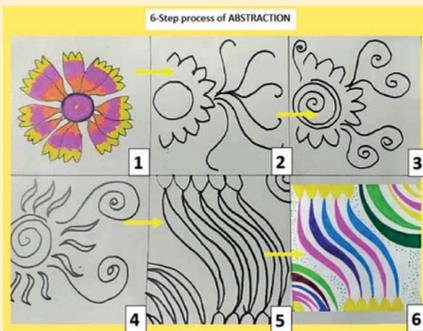


Abstract art gets real as students give expression to artistic ideas

Curriculum Advisor for Art and Performing Arts Swati Rathore, introduced the students of class VIII to the genre of Abstract Art through the works of artists Roy Lichtenstein and Pablo Picasso. They understood the concept of Abstract Art through the works of artists Roy Lichtenstein and Pablo Picasso. They understood the concept of Abstract Art through the works of artists Roy Lichtenstein and Pablo Picasso. They understood the concept of Abstract Art through the works of artists Roy Lichtenstein and Pablo Picasso.

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how the 'Academic' becomes the 'Abstract' and the 'Physicality' becomes an 'Essence'. Students then embarked on their own explorations of the abstract by beginning with the image of a bull into its simpler visual elements like lines, shapes and colours. This is



THE IDEA OF TRUTH

The students moved on to the art activity based on Raza's use of the Bindu, using paper triangles to represent what "TRUTH" means to them. The students had very thought-provoking and mature ideas which included Truth represented by water which always finds its way past obstacles; the five elements in nature - wind, water, fire, earth and space - which are always around; the sun which provides warmth to the universe and is responsible for human survival and even the soul as the purest form of truth.



emerged as each student unleashed their understanding and creative prowess on paper.

In the following session they were introduced to the works of famous Indian Abstract artist Sayed Haider Raza and how he applied to his art Leonardo Da Vinci's philosophy that "Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication". They learnt how Raza dabbled in Expressionist, Western Modernism and finally Abstraction. Students

were shown some of his seminal works like 'Panch Tatva', 'Kundalini', 'Prakruti Purusha', 'Surya Namaskar' to make them understand how Raza used vibrant primary colours and simple shapes to explain Indian philosophy and cosmology. The importance of the 'Bindu' or 'Shunya' in Raza's work was emphasized as that which is derived from nothingness but its addition adds value and it becomes the centre of creation.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

A rap, presentation on flora, fauna mark the day

Environment Day was observed with a difference this year. The students discovered a virtual way to observe this day.

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Students of class X composed and presented a rap song creating awareness on conservation of the environment. Students

who were stranded in their villages, created a presentation with pictures of the flora and fauna provided in abundance by nature, for their friends residing in the city. Others read out information about the theme for this year and presented facts pertaining to the present scenario.

The pandemic might have separated them from each other physically during the lockdown, but it could not stop them from connecting virtually through their online classes and creating awareness about the environment on this day.

CHANGING

I wake up every morning expecting to see a change
The status of our world just worsens everyday
The world right now is going through a phase
This phase is not good it doesn't feel okay
Okay.. Everybody.. Now you got my intention ..
We need to change a lotta things coz the green has gone missing
The world is now boiling and we gotta

start helping
We can bring a Lotta change just by planting a sapling
We are 8 billion strong
All together
One sapling each
There's a forest forever
There's pollution everywhere
And we are to be blamed
We made the air grey
Now It's time we repay

Guru Poornima: Showing their special love for teachers

As the saying goes - A true teacher inspires. The students of the school, inspired by their teachers, came forward to display the special place they have in their hearts for their Gurus.



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tion held on July 6, 2020, excited the students more than ever to showcase their talents. The very essence of their survival in this world is knowledge. During this pandemic, a time when their childhood has been put on hold, the young minds gave speeches and presented slideshows elaborating on the dedication of their beloved teachers.

The teachers blessed them and nurtured the age old tradition of Guru Poornima in its true spirit.

Student council members inducted

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you are a leader."

July 4, 2020 dawned to bestow responsibilities on the deserving young talents of the school to lead their school from the front in this pandemic with their com-

mitment, confidence and competence.

The school held the e-Investiture ceremony with great zeal and enthusiasm. It was a great occasion as the young students prepared to don the mantle of leadership and discharge responsibilities entrusted on them by the school. To inculcate leader-

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ship qualities in students and to give them a feel of being an important and integral part of the administrative body, the student council is formed every year.

The event began with the announcement of the newly elected Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and the Prefects from Sr. KG to class X. Principal Sangeetha Shenoy delegated the responsibility to the newly elected office bearers to spread the light of knowledge and pass on the rich legacy of values of the school to their juniors.

It was indeed a proud moment for the elected members to receive the badges from their grandparents and parents at home. The school choir presented the school song. The principal administered the oath to the newly elected prefectorial body. Mentors Rema Nandakumar and Veni Sukumar delivered pertinent speeches, acquainting the newly appointed prefects with their duties.

The event ended with a vote of thanks proposed by school sports captain Aditya Pradeep, followed by the National Anthem.

THE NEWLY ELECTED STUDENTS COUNCIL

- School Captain - Aditya Gupta
- School Vice Captain - Mahendra Varma
- School Sports Captain - Aditya Pradeep
- School Sports Vice Captain - Raghav Duggal
- Davinci House Captain - Yashaswini.
- Gandhi House Captain - Udhaya
- Einstein House Captain - Anirudh Soundarya Ranjan
- Columbus House Captain - Rohan Ram Reddy

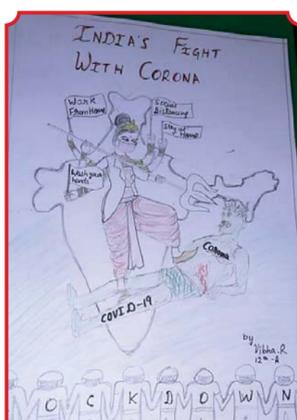
Painters' Gallery



COVID WRATH: Fathimath Fidha, class X, AFS ASTE



BEFORE & AFTER COVID: Shalin Ann George, class VIII, Kingstons High School



A FIGHT FOR OUR SAFETY: Vibha R, class XII, APS ASC C & C

READING WEEK

A commemoration of reading, and the library movement

The 25th National Reading Day was observed with a reading pledge administered to the students of classes VI to XI on June 19, 2020. The pledge reinforced the importance of cultivating the habit of regular reading, to overcome the multiple challenges that we face today.

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Reading Week and Reading Month, initiatives spearheaded by the CBSE, are being celebrated from June 19 to July 18, 2020 in SOI. In the light of COVID-19 pandemic, the school has initiated and designed different online reading related activities like Meet the Author, Creative Writing competitions and Art Competitions. Senior school students submitted book reviews as part of an assignment, choosing from a set of carefully selected titles.

'Meet the Author' saw students of class VI interacting with Soumya Torvi, on June 24. Torvi a software engineer turned writer, who is very passionate about writing for children. She began writing short stories for children as a hobby, and has written two books, which have garnered wide appreciation from readers.

The session focused on the importance of reading different forms of literature like poems, prose, drama, short stories etc. She motivated the children to write on their own by giving them essential tips. The one hour session also had writing and reading activities to keep young minds active.

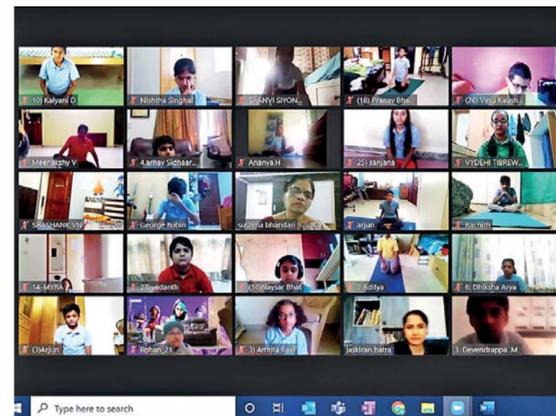
In a nutshell, the students thoroughly enjoyed their time and actively participated in the exciting session.

MEET THE AUTHOR - An interactive session with Ms. Soumya Torvi



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

Sun salutations, stretches and asanas during online event



A special session on account of International Day of Yoga was conducted for the students of classes VI to VIII by Mahati Agaveedi on June 22, 23 and 24, 2020 respectively. She started the session with chanting "Asatoma sadgamaya" and continued with few stretches followed by suryanamaskara and a few supine asanas. Students practised Nadasanandana pranayam which is chanting of the 3 syllables of AUM: A, U, M separately and all the syllables together in OM chanting. Students also practiced Bramari pranayama. She ended the session with an explanation about the importance of pranayama.

We also had a yoga session for students of classes IX and X by Rtd. Wing Commander Himanshu Kulshreshtha on June 25-26, 2020. He started the

session speaking about the importance of yoga in daily life and meaning of the word YUJ. He explained about the structure of the body and the bones, and taught them the right way of adjusting the body, starting from toes to neck, to attain the correct posture. Students did Super Brain Yoga, also called situps or "uthakbaitak".

This exercise will help in opening up of chakras one by one till sahasrara (crown chakra). The terms "Dhyana" and "Drishti" were explained. A few standing stretches followed by suryanamaskara, sethubandasana, yogic breathing and chanting OM were included, along with an explanation about breath control and right way of doing it.

SISHU GRIHA HIGH SCHOOL

Madhavi Shankar, yoga teacher