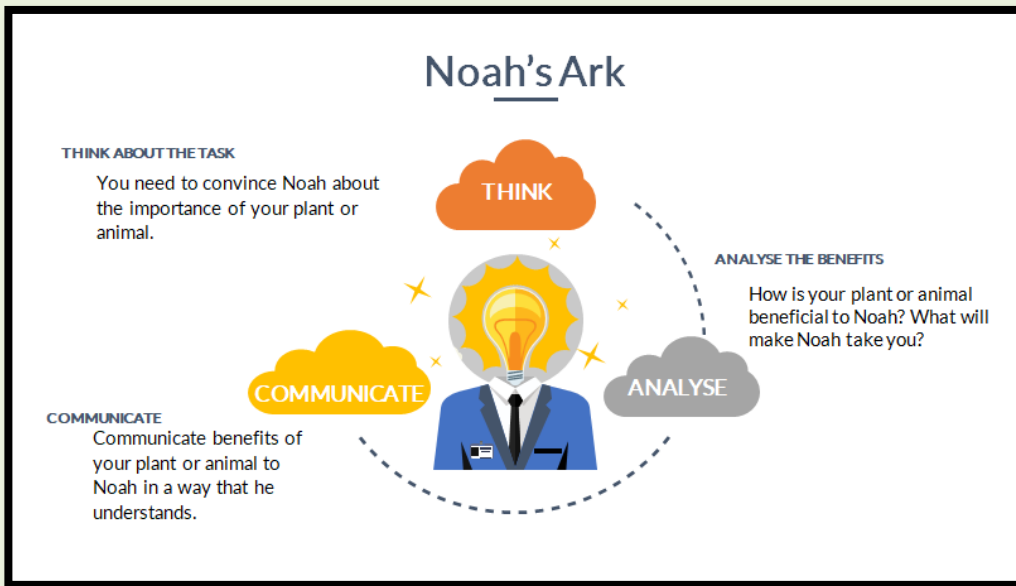


CALLIDO SESSIONS

Callido Training sessions were organised for students of Grade XII from 18th-22nd May for two hours daily. Students could work in small groups using the breakaway room concept of zoom. From group discussion to solving individual assessment, they were involved in multiple activities that sought to build their critical thinking, collaborative learning and communication skills.

The five-day long series of virtual sessions aimed at equipping students with a foundation of critical thinking, research and information literacy, communication skills that constitute the 21st century skills to enable them to succeed in their academic programs, administer a comprehensive skills assessment to assess students on their 21st century skills,

Callido sessions were introduced for Grade VI. It was a collaborative activity to introduce students to persuasive communication, critical thinking and problem-solving skills employing the thinking routine illustrated below. The students were all excited and interactive during these sessions and enabled them to hone the twenty first century skills of a global citizen. It is an endeavor to assess the comprehensive skills of the students



1. Online module to help students understand the main idea and key details of given information, compare and contrast different subjects and ideas using venn diagrams, organize information in a timeline, understand the essential elements and rules and apply them.
2. A collaborative activity to apply the learning from the module:
Struggle to Resettle - Students in teams suggest the most suited location for a tribal group to resettle based on the information about different tribes and the geographical features of the locations using the map provided. They apply their understanding of identifying the main idea and key details about the tribes and location.

OVERVIEW

All of you in your teams are helping different tribes to identify a right location to resettle or migrate in order to meet their needs. You will be provided with information about the tribe and a map with locations. You will also be provided with clues to lead you to identify the right location, affirm or invalidate your answer. You will apply the skill of identifying the main idea and its key supporting details from a passage in this activity.

CALLIDO

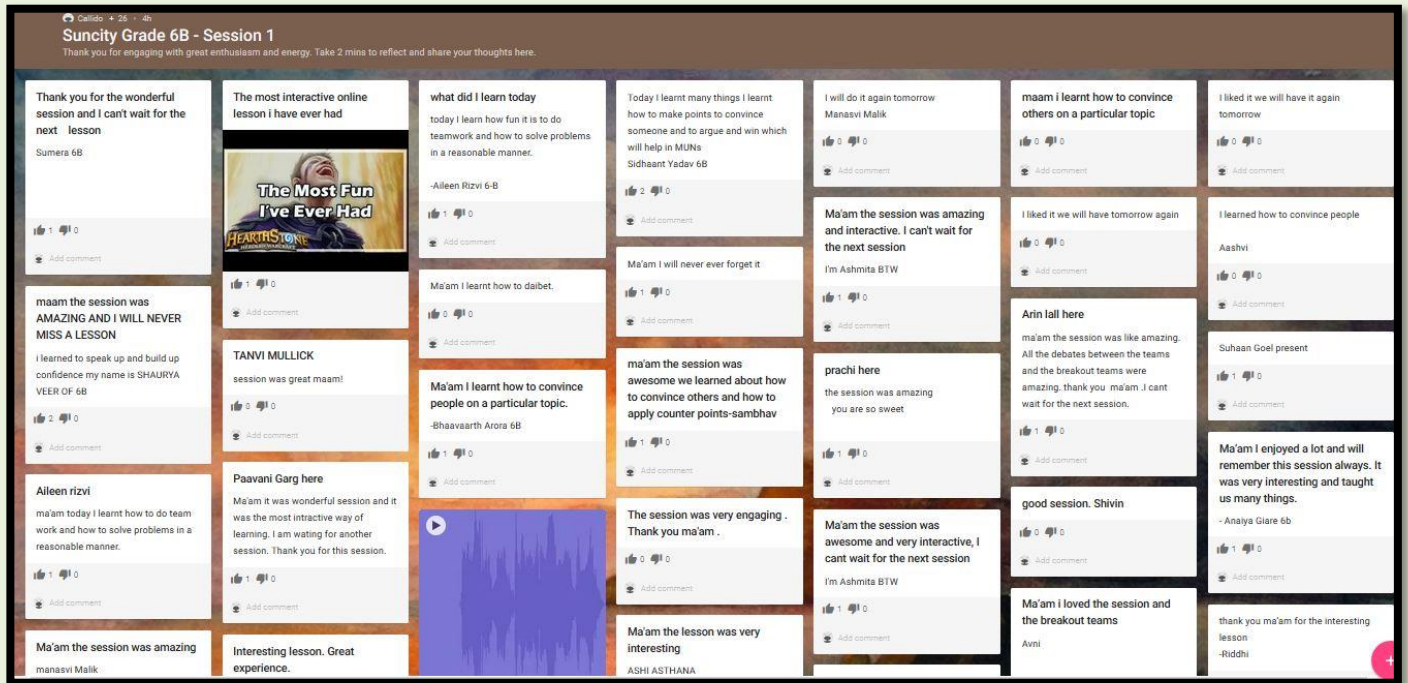
IDENTIFYING THE MAIN IDEAS AND KEY DETAILS

Key detail MAIN IDEA Key detail
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It is usually stated in the first or last sentence of the paragraph.
The key details are directly related to the main idea and help us understand the main idea better.

Recall this thinking map that you used in Callido's modules.
Use this to plan out your decisions during the game.

CALLIDO



THE ALL INDIA GLOBAL JIGYASA ONLINE INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ CONTEST

The All India Global Jigyasa Online Inter-School Quiz Contest (AIGJQ) was a stellar success witnessing participation from 105 of the smartest minds of Grades VI-VIII belonging to 35 schools and 15 cities pan India! Streamed live on Facebook so that more students and adults could view the quizzes, the AIGJQ contest saw a viewership of over 6000 individuals and reached out to over 40000 individuals between 11-17 May 2020!

Students from our institution performed as follows:

Arya Jha - VI A: Pre-Quarter Finalist

Anmol Dhingra -VII G: Quarter Finalist

Aarya Saraf - VIII E: Semi Finalist out of a total of eight semi-finalists.

The students received certificates for their participation and achievement..

MOTIVATIONAL TALK BY SISTER SHIVANI-BRAHMA KUMARIS

Suncity School organised a talk session by Sister Shivani on 22 May 2020. Sister Shivani is a firm believer of the dictum 'Practise what you preach.' When values like compassion and resilience are being talked about by her, it is very cogent. She gave very useful tips to the parents about handling children. Her talk was received by the parents very positively and they appreciated school's endeavour in organising such talks.

PRESENTATION ON MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES AND SDG GOALS

The Headmistresses of the school, Ms. Deepali Singh and Ms. Kavita Lal addressed students through an audio video, and explained about the meaning and importance of Multiple intelligence in our lives, and how its related to our career options also. The role of sustainable development goals and agenda 2030 of UN, which aims at transforming the world was discussed.

Most important of all on how as a part of a global community we can contribute towards making this world a beautiful place for us to live in.

Overall, it was a very interesting session where students had a good learning experience.



‘HOW WE CAN USE DIGITAL MEDIA WITHOUT AFFECTING OUR EYES’ SESSION BY DR.ASHISH LALL

The recent spate of the novel corona virus and the unprecedented situation is leading to prolonged use of digital media. Everyone is concerned about how to protect their eyes in such situation. Keeping this in mind, a session with Dr.Ashish Lall ,Eye surgeon at the Lall Nursing home was organized on 21 May 2020. The session was a pre- recorded session for the EYP and PYP students and an interactive session for the MYP and senior school.

'EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING DURING STRESSFUL TIMES' ADDRESS BY SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

A session was conducted for the children as well as the parents to deal with their 'Emotional well being during stressful times' on 22 May 2020 by the School Counsellor, Ms. Harsimran Kaur for the respective classes.

The focus of the session was to make children and parents understand what emotions, emotional well being mean and from there to take on the effect of it on our well being when a person faces stress.

The talk highlighted the psychological and emotional symptoms one may face during stressful times as well as how to deal with it by realizing the problem, identifying it, maintaining a positive environment, encouraging each other, being mindful, to help keep up children's self esteem, listening and respecting their feelings and encouraging them to practice gratitude exercises.

A small video from the movie 'Inside out' and an image displaying 56 different emotions was attached to expand a little more on emotions. The aim of the talk was to make children and parents 'aware' as well as 'equipped' to handle the situation we all are in.

"STAYING RESILIENT AMIDST TURBULENCE" WEBINAR BY SISTER B.K SHIVANI

The Director, Mrs Rupa Chakravarty, initiated the discourse by Sister Shivani by giving the introductory talk . She talked about 'Character being more important than knowledge and how Sister Shivani teaches us to scaffold our character by depending on our culture and which helps to focus on the values and values determine the future of a civilization. She also highlighted that meeting challenges make life meaningful. Sister Shivani talked about resonating the environment with positivity as children are very receptive to vibes and with negative vibes they will grow up to be negative in thoughts and actions. She advised to rephrase our words : 'These are difficult times , you should say these are different times'

CYBER SECURITY SESSION BY MR. RAKSHIT TANDON

An enlightening session on cyber security was conducted by our renowned, Cyber Security Expert, Mr. Rakshi Tandon. He addressed the various safety measures students should adhere to in order to remain safe on cyber space.



INTERVIEW BY EDUTV

Our Headmistress, Early Years Programme, Ms. Sangeeta Bagchi, was interviewed by EDUTV on 26 April 2020. The topic for the discussion was – ‘How COVID 19 is affecting the Early Years Education?’ She highlighted various facts about the role of online education during challenging times and shared techniques to creatively perform sessions in a structured, disciplined and innovative way. A number of real life experiences were shared about our lesson plans being fun filled, interdisciplinary and based on experiential learning. The interviewer was also informed that we are incorporating Sustainable Development Goals in our plans to make them aware and responsible citizens.

ARTICLE ON SUNCITY SCHOOL ‘S VIRTUAL CLASSES ON SCHOOLWISER

Suncity school was featured in an article by **SchoolWiser** on the modus operandi adopted by the school in conducting virtual classes.
<https://swiser.cc/virtual-learning-ggn-lockdown>

schoolwiser.com/blog/virtual-learning-in-gurgaon-schools-new-normal-during-covid19-pandemic-heritage-suncity-shriram-shikshantar



“Grappling with technology is natural for students and teachers at least initially, however with the plethora of aids the online world opens up – from graphics to documentaries to puzzles to virtual walkthroughs and experiments, **it actually makes learning more interactive and engaging for each student**” acknowledged Rupa Chakravarty of Suncity School.

GENERATION GLOBAL (FORMER TONY BLAIR FAITH FOUNDATION DIGITAL DIALOGUE PARTICIPATION)

Our students have been keen participants in the national and international -team blogging and video conferences of Generation Global Platform.

The following students from Grades VIII-X participated in Digital Dialogue from 22 May-24 May 2020

1. Aarya Saraf, Anvi Menon, Nikita Singh, Pritika Daulani, Anvi Tuteja-Grade VIII
2. Aadi Thiagarajan, Nischay Khubani, Ambar Gogia, Aryan Jain, Siddharth Ganguly, Shrey Satapathy-Grade IX
3. Prisha Gupta, Varini Vij- Grade X

The above-mentioned students participated in the Generation Global - new online student-centred pathway by being a part of the pilot project.

The pathway will teach students the five core skills of dialogue and allow them to practice these skills with other students across the world and outside of the classroom. Students will have access to new topics relevant to the current climate, such as: the purpose of education, culture, beliefs and values, the rights of girls and women and fake news and social media.

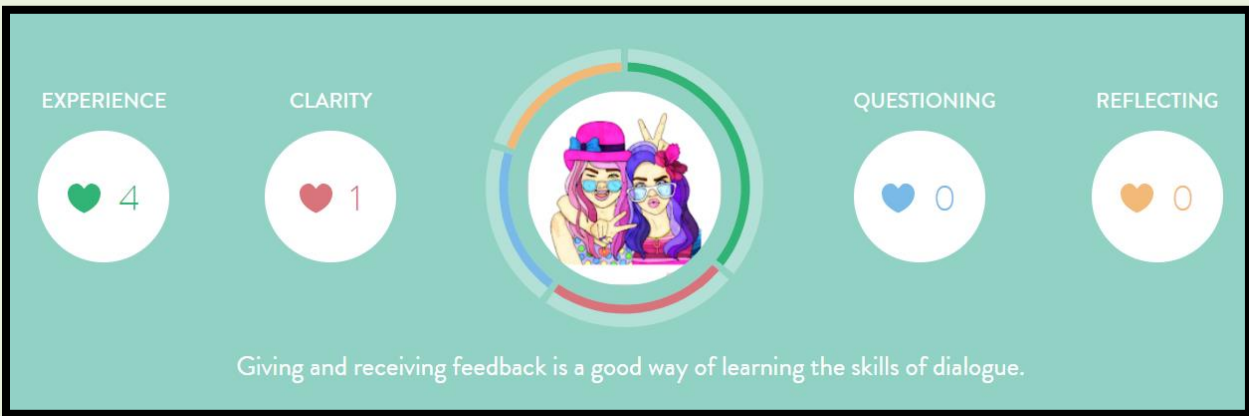
The Foundation is actively developing this new platform, and they tested the first few topics with the selected batch of Suncity School.

Ambar Gogia, Siddhartha Bhattacharya and Anvi Tuteja got Letters of Appreciation and Gratitude form the Head of the Generation Global-Ms. Lucy Hayter.

A Video Conference was held for the three students to share their feedback with Ms Lucy Hayter and with Head of the Educational Division-Ms. Jo Malone.

A Video Conference was also held for Educators to launch the Student Pathway on 22 June. It was a demonstration session for a run through of the site and an explanation of the educational benefits.

**Generation Global Platform Report
Report by Anvi Tuteja , VIII D**



FOR STUDENTS:

Testing the Generation Global platform was a unique and special experience, indeed. The platform had a discover page with some ‘Big Questions’ (for example: *Who do you think you will be in 2055?* and *How has the pandemic made me think about education differently?*) These were in the form of a discussion forum, with everyone providing their inputs and insights on the questions. It was an amazing forum as learning about the experiences of people from all over the world was a new and memorable experience for me. There was also an innovative system of providing feedback in the form of different colored symbols. There were experience, clarity, questioning and reflecting feedback points:

The Generation Global Platform had multiple learning modules as well. After the Compulsory Dialogue Module, there was a variety of modules to choose from, ranging from women rights to education to fake news. The learning modules were very interactive and fun and not based on just learning facts and testing our memory in quizzes. The modules started with some informative case studies, videos in different languages or some basic text to read. As the module progressed there were interactive learning assessments in the form of arranging facts in order, MCQs, situations and real life situations. The best part was that the questions were subjective and situation-based instead of being plainly objective with a clear Yes/No answer. We had to give our inputs, thoughts and perspectives and it was an eye-opening and inspired experience. I learnt a lot in this experience like the difference between dialogue/discussion/debate. There was also an open discussion forum and an XP point system that opened locked features like video-conferences. All in all, the Generation Global Platform was a unique, memorable and uplifting experience and I am privileged to call myself a member of this Ultimate Dialogue

Adventure. The peers who also made it through to this platform were Siddhartha Ganguly and Ambar Gogia, Grade IX.

WOW moment: Being invited for a video conference with Head of Education, Generation Global, Ms. Jo Malone and the facilitator, Rory Macleod, who conducted the interaction with Lyna, a peer from Indonesia. We were four students giving inputs on improving the new developing student pathway of Generation Global. Ms. Sapna Bakshi, School Coordinator for Generation Global also attended the session



ACCOLADES IN WRITING BOOTCAMP -Report by Ambar Gogia, IX C

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A writing camp was conducted on 1-19 June 2020 by Jayshree Periwal International School, Jaipur. The camp was intended to improve the writing skills of students by providing theoretical information as well as the practical application of the knowledge gleaned through practice tasks. The camp was attended by more than fifteen students from various schools across India.

The instructors introduced the concepts of tone, mood and setting of a text, along with various literary devices. After this, the focus shifted to individual types of writing skills, such as narrative writing, script writing, descriptive writing, diary writing, journal writing and last but not the least, poetry writing. The highly interactive process was conducive for long-term learning.

The camp showed me the variety and beauty of language and helped me hone my creativity and writing skills. I gleaned a large amount of theoretical knowledge and was able to put my skills to the test. I wrote many pieces, including two poems, a story, a narrative and more.

On the last day of the camp, I received the best writer award for my submissions. I received a certificate for the same.



SUNCITY SCHOOL'S NEW STUDENTS COUNCIL 2020-21

After students filing their candidature through the Students Manifesto, online campaigning and a series of interviews, Suncity School proudly declared its Student Council for the Academic Session 202-21. Congratulations to all the students!

Student Council Declaration By Rupa Ma'am.mp4



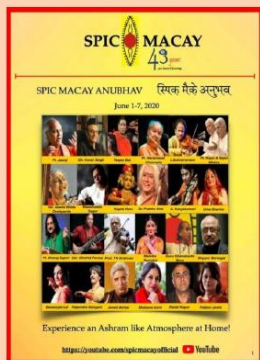
POST HOLDERS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL**SESSION 2020-21**

POST	NAME AND CLASS OF THE CANDIDATES
GENERAL SECRETARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KinshukYadav(XII)• Paridhi Gupta (XII)
HEAD BOY	Anish Singhal(XI)
HEAD GIRL	Ishika Aggarwal(XI)
SANSKAR SAMRIDH	Manavendra Singh(XI)
MUN SECRETARY	VanyaDuggal(XI)
SPORTS CAPTAINS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aryan Verma(XI)• KrithikaGanesan(XI)
HOUSE CAPTAINS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ARCTIC• ATLANTIC• INDIAN• PACIFIC	Navya Gupta (XI) Sanya Gupta (XI) AdlinReuel(XI) Parth Sharma (XI)
ASST. HEAD GIRL	Prisha Gupta (X)
ASST. HEAD BOY	Aryan Sethi(X)
ASST. HOUSE CAPTAINS	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARCTIC • ATLANTIC • INDIAN • PACIFIC 	<p>PranyaSehgal(X)</p> <p>ReyanshiGambhir(X)</p> <p>Diya Bhatnagar(X)</p> <p>SakshamDiwan(X)</p>
ASST. SPORTS CAPTAIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aryan Chakraborty(X) • VidushiJaidka(X)
DISCIPLINE IN-CHARGES (Class IX)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AmbarGogia • AsthaVora • Dhwani Bhandari • Jai Tanwar • MihikaBatra • NeerjaSonowal • SaanviDhingra • Shubh Jain • ShubhanGabra • Suhani Kapoor
ASST. DISCIPLINE IN-CHARGES (Class VIII)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AanyaGurnani • AnviTuteja • MaanyaGumber • RonnietBiala • Shreeya Agarwal • TrishaanChaturvedi
CULTURAL HEAD CULTURAL SECRETARY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance • Music • Synergy Editor • Debate • IT • Quiz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nandini Jha(XI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ArushLall (X) • Rittika De (X) • Sanjanna Mehta (XI) • Sahil Choudhury(X) • AvleenSethi (XI) • Siddhartha Ganguly (IX) • KrishGoswami(X) • ShauryaWalia (IB) • Aryan Jain (IX) • GauriGujral(X) • Aditya Kathane(X)
ART CAPTAINS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manya Sharma (Arctic House) • Suzzanne Sara Jacob(Atlantic House)

(Class X)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AmiyaLeekha(Indian House) • NayonikaChakraborty(Pacific House)
ANTI BULLYING SQUAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anika Bhatnagar(V) • Ranvir Bhatia (VI) • SrijanSeshadri(VII) • AaryaSaraf(VIII) • AadityaArora(IX) • JiyaAgarwal(X) • KarthikGanesan(XI)
JUNIOR HEAD BOY	ArinLall(VI)
JUNIOR HEAD GIRL	ArikaLall (VI)
SANSKAR SAMRIDDH	NikunjGambhir (VI)
JUNIOR SPORTS CAPTAINS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MahirVerma(VI) • Smera Arora (VI)
CULTURAL HEAD	Adya Sharma (VI)
ASST. JR.HEAD BOY	Jaskaran Singh (V)
ASST. JR. HEAD GIRL	PiihuKaushik (V)
ASST. JR. SPORTS CAPTAINS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aryan Paul (V) • Aishwarya Rishi (V)

SPICMACAY ANUBHAV 2020



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We SUNCITIZENS are grateful to experience for the first time SPICMACAY ANUBHAV VIRTUALLY. A week long oriented workshops conducted by some eminent artists. Live painting workshops, Live dance performances, Live interactions with LEGENDS, Yoga sessions, Music workshops and many more were mainstreamed for 6 days.

Thanks to SUNCITY SCHOOL for giving teachers and students this experience and wonderful opportunity.

VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE ON PAINTING WORKSHOP

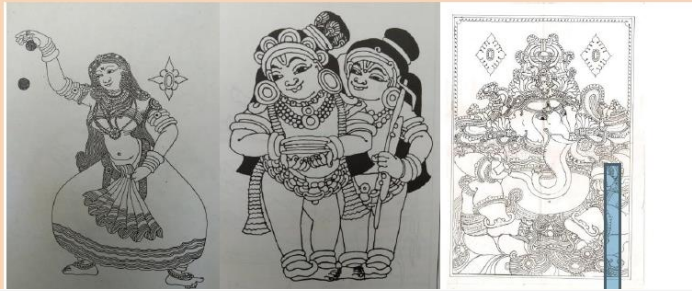
Artist K.R. BABU JI and his wife ANILA ma'am showed all SPICMACAY participants a beautiful journey to MURAL PAINTING which is the traditional art of the beautiful state of KERALA. This good one week workshop opened a broad path to all artists who are true lovers of Indian traditional art. Artist K.R BABU contributed his time and skills to all art lovers. Recipient of many awards towards his contribution to traditional art, he dedicated 30 years in improvising this art form.

Artists collaborated with SPICMACAY ANUBHAV and contributed 6 days to teach TEMPLE ART OF KERALA in which they painted Murals. Traditionally the painting involves four different processes,

1. Preparation of the ground (granite and laterite walls)
2. Sketching of the outline
3. Application of colours and
4. Addition of decorative details

Kerala mural paintings are the frescos depicting Hindu mythology and legends, which are drawn on the walls of temples and churches in South India, principally in Kerala. Keeping this tradition in mind artists painted murals of MOHINI, KRISHNA BALRAM AND LORD GANESHA.

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The workshop was undoubtedly very knowledgeable and exceptional. We not only learnt the making of mural paintings but also the history behind this. Traditionally the mural painting is done in 5 colors –yellow ochre, red ochre, green, black and white. In former days, traditional paintings were made on walls of temples, palaces, and churches. Now, it has been transferred to any surface like paper, canvas, cardboard, clothes . This kind of art form is highly intricate .Mural artists without compromising on the intricacies of the art form successfully transferred mural art from wide walls to smaller canvases.

Watching LIVE WORKSHOP was not an ordinary experience, it actually opens a path not only to Art teachers but to students as well to showcase their creativity in a broader way. Overall it was valuable teaching.

STUDENTS' REFLECTIONS:

When I was chosen from the school, to be a part of the workshops of SPICMACAY, I was very excited. I was looking forward to this online SPICMACAY Workshop. I had chosen Kathak as my subject. On the first day of the eventful week, we watched the movie, 'Making of the Mahatma'. This movie really was interesting and fun. We even had many more events planned that day. From 2-7 June, we had interactions with many famous Kathak dancers, I was delighted to listen about the dance form from Rajendra Ganganiji. We learnt Kathak moves from Moumala Ma'am. I had an amazing time throughout the week, this was really the best week of this year till now.

-Priyanshi Gupta, VII-A

SPICMACAY Anubhav was a brilliant attempt to implant respect and love for Indian culture which has certainly paid off. This effort of bringing the ashram feeling made us disciplined and focused. I have learned from various gurus who have joined this convention that when we acquire something we should appreciate and respect it and be obliged. The art of gratefulness makes one complete.

Dr. Nabanita Chowdhary, our Vocal Arts Mentor made us understand the precision of the art. Dr. KR Babu, our mentor for Kerala Mural Art trained us in this complex art with patience and ease. His wife, Mrs. Anita, explained to us the art in more comprehensive detail. Talk shows by eminent personalities were a great experience and made us learn various crafts. Shabana Azmi and Javed Akhtar Sir both were a part of a talk show where they guided our parents and us how to manage time effectively and efficiently. This pandemic has caused trouble both externally and internally. The morning sessions of Hath Yoga and Raj Yoga were simply a delight and made my mind calmer and more mindful. Frankly speaking, for me following the rigorous routine given consisting of a super healthy diet and waking up early with a fixed sleeping schedule was a little difficult but then I realized that I was more focused and inclined to the

Indian arts. I appreciate and praise Mr. Kiran Seth, Mr. Pankaj Malhotra, and Mr. Nikhil Nagar for their sincere efforts.

Thank you so much Suncity School & SPICMACAY Team!!

-Trishan Chaturvedi , VIII-C

The SPICMACAY of this year 2020 was very exciting and very different. I had always heard of this event and this time I got this opportunity to be a part of it. Thanks to my school to give me an opportunity to be a part of this mega workshop.

I got to learn many new things like new art styles and techniques that I never knew before. I also learned new dance steps. I loved the concept of online and live SPICMACAY. It shows how learning never stops. We also learned about the story of Gandhi Ji and the freedom fighters in the first day of the workshop. The Kathak dance workshop - In this workshop we learnt different poses of Gods and Goddesses. It was indeed an enriching experience. We also learned why we wear ghongroo while dancing and why we do a pranama before dancing. We understood the importance of seeking permission from our Guruji. I was amazed with the clarity and knowledge that the Guruji had. There was a lot of learning throughout the six day workshop.

I enjoyed a lot and will never forget this experience. Thank you Suncity. I will look forward for many such enriching experiences.

- Saanvi Manglik, VII-A

The SPICMACAY Workshop was a great opportunity for me and I learnt a lot of important things during these seven days. As per my passion I had chosen the subject - Kathak.

The best part of the workshop was when, we as participants got to meet many great personalities of Kathak who shared their experiences with us which was truly delightful. Some of the great personalities we met during these seven days were Shri Rajendra Gangani, Smt. Vidhushi Geetanjali Lal, Smt. Vidushi Saswati and Smt. Uma Sharma. The dance workshop taken by Smt. Moumala Nayak was very informative and she beautifully explained everything. I really liked how she related Kathak to all our school subjects. Practicing Kathak with her during the workshop was an amazing experience.

This seven day journey was a life time experience for me and I enjoyed them thoroughly. I was very inspired after listening to the experiences shared by the stalwarts of this stream and the way they guided us for the journey ahead in this field. I thank SPICMACAY for giving us, young dancers, such a beautiful exposure to the world of dance.

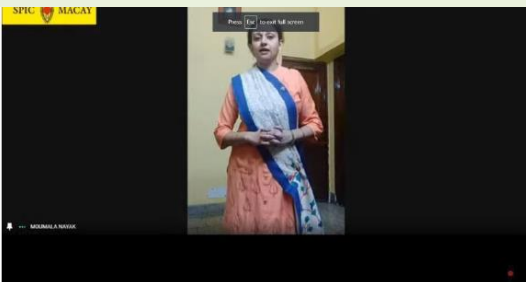
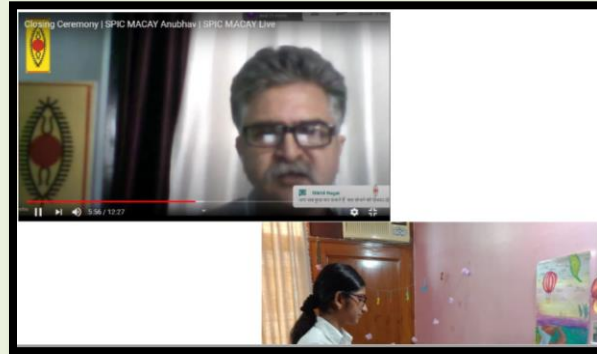
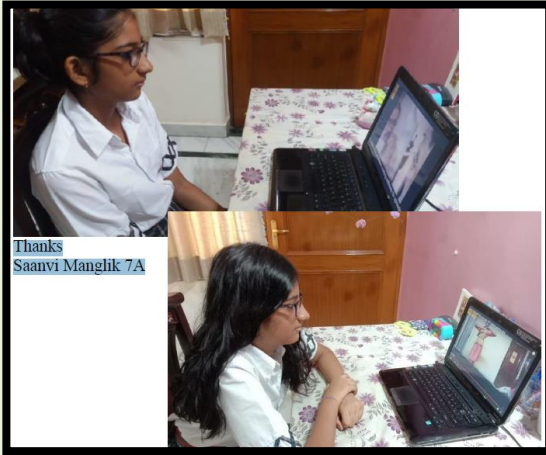
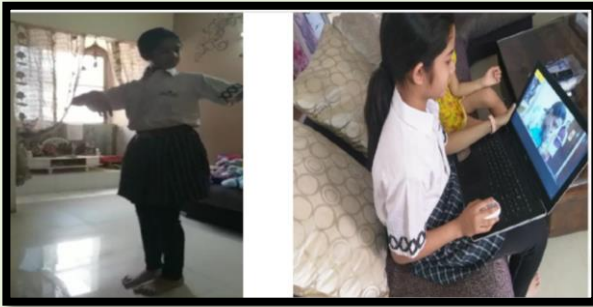
Santushti Mehra, VII-D

I watched Pt. Rajan's and Pt. Sajan Mishra's performance during the evening concert of Day Two. It was truly a moment to cherish. Apart from Music, I also came to know about Mural Painting from Kerala by K.R. Babuji. The theme of the painting is based on Hindu Gods and Goddesses. Red, Ochre, blue and Green were colours mainly used in this painting.

I followed holistic diet during these seven days which helped me feel energetic throughout the day.

I am glad that I got an opportunity to attend SPICMACAY ANUBHAV which brought me so close to the culture and spirit of my Motherland- India.

Angad Singh, VIII-C



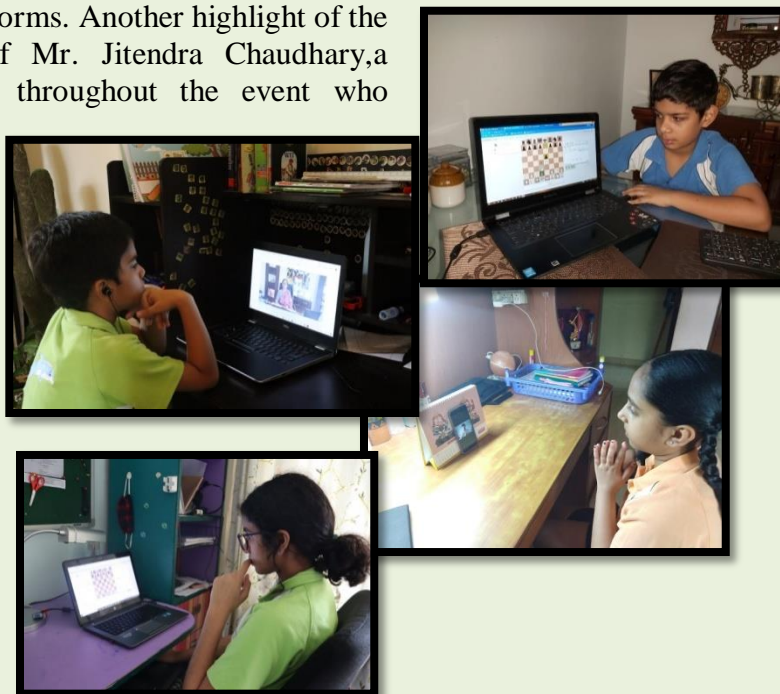
FIRST VIRTUAL INTER-HOUSE CHESS TOURNAMENT

Suncitizens showcased scintillating display of young and sharp minds and intelligent moves to make the first ever Virtual Inter-House Chess Tournament scheduled on 25 July 2020 a huge success. The students proved that they can overcome all the challenges and make the best use of opportunities which come in their way. The players experienced the excitement of playing the game online. All the rules of the Inter-House Tournaments were followed religiously. The event started with a prayer and the event was virtually inaugurated by our Director, Mrs, Rupa Chakravarty.



Children were dressed in their house uniforms. Another highlight of the championship was online presence of Mr. Jitendra Chaudhary, a renowned International Chess player, throughout the event who witnessed all the matches and his presence highly encouraged the students.

The teams were divided into different age categories (U-10, U-12, U-14, and U-16). The participants were brimming with enthusiasm and confidence and exhibited their skills effectively. Indian House won the championship. Parents and students expressed their gratitude for the wonderful experience.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Five students of our school participated in the Lotus Valley School MUN held on the 11-12 July 2020.

Riyanshi Gambhir won a verbal mention representing China in UNGA, Arush Lall won a High Commendation in UNSC and Vanya Duggal won Special mention in the WHO. The other students who participated were Ambar Gogia and Satchi Sahni.

VIRTUAL CLUBS AND HOUSE MEETINGS

Kids prosper best with a broad curriculum that celebrates their various talents, not just a small range of them — Sir Ken Robinson

With this thought, the First House Meeting and the First virtual club were held on 17 July and 24 July respectively. It was wonderful to get acquainted with the students on a co-scholastic level and know more about their areas of interest and fields of their skills. The students were also briefed about the forthcoming events for their participation.

SOCIAL SCIENCE AND ICT WEEK (20 JULY- 24 JULY2020):

Day 1

Subject week celebration aims to foster love for the subject, enhances comprehension, encourages creativity and opens up a horizon for self-expression beyond school curriculum. All this is done through a plethora of activities planned and tailored according to students' needs and interests.

Striving to achieve the best results in these alter times, we commenced the celebrations on 20 July 2020 for Social Science and ICT Week virtually. The assembly began with a welcome note by Ananya Singh of Grade XI, who was more than excited to share her views and ideas through the online portal.



Next, was the 'Virtual Yoga' session. Diya Bhatnager of Grade X led the entire audience while performing breathing exercises better known as 'Pranayam'. It was interspersed beautifully enacted with household chitter-chatter by endearing family members. It symbolised how the new normal causes constant interruptions in real life.



Next, Ananya Singh invited the choir group for the one of its kind morning prayer. Students though physically distanced, prayed in unity for our planet Earth imploring the Gods to give us strength to endure and get through these difficult times.



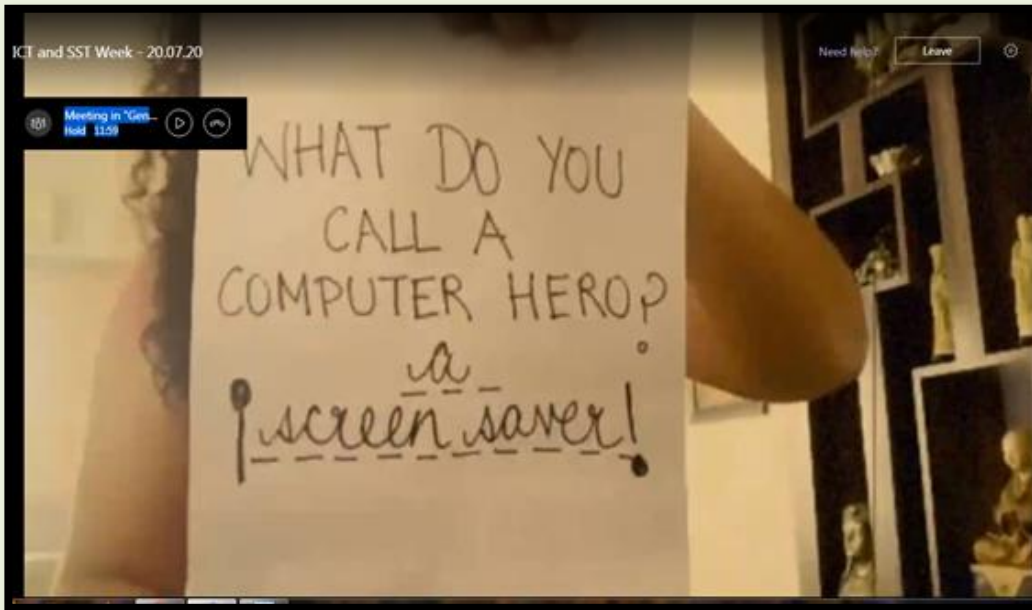
Later, we had students showcasing an amazing performance called the 'Mirror Dance', which proves our coordination with technology. Some of the virtual formations were actually and literally out of the real world.



Here we had some clippings of the show where we tried to present how technology has evolved communication through ages. Right from the cavemen to the 21st century, the change has been phenomenal.

Another interesting activity was when students came up with their own original pun filled jokes and one liners based on technology. This was a true example of techno fun mingled with creativity.





Next, was a video show on how communication has evolved with technology and come full circle as we are back to using emotions for expressions in the form of emoticons and pictures. This is how we are connecting with the old era with

technology.



Soon, we had 'lighting of the Candle of hope' which was passed virtually hoping that these difficult times will pass and good times will follow.



Director Madam, Mrs. Rupa Chakravarty ignited the candle of hope and passed it to the Principal from there it travelled to the Heads, teachers and the students.



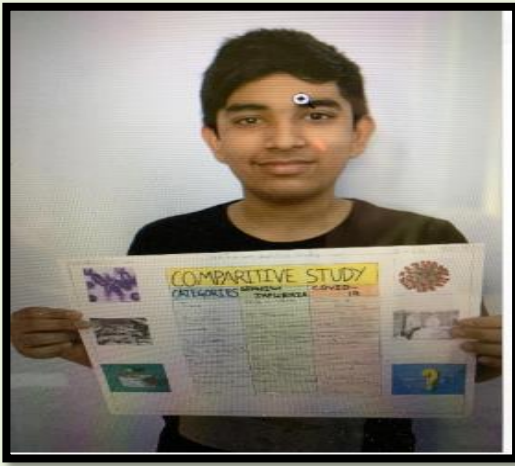
Last but not the least, we had our blast from the past. Shreya Nayyer, an alumnus of Suncity School, shook us all with her unparalleled poetry.



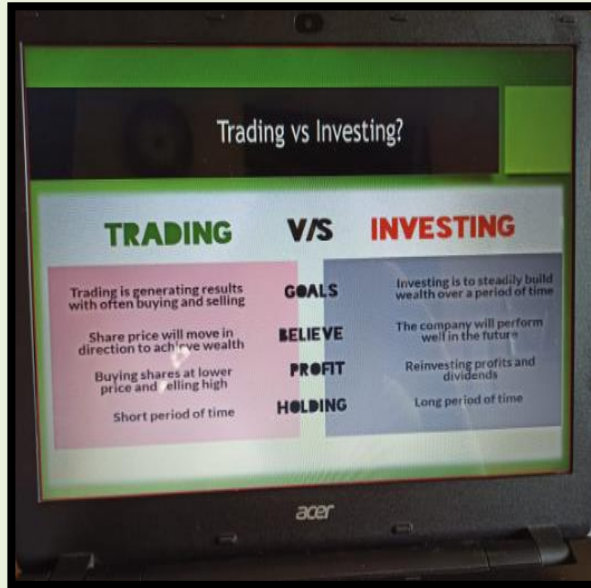
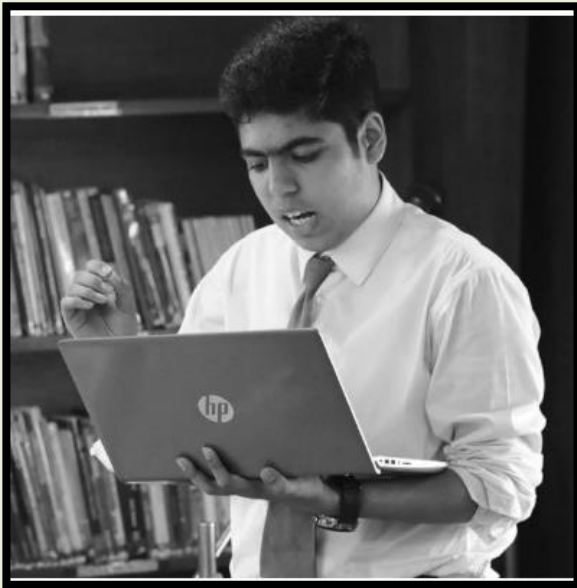
The ceremony ended with the performance of National Anthem by Aryan Sethi of Grade X on Violin.

DAY: - 2 and 4

Students of Grades VII-VIII presented their holiday home task in Social Science lessons regarding, “Comparative study between Spanish Influenza and Covid-19, interesting board game based on SDG goals, timeline of the history of pandemics etc.



Grades IX-XII had a session about Stocks, Shares and Investment by Stock Expert, Vaibhav Kumar, of Grade XI B. It was a very fruitful session, students got to know about What are Stocks? Why do we buy/sell stocks? How do we do make investments in stocks? He also talked about how the stock market is influenced heavily because of covid-19 and how we can make the best out of the situation. The presentation also included a brief about the indices and markets in India.



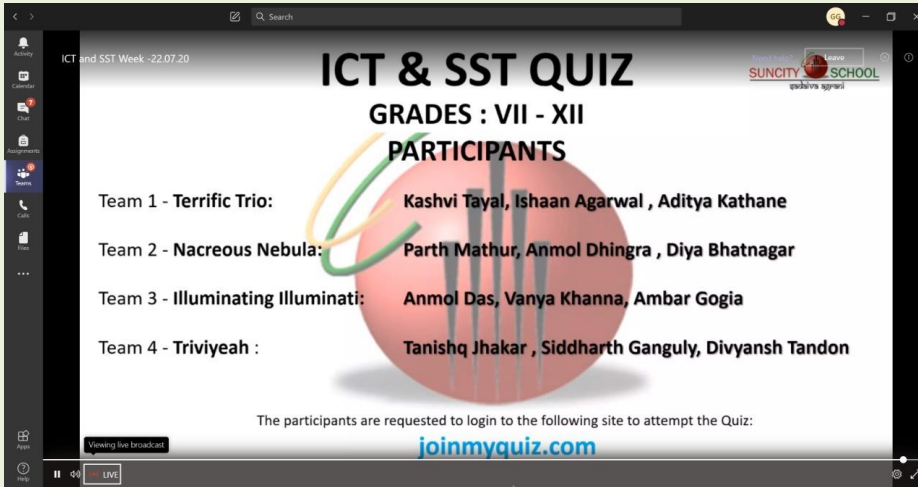
Day 3

The Wednesday assembly began with a welcome note by Aryan Sethi of Grade X, whose diction and dignified demeanor added sparkle to the subject week assembly.





This was followed by a musical Prayer by Divyakshi and Sahil



For the First time, we arranged online Quiz on Quizzapp for the students of all four houses.

Participants enjoyed quiz question which were based on Social Sciences and ICT.

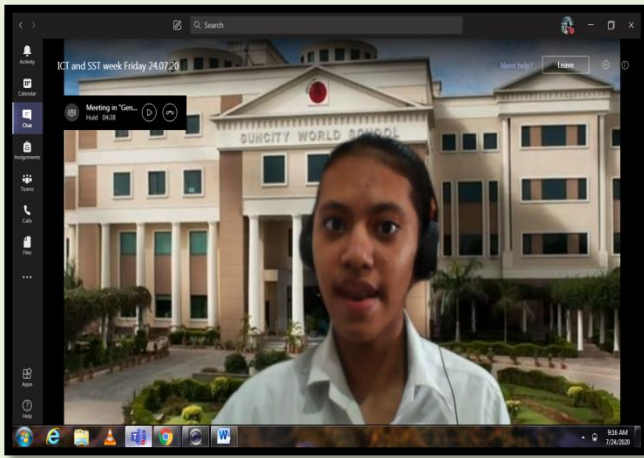
The viewers were enthralled by a classical dance performance by the students of Suncity:

The Assembly closed with the National Anthem.

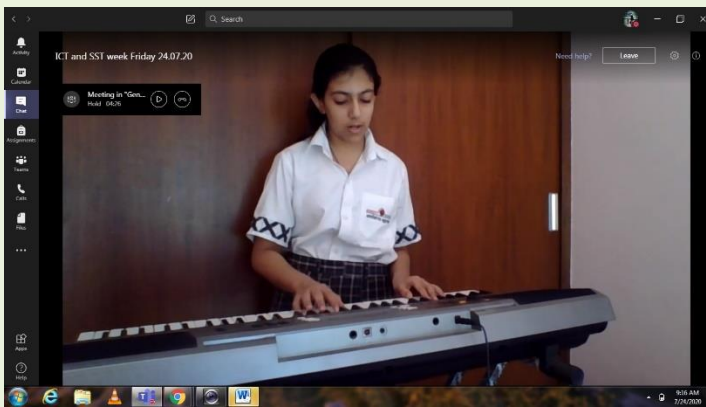
Day 5

Mahika Batra and Niveideeta Cour compered closing assembly with a refreshing yoga session by Trishaan Chaturvedi for the breathing exercises for relaxation.

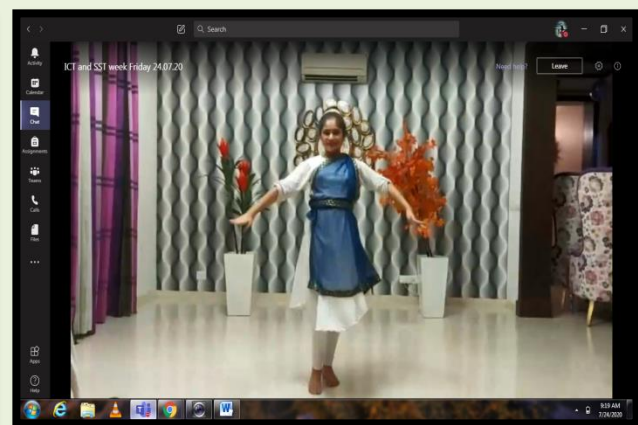




It is rightly said “when a prayer becomes your habit, miracles become your lifestyle”, the Morning Prayer was sung by Aanya Dahuja on the piano.



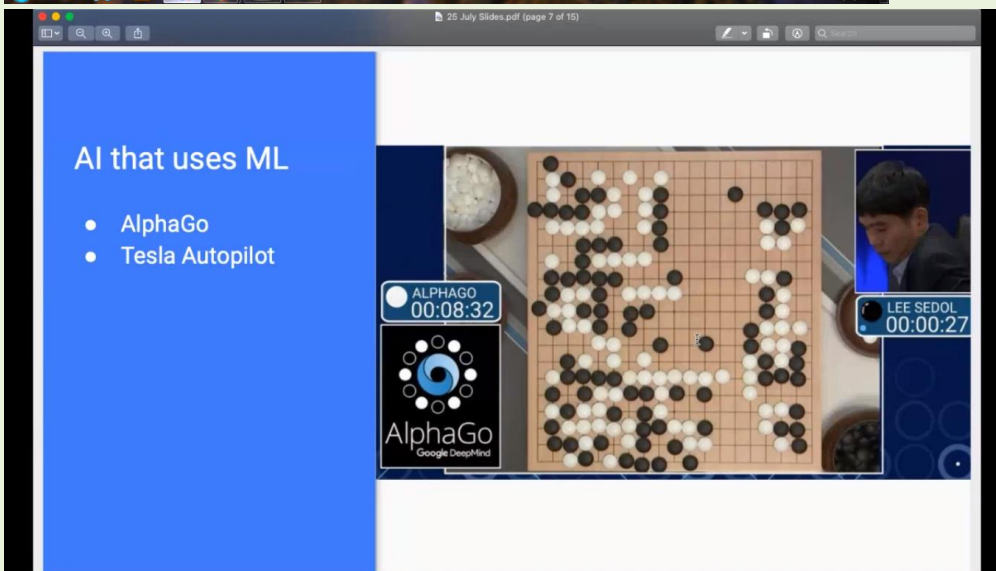
Followed by the Thought for the Day that binds the whole humanity in one fold and talks about Vasudeva Kutumbakam by Saurav Mukherjee of Grade VII, accompanied by a contemporary dance by Kashvi.



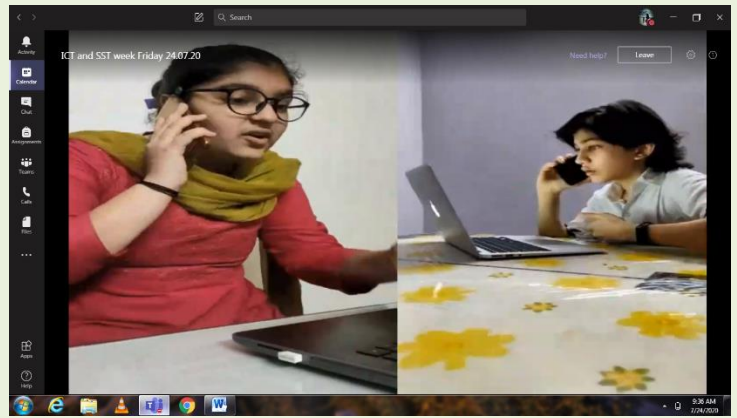
Students then presented a pantomime on “ Being Safe than Sorry” by students of Grade VII F



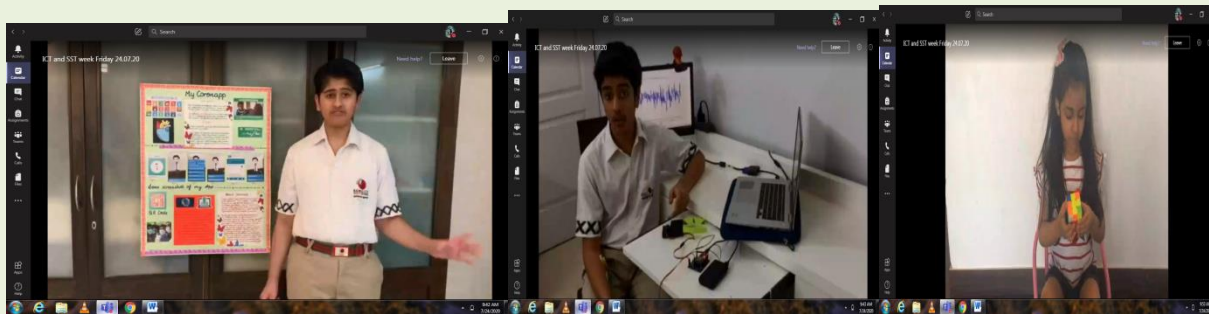
To explain online safety our alumnus, Ex-Suncitizen, Vishank Bhardwaj, who is a graduate of Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, under Bachelor of Technology, Mechanical Engineering made a presentation on Artificial intelligence. Students enjoyed this session.



We also had a video on the challenges of the Online Class which children, parents and Teachers are facing and how they solve the problem for never ending process of learning.



Students from Grade VII-IX projected creativity with self-made projects that integrated Social Science and ICT and SDG goals using Artificial Intelligence.



The Director, MsRupaChakravarty concluded SST and ICT week with inspiring speeches and encouraged students and teachers.



The SST and ICT ceremony ended with the glimpses of the first ever virtual week celebrations in the history of Suncity followed by performance of National Anthem by Angad Singh on the Tabla.

The whole week remained very active and full of enthusiasm and learning with various activities, their preparation and practice. The virtual SST and ICT week was a huge success in the process of learning for students as well as teachers.

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

DATES	WORKSHOPS	RESOURCE EXPERT/ORGANISER	SCHOOL FACULTY
25 April 2020	World Book Online –e-Library	Eupheus Learning Mr. Shiriv Deo Tyagi	
21 May 2020	Webinar: “Does predictive data limit ambition or maximise potential?”	Cambridge University Press Schools –India	
30 May 2020	Talview Workshop- Online Assessment	Mr. Rohan	Deepa Gandhi , Narinder Kaur, Seema Bhartiya, Sakshi Jain , Sumita Manglik , Kanchan Singh , Shalini Sharma. Ishita Malik
26 June 2020	Webinar: BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SPORTS		Ms. Deepika Mehndiratta
	Webinar: THE NEW LEADERSHIP MODEL #Post COVID’19	Gurgaon Progressive School Council	Ms. Sandeepa Rai
3 June 2020	Webinar: PREVENTION OF SEXUAL CRIME AGAINST CHILDREN	PANELLISTS: 1.Dr. Upneet Lalli Stress Management Expert 2.Kanak Gupta Educator and Parent 3.Kaveree Bamzai Author and Journalist 4.Ashok GV Advocate and Child Rights Voice 5.Lata Vaidyanathan Veteran Educationist 6.Vishnu Karthik School Leader, Yoga Practitioner and Father	Sangeeta Bagchi, Nandita Mathur, Kavita Lal, Kavita Malviya, Bindu Gera, Navita Thakur
4 June 2020	Webinar: WORKPLACE WELLNESS FOR	PANELLISTS:	Director, Mrs Rupa Chakravarty

	BETTER IMMUNITY & HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY	1.Mr Behuria, Senior Advisor- Reliance Industries 2.Mr S.K. Roongta,Ex-Chairman,SAIL 3.Mr Alok Shriram, MD-CEO,DCM Shriram Industries Ltd 4.Mr.Chitranjan Dar,Group head of central projects, Research & Development and Sustainability for ITC 5. Mr Ajay Poddar, MD-Syenergy Environics Ltd	
11-12 June 2020	Webinar: CATCHING CHILDREN'S ATTENTION	Skoolequip Enterprise Solutions, Nigeria and IEF (Innovation in Education Forum).	Ms. Sangeeta Bagchi As panellist (Head Mistress-EPYP)
14 June 2020	Webinar: EVOLUTION OF CHILDREN IN THE POST COVID ERA	PANELLISTS: 1.Ms. Sandeepa Rai – Principal Suncity school, Gurgaon 2. Ms. Arpita Chakraborty – Educationist 3. Mr. Suresh Chander – Founder, MD, Grand Columbus International School, Faridabad 4. Dr. Madhuri Parti – Educationist 5. Ms. Vidhu Grover – Principal, VM Senior Secondary School, Faridabad	
2 July 2020	IC 3 Webinar: "LOCKDOWN FUTURES: Planning for careers and university futures in the crisis VUCA world."	PANELLISTS : Arjun Rao- (Moderator) Principal , JBCN school, Mumbai Mrs. Rupa Chakravarty, Director, Suncity Schools Nishita – A student of Oakridge school, Hyderabad Rakhi Mutreja - A parent whose child is applying for colleges abroad Dr. Samyr Dalwai - Developmental and	Ms. Soma Dam, Ms. Ema Satija

		Behavioural Paediatrician, Mumbai Ms Anne Corriveau- Director of International Admissions, Boston University	
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