

ISA UPDATES 2020-2021

- **Mother's Day** -The students of the Montessori, Primary, Middle and Senior departments were encouraged to celebrate this year's Mother's Day on 10th May 2020 in a very special way with their mom by doing special things for her. Many novel ideas were suggested to the students, such as making a card, making a special breakfast, making a Key Chime or making a dough foot / hand print memento for her and so on. The students enjoyed the day a lot with their mother and shared beautiful photographs and videos with their respective Class Teachers.
 - **International Day of Families** –The students of Montessori, Primary, Middle and Senior departments participated in a plethora of activities to celebrate the International Day of Families on 15th May 2020. The students made beautiful Thank You Cards for a family member, planned a picnic within the house or a photoshoot at their favourite spot within the house. The students enthusiasm and love for their family was evident from the number of photographs and videos that they shared with their respective Class Teachers and Class Reps to show how they enjoyed this beautiful day which was even more unique this year, since the whole family was together for the whole day, owing to the lockdown.
 - **Generation Global, Tony Blair Face to Faith Foundation**, encourages virtual dialogue among students beyond barriers of time and space. A team of our students from class X has been actively engaging in virtual dialogue with their peers by posting their thoughts and ideas on the Gen G website. This has enabled them to transcend borders by indulging in a meaningful dialogue.
1. Bal Bharati Public School, Pitampura, is working on a **collaborative project** on 'Self Care and Resilience' amidst COVID with **Dapto High School, Australia**.
 2. Students across classes have participated in the **Japan's Goi Peace Foundation Essay Writing Contest** on the theme 'A Letter From Myself in 2030' and the **Korea India Essay Writing Competition**.
 3. **An International Certificate Program** (to be conducted as a mix of online as well as Offline content) has been introduced by the **Danish Embassy** for July- December, 2020 for the students of classes I- XII. 29 students from the school have registered for the program.
- **Nandini Dixit, Bhavika Julka, Sanvi Chopra and Nehal Goel of class VIII** got the opportunity to interact with Ms. Vaishali Dabke (Teacher at Goethe Institute, Pune). It was an exchange programme between German learners from Delhi and Pune. The students exchanged their ideas on the topic - GESUND LEBEN (Good Habits For Being Healthy).

- **Korean Cultural Centre India, Embassy of the Republic of Korea** organised an **#InternationalEssayContest 2020** on the topic "How will I Introduce South Korea to my Friends" (junior group) and "How South Korea Inspires Me" (senior group). The competition was open for the students across classes VI-XII. Sixty six students sent their entries. **Ananya Garg, of Class XI got the III position comprising of a certificate and a cash prize of Rs 5000/-.** **Manya Arora, of Class XI got a special prize of Rs 2000/-.**
- **Virtual Tour To TRAFFIC TRAINING PARK**_Under the ISA theme of Road Safety, a virtual tour was organised to Traffic Training Park on 20th August, 2020 for the children of class I. Children were explained about three modes of transport (land, water and air) and were also made aware of the basic safety rules.
- **Road safety**_ Special E- assemblies were conducted for the children of classes I and II on Road Safety on 27th and 28th August, 2020. Children gave demonstrations of important rules using apparatus and road sign flashcards.
- **International Day Of Peace** -The students of classes I and II celebrated the day on 24th and 30th September, 2020 respectively. The students presented themselves as peace messengers in e - assemblies and spread the message of peace and love.
- **World Literacy Day**- An E- assembly was presented by the students of classes I and II on 8th September, 2020. The students presented a vibrant song and dance show, made badges & bookmarks and recited rhymes.
- **World Gratitude Day**- Students of the Primary Department indulged in some interesting activities, such as making gratitude trees, gratitude jar and writing thank you letters.
- With the aim to empower the students, the Middle and the Secondary department has taken an initiative '**Traversing Territories**' to embed Research work as an effective pedagogical tool in its curriculum. This project intends to inculcate global awareness among students and to create global citizens who understand, respect and work well with people from diverse cultures and backgrounds.
- An assembly on the theme '**Virtual World**' was conducted by IX B on 29th October, 2020. The students presented ideas and facts in French, German, Sanskrit and Hindi. The virtual tours to Germany, France and India gave the assembly an international dimension.
- **FIRKI, in partnership with British Council**, has launched a five-part series from November 2020 to February 2021. This series focuses on improving classroom practices and professional development. The ISA member teachers attended the following sessions:-
 1. Using Social Media Effectively for Learning and Development
 2. How to Work on Differentiated Teaching to Cater to Differentiated Learning

3. Literacy Instruction for First Generation Learners in Rural Contexts
4. Differentiated Teaching in Language Classroom
5. Focus on Monitoring and Evaluation

- **WISE Foundation** in association with Nordic- Baltic consult group has conducted an online International Certificate Program from July-December, 2020 for Classes I to XII. The students interacted with the best minds in the Nordic Baltic region and were mentored by the alumni of the best institutions in India like IIT Madras and IIM Ahmedabad.
1. Nav Malik of Class XII participated in an online internship program and headed the team as a leader for the Market Research Team, Market Operation Team and Content Development Team.
 2. Virraj Sindhwani of Class I got the Second Position and a Cash Prize of Rs. 3000 in a Public Speaking Competition of this programme.
- Our school is a part of ongoing **International Flipgrid collaboration on 'Life in Covid times' with JS Morton High school, in Cicero, Illinois, US.** Students of Classes XI and XII are part of it. Many students have shared videos which have been approved.
 - **International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust:** Spreading Education and Awareness. Students of Classes IX and XI along with teachers attended the webinar organized by United Nations Outreach Programme on 29th January, 2021 on the theme - Facing the Aftermath: Recovery and Reconstitution after the Holocaust. Episodes from Anne Frank's diary were shown followed by a question-answer round.
 - **VIRTUAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM:** Ten students and three teachers of the Pre-Primary Department interacted with the children and teachers of Beacon House Private School, Oman, through a virtual exchange program on 27th January, 2021. The students shared their traditions and culture with each other. On 3rd March, a special virtual assembly was organised between the two schools. The students from Oman were welcomed with a bouquet of flowers and greeted with 'Namaskar'. Our children chanted shlokas and displayed yoga poses. A short story based lesson on the topic 'Opposites' was also taken up along with an interesting thumb printing activity.
 - **World Food Day:** Students of Classes I and II dressed up as chefs and participated in fireless cooking activity. They presented various recipes, wearing the traditional costumes of different States, and took a pledge to help create a hunger free world by not wasting food.
 - **World Peace Day and Gandhi Jayanti:** Students from across all classes were acquainted with the ideologies of Mahatma Gandhi through various activities like Role Play, Art & Craft and Speech. A special assembly was organised wherein the students spread the message of spreading peace and living with compassion, kindness and love.

- **World Diabetes Day:** A Virtual Assembly presentation, by the students of VIII- C, on the theme - World Diabetes Day was screened on 23rd November, 2020 to create awareness about the causes of the early onset of diabetes. It also focused on the necessary measures required to embrace a healthy lifestyle.
- Twenty students from the Primary Department, along with Ms. Rashmi Ashtikar, participated in an **exchange programme on Flipgrid with twenty students from Thomas Edison High School, Minneapolis, USA** and their teacher, Ms. Tara Kennedy. This programme helped the students to explore new friendships across borders and boundaries.
- Fifteen students and two teachers of the Middle Department participated in a virtual classroom interaction with the students at **Coatimundi Middle School, Arizona** on 8th February, 2021. The session was facilitated by the English Language teacher at Coatimundi Middle School who explored the topic 'Folklore' with the students of both the schools.