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Art in the Pandemic



Did we ever pause to think or question how and where we were headed before the Pandemic? As an individual or family or country we knew we were rushing headlong into situations dictated by habits and the sheer idea of “going with the flow.” It is rare that we are given an opportunity or luxury of time to relive or rethink any part of our lives. Time was a ‘luxury’ and thinking was futile since we had persuaded ourselves that no one can stem this avalanche of changes engulfing and imprisoning us. There were times when we groaned aloud about time running out and the hectic pace of life.

I’d fallen into a routine but had just broken with that to pursue a dream, wedged a little time to engage with drawing and painting. A friend persuaded me to attend a few classes. Since I had many hobbies that needed some dexterity like Origami and crochet I went willingly. My brother and sister were always considered the artistes in the family—I was into music. Families have a way of ‘slotting’ you and we never break out of it! My initial paintings and charcoal works were surprisingly good! I was the person most surprised. I regularly draw and paint now. My favorite ‘work’ is doing pet portraits for friends. The satisfaction and a feeling of achievement when one successfully completes a work with one’s hands is indescribable.

Mrs. Mala Ramadorai
(Trustee)



WITH PROFOUND GRIEF, WE INFORM YOU THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF OUR OWN BABU SIR, WHO NEVER FAILED TO BRIGHTEN UP HIS CLASSROOM WITH HIS INFECTIOUS SMILE, WHO GAVE US EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT EVERY PROBLEM HAS A SOLUTION. AN AMAZING MATHS TEACHER IS HARD TO FIND AND IMPOSSIBLE TO FORGET. AN INSPIRATION, A MENTOR, A GUIDE, AN AMAZING SOUL THAT IMMENSELY TOUCHED OUR HEARTS

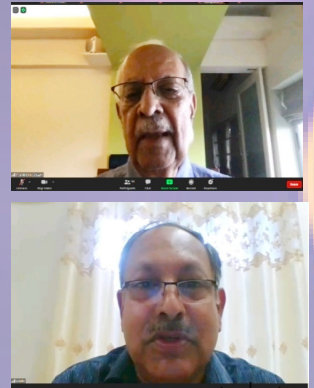
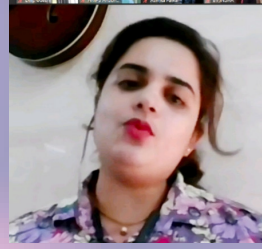
DEEPLY MOURNED & LOVINGLY REMEMBERED BY RAJHANS FAMILY



HAPPY TEACHERS' DAY:

The BKHMC Trust organised a special function to bring together all under one roof to celebrate this year's Teachers day. The event was graced by our respected trustees - Shri. Dileep Udeshi and Mr. Deepak Ved, Director - Major General Deepak Saxena, Bursor - Major Abhishek Singh, Financial advisor - Mr. Bhadada, Security Incharge - Captain Madhukar Khot and Academic Advisor - Ms. Deepshikha Srivastava. Also gracing the occasion were the respected Principals, teachers and administration staff of all schools.

The event was followed by a Musical Evening conducted by Ms. Kala Sridhar from ARK Events which included melodious retro songs. Old melodies were sung live and questions related to them were thrown across to the gathering. Our respected Chairman - Shri. D.D. Udeshi acknowledged the hard work and initiative of one and all during these testing times. Then came the star of the evening - a game of "Tambola", which was organized by Rajhans Vidyalaya. Everyone participated with great fervor and enthusiasm. The winners in different categories and the participants, both enjoyed the game equally. The Teachers' Day celebrations concluded with a vote of thanks.



Teachers' Day Celebration in schools

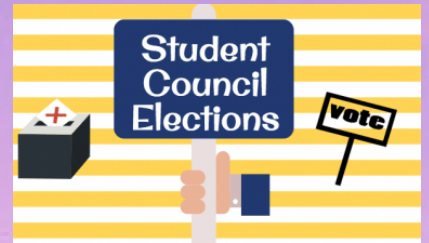
Amidst the pandemic, The Prefectorial Council of each school, HMPS, RU & BKES paid tribute to their mentors through a heart touching online programme. Various programmes like speech, poem, dance, games, antakshri, stand up comedy act were arranged in each school. The team presented virtual cards, bouquet and a cake to all the teachers.



On behalf of the Staff, the respective Principals of each school conveyed profound thanks to the Association of Parents and Teachers and the Prefectorial Council.

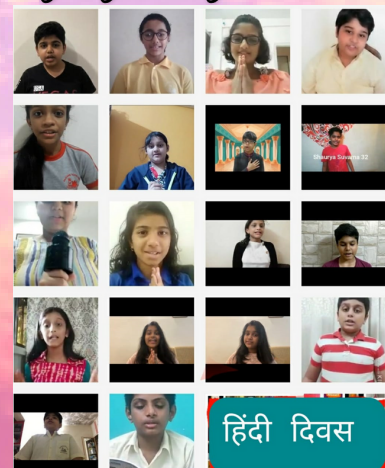
Independence Day Celebrations:

15th August saw all the schools under the BKHMC Trust coming together for the Flag hoisting ceremony through an online programme. All Trustees, Principals, Staff, parents and students were invited to join online for the celebrations. The Chairman of the Trust Shri D.D.Udeshi hoisted and unfurled the National flag and addressed the audience. For Rajhans the day is doubly significant as the school conducts the investiture ceremony. In BKES, Shri Shyam Bhadada, Advisor of BKHMCT hoisted the Indian flag in the Fort school and A video was shown to appreciate the BKES dedicated security personnel, the true covid warriors who guarded the building during the pandemic.

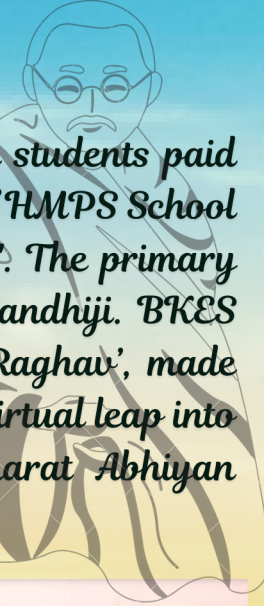


Hindi Diwas:

Hindi Diwas was celebrated on the 14th of September in all schools. The Students celebrated this day by making posters, delivering speeches, singing songs, Kabir Das ke Dohey, Slogan writing, story-telling, etc



Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations



Every school celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with lots of enthusiasm and zeal. The students paid their tribute by rendering songs, bhajans and speeches. Students from Std.9th of HMPS School presented a unique mime act and put up as a video titled 'Statue of Humanity'. The primary section students sang bhajans, made posters, and performed role-plays on Gandhiji. BKES Students commenced with Mahatma Gandhi's favourite bhajan, 'Raghupati Raghav', made posters on the theme 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. Students in all sections took a virtual leap into Sabarmati Ashram. Students participated in the Inter-School Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Painting & Quiz Competition 2020, organised by Malayalam Manorama.

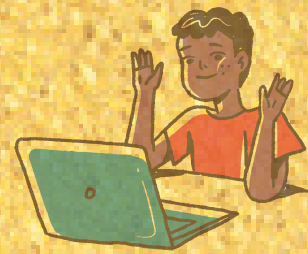


Vachan Prerna Divas:

BKES - On 15th October, 2020 we celebrated this day, with a prayer. Our guest speaker, Mrs. Ranjana Rao madam, from the AB ward South Zone Ed. Dept., shared her journey with the students. A video on the Biography of Dr. Abdul Kalam was shown. Games based on "Importance of Conversation" in regional languages were played. Book Reviews on "Wings of Fire", "Ignited Minds", "You Are Born To Blossom", "Turning Points- A Journey Through Challenges" were summarized by the secondary students. In HMPS, Teachers narrated the life history of our Missile man and presented a video on his life. 3rd Std students made creative posters and 4th std students read 'Song of Youth'



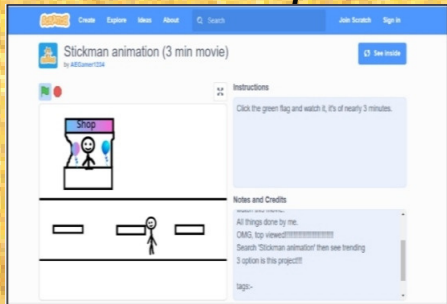
ATL Activities



HMPS

Online ATL Classes & Courses Completed through AIM:

Students attend Online ATL classes regularly. They were taught to make Electronics based projects like Automatic open door project and PIR Sensor based project using tinker cad website, 3D designing of Keychain, App Development Model and Scratch. Mst. Arhaan Ekhlash of Std.6 had created 10 projects using scratch software. His performance has been outstanding in ATL Classes. AIM (Atal Innovation Mission) started Webinar series for teachers providing instructions and training in Mobile APP Development Module by Plezmo, ATL Drone module, Game module and many more. Certificates were awarded to teachers and students who complete the courses.



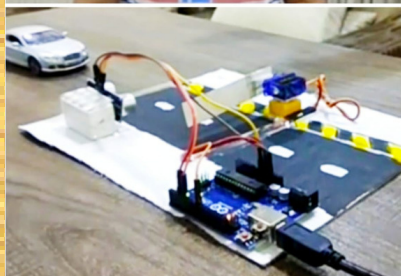
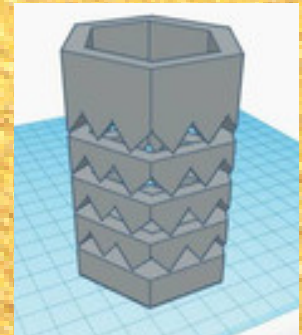
Codeavour 2020

HMPS organized live Webinar series for students for the International Artificial Intelligence and Coding competition from 28th to 30th November 2020. Two hundred students participated in this webinar. They learned about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) based projects with Pictoblox.



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Atal lab online classes are attended by students regularly which includes training for various programming, designing platform. Also students participated in various quizzes, competition, webinars, etc. started by AIM (Atal Innovation Mission). In these months, students also created some interesting projects small paper rockets (Std 5), 3D pen stand, Smart Calculator Mobile App, Giant wheel, Toll Tax barrier and many more.



Green Brigade Activity:

HMPS

The Green Brigade Club of HMPS launched an activity on 22nd September this year in continuance of the school's commitment to taking forward the concept of various recycling activities during the academic year. We have concentrated on the following activities so far.

1) **PLASTIC COLLECTION AND RECYCLING BY BISLERI:** The School has tied up with Bisleri, a leader in the plastic recycling department. A central pickup point has been designated for pickup on a weekly basis. So far we have collected 275 kgs and are currently Ranked No 4/200 and is the only school to collect in Mumbai.

2) **NCSC Project :** The National Science Congress Project Teacher is Ms. Mitali Mehta who is leading and guiding Master. Harshil Rahul Gangar from V111 C and Miss. Megan Kaylynn Sequeira from V1 A for this project. Our Main theme is 'Health, Hygiene and Sanitation and Sub-Theme is "HEAL MOTHER EARTH". We have reached the next round which involved making a video by the children on plastic recycling and a thesis of 3000 words on the project.

3) **SONY BBC Earth Activity :** The Green Brigadiers in coordination with Ms. Mitali Mehta had conducted an online activity where Mr Abhijit Kakade, acted as a guide for "Bottles for Change" project. The students were guided about collection, recycling and recycled products of various types of plastics.



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As part of our efforts towards contributing for cleaner environment , we propose to use this platform to motivate , train and guide our students for plastic recycling methods. We look forward to expand our ideas and creativity to clean up MOTHER EARTH. Items that can be recycled by this activity are: Toothpaste tubes, tooth brushes , homeopath plastic bottles, old plastic toys, jars, food tray, plastic bags, straws, plastic oil cans , milk bags, basically anything 100% plastic which can be used in crushing machine. This all material is collected at our school gate .



Webinar for students

The primary students of HMPS were invited by Nickelodeon Sonic for promoting a new series of Ting-Tong. A Webinar was arranged on "Cyber Matrix - The Web That Shouldn't Entangle You", that featured "How we can be safe in our digital experiences' and Important aspects such as the dark web and Ethical Hacking.



Rajhans Vidyalaya had organised a talk on career path by Mr. Ritesh Jain, from Pratham group. He spoke on various courses to the students. Pratham group offer their services for Career Counselling, Test Preparation, Profile Building, International Admissions & help in assessment & identifying suitable programmes

Communication

Scope Areas

- Online Educational Content
- Digital Marketing
- Corporate Communication
- Public Relation
- Product Description
- Video and Podcasts
- Websites

Salary Ranges of Inbound Marketers
Average salary of inbound marketing jobs in 2017

Job Title	Salary Range (INR)
Content Writer	2,00,000 - 4,00,000
Digital Marketing Executive	2,50,000 - 5,00,000
SEO Executive	3,00,000 - 6,00,000
Social Media Executive	3,50,000 - 7,00,000
Public Relation Executive	4,00,000 - 8,00,000
Product Description Executive	4,50,000 - 9,00,000
Video and Podcasts Executive	5,00,000 - 10,00,000
Websites Executive	5,50,000 - 11,00,000

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Types of Science Careers

- Environmental Scientist**
Environmental Scientist, Wildlife, Fisheries and other fields that protect the environment.
Salary: 250,000
- Pharmaceutical Scientist**
Pharmaceutical Scientist, Clinical Research and other fields that develop and test new drugs.
Salary: 300,000
- Chemist**
Chemist, Organic Chemist and other fields that study the properties and reactions of matter.
Salary: 350,000
- Biologist**
Biologist, Plant Biologist and other fields that study the characteristics and interactions of living organisms.
Salary: 400,000

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- IIT Hyderabad
- IIIT Delhi
- Jain University
- IIIT Hyderabad
- VIT
- SRM

Abroad:

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- Carnegie Mellon
- University of Amsterdam
- University of Waterloo
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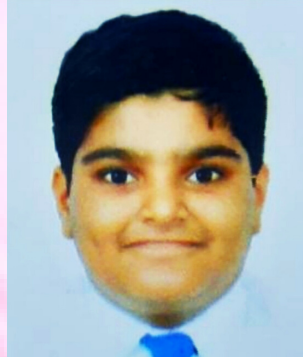
Workshops, Trainings & Webinars: BKES & HMPS

- **NISHTHA:** is a nation-wide teacher's training programme where our BKES teachers had registered to complete 18 courses in March 2020.
- **SCERT:** Taluka level online training for teachers on the topic 'Children's Rights and Safety' was attended by BKES Principal and teachers.
- **HSC TEACHER'S TRAINING:** BKES Jr. College teachers attended the online ACCA Capacity Building workshop for Commerce and Accountancy Teachers.
- **WEBINAR ORGANIZED BY TISS:** were attended by BKES Principal & few teachers. It was based on strengthening psychological safety and addressing stigma.
- **State level Training - Mrs. Swapna Misra** from HMPS attended a three day online training programme organised by SCERT Pune.
- **Let's Make Friends With Science And Maths Online Workshop - October 2020 to December 2020,** TISER Pune's Science Activity Centre has conducted workshop for school teachers to help them incorporate activity based teaching and learning for science and mathematics. The workshop was attended by Mr. Prakash Panchal and Mrs. Dharni Barot, from HMPS Secondary section.
- **Unlocking Dyslexia - Maharashtra Dyslexia Association** organized webinars for HMPS teachers with an aim to spread awareness about Dyslexia and other Learning Disabilities and to work towards creating equal and compassionate classrooms. Three students from primary section uploaded their talent on the face book page of MDA.



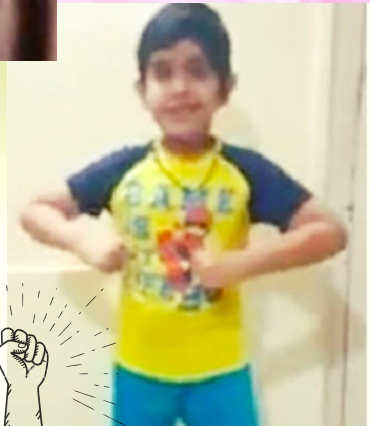
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Korea-India Friendship Quiz:



The 2nd Korea-India Friendship Quiz Contest was held where Mst. Ahmed Sadaat Shamsi qualified for the finals and received a special prize of Rs. 2000.

Solo Dance Performance:



Virtual Science Exhibition

"Virtual Science Exhibition" where Mst. Bhavya Kartik Vin - std 7U A won the 2nd place for his project - Liquid Mixer from waste articles.



Inter-School Online Thali decoration Competition:

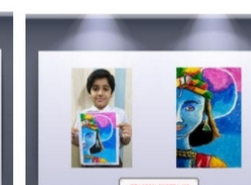
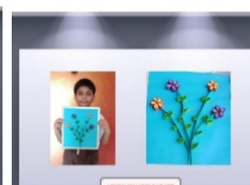
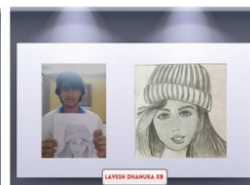
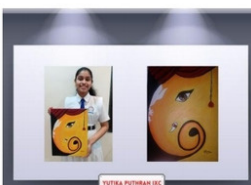
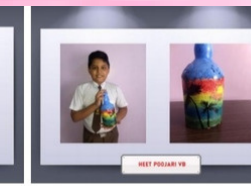
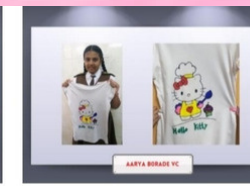
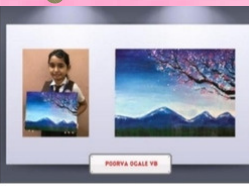
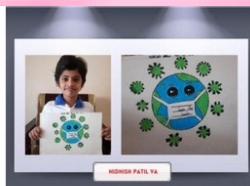


This competition was organised by MCGM education department for the school of K/West ward. Mrs. Kiran Joshi & Mrs. Ruta Wankhade was the judge of the competition. Mst. Aiden D'souza from std 777 B bagged the 2nd prize.



RANGOTSAV - Virtual Art Exhibition:

A virtual art exhibition was organised where students from the Secondary section presented drawings, painting and sketches on various themes using various mediums. Around 230 students actively participated in this activity.



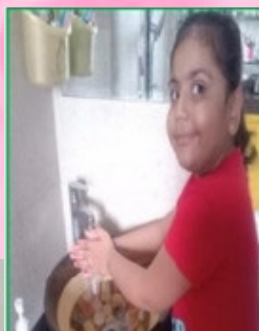
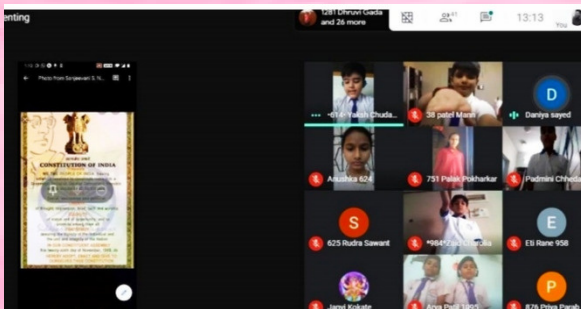
From the Counsellor's Desk



Though times are challenging and changing, but the school authorities have supported the staff, the students and the parents and reminded everyone that we are in this together. As a school counselor I am happy to share that, with whatever little resources I and my children have, with that I could help my children to remain motivated, focused and give their best. During the early stage of the pandemic, I conducted a Google Meet with the APT Members - "Minding Our Minds During Covid 19 Pandemic", wherein tips to deal with children during these times were discussed. Few webinars like "My Safe Place" for LD Children, "Cyber Matrix - The Web which shouldn't Entangle You", "Unlocking Dyslexia" were attended by me as well. This pandemic has taught us that even in the darkest of times there are opportunities for people to shine. I am really thankful to the Management Members, Principal and the Teachers of HMPS for giving me this wide opportunity to learn and enrich myself.

CELEBRATIONS

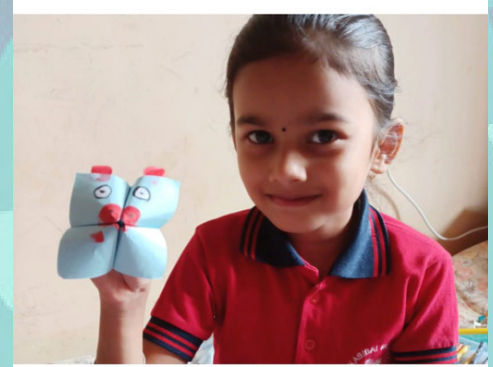
HMPS celebrated various days and festivals with much enthusiasm and activities like making rakhis, cards, making diya, decorating thali, pot and dandiya. Childrens' Day celebration comprised of various games, quiz, role play activity, special songs and dances by students and teachers. We were able to bring a : Retro theme , Funky hairstyle theme, Halloween Theme, Role Play on family members, Game - who am I? , Coin Tower, Straw game, Traditionally Yours. Constitution Day was conducted by Mrs. Narkar, Mr. Mahajan, Mrs. Barot and Mr. Anubhav were Children read the Preamble and its importance was explained to them. Global Hand Washing Day was organised to motivate & raise awareness around the world to improve handwashing habits and to avoid spreading the germs. Tree plantation day was organised for Std 1 students were they planted the seeds and took care of the saplings.



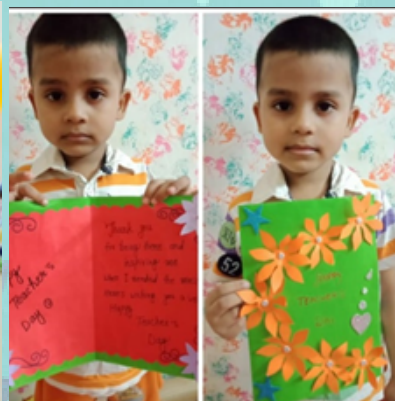
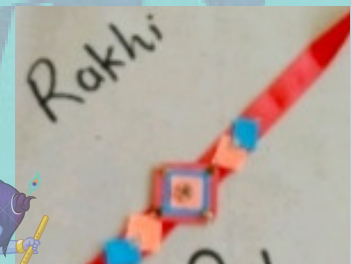


Bai Kabibai Balvatika

When collaboration leads to the invention of something unique, it creates captivating, magical experiences...! We at Balvatika have used every opportunity to make virtual sessions just as effective and enriching. Our teachers created new ideas and strategies in sync with the latest trends in pedagogy to relate with our young ones.



Generated blissful moments during the celebrations like Raksha Bandhan, Janamashtami, Dahi handi, Independence Day, Ganesh Chaturthi, Teachers day, Friendship day, etc which were incorporated to emphasize cultural values. These joyful occasions beamed its pious light in everyone's heart. On Teacher's Day, our children touched our heart with beautiful messages to express their love for us and make our life meaningful.

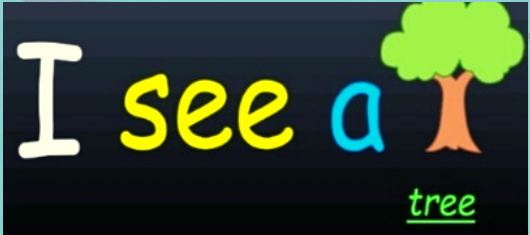


Allowed our young ones to portray their thoughts and ideas in beautiful illustrations. These pics take us all through the journey with our children

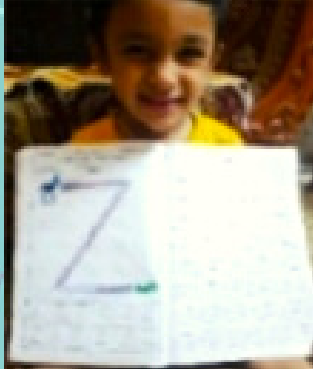
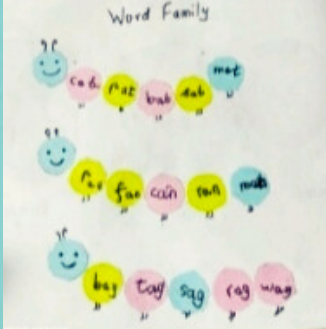
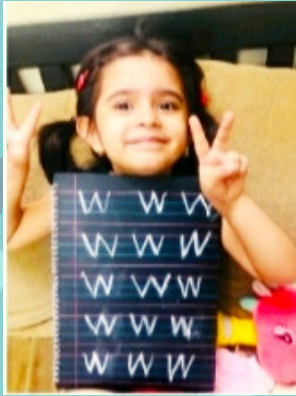


Reading and writing Readiness

Initiating word games and activities like read aloud, sing along, storytelling emphasize the key aspects of reading with phonemic awareness and vocabulary enhancement. Positive experiences interacting with materials like crayons, clay, slate & chalk strengthen their ability to hold a pencil, crayon to draw, colour and write.



Ant.
 This is an ant.
 The ant is red.
 Look at the red ant.
 The red ant is big.



Our children constantly raise the bar and make us proud!!!!

“Being a part of our mission, we thank you as we work together in creating a growth mind set for our children”.



Rajhans Vidyalaya

A Feather in One's Cap:

HT Codeathon is so exciting. I am learning HTML 5, CSS and Javascript to create websites with the help of informative videos, which in turn, prepare me to take up quizzes. I earn loads of points thanks to my performance. I am looking forward to winning amazing prizes as an HT Code-a-thon Champion! Even the mentors' guidance is really good! Real value for money as well — this course is extremely important for students like me because I am preparing for a digital future, where coding will play an important role.

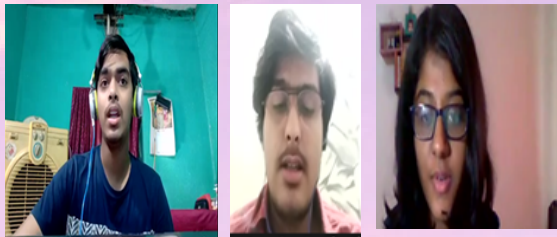


Shourya Pathak, Class 6,
Rajhans Vidyalaya, Andheri (West)



Internal Competitions

Various competitions like Solo dance, Folk dance, Shloka Chanting, English Elocution were conducted for Rajhans students



Virtual Science Exhibition

All India Young Scholars (Aval App) had arranged for "Virtual Science Exhibition 2020". Students prepared 2-3 minute presentation. Topic was not specifically given but students had prepared a topic which is relevant to science. From our school students from 6-9 class had participated.



Art Integration Activity: Social Science

A project work related to tribes of Odisha, Applique work of Odisha, "Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Programme: Textile tour of Odisha & Maharashtra, Agricultural festival of Odisha (Puspuni & Nuakhai), Traditional food recipe, "The Story of an Ancient Indian Tribes through their captivating art" (Orissa - Saura paintings & Maharashtra - Warli paintings).



'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' (National Unity Day) -

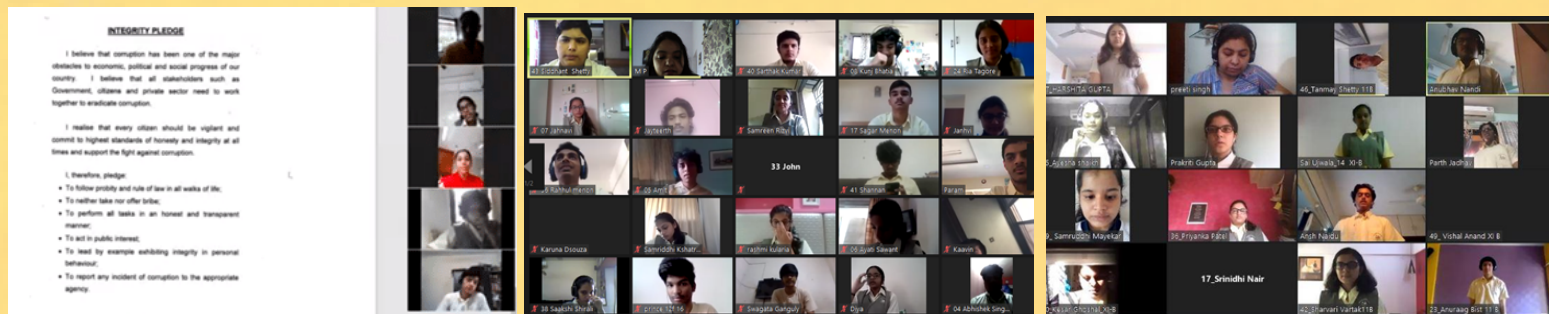
31st October 2020

The birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is being observed as 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' (National Unity Day). Online activities like A Pledge (Oath) taking ceremony, Slogan Writing or Poster Making competition, An Essay writing competition, Colouring activity were conducted to observe this day.



Vigilance Awareness Week

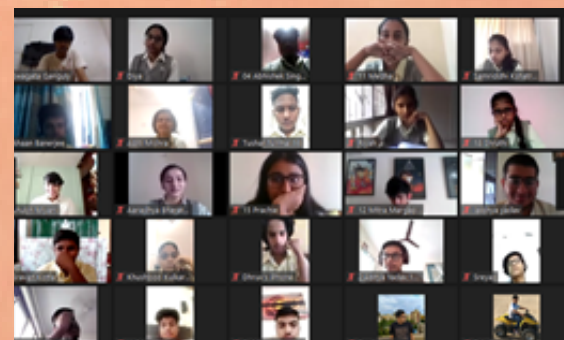
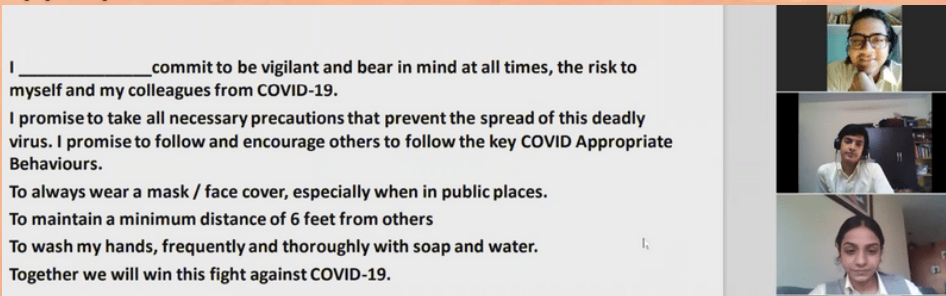
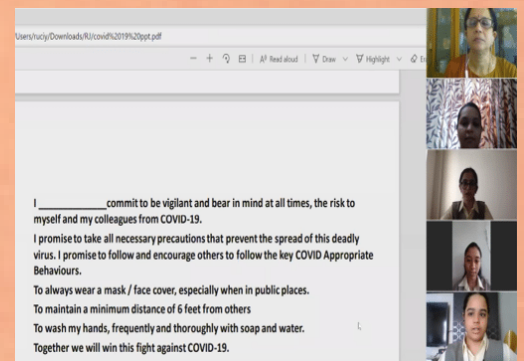
The Vigilance Awareness Week was observed from 27th October, 2020 to 2nd November, 2020. This year, the theme was 'Satark Bharat, Samriddh Bharat' ('Vigilant India, Prosperous India'). 'e-Integrity Pledge' was taken by the students of Std. XI and XII.



Public Health Response To Covid-19

Appropriate Behaviour

As per CBSE directives, Rajhans Vidyalaya hosted this campaign on 29th October 2020 via Zoom Meeting to create awareness regarding Covid safety measure through a power point presentation. All students took an oath where they promised to take all necessary precautions that prevent the spread of this deadly virus and encourage others to follow the key COVID Appropriate Behaviours





Bai Kabibai English School & Junior College

Achievements:



Inter School Painting Competition:

Mst. Varun Patel from Std. V11- B was declared as one of the winners in the Magic Pot Swatch Bharat Abhiyan Inter School Painting Competition.



Ward Level National Science Congress

The synopsis prepared by Ms. Shraddha Upadhyay from Std. V11 B and Mst. Prashant Kanojia from Std. V1 A have qualified for the National Science Congress Project in the Junior Section for the topic "Sustainable Roads".



Celebrations:



BKES students enthusiastically celebrated the festivals Online. For Gopalkala Pre primary tiny tots dressed up as Radha and Krishna. Greeting Card Competition, decorated dahi handi, bansuri and traditional jhula. For Ganpati fest, they made eco friendly idols. diwali was celebrated through mesmerising dance performances, and fun activities like Rangoli making, Diya and Toran making. on Children day, they were amused to see their teachers switching roles and performing songs, dances and e-cards. Students participated in Inter School Ward Level competitions conducted by the Education Dept. in November.





Hansraj Morarji Public School (ICSE)

Little Einsteins:

Discovery is an integral part of science. The children exercise their curiosity while they are engaged in science activities. Hands on experience give the kids a chance to engage their senses and develop Critical thinking. So by tapping into a child's natural predisposition we can nurture and establish a positive approach to science education that will stay with them forever.



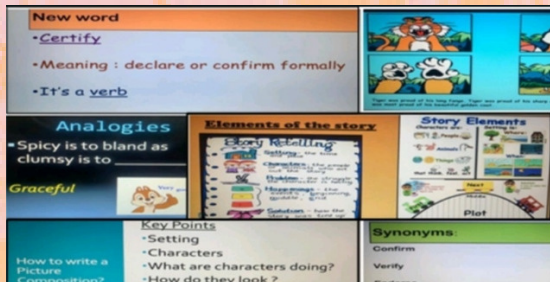
Let's Do it:



Fun has a positive effect on motivation levels, determining what we learn and how much we retain. If the experience is fun, learners will stay curious and keep coming back for more. That is why we at HMPS (ICSE) have given a special place to "project based learning" & have tried to include projects in each subject across the grades.



Vocabulary Building



"Vocabulary is the glue that hold stories, ideas and content together". It is fun for the children of HMPS (ICSE) as they learn & build vocabulary with the help of various other fun tools - Pictionary, Expand the word with Dictionary, Facts & opinion, Storytelling, Analogy, Anagram, Break & make the word, etc.

Celebrations

"Live every day as if it is a festival. Turn your life into a celebration." In line with this, we at HMPS ICSE, celebrate religious as well as national festivals with great zeal and fervour. ICSE, includes various activities across all the grades related to the festivals. The aim is to teach to respect all the festivals and bring unity in their hearts.

Fitness Enthusiasts:



We take care of the physical and mental health of the children as a part of our educational program. Every individual is given the right amount of nourishment and exercise, as a doorway to best health. The activities are organized in such a way that fitness is perceived as fun and games by the students.



Kid's Corner:

A VISIT TO SPACE

There I travel, it's awfully dark,
Then I see a great gleaming spark,
Our sun's a bright star I must say
As I continue to lead the way.
Mercury's circling close to the sun,
I wouldn't believe it could be much fun.
What traps heat, has thick clouds & hot base?
Venus! The second planet in space!!
Earth has nature, life & seas
And hasn't done past 58 degrees.
Maybe there's water, maybe there's not,
Mars is mostly red dust and rock.
Swirling gases & liquid patterns,
Make their home on gas giant Saturn.
Bits of ice scattered in Saturn's rings
Too cold for a penguin even with wings.



With swirls & twirls what's far from small?
Jupiter, Yes it's the biggest of all.
The great red spot, a perpetual storm,
If you go in there, you will get torn.
Warm ice giant, seventh from the sun,
It also has rings, seventeen not one,
Neptune is such a beautiful blue.
Like a splendid sea and a cosmic Roo.
My journey has sadly come to an end,
But now I get to see my friend,
There is one space feature, I did not list,
A super special sparkling bliss.
Our star is extremely hot indeed,
Turning & burning at very high speed,
One last glimpse into great blue space,
Oh! what a beautiful, marvelous place !

Saraah Ali Shaikh - IX - HMPS

SECRET TO SUCCESS - VISION - GOAL - PLAN - ACTION - SUCCESS

How would you describe success? Is it really an achievement? I don't think so.

Success is an ever growing process, not an achievement. To achieve success means to fulfill one's goals and crack one's aim. There are people who attain big feat but fall down after a certain period. What is the reason behind the sudden fall? These people receive various awards and earn fame. They rest on their laurels which ultimately results into sudden failure. Of course, they deserve those prizes and awards, but their biggest failure is to rest on them.

Remember, there is no substitute to hardwork. 'Hardwork is the only way to success' people say. But, I think, 'Smartwork is the only way to success'. Hardwork is both energy as well as time consuming. However, Smartwork is not easy but less time consuming. Students aim at achieving good percentage in their exams. Securing "A" grade is a success for all students. Students should first set goals for themselves. Once you set a goal and you know your destination, you can crack it with great ease.

Let failures come. Failures are the stepping stones to success. When you fail, you win an opportunity to analyse yourself. Analyzing oneself and getting to know one's abilities is an achievement in itself. Once you know your capacity, you can work out according to it.

Mental preparedness also plays an important role in attaining success. Hurdles come and go, they just intend to make you tough at every visit. You should overcome those hurdles courageously. Remember, hurdles make success taste sweeter.

Also, watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become actions. Watch your actions, they become habits. Watch your habits, they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.

To conclude - your destination is waiting for you, the train has not yet left, jump into the coach and grab your seat.

Lysander Rego - VIII - HMPS

A NEW LIFE AMID COVID 19

It all started in Wuhan which is in China. coronavirus which is also called covid-19 is one of the most deadly disease on planet Earth. This infectious disease originated in Wuhan around the end of December. Now there are approximately thousands of people killed and many many many people who are infected by this fatal disease. How does this virus spread so easily? Its mechanism is quite easy! If we go out of the house and meet people who are infected by the disease we may get this virus because of their coughing and sneezing. In order to save ourselves from this virus we need to stay at home till the vaccine for this virus is developed. I know it is difficult because we cannot go down to play, no outdoor activities and no school school. All we can do is speak to our friends for a few minutes, have a few hours of online studying and eat the same type of food everyday. But instead of being sad about everything I am happy about the fact that we can spend time with our families. I get to play many many games with my sister, mother, father and grandmother. Also there are few things that we learn from this lockdown like not to kill animals for our food or pleasure and to always respect nature. The lockdown due to corona virus has affected both humans and animals but in very different ways. We humans stay indoors and get bored but animals have a lot of fun out on the roads and in parks. Deer was seen roaming around freely in a village in Britain. Kangaroos were found jumping up and down on the roads of Australia. Seals were found walking on the roads of Argentina. In our country itself monkeys were found swimming in a swimming pool in Mumbai. As result of this lockdown offices and factories are closed due to which water and air is getting less polluted. After everything comes back to normal I hope someone stands up and spreads awareness to not kill animals and keep them safely as pets. I also hope that there would be enough space for us and the animals to live in this world. The learnings from this are that we should respect mother nature, not pollute the environment and be responsible citizens. The best we can do is stay home only, pray to god that this virus goes away as soon as possible and not spread any fake news on social media. I would like to conclude by saying, "Stay home, stay safe."

-Kiara Veragiwala - RV

HOW I CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT TRAVELLING INTERNATIONALLY

At first, my mind was filled with the thoughts of travelling internationally. As I was crazy for travelling internationally, my parents decided to take me to Singapore. This was my first international trip. We did this trip in the year 2018. We had a wonderful time there and enjoyed the trip to the fullest. We visited a bird park. It was spread over many miles. In that park we were actually in a cage with the birds. It was a terrific experience! There we visited a zoo as well, which was home to a variety of animals. I saw many animals in the zoo, which I had never seen in India. Few of them were the tapir, cheetah, komodo - dragon and giraffe. We also visited an amusement park. I was thrilled to see the rides when I reached there. I also experienced them. After that trip my mind was totally into 'travelling internationally'. I had thoughts in my mind about travelling to America, Dubai, Oman, Indonesia and Uzbekistan and I had completely forgotten about the wonders in my India. But during the lockdown period, I realized that my country had so much to explore. I realized this because one day while I was surfing the Internet, I came across a video from a channel named 'Curly Tales'. The video explained about what were the wonders of India and what made India so unique and special. The video talked about how we Indians make vacation plans to travel to foreign countries and forget about our own country sometimes and how we should change our mind because in India you can find everything from forests to backwaters to snowfall to deserts to peace to noise. Also, you will find different tastes in every corner of our country. I also came across another video from the same channel. It explained about how we can find some international wonders in our own country, India. For example: we can find Switzerland in Khajjiar, beaches of Maldives in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, France's lavender fields in Satara's Kaas Plateau and salt flats of Utah in salt desert of Kutch among others. We Indians should feel proud that India is the only country which has it's own linguistics map, cuisine map, apparel map, jewellery map and weaver map. These were some of the points that blew my mind away! Later I also read about some books on travelling in India and gradually I changed my mind about travelling internationally and started reading more books on travelling in India. I hope the above points change your mind about international travel too and consider exploring our own country.

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