



# **Sri Aurobindo Education Society**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Sri Aurobindo Education Society (SAES) was founded in 1964 with a vision to foster in the coming generations the art of living a life full of love, peace, joy and fulfilment; thereby equipping them to lead a more conscious and meaningful life which is also beneficial to others. The life affirming philosophy based on writings of Sri Aurobindo and The Mother provide the inspiration and guidance for this dynamic journey.

Nurturing The Mother's International School (MIS) was one of the first activities of SAES. Today MIS has around 2400 students, and has been ranked among the best schools of the country in several surveys. For several years, it had the highest average score in the Senior Secondary Examination conducted by the CBSE. The School has created a niche for itself by providing holistic, value-based education that helps children to blossom in the light of their unique potential and become life-long learners. The School prayer, 'Make of us the hero warriors...' rings true in the lives of the students even when they leave the portals of the School.

Mirambika Free Progress School, another educational institution run by the SAES, was founded in 1981. Mirambika is a free-progress school based on unique practices of Integral Education. A school with about 150 students, Mirambika has been repeatedly recognized as the top innovative school in the country.

Efforts have been going on for the past several years to start a college on the land allotted for the purpose of a college. However, it could not be started due to non-receipt of NOC from the Directorate of Technical Education, Govt of NCT of Delhi. The matter is now in the Court. Concerted efforts towards fruition of this endeavour are going on.

Sri Aurobindo Education Society is committed towards providing meaningful education and training for eager learners. While destinations are considered pivotal, it is the journeys with their rewards and set of challenges that provide impetus to the Society to aspire and continue its work in the spirit of dedicated service.

## 2. The Mother's International School

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# School Report

## April 2021- March 2022



## The Mother's International School

Sri Aurobindo Marg  
New Delhi – 110016



# School Events

A Welcome Assembly for Class VI

April 5, 2021



On Monday, April 5, 2021, a welcome assembly was held for students of class VI. The assembly started with a meditation song, which was followed by a small narrative dedicated to the children. In the background of this narration, there was a slideshow of pictures highlighting the essence of the school enabling the children to embark on a virtual tour of the school.

In between the narration, the old performances of the present grade seven students were played. The assembly ended with a welcome note by officiating Principal, Ms Milan Mala Sarin, followed by a short story narrated by Ms Benvenuta Mittal.



FAREWELL 2021

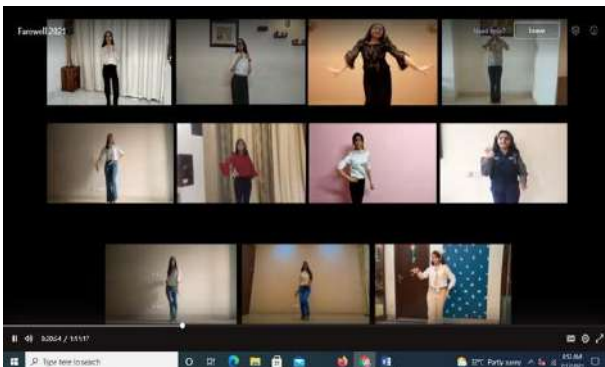
April 10, 2021



Virtual Farewell programme was presented by students of class XI for the students of outgoing batch of class XII on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The programme started with a dance performance by the students of class XI, invoking the blessings of the Almighty and was followed by inspiring recitations.



The event was in the form of a radio show from the 1950's to the present times. While the radio show hosts, Shikhar Amlani and Priyadashini Ray spiced up the show with humorous anecdotes, groups of students danced to the popular melodies of yesteryears as well as the present times.



A power point presentation showcased the journey of the outgoing batch. It included messages from students and teachers of the School and photographs of the class XII batch from Nursery to class XI. The editors and students in charge of compilation did an admirable job and presented a well-coordinated event. The teachers of the Primary wing presented a lively song and dance number which made everyone reminisce about their days in MIS in the pre-pandemic times. The teachers of the Senior wing recited the poem 'Desiderata' by Max Ehrmann and thus wished the 'Batch of 2021', joy, success and happiness in their chosen path of life.

Farewell 2021 concluded with the message from officiating Principal, Ms Milan Mala Sarin, who motivated the students to move ahead in life with joy and confidence and also to give back to the society in order to make the world a better place!



Keeping up with the annual tradition, the School's Foundation Day on April 23, 2021 was celebrated through Talent Fiesta. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and school closure, the event was organized in an online format like last year. But this did not dampen either the spirit or the preparations.

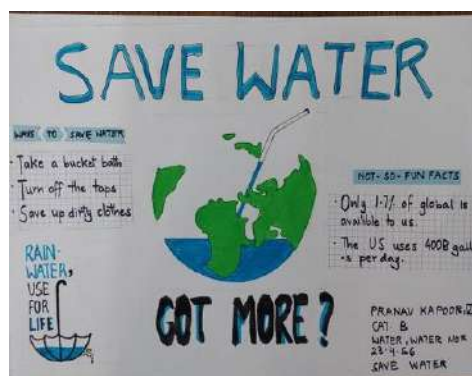
The event was organized in three categories:

Category A: Classes VI and VII

Category B: Classes VIII and IX

Category C: Classes X and XII

Categories A and B had only individual events whereas there were group events in addition to individual events in Category C. Apart from the usual events that we have every year, there were some exciting new events added to the repertoire like cake decoration, mono acting, designing a book cover, etc.



On April 23, 2021 the festivities began with a Special Assembly followed by the events. It was truly a day celebrating the unique talent of the students. Mother's Blossoms, the School's alumni association organized the judges for the different events. There was an enthusiastic participation from students and the run up to the final event was filled with excitement.





The magical number 23456 holds a special place in our School. It was 65 years back on April 23, 1956 that the foundation of this institution was laid, with the blessings of The Mother. This year too, due to the ongoing pandemic, the celebration of our Foundation Day in the Primary Wing took place on the virtual platform.

All the activities were conceptualized keeping in mind the interest of the children and their age group. Although debarred from stepping outside their homes, the children participated in the events organized for them with zest.

The day began with a Special Assembly. The photographs shown during the presentation definitely revived the memories of happier School times. This was followed by an enthusiastic display of talent by children at each level.

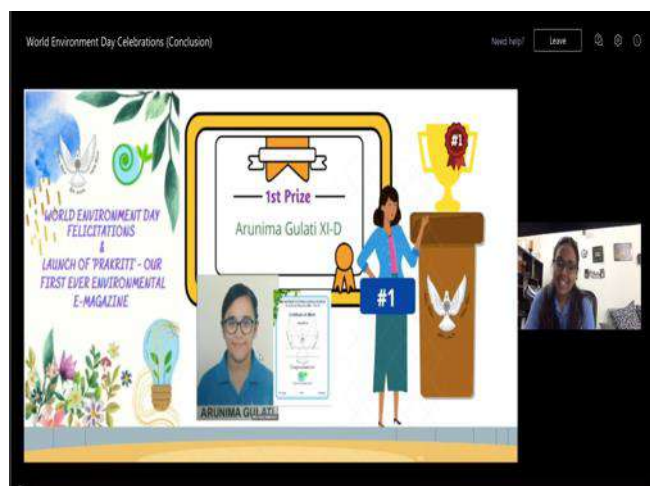


It was heartening to see the preparation and efforts put in by the children and their parents with respect to the background, costumes, accessories, etc. Each child performed with confidence. Apart from activities like story telling/ poetry recitation with props / puppets, instrumental / vocal music, culinary art, dance, quilling, card making, this year, activities like Magic

Show, T-shirt Painting, Mosaic Art, Photographs Tell Stories, Model Making were also introduced. All these different activities gave the children a wide platform to not only display their creativity and talent but also share their interests with their peers and teachers.

The celebrations on the School's birthday was a memorable event.





World Environment Day 2021 was commemorated through various online activities by the Environment Club of The Mother's International School. The awareness message on the theme 'Ecosystem Restoration', was disseminated across the students, faculty, parents to remind everyone of the importance of restoring the ecosystems

that have been destroyed and conserving those that remain intact. The activities planned were integrated with the faculty of Fine Arts, Languages and Science and despite the lockdown and prevailing pandemic, the occasion was celebrated with vigour and enthusiasm.

Intra-school competitions were held in article writing, poetry writing, short filmmaking, poster making, cartoon sketching, photography and logo designing across the junior and senior categories. There was an enthusiastic response to these events, with more than 100 students participating in various activities.

A Special Assembly was organised as a culmination to the World Environment Day celebrations, where Professor Babu Alappat from IIT-Delhi addressed the students and



faculty. He gave valuable insights and motivated the students to take up more activities for environmental protection. The environmental webzine, 'Prakriti' was launched on this occasion. The webzine spread awareness and encouraged students to come up with articles on environmental conservation. The participants were appreciated for their efforts, and the winners were felicitated through e-certificates.





*Yoga is the artwork of awareness on the canvas of body, mind and soul.*



A Special Assembly was presented virtually on June 21, 2021 to commemorate the 7th International Yoga Day. The programme began with meditation music followed by chanting of 'Shivoham'. During the assembly, the history and importance of Yoga was brought out through recitations, quotations, illustrations and *shlokas*. Sri Aurobindo expounded that 'All life is Yoga' and the ideals of Integral Yoga propounded by him were elaborated upon.

Yoga has been an integral part of MIS and meditation is a part of the daily routine. A few students presented some asanas and mudras that facilitate mental and physical wellness. As the significance of the day was brought out, few images of people from across the globe participating in the Yoga Day celebrations were showcased. Riva Natarajan of class XI presented 'Yognritya' invoking grace, strength and good health for all. The programme was aptly concluded with the chanting of 'Shanti Mantra' instilling hope and an aspiration for world peace among all.

*Yoga is a way of living that aims towards a healthy mind in a healthy body.*



Yoga being an integral part of our school curriculum, called for the celebration of the International Yoga Day on June 21, 2021 on the virtual platform. It began with children explaining the reason why International Yoga Day is celebrated on June 21, it being the longest day in the year in the Northern hemisphere. They also talked about the importance of the energy that we get from the sun.

Surya Namaskar and Pranayama demonstrations were put up by the students of class V which was followed by a fusion dance combining yoga asanas, to the rhythm and beats of classical music.

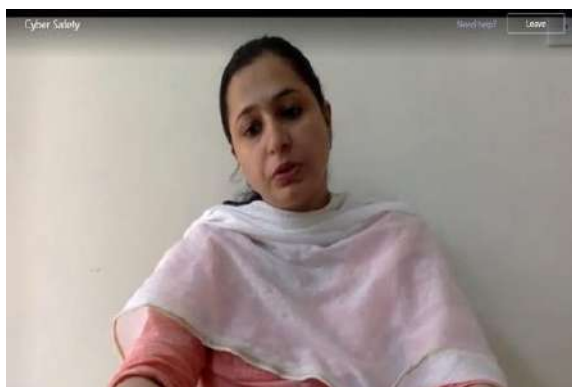


Students shared the true meaning of Yoga and how it offers a holistic approach to achieving unity among all aspects of life and self, in an easy-to-understand language. The entire presentation was child friendly and age appropriate. It gave a positive and energized start to the day.

## Legal Awareness Session on Cyber Bullying

June 24, 2021

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA, South) organised an interactive Legal Awareness session on Cyber Bullying for the students of classes IX- XII on June 24, 2021.



Ms. Nabeela Wali (Judge and Secretary, DLSA South) started the session by outlining the objectives of DLSA. This was followed by an informative presentation by Mr. Bharat Chugh (Advocate, Supreme Court), covering a wide range of cybercrimes and the legal action that can be taken against offenders. Students learned about measures that could keep their data safe, prevent instances of hacking, phishing, identity theft, and about commonly used programs that are not safe or legal. Students also learned about the dangerous interpersonal interactions that take place online in the form of trolling, stalking, harassment, bullying and explored the various legal remedies that were available to them under the Indian Penal Code and the IT Act.



To conclude, Mr. Chugh answered questions posed by the students on the ethical use of the online space, covering topics such as sign-in safety, the importance of understanding terms of service for the programs and websites we use, collection and usage of information by social media sites, the difference between criticism and bullying, to cite a few. The interaction also addressed more contemporary dilemmas of the online space such as the safety and legality of torrents, VPNs, and other such tools.

The session was engaging and helped students to develop a wholesome understanding of cybersecurity from the psychological, social, and legal perspective. Above all, it aimed to equip students with the awareness of their rights and duties as online citizens of the world.

## Van Mahotsava Celebration

July 5, 2021



This year Van-Mahotsava was celebrated in the month of July, starting from July 5, 2021. Students were made aware of the

importance of

maintaining

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and trees during

the online sessions

Environment Club.

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in their backyards



conducted by the  
The students were  
out plantation activities

and nearby available spaces. Tree plantation took place in the school campus, teachers and staff members planted saplings and small shrubs. A total of 30 saplings including, five trees saplings, ten shrubs and fifteen herbs were planted on the campus. The saplings included different varieties namely, Anjeer, Amla, Ber, Cotton rose (Hibiscus variety) and Christmas tree (Araucaria). These were planted in different areas of the School as per their sun, shade and water requirements and also selected in such a way that they can play a role in attracting pollinators like butterflies and birds.



A famous mathematician once said “Mathematics is the most beautiful and most powerful creation of the human spirit”. Interestingly, Math is also one subject which shows that every problem has a solution, no matter how challenging it may seem. To celebrate the spirit of mathematical learning, to explore mathematical concepts in a creative way and to make it a joyful experience for the students, Math Day is celebrated every year in the Primary wing. This year it was celebrated over two days July 8-9, 2021 through the virtual platform. Backed by rigorous planning at each level, the team of teachers successfully conducted a fun filled celebration of Mathematics that brought forth maximum

participation from students, right from Pre-Primary all the way up to class V. The activities aimed at:

- Sharpening critical thinking and analytical skills through coding and puzzles.
- Sensitizing the children about our environment- through figures and pie charts on afforestation, deforestation.
- Exploring creativity and appreciating art by making organizers, paintings with shapes, patterns and tessellations.
- Practising concepts through play way, rhymes, song and poems with younger ones.
- Honing *Hindi ki ginti*.
- Refining spatial intelligence in children by getting them to estimate certain spaces using materials around them such as pillow-case, towels, book cover etc., estimating capacity using bottles, utensils, food packets.
- Learning about direction and multiples through physical exercise.
- Appreciating the beauty in rhythm via *taals* and beats.



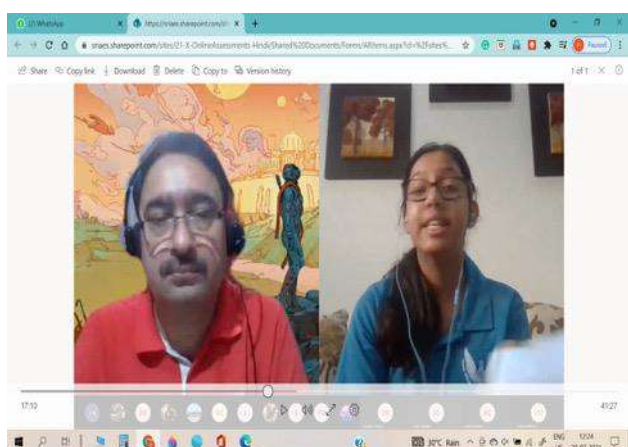


MATHEMATICS DAY was a fun-filled day full of excitement for children and teachers alike... involving interesting, age appropriate, hands-on activities leading to experiential learning.

## Vaad- Vivaad Pratiyogita

July 9 and 15, 2021

Topics of Debate: *SHIKSHA HI SAFALTA KI KUNJI HAI & ONLINE SHIKSHA UPYOGI HAI*



An intra-class debate competition was organised for class X. All the participants shared their arguments in favour or against the motion with supporting evidence. Through involved participation in this activity, students learnt to compare and discriminate between ideas; verify the value of evidence for concept, resolve conflict and recognize the strength and weakness of arguments. The debate was judged on content,

language/pronunciation, and presentation.

## The Population Debate 2021

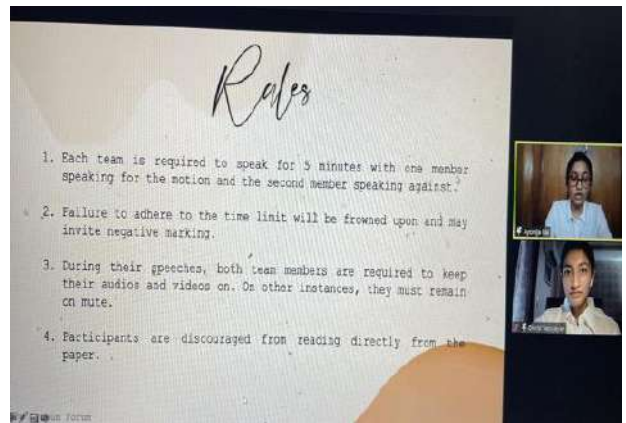
July 11, 2021



World Population Day is annually observed on July 11 to reaffirm the importance of family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health, and human rights. Keeping in mind the important role played by this generation of thinkers and innovators, the LYCEUM Forum, organizes The Population Debate, every year in school, to focus on the urgency and significance of issues related to population.



The event was an extremely enlightening. An educated discourse, where participants from classes XI and XII in seven different teams, with two members each, put forth intellectually stimulating arguments for and against different topics. The topics were “Self-exemption from vaccination should be a punishable offence in light of the widespread pandemic”; “Covid 19 pandemic calls for a new and revised system of academic evaluation”; “Overconsumption and overpopulation underlie every environmental problem we face today” and many more.



The participants were judged by an esteemed panel of judges consisting of Mr. Anirudh Gotety and Mr. Arjun Shukla, both alumni members of The Mother's International School, who provided their valuable feedback to the participants at the end of the event. The event was held on Zoom and was moderated by Ayonija Rai and Dhriti Vatsyayan, former 12th graders. The Debate commenced with thought-provoking and fruitful arguments by each participant. Each argument brought home a new and fresh perspective on global issues of concern.

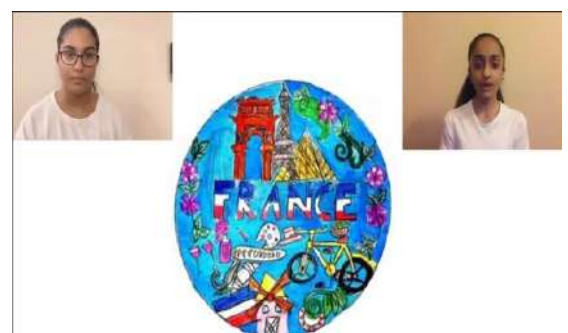
After an intense and passionate session, the judges, after much deliberation announced Team THR Debaters consisting of Bhasvar Adlakha and Abhimanyu Singh as the best team and Nandini Menon as the best speaker. They also felicitated Team Wildcards consisting of Nandini Menon and Anvi Shandilya as the second-best team and Maanya Chaturvedi as the second-best speaker. Each participant surely took home something more than just a sense of winning or losing.



## French National Day

July 14, 2021

The French Department organised a Special Assembly on the July 14, 2021, to celebrate French National Day or Bastille Day. This day is considered as the date of first victory of the people against the





despotic power of the monarch, that sparked the French Revolution. The ideas that were brought about during the

revolution spread across several nations - and the motto "liberté, égalité, fraternité" continues to reflect in our modern-day society.

In that same spirit, the French Department decided to commemorate the motto of the French Republic as the theme of the Assembly - "Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité".

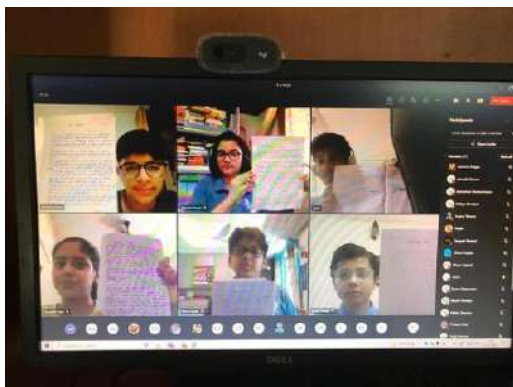
These great ideals were celebrated through songs, dances, poems, posters and even a short play by enthusiastic students learning French from classes VII to X.



The overall message of "liberté, égalité, fraternité"- which is not confined to only one nation but has blossomed into a universal motto, was truly reflected through the performances. The online presentation was an arduous task which was deftly managed by a very talented tech team of class 10.

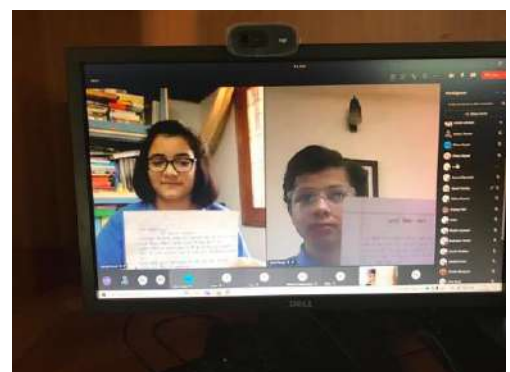
## Intra-class Story Writing Competition in Hindi

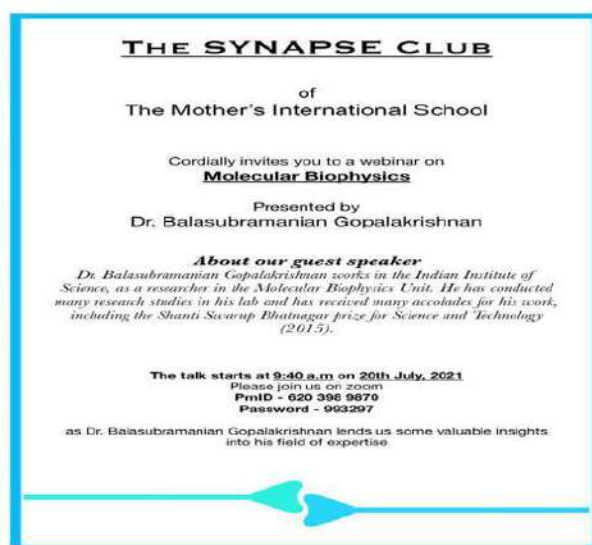
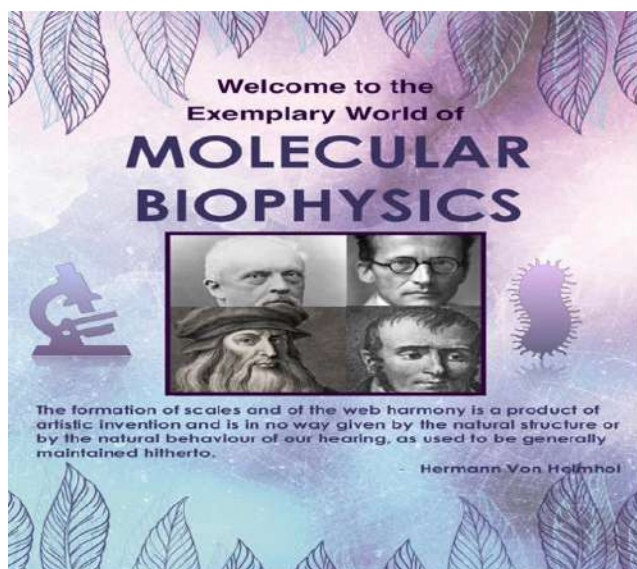
July 15, 2021



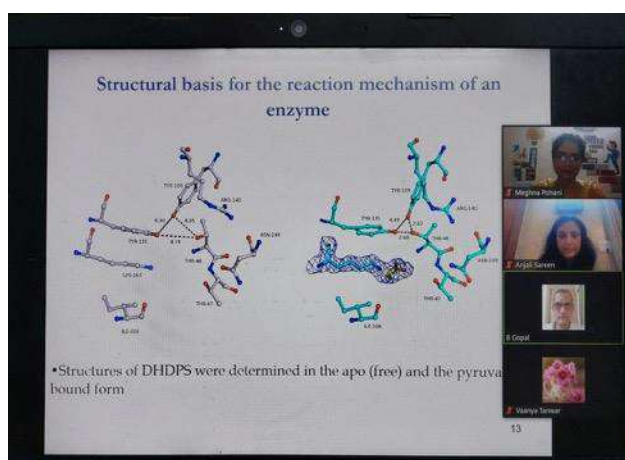
The objective of the event was to help the students to appreciate the power of writing and literature. The stories were adjudged based on expression, imagination, and language fluency.

An intra-class story writing competition was organised on July 15, 2021 for students of class IX. Topics were given to each class in the form of pictures/ starting lines/ proverbs. Students selected a topic of their choice and wrote a story using their creative imagination. The





On July 20, 2021, the Synapse Club organized a webinar conducted by Dr Balasubramanian Gopalakrishnan on the topic 'Molecular Biophysics'. A research scientist in the Molecular Biophysics unit in the Indian Institute of Sciences, he discussed the interdisciplinary approach to Biology and Physics.



Dr B. Gopalakrishnan spoke about structural compositions of enzymes and made it easy for the students to understand and comprehend how variations occur in proteins and enzymes. He approached complex topics in an easy and comprehensible manner.

## Intra-section Declamation Competition

July 22, 2021

The Department of English organised an intra-section Declamation Competition for classes XI and XII in the month of July. As this year marks the beginning of the sesquicentennial (150th) birth anniversary celebrations of Sri Aurobindo, the topics for the event were selected from Sri



Aurobindo's writings. Participants were given the list of topics two days prior to the event. Some of the topics were as follows:

1. Education should inculcate in a student moral values, humanity and character building...
2. There is a meaning in each line and curve...
3. If India is to survive and do her appointed work in the world, the youth of India should learn to think...
4. No danger can perturb my spirit's calm...
5. Do not belong to the past dawns but to the noons of the future...
6. Our outward happenings have their seed within...

The event commenced with a brief introduction to the life and works of Sri Aurobindo. The students presented a two- minute speech on the topic of their choice. They were adjudged on the content (understanding of the theme and relevance to contemporary times), organization of content and delivery. The competition provided an excellent opportunity for many students to express their views before the class and proved to be a step forward in helping them become confident and articulate speakers.



**Infinity'21**

**July 23, 2021**



Impulse, the Physics Club of The Mother's International School, successfully organised and executed Infinity'21 on July 23, 2021. Over 100 teams participated in varied events.



Infinity started with a two-day long cryptic hunt, Enigma. With questions revolving around famous Physics phenomena and discoveries, Enigma was most challenging. Next was Fermi. Based on clever estimation like the size of a McVeggie, the number of basketballs needed to cover halfway through the milky way, the questions were based on logic.

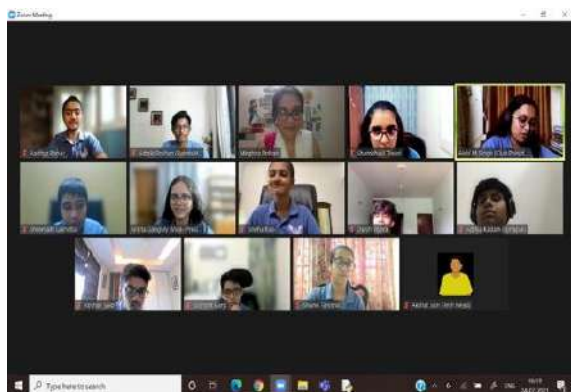


The quiz was a wonderful medley of rounds involving pop culture and interesting phenomena. The prelims were conducted online with over 30 teams! Five teams competed in the final round which was live telecast for the school students. Classic, Connect, Application and a newly introduced intriguing round, Guess made the final

event exciting and insightful.

## CORTEX

July 24, 2021



On July 24, 2021, Synapse Club held its first edition of Cortex, an online intra-school debate and myth-busting event for classes IX to XII. Cortex consisted of two events, Debatology, where students were paired up and provided with current controversial topics in Biology like “Is modern medicine better than traditional/alternative medicine?” and on genetic engineering. The other event was Myth-e-side, where students had to make a power point presentation and speak along to bust popular Biological myths within a time limit of three minutes. For both the events, the topics were provided on the spot and the participants had only thirty minutes to prepare and present. Over 30 teams took part with enthusiasm and displayed exemplary performances. The events saw the return of three Mother’s Blossoms, Ms Madhulika Ramesh, Ms Saanchi Khandpur and Ms Ishika Kaul as judges. Combined effort of the team, teachers and participants helped make the event interactive, informative and purposeful. Each participant took home some learning, new facts and increased confidence.





The Synapse Club students of classes IX to XI attended a talk session and virtual reality simulation based on surgical procedure on the topic, 'Envisioning a better future with Ophthalmology- viewing cataract and glaucoma from a surgeon's perspective' held on July 27, 2021. The guest speaker was Dr Tanuj Dada, Professor of Ophthalmology at AIIMS, New Delhi. He gave the students and faculty an insight on how cataract and glaucoma is caused and their treatment in clinics, with the aid of a presentation. Observing a surgery during the session was a privilege for all and he also gave very helpful tips on how we can take care of one's eyes and prevent contracting these conditions.



The Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2021-22 was held as an online event on the July 29, 2021. The special assembly commenced with melodious instrumental music performed by the School Orchestra and the beautifully blended notes served as a gentle

reminder of perfection in harmony that arises from teamwork and unity. Recitations in Hindi, English and French aptly captured the crux of positive leadership and invoked the essence of the occasion. Reminiscent of the austere and solemn atmosphere in the Hall of Grace on such a day, the Students' Council, Extended Council and Prefects across all classes were entrusted the mantle of duty and responsibility by the elder members of their family who pinned their badges and handed over a lamp, symbolic of a guiding light. The event drew to a beautiful close as the officiating Principal administered the oath of leadership to the Students' Council followed by the School Prayer, as they assumed their positions of leadership for the year. The spirit of the assembly bestowed upon all students, a collective responsibility to give their best to the school.

## English Poetry Festival

July 29, 2021

*"Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words".*

*-Robert Frost*



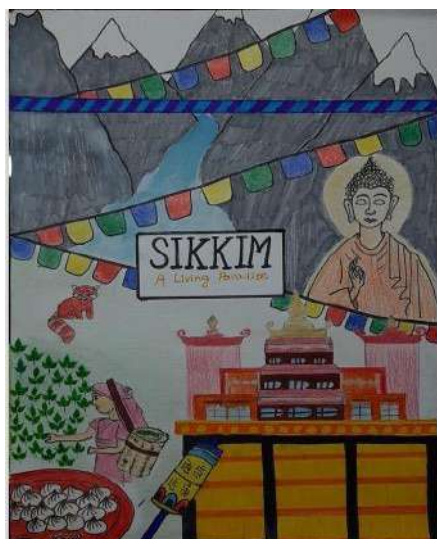
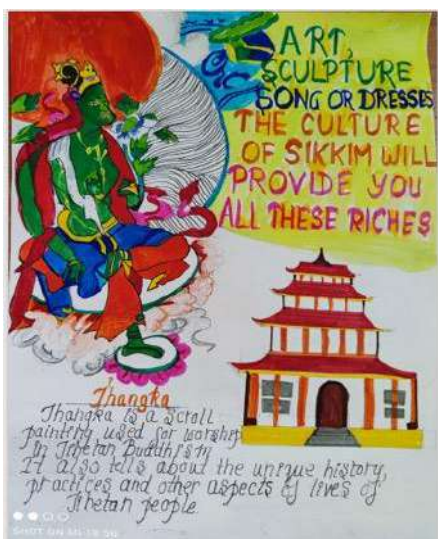
Recitation is one of the important and effective modes of learning a language in the primary years. The week-long English Poetry Festival celebrated from July 26 to July 31, 2021 gave the children an opportunity to showcase their skills in memorising and reciting texts with proper voice modulation and expression.

While students of Classes 3 and 4 recited individually, group presentation followed for the students of Class 5. They joined the virtual classrooms dressed in colourful clothes, many holding props and with excitement written large on their face.

The vibrant background and resonance of the rhymed poems, recited with enthusiasm and vigour, made for a beautiful start to the day.







Under the 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' initiative of the Government of India, a poster making activity on various aspects of Sikkimese culture was organized in the last week of July. The objective of the said activity was to facilitate knowledge in students about the partner state of Sikkim (Delhi is paired with Sikkim in the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat campaign). This initiative aims to foster greater awareness different regions of India. Students were asked to explore various aspects of Sikkimese culture like architecture, folk art, cuisine, costumes etc., and depict the same creatively in poster form. Over 250 students from classes 10, 11 and 12 participated enthusiastically in the activity. Their posters reflected the efforts made by the students to familiarize themselves with the culture of Sikkim.

**Teachers' Award****August 7, 2021**

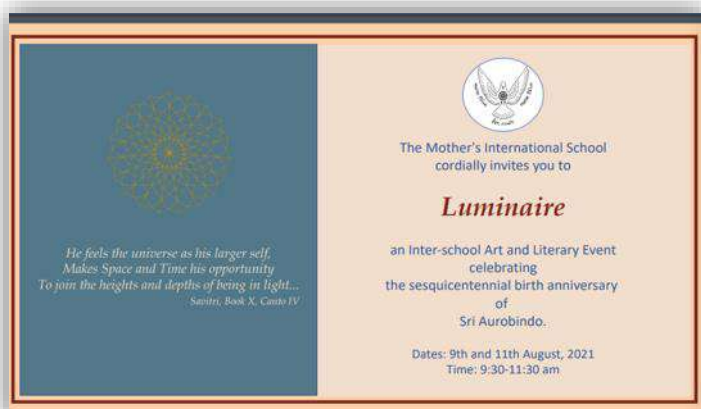
A special assembly was held on August 7, 2021, to celebrate the unique contributions and honour those teachers who, through their commitment and excellent work ethic improved the quality of education and enriched the lives of their students. The Hall of Grace reverberated with serene music as a special choir comprising the School's music teachers sang beautiful 'bhajans'. The awards along with a token of

appreciation were handed over by Tara Didi. Shri Jaya Bhadra Chaudhary Award for rendering valuable contribution to primary teaching was awarded to Ms. Pramiti Chatterjee and Shri Mani Pillay Award for devotion to duty was awarded to Ms. Ruchi Phulli and Ms. Reema Marwah.



## Luminaire

August 9 & 11, 2021



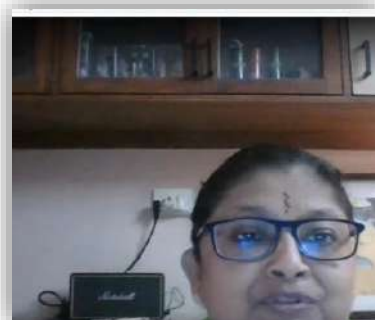
Luminaire, the annual inter-school art and literary competition, was held on August 11, 2021, for its second online edition. Celebrating the sesquicentennial birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, Luminaire 2021 was centred around vital themes in Sri Aurobindo's poetry, delving deep into mindfulness, faith and mankind's inner aspirations. The event itself was preceded by a symposium held on the August 9, where carefully chosen poems of Sri Aurobindo were discussed in depth to enable appreciation and understanding of ideas in Sri Aurobindo's works. Through the insightful discussion and sharing, the participants connected to the essence





of Sri Aurobindo's life to connect to the mystic poet's profound thoughts and beliefs. The second part of the event involved a reflective and creative endeavor. A list of themes was given to the participants to choose from. Each team consisting of three participants had to submit a video presentation comprising an oral interpretation of a self-composed poem in English on the selected theme along with an artistic portrayal of the same. The participants were given a day's time to compile their work. The themes evoked original thoughts that stemmed from individual introspection. The participants' lyrical compositions and artful expression renewed Sri Aurobindo's philosophy and celebrated its relevance in the contemporary context.

The presentations left each one stirred by the allure of flowing verse and intricate artwork. Each performance contributed towards the enriching event and delved deep into an exploration of themes brought to the fore by the discussions on Sri Aurobindo's short poems.



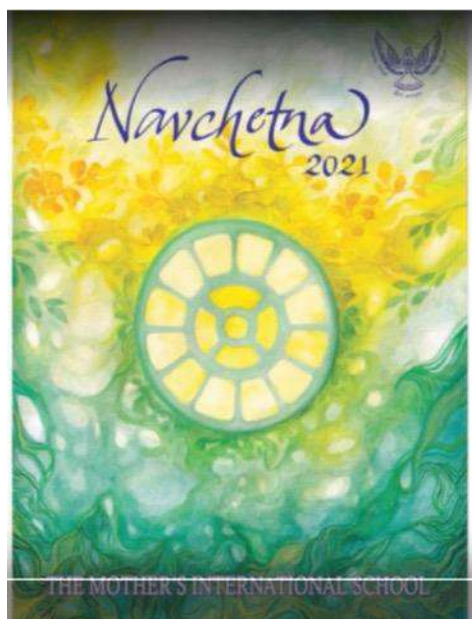
The eminent panel of judges included Mr. Maurice Shukla, Mr. Ranjan K. Mitter, Ms. Shuchismita Raha and Ms. Seema Srivastava.

Along the parameters of content, creativity, expression and overall impact, the participants were awarded prizes in poetry, presentation and art. The first prize for poetic composition was awarded to Syeda Shua Zaidi and Devi Sankhla of Bluebells School International. Ishani Singh and Vrinda Rastogi of Amity International School, Noida and Aishi M. Singh and Binati Arora of The Mother's International School tied for second position. For the presentation, the first prize was bagged by Chaitanya Mohan, Sainy Mishra and Gauri Sharma of Apeejay School, Panchsheel Park and the second prize was awarded to Aishi M. Singh, Binati Arora and Shreemayi Nainwal of The Mother's International School. Shreemayi Nainwal and Tavishi Sharan of The Mother's International School secured the first and the second prize respectively for Artwork. Amity International School, Noida was declared the overall winner of the rolling trophy.

## Shri Surendra Nath Jauhar's Birthday Celebration & Launch of Navchetna August 13, 2021



A special assembly was organised on the occasion of Shri Surendra Nath Jauhar's birth anniversary. It included musical dedications in the form of a '*bhajan*' and a song "*Faqira*". Students spoke about the inspirational life of *Chachaji* and this was accompanied by photos from various stages of *Chachaji*'s life of devotion and dedication to others. This was followed by the launch of *Navchetna* for the year 2021 by Tara Didi. A digital copy of the flip book was released by Didi showcasing poems, articles and various other events of the school organised during the academic year 2020-2021. A video collage of *Navchetna* cover-pages since 1974 to the current one was also compiled and shared with the audience.



*"Sri Aurobindo is always among us and reveals himself to those who are ready to see and hear him" - The Mother*



On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, the Primary wing made a humble offering to the great 'yogi' by presenting a biopic as part of its special assembly on August 13, 2021. Children received a glimpse into the life of the great visionary, freedom fighter, philosopher, spiritual sage through impressive artwork and narration by the students of class 5, interspersed with offerings of dance and music. The brief interludes woven with dialogues helped the little ones follow the various phases in Sri Aurobindo's life. In the same programme, students paid homage to the founder of the School, Shri Surendra Nath Jauhar, and interesting facets of 'Chachaji's' life were shared.

## FIT INDIA FREEDOM RUN 2.0

August 13 - October 2, 2021



FIT India Mission has conceptualized FIT INDIA FREEDOM RUN 2.0 to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day - "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". Nationwide campaign was the concept of "Physical/Virtual Run" in continuum from August 13 to October 2, 2021, to encourage fitness and help us all to be free from obesity, laziness, stress, anxiety, diseases, etc. The concept behind this run is that "It can be run anywhere, anytime!". Fit India Freedom Run 2.0 aims at "Jan Bhagidari se Jan

Aandolan". The Mother's International School organised this event, where students, parents and teachers were encouraged to participate. Every participant displayed enthusiasm in sync with the nationwide campaign. The Mother's International school received a certificate for successful organization of the event.





A special virtual assembly was held on August 14, 2021 to celebrate the sesquicentennial birth anniversary of the great seer, Sri Aurobindo, and the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of India.

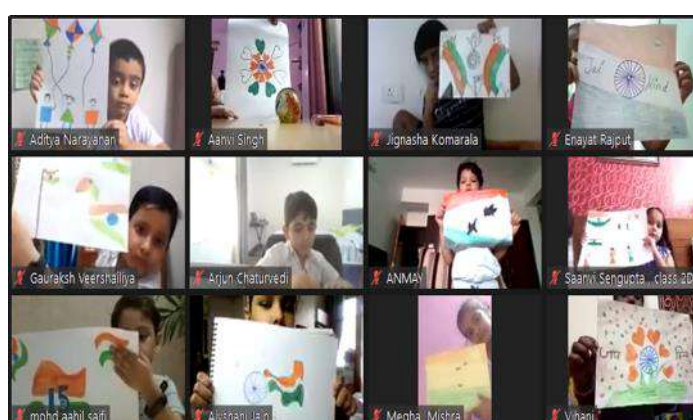
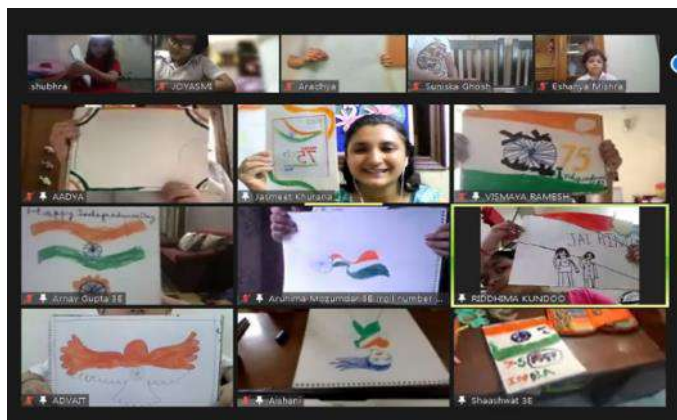
A short film based on Sri Aurobindo's

life starting from his early childhood spent in England to returning home to Mother India was showcased through symbolic images and reels. The film centred around his role as a nationalist, yogi, philosopher, poet and spiritual guide.



The melodious '*bhajans*' and dances charged with the spirit of patriotism were a perfect beginning to the day. Inspirational poems by Sri Aurobindo and Rabindranath Tagore spreading the message of peace, love and unity were recited by the students.

The programme concluded with the lines of Sri Aurobindo 'O India, land of light and spiritual knowledge! Wake up to your true mission in the world, show us the way to union and harmony'.



Through these creative exercises each one learnt more about the national flag, national symbols/song/anthem and emblem. Videos and songs were woven together to help children appreciate Indian history and culture. They exhibited immense enthusiasm while engaging in activities like finger painting, 'show and tell' about objects with the national emblem along with free expression drawings using the tricolour.

## Inter-house Sports Quiz

August 16, 2021

The Physical Education Department, Sports Club and a team of student volunteers organised the first edition of Inter-House Sports Quiz '21 for classes 9 to 11. The Quiz was held in two rounds-Preliminary Round and Main Round. The Preliminary Round was conducted on Google Forms platform on August 16, 2021 and a total of 217 students took part in it. The top three participants from each house were selected for the main round which was held live on August 25, 2021 via Zoom platform. Gratitude House, Perfection House and Truth House scored 12 points each. After the tie-breaker round, Truth House secured the first place with 22 points followed by Perfection House at 17 points and Gratitude House at 12 points. The entire event proceeded flawlessly which spoke volumes of the efficiency and dedication of the students who conducted it.



## Janmashtami Celebration (Primary Wing)

August 27, 2021





To celebrate the birth of Lord *Krishna*, who enchants everyone with his mischief, *Janmashtami* was celebrated through the online platform. The children of classes 1 and 2 dressed up in traditional Indian clothes wearing a Mukut that they had made in the class. As a part of the celebrations, students of classes 3, 4 and 5 made beautifully decorated ‘*Jhulas*’ for little *Krishna*. The day began with a video on *Krishna*’s ‘*Bal Leela*’. The sweet melody of the *bhajans* and the little ones dancing to the tunes of ‘*Gokul ki Galiyon mei*’ enraptured the audience. The quiz based on Lord *Krishna* added an element of fun to the celebrations, as the stories of the ‘Divine Child’ helped to explore varied aspects of his of life.

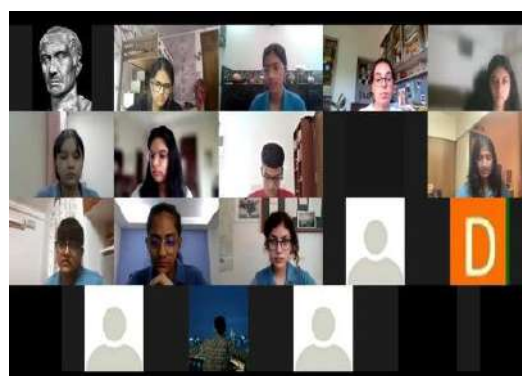


## Taqreer - Online Debate

August 18, 2021

On August 18, 2021, Girl Up MIS organized *Taqreer* – the second edition of the virtual debating competition for classes 9-12. Revolving around themes of feminism and body positivity, the primary objective of this event was to provide a much-needed platform to amplify the young and emerging voices of the student body.

A preliminary round was held on August 16, 2021 to shortlist participants owing to an overwhelming response from the students. After conducting the preliminary round, a total of ten participants were selected for the final debate. The motions for the final round were released a day prior to the debate, to make for a wholesome performance.





The motions for the debate were: **For classes 9-10:** THW promote plastic surgery as a practice that supports body positivity. **For classes 11-12:** THBT Femininity as a construct is inherently oppressive.

The format of the debate was based on the Asian Parliamentary Debate structure, where the participants were divided into groups that argued for and against the motion. The final event was judged by Ms. Natasha Abrol and Mr. Vedant Gupta, both passionate and seasoned debaters and alumni of the School. The judges offered their insights on the debate and each participant's performance, enriching the process with their constructive and valuable critique. Amayvikrama Narayan (10-B) and Kenisha Baruah (12-A) were declared the best speakers.

## Hindi Day (Primary Wing)

August 24 - 25, 2021



Hindi Day, was celebrated in the Primary wing for two consecutive days. Lessons were planned in a way to integrate all the subjects with Hindi language. The students of classes 4 and 5 got to enhance their skills in the language through activities such as translating texts from Hindi to English and vice versa,

listening to and summarizing a story, rewriting a popular story with a twist, and many more. The little ones on the other hand enhanced their vocabulary by learning the names of the colours, the days of the week, regular objects around them, as well as the names of the stages in the life cycle of a butterfly, in Hindi.

Everyone made sincere efforts to use Hindi as a medium of conversation during the day. Through the celebration an attempt was made to enrich the language skills of the children while fostering an appreciation for the vernacular.

## National Sports Day(Primary Wing)

August 29, 2021



National Sports Day was celebrated in the last week of August to mark the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand, the glorious hockey player of India. Children of classes 1 and 2 watched a presentation on the legendary hockey player. They were fascinated by his phenomenal ball control and goal scoring ability and realised why he was called ‘the magician of hockey’. The students of classes 4 and 5, on the other hand, started their classes with warm up exercises. This was followed by the teacher sharing the highlights of the Tokyo Olympics, while retelling the heartwarming stories of goodwill and camaraderie shared among the participants. Interviews with Paralympic Asian athlete, Ankur Dama and the head coach for Tokyo Paralympic, Dr Satypal Singh were shown before a round of quiz questions, in which the students participated with a lot of enthusiasm. The message conveyed was that sports as an integral part of our curriculum not only helps to keep our body healthy and fit, but also helps to develop concentration, determination, discipline and inculcate the spirit of teamwork.

## Teacher’s Day - Special Assembly(Primary Wing)

September 4, 2021

*‘Teachers are the backbone of any country, the pillar upon which all aspirations are converted into realities.’*

**– Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**

Teacher’s Day is celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> September, to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and express gratitude towards teachers. A special assembly was presented on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, by the students of class 4 to pay tribute to the legendary educator, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and to teachers who work hard to nurture students.



The day began with the soulful rendition of ‘shlokas’ of Adi Shankaracharya outlining the importance of the blessings of the Guru. The life of some illustrious teachers like Savitribai Phule, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam and Pallela Gopichand, were beautifully highlighted through narration, computer graphics and artwork by the children. The assembly culminated with heartfelt prayers written by the students as a tribute to their mentors.



Teachers' Day is undoubtedly one of the most looked forward to occasions in the school calendar. Whether it is some of the class 12 students excitedly dancing or the recitations and plays performed by the others, this day has always sparked joy.



This year, Teachers' Day celebrations were held online on 4<sup>th</sup> September. It started off with an enthusiastic introduction to the event by the compères and was followed by a spirited dance performance by students of class 12. They danced along well-known songs and set the perfect tone for the rest of the performances. To break the monotony, there was a mixed dance, wherein students carried out energetic choreographies as pairs and were definitely a treat to watch!

A beautiful instrumental music presentation was made by the students as a tribute to the teachers and a play (written and directed by the Drama Club of MIS: Fitoor) depicting the hardships of online schooling, both for the students and the teachers, was also put up.

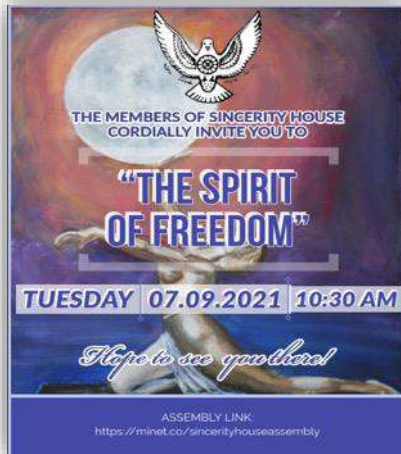
Finally, before bringing the event to a conclusion, the students of classes 9 -12 put together a video compilation on the song "Fitoor" by Prateek Kuhad. In this video, children were asked to showcase their reactions to various prompts related to teachers such as "Think about the first time your teacher helped you" or "Think about your favourite teacher".



The presentation ended on a rather emotional note with the comperes thanking the teachers on behalf of the entire batch for everything they had done. Teachers' Day 2021 was definitely centered around the theme of gratitude.

## Sincerity House Special Assembly, September 7, 2021

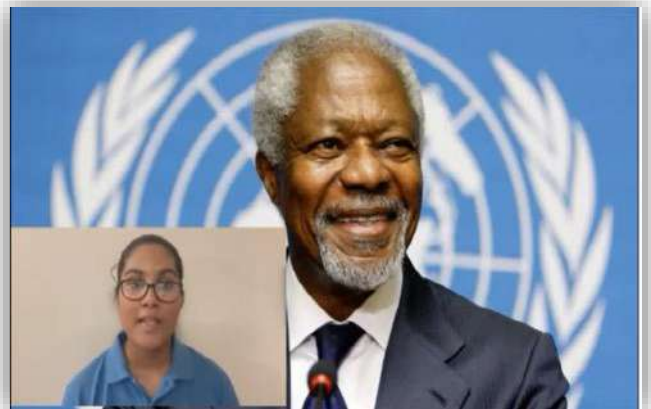
*Freedom comes by unity without limits; for that is our real being. We may gain the essence of this unity in ourselves; we may realise the play of it in oneness with all others. -Sri Aurobindo*



The Sincerity House presented a special assembly on the theme: The Spirit of Freedom, through creative performances by the students. From recitations that took everyone back to the days of the freedom struggle to the praiseworthy dance performances that reminded us of the sacrifices that were made for India to be sovereign, the forty-minute assembly was a reminder to feel grateful towards our freedom fighters of both past and present times.

A few teachers and students also shared 'the true meaning of freedom' for them. This message of aspiring for freedom echoed in every heart at the end of the assembly.

'To achieve the truest form of freedom, we must free our minds of all the chains and limiting beliefs'.



## Hindi Poetry Festival (Primary Wing)

September 14, 2021



'Hindi Diwas' is observed on 14th September every year to mark the importance of Hindi language. This year, Primary wing celebrated a week-long 'Kavya Mahotsav' to commemorate this special day. On the occasion, the children of classes 1 and 2 presented various poems related to nature's gifts using beautifully crafted props and backdrops. This boosted their confidence and also enriched their vocabulary.

The students of classes 3 and 4 recited inspirational poems using presentations with a message for all. Couplets of Kabir Das, Rahim Das and Tulsi Das were recited by the older students of Class 5. Through these couplets, the students not only became aware of the nuances of the language but also the valuable life lessons they impart. In an interesting twist, the students prepared a musical presentation of the couplets using different musical instruments like harmonium, guitar, violin, manjira, dhapli, katori and spoon, etc. The presentations were commendable.

Through the celebration an attempt was made to enrich the language skills of the children while fostering an appreciation for the vernacular.

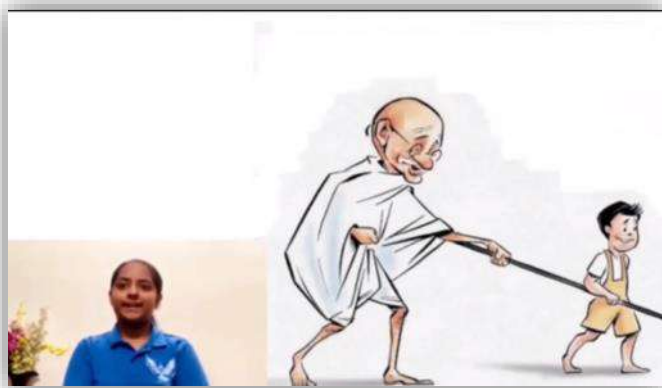


## Gandhi Jayanti

October 1, 2021



MIS celebrated the 152<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi through a virtual assembly. The assembly was put together through a mosaic of performances, all filled with the life message of our beloved Bapu. Students from classes 6-12 participated in the programme and adorned it with their talented recitals, songs and artworks. Important events from Bapu's life were narrated through art, highlighting his journey from being Gandhi to becoming the Mahatma. The emphasis this year was to explore lesser known facets of Gandhiji's life- his views on environment and sustainability, his association with students and children and the impact Gandhiji had on global politics.



The preparation of the assembly leading up to the final performance was an opportunity to re-engage with the life of Mahatma Gandhi. His values and teachings are more relevant in the world we are living in currently than it ever was. It acquires added significance when the younger generation embraces and understands them. The students of MIS paid a beautiful tribute to the Father of the Nation in the truest sense.

### Swachhta Diwas- Gandhi Jayanti (Primary Wing)

Cleanliness and sanitation were an integral part of the Gandhian way of life. Gandhiji believed that the habits learnt at a young age get embedded into one's personality.



To commemorate Gandhi Jayanti and to celebrate the 152<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of the father of our nation, various skill-based activities were organised during the first week of October. The main objective of these activities was to sow the seeds of good habits in children. From discussing the importance of maintaining personal hygiene to following 'Covid' safety by frequent washing of hands and sanitizing open surfaces before and after use, poster making, artwork and a cleanliness drive were some of the highlights of the week-long celebrations. Children expressed their thoughts and views on cleanliness through beautiful posters and interesting slogans.

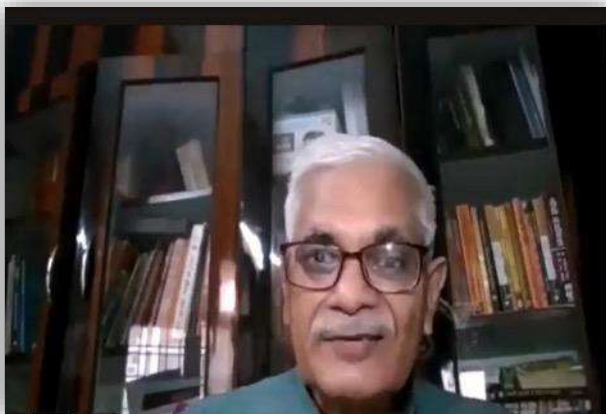




The Primary Wing of The Mother's International School, worked on a compilation of practices followed during the ECCE years that are inspired by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother's Integral Education.

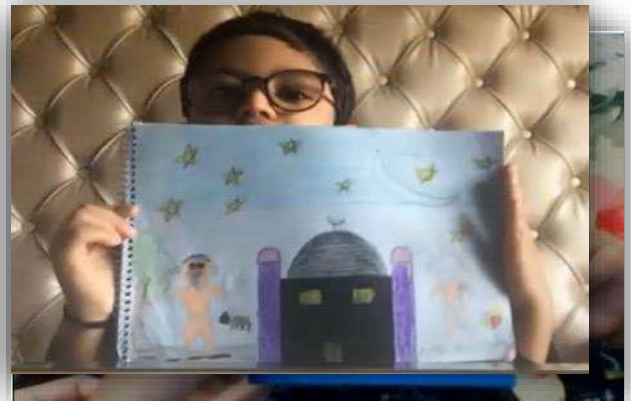
The book 'New Pathways' was released as part of Sri Aurobindo's 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary celebrations by the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Delhi Branch, on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 by Professor Rajni Palriwala. The

book is an offering which reflects the journey undertaken by the school in embracing Integral Education as part of mainstream teaching. It is an endeavour to share with the others the learning and immense possibilities that emerge in this process. The book would be useful to teachers and prospective teachers specially associated with early years of schooling, parents of young children and all those who wish to explore new pedagogical practices.



The World Mental Health Day is celebrated on October 10, 2021. This year a special assembly was held for the students to mark the occasion. The assembly was an effort to address some of the myths and misconceptions related to mental health issues through drama. Prof. Girishwar Misra, a noted psychologist spoke about the importance of this day and some related concepts. To help students introspect, a story was narrated by Ms Renu Vishwanath about how at times we internalise one bad experience and close ourselves. The assembly ended with some tips for mental health by clinical psychologist, Dr Pooja Shivam Jaitly.

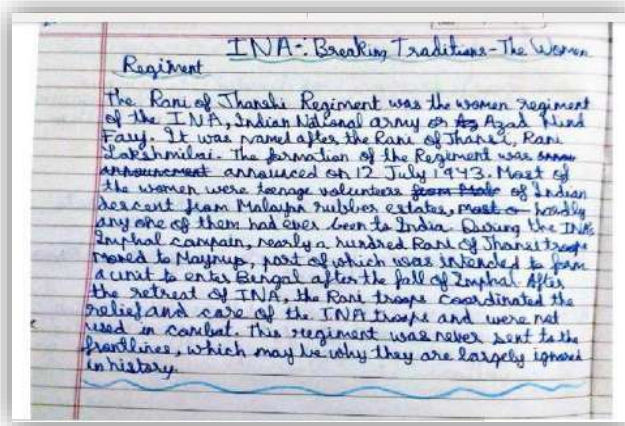
Eid Milad-un-Nabi, an annual celebration in the Primary wing, is held to commemorate the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad. This year children were shown a short video on Prophet Muhammad and how the festival is celebrated by His followers across the world.



The children of class 1 designed greeting cards with beautiful mosques, stars and moon and people meeting each other. Some of them shared how they celebrate this day in their houses. The celebration drew to a close with a virtual hug and greetings of 'Eid Mubarak'.



### AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV



On October 21, 1943, Subhash Chandra Bose announced the formation of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind (Free India). The Provisional Government enabled Bose to negotiate with the Japanese on an equal footing and also facilitated the mobilisation of Indians in East Asia to join as well as support the INA.



To commemorate this important event, various activities were organized for classes 6 -10 on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2021. After a brief introduction about Subhash Chandra Bose and the INA, followed by video presentations,



students of classes 6-8 were guided to pick up any one activity from an exhaustive list and engage in research on topics centering around Netaji's life and his contribution to INA. Students were encouraged to go beyond the class discussion and indulge in some research on the topic of their choice. The students participated in all the activities with great excitement and enthusiasm. They also presented their creations to their peer groups.

## कथा वाचन गतिविधि / प्रतियोगिता

October 29, 2021

दिनांक 29/10 /2021 को हिंदी विभाग द्वारा कक्षा छठी के लिए **कथा वाचन प्रतियोगिता** का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें सभी विद्यार्थियों ने बड़े ही उत्साह के साथ भाग लिया। छात्रों ने अपनी इच्छानुसार विभिन्न विषयों से संबंधित बहुत ही प्रभावशाली ढंग से कथाओं का वाचन किया। जिनमें महापुरुषों के जीवन की कथाएँ, लोक कथाएँ और प्रेरक कथाएँ शामिल थीं। इस प्रकार छात्रों में हिंदी साहित्य के प्रति रुचि उत्पन्न हुई और उनमें भाषा कौशल भी विकसित हुआ। कहानी सुनाने के लिए बच्चों ने अपेक्षित वेशभूषा तथा मंच सामग्री का भी प्रयोग किया जिससे प्रस्तुतीकरण और भी प्रभावशाली बन गया। प्रतियोगिता से संबंधित सभी आवश्यक निर्देश बच्चों को पहले ही दे दिए गए थे।





Vigilance Awareness Week is celebrated every year in October. The Government of India encourages various activities for the students to sensitize them about the importance of being vigilant and helping in building a corruption-free society. We all know that the dream of self-reliance was seen by our nation's father, Mahatma Gandhi. Now, India is moving towards becoming a self-reliant country to eliminate its dependence on foreign countries. True integrity is essential to become a self-reliant India, where no unfair or corrupt practices are followed. Keeping this in mind, The Mother's International School, conducted several activities and competitions under the theme of **"Independent India @75: Self Reliance with Integrity"**.

### Poster-Making Activity for class 9

Students of class 9, approximately 150 in number, participated enthusiastically in Poster-making event on corruption free India and self-reliance. Class 9 students showed their artistic skills by making beautiful posters. Students focused on removal of undue influence from elections and political appointments, greater transparency, accountability in public decision-making. Many students depicted the new India which is making rapid strides in economy.



### Slogan-Writing Activity for class 10



Students of class 10 made meaningful slogans in their respective second languages: Hindi, French, and Sanskrit. Though it was challenging to pen slogans in different languages, they enthusiastically showed their creative and writing skills. In total, 150 students participated in the event.

## Essay-Writing Activity for class 11

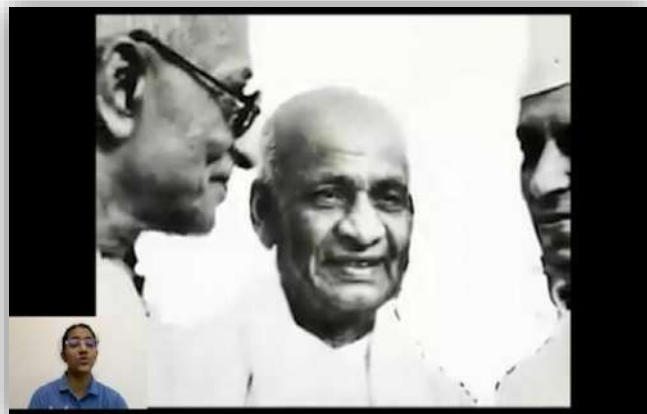
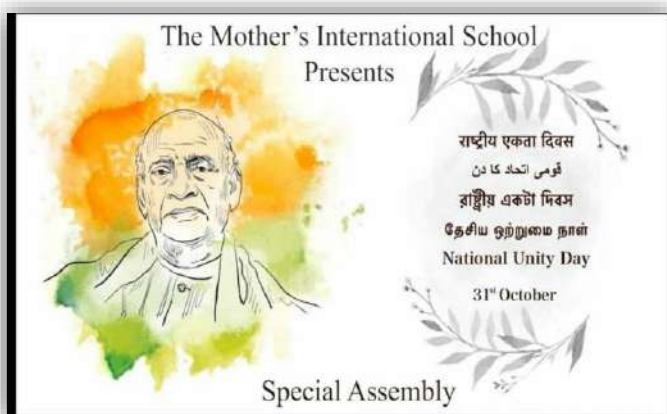
Students from Class 11 showed eager interest in the essay writing competition, with a total of 170 students contributing their entries. Writing on the theme of self-reliance with integrity in independent India, students displayed both their analyzing and writing skills, giving a unique insight on the topic.

Tackling various aspects of the topic, students discussed different issues and events from India's past and present. With a focus on India's economy, from the time of Independence, topics such as industrialization, promotion of local industries and India's strides in the economic sphere were explored.

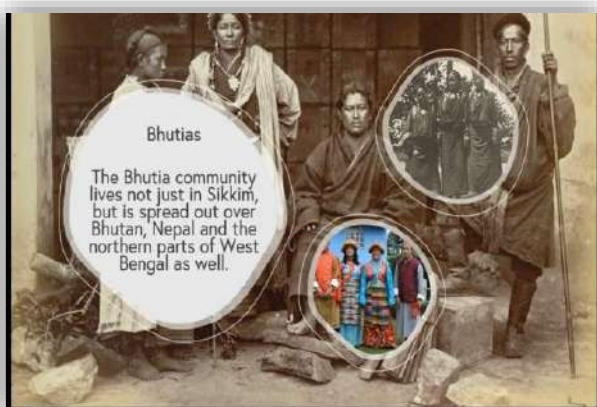
Not only the financial status, but also the democratic status of the country was highlighted, with students emphasizing on the importance of democracy and unity for the growth of the nation. The essays also showed the political awareness of the students, with many mentioning the schemes that the government has put forward to help the country become even more self-reliant, as well as to help the nation develop further. Many students also proposed creative solutions to aid the growth of the nation, and to help pursue the goal of complete self-reliance.

## National Unity Day

October 31, 2021



A virtual assembly was held on October 31, 2021 to celebrate National Unity Day and commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, honouring his contribution towards the making of a unified India.



The assembly commenced with a harmonious *bhajan* sung in several languages, symbolising unity in diversity. A pictorial presentation and narration by reciters highlighted Sardar Patel's life and his beliefs on unity, helping students, faculty and staff members to better understand the vision of this revolutionary statesman.



An animation-presentation highlighted the history of Sikkim as an independent entity and its eventual union with India, as aptly reflective of Patel's ideals of unity. A presentation depicting the state as a rich mosaic of cultures established it as the quintessential diverse-and-united entity.

The importance of unity in the contemporary world was highlighted through a powerful spoken-word poem. The assembly concluded with the taking of a unity pledge, which encapsulated the responsibilities that we, as citizens of India, are entrusted with to continue the holy legacy of '*Ek Bharat*': a promise to maintain unity amongst the various peoples, each as unique as the other - for this unity is the very foundation of our country.

## Inter-house GK Quiz

November 1, 2021



The Inter-house GK Quiz for Classes 9 to 12 was held in the Hall of Grace on 1st November, 2021. It was streamed live through MS Teams for the audience. Three students from each House were selected in the Prelims to participate in this Final Round.

At the end of 30 interesting, application based, mixed-bag questions, the Truth House team comprising Bornik Nag, Ahaan Bahl and Suryanshi Pinaki emerged as the winners. The Perfection House team comprising Dhara Mittal, Vijval Ekbote and Shreeyam Lakhotia were declared Runners-Up. The quiz was organised and conducted by five students of class 12.

The event was well received, and everyone was happy to witness an offline event being organised in school after many months.

## Diwali Special Assembly, November 2, 2021 (Primary Wing)

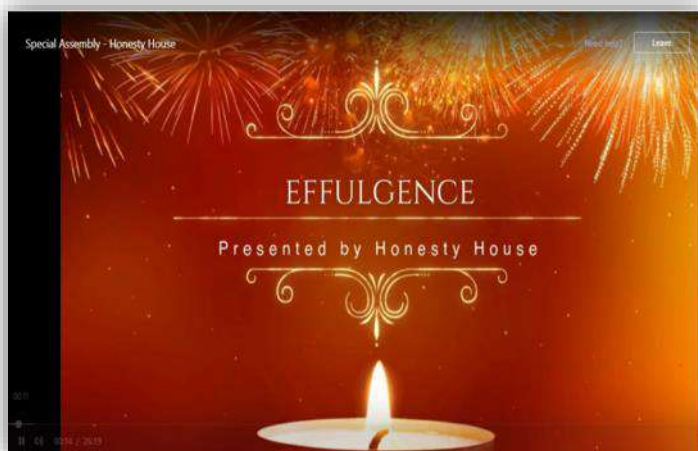




Primary School celebrated the festival of lights through a virtual assembly on November 2, 2021. The presentation organized by the students and teachers of class 2 started with ‘*Ganesh Vandana*’. The main focus of the special assembly was to relate the stories behind the festivals celebrated around Diwali, *Dhanteras*, *Govardhan Pooja*, *Bhai Dooj* and *Chhath*. Children narrated mythological stories while enacting the scenes out of scriptures. The little ‘Narad Muni’, our beloved celestial character, who appeared with a powerful message related to rituals, enlivened the presentation. The stories were depicted with eye-catching costumes and special background effects, and sought to bring about an awareness of the significance of all these special celebrations.



## Honesty House Assembly, November 2, 2021



Honesty House conducted its annual house assembly on November 2, 2021, virtually. The theme of the assembly was Diwali. Titled ‘Effulgence’, the assembly focused on the radiance, splendor and brilliance Diwali signifies in all of our lives. After a terribly hard year for many, this assembly focused on the brighter beginning -a home coming- of better days of hope.

The assembly started with a *bhajan* “Sri Ramkripalu Bhajaman” sung by Madhushree Singh, Shreeya, Devansh Patel, Priyanshi Tripathi, Sanchi Tandon, Chaitanya Katyal, and Chinmayi Pandey. Audio edited successfully by Madhushree Singh. Next was a Sanskrit shloka on the impact of just one lit *diya*. What

followed was Keshav Saib's heartfelt piece on Diwali-a homecoming, a celebration of coming to oneself, finding ourselves once again after we lost ourselves our own peace last year. A poetry recital narrating Lord Ram's return to Ayodhya and the origin of Diwali and the triumph of good over evil.

An art montage was created interpreting the festival in a unique manner. A mesmerising flute piece was played by Sneha Rao over the art montage truly leaving the viewers in a trance! Artists who participated were Aadya Agnihotri, Pranoyee Sarkar, Harshpreet Singh, Chaitanya Katyal and Chinmayee Pandey.

Students of class 6 shared how Diwali is celebrated in distinct ways around the country. Four different states were chosen for an informative journey and these were presented by - Aarit Bhatia, Aradhya Khurana, Kalyani Gupta, and Vedant Savara.



Choreographed by Shuchi Pandey, a dance performance by students from classes 6 to 12, on Dholida with an upbeat rhythm translated the wait and excitement for the coming week of the festival. Last but not the least, was a presentation made by Aditi Solanki (Honesty House Captain) and Adwik Roshan (Honesty House Captain). The presentation encouraged the audience to empathise with those in need and express gratitude for all the blessings. The accompanying pictures were curated by the house captains from editions of *Navchetna* from 2012 to 2019, pictures of students painting *rangoli* around the school and lighting *diyas* in hallways. Annika Gwalani and Soham Mukherjee of class 12 did the voice over for the presentation. The theme - 'What was and what will be!' was very engaging. Edited by Shreeya, the assembly ended with a pledge to make a more conscious decision this Diwali to make life blossom in peace, love and harmony.

## Diwali - Special Assembly

November 3, 2021

A special assembly "Festival of Lights" was organised by the Environment Club on November 3, 2021. The special assembly was choreographed to give the vital message of sustainability and generating awareness about the afflicting effects of noise and air pollution. The message conveyed the alarming pollution levels in big cities including Delhi which is becoming a major concern for





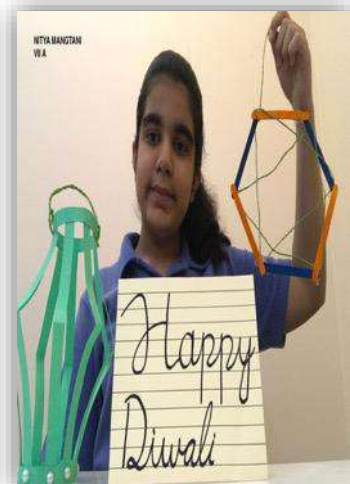
public health. The assembly was intended to make the students and everyone aware about the ill effects of burning of crackers and fireworks.

The assembly started with meditation music invoking Goddess Lakshmi for well-being and prosperity and *Ganesh Vandana*. It progressed with a melodious instrumental and recital of a composition of Rabindranath Tagore carrying a subtle message of purifying one's life and heralding light to remove all darkness. Choreography highlighting Sri Ram's arrival in Ayodhya after 14 years of exile and song renderings elevated the festive mood and reinforced the message of happiness and love. Poetry, role plays and a short skit by the students reminded all of the responsibility of protecting the environment. Young students portrayed various eco-friendly ways to celebrate Diwali and requested everyone to follow the same. The programme was concluded with a pledge to celebrate a cracker-free Diwali.

### Green Diwali Celebration : Integrated Art Activity



In an endeavour to conserve the environment, the Environment Club briefed the students on celebrating a green Diwali. Students were given the option to choose from a number of best out of waste activities. They were encouraged to use waste materials to create crafts for Diwali decorations. Old wedding cards, files, 'diyas', pots, boxes, rachis, etc. were used for the craft and old posters were reused to create new ones.



The children participated in all the activities with great enthusiasm. They were quite excited to present their creations in class.



*There is no garden as beautiful as childhood.*



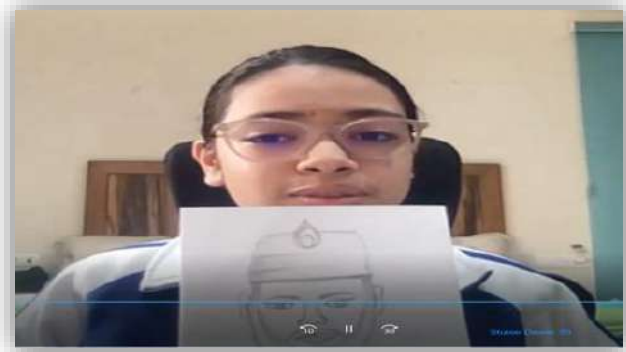
Children's Day was celebrated on November 12, 2021, in the Primary wing. The day began with stories and anecdotes from the life of Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru. Various activities were conducted to make the day special for the children. They enjoyed making a rose with playdough/ coloured paper and drawing *Chaacha* Nehru. Online and other games like 'Scavenger Hunt', 'Gestures and Dialogues', made for a fun filled day and provided an opportunity to the children to connect with one another.

## Children's Day

November 13-14, 2021

The annual Children's Day Hunt has now become a much-cherished event at MIS. Organised by MINET, the Computer Club and Students' Council, it was open to classes 6 to 12. The hunt was conducted on the November 13-14, 2021. Each year, students eagerly await the Hunt as it puts their wits and perseverance to test along with some healthy competition in a race to win the time-bound hunt. Progressing through the many levels, not only feels rewarding for participants, but also rekindles memories set in the beautiful school ambience, with its tall trees sheltering and watching over it all. The fifteen questions in this year's hunt sent the teams scouring for information about everything from the school's philosophy to forgotten nooks and crannies in the school campus. The Hunt commenced at 9:41 am on the 13th and lasted till 12:00 noon on the 14th, with an enthusiastic response of over 120 teams scrambling, searching and decoding.

Two teams from class 11 secured the first and second position while teams from classes 10 and 9 secured the third and fourth positions respectively. E-certificates were awarded to the top participants in each grade for their commendable performance. After the intense hunt, participants and organizers came away with much more than just ranks. The Hunt was once again able to bring students across classes together to celebrate the spirit of Children's Day.

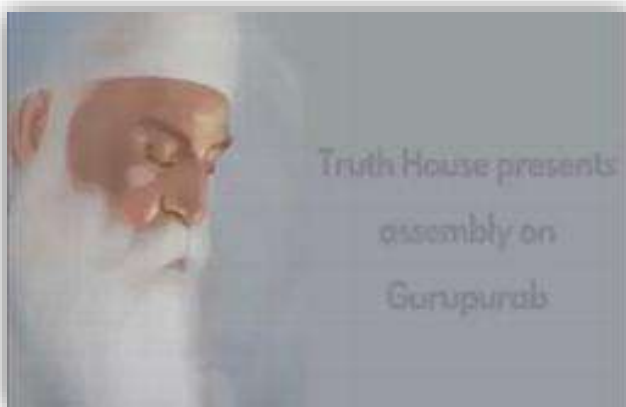


*Doha Vaachan Pratiyogita* was conducted in class 7. Students participated in this competition with full of joy and enthusiasm. They used props and virtual background which made the rendering very impactful. The students also explained the meaning of each *Doha* recited by them. They learned moral values and the art of living through this activity which is important in the present times. It was a wonderful experience for all the students.

A Special Assembly was conducted by Class 3 on November 18, 2021, to celebrate Guru Nanak Jayanti.



The programme began with the story of the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, followed by the narration of significant episodes from his childhood, interspersed with His teachings. Children enacted scenes of 'Nagar Kirtan' and 'Prabhat Pheri', the rituals which mark the onset of the celebrations. The presentation culminated with a video in which children of class 3 were seen carrying out 'sewa' in a Gurdwara nearby and a special 'Ardas' or prayer ceremony conducted by the grandfather of a student. The devotion and the involvement with which the programme was presented, left everyone basking in moments of gratitude and peace.



A virtual assembly, organised by Truth House, was held on November 20, 2021 to celebrate *Gurpurab*, the sacred festival marking the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The assembly commenced with a short introduction on Guru Nanakji's contributions to the founding of Sikhism and the ideals he embodies.



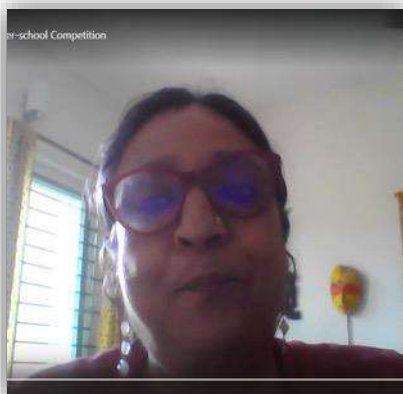
The strains of '*Ik Onkar*', resonated serenity. This was followed by recitations, which emphasised the invaluable teachings of the teachers, the gurus, of our lives. A keyboard recital, accompanied by a pictorial presentation, beautifully captured the essence and sanctity of the occasion. This was followed by a display of creative artworks, made by students of various classes. The narration of a self-composed poem further highlighted the significance of teachers in life. The event concluded with a piano recital, leaving the students, teachers and faculty to enjoy the warm aura of the deep significance of the festival as the lilting notes of the piano slowly faded away.





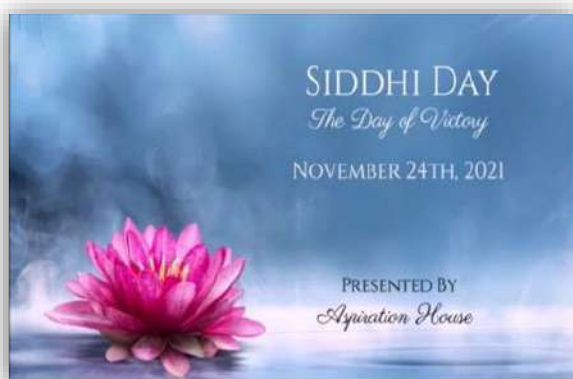
The Prof. Nadkarni Memorial Inter-school competition was hosted on November 23, 2021. The theme for this year's competition was folktales of India. It consisted of two events, 'Folk Stroke' and 'Tell-a-Tale'.

Participants had to narrate an Indian folktale in the 'Tell-a-Tale' while in 'Folk Stroke', the participants had to showcase an original painting depicting their perspective of a chosen folk tale in a traditional Indian art form. While each of the participants narrated their tales effectively, the artwork was detailed and intricate.



An eminent panel of judges came together from backgrounds of art, language and theatre. The judges interacted with the students virtually and gave them valuable feedback.

Prominent schools from Delhi participated in this competition and the first place for 'Tell-a-Tale' was awarded to Laavanya Bhagvati from Modern School, Barakhamba Road. Anisha Sharma from Tagore International School stood second. The first prize for 'Folk Stroke' was awarded to Rushil Sharma from Tagore International School and the second prize was bagged by Gangesh Verma from Bluebells International School. The overall trophy went to Tagore International School. Although held virtually, the event was impactful and brought entertaining performances from various schools. The participants and audience found it to be an enriching experience.



November 24 is marked as the Day of Victory or Siddhi Day, in remembrance of a unique spiritual experience of Sri Aurobindo. On 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1926, Sri Aurobindo believed that a higher consciousness had entered the earth's atmosphere on that day. The students of Aspiration House presented a special assembly to celebrate this auspicious day. The assembly commenced with a soulful rendering of Sri Aurobindo's verse, which conveys the idea of devotion and all-encompassing faith that touches our lives. 'Bhajans' and a detailed



introduction explained the idea behind the concept of day. Strains of poetry, music and graceful dance created an ambience of spiritual glow. The other aspect of importance related to this date is the formal establishment of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Pondicherry. Beautiful glimpses of the Ashram captured the deeper purpose for its coming into existence. The evolution of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother's spiritual experience translated into action at the Ashram where all of the day's activities held deeper meaning. The visual display accompanied with running narration brought the premises of the ashram closer to us, almost as though we were walking around the 'ashram' ourselves. The ashram serves as a centre for devotees to provide their services as an offering to the Divine. The open, evolving culture of the Ashram makes it continually relevant and a stepping-stone to a spiritual realisation.

In conclusion, a profound recitation established the connect to the Mother and Sri Aurobindo's timeless philosophy. A graceful depiction through dance performed at Sri Aurobindo's shrine at Delhi Ashram was the closing scene, stirring the audience and leaving a deep impact.



A Sanskrit quiz was organized by the Department of Sanskrit on November 25, 2021. Six teams were selected. There were five rounds in the quiz related to Sanskrit literature, grammar, Vedas, Upanishads and general knowledge.

हिंदी विभाग द्वारा दिनांक 2/12/21 को कक्षा आठवीं के सभी विभागों में अंतरकक्षा स्वरचित कविता वाचन का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें छात्रों ने अपनी स्वरचित कविताओं की प्रभावपूर्ण प्रस्तुत की। छात्रों ने अपनी कविता के विषयों का चयन स्वेच्छा से किया। जीवन में प्रकृति और नदियों के अप्रतिम योगदान को तो छात्रों ने अपनी कविताओं में प्रस्तुत किया ही साथ ही नारी सशक्तिकरण एवं निम्न वर्ग की मार्मिक स्थिति प्रकाश डालते हुए समाज को सजग करने की जिम्मेदारी भी बखूबी निभाई। इस प्रकार छात्रों को अपनी कल्पना को विकसित करने का सुअवसर मिला और पूर्ण आत्मविश्वास के साथ सबके समक्ष अपनी कविता प्रस्तुत करने के लिए मंच भी मिला। सभी प्रतियोगियों की उत्साहपूर्ण भागीदारी एवं प्रयास की सराहना करते हुए विजेताओं की घोषणा की गई।



The quietude of the Delhi Ashram was suffused with the chords sung in the remembrance of Sri Aurobindo on the warm morning of 5th December. The Mahasamadhi Day event this year was a harmonious amalgamation of virtual and in-person offerings.



The event was composed of devotional songs by both the primary and senior choirs along with a stirring blend of instrumentals and recitation, all dedicated to Sri Aurobindo. The attendees sat in reflection as the soulful congregation of music drifted in the breeze, infusing it with a spiritual aura.

After the event, each attendee offered flowers at the shrine, with lingering tranquility and serenity. Despite the circumstances, this was a unique way of observing an important day, setting a precedent for more assemblies to come.

### English Poetry Festival - Class 1

December 10, 2021



To young children, words, sounds and rhythms offer endless possibilities, and poetry is a wonderful way to express and explore emerging language growth. The little children of class 1 participated in an English Poetry Festival held on December 10th, 2021. The poems recited by them were based on the lessons we can learn from the animal world. It was heartening to see the comfort they showed in using props and in the clarity and expression in the rendition of the poems.

### Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (Primary Wing)

December 17, 2021

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat is an initiative of the Government of India, to enhance interaction and promote mutual understanding between people of different states/union territories, through the concept of state/union territory pairing. The paired state for Delhi being Sikkim, the focus of the institution is to create an awareness of the ethnic diversity and rich culture of the state of Sikkim among the students.



An exchange programme was initiated by Class 4 with Mount Zion School in Gangtok, Sikkim.



In an icebreaking session, the students and teachers of Mount Zion school put up an online cultural show on December 19, 2021, in which they shared information about the different ethnic groups inhabiting the state and the languages spoken over there. Children came dressed and spoke about the traditional costumes of the Bhutias, Nepalese and the Lepchas, the three ethnic communities in Sikkim. They presented the traditional dances in colourful costumes following which a teacher apprised the students of MIS of the state's cuisine, describing the preparation of savouries like *saal roti*, Nepali *alu dum*, *momo* and sweet shaphaley. During the interactive session, the students of MIS posed questions and the teachers and students of Mount Zion responded to them. Children waved at each other promising to stay in touch as the session came to an end with a vote of thanks by the Headmistress of the Primary School.

### Project Day: Class 2(Primary Wing)

December 17, 2021



The Project Day of Class 2 on the topic '*Vayu Shakti*' was held on December 17, 2021. The day started with yoga postures followed by '*Pranayama*' and the chanting of the '*Vayu Mantra*'. The children explained about

the characteristics of air through demonstrations, experiments, models and posters. The importance of air for living organisms and various aspects of air pollution and its solutions were also taken up. The day ended with a pledge by the children to keep the air around them clean and breathable.





The Inter University Accelerator Centre, New Delhi, celebrated its 32<sup>nd</sup> Foundation Day on December 19, 2021. Students and teachers from all over the country participated in the programme, which consisted of many different presentations and videos about different aspects of the accelerator-based research taking place in India. A presentation about the history and future of India's space programme stirred hearts and inspired many to contribute to the mission to space. A short tour of the centre followed and finally many interesting Physics experiments were presented, surprising many who tried to guess the outcome of the experiments. Ms Sharmistha Sanyal, Senior Faculty, Physics Department, and students of class 11 attended the workshop.

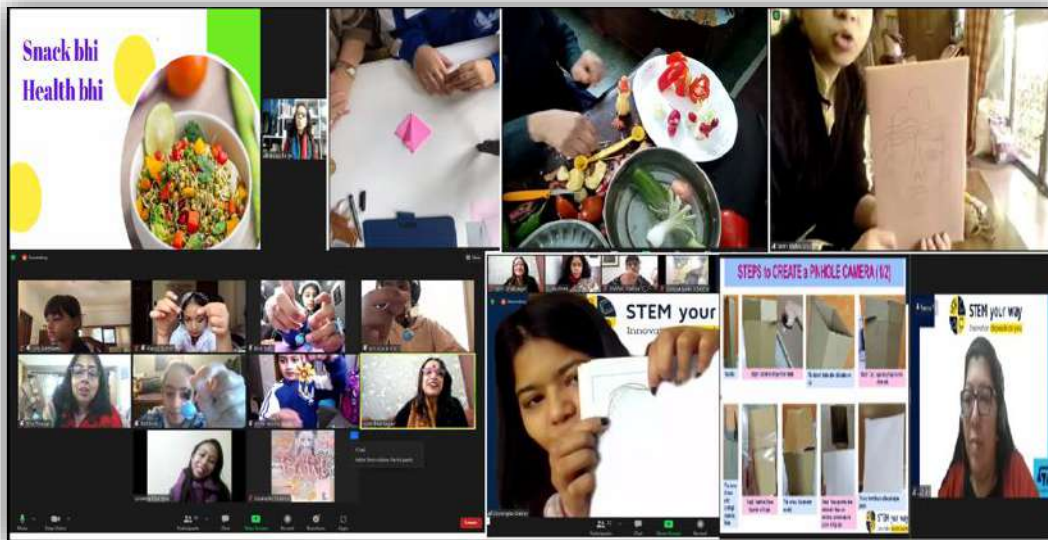
**Plantation Drive: Campus Beautification****December 21-22, 2021**

A plantation drive was organized on December 21-22, 2021 by the Environment Club. The selection for plantation was decided on the basis of the upcoming winter season. Twenty students of Class 6 to 11 participated in the drive in a well-coordinated manner observing all the Covid related protocols including social distancing and wearing masks. They planted approximately sixty saplings of 'Phlox' and 'Gazania' in various locations on the campus premises.

The students learnt about the selection of location, appropriate root depth, sun-shade requirements, manure and nutrient requirements and appropriate distance for planting the saplings. They enthusiastically participated in preparing the bedding, plantation of the saplings and watering them. Young students enjoyed the touch of the soil, water, plants and had a blissful experience of closeness to nature.







‘Creative Hands’, the Integrated Project Day of Class 4 was held on December 21, 2021. The focus of the project day, this year, was on community-based learning that integrated meaningful hands-on engagement with instruction and reflection, to enrich the learning experience of the students of Class 4. In the Opening Ceremony of the event, our well-loved storyteller and author, Ms Vinita Krishna narrated a story authored by Dr Ramesh Bijlani; and Dr Hanika Aggarwal, an alumna of the school briefed the students on how to care for their teeth. Thereafter, students took part in online workshops of their choice. The workshops were conducted by a community of professionals with expertise in design, diet, STEM learning and dentistry. They gave the students an opportunity to experience and exercise skills which could be pursued as meaningful hobbies or explored as careers later on in life.

### Special Assembly: Christmas (Primary Wing)

December 23, 2021

*“Christmas waves a magic wand over the world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful”.*

The much-awaited special assembly on the festival of Christmas was put up by the students of Class 1 on December 23, 2021. They presented an array of interesting fables and a thought-provoking skit on the birth of Jesus. The true meaning of Christmas was emphasized through the stories which were narrated beautifully by the children with amazing, animated visual effects. The presentation brought forth the true spirit of Christmas which lies in the joy of giving and helping those who are less fortunate.





The message of the assembly was clear: Let us embrace the spirit of Christmas by bringing joy and happiness into everyone's life.

## Special Assembly: Christmas

December 24, 2021



A special virtual assembly was held to celebrate Christmas on December 24, 2021. The programme radiated a feeling of togetherness and love. A harmonious choral rendition of carols ushered in the yuletide spirit and set the stage for the nativity play by students from classes 6 to 12 interspersed with hymns, recitations and dances.



The programme concluded with Santa's joyous visit to MIS. Santa dancing through the corridors accompanied by a trail of students and teachers evoked warmth and happiness.

Officiating Principal, Ms Milan Mala Sarin's address to the assembly underscored the message of peace, love and hope that embody the true spirit of Christmas.





This activity helped in bringing out the creativity of the students, making them aware of personal and public hygiene and spreading awareness in their neighbourhood.





*"Words have the Power to Dictate the Course of Destiny"*

MISMUN, the School's yearly Model United Nations conference, took place on the virtual platform from January 7-9. The tenth iteration of the event, the opening ceremony was graced by Mr. Sanjeev Dasgupta, an alumnus, who participated in the first edition of MISMUN back in 2012. He has the experience of working with the various UN bodies. Ms. Ayonyija Rai, the Secretary General of MISMUN 2019 also shared her experience and then the

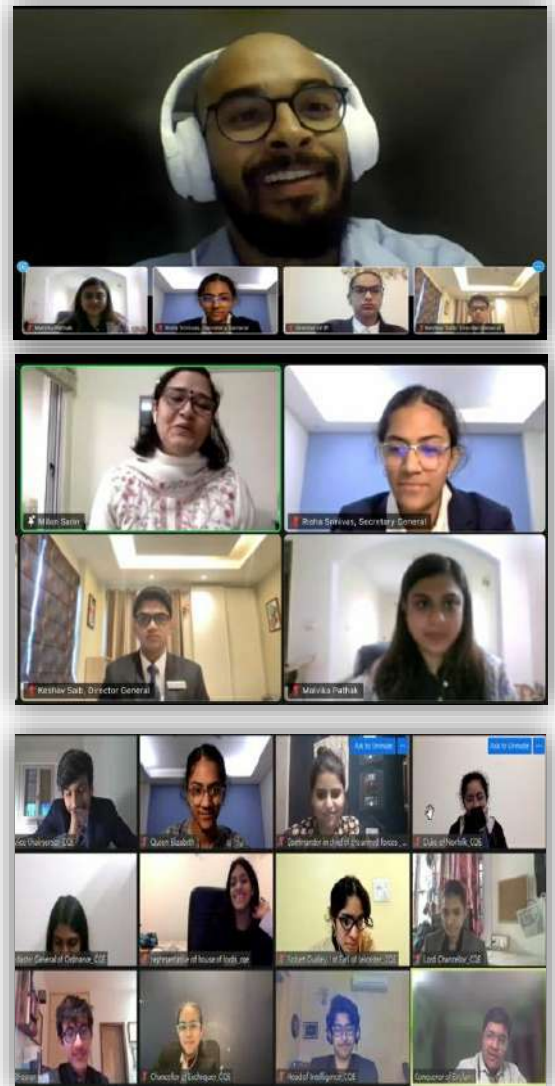
conference was declared open by the Officiating Principal, Ms. Milan Mala Sarin.

### The International Press

While the delegates debated and collaborated in various committees, the members of the International Press acted as silent observers quietly noting down the committee proceedings. This year, to celebrate the 10th iteration of MISMUN, the journalists were accompanied by caricaturists, a novel addition to MISMUN. As they endeavoured to act as the eyes of the masses, the journalists expressed themselves through their articles and the caricaturists through their extremely well thought out cartoons.

A high-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development discussed and attempted to find a solution to reduce harmful emissions and mitigate climate change risk with special emphasis on creating more sustainable human settlements.

The Court of Queen Elizabeth I gathered for an emergency session to discuss the imminent attack of the Spanish Armada on the English shore, and to find a way to resolve the crisis, amid mounting tensions between Protestants and Catholics. The committee faced many unpredictable challenges, and history was rewritten, with the social and political landscape of England being completely transformed through the actions of the members of the court.



## United Nations Security Council

The United Nations Security Council held an emergency session on the ongoing crises with respect to the Russian annexation of Crimea. Exciting would be an understatement for the happenings of the committee as the President of Russia, Vladimir Putin reestablished the Communist regime and unified the Soviet Union with the support of the local population of all post 1991 Ex-Soviet states (including Crimea which was a part of Ukraine).



## News Panel

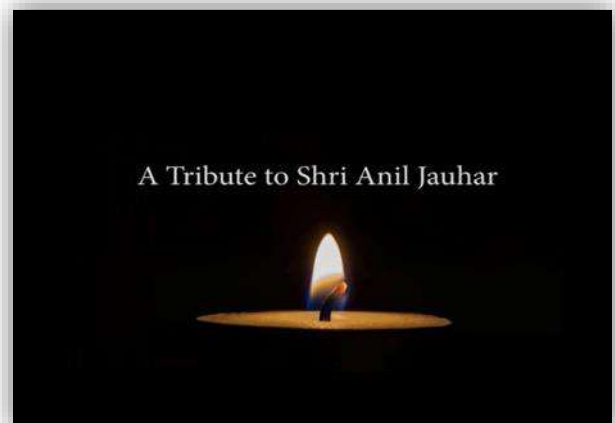
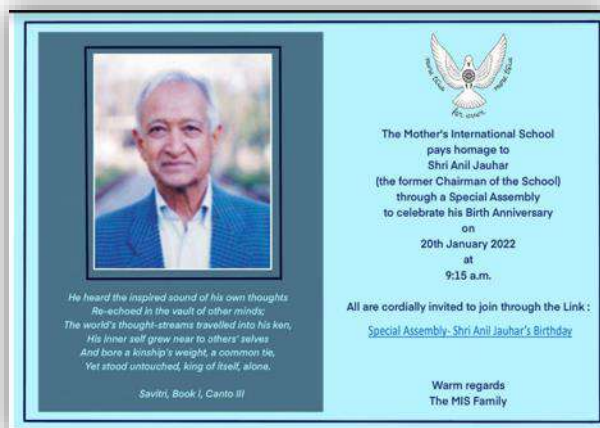
News Panel, the second iteration of the committee, took place on the third day. The top delegates of each committee, along with the top five journalists participated, eagerly discussing and debating on the topic “This House Believes juveniles should be tried as adults”.

As the 10th edition of MIS MUN concluded with each committee succeeding in its respective endeavors, words truly did dictate the course of destiny!

## Special Assembly- Shri Anil Jauhar's Birthday

January 20, 2022

*'No power can slay my soul; it lives in Thee.  
Thy presence is my immortality'.*



The birth anniversary of late Shri Anil Jauhar, the former Chairman of the School, was commemorated through a special assembly held on January 20, 2022. The virtual assembly commenced with a rendition of one of Anilji's favourite 'bhajans', *Kusum kali sa mera manas* – a prayer to the Mother. This was followed by the chanting of a 'shloka', inspiring quotations and the recitation of 'The Divine Worker', a sonnet by Sri Aurobindo, setting the tone for the assembly.



Narrations, accompanied with pictorial presentations on Anilji's life-journey and his contributions, took the audience on a trip down the memory lane. His family and friends fondly reminisced anecdotes about him – seemingly insignificant incidents that articulated the values he constantly chose to live by. It filled those who had known him with nostalgia, and giving the others a sense of the ethos of which he was the quintessential personification: his ever-smiling face, which later became the symbol of constant support and fraternity for many, his passion for sports, and his meticulousness and punctuality. A *karmayogi* in the true sense, his life was a journey of reflective quietude, self-discipline and immense inner strength.

An inspiration for all, his memory and legacy lives on!

## Integrated Project Day - Class 3(Primary Wing)

January 21, 2022



Integrated Activity Day of Class 3 was held on January 21, 2022. The event was marked by an online opening ceremony in which the children briefed the audience about the theme of the event. Each child took part in one of the nine workshops which were conducted by parents who are experts in different fields. The workshops offered were on Odissi Dance,

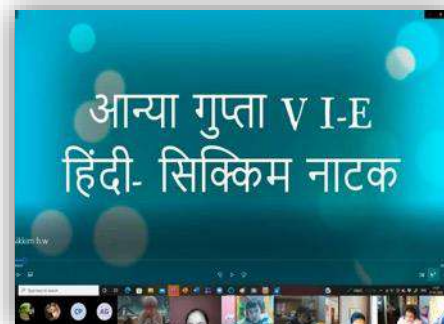
Science Experiments, Fireless Cooking, Puppet Making, Sutli Craft, Drama and Geometry.

A dentist and an ophthalmologist addressed the children and demonstrated ways in which they need to take care of their teeth and their eyes. The workshops provided an enriching experience to the children.

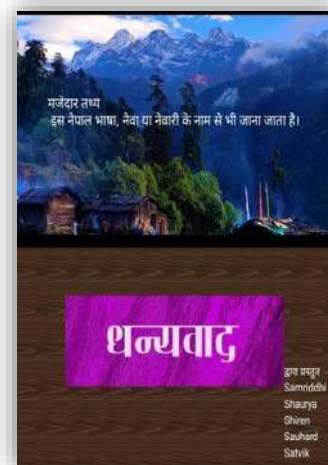




The *Bhasha Seekho* activity was conducted under the ‘*Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat*’ programme. It was aimed at introducing the different Sikkimese languages to the students. For this activity, a list of 100 sentences from 08 (eight) regional languages of Sikkim were compiled. Each class was divided into 8 groups of 4-5 students and each of these groups was assigned one Sikkimese language. Students could do this activity individually or in groups. They recreated the sequence of sentences provided to them into a story, dialogue, or a play according to their preference. The students also made posters on social messages in slogans in Sikkimese language and gave instructions related to sanitation, health, *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan*, etc. They were instructed to present the activity in the class and video recordings of the same were done by the teachers.



The topics were shared well in advance and the students were encouraged to practise during the winter vacation. This activity proved to be a unique experience for both the students and teachers. They got the opportunity to know more about the culture of Sikkim and learn about a new language.





The students, on behalf of the Electoral Literacy Club, celebrated the 12th National Voter's Day on January 25, 2022, through a virtual presentation. The presentation raised awareness on voting rights, history of the Election Commission, election phases, digital innovations, etc. It also included a few real-life stories of people who displayed real faith in Indian democracy by exercising their right to vote despite limiting circumstances. The presentation concluded with beautiful posters made by the students along with the official voter's day song. Besides this, to create aware and enlighten the citizens of the future, an intra-school quiz was conducted involving students of the Lyceum Club and Quiz Club. It was an enriching experience not only for quizmasters but for all the participants as well.

## Republic Day Special Assembly-2022(Primary Wing)

January 25, 2022

*'The Indian flag is the symbol of our freedom, national pride and history.'*



India's 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated through a virtual special assembly on January 25, 2022 by the students of class V in collaboration with the P.E. Department.

The values of courage, peace and prosperity as symbolized by the colours of Indian National Flag were highlighted. The students struck a chord with the viewers through their performance, igniting patriotic zeal and fervour. Series of photographs showed India's saga of progress since ancient times to the present day, making everyone feel proud of the great nation and its contribution to the world.

English Day was celebrated in the Primary Wing this year, on January 27-28, 2022.



To mark the occasion, the lessons and activities planned for the day were conducted in integration with other subjects like Mathematics and Hindi by the subject teachers. The medium of instruction was English for the videos, power-point presentations and the colourful worksheets that were shared with the students. This made the event very interesting and joyful for the students. The activities ranged from playing Simon Says, fun with words (Homophones), tongue twisters, crosswords based on the story read, idioms, proverbs and many more. Art and craft integrated activities ignited the creative minds of the children. The myriad activities left them delighted and asking for more.

## Webinar on International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 27, 2022



UNESCO, along with Alliance Francais, German and Israel Embassy organized a webinar on January 27, 2022, to pay tribute to the memory of the victims of the holocaust and reaffirm its unwavering commitment to counter antisemitism, racism, and other forms of intolerance that may lead to group-targeted violence. The webinar was attended by 10 students of Class 9 along with the Social Science faculty member, Ms. Malvika Pathak.

The webinar began with the introduction of the director of Alliance Francaise, Mrs. Shashi Chaturvedi, after which the director of UNESCO India took over the floor to pass on the Secretary-General's message along with his own comments on how spreading awareness about the holocaust is of utmost importance in times such as these. As one witnesses the rise of antisemitism and hate speech globally, there is an increased need to realise how important it is to educate people about the causes and dynamics of such crimes to strengthen the resilience of people against hatred. A video was then shown in which Dr David Silberklang took us through the origins of the holocaust,





treatment of Jews and the extremist approach of the Nazis after which the floor was opened for questions. Through the answers and explanations provided by significant personalities like Reuma Mantzer from the Israel embassy, Arnaud Lion and the like, the participants gained an indepth understanding on the holocaust and the oppressive Nazi ideologies which had led to the persecution of 6 million innocent people. The objective of the webinar was achieved, and the overall session discussion benefitted the faculties and students. It would help us to protect the truth and keep the memory of the victims of the Nazi regime alive and to remember that “Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it”.

## Inter-house Mathematics Quiz

January 28, 2022

Annual Inter-house Mathematics Quiz for the year 2021-22 was held virtually for students of Class 9 and 10. The quiz had five rounds – Number series, Find the relation (participants had to find a suitable relation between the two pictures), Game of Chances (based on probability), Everyday Mathematics and Lacrosse Stick (participants had to solve a list of short questions and the first letters of all the answers put together would make the name of a famous mathematician).

At the end, Aspiration House secured the first position, Sincerity House secured the second, and the third position was bagged by Perfection House.

## English Poetry Festival: Class 2(Primary Wing)

February 3, 2022

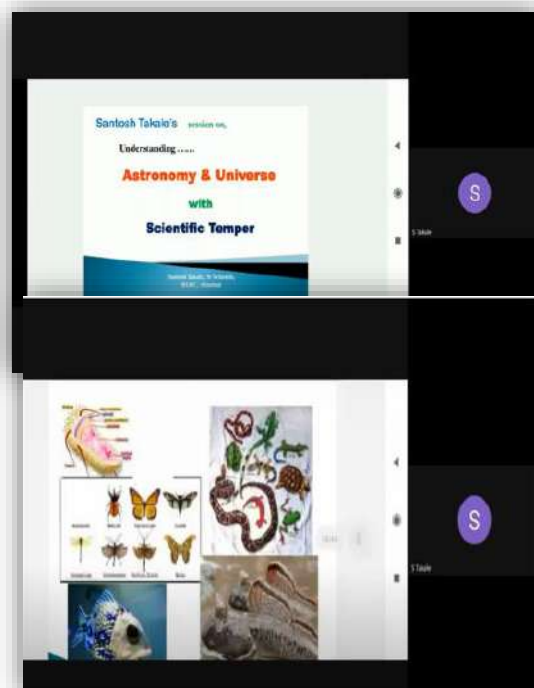


Poetry recitation is one of the important and effective modes of learning a language in the early years. To showcase the skills of poetry presentation, a virtual English Poetry Festival was organised by Class 2 on February 3, 2022. The theme chosen was ‘Fun Poems’. Children came dressed in colourful outfits and used creatively crafted props to enhance their presentation. They were excited as they waited for their turn to recite the poems. Reciting in front of an audience surely helped boost the self-confidence of the children.

## Webinar on Understanding the Universe with a Scientific Temperament February 4, 2022

Over 70 students from classes 8 to 10 and teachers from The Mother's International School had the chance to dive into the secrets of the universe with an esteemed researcher in Astronomy, Mr. Santosh Hiranman Takale. Mr. Takale is a senior scientist at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, India's premier nuclear research facility headquartered at Mumbai. He has 24 years of professional and academic experience in the field of science and aspires to inculcate "scientific temperament" to achieve sustainable development goals.

In this webinar, he shared his thoughts on evolution of the universe and each celestial system. It was an engrossing session that anyone could attend and learn from, whether it was a student from the 6th grade or a teacher. His interactive tone and extremely relatable examples enhanced knowledge and understanding. Mr. Takale talked about the age and making of the universe, mentioning the contribution of Indian philosophers and rishis in making accurate and path-breaking predictions about the universe a long time ago. He emphasized on the fact that dwelling with pride in the glory of ancestors is not enough, but one must also continue to work towards taking the legacy forward by cultivating curiosity and scientific temperament.



## Ashram Foundation Day - Delhi Branch

February 12, 2022



The 66<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of Sri Aurobindo Ashram - Delhi Branch, was celebrated on February 12, 2022 on the virtual platform. The morning assembly aired on MS Teams traced the story of the surprise turns of events in the life of Shri Surendra Nath Jauhar and his destined “chance” meeting with The Mother that led to the foundation of the Delhi Ashram.



Through recitations, bhajans, narrations, the pictorially enriched presentation mapped the enshrinement of Sri Aurobindo's relics and the solemnization of the Delhi Ashram as the only 'branch' of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry. It also encapsulated the various activities of the Ashram undertaken by the inmates in pursuit of an integral life as envisioned by Sri

Aurobindo and The Mother, and its manifold humanitarian projects for the benefit of many. The presentation ended on a joyous note celebrating the much-deserved conferment of 'Padma Shri' award on Tara Didi, who has been the backbone of the Delhi Ashram over the last four decades, selflessly striving towards continuous progress of the establishment.



## Integrated Project Day: Class 1

February 15, 2022



The Integrated Project Day of Class 1 titled 'Grow, Bloom and Blossom with Plants' was held on February 15, 2022. The purpose of working around the theme was to help children learn to care for resources and build certain important life skills. The programme began with a welcome note to the parents, followed by story narration based on the theme. Through demonstrations like making a healthy snack and preparing organic compost, children shared their understanding of the concepts they had learnt.



As a part of creative expression, children displayed their handiwork made out of natural material. They also presented their research on various topics related to the theme. The programme concluded with the song '*Aao milkar haath badhaye*'. It was heartening to find the little ones participate in the event with great enthusiasm and joy while spreading awareness for the care and protection of environment.

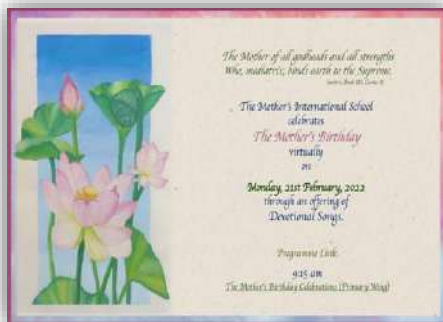




The Primary Wing offered an array of devotional songs virtually to celebrate The Mother's birth anniversary on February 21, 2022. The brief interludes woven with 'bhajans' helped everyone know more about The Mother. The programme concluded with a beautiful 'diya dance' by the children. The 'bhajans' and the 'diya dance' charged the atmosphere with divine adoration.

## The Mother's Birthday

February 21, 2022



The radiant sun rays on the chilly morning of 21<sup>st</sup> February shone down on the world below. Amidst the luminous clouds that seemed suffused with hope and almost bursting dreams, it came, like a crack of blue across the golden dawn, splitting the skies open in a new consciousness. The 144<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of The Mother was upon us - a day that is each year, bathed in peace and solemn prayer. The virtual assembly to commemorate The Mother's Birthday commenced with a musical offering. The ceremonious notes of the organ slowly stirred the day into the auspicious occasion and soon transitioned to the rhythmic voice of The Mother herself, humbling us all and invoking Divine presence.

Images of The Mother with children, lovingly guiding all those around her and touching them with her grace and much like the early bloom of springtime that filled the air, glimpses of flowers peacefully unfolded, as sincere and ardent devotion flowed through each note of the rich vocals.



The Mother's Birthday is usually celebrated with an offering of devotional songs, with all students and teachers gathered together in the Hall of Grace.



Though circumstances did not permit that this year, recitations fully expressive with faith and gratitude, took each one back to the enchanted atmosphere of the Hall of Grace, each word resonant and echoing within. Capturing Her all-encompassing wisdom, glowing strength and tranquil nature, The Mother was invoked in all four of her aspects as Mahakali, Mahalakshmi, Maheshwari and Mahasaraswati.

The sweet smell of incense and display of flowers was replaced by melodic compositions on the sitar and guitar, guiding the flow of the assembly along with the violin and flute. Accompanying messages of The Mother once again reminded one of the Divine Will and the duty to fulfil it. Throughout the offering, the careful flawless work and quiet perfection in each performance was testimony to the complete surrender of the students and reverence for The Mother.

Boundless joy washed over the day... through The Mother's constant presence, there was a harmony, a collected peace that calmed restlessness and apprehension, and all the teachers and students came together in celebration.

### **“Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” Campaign Celebration of SIKKIM DAY February 2022**



Under ‘*Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat*’ campaign, students of Class 8 were asked to explore the rich cultural heritage of Sikkim. Sikkim is a unique blend of different religions, customs and traditions of different communities.

Celebrating Sikkim as part of State Day, students were asked to undertake a variety of activities like making traditional Sikkim's masks, jewellery, scroll painting, recording songs and dance from the region.

## Laurels

Date	Events	Name of the Student/s	Position
12.4.2021	<b>BCIPS</b> Inter- Institution Debate on Agrarian Laws	- Bhasvar Adlakha- 12 - Abhimanyu Singh- 12	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
		- Vidushi Mohan- 12 - Aryaman Bhatia – 12	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
29.4.2021 & 30.4.2021	<b>Birla Vidya Niketan</b> India - A Multi- Cultural Saga	<b>The Making of New India</b> - Samaira Kapoor-10 - Adrija Paul-10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
	<b>IONISTA</b> The Chemistry Club	- Parv Jain- 12 - Dhruv Chhabra- 8	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
22.4.2021 to 07.05.2021	Restore Our Earth- Every Action Matters Campaign	- Nishtha Mehra – 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
		- Hoshika Gupta- 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
		- Shambhavi Singh- 10	Consolation Prize
01.05.2021	<b>Gyan Bharti School</b> Avneshan And Mathemania	<b>Fun with Science</b> - Naysha Jain- 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
		<b>Digital Photography</b> - Shlok Maheshwari - 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
16.07.2021	<b>Vasant Valley School</b> Synapse 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Science Festival	<b>Video Challenge Event</b> - Ishita Ghai- 6 - Suvir Taneja – 6	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
26.7.2021	<b>GYAN BHARTI SCHOOL</b> Mathability 2021	- Suryansh Mishra-8 - Deepa Kumari-11	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
26.06.2021 to 30.06.2021	<b>Apeejay School</b> Tinker Fest	<b>Article Writing</b> - Nitya Gupta - 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
		- Shambhavi Tewari - 8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
		- Shreeya Sinha - 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
26.06.2021 to 05.07.2021	<b>HARIT UMANG OLYMPIAD</b>	<b>Tree Plantation</b> - Dhruv Chhabra- 8 - Pranav Kapoor- 8 - Netra Kapoor- 9 - Chirag Gupta- 9 - Shreeya Sinh-9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anya Gupta-9</li> <li>- Bhavna Jain-9</li> <li>- Pushan Banerjee- 9</li> </ul>	
01.06.2021 to 04.07.2021	<b>SCHOOL LEVEL SHORT VIDEO COMPETITION</b> Organised by IIT Delhi's - Ocean Engineering Society, Marine Technology Society, Women in Engineering and Signal Processing Society.	<b>Category I (6 to 9)</b>	
		- Shweta A. Nair-6	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
		- Namya Madan -8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
		- Shlok Maheshwri – 8	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
		<b>Category II (10 to 12)</b> - Aarna Sareen- 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
June 2021	<b>India Today TMQ- Art</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Madhushree Singh -11</li> <li>- Aditi Singhal – 11</li> <li>- Arka Banerjee -11</li> </ul>	4 <sup>th</sup> Rank
10.7.2021	<b>Gyan Bharati School</b>	<b>Postage Stamp Designing Competition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aarushi Bawa – 12</li> <li>- Shreemayi Nainwal- 12</li> </ul>	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
		<b>Diary Entry</b> - Adrija Paul- 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
14.7.2021 & 15.07.2021	<b>The Sanskriti Model United Nations Conference</b>	- Abhimanyu Singh- 12	Spl. Mention
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aradhaya Adlakha -12</li> <li>- Maanya Chaturvedi-12</li> </ul>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Position
17.7.2021	<b>Gyan Bharti School</b> MNEMOSYNE 2021	<b>Best Speaker:</b> Prachi Kapoor - 11	Rolling Trophy
		<b>Poetry Writing and Recitation</b> <b>Second Position:</b> Aiden Juneja - 10	
		<b>UT PICTURA POESIS – Artwork Inspired by Poetry</b> <b>First Position:</b> Aarushi Bawa - 12	
		<b>Debate Best Team:</b> The MIS	
24.7.2021	<b>Cambridge School</b> Gizmo Prodigy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aiden Juneja- 10</li> <li>- Neepun Nandan -10</li> </ul>	1 <sup>st</sup> Rank

Date	Event	Name of Participants	
01.08.2021	Air Force Bal Bharti School Rendezvous -2021	<b>Comedy of Errors</b> - Aradhya Garg- 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
		<b>Creer Une Bande- Dessinee</b> - Yashika gupta-8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
06.08.2021	<b>THE BIZZONOMY CLUB- THE BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS CLUB</b> Mind Your Business-2021 Sanskriti's Premier Economics and Business Competition	<b>Quizzonomics</b> - Arnav Gupta- 11 - Aditya Attree – 11	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
07.08.2021	Cambridge Foundation school XIX BDMC 2021 Pan India Inter School Competition 2021	<b>Gizmo Prodigy</b> - Aiden Juneja-10 - Neepun Nandan-10	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
		<b>SagunNirgun</b> - Amrit Raj Sinha- 6 - Averi Tris- 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
07.08.2021	Jayshree Periwai International School Mathletics'' an Online Inter school Quiz	- Pankhuri Gupta -8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
10.08.2021	DPS Dwarka Off line Hindi competition	- Vigyapan Nirman - Niharika Sehgal –8	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
		- Mukhauta Nirman - Myra John – 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
13.08.2021	Mother's Global School Inter-school Quiz Competition	- Dhruv Chhabra - 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
14.08.2021	DPS Dwarka	<b>I OBJECT</b> - Shreeansh Pujari-11 - Prachi Kapoor – 11	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
		<b>Kavya Manchan</b> - Saanvi Gautam - 8 - Mehar Aggarwal – 7	Consolation Prize
		<b>Mukhauta Nirmaan</b> - Myra John- 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
		<b>Poster Nirmaan</b> - Niharika Sehgal – 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
14.08.2021	DPS Dwarka	<b>Sanskrit Poster Rachna</b> - Vedika Chhabra-7 - Shambhavi Saraswat-7	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize

		- Dhruv Chhabra-8	
		<b>Outbreaks of The PAST</b> - Lavanya Gadia- 10 - Samata- 10 - Sara Gupta- 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
		<b>Collage Poster Making</b> - Devanshi Pahwa- 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
21.8.2021	Delhi Public School Dwarka Annual Festival-2021	<b>Coterie</b> - Suvir Taneja- 6 - Rohan Sadasivan-7 - Aditya Nandan- 8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
		<b>Just a minute(French)</b> - Siddharth Jain – 9 - Netra Kapoor – 9 - Adrija Paul – 10 - Samaira Kapoor - 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
		<b>Poem Recitation (French)</b> <b>“LA NATURE”</b> - Amogh Abhiraj- 6 - Stutee Dawar-7 - Yashika Gupta – 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
		<b>Hindustani Solo Vocal</b> - Divyansh Maurya- 8 - Ihaa Gautam- 10 - Sifat Kaur Malik-9	Special mention Prize
		<b>Hindustani Solo Vocal</b> - Amrit Raj-7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
		<b>Sanskrit Shlok Uccharan</b> - Arohi Mukhopadhyay-6 - Aditya Keshav – 7 - Aradhya Porwal - 8	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
		<b>Flux- Physics (6-8)</b> G- Force - Tathagata Banerjee-8 - Aditya Nandan-8	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
		<b>ORATOR’S ORB</b> - Aditi Patra- 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
21.8.2021	Delhi Public School Dwarka Annual Festival 2021	<b>MIC Drop</b> - -Ruhaan Krishna-10 - - Darsh Vohra- 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize



		<b>MONOLOGUE</b> - Netra Kapoor- 9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Position
		<b>SLAM THE GAVEL (DEBATE)</b> - Yukti Verma -11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Position
<b>21.08.2021</b>	<b>Vishwa Bharti Public School , Noida</b> Resplendence 2021	- Adya Agarwal-10	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
<b>22.08.2021</b>	<b>Indraprastha World School</b> " Unnat 2021"	<b>संस्कृति: संस्कृताश्रिता:</b> - Nayanashree Bhattacharya-8	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
<b>03.09.2021</b>	<b>ASN Senior Secondary School</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> ASN Yamuna Wealth Inter School Cultural & Literary National Online Fest -202	<b>Prakrati Vandana</b> - Shambhavi Saraswat-7 - Dhruv Chhabra-8	1 <sup>st</sup> Consolation Prize
<b>09.10.2021</b>	<b>International Literary Fiesta</b>	<b>Chaupai Vachan</b> - Amrit Raj- 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
<b>23.10.2021</b>	<b>Indraprastha Global school, Noida</b> USTAV 2021	<b>The Quizoholics</b> - Dhruv Chhabra-8	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
		<b>Unsung Flavours'</b> - Ishani Kar-10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Position
<b>23.10.2021</b>	<b>LCF DU Mayo'21</b>	<b>Spell Bee</b> - Aarna Sareen-10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Position
		<b>Declamation</b> - Netra Kapoor- 9	1 <sup>st</sup> Position
		<b>Solo Song</b> - Shinjini Banerji-11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Position
		<b>French Reading</b> - Risha Srinivas- 11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Position
		<b>Poetry Recitation</b> - Suhashini Sanyal-11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Position
<b>18.12.2021</b>	<b>अन्वेषणा</b> Delhi Public School, Rohini	- Dhruv Chhabra - 8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
<b>24.12.2021</b>	<b>Chinmaya Geeta Chanting</b> Chinmaya Mission	- Abirami Ramesh- 7	Special Mention
<b>29.12.2021</b>	<b>DPS, R.K. Puram</b>	<b>The Blend Art event of Art Poetica</b> - Misha Sharma - 11 - N Rajareethiga - 11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
<b>06.01.2022</b>	<b>Amity International School</b>	<b>Bazinga Quiz</b> - Roshit Chakraborty-9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
<b>28.01.2022</b>	<b>Delhi Public School</b> Vasant Kunj	<b>Wanderlust</b> - Avantika Agarwal- 6 - Ishita Ghai - 6 - Meher Aggarwal - 7 - Sahana Singh - 7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
		<b>Kadambini</b>	

		- Akshaya Sharma- 6	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
		<b>Kalarachna(Western Folk Art)</b> - Stutee Dawar - 7 - Nandini Sharma-8	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize

<b>Delhi School Sports and Cultural Activities</b> <b>Zone- S- 23 (South)</b> <b>Zonals 2021-22</b>		
<b>Basketball</b>	Junior Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
	Junior Boys	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
	Senior Girls	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
<b>Badminton</b>	Senior Girls	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
	Senior Boys	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
	Junior Girls	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize
<b>Football</b>	Junior Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
	Senior Boys	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
<b>Table Tennis</b>	Junior Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
	Senior Girls	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
	Junior and Senior Boys	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
<b>Chess</b>	Junior Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
<b>Athletics</b>	Senior Boys and Girls	Best Athletes

### 3. Mirambika free Progress School

Annual Report 2021-22



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Mirambika Free Progress School  
Sri Aurobindo Ashram – Delhi Branch  
Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi 110016

The first day of the academic year 2021-22 of Mirambika Free Progress School began in virtual mode on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. Being the year of the pandemic, all activities went online except for the last 5 weeks of the year. The Diyas, along with the children, lit diyas and chanted mantras and slokas to start a new journey together.

### Learning through Projects:

The teaching method of mirambika is based on projects. It plays a vital role in the way of the children's learning.

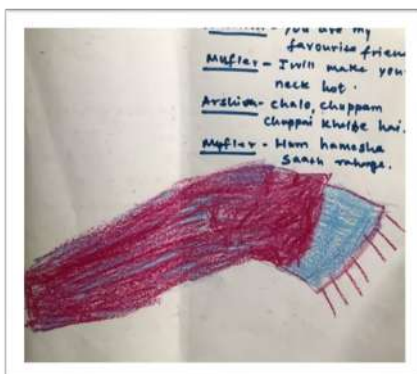
It develops the child's ability to work with his or her peers, building teamwork and group skills. It allows the teacher to learn more about the child as a person. It also gives an insight into the child's imagination, conception and subject knowledge among others.

Based on this learning method, both younger and older groups took up a number of projects individually and as a group. Here are some glimpses into the project work carried out in the school as well as other activities which form an integral part of the school programme.

The online mode continued for almost a year. Fortunately for us, the entire school came back together physically for the last 5 weeks of the academic year. This was a significant moment for all of us. We all returned, more convinced that before that there is no substitute for direct communication amongst diyas and children in the learning process.



After the lockdown was lifted, **Red Group** children came to school for the first time. Children gradually settled with their group diyas and made friends. They enjoyed their sessions by



listening to stories, doing art and craft, singing songs and playing in the sandpit.

**Blue Group** children took up the project of Thand ki Rani and counting with pattern designing. Children reflected how thand ki



raani looked like and where she stayed. Also children made a story book about thand ki raani.



Children learnt counting through seeds and different types of beads. They enjoyed making different types of shapes and designs.

### Green Group

As the children started to grow, their bodies became of interest in the Green Group and they drew pictures and wrote about how their body behaved. As the Sports Day was round the corner, this project became all the more relevant and important. Children learnt to master skills such as gymnastics, Hula hoops, and Yoga postures. Children also improved their vocabulary as body parts were observed and identified. The development of senses also took place simultaneously. The sense of taste, hearing, sight and touch were explored through blindfold games, riddles and songs. The activities required children to make use of their other senses while one was being 'covered'. Number skills were also developed alongside.

### Yellow Group - Project on Cycle and Vegetable

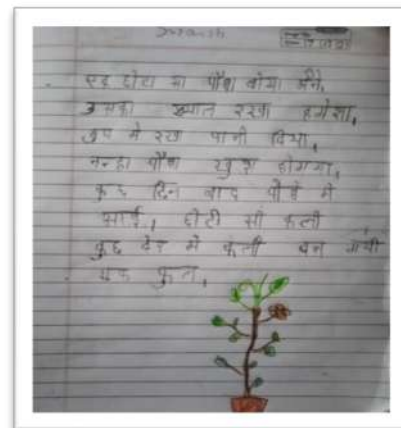
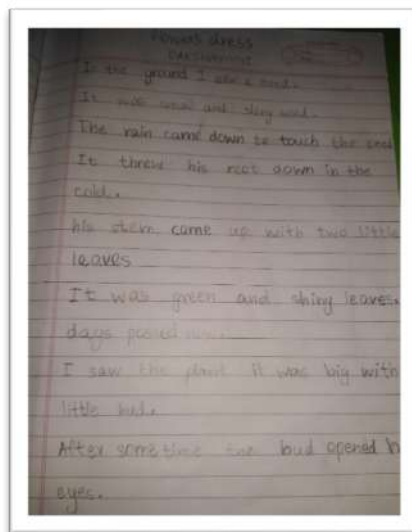
To channel their exuberant energy, children started working on the topic, 'Cycle'. Riding and balancing the cycle was one of the life skills that all children learnt. Cycling around the big track, narrow track and through the neem grove landscape was the most exciting experience for them. This helped children to become more confident. They learnt to muster physical, emotional and mental challenges that surface while riding the cycle. Along with cycling, children learnt to use the new words (parts of a cycle) and phrases in their readings and written work.

The next topic was "Vegetables". This topic was taken for children to know about different vegetables. Seeing the pictures of the vegetables, they identified the vegetables. They learnt the English and Hindi names of the vegetables. Children took interest in observing vegetable





videos which were sent to them. They observed through the videos that some vegetables grew under the soil (root vegetable), some over the ground and some on trees. Their relation



with the vegetable kingdom developed through a variety of activities. Describing the shape,

and colour of each vegetable and writing about them was a part of their language learning programme. From their own imaginations, they made a new vegetable and gave it a name.

### Orange Group - Project on Trees

Through this project children studied different parts of trees and their uses. They wrote poems both in Hindi and English language.

### Pragati Group – Project on Bharat and Measurement

Pragati group took up the topic on our country “Bharat” as a project. The aim of the topic was to know about our country, to discover how the name of this nation has evolved through time and what are the stories behind the name. Children also related to this topic well and did different activities. The children interviewed their parents and relatives to know about the name of the country and how it had evolved. They read lots of stories and through this they increased their language reading ability, vocabulary and creative writing. They also shared the stories and developed the hand skills like model making of Bharat, counting the number of teeth in a lion, and the chakra used in Mahabharat by Abhimanyu.



Children of Pragati wrote about what they knew about the heroes of our myths and legends.



Another project taken up by the children was “Measurement”. The children learned mathematics by experiencing it in their everyday life in the created environment. The skill of measuring length from the smallest unit to one kilometre distance was explored in the outdoors and indoors by making a scale with a strip of paper and with wood. These scales were used to measure different objects and places in the group and in the surrounding during that time period.

## Unity Group

Individual projects on philosophy, blood circulatory system, and Chinese community in India etc. were taken up.

The project on *Philosophy* focused on different aspects of philosophy starting from the meaning of philosophy. In Latin, the word *philosophia* means the love of wisdom and the child explained that philosophy includes experience, knowledge, wise response and unwise response.

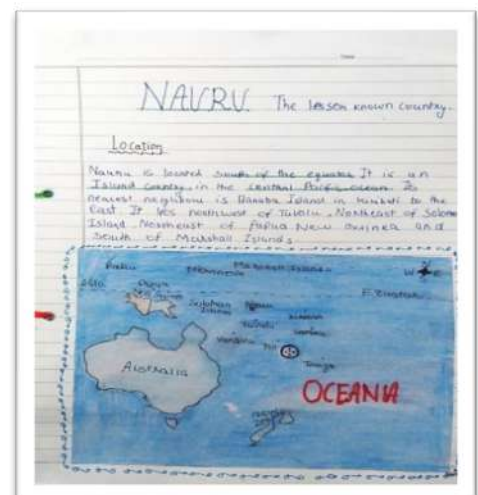
The project on *Blood Circulation* explained the full process of blood flow from the heart to each cell of the body, functions of the arteries and veins, parts of the heart and their functions, lungs and the air exchange process.

The project on *Einstein* gathered information about Einstein’s childhood, education, interest, family life and discoveries. The child also mentioned a few very relevant quotes from Einstein’s writings.

The project on *Chinese Community in India* looked into a few famous Chinese travellers and philosophers like Fa Hien, Hiuen Tsang and I Tsing and also studied about the origin of Chinese community in India, different Chinese sub-groups in India and China Town in India. The child narrated about her own family and how they settled down in Kolkota, coming all the way from China. This child had an opportunity to present the same presentation with the mirambika diyas. This presentation was appreciated by all.

## Gratitude

Gratitude prepared charts on new countries they had either visited or were keen on visiting in the future. It was interesting to see that there was not only variety but also interest in lesser known areas.





These projects were followed up with a study of birds and the group, along with the Perseverance and Tranquillity groups went to the bird sanctuary in NOIDA.

This follow up was meant to encourage a lasting interest in migratory birds and their conservation.

## Tranquillity

**Languages:** This group of children took part in host of activities. In languages, they learnt about body parts in Sanskrit, and questioned one another using the question words, 'what, where, and who'. In English, the use of quotation marks were explored and learnt. With this direct and indirect speech was introduced and some exercises carried out. We also read a few chapters from Sunil da's life in first person, as the children were curious about him after listening to the meditation music they listened to during concentration time online.

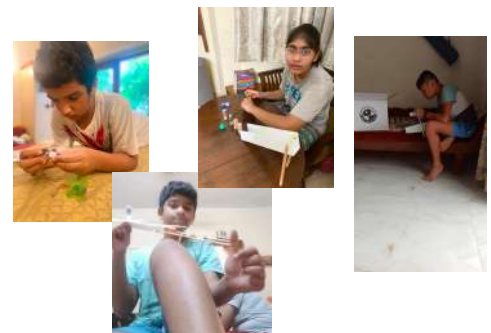
**Mathematics:** Children explored integers, rational numbers, fractions, exponents and Powers. These were revision lessons and one child took up one of these and presented to his or her peers. It was a good way to learn as children opened to one another and appeared to learn better through peer teaching, with didi facilitating. In addition to organised Mathematics classes in the group, children attended Math Mazza on Saturdays where number games were played such as tic-tac-toes. Children also made the Mobius Strip and construction patterns.

## Project

**Sciences:** Children took up projects and did experiments on motion and Speed. Children performed the following "My Stem Lab" activities related to motion :

- Motion set up – rectilinear, oscillatory and circulatory motion.
- Propeller Car – based on Newton's third law of motion.
- Catapult – illustrates an example of a simple machine and the concept of three class of levers also revised.
- Parachute – Children have learnt working of a parachute, and also the nature of forces acting on a freely falling body.
- Glider – Children have made model of a glider and have learnt about nature of forces acting on a glider and also learnt that how Newton's third law of motion describes the take-off of a glider.
- Contraption – Children are learning to organize tasks. Using mechanical energy, conversion of the same into kinetic energy by rolling a ball down on an inclined plane and further converting it to electrical energy to light an led and run an electric fan are the main features of the activity done by the children.

## Children at work on Motion in their homes





Children also enjoyed making presentations on Scientists and Nobel Laureates like Isaac Newton, Einstein, Steven Chu, Nikola Tesla.

**Geography and Biology:** Children took up a project on Landforms and the Flora and Fauna therein. They first viewed a National Geographic Video Clip, "A Desert Created by Water". Their interest generated some discussions and each child choice areas to work on. Interest generated discussions and children eventually present their understanding of Volcanoes, Deserts and Caves  
Mountain, Table mountains, Plateaus, Valleys, Deltaic Plains.

### Glaciers

- ALPINE Glaciers
  - Found in mountainous areas
  - Smaller than ice sheets
  - Lengths greater than widths
  - It only covers a small region
  - the alpine glaciers are shaped U form as you can see in this picture



PIEDMONT Glacier



### Desert



Children studied how these landforms are formed over time, and the appearance and nature of landforms across different Biomes. Children learnt the definitions of landforms and biomes and went about their project. They then prepared a PPT of their chosen landform across three biomes with insights into the flora and fauna of the regions and presented to their group mates online. Here are excerpts from two of the presentations.

**Social Sciences:** Children took up the study of countries of the world and presented their understanding. The countries chosen were Bhutan, Spain, Tanzania, The Netherlands, France, Scotland and Brazil. Children examined the political structure of the country, the government and language/ languages spoken, social conditions, Assignments were posted on map work, climate and seasons of the countries.

### On Brazil



### Perseverance

The children took up studies on important persons in India who participated in the freedom movement. They then explored what science was. One child concluded that Science was something that helped them understand or make someone understand how everything works; that it helped in learning. That there is science everywhere and that it was part of our lives; from a scissor to an apple, everything has and is science. There was also the sense that science is the solution to



everything, example, “When we do mathematics we use our brain, which is under science, another example when we use a pen/computer or whatever you can use to type or write or even draw is under science. Even your body is science, so when you move your hand you guessed it, it’s under science. So if I define science in brief it is something that helps us know the things around, it helps us build the things around, and finally it helps think about the things around.”

Children did a presentation of cells and their functions. They also did drawings on different plant cells in the root, stem and leaf. Children learnt about the parts of a flower and its role in sexual reproduction in plants. Children also worked on Light, Electricity, metals and non-metals as well as the Periodic Table. They carried out experiments on these and on plastics, glass and paper and made presentations of their understanding. They also worked on a well-known scientist who had contributed to the development of scientific thought.

### Project 1 - Periodic Table

- Understanding the periodic table
- Appreciating how we live in a world of elements
- Comparing the properties of element with the qualities we possess
- Oxygen helps to create energy as I do
- Carbon makes friends easily and is loved by everybody
- Nitrogen cycle is needed to remove bad things
- Noble gases are like us, contented with ourselves, complete and aloof



The Industrial Revolution was taken up in depth. The debate amongst historians was studied, including its exact timeline, why it began in Britain as opposed to other parts of the world and the idea that it was actually more of a gradual evolution than a revolution! Children concluded that regardless of these questions, the Industrial Revolution had a transformative economic, social and cultural impact and it played an integral role in laying the foundations of/for the modern societies.

### Regular polyhedrons

- Regular polyhedrons are polyhedrons that have the same number of faces that meet at each vertex and the faces are made of regular polygons.
- Some examples of regular polyhedrons are tetrahedron, hexahedron, octahedron, dodecahedron and icosahedron, known as platonic solids.



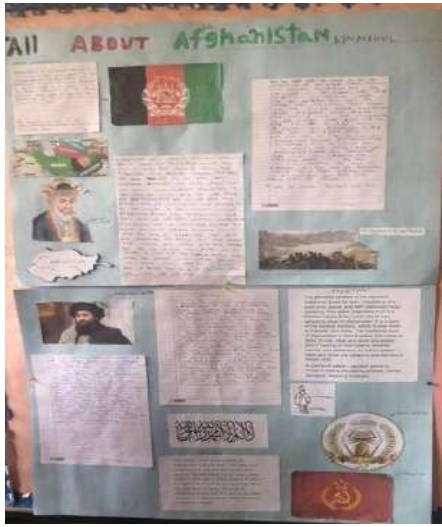
One topic children enjoyed in Mathematics was Geometry. Though an online class, it was made alive by getting children to make their shoes and colour them. This was made into a PPT presentation and shared during one school celebration to all the children.

In English Language, children composed poems and wrote their stories. Here is one composed by a child:

***His fur was rough and very small,  
As he rubbed them on the bark,  
He loved the travellers who explored his land.  
With their caps and fancy shoes,  
He also liked their friendly faces and big smiles  
And the travellers loved him too!***



A study on our neighbours was taken up by the children. Here a brief history of the country, its geography, and the social conditions were researched upon. India's relationship with that country was also examined. The findings and understanding were presented when the children returned to school over a week. Here is a presentation on Afghanistan by a child.



The children also sent some posters on Environment Protection and Keeping Healthy competitions organised by Environment Department, Delhi Government.

### Co-curricular Activities and Celebrations

Mirambika not only focuses upon the intellectual development, but also takes care of children's emotional, physical-cultural and behavioural development in their early ages of development by inculcating moral values, responsibility, self-reliance and social awareness. We are doing it through different co-curricular activities and school celebrations.

Parents welcoming their little ones with a story on trees enacted before Red group children during the 2021-22 session.



Independence Day and Sri Aurobindo's birthday celebrated with zeal.





Raksha Bandhan and Janmastami is celebrated by making Rangoli, Dancing, doing puppet show, writing and reciting poems and enacting movements of Lord Krishna.



Children celebrated Dussehra with the vibrant Dandiya dance, recitation of Hymn to Durga, telling the story of Nava Durga, enacting the drama of Mahishasur Mardini with dance movements accompanying the chanting of Ya Devi Sarva Bhuteshu.



Christmas was celebrated in advance on 24th of December with all its importance. The little ones organized a lovely program on the life of Jesus Christ. Carol singing by children was the highlight together with the arrival of Santa Claus.



### Physical Education and Sports:

The school has always been keen in taking the initiative to get the best out of sports and physical education. The medal was designed by the perseverance group children taking elements from different designs that were made for Christmas. The reindeer was chosen for its speed, and its power of not only running but jumping and living in both cold winters and hot climates; its strength, majesty and grace.



Sports day was celebrated with the March-past and Physical demonstration followed by marathon and relay race. It was a grand sports day for children returning after two years of confinement in their homes due to the Pandemic lockdown.

The younger groups re-joined and rejoiced by dancing and doing yoga at the same time. This creative and at the same time enduring display was very much enjoyed by all.

Skating was focussed on after nearly 2 years of being online.

The sports day ended on a carnival mode with the children setting up special skills corners involving hand eye coordination, sensory challenges, concentration and attention and strength



and aiming, among others. It was indeed a most wonderful time for the whole school which stayed outdoors, enjoying the coolness of winter and the warmth of a mellow sun.





## Workshops



Mirambika conducted a number of Integral Education Workshops commemorating Sri Aurobindo's 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary. These online workshops were conducted for Teacher Educators, In-service teachers as well as student teachers. In many of



these workshops, virtual classroom observation was an important feature. The participating colleges were Shyam Prasath Mukerji College, Miranda House, Lilavati Munshi College and Jesus and Mary College. The numbers online were usually within 30 and in one case, we accommodated 58 students with 2 faculty members. We also conducted onsite two and a half day camps for two batches of 26 students from Amar Nath Girls' Degree College from Mathura. Besides classroom observations, whether virtual or onsite, we often had involved interactions with the teacher educators and students on various issues in education. The courses involved a basic Introduction to Integral Education, the tenets of Integral Education – Physical, Vital, Mental and Psychic Education, Sensory and Faculty Development, The Aim of Life, Language and Initial Math in the Integral classroom, and general Questions and Answers sessions. The online sessions included some physical activities too. Significant highlights of the onsite workshops were Shramdaans in the mornings and the physical education sessions in the evenings.



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Residential Integral Education and Project-based Learning workshops were also conducted in Madhuban, Ramgarh for schools in Nainital District between 18-24 July. Twelve schools and 34 teachers in all attended this workshop. All the participants were put through four workshops in a year to enhance their grounding in integral





education concepts so that they could practice better in their own schools.



These workshops were a stimulating opportunity to engage with young minds and offer another possibility of viewing and practicing education. It made us question ourselves and our practices from within and consolidated our beliefs.

***End of Report***

## 4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

### 4.1 Sri Aurobindo Education Society

#### SRI AUROBINDO EDUCATION SOCIETY

Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi-110016

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31 MARCH 2022

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT
<i>CAPITAL FUND</i>	
As per last Balance Sheet	14,35,000.00
ADD :- Life Membership recd.	14,35,000.00
<i>GENERAL FUND</i>	
As per last Balance Sheet	13,45,93,195.22
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	65,30,052.39
<i>CURRENT LIABILITIES &amp; PROV.</i>	
Other Funds	15,01,645.00
Total Rs.	14,40,59,892.61
<i>ASSETS</i>	
<i>FIXED ASSETS</i>	2,78,57,361.00
<i>CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS &amp; ADV.</i>	
Due from Others	26,80,000.00
Security Deposit (MCD) Water	645.00
Advance Income Tax	40,851.34
<i>FIXED DEPOSITS</i>	11,14,37,945.00
<i>CASH &amp; BANK BALANCES:</i>	
Cash In Hand	0.00
Bank Balances	20,43,090.27
Total Rs.	14,40,59,892.61

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2022**

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
Donations		75,60,337.00
Interest on Fixed Deposits		23,91,092.00
Interest on Fixed Deposits FC		2,324.00
	Total Rs.	99,53,753.00
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Advance Tax Unrecoverable		00.00
Audit Fees		3,540.00
Bank Charges		11.61
Depriciation		31,30,161.00
F C Renewal		5,000.00
Legal and Litigation		1,300.00
Mirambika College Expenses		00.00
Postage & Telephone		5,332.00
Printing & Stationary		107.00
Property Tax & Ground Rent		1,255.00
Rents and Taxes		200.00
Scholarship & Prizes		00.00
Service Charges		24.00
Water & Electricity		2,76,770.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure		
Transferred to General Fund		65,30,052.39
	Total Rs.	99,53,753.00



## 4.2 The Mother's International School

**THE MOTHER'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**  
**SRI AUROBINDO MARG, NEW DELHI**

**BALANCE SHEET (ABRIDGED) AS ON 31ST MARCH, 2022**

<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
FUND ACCOUNT	5,52,59,451.41
OTHER FUNDS ACCOUNT	19,69,13,816.64
CURRENT LIABILITIES	73,44,266.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,95,17,534.05</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
FIXED ASSETS	7,07,77,133.57
CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS & ADVANCES	18,86,67,028.07
CASH AND BANK BALANCES	73,372.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,95,17,534.05</b>

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (ABRIDGED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST  
MARCH, 2022**

<b>I N C O M E</b>	<b>A M O U N T</b>
TUITION FEES	18,32,21,874.00
OTHER SOURCES	4,14,81,814.00
TOTAL	<b>22,47,03,688.00</b>
 <b>E X P E N D I T U R E</b>	
SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES	17,72,94,776.00
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	57,07,254.00
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	67,69,442.00
DEPRECIATION	52,43,804.73
ADMINISTRATIVE & OTHER EXPENSES	1,02,93,278.31
TRANSPORT AND CONVEYANCE	40,389.00
APPARATUS, CHEMICALS & CONSUMABLE STORES	21,82,245.00
ONE TIME CONCESSION FOR FULL YEAR FEE PAYMENT	7,64,814.00
LOSS ON ASSETS DISPOSALS	6,974.69
TOTAL EXPENSES	<b>20,83,02,977.73</b>
SURPLUS	1,64,00,710.27
TRANSFERRED TO RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT	35,66,721.00
TRANSFERRED TO DEP. RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT	30,08,237.00
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>98,25,752.27</b>
TOTAL	<b>22,47,03,688.00</b>

### 4.3 Mirambika Free Progress School

**MIRAMBIKA FREE PROGRESS SCHOOL**  
**SRI AUROBINDO EDUCATION SOCIETY, SRI AUROBINDO MARG, NEW DELHI-110016**  
**BALANCE SHEET (ABRIDGED) AS ON 31-03-2022**

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT
SRI AUROBINDO EDUCATION SOC.	00.00
UCO Bank overdraft	76,69,295.23
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ASSETS	
Fixed Assets	23,414.00
CASH & BANK BALANCE	
Fixed Deposit	1,04,290.00
UCO SB 3400	2,17,861.59
UCO SB 6238	1.00
Income and Exp.	73,23,728.64
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	76,69,295.23
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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (ABRIDGED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2022**

INCOME		Amount
Fee collection		69,06,152.00
Admission Fees		6,250.00
Environment Grant		20,000.00
Interest Earned		31,681.00
Late Fees		43,138.00
Registration Fees		3,025.00
	Total	70,10,246.00
EXPENDITURE		
Repair & Maintenance		16,52,297.00
Audit Fees		25,960.00
Bank Charges		1,245.22
Books and Stationary		14,551.00
Conveyance & Transport		1,90,446.00
Environment Grant Utilized		0.00
Depreciation		4,133.00
Food Expenses		54,411.00
Fixed Assets Written off		74.00
Function Expenses		2,333.00
Medical Exp.		1,69,544.00
Prosperity to volunteers		3,82,500.00
Rent		6,00,000.00
Postage & telephone		4,652.00
Water & Electricity Charges		3,71,575.00
Interest on Bank Loan		4,70,434.00
Property Tax		3,55,994.00
Misc Expenses		65.00
Science Lab Expenses		425.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure		27,09,606.78
TOTAL		70,10,246.00