

February - March 2021

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Billabong High International School, Andheri



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It's that time of the year again. Ending this exceptional academic year, we admit we're elated but also sad since the entire year we had to spend in our homes rather than our classrooms. Devoid of interactions with our teachers and classmates, we still had a jovial time, learnt new things and gained knowledge that we longed for. The culmination week was a pivotal event in the month of March. With the help of the faculty members, we were able to showcase our learnings.

We are grateful for all the hard work and ability we take back this year despite of the challenging conditions. With hope in our heart, we bid adieu to the academic year 2020-2021, and with an open mind welcome the fresh scholastic year 2021-2022



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SAVE TREES, SAVE EARTH

By Ruhi Walanj, Grade 1B



I do understand that the trees are cut down by humans to fulfill the basic necessities of life.

But at the same time we cannot ignore their importance, because they give us fresh air to breathe, food to eat and shelter from sunlight and rainfall.

I think whenever one tree is cut down we should plant five trees to balance the ecosystem.

HOPE we all understand the importance of every single tree.

Let us all save the trees and our planet Earth.



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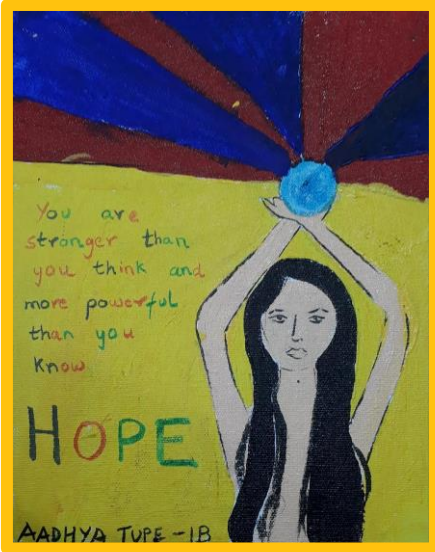
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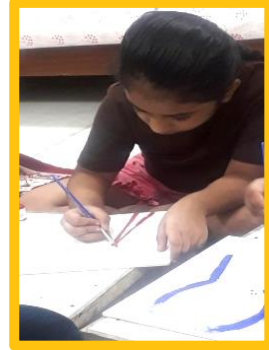
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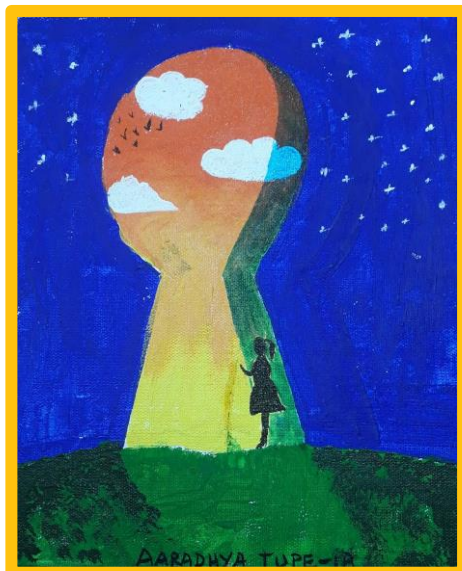
By Aadhya Tupe, Grade 1B



I am a very bright and positive person and strongly believe that one day I will spread hope to everyone. We must always stay hopeful in life. Belief in self is true power, true hope.



By Aaradhya Tupe, Grade 1B



There is always light at the other side of darkness. Open up the door of hope to see hundreds of opportunities. Hope in self is hope in life.



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AIZA ASHARAFI 1B

I hope it is safe, I'll hold my arms open wide,
and shout to the world we can all go outside!
don't give up hope the end is in sight, if we all stick
together, we'll all win this fight!



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HOPE HAS BEEN ABLE TO SEE THAT THERE IS LIGHT DESPITE ALL OF THE DARKNESS.

By Myra Shahani, Grade 2B



Covid made people suffer not only through health but also a lot of people who lost wealth and many had no food too.

We are hoping for covid free environment which is clean and fresh to live a healthy life. Hoping for a clean, fresh and beautiful world.

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EVENTS

Language is why we are unique and different. This language was one-of-a-kind and ancient. We all cherished this language more than any other. It is the pride of our country. Our poets, creatives, literacy experts use this language to communicate to the world. We celebrated this day by putting up a small skit on the important people making this language a success. Celebrations of this culture, musicians that used this language, this culture to express to the world. The event very well showcased the Marathi culture, their dance, it's music, the religious events.

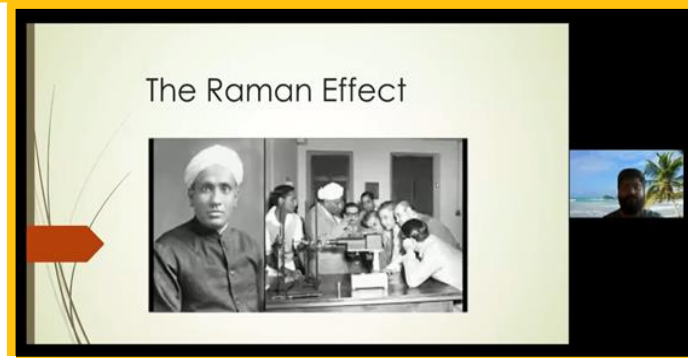


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NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

On 26th February, outstanding academic presentation of our students, at the Science Day in English, Science and Mathematics brought many smiles to the academic fraternity.

The students were commended for brilliant results in the competitive effort in these subjects, making the school, their teachers and their parents proud of their herculean effort, as they outdid themselves with their research on varied topics.



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SHIVAJI JAYANTI

Shivaji Maharaj was a great warrior. His valour has touched every heart. A day spent to celebrate and to know him will never be enough. BHIS community came together to commemorate the victory of this warrior. Students culturally presented a skit to let the our audiences know about this great person and his achievements in the history.



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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

What is a culminating? It is about gracefully presenting and celebrating the learning. Here, at BHIS, Andheri, we have culminations galore! From the magical Hogwarts Castle to Savannah of Africa to the civilized Egypt and finally to the land Down Under, our students have soaked it all in and enacted in the most brilliant way possible.

GRADE 1 – EGYPT CULMINATING



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GRADE 2 – STUDENT-LED PRESENTATION ON AUSTRALIA

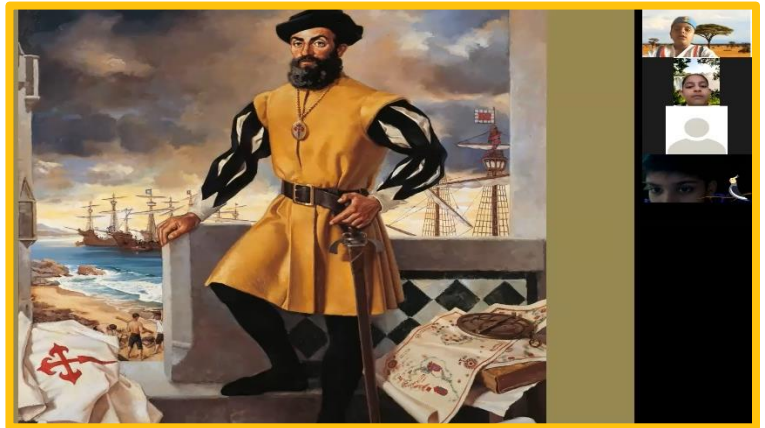




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GRADE 3 – STUDENT-LED PRESENTATION ON AFRICA

TOURIST PLACES IN AFRICA

- ✓ Lake Natron
- ✓ Eye of Sahara
- ✓ Victoria Falls



The Big Five



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GRADE 4 – HARRY POTTER CULMINATING



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Sharing Our Celebrations Nursery

A Virtual Visit to a Dentist

Can't go to a dentist due to the ongoing situation? Don't worry we have got you covered. Quite an enlightening session was arranged for our little ones on dental health. Valuable advice on how to take care of oral health and maintain the shiny smile was shared as well. The session was also illustrated with artificial dentures for better understanding.



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Let's get messy!

Squish, splash, smear, smell, and lots more was experienced by our Play group and Nursery students on Messy Day. It is a sensory experience helping our students develop their communication skills, language, problem solving skills while they are having fun.



The Shoemaker
and the Elves



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Sharing Our Celebrations Jr. K.G.



Harshit Jain



Zidaan Lone



Amyra

Party with
Mommy



Dinosaur Hunt



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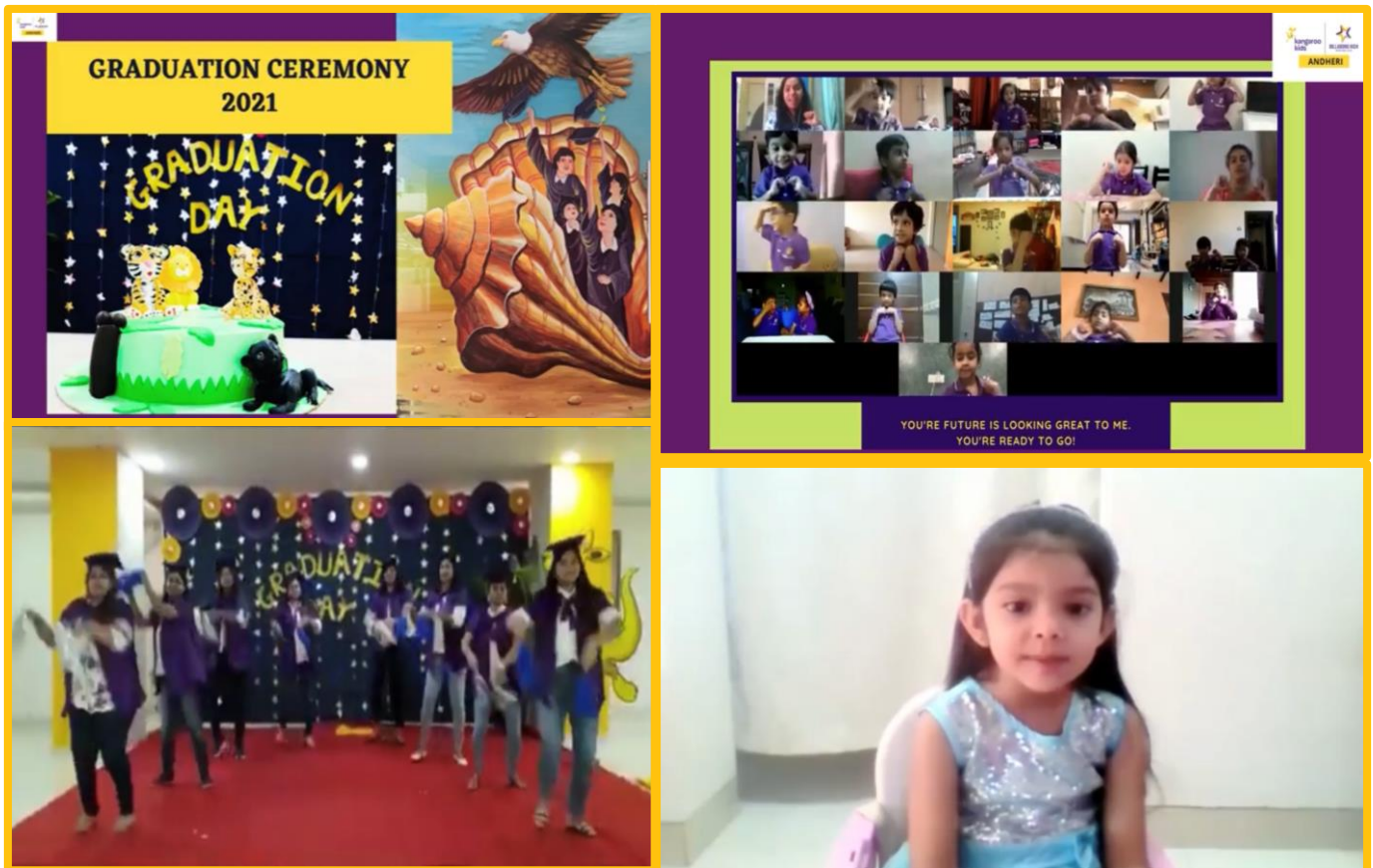
Sharing Our Outer Space Creativity Sr. K.G.



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PRESCHOOLERS GRADUATE

Graduation day is a special milestone in a child's life. This ceremony holds great value and gives a sense of innate pride and accomplishment as students receive their preschool diplomas and are geared to step into a new phase of learning. We made this once in life time event a memorable one by having a virtual graduation ceremony.



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ACHIEVEMENTS

WINNERS OF MISA SYNERGY

Category A - AI Diagnostic App

Won the Best applicability and cost effectiveness prize

Mysha Mehta - Aditya Jain - Kinara Goyal

Artificial Intelligence (AI) based diagnostic app that will serve health needs in a cost-efficient way and enhance outcomes.

This app can be used locally or globally. It will help to diagnose the condition of the patient and reduce the load on overextended doctors at public health care.



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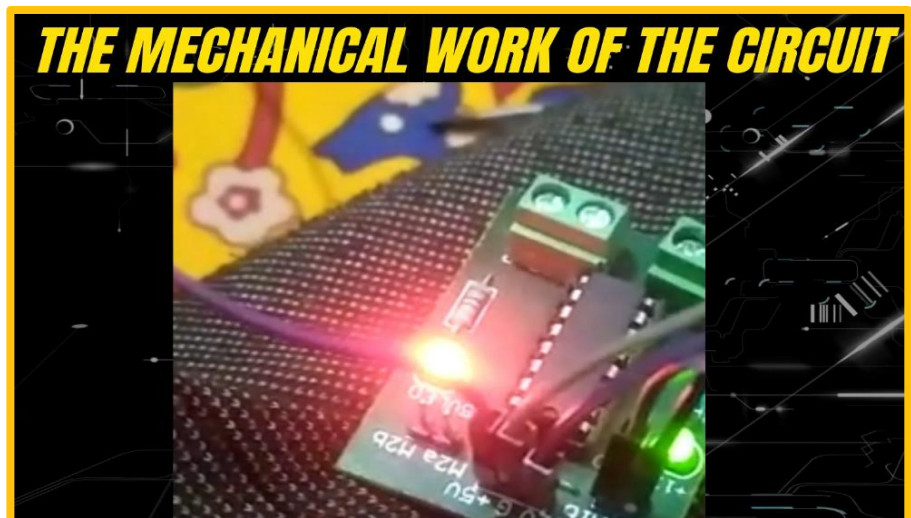
Category B - DIY Ventilator

Won the Overall presentation prize

Kiyaan Bhandula - Amaira Sami - Yasshita Karamchandani - Maananya Pandey

A DIY ventilator designed to help in the times of pandemic.

This DIY Ventilator is very useful especially at the time of pandemic. Many patients are suffering because of not getting enough oxygen due to less ventilators and this can DIY ventilator can be a backup in many hospitals.



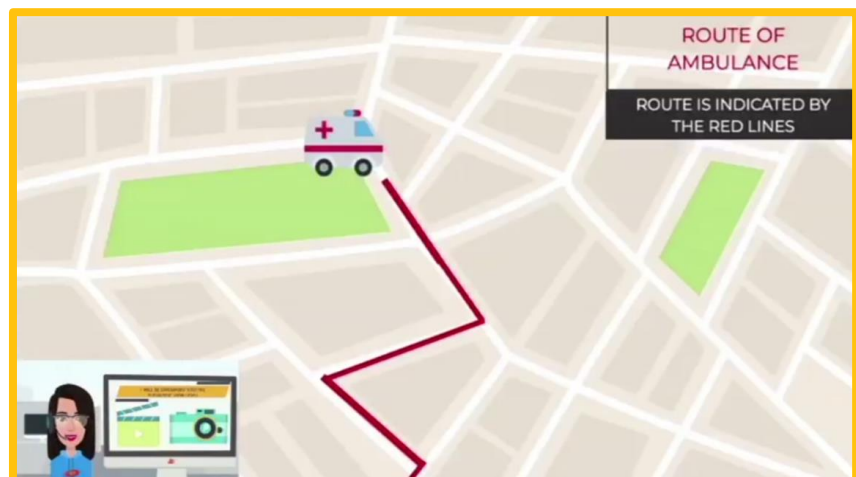
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Category C - Ambulance Notifier

Won the Best applicability and cost effectiveness prize

The aim of this program is to provide a faster route so that minimum time can be taken for the ambulance to reach its destination.

It is saleable all the way from a local level to a global one and amendments/changes can be made to better it. It can start as a program to reduce traffic in small cities with collaborations with minor hospitals before gradually increasing both the targeted area and the hospitals associated with this.



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ACHIEVEMENTS

When it comes to competitions, contests and collaborations, students of our school are always equipped for any challenge that are pitched at them. Billabong High International School Andheri, in affiliation to schools spread across the world, took on the ISA program that dealt with issues across the globe. Not only did our students and faculty get an experience but our efforts were applauded by the ISA Team. Our school was successful in achieving the International Dimension in Schools certificate for the period 2020-23. We hope that the scope of our excellent international activities continue to develop and benefit our students.



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BHIS Andheri achieved the second position in the category for School's Best Practices followed during online teaching presented by Children's Academy, Mumbai.

A little peek into our online teaching practices

And Life Goes on Virtually...

March 2020, there dawned a day when the world had come to a stand-still. Every establishment had downed their shutter and locked their doors for an indefinite period. Schools, the temples of knowledge too had to close down. From then on, everyone teacher and pupil put their faith and fate in the hands of their desktops, laptops and mobile phones. Virtual sessions began across schools all 'round the globe. Billabong High International School, Andheri joined the bandwagon of starting classes on the virtual platform. We took shuddering, unsure, baby steps. We experimented, we made errors. We put heads together to think of ways to teach, while we learnt to use technology to our advantage...only to ace the game!

Socks were pulled on, the laces were tied. Hair was smoothed, t-shirts tucked in neatly and away our students went, on virtual tours that took them to various parts of the city and even different countries, that left them mesmerized and awe-struck! Out tiny tots went on virtual tours of market places and their faces reflected the joy and happiness ofn seeing colourful fruits and vegetables- the delicious sights and scenes that they longed to see for months! They also visited a hospital and a construction site, where they interacted with doctors, nurses, supervisors, construction workers and we let them explore avenues that they were robbed off for months together.

The *didis* (ancillary staff) of our school showed through their actions, just how much they missed the children and donned new *avatars* of *dancing divas* by performing traditional folk dances on the occasion of Makar Sankranti. Our school participated in virtual exchange programs where students of grade 7 visited a laboratory at the University of Queensland, Australia and toured the Biology lab under the able guidance of Scientist Ms. Amy Chan who threw open the doors to the wondrous and intriguing world of human cells, kingdoms of fungi, monera, protistia and more!

Our grade 8 students exchanged ideas on culture of the 16th and 17th Century- Art, Literature, Architecture, Social order and Music with students of the Mehraein Middle School and High School, located in Iran and gave them an insight into their own Indian culture and how it has evolved over time. Our students are now ready to take on the world as global citizens and leaders!



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SEE YOU AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK!

