## **GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**





## **ACADEMIC PROGRESS DURING THE PANDEMIC**

This report summarizes the academic activities that were done during the lockdown period. The lockdown period may have hindered our progress, but it couldn't stop us from achieving our goals. We set on to explore a new platform for learning and educating our students, the Digital Platform. Our school was the first to start the virtual classes and our students and staff was efficient in adapting quickly to this digital world. Let's divulge in to the details of our progress during this pandemic period.

### **Creativity - Students of Kindergarten**

The students of Kindergarten created various art with the materials around them. This encourages recycling of materials and also thinking out of the box.

Way to go kids!!!

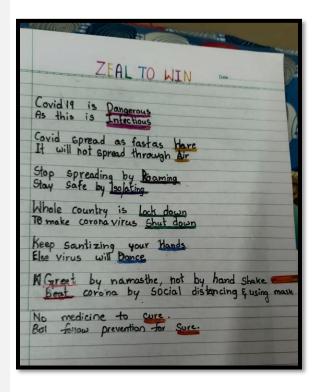


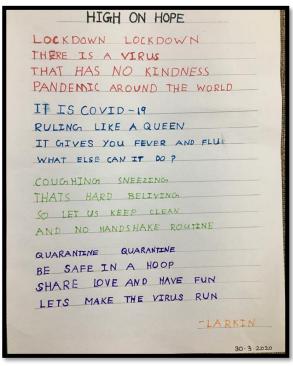




## High on Hope – A Poem by PYP 4

Hope and love is more contagious than any virus. With love in heart and hope in spirit, our students of PYP4 have written poems about the current pandemic situation, with a desire to spread positivity into the world.





## **Robotics**

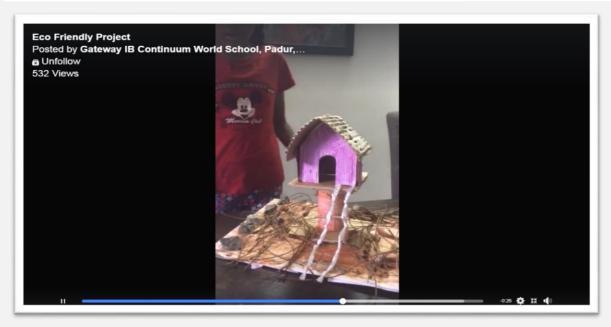
This is Shashank of PYP-3. He is using the lockdown period by engaging himself by building a Robot named Max from his Mechanix kit.



#### **Summative Assessment**

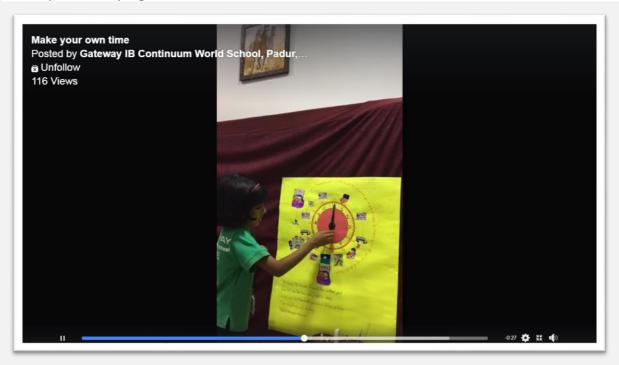
Rhea Shreejesh student of PYP2 have made a model for her assessment.

She has used the different materials that are available at home to make this model work. She has exhibited her creativity to show her understanding of the central idea.



#### Make your own clock

With lots of time left in our hands, what's more apt that asking the students to create their own clock. Johanna of PYP 1 has created her own clock and explains to us very clearly her schedule. Thank you for helping us to utilize our time in an effective manner.



## **Creative Corner**

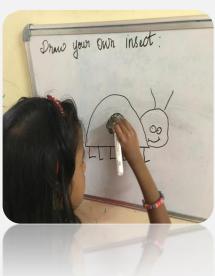
The students of Kindergarten honed in on their creative skills during this lockdown. You can see Chrisa of K3 creating her very own Insect. Magnus of K2 making a Car Clock and caterpillar out of an egg carton. Jaye koshy John of K2 made a wonderful building using lego. Krithik Prem of K2 made a mask and a very long road with alphabets.













#### **Art Integration**

The students were asked to create any art that evolved after civilization. Our students have done a great work in creating various art pieces.







#### **PYP 5 Exhibition**

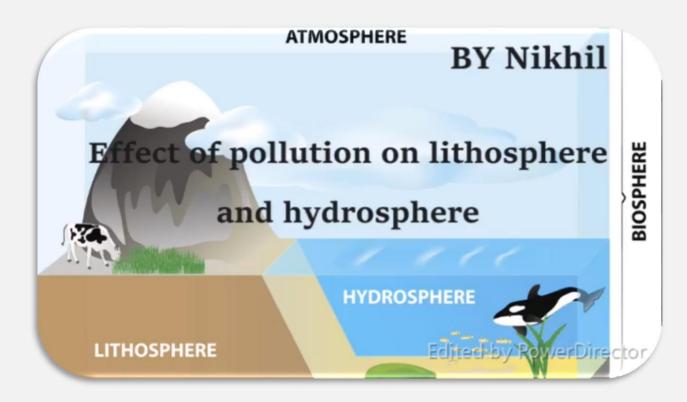
Due to an unprecedented situation where the students are locked in their homes due to the COVID 19 issue, their spirits were free and it did not hamper them leading the PYP Exhibition which is the culmination of their journey and they were much elated to showcase the Elements of PYP with great motivation and determination in an alternate digital way, still keeping its true nature.

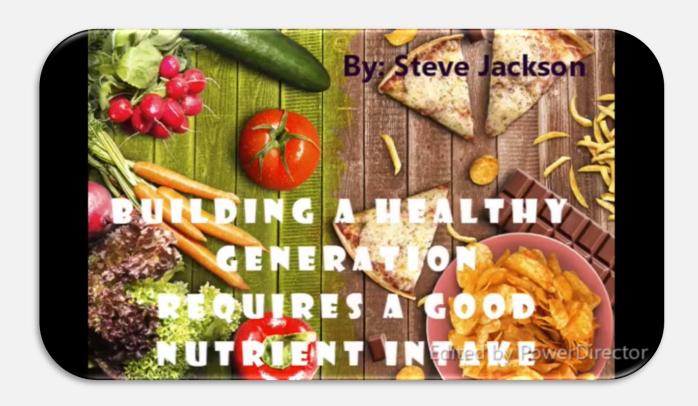
The students began the process early January and it was really exciting when they collaboratively chose the Transdisciplinary Theme at the beginning of the academic year, the most interesting theme, 'Sharing the planet 'and brainstormed in creating the central idea, 'Our actions can have an effect on others and the world around us.' They framed their success criteria on the goals to be achieved on and continued with the learning engagements.

The prior planning of the students were showcased to the Principal, Coordinators, Mentors and PYP teachers who gave their suggestions and input, and it was accepted positively by the students. Their planning included the choice of selecting the local and global issues connected to the inquiry lines and how they incorporated their research skills for investigating on the solution and the personal and service-oriented action that they would take, to create an awareness program.

There were external guest Lecturers, Doctors, Manager from the food corporation, and a General Manager from the technology Industry who supported them with varied knowledge, added on to that, there were also internal guest lecturers and Mentors who supported the students with extensive knowledge.

The students were very enthusiastic and much eager and, nothing could stop their thinking process and continuous reflections, nevertheless to say the students reflected their thoughts and personal action and recorded their findings in the digital portfolios and they were proud of the outcome where they exhibited their choice, voice, and ownership of their PYP Exhibition.









### **Drawing Competition**

The students of PYP submitted their entries for a drawing competition titled "Humans Caged and the World Heals". The entries speak for themselves, such clear understanding and sheer talent these kids have. They have expressed their "out of the box " thinking whilst being locked inside, the irony,,,













## **The invincible - Team IB**

"Hurdles are merely a door to opportunities"

Nothing can stop a good leader to guide her team to achieve their goals. Our Principal, who is a constant driving force to bring out the best in each and every team member, conducted a team meeting online, social distancing style.



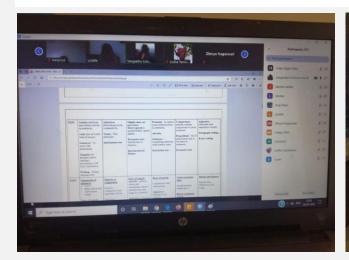




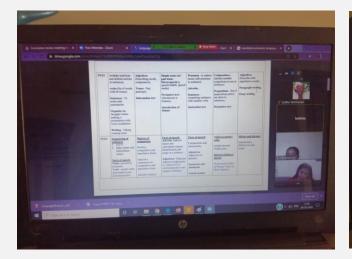
## **Curriculum Planning Meeting**

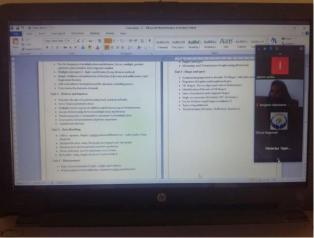
"For tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today"

Covid-19 may have temporarily slowed down our preparation, but the mighty talented staff of Gateway IB is gearing up for another year of wonderful learning. Our staff collaborated online and utilized the time by carefully planning the curriculum for Language and Literature and Math for the grades DP to KG via Zoom Meetings.

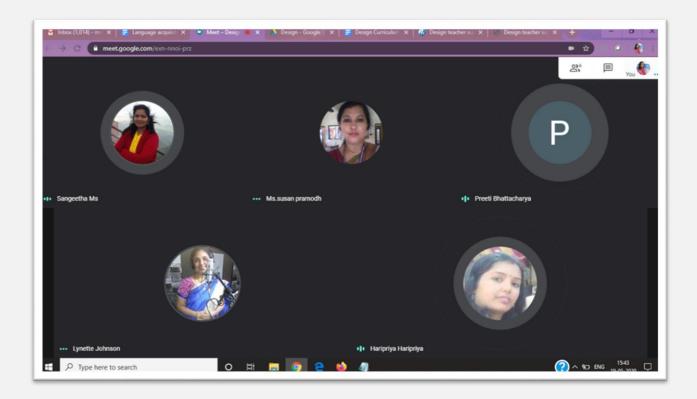


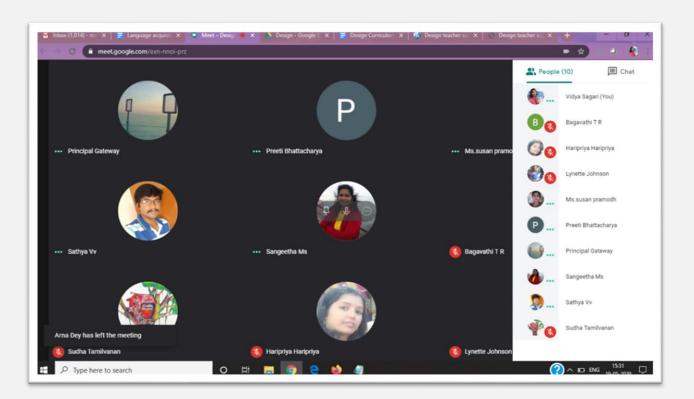






## **Learning Acquisition and Curriculum Meeting**





## Reuse Recycle - Face Mask from old T Shirt

John of MYP 1 designed a Face Mask from an old T- Shirt. Creativity combined with the most needed aspect in today's world, Recycle and reuse. Great thinking John!





## Mock Exam - MYP 5

It was BAU for the students of MYP 5 @ Gateway IB.

It's Exam time. Students of MYP 5 are taking up their exams online using a digital exam platform.





## **Creative Writing - Steve of PYP 5**

Writing is a great art. The art of bringing in the vision and the view of the author in the minds of the readers is a talent to treasure. Words have the capability to move mountains. At Gateway IB the students are encouraged and assisted at the same time to be more creative. An example of this talent is Steve of PYP 5. Great work kid. Looking forward for more .

## **Dream - Freedom Struggle of India**

On a fine afternoon, when I was reading about freedom fighters, I got impressed with the Young Hero 'Bhagat Singh'. I was amazed by his rightful spirit, and his martyrdom for our country India. Thinking about how it would be during the freedom struggle of India, I went on a nap feeling tired.

To my surprise, I was standing next to Bhagat Singh, and yes I was taken back to the year 1924. This amazed me that the same Bhagat Singh I've seen in pictures, looked very young, yet very fearless and enthusiastic.

He asked me, 'Do you want to join Hindustan Republican Association (HRA)?' in a haste. Without having a second thought, I said 'Yes', as I too wanted to join him to fight and protest against the British rule. Many like-minded individuals like me joined the Association.

Initially, there were many early attempts at obtaining funds, such as the robbery of a post office in Calcutta and from railway at Chittagong. But the Kakori train robbery was the most prominent of all the HRA efforts in which we have looted government money of worth more than 100,000 rupees from a train around 14 miles from Lucknow, escaped to Lucknow. Our objectives were to fund the HRA and to seek public attention by creating a positive image of the HRA among Indians.

Later, when the British government set up the Simon Commission, to report on the political situation in India, various revolutionary groups joined with us and we formed Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA) under the leadership of Bhagat Singh.

During this period, Lala Lajpat Rai led a march in protest against the Simon Commission by asking the British to go back to England. The police charged at Lajpat Rai and he died subsequently. To avenge our friend's death, Bhagat Singh and others plotted to kill the police superintendent, but instead we shot and killed police officer John P. Saunders, mistakenly.

After escaping, for many months later, Bhagat Singh along with Batukeshwar Dutt threw bomb inside the Central Legislative Assembly in Delhi. This act was

proposed to gain massive publicity. Initially it was opposed by us because we were certain that Singh's prior Saunders' assault would ultimately result in his execution. However, we eventually decided that he was their most suitable candidate.

The bombs wasn't designed not to kill. The smoke from the bombs filled the Assembly. Singh and Dutt could probably have escaped, instead, they stayed shouting the slogan "Inquilab Zindabad!" meaning "Long Live the Revolution" and threw leaflets.

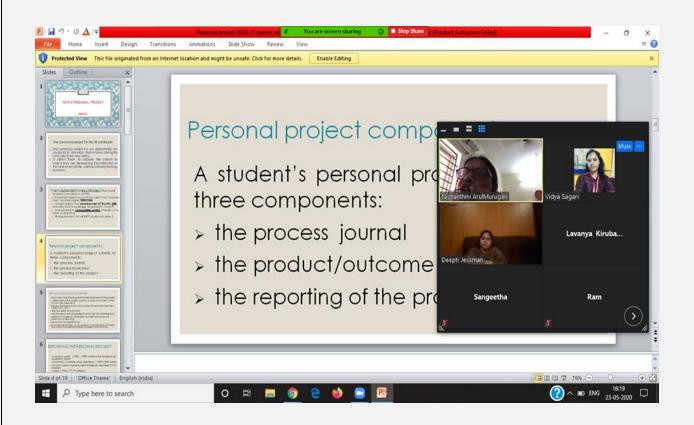
Alas, Singh and Dutt were arrested and they were moved through a series of jails in Delhi. He went on hunger strike in Jail to protest the inhuman treatment of fellow prisoners by jail authorities. Following a hasty trial of the Lahore Conspiracy Case, Bhagat Singh, along with Rajguru and Sukhdev were awarded the death sentence.

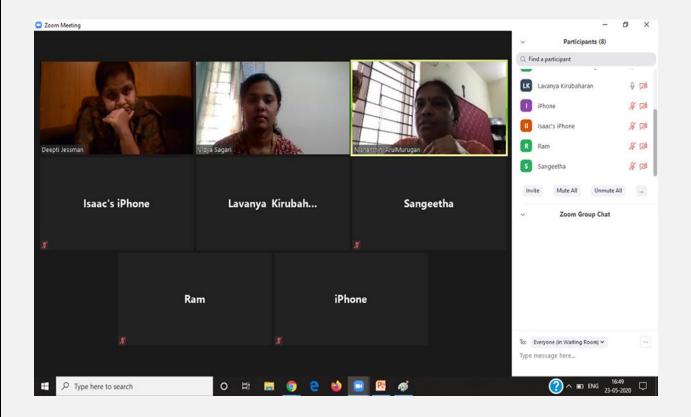
By hearing this news, I was shocked and shouted, and then could realise it was scarcely a dream. This dream created a great impact in my life that if it could cause such a trauma in just a dream, how much it would have been being a

Indeed, Bhagat Singh was an outstanding revolutionary and martyr of the Indian anti-colonial movement. His bravery made him a 'Folk Hero of the Indian Independence'.

#### **Personal Project Orientation for the Parents**

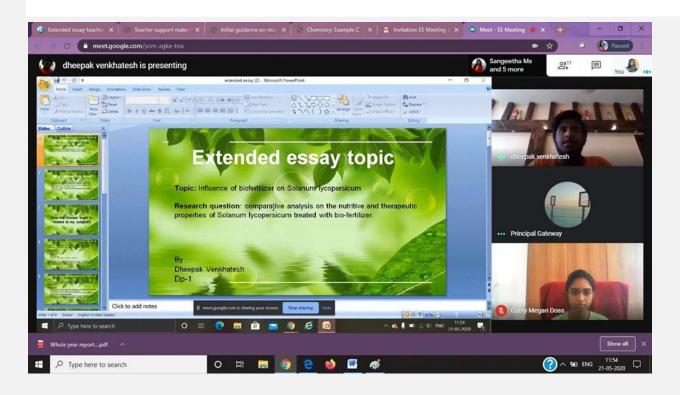
The MYP personal project helps students develop confidence as principled, lifelong learners. Students in the final year of the Programme explore an area of personal interest over an extended period. A zoom meeting was scheduled with the parents, coordinators and the Principal to help the parents gain a better understanding of their ward's Personal Project.

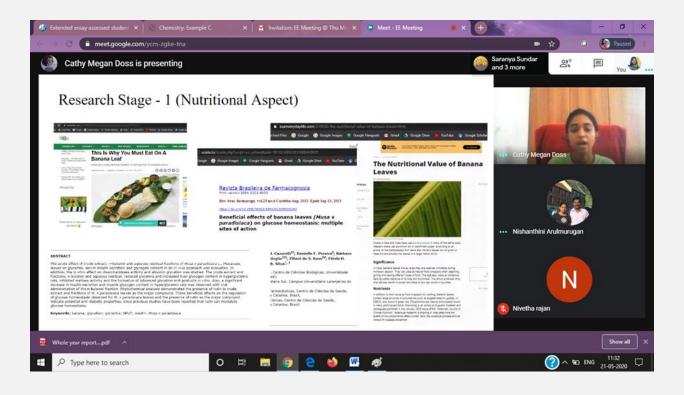




## **Extended Essay - Students of DP 1**

The extended essay is an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4,000-word paper. One component of the IB Diploma Programme (DP) core, the extended essay is mandatory for all students. The students of DP 1 presented their research question on 21st May 2020 with the Principal, Coordinators and their Supervisors.







## **Admissions Online**

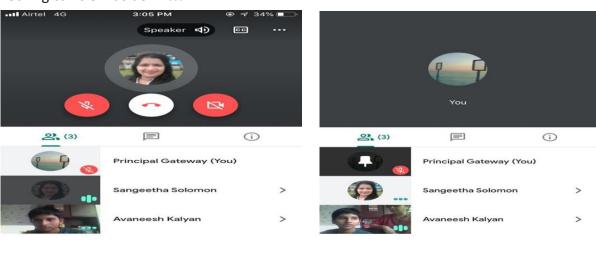
"If you're determined to stand, nothing can move you. If you're determined to move, nothing can stop you. Determination is the key!"

— Israelmore Ayivor, Leaders' Ladder

#### Its BAU @ Gateway IB

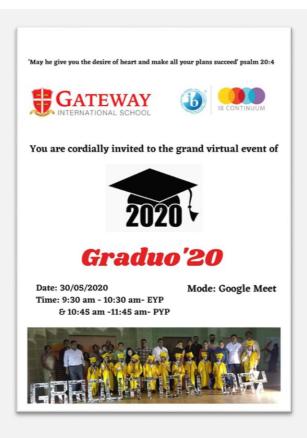
Covid-19 has not slowed us down. Our team has managed to maneuver this crisis without hindering any of the school activities like curriculum planning, competitions, exhibitions, even graduation which we conducted online. To add to this we are processing Admissions are online, with the interview with the candidate being done through Google Meet.

Nothing can slow us down!!!

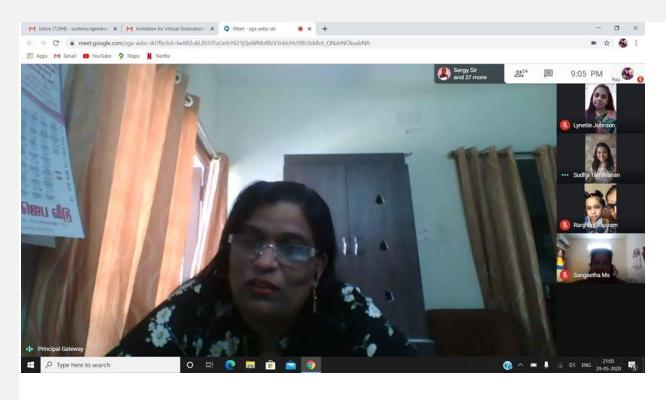


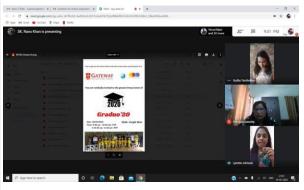
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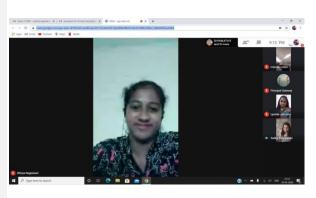
The Graduation Ceremony for the students of EYP was held on the 30th May 2020 at 9.30 AM via Google Meet .The event was presided over by our Honorable Principal who initiated the event with her thought provoking and encouraging words of wisdom for the students as well as the parents. Ma'am you are truly a visionary, and the love and care you have for the success of our students is immense. The event was hosted by our very own talented Ms.Sudha. It was a visual treat to see her smiling face greeting the students and the parents and steering the event without any hurdles. Ms.Lynette sang the prayer song Ms. Sangeetha read the bible verse to commence the event. The Welcome note was done by Ms.Iksha of K3. What a presentation !!!, a very clear and excellent use of language. Great job dear. A video of Journey of students of K3 that showcased the fun moments and the learning was played. The Homeroom Teacher of K3 Ms.Dhivya ,who is very loving and is extremely talented in her innovative teaching methods, then addressed



the students with her encouraging words. The event then moved on to the students each presenting their valedictorian speech and received their Virtual Graduation Certificates. It was a priceless moment. I am sure that it was a great moment of joy and pride for the students, parents and the teachers as well. The parents were asked to share their feedback .It was great to hear from the parents the positive impact that the school and the teachers were able to make in the budding lives of their children. The EYP Coordinator Ms. Susan then addressed the students with her wisdom. Miss Vivaksha of K3 presented the Vote of Thanks with great confidence and enthusiasm. Great work kids. The event was concluded with the National Anthem .

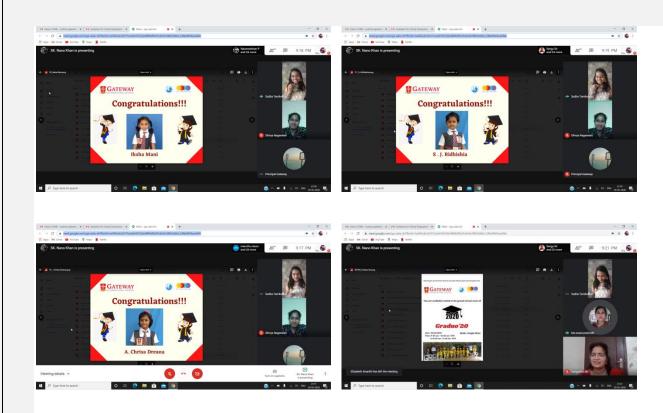






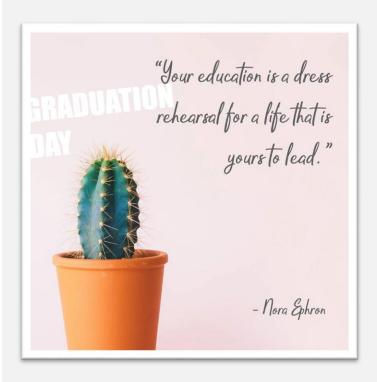






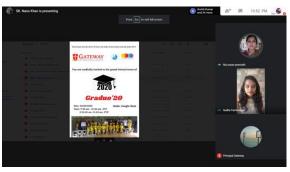
#### **PYP 5 - GRADUATION DAY !!!**

The Graduation Ceremony for the students of PYP was held on, the 30th May 2020 from 10.45 AM to 11.45 AM via Google Meet .Our esteemed Principal Mrs. Letishia Harris presided over the Virtual Graduation ceremony and shared her wisdom to the students as well as the parents. Ma'am you are truly a visionary, and the love and care you have for the success of our students is immense. The event was hosted by our very own talented Ms.Sudha. It was a visual treat to see her smiling face greeting the students and the parents and steering the event without any hurdles. Ms.Lynette sang the prayer song and Ms.Sangeetha read the bible verse to commence the event. The Welcome note was presented by Nikhil of PYP 5. An orator in the making. His deliverance of the welcome note was



sensational. Excellent job Nikhil. A video of Journey of students of PYP 5 was broadcast. The whole year shrunk to a 5 min video that contained all the precious memories and the learning the students

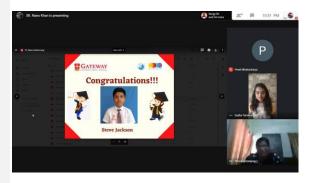
had in the whole year brought a smile in everyone. The Homeroom Teacher of PYP 5 ,Ms.Preethi ,who is very loving and dedicated teacher addressed the students with her encouraging words. The event then moved on to the students each presenting their valedictorian speech and received their Virtual Graduation Certificates. It was a priceless moment. I am sure that it was a great moment of joy and pride for the students,parents and the teachers as well. The PYP Coordinator Ms.Susan then addressed the students with her wisdom. Steve of PYP 5 delivered the Vote of Thanks with great confidence and enthusiasm. Great work kids.

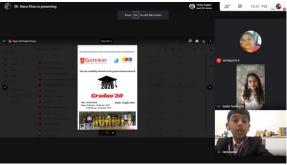


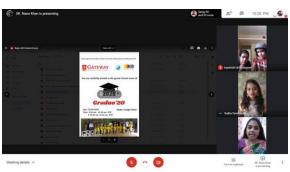








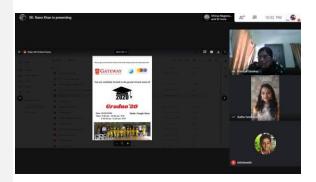


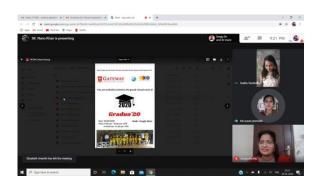






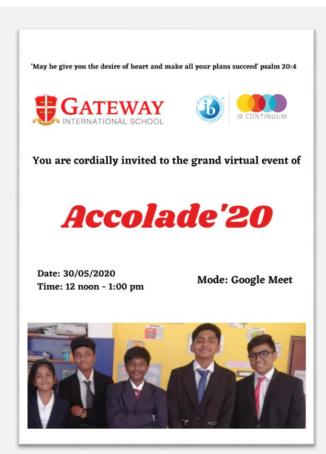






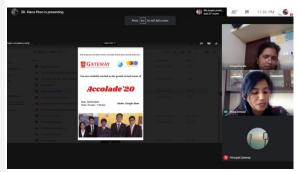
#### MYP 5 - Accolade 20

An Appreciation Ceremony for the students of MYP 5 was held on the 30th May 2020 at 12.00 PM via Google Meet .Our esteemed Principal Mrs. Letishia Harris presided over the Virtual Graduation ceremony and shared her wisdom to the students as well as the parents. Ma'am you are truly a visionary, and the love and care you have for the success of our students is immense. The event was hosted by our very own fiercely talented Ms. Dhara. It was amazing to see how great of a teacher she is as she began describing each and every student on their personal trait. Now that's what we call a dedicated teacher. Her rhyming quotes on the positives of each and every student sure did bring in a huge smile on everyone. Great MC Ms.Dhara!!! Ms.Lynette sang the prayer song and Ms.Sangeetha read the bible verse to commence the event. The Welcome note was presented by Tarunika of MYP 5. A great speech, with an excellent use of vocabulary. A video of Journey of students of MYP 5 was broadcast to

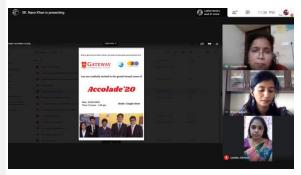


everyone. The precious memories and the learning the students had in the whole year took us down a memory lane. The Class Teacher of MYP 5, Ms.Vidya ,who is very talented and dedicated teacher addressed the students with her motivating words. The event then moved on to the students each presenting their valedictorian speech and received their Appreciation Certificates. I am sure that it was a great moment of joy and pride for the students, parents and the teachers as well. Siddharth Mani of MYP 5 delivered the Vote of Thanks with great zest and enthusiasm. It was a great day that we all would treasure for the rest of our lives. There is no greater Joy that seeing the success of our students.

Our sincere thanks to the Teachers, Staff, the students and the Parents for making this event a grand success. Also, heartfelt thanks to our Management for their continued support without who this journey would have not been possible.







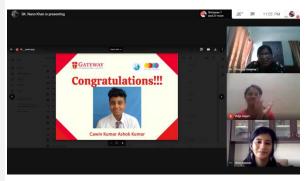








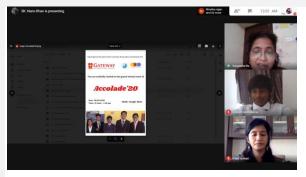




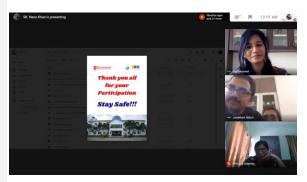














We are extremely proud of all our students, staff and most of all the parents for your continued support through this perilous time. Though we were in lockdown for the past 70 days, our work did not stop. Our teachers and students were quick to adapt to the online class regime. The road had some pits and falls but we reached our destination on time. It was a great year that taught us that "Change is the only constant in life". We bid adieu for this year and hope to see you soon in the coming academic year with a zest to learn more and educate more.

The only impossible journey is the one you never begin.

- Tony Robbins

# Thank You!!!

