

"A tree is known by its fruit;
a man by his deeds. A good
deed is never lost; he who
sows courtesy reaps
friendship, and he who plants
kindness gathers love".

Saint Basil



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Top Stories of this Month;



4th December Indian Navy Day



10th December International Human Rights Day



14th December Carol Rounds



22nd December Christmas Celebration

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Dear Readers,

Life is happening every moment, and those who understand and Act, shine in life. Many of us keep our actions on hold for the right time to come and waste the valuable time “now”. There is nothing called the right time . That’s just an illusion! When we decide to get out of the sofa and start acting, things will fall in line, and accomplishments become a day to day phenomenon.

Never underestimate the power of ‘Now’ , what we do right now helps us create a beautiful world around us. Remember, the present moment is the only time we can modify our actions and decisions.

Today seems eternal, but it won’t exist tomorrow. So, be thankful for the present and start acting right now.

Mrs. Sharmila Mohan

Principal, GTCS

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OBSERVING SPECIAL DAYS

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10th December — the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, colour, origin or any other status.

Human rights include the right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and education, and many more. Everyone is entitled to these rights, without discrimination.

Grade 4 children gave an eye opening speech about the importance of human rights and the significance of this special day.



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"A ship in port is safe; but that is not what ships are built for. Sail out to sea and do new things." -Admiral Grace Hopper

Navy Day in INDIA is observed every year on December 4th to celebrate the achievements and role of the naval force to the country. Our country is celebrating the forty-ninth Navy Day this year. The theme of 2020 INDIAN NAVY DAY is "Indian Navy Combat Ready , Credible and Cohesive"

To mark this special day - Indian Navy Day, in GTCS our Grade 9 students created a documentary. Grade 5 students spoke about the significance of Indian Navy followed by a photo display of ships in our Navy.

"WE ARE A BIG NATION, STRETCHING FROM SEA TO LAND AND WITH A NAVY THAT IS SO STRONG".

NEHA PRAKASH - Grade 5



Madhuja



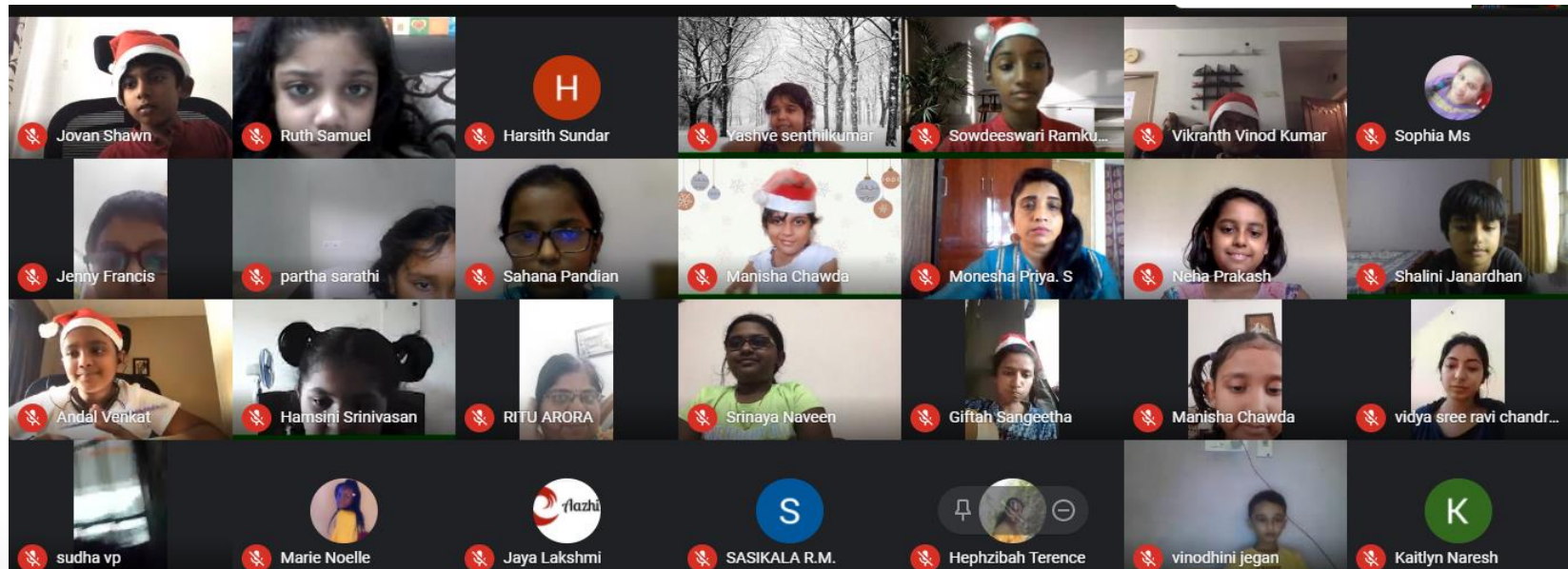
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Christmas Carols were first sung in Europe thousands of years ago, but these were not Christmas Carols. They were pagan songs, sung at the Winter Solstice celebrations as people danced round stone circles. The Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year, usually taking place around 22nd December. The word Carol actually means dance or a song of praise and joy! Carols used to be written and sung during all four seasons, but only the tradition of singing them at Christmas has really survived.

The Primary choir along with Kindergarten had virtual carol sessions which started on 14th December and continued till 18th December. They visited all the classes with Christmas facts, carols, dance and instrumental medleys.



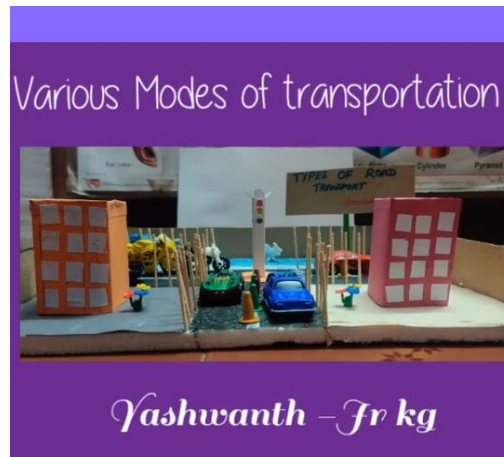
LEARNING ACTIVITIES

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn”, such is our motto. Our tiny toddlers with the help of teachers and parents experimented their learning on different modes of transportation by making models with their toys. Learning never exhausts the mind. Witness the creativity of our Jr. kindergartens.

Various Modes Of Transport



Shalom Rivan Prabhakar



Vashwanth - Jr kg



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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – these three 'R' words are an important part of sustainable living, as they help to cut down on the amount of waste we have to throw away.

It's **R**eally simple!

- Reduce the amount of waste you produce.
- Reuse items as much as you can before replacing them.
- Recycle items wherever possible.

Using the 3 'R's also helps to minimize the amount of space needed for landfill sites, where waste materials are disposed of. As a part of their learning Grade 5 took the initiative to produce something new from the waste which we use for packaging. They made plastic bag coasters, shelter houses for puppies by using the packaging cardboard and many more.



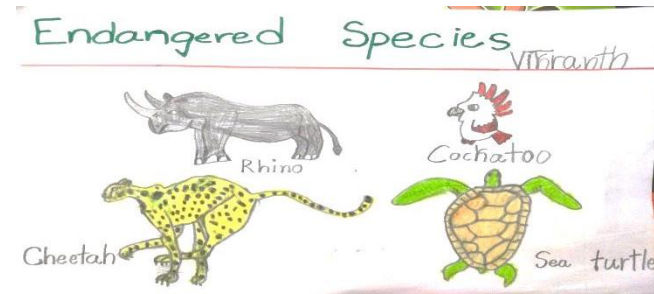
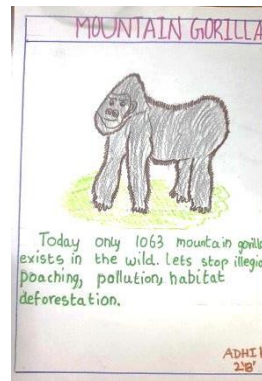
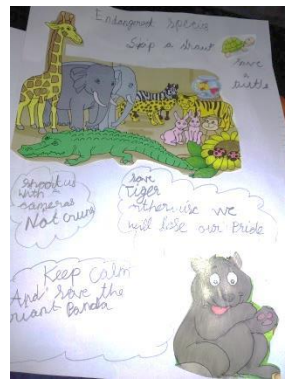
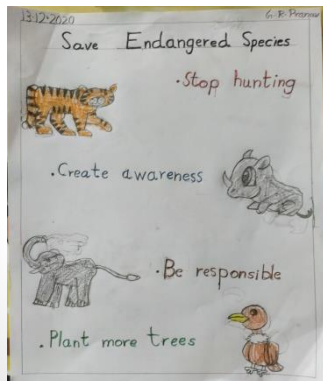
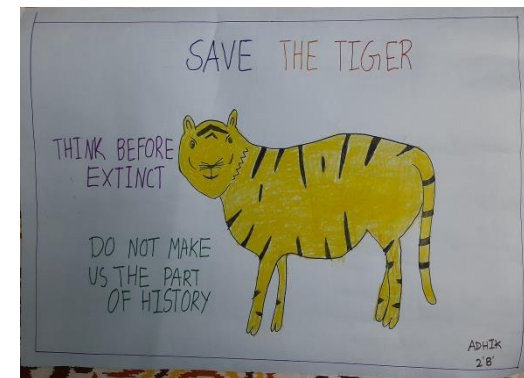
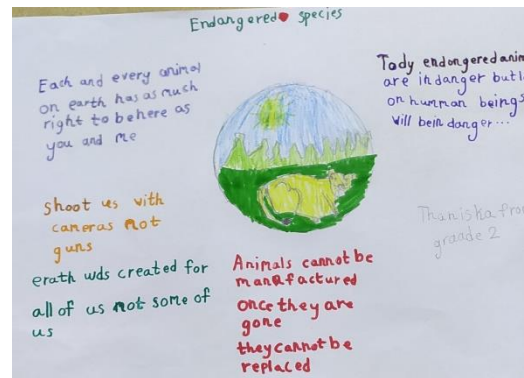
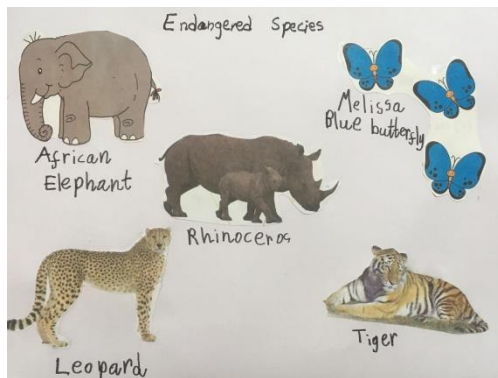
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GP Activity on Endangered animals: It is perhaps more important than ever for children to be aware of the endangered species that inhabit our planet. The best way of teaching our children about endangered species is to have them draw them.

“Teaching a child to draw can be the first step in helping them understand the importance of protecting endangered species. Their drawing can then be a physical manifestation of what they felt, which can inspire them to take action later in life.” Grade 2 kids presented their creativity on Endangered species..



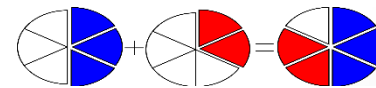
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FRACTIONS!!!!!!

A fraction simply tells us how many parts of a whole we have. For example, $\frac{1}{2}$ is a fraction. We have a top number 1, the numerator, and a bottom number 2, the denominator.

So what does this mean?

Let's picture a cake, the bottom number tells us how many pieces of cake to be cut, and the top number tells us how many of those pieces we can have. Here $\frac{1}{2}$ tells us that we have cut our cake into two equal pieces, and we can take 1 out of those 2 pieces. Isn't that half of the cake? So $\frac{1}{2}$ of a cake is half a cake! Now that's a pretty big piece! Top it with chocolate mousse, and we are good to go!.

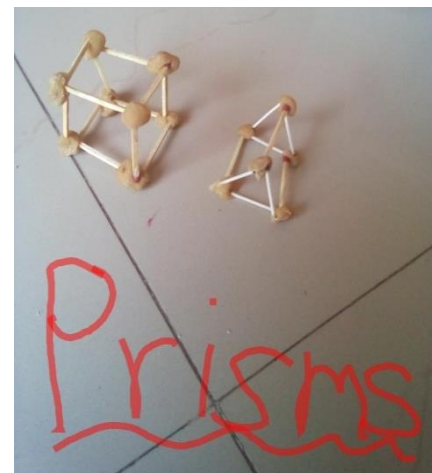
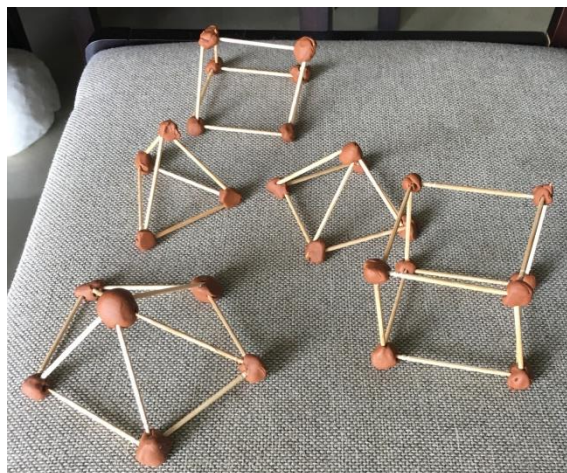


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Prism is a three-dimensional solid object in which the two ends are identical. It is the combination of the flat faces, identical bases and equal cross-sections. The faces of the prism are parallelograms or rectangles without the bases. And the bases of the prism could be triangle, square, rectangle or any n-sided polygon. For example, a pentagonal prism has two pentagonal bases and 5 rectangular faces.

Grade 5 learners made activity using LEARN AND PLAY WITH CLAY.

Mathematics is not only equations, numbers or algorithms. It is about UNDERSTANDING. Children made various models on prism and pyramid. It is an effort to lay a strong relationship with Math and Geometry.



The Learning platform has changed. Learners of Grade 8 researched on the Digital world as a part of their Global Perspective understanding. They were trying to find answers for these three simple questions.

1. How are computers and digital technology changing?
2. What are the worldwide trends in internet usage?
3. Does the use of computers and digital technology affect learning?

Students prepared the presentation and expressed their views about the changing world. This activity increased the Analytical skills of the learners along with evaluating capability.

TECHNOLOGY IS MORE EFFECTIVE WHEN USED TOGETHER



Engage



Communicate



Learn



Create

Introduction

- The digital world refers to the present time use of machines and computers to present information. The digital world had an overall impact on our societies and day to day activities. It has a lot of advantages and disadvantages i.e., it came with so many opportunities as well as costs.

We are living in a world in which professionals in digital technologies are trying to push their boundaries on becoming more advanced in technology even beyond our imagination. The digital world has given a new explanation to technology which is now used as a mode of expression, interactions, entertainments, learning, etc.

World Computer Literacy Day 2020

"Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know"

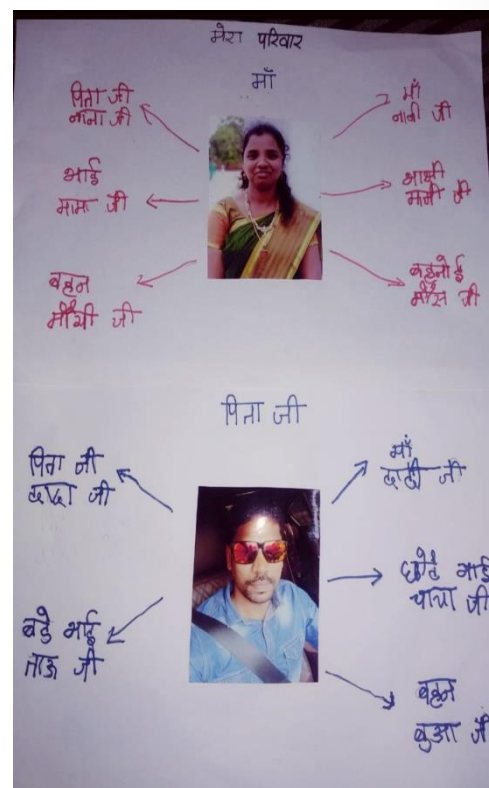
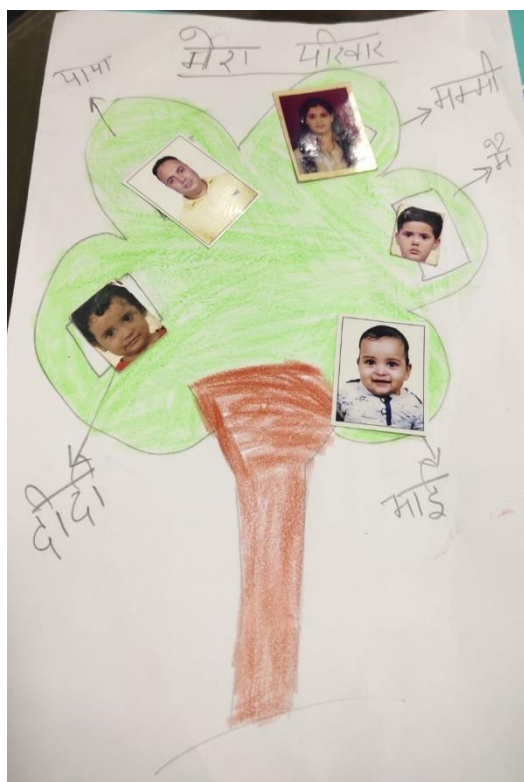
This day is basically to provide awareness among all groups of people as Computer has become an essential gadget in everyone's life. Children from Grade 1&2 help their Grandparents learn about these smart gadgets and also express their views on how to use them wisely.



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द्वितीय कक्षा के बच्चों ने हिंदी में रिश्तों के बारे में सीखा और अपने परिवार के सदस्यों के प्रति अपने प्यार को अपने ही अंदाज में वंश वृक्ष पर चिपकाकर दिखाया।

Children of Grade 2 learned about relationships in Hindi and showed their love towards their family members by pasting their pictures in the family tree with their own creative style.



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Gateway The Complete School , Senior Kindergartners were so enthusiastic about performing Christmas themed art / craft activities included:

1. One Cut Paper Stars
2. Whirligig Paper Plate Christmas Tree and Laced Christmas Tree Craft
3. Spray painting using toothbrush
4. Raised Salt- Water Colour Art

Objective :

- Enhances eye hand coordination and fine motor control.
- Increases Concentration.
- Teaches patience and perseverance.

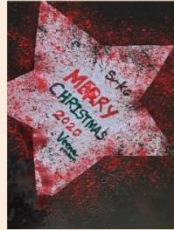
Photo templates related to Christmas were posted in Google Classroom for Kids to download and keep ready for the activity. Kids followed the step-by-step instructions given in class and thoroughly enjoyed the work of folding, cutting, pasting and painting. They were captivated from start to finish by these activities.

Kudos to our kids.

Thanks to our parents for their extended support.

“ Spread the warmth of the Christmas season to all those around you and make this world a beautiful place to live in.”

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"Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most."

The celebrity spirit that Christmas brings is unmatched. To add sparkles of joy and infuse a distinct glow in the heart of children, Junior Kindergartners were involved in a string of fun filled activities like making craft & decorative items, singing carols and learning about the importance of the festival. Truly, these symbols of Christmas proved to be the harbingers of excitement, happiness and togetherness for everyone. May Lovely Happy times decorate your Holiday Season. May warm, Special Memories Brighten your New Year. May the Wonder of Christmas be with you all forever.



“Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see”- Mark Twain.

Right said ‘Mark Twain’. Kindness is the universal language that is comprehended beyond boundaries. Each and every individual understands and speaks this language. An act of kindness never goes futile. If you are kind to someone it will reflect in your and his behavior. Being kind to others instills a positive feeling and makes this world a better place to live.

Students of Grade 1 to 8 took part in an activity where they showed how important sharing is. They also made different posters and also sang their favorite Jingles.



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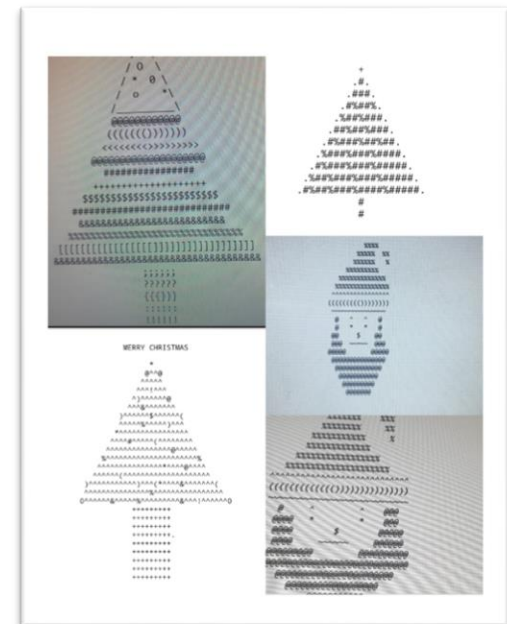
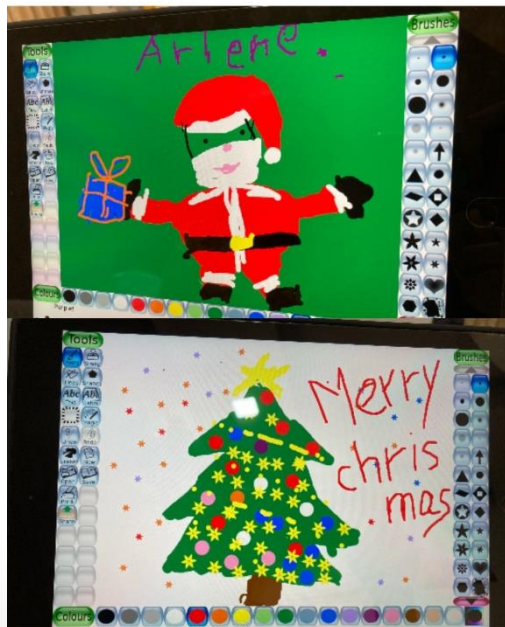
With KINDNESS



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Tux Paint is a raster graphics editor geared towards young children. The project was started in 2002 by Bill Kendrick who continues to maintain and improve it, with help from numerous volunteers. Tux Paint is seen by many as a free software alternative to Kid Pix, a similar proprietary educational software product. Notepad is a simple text editor for Microsoft Windows and a basic text-editing program which enables computer users to create documents. It was first released as a mouse-based MS-DOS program in 1983, and has been included in all versions of Microsoft Windows since Windows 1.0 in 1985

As a part of learning and understanding the applications children from Grade 1 and 2 were engaged to use the Notepad and the TUX app to show their Christmas love.



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UNICEF in Belgium

UNICEF Belgium was created on 26 June 1952, and is the oldest National Committee for UNICEF in Europe. The work of the Belgian National Committee for UNICEF focuses mainly on communication and fundraising for children worldwide. Since the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989, the Committee has become a frontline advocate for children's rights.

COPENHAGEN, 16 December 2004 – Her Royal Highness, Princess Mathilde of Belgium, visited UNICEF's supply headquarters in Copenhagen on December 7. The visit, organized by the Belgium National Committee for UNICEF, is part of their "Education, My Right!" campaign.

The Princess actively supports the campaign, which was launched on October 13 of this year and is aimed at enrolling more children in developing countries into schools.

During her visit, Princess Mathilde took a tour of the warehouse, which is the size of three football fields and contains essential supplies for children and their families.

She paid special attention to the school-in-a-box kit, which contains items from pencils to blackboards. One kit enables 80 children to continue their schooling during emergency situations. The school-in-a-box kit is the center-piece of UNICEF Belgium's "Education, My Right!" campaign.

More than 120 million children worldwide, most of them girls, are not being educated. The “Education, My Right!” campaign raises funds to support educational program's in three countries: Niger, Romania and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Princess Mathilde also met with Supply Division's Director Alan Court, and learned about the crucial role Supply Division plays. In times of emergency, the Supply Division can respond within 48 hours and dispatch supplies for children in need.

Princess Mathilde has been involved with UNICEF activities since 2001. She first participated in the launch of the “Say Yes! for Children” campaign held in Brussels, and later visited Niger in early 2004 to raise awareness on girls’ education.

Princess Mathilde is committed to giving UNICEF and the children of the world her continuous support.

Article By:
Krisha Kameshwaran
Grade 6

Kindness is the quality of being friendly, helpful and empathetic, offering assistance and support to those who need it. Often, kindness is mistaken for being a pushover, for being too selfless. But this isn't the case.

Kindness is what you see when people offer money to the homeless. It is what you see when a friend lets you talk to them about your hardships. The very thing that makes people compliment you, your talents and your personality is kindness.

It is what makes the world a brighter, better place, because these little acts help people raise each other up, help them unite, connect, and bond. Kindness is so incredibly important, because without it, the world would be bleak and hopeless. In fact, kindness ignites hope in others that maybe the world isn't as cruel a place as they thought.

The greatest thing about kindness it can be given so easily yet still mean so much. A compliment that seemed so irrelevant to you could be the very thing that made someone else decide that life was worth living. Kindness is beautiful; it is marvelous. It is everywhere and it is so easy to give. So perhaps, it is about time we start spreading the joy with small acts of kindness every day.

Article By:
Shanen Mithra
Grade 11



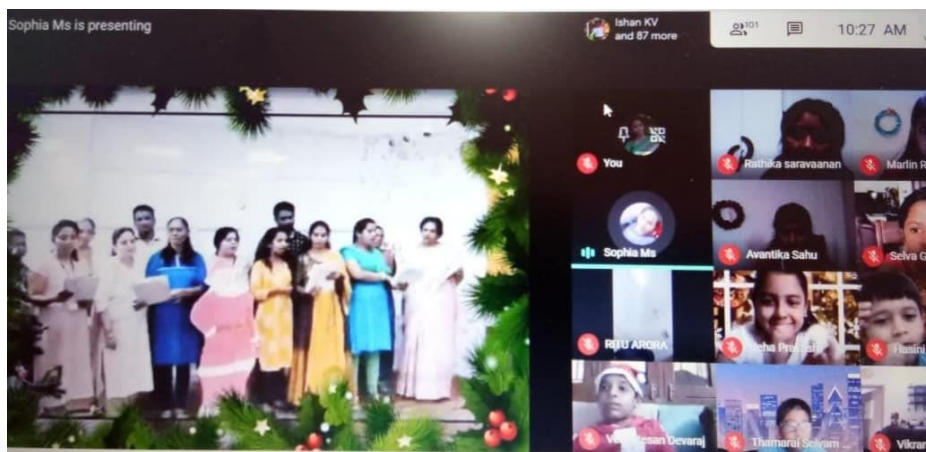
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Kindness is an act of compassion, humanity, love, concern and sympathy. Kindness is worship, kindness is religion. Kindness is a behaviour that spreads joy, joy that has no borders, joy that is universal. And its relevance in modern day and every day can't be discounted. Acts of simple kindness make us the humans we are. Kindness of varying degrees separate us from any other species. Its kindness and love that people seek and that people give.

Gateway The Complete School celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ in the true spirit of Christmas with great fervor and enthusiasm. The Christmas message of Love, Joy and sharing was inculcated among the students through our cultural events and activities.

As Calvin Coolidge quotes "Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." With this note let us take a peak at the fun we had on 22nd December 2020.



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ART AND CRAFT



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World Space Week is an international celebration of science and technology, and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition. The United Nations General Assembly declared in 1999 that World Space Week will be **held each year from October 4-10.**

SPACE India has conducted various events and competitions as a part of this global celebration. Out of which there are three major National competitions have been conducted and the results has been announced.

Our talented student Vikranth Vinod Kumar participated in **National Astro Video Podcast Competition 2020** and secured **1st place.** A proud moment for our school.



- ❖ World Hindi Day
- ❖ National Road Safety week
- ❖ Pongal Celebration
- ❖ Martyrs' Day/Shahheed Diwas

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