

PRE – PRIMARY DEPARTMENT PROJECTS (2020-21)

ONLINE CLASSES

Undeterred by the pandemic, the school took on unprecedented challenges using various online tools to ensure that the teaching learning process continued unhampered. Teachers themselves became learners and overcame the obstacles of technology. Online Classes began soon after the lockdown was imposed from 25th of March, 2020. E-lessons were shared in the form of slides and presentations for a week till the teachers equipped and trained themselves in online tools. Live lessons across all classes began from 1st April, 2020.

ONLINE TOOLS

The following online platforms are being used by teachers:

- **Google Meet** for Live Classes
- **Google Classroom** for sharing presentations, videos, quizzes and assignments
- **Google Forms** for Online Assessment for all classes across III – XII
- **Colab Jupyter Notebook** for Computer Science and IP practicals
- **Jamboard** as White board for teachers
- **Microsoft Teams** for Artificial Intelligence sessions for classes VII to X and online teaching for classes I-V
- **One drive** for collaboration of Holidays Homework
- **Microsoft Forms** for online surveys and feedback forms.

CRISP MODULES & ONLINE LEARNING PORTALS

- **Connected Classrooms App by CRISP** has been introduced as a bridge between classroom teaching and guided learning at home for students of classes I-V. With **CRISP**, the students get additional material prepared by the teachers to enhance their learning of the subject matter.
- Students of the Middle Department have been provided access for **online learning portals such as Khan Academy, Funtoot and Mindspark**. Regular assignments from such portals give the students an in-depth understanding and application of mathematical concepts.

VIRTUAL TOURS

Virtual tours are comprehensive, immersive and filled with fascinating insights. Learning was made interesting and joyful with virtual visits of museums, memorials, heritage sites and factories. Several Virtual Visits were organized across all classes:

- War Memorial
- Zoo
- Parliament Museum
- Rumtek Monastery(Sikkim)
- Red Fort
- Amul Factory

These tours were followed by discussions and group activities based on the same.

REMEDIAL CLASSES

Remedial Instruction becomes very important in times like these. It helps address learning gaps in learners. Special remedial classes are being organized everyday after school instruction time is over. All students who are academically weak or have frequent absence or attention issues are part of these classes.

VIRTUAL PARENT TEACHER MEETING

A one-to-one **Parent Teacher Meeting** was held in the first week of May across all classes to form a connect with the parents, understand their concerns and give a feedback with respect to their ward's participation and performance in the online classes. In addition, teachers make '**Care Calls**' to parents of all classes from Pre-School to class XII.

CARE AND CONNECT

Care and Connect is a beautiful initiative taken by the Bal Bharati fraternity to maintain a regular connect with all the stakeholders. Through this enterprise, innovative ideas are shared with the parents on how to engage their child, both at an individual level and together as a family during the lockdown phase. Some of the areas covered are :

- Developing Empathy
- Exploring Within
- Strengthening family as an anchor
- Nurturing Interests

ONLINE ORIENTATION PROGRAM

- Since the school closed down before the students of Pre School could join, an **Online Orientation Program was conducted by Ms. Poonam Tyagi, Headmistress, Pre-Primary Department**, who welcomed the parents and made them aware of our school system.
- The journey of the Pre-Schoolers began with their stepping into virtual classrooms assisted and guided by their caring class teachers. The class has been divided into smaller groups to enable children to establish a personal rapport with their teacher.

CBSE ACTIVITIES

Name of the Activity	Month	Classes
Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Tour • Creation of Newsletter • Study of Cuisines • Study of Monuments of Sikkim and Delhi 	June 2020	PP - XII
Art Integration Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study of basic forms of cell using clay. • Pixel Art based on different Indian Art forms • Brochure making on history of Madhubani Paintings • Sketching and painting of monuments on graph paper 	July 2020	III - XII

INITIATIVES

- **Library Activities** are planned for students and links of apps that offer a plethora of audio books and e-books are being shared with them in order to foster the reading habit.
- The **HT School Edition**, the **e-paper**, is being shared with students and parents on Class WhatsApp groups.
- Our **Art department** has been preparing short video-based lessons, explaining how to create beautiful pieces of art and craft.
- **Meal Planning Lessons** are shared with students every weekend to cater to their creativity, keep them occupied and to allow them to contribute in the domain of kitchen.
- The **Sports instructors** have been sharing videos with students, wherein they are performing easy-to-do exercises and yog with the aim to help students and their family members to stay fit and healthy while at home.
- The **Music Department** has been disseminating the knowledge of Music to children through its crisp video lessons, detailing the nuances of playing various instruments.
- Our **Dance Department** have been honing the aesthetics and dancing skills of students through their elaborate videos on various dance forms such as Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Kuchipudi and contemporary among many others.
- **Household Task weekend activities** like singing, dancing, spending time with their grandparents, watering the plants, doing small household tasks are given to the children in the Pre Primary classes.
- The Primary Department introduced '**Staycation**' - a video guiding and encouraging students to plan a vacation at home during the summer break.
- The Prefectorial Board took an initiative '**Maa ko Salaam'- A Tribute to Mothers**', offering a platform to the students to showcase their feelings for their mother and organised a series of activities on Mother's Day.
- The Prefectorial Board shared a motivational video '**FIR MUSKURAYEGA INDIA**', showcasing their involvement in various activities during the lockdown period. It was a novel effort made by them to make their viewers smile and find ways to be happy.
- **Maalik Sambhal Lena**, a motivational video prepared by the students of class XI and XII was shared across all departments with the parents and was highly appreciated.

Happiness Program

To infuse happiness and positivity among children and to energise their body and mind, a Happiness Program has been introduced in classes I-V. **The program includes breathing exercises, meditation, story telling sessions and other expression activities.**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

A number of activities have been conducted in classes I to X as a part of the **English Language Programme** initiated by **Ms. Rekha Sharma, Education Advisor**, with the aim of making students proficient in the usage of English language. The following are being shared with the students on a regular basis:

- **Age appropriate Active vocabulary words.**
- **Recorded videos of poems and speeches by famous poets/ speakers.**
- **Names and synopsis of suggested novels/ books by famous authors which are a must read.**
- **Audio files of the correct pronunciation of Active Vocabulary words.**

A project called '**Project Covid**' was also done by the students to reinforce COVID related vocabulary.

- **ART INTEGRATED LEARNING (AIL)**

All departments have adopted Art Integrated Learning (AIL) as part of their curriculum. Students engage in art activities and construct personal meaning through their learning in an art integrated environment. Below are some activities conducted from July to October, 2020.

Class	Subject	Topic	Art Form (AIL)
I	Mathematics	On book cover/ earthen pot/ bottles/ plastic box etc	Warli art
II	English	Thumb printing	Creating a garden

- **HAPPINESS CURRICULUM**

Studies have shown that schools teaching happiness skills academically outperform schools teaching a standard curriculum. We follow a specially designed Happiness Curriculum in the Pre-Primary and Primary classes to broaden students' thinking skills and to fuel positive emotions in children. As part of the happiness curriculum class, students undergo meditation, value education and mental exercises to build on their positive strengths.

- **Draw what you would consider a happy day.**
- **Using colors of happiness, create a collection of paintings* which represent a spectrum of happiness, from contentment to ecstasy, in different styles: realism, abstract painting, etc.**
- **Paint a picture of a happy person's face and explain all the elements that make that person's face happy.**
- **Make a photo collage of your happy moments.**
- **Use paper, clay, beads, fabric, etc.* to represent the happiest day you remember.**

- **NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

October is observed as National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) globally. It is important to continue to raise awareness about the importance of cyber security across our nation. Students across all classes were encouraged to protect their part of cyberspace with emphasis on personal accountability. Various activities were conducted in accordance with NCSAM.

- Creating Posters
- Making Presentations
- Cyber Safety Quiz
- Story Narration
- Group Discussion
- Poem / Song Composition
- Colouring
- Skit
- Video Making
- Collage Making

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- Audio files of the correct pronunciation of Active Vocabulary words.
- Passage containing the vocabulary words to teach the application of the same.
- 'Very' words

READING PERIOD

Fluent reading is new to the children of Class I and II, and to make it a habit, a Reading Period has been introduced where they are given exposure on how to read fluently and with expression. The librarian motivates them to post their reading videos on her email which children do regularly.

WORD OF THE WEEK

An initiative has been taken to improve the vocabulary of the children of Class I and II through 'Word of the Week'. A word is introduced every week and its meaning and usage is discussed everyday. Through this daily reinforcement, their vocabulary as well as reading and writing skills have shown marked improvement.

HINDI DIWAS

To promote love and respect for Hindi, children of Class II presented a special E-Assembly on Hindi Diwas on 14th September, 2020. They took part in speeches, poem recitation and elocution in Hindi. There was a dance performance by students based on Saint Kabir's Saakheeyan and their relevance in our daily lives. A number of activities for other classes were also organised.

Virtual Assemblies are conducted across all departments for the students, who attend the same in their school uniforms. It gives them a sense of belongingness towards one another and the school and also promotes their mental health. These assemblies impart discipline in their lifestyle and encourage the School Spirit.