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June, 2021 Newsletter

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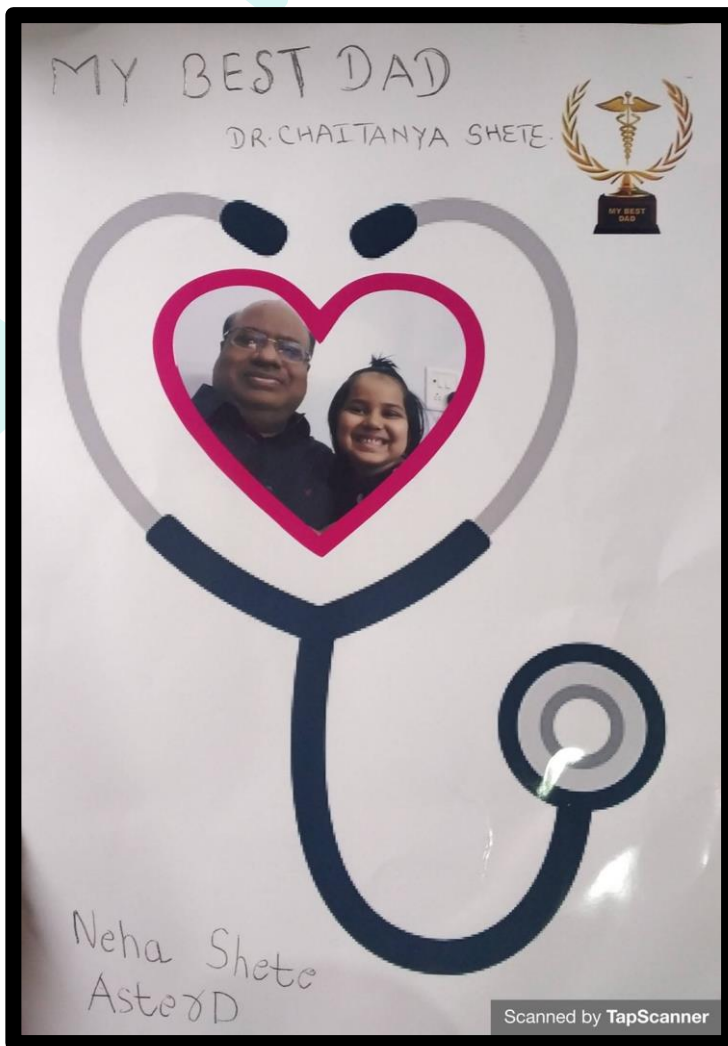
One father is more than a hundred Schoolmasters.

-George Herbert



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Best Dad Awards



**Neha Shete
Grade 1D Aster**



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**Ayaan Jain
Grade 1D Aster**



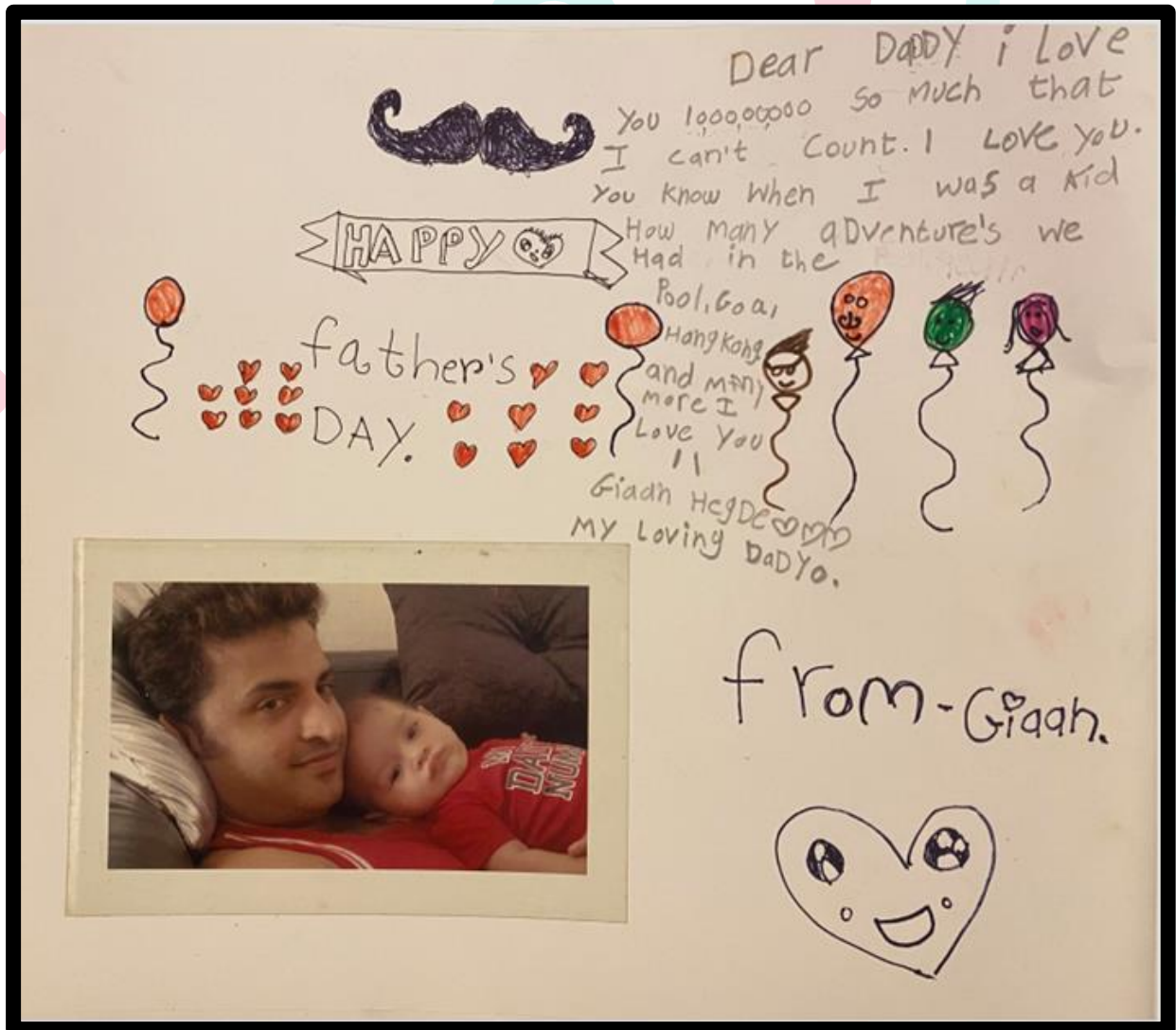
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Angad Arolkar
Grade 1D Aster



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**Giaan Hegde
Grade 4B Ganges**

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Treasured Adventures

A Memorable Trip with My Dad

Our visit to Aamby Valley is now one of my favourite memories with my Dad. On our way I got to see so many mountains. There is so much greenery all around Aamby Valley. We stayed at a cottage which had a swimming pool too. We undertook so many adventurous activities like rappelling, horse riding, rock climbing and boating. I also played golf for the first time. On my birthday eve, my dad gave me a surprise by lighting sky lanterns and I wished that he could take me to Disneyland for my next birthday. I wish the Covid pandemic ends soon, so that I can enjoy another memorable trip with my Dad.

- **Danish Chodha**
Grade 2B Quetzal



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My Father My Hero

Last year I went on a trip to Goa with my parents. I enjoyed so much on the beach. We did water adventure activities like banana boat, speed boat ride and parasailing with my Dada. It was an amazing adventure and I had so much fun with dad.



-Aarnav Toppo
Grade 2D Macaw

A Fun Trip with My Father

I went to Ranis with my father and had a lot of fun! I was so glad to be at Ranis with him. It was the best day.. I love my Dad a lot.

-Inaaya Ansari
Grade 3B Oak



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My Wonderful Trip to Lonavala!

It was my first road trip to Lonavala by car with my family during the school spring break in March 2021. I was so glad that my dad was up for the adventure!

My dad and I spent a lot of time together, traveling and visiting National Parks, playing sports games, and visiting beaches in Mumbai, India. What started out as trip in India was when my dad decided to explore the mountains, lakes and dams in Lonavala which is close to Mumbai turned into more exotic trip to Lonavala, and even the opportunity to go on a boat ride (which I had never done as a 7-year-old girl from Mumbai).

We first visited at the dinosaur's park in Lonavala, and I was overwhelmed seeing different types of dinosaurs, it was so informative and I even got to learn about fossils. I took lots of pictures with my family.

We stayed at the resort for 5 nights. My Dad loves to learn, and is always open to trying new experiences (even new foods). My dad and I love seafood, so we were excited to try a variety of different fish at Mahesh Maasoli. We relished some authentic seafood cuisine, and it was a memorable experience.

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We headed up at the mountains (Lion Point) and the view was spectacular.

My dad is my hero. He has taught me how to be brave, confident and pursue my dreams - even when those dreams seemed impossible. My dad also taught me how to be loving, kind, and giving. There is no one in this world that I know who gives up as much of their time to serve than my dad. He gives up time at work to serve his family and those around him, helping review homework assignments, coach sports games, and even take photos at every single event. I learned that building up others only makes us better people ourselves. I had a wonderful trip with great memories with my family to Lonavala.

- Aiza Asharafi
Grade 2B Quetzal



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A Visit to Disneyland!

I was in a cab on my way to the airport. When I reached the plane, there were seats with TVs in front of them!! I figure out I had to spend the night in the plane. When we landed at the other airport I headed to the bathroom and then went outside. There were lots of cabs. We sat in one. After an hour or 8 hours we reached a nice Chinese hotel. Then we went to a place outside the hotel called “Disneyland Resort”. We went across the gate. We were very hungry and soon we found a shop which sold hot dogs. After eating those, we headed to another direction. Wow! We went on roller coasters and fountains and finally back to the hotel. We had a cozy night. The next day I woke up, had a bath in a tub and ate breakfast. We headed back to that park and then I realised I did not have to walk. There was a pram, in which, I did fit in! At lunch time went to a restaurant in the park. And there we saw the squirrels from ‘Mickey Mouse Clubhouse.’ Well, it was a costume. After that we went to the fountain, where I sat on the boulder. At night we saw a parade! When I woke up it was my Birthday! My mother showed me a card left behind the door. It was a picture of Goofy, Mickey and Donald getting cake.

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I was on my Dad's side at the restaurant later, because he wouldn't let me sit near my mother. Then, I took some pictures. In the evening, when my mom was resting, my father and I went to the pool. On the way, I tripped and fell, but my father helped me to get up. We went to a small cabin. Inside we found some swimming costumes. Then we went in the pool! I landed straight in the water. Ah! So Cool. Oh! I am so sorry I forgot to tell you where I was! It was Hong Kong. We had lots of fun there and I hope I tell you more it but that's for another time .

- **Shivika Tewari**
Grade 2B Quetzal



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An Adventure Trip

I would like to share about my adventure trip that I went on with my Dad during the summer vacation before the pandemic. We went trekking to the Dinosaur Theme Park in Lonavala. It was an amazing amusement park which had the history of Dinosaurs. I saw Dinosaurs of all kinds - T- Rex, Triceratops, Apatosaurus, Stegosaurus and many others. T- Rex was a magnificent structure standing on its knees. The structures of all the dinosaurs were beautifully made. Everything looked very life-like. I saw a giant statue of Apatosaurus.

There were models of other extinct animals too. It was a wonderful experience. I enjoyed myself thoroughly that day and I hope to go on yet another adventure trip to the Koyna- Tiger reserve. I have heard there are many tigers, and activities like the elephant and jeep safari, boating, etc.

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We can stay in a tent and watch tigers walking around. I would like to try rock climbing and visit treehouses too. I am so excited and am eagerly waiting to go on this adventure trip soon with my Dad.

- **Hridhyaa Gangatkar**
Grade 2B- Quetzal



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My Trips with Papa to the Geological Wonder Sites of Djibouti, East Africa

The world has many exotic places, which few people know about. Djibouti in East Africa is one such. We recently returned to India after spending two years in Djibouti, where my Papa was working for a Bank. Besides its well-known geo-political significance, Djibouti is a nature lovers' paradise. Situated at the mouth of the Red Sea, Djibouti has appealing long clean sandy beaches, crystal clear blue green sea waters, colorful corals, mangroves, and other magnificent marine life. A unique thing about Djibouti is its prehistoric landscape which is of volcanic origin. There is Lake Abbe, known for its limestone chimneys and Africa's deepest and lowest point at Lake Assal. There is a lot to explore.

On one such trip with Papa, I got to see moving tectonic plates, which form part of the East African Rift system. I was awestruck to see a wide crack among the rocks, which ran for many kilometers across Djibouti, Somalia and Ethiopia.

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According to scientists, these two tectonic plates will separate from each other after some million years, leading to the formation of a new continent. These two tectonic plates are moving away from each other at the rate of 6mm every year. Led by a local guide, my Papa and I walked across this geological wonder, which is very windy. Strong gusts of wind make it impossible to wear caps or sunglasses, although the temperature remains high throughout the year. My Papa had removed his sunglasses and kept them in his T-shirt pocket. A sudden gust of wind caused my Papa's sunglasses to fly and fall right in between the two tectonic plates. This was quite funny but dangerous too. At the end of the trip, our driver gave us a long stick kept in his vehicle to remove the sunglasses out. For some time, my Papa's sunglasses were part of two continents. Extremely near to these tectonic plates is Ardoukoba, a volcano which had last erupted in 1978, for almost a week. The lava flow from this volcano has drained to two nearby water bodies, Lake Assal and Lake Ghoubet, and has become igneous rocks. We visited some caves present near to the volcano. We went into them and they are still very hot inside.

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Just outside these volcano caves, lies the depression caused by the movement of the tectonic plates. This depression is surrounded by green stuff (must be algae). Out of this depression, hot steam came out. We also saw a big and deep hole inside the volcano cave. It was very deep, and I think it could lead us to the Earth's core!

While going home, I said that I wanted to see Chitons (which I thought were fossils), on the coast of Lake Ghoubet. This is because my parents had not seen them & none of us knew how they looked at that time. Even though I knew Chitons, I thought they were chiton fossils. But there were many crabs here also. When my parents saw the chitons, I figured that the one I saw was a live one. On our way home, as the sky was clear we saw "millions, billions and trillion of stars" shining on our faces. I loved this day which was filled with adventure.

- **Amritash Pradhan**
Grade 3B Oak



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My Memorable Mini Vacation

The last time we went out was on a mini vacation in December, 2020.

As always, it was a memorable trip. First, because we went out with Mom and Dad , but also because we had our first time water speed boat experience, self boating all alone, playing soccer, speed train, Wearing floats, having fun in water and seeing dolphins and seagulls. It was amazing. Mom and Dad were proud that we were not scared. We wish to do snorkelling on our next trip.

- **Aadhya and Aaradhya Tupe**
Grade 2B Quetzal



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My Father, My Idol

Father,

I know you are always loving, nurturing, warm-hearted, soft, caring and thoughtful. This not only makes me a proud daughter but also makes me cherish all the gifts life has bestowed upon me. There are no words to describe my immense love for you.

The most distinguished characteristic is your humour that has seen me through my trials. Your way of dealing with things is what people see as a resemblance in me. You are my tower of strength and I can never thank you enough for being an amazing example of a true human being in my life.

I am so thankful that you're mine.

- **Anaaya Shaikh**
Grade 4B Ganges



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Parents' Reminisce

A Day in My Childhood

Watching Bollywood movies was always one of my hobbies since childhood. Back in those days and even now, my favourite actors were Aamir Khan and Shahrukh Khan and meeting them was my dream. My father had some contacts who arranged the meet for my brother, building friends and myself. I was on top of the world and took pride in conveying the exciting news to my friends.

So that day arrived and we reached on time outside a small building. We were taken to a large hall where we saw some young boys and girls rehearsing on a dance number. Curiosity kept building and doubts kept coming as to are we really getting to meet the stars... and then opens a door in the hall and comes Shahrukh Khan!!! We all jumped up with excitement and started yelling our hearts out. We ran towards him, greeted him, chatted with him and got pictures clicked with him. It is a memory I will cherish forever.

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From there, all excited and smiling faces were headed to meet our next superstar, Aamir Khan. We were taken to a bungalow in Madh Island where a movie shoot was going on and we couldn't locate him anywhere. We eagerly waited for 4 hours to finally meet him. He was one of the humblest souls I have ever met. It was a great pleasure meeting him.

Till date, I remember the adrenaline rush. The pictures clicked that day reminds me of the simpler times and how I felt when I met my childhood, celebrity crushes.

- **Vishaka Shahane (Mother of Vedika Shahane)**

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Parents' Reminisce

Remembering My Dad, this Father's Day...

Since I lost my dad last month, I keep going back to the old memories with him.

Like others, my dad was also the best dad for me and my brother. I remember in our childhood days how much he sacrificed as a head of the family. He did a lot of hard work just to keep his family happy. He taught us all the good and right things in life. My dad worked very hard all through his life. I think that's the legacy he left behind him...work HARD and just mind your own business!!

Although in many ways I didn't agree with him on his thoughts, still he was MY DAD.

Once he was gone, I realised how nice he was, as he never bothered others for his own happiness. He was a self-sufficient man.

Thank you dad for all the happiness, you managed to gather for us. I miss you.

- **Rukmani Tewari (Mother of Shivika Tiwari)**

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Investiture Ceremony

Emergence of our new leaders with their unshakable determination...



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Preschool Activities



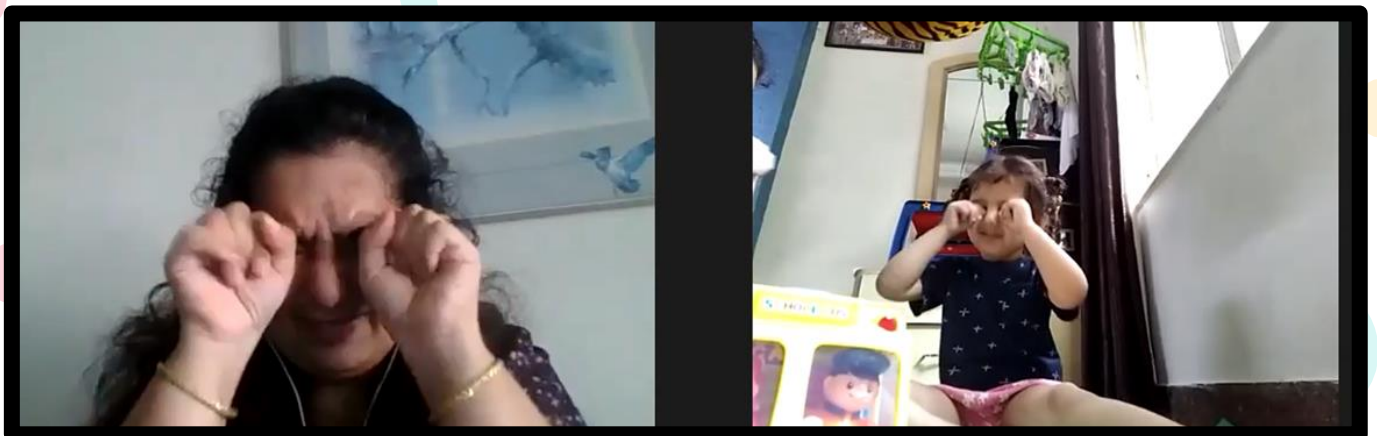
Our preschoolers had a fun time when they got to groove with their favourite Old McDonald at his Party! They experienced farm life and learnt about farm animals.



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Preschool Activities

Our playgroup students simply learn, concentrate and memorize all while 'Rolling their Rhymes'!



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World Ocean Day

The students were encouraged to understand the importance of oceans and marine resources. Our little wonders expressed their compassion through their art.



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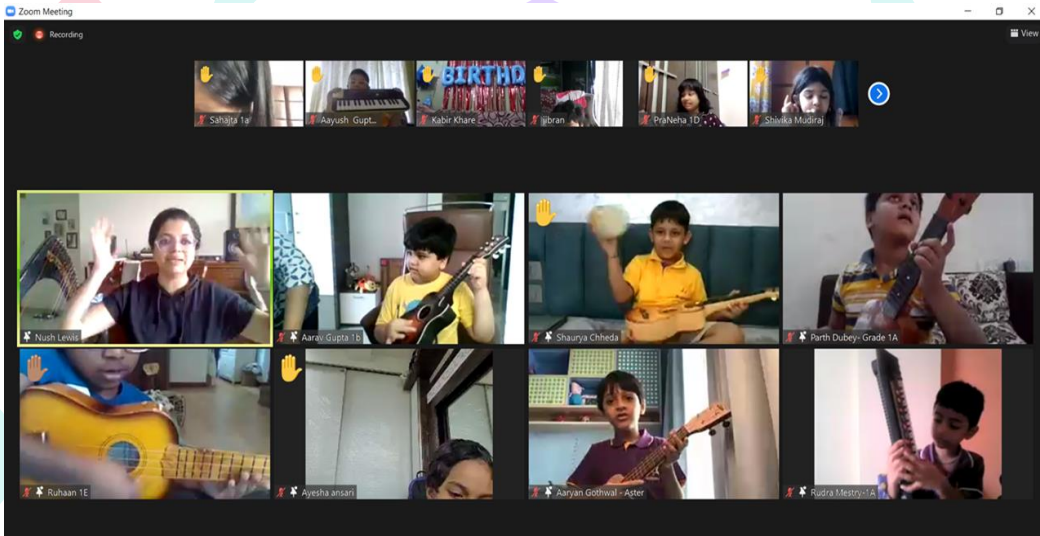
World Environment Day

Learning the significance of a healthy environment, we vowed to save and preserve it!



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World Music Day



This World Music Day, our little learners also got the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the melodies of the Harp through a workshop!



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World Music Day



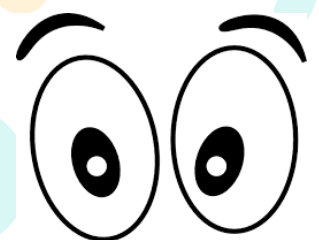
Preschoolers grooving to the rhythms and acoustics...



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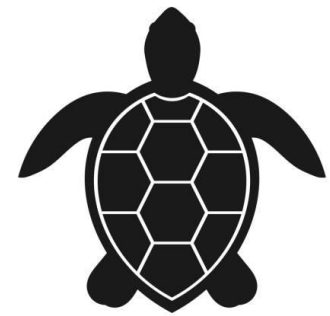
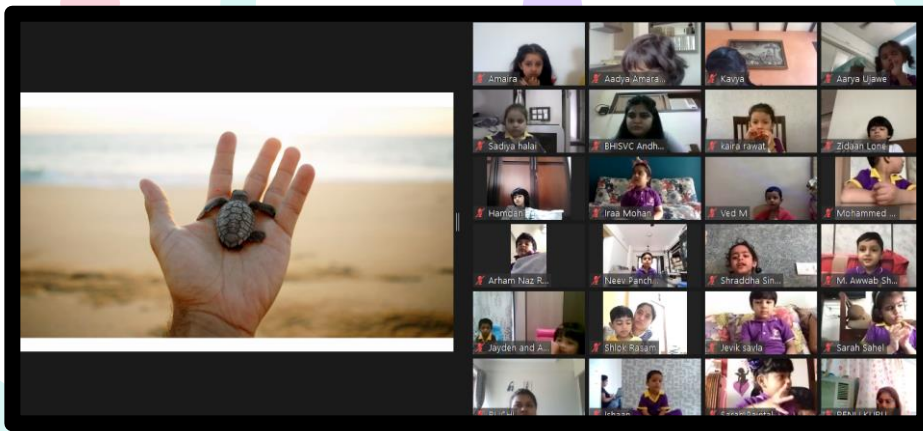
Sense-o-Frolic

Preschoolers learning the pivotal senses and stepping up their cognitive development...

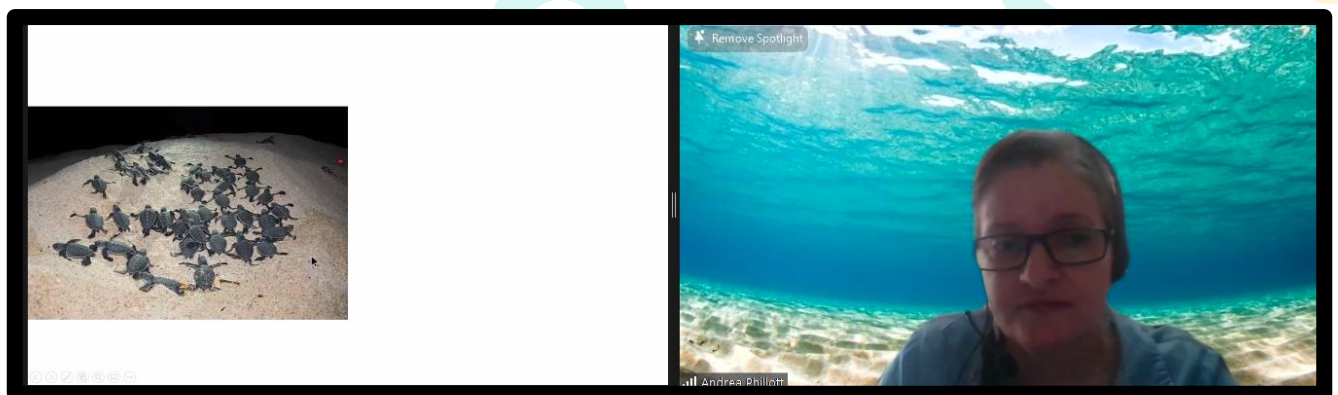


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Exploring the Oceans

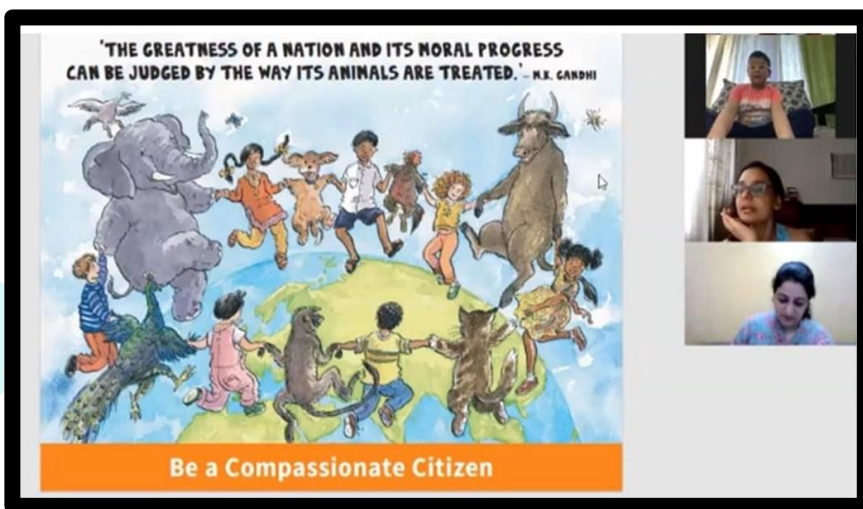


Diving deep into the oceans, our tiny tots experienced the world of sea turtles through a visit with the scientist!



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Compassionate Citizen Programme by PETA



In this session, we taught our students, how to protect and care for their little furry friends



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Creating a Hand X- Ray



Students were intrigued by the simple anatomy while doing the X Ray creating activity themselves!



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Inter-House Art Competition

Our learners exhibited the best of their 'Artistic' sides for our Inter house Art Competition depicting creative and fantastic situations in the 'New Normal' life.

**SHOPPING
MART WITH
THE NEW
NORMAL**

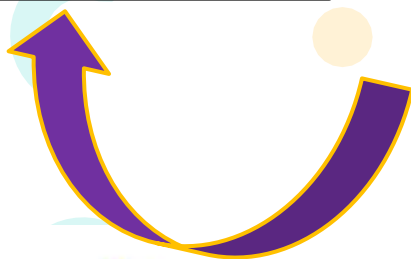
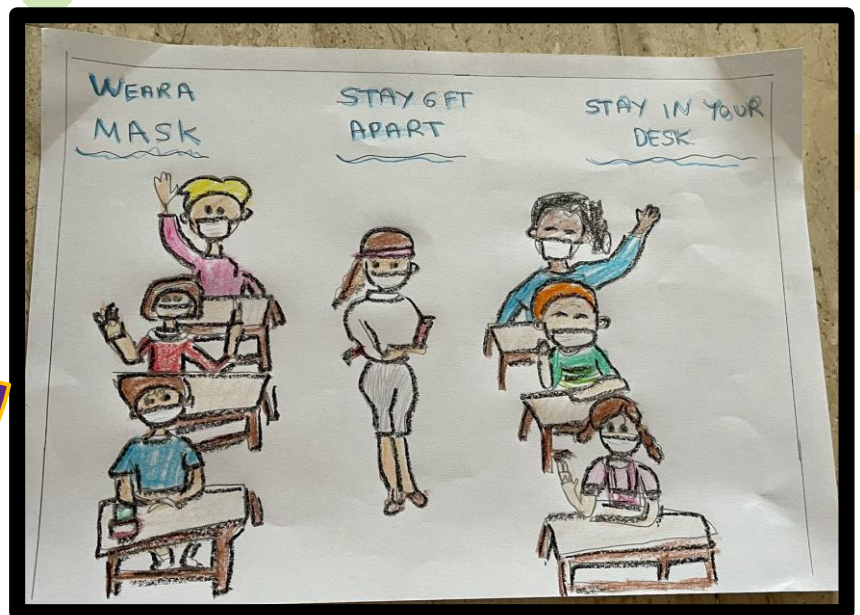


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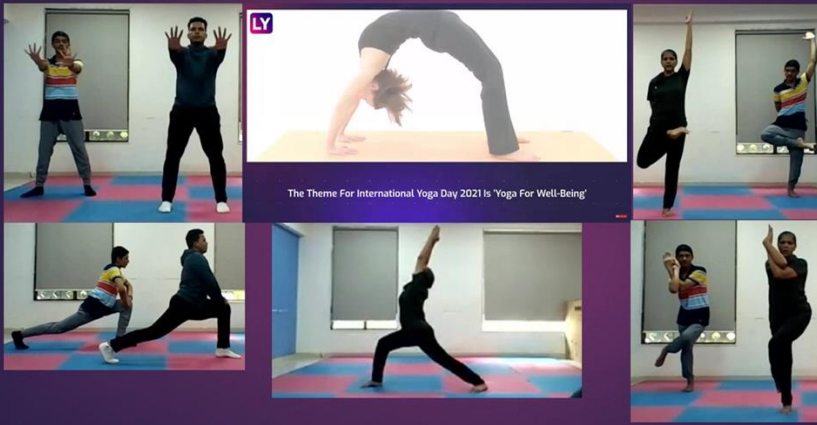
**CLASSROOM
WITH THE
NEW
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Getting their Pose On

International Yoga Day



Our students performed Yoga to rejuvenate, relax and strengthen their resilience. This helped them in enhancing their young minds to not only excel physically but also mentally.

International Yoga Day



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International Yoga Day



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Achievements

Inter House Football Quiz Competition 2021-22
Result of Grade 7 to 10

A. Brazuka B. Jabulani
C. Superstar D. Telstar

Round 2
Photo Identification Round

A. Adil Khan B. Brandon Fernandes
C. Sandesh Jhingan D. Manvir Singh

1st Place
Peace House

2nd Place
Unity House

2nd Place
Equality House

Inter House Football Quiz Competition 2021-22
Result of Grade 3 to 6

What is the name of the Club of which Logo is shown in the picture?

A. Liverpool B. Manchester City
C. Fc Goa D. Manchester United

Round 2
Photo Identification Round

Identify the player?

A. Sunil Chetri B. Neymar
C. Lionel Messi D. Ronaldo

1st Place
Peace House

2nd Place
Equality House

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Mysha Perwez, the child prodigy of BHIS, has made us proud again, by securing 2nd position in Under-12 group of Chotta Grandmaster National Chess Tournament.



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Thank you!

*Await our
next edition...*