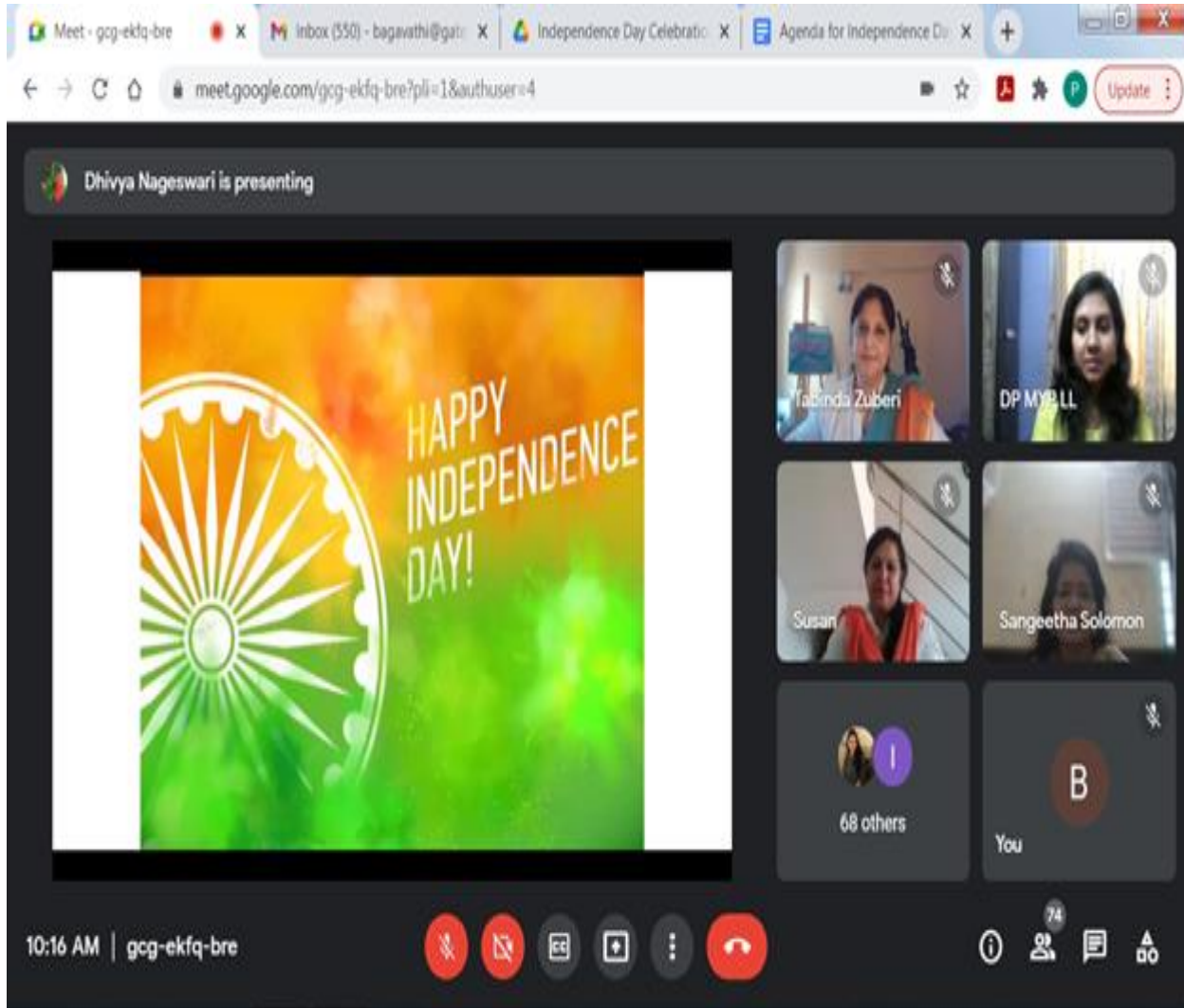




## NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2021



# GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



This edition of Newsletter brings to the events and happenings of the month of August 2021.

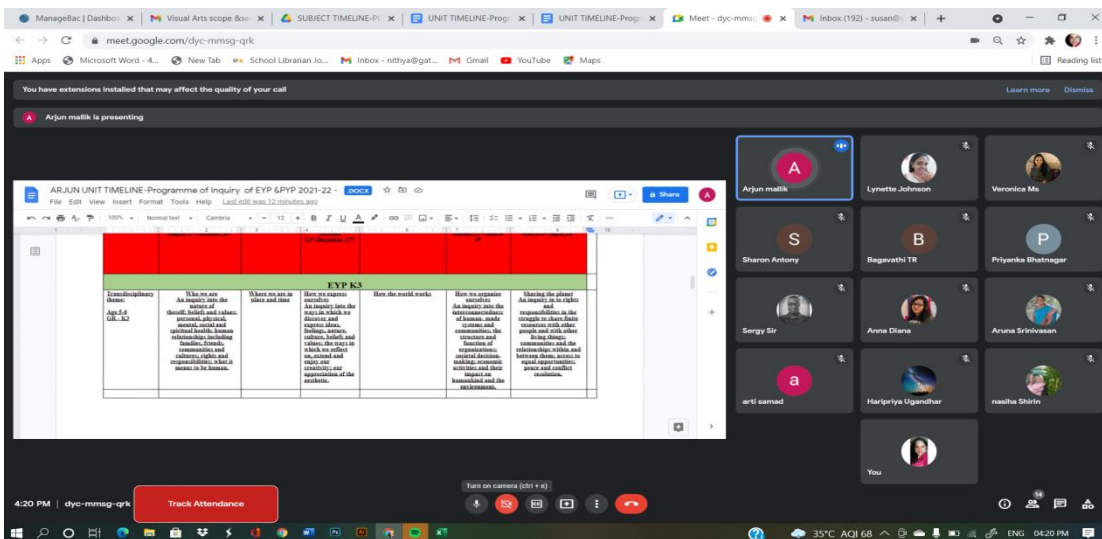
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## PYP Collaboration – 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2021

- Teachers collaboratively reviewed the POI their classes to see if the subjects are updated and cross checked it with reference to the continuum curriculum mapping of the scope and sequence to see if all the topics were entered and are in the appropriate transdisciplinary Themes.
- The Timeline was checked and updated under the various Themes.
- The specialist teachers actively involved to check if all the topics are distributed horizontally across the themes.
- All the teachers met up with the essential agreement and were cooperatively discussing and completing their work.
- The EYP Teachers discussed on the techniques, ideas and new practices they made to enhance their class and to make their class more interactive and comprehensive for children.
- The teachers gave a number of strategies to be implemented towards teaching the EYP students on a virtual environment.

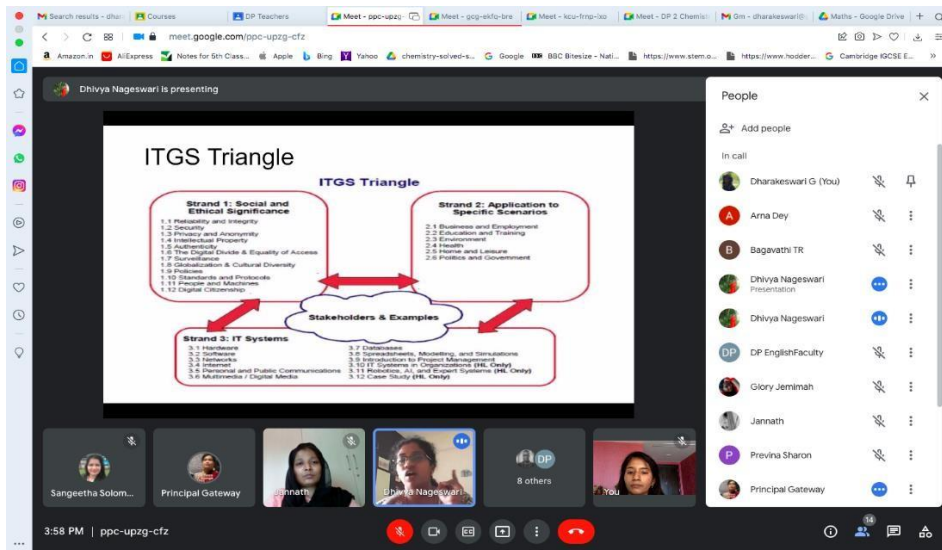
Teachers shared the techniques and novel practices used in their classes and received more ideas in dealing on the virtual platform. Thus, the collaboration meeting was indeed important as it meets up all our needs to teach online and to generate new ideas and teaching strategies were discussed and a few updates in the Enhanced PYP documents were revised.



## DP Collaboration Meeting -2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2021

Meeting with the Diploma Programme Co-ordinator Ms. Sangeetha and the Subject Teachers

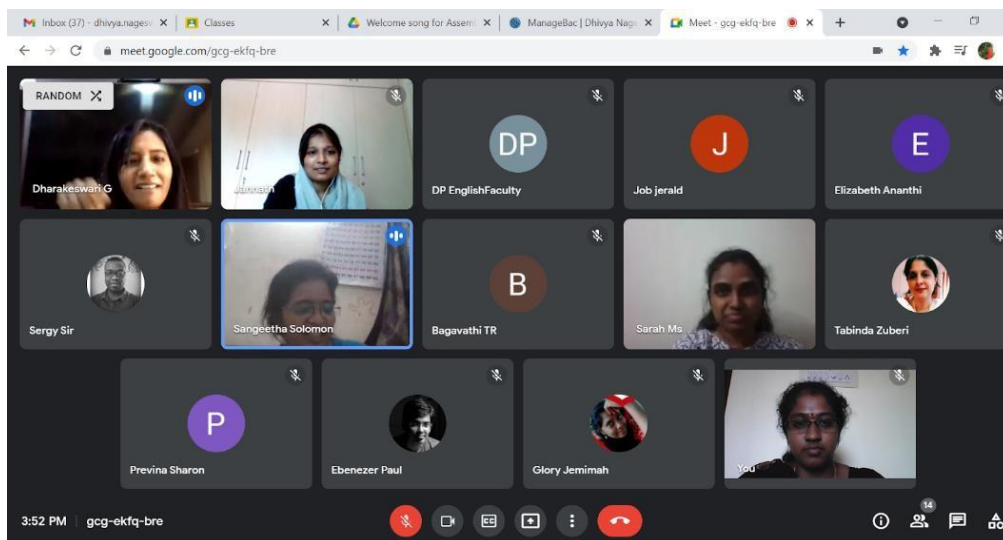
- ITGS Subject presentation by **Ms. Dhivya, IBDP ITGS Facilitator**
- Updation for books/resources/magazines for all the subjects asap
- Marking and recording of attendance is mandatory in the Managebac and HRTs should send the monthly attendance to Principal without fail(at the end of every month).
- Meeting scheduled with the parents of DP1 students on 06.08.2021 at 3.45pm. All the DP1 subject teachers must join the meeting
- EE for DP2- finalising the research question should be completed by 10.08.2021.



## MYP Collaboration Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2021

Meeting with the Middle Years Programme Co-ordinator and the Subject teachers.

- Discussion with the MYP Co-ordinator and the Subject Teachers regarding the following:
- Discussion about the Global Contexts in depth
- Discussion about how to choose and inculcate specific exploration present under the Global context Fairness and development with regarding the topic chosen under subject groups.
- Discussion on creating and maintaining weekly reports.



## Academic Assessment for Special Needs child – 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

Name of the Facilitators -Principal Ms Letishia Harris & SEN Teacher Ms Anna

The child was very happy and excited as he was provoked with a few general questions and to set him comfortable on the virtual platform as the assessment began for Jebin from the PYP 1 class to understand the academic level of the student.

Ms Anna started off with a few activities such as identifying letters, shapes and colours, he was indeed supported by his parents who all the time encouraged him to listen to the teacher and to give selected responses, and also said that he would get a high five as a reward and to that he was happy and tried to give some responses.

The student also was asked to recite number 1-20 and some of them correctly and did the others hurriedly and then to write letters in his note book, the teacher articulated the sound of the letter and it was prompted to him to get him writing correctly. The formation of letter 'A' and 'D' was written correctly and letter 'H' was slightly shaky and not formed completely.

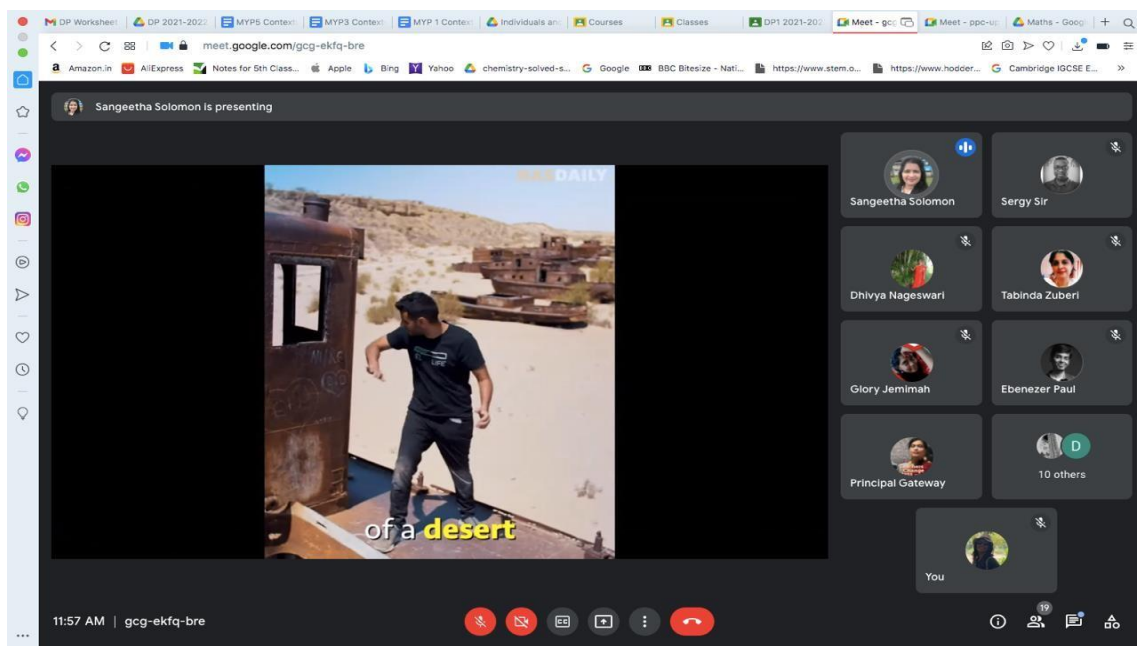
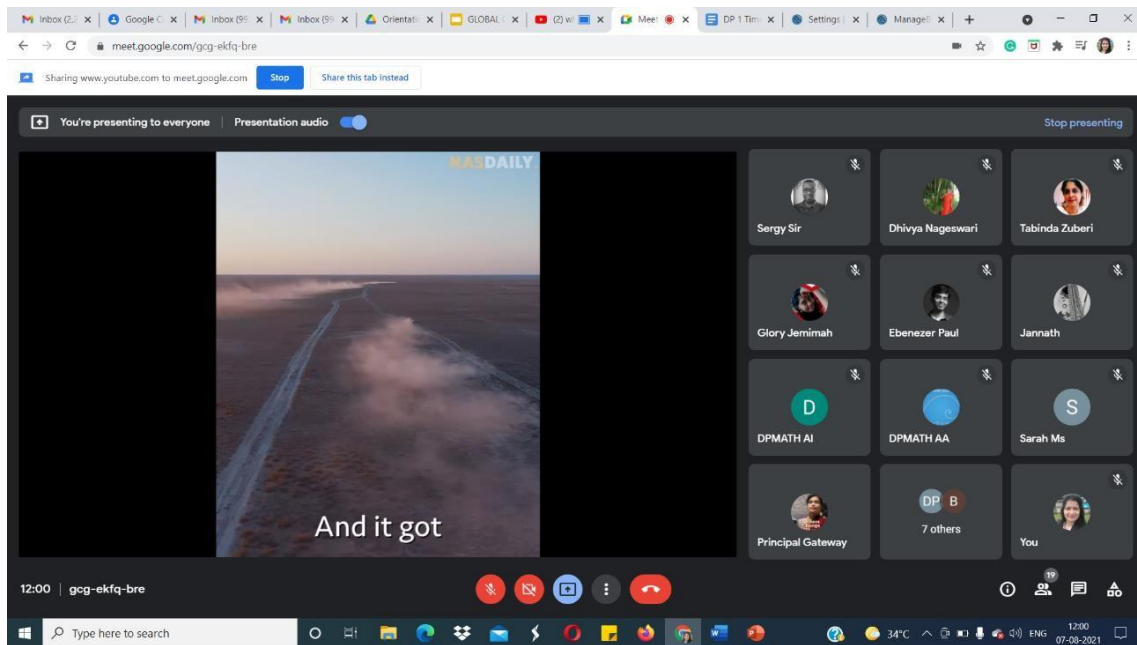
So, the child showed understanding and had knowledge in the topics that he was assessed on, however he was distracted and had low attention span during the assessment.

The Principal had planned to have another assessment for the child to observe and analyze the other aspects of behaviour and learning needs on August 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday. It was indeed really useful to understand the needs of the child and to help him to feel comfortable for his learning on the virtual platform, and also to comprehend the parents support towards the child and to work together and build up the strength of the child.

### **MYP Collaboration Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021**

Meeting with the Middle Years Programme Co-ordinator and the Subject teachers.

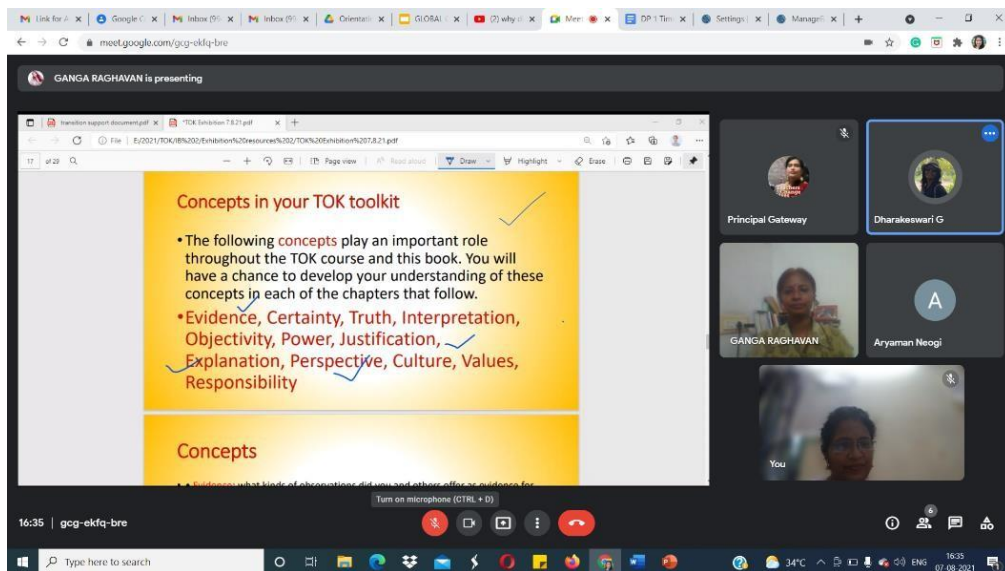
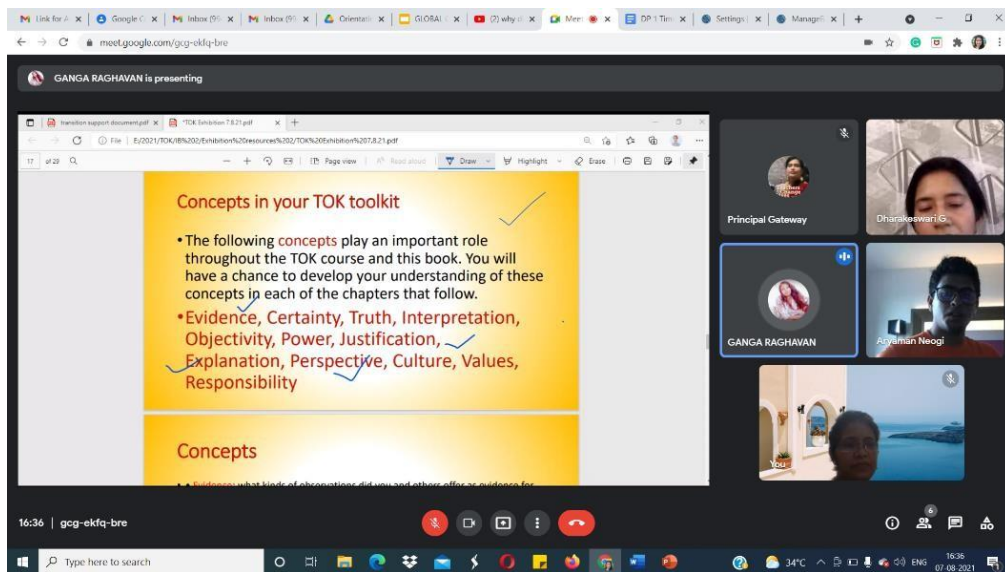
- MYP Coordinator Ms. Sangeetha discussed about how to choose and inculcate specific exploration present under the Global context Globalization and Sustainability with regarding the topic chosen under subject groups. A video is played explaining the disasters in Aral Sea due to human intervention. Followed by the video teachers formed subject wise teams and framed the statement of inquiry and summative assessment based on the global context discussed.
  - Discussion on the preparation of Timeline.
  - Discussion on contextual mapping.



## TOK Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

**TOK** : Theory of knowledge is a compulsory core subject of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. It is marked on a letter scale and aims to "provide an opportunity for students to reflect on the nature of knowledge, and on how we know what we claim to know." Students must complete an exhibition and essay for the final assessment.

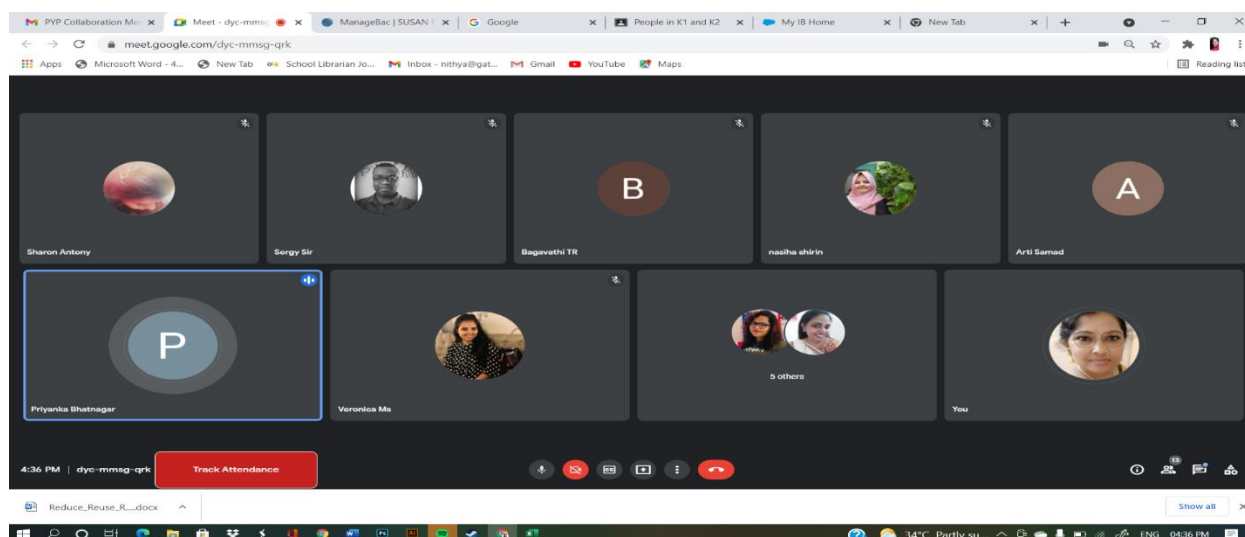
Ms.Ganga, TOK Coordinator and Examiner interacted with DP2 student Aryan, and guided him for the TOK exhibition.



## PYP Collaboration Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

- To respect and be open-minded
- Collaborating effectively-sharing of resources, maintaining standards & practices
- Being Principled & cooperative
- To be committed & to maintain confidentiality
- Teachers had a discussion of the techniques, ideas and new practices they made to enhance their teaching methodologies (spin wheel for turns, monopoly) to make their class more interactive and comprehensive for children.
- Cultural events for the upcoming days were discussed (Independence-day)
- Overall discussions on the scope & sequence topics to be covered during this unit and to adhere to all the deadlines and to plan efficiently on the weekly plan for the upcoming week's lessons and to carry out the plan more diligently were articulated during the collaboration meeting.

- Teachers were also asked encourage the children to maintain their personal journal and note take on the lessons.



## Academic Assessment for Special Needs child – 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

**Name of the Child :** Jebin, PYP 1 **Name of the Facilitators** -Principal Ms Letishia Harris & SEN Teacher Ms Anna

**Present:** PYPC Ms Susan , Jebin's Mother & Jebin

**Agenda:** Academic Assessment

### Action/Minutes

The child was assessed on the different subject areas and to start with the SEN teacher tested on his English strands Identification of letters, he was able to identify the alphabet Identification of reading words, he was able to identify words, and needed support on his fine motor skill development

When assessed on the sentence reading, Jebin showed interest towards reading and reached the expected level in reading and is encouraged in pronunciation and focusing on the line he reads. He was not able to continuously complete reading a line and was distracted easily and did not show clarity in pronunciation. He needs immense support and encouragement to practice the words with sounds.

**Math:** Jebin was able to recite the numbers but needs to work on pronunciation. He was also able to identify different 2D shapes.

Number names He is able to spell numbers 1-10

**Behavioral Aspects:** Jebin doesn't make eye contact while spoken to.

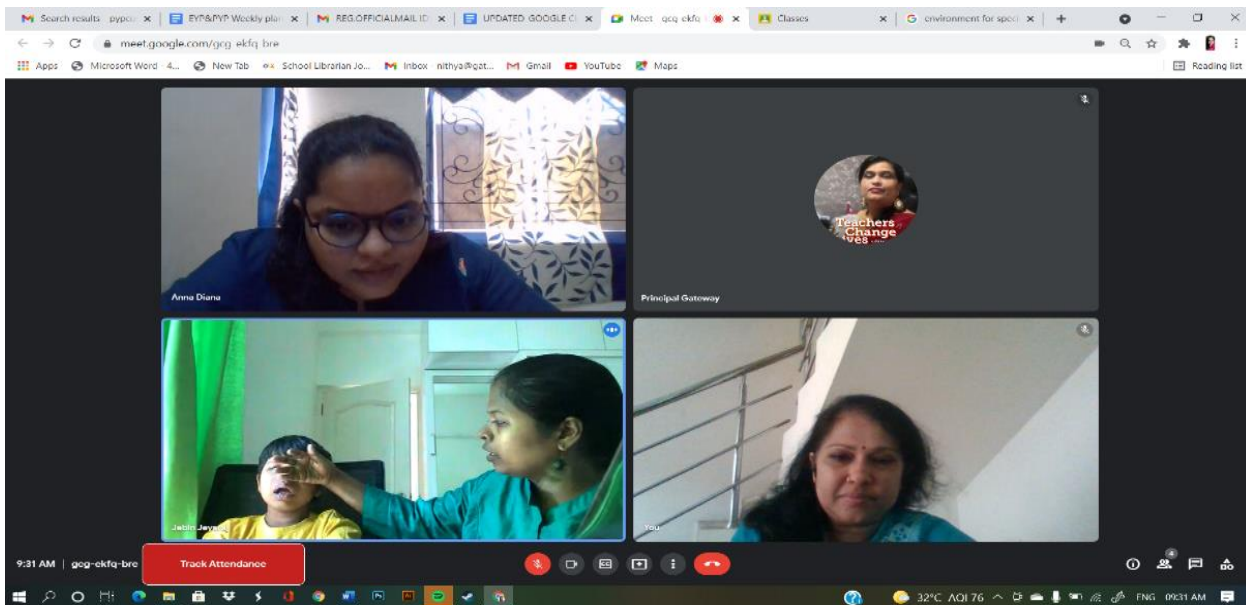
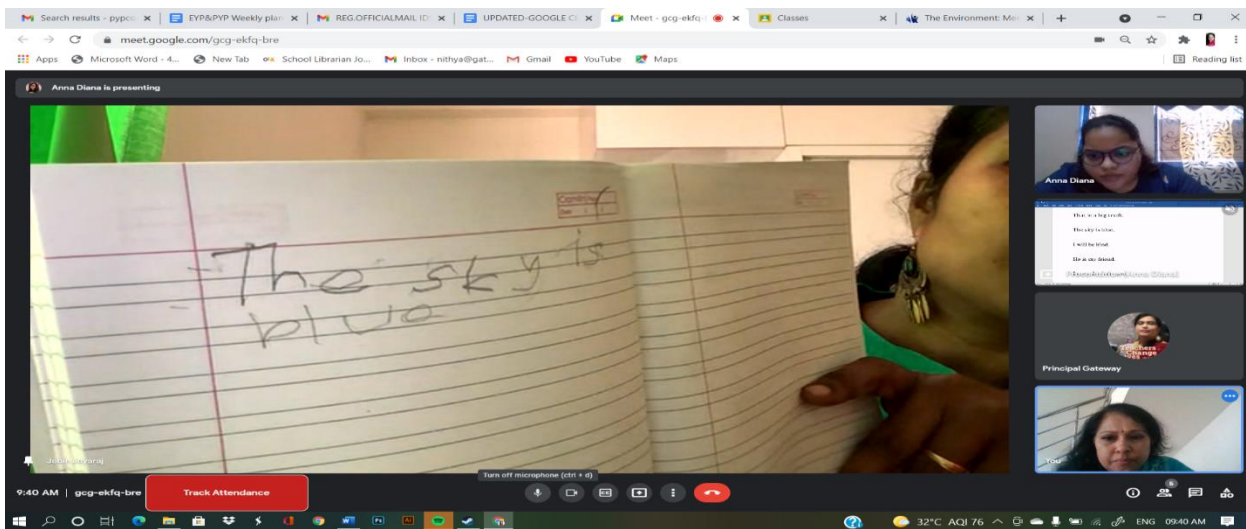
Attention towards task he has low attention and gets impatient while performing a task. The responses to questions is through single word or action.

### **Observational comment:**

Jebin will be able to reach the academic level through support in communication skills, behavioral skills and cognitive skills. He needs to work on developing fine motor and gross motor skills. The child should be given activities to develop his creative and critical thinking skills.

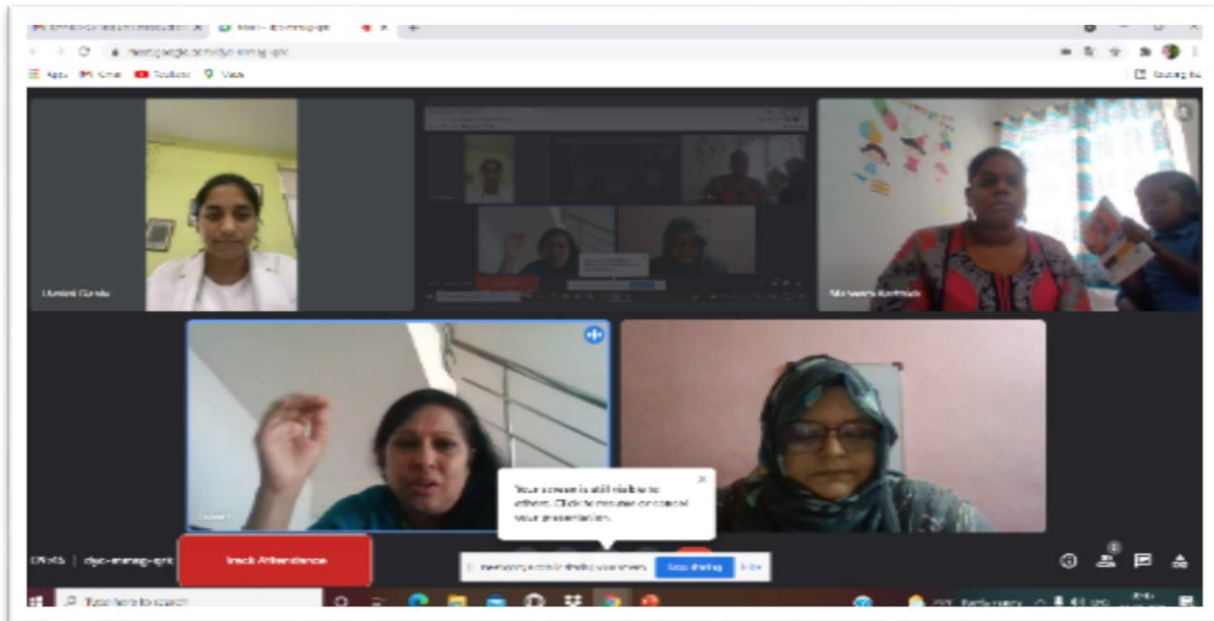
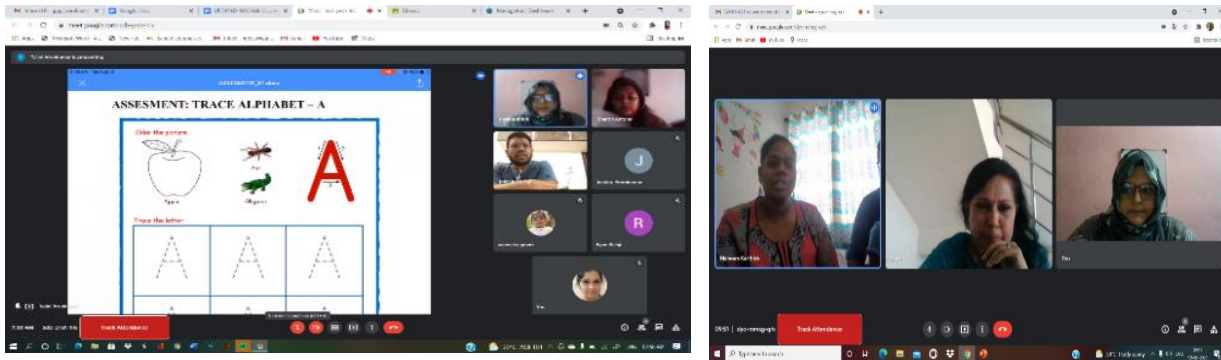


The outcome of the meeting, it was indeed really useful to understand the needs of the child and to help him to feel comfortable for his learning on the virtual platform, and also to comprehend the parents support towards the child and to work together and build up the strength of the child.



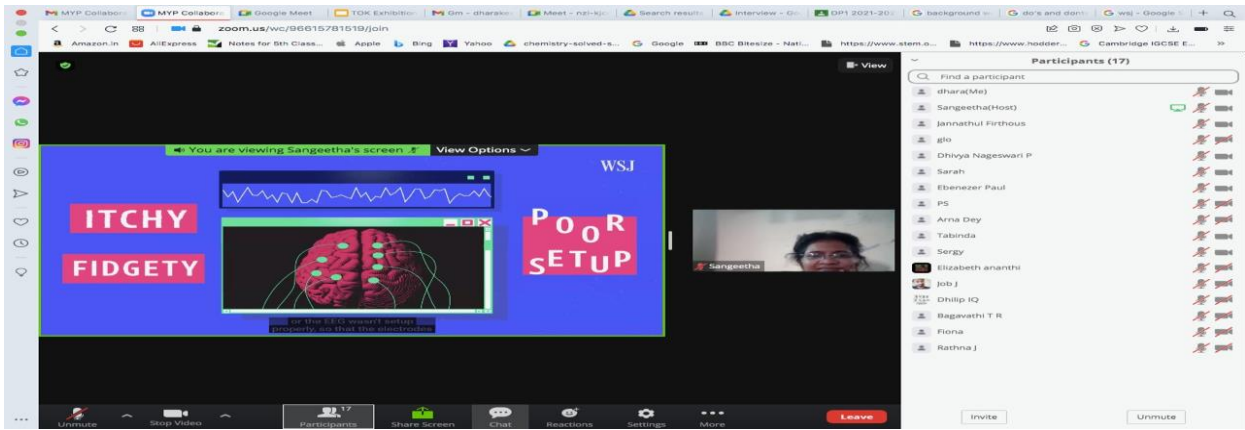
## Unit Introduction for Parents – PYP 1 – 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

The academic year 2021-22 started with a first unit session for the parents and was conducted on the virtual platform. Essential elements of the PYP were displayed to the parents and they were tuned in to knowing the Central idea which was the crux of the learning. The lines of inquiry and the key concepts were also explained, the related concepts which was subject focus connected the transdisciplinary approach and conceptual understanding of the theme. Parents were articulated on the topics that was to be carried throughout the unit for eleven weeks. They also were informed about the teaching and the assessment techniques to be carried out along with the assessment tools, strategies and the criteria and the tool was rubrics. Parents were given access to Managebac the portal our school uses to secure all our evidences, and a demonstration of how the assignments/homework can be downloaded and uploaded was presented. It was an open discussion and was a transparent meeting for the parents to involve and share ideas or suggestions on the teaching and assessment modes.



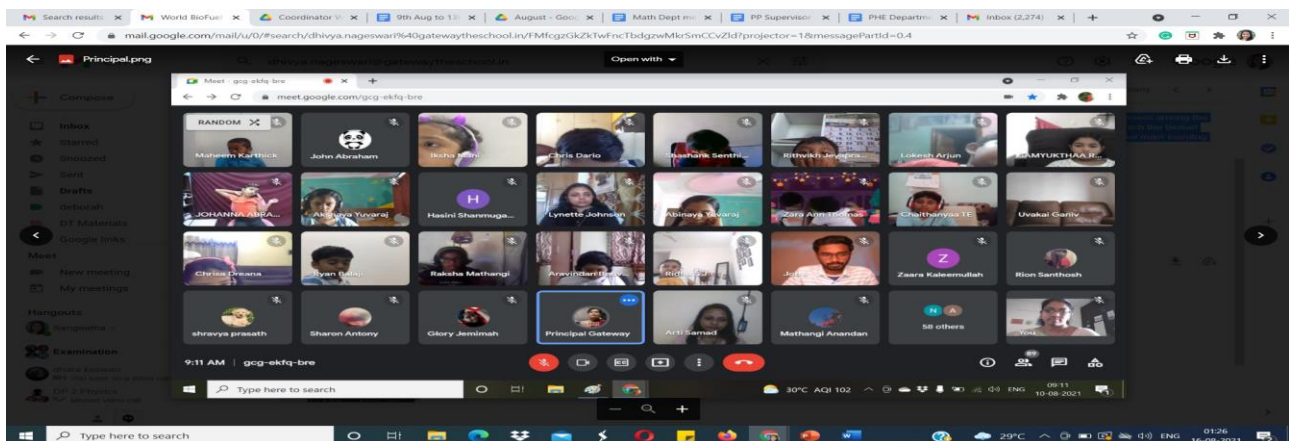
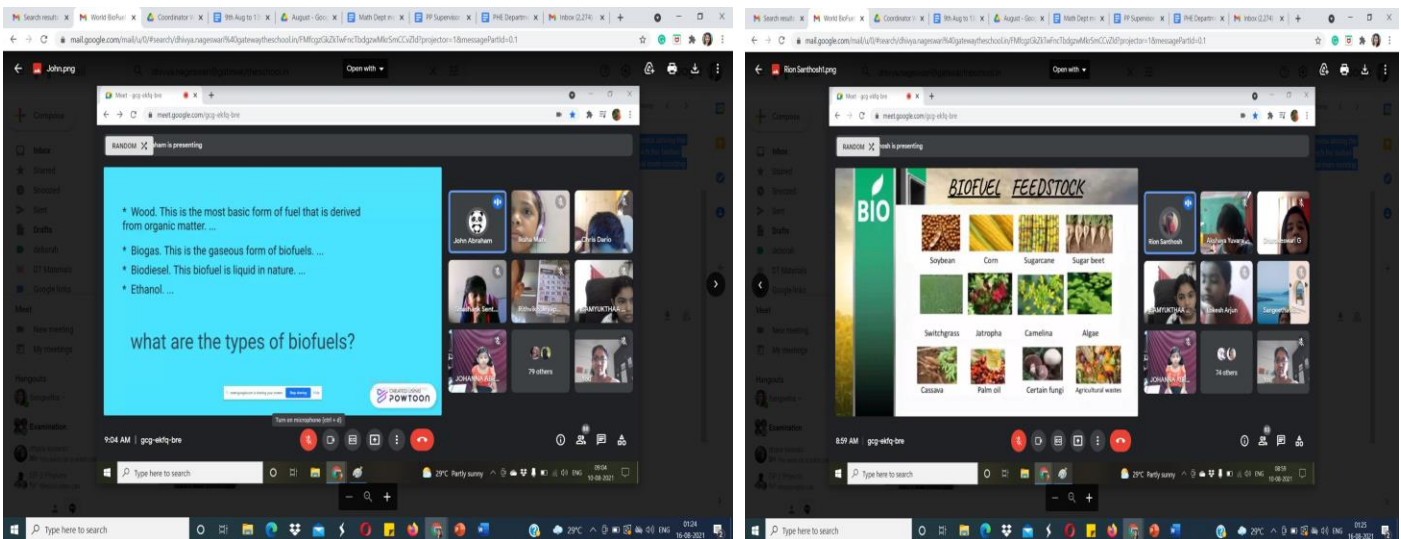
## MYP Collaboration Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

- Discussion about the Global Contexts in depth
- Discussion about how to choose and inculcate specific exploration present under the Global context Scientific and technical innovation with regarding the topic chosen under subject groups.
- Discussion on the preparation of SOI pertaining to the Global context chosen
- Discussion on Global context and creating SOI by splitting meetings according to the departments.



## 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021 – World BioFuel Day Celebrations:

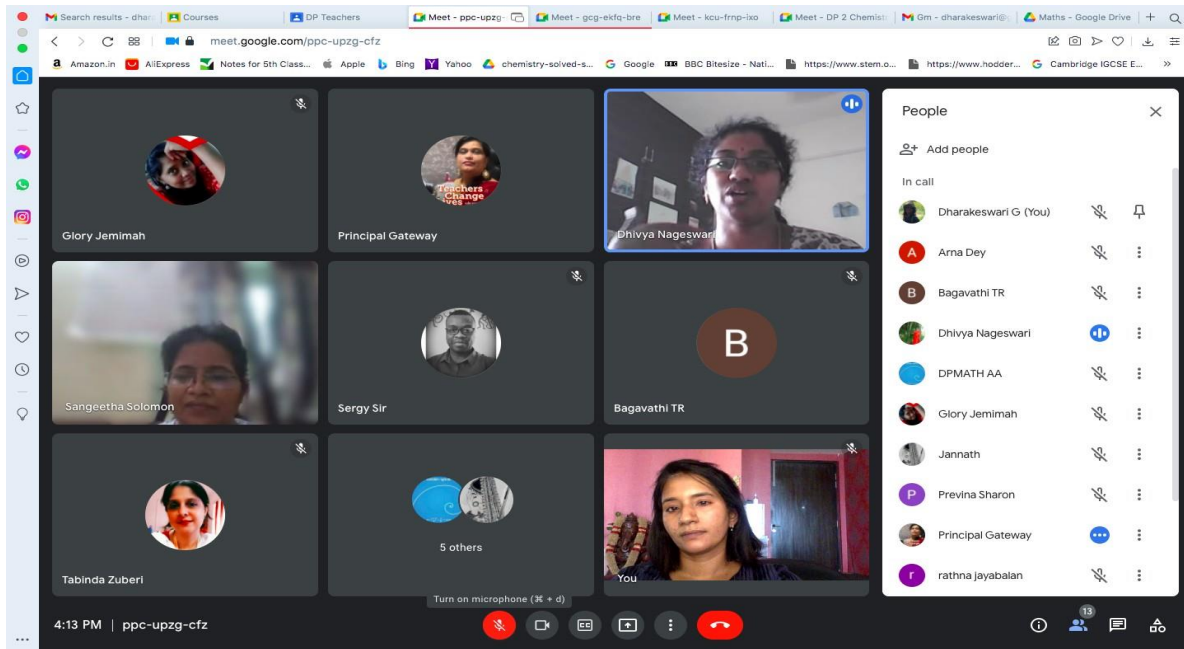
We would like to take this opportunity to appreciate the efforts taken by Akshaya Yuvaraj of MYP 1, Rion Santhosh of MYP3 and John Abraham of MYP3 to create awareness among the young minds about the needs and necessities of Biofuel. They clearly explained the need for biofuel, what are the raw materials required to create the biofuel and the ways in which the biofuel can be produced with the motive to save the resources and keep our World in safe hands. Finally, the session came to an end with the wonderful message shared by our Principal mam insisting the students take care of our Mother Nature.



## DP Collaboration Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

Meeting with the Principal, Diploma Programme Co-ordinator and the Subject Teachers

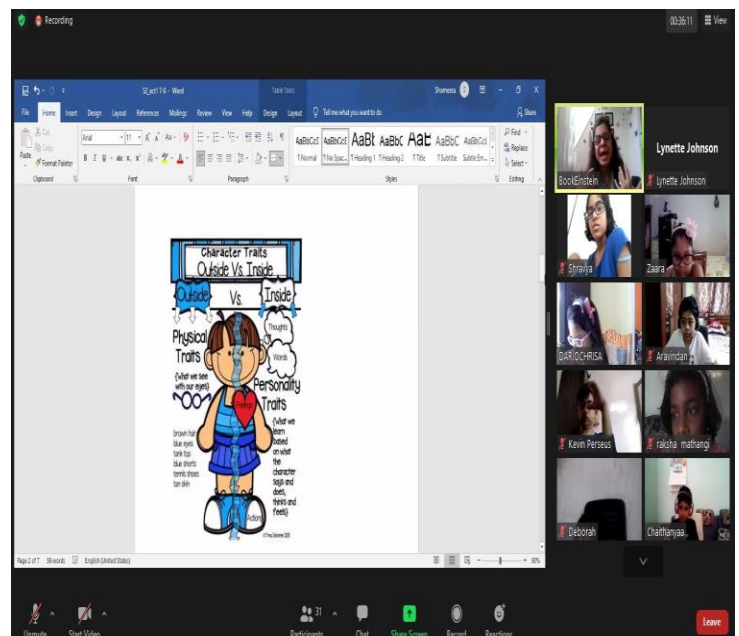
- Extended essay (Physics) presentation by Mr. Thileeban
- Extended essay core should be presented next week- proposed by Principal

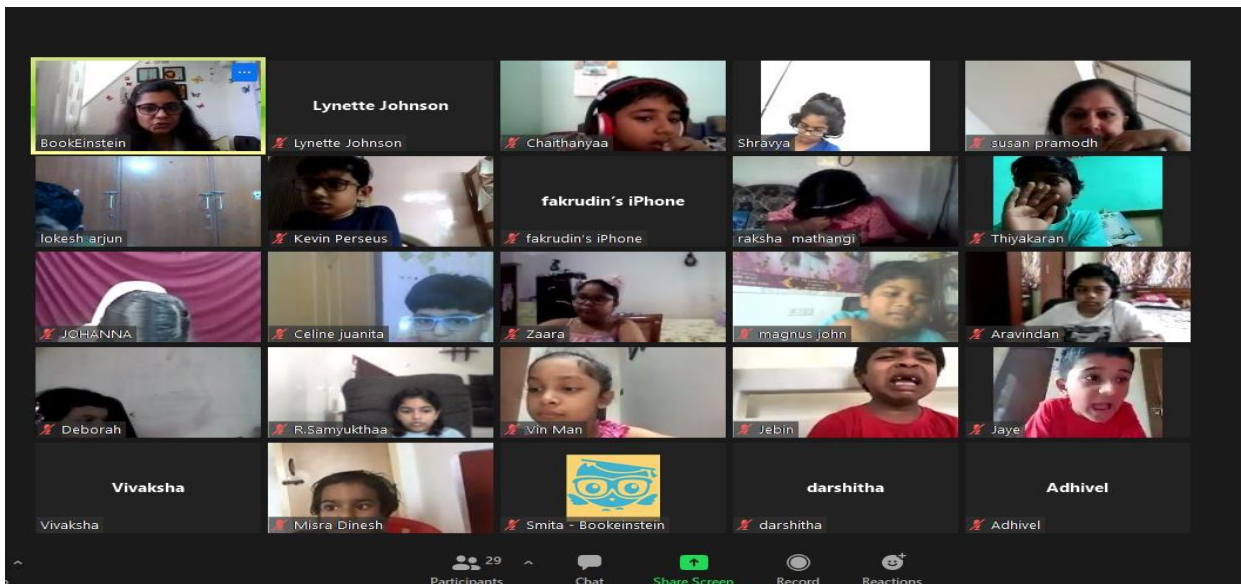


## CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP – 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

To enhance the communication skills students were given an opportunity to participate in the creative writing workshop conducted by – Book Einstein

The students enthusiastically participated in the workshop to enhance their writing skills. Students had an enriching session by attending a workshop conducted by, **Book Einstein**, on Creative writing. The interactive program aimed to improve descriptive-creative writing skills by demystifying the process of writing with clarity & purpose and understanding the importance of Characterisation and settings. Students were encouraged to use new vocabulary to develop a Writer's edge at a young age.





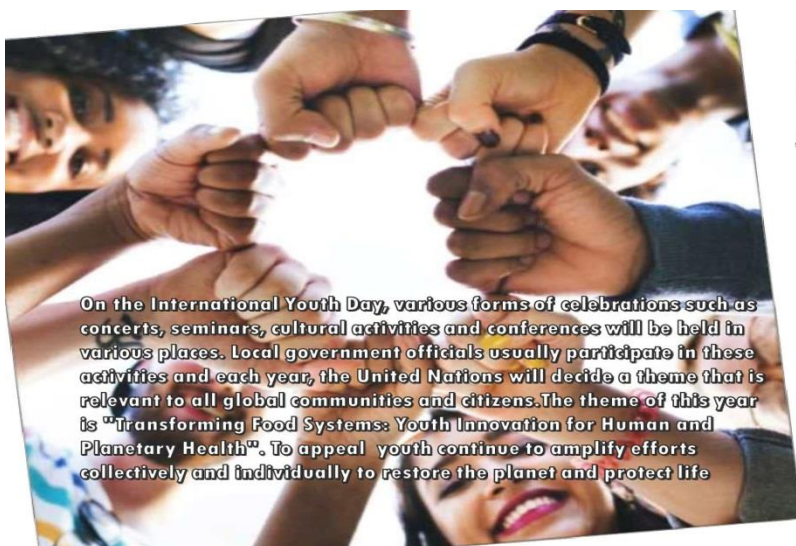
### Extended Essay – 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

The extended essay is an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4,000-word paper. The students of DP2 presented their extended essay research question in front of the Principal, DPC and the supervisors. The questions were discussed and finalised by the Principal.

### CAS activity – 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

“Being youth is a beautiful part of life and being a responsible youth is an appreciating aspect of the younger generation”

In view of celebrating the International Youth day, Addy of DP1 showcased his creativity through digital poster.

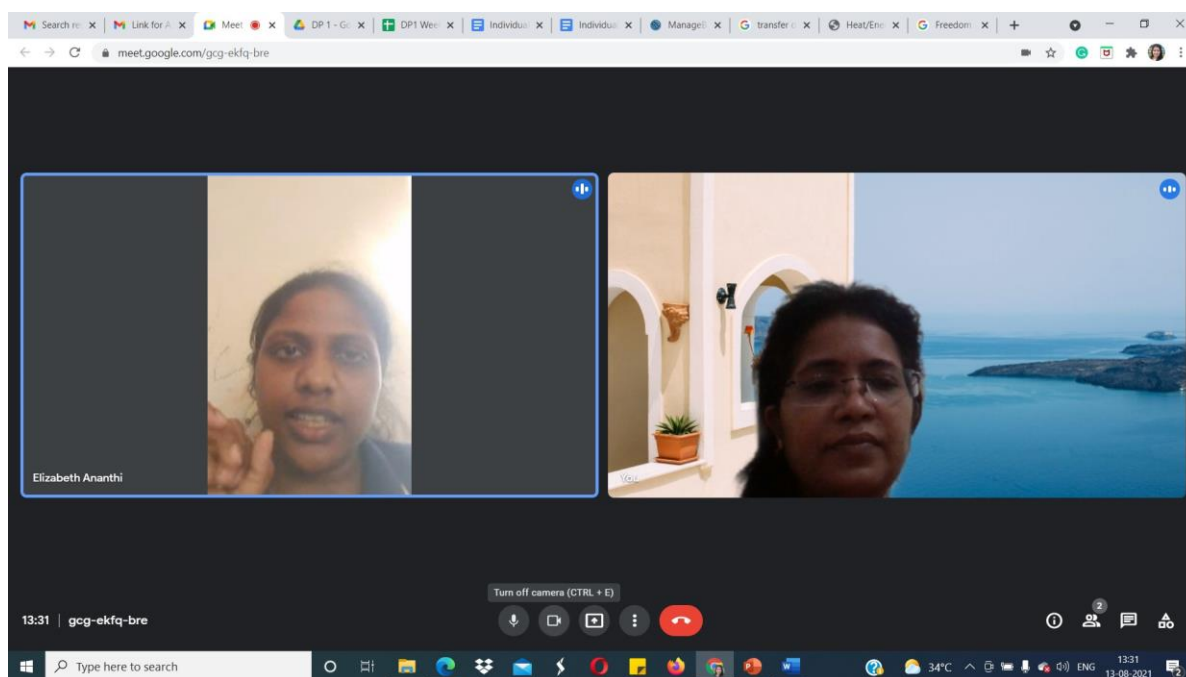


## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

-International Youth Day is a festival initiated and established by the United Nations. The first International Youth Day is on August 12, 2000. The United Nations adopted Resolution 54/120 in 1999, which designated August 12 each year as International Youth Day. The establishment of International Youth Day provides an opportunity for governments to attach importance to youth issues.

## Middle Years Programme Co-ordinator and the PHE Subject teacher – 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

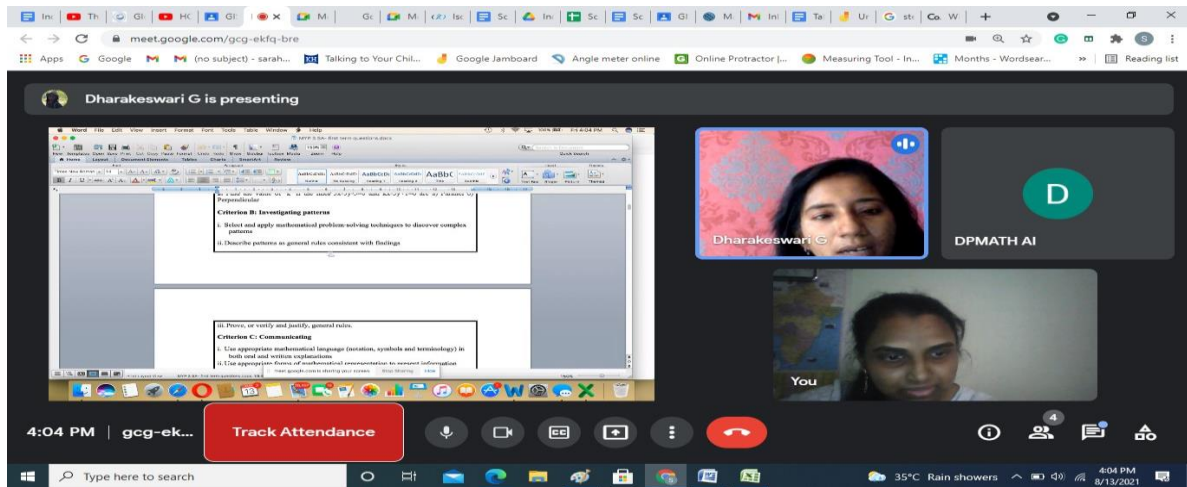
- Discussion on the course overview of MYP1-3
- Arrangement of guest lecture for MYP1 on the topic “Nutrition and balanced diet”
- Interdisciplinary connection in PHE is discussed
- Discussion on SA activities connected with PHE units from MYP1 to MYP3
- Discussion on ATL skills



## MYP Math Dep Meeting - 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

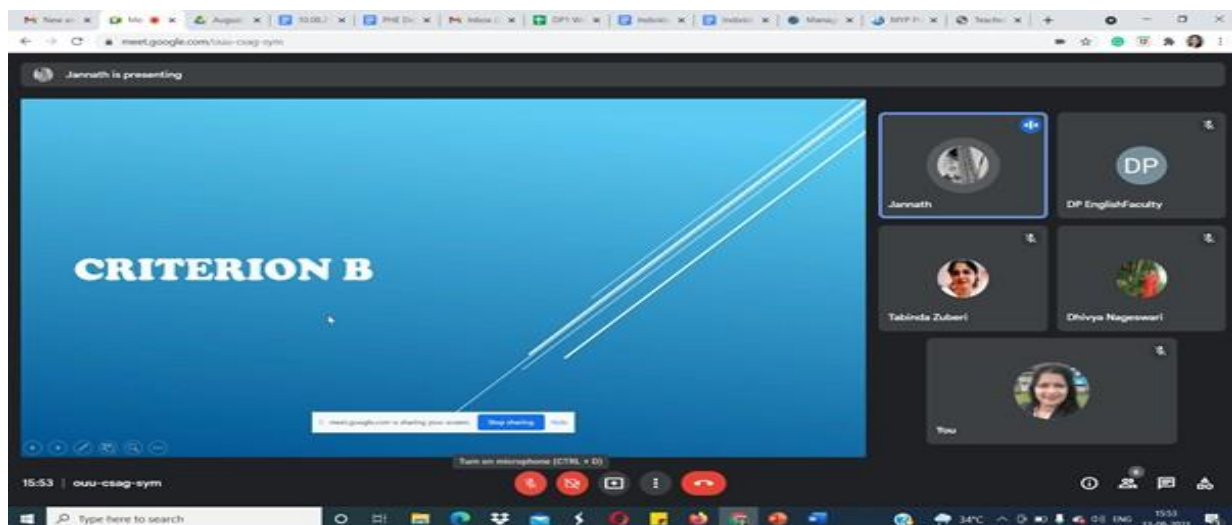
Mathematics Head of the Department Ms. Dharakeswari conducted the department meeting and the following points were discussed.

1. Assessment criteria were discussed
2. Discussion made with old question paper with all the four criteria
3. MYP 5 eassessment(MAY 2016) question was discussed
4. Task specific clarification and command terms were clarified.



## MYP Personal Project Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

- Discussion with the MYP Co-ordinator and the PP supervisors regarding the following:
- Discussion on Criterion B Applying skills
- Discussion on the evidence need to be collected by the students for each ATL skills
- Format of report



## INDEPENDENCE DAY Competition – 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

This was indeed a great day as we had a few competitions held for every level of students to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day (August 2021) in our Gateway International School IB.

## EYP K1-K3

Students were involved in a very creative and innovative craft time in which they competed with each other to create symbols of India using play dough. It was amazing to see tiny tots create the Indian flag, banyan tree, lotus etc using clay. Students were more eager to share their creation with each other and enjoying reflecting on the understanding of Independence Day.



## PYP 1&2

Paper Craft Events were conducted for the Students of PYP 1&2 .Students enthusiastically showcased their talents and made National symbols (Tiger, Lotus, National Flag, Tricolor Mask) using craft papers.





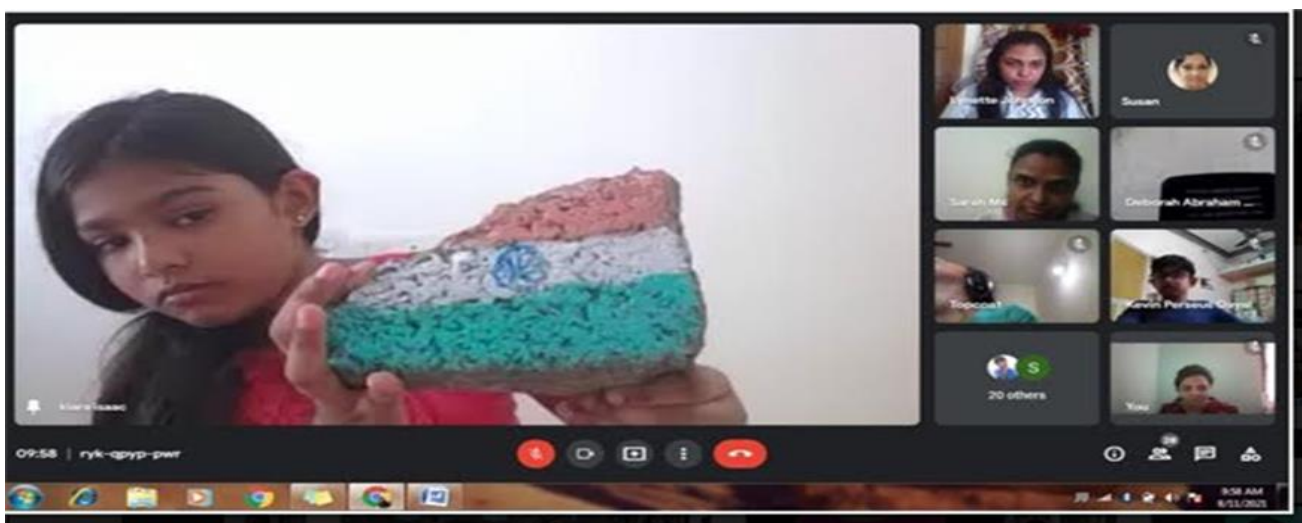


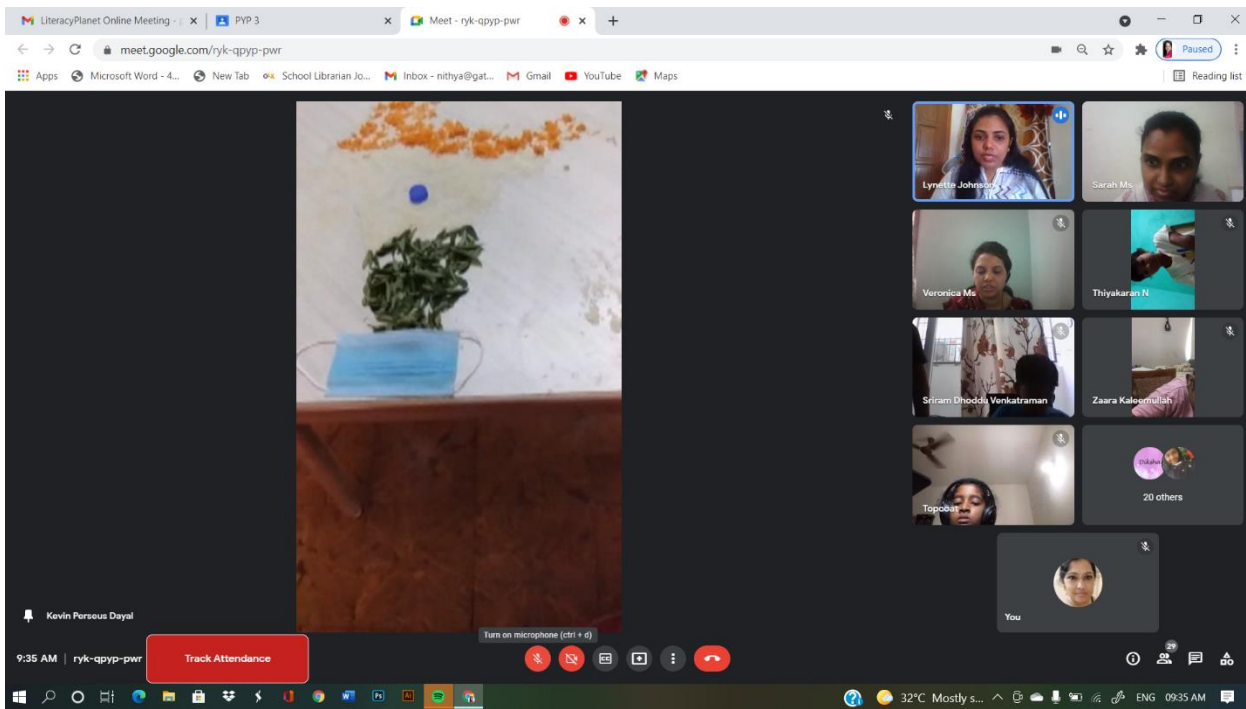
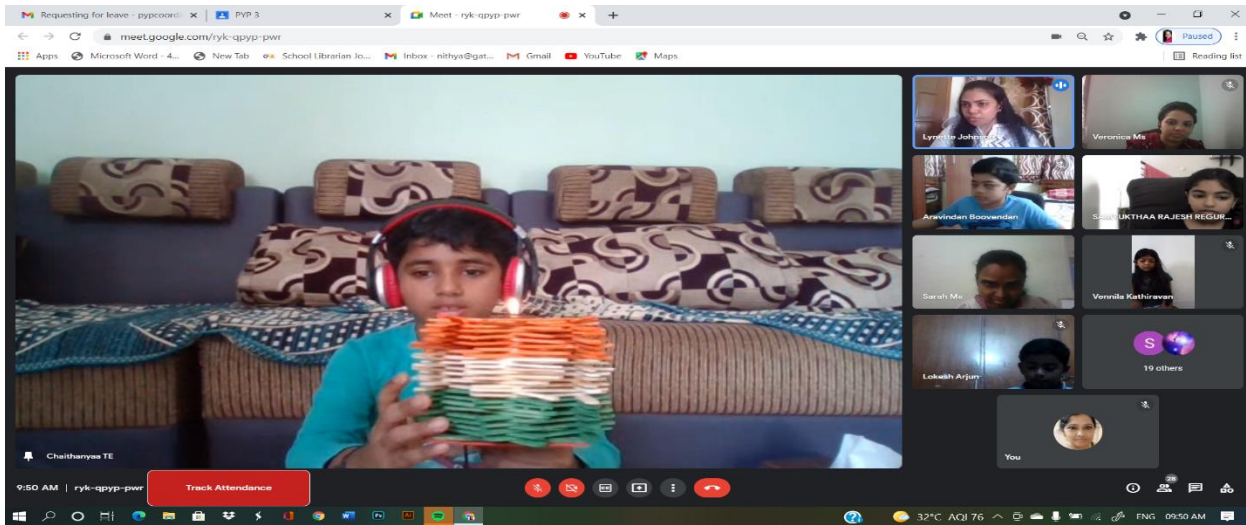
### PYP 3,4 &5

The students of PYP3 - PYP 5 participated in a Tricolor craft making competition. The creativity of the children was showcased through the beautiful pieces of craft work done by them. Students made use of materials such as flower petals, leaves, play-doh, popsicles, coloured rice, food grains, Beads and thread, and also a piece of brick, to create decorative show pieces, Tricolor paper weight, tricolour garnished food, Photo frames, the tricolour Indian flag, T-Shirt designing, A beautiful candle stand and decorating the outline map of India,

Students were evaluated for their innovative ideas, creativity and perfection of the completed art piece. This offered a chance for the participants to gain substantial experience, showcase skills, analyze and evaluate outcomes and uncover personal artistic capabilities. Such events also encourage students to adopt innovative techniques and develop their ideas and skills. Each child enjoyed participating in this event with great enthusiasm and

made it a great success.





## **Virtual Independence Day Celebrations – 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021**

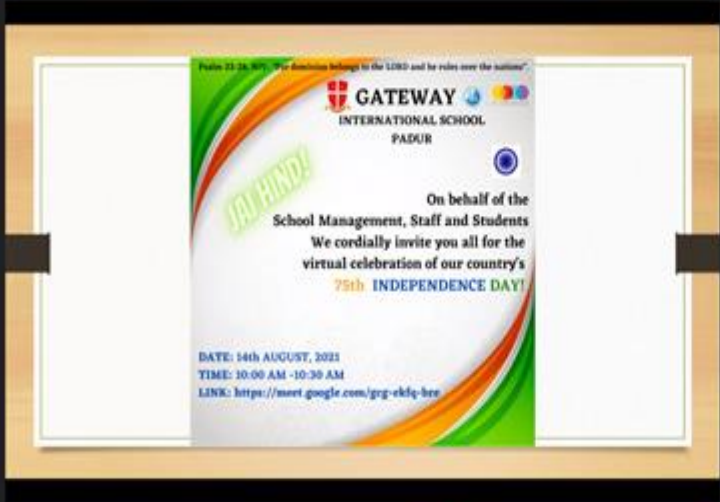
It is indeed one of the greatest day to be celebrated. What more is important than FREEDOM . We at Gateway IB , celebrated this wonderful occasion with our students, staff and the parents on the 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021 on the virtual platform. The commenced with a prayer, bible reading and our staff Ms.Tabinda, gave a wonderful speech on “What is Freedom”. The prizes for the competitions that were held prior this week were distributed, the students and the parents were equally ecstatic when the winners were announced. To wind up the event, our honorable Principal, gave a thought provoking speech on how important it is not only to preserve the freedom that we have but also to use it in the right way. A great insight in to what freedom actually means. The event concluded with our National Anthem.

A prestigious moment it was !!!

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Dhivya Nageswari is presenting



On behalf of the School Management, Staff and Students We cordially invite you all for the virtual celebration of our country's 75th INDEPENDENCE DAY!

DATE: 14th AUGUST, 2021  
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LINK: <https://meet.google.com/gcg-ekfq-bre>

10:01 AM | gcg-ekfq-bre

Participants: Dhivya Nageswari, Veronica Ms, Saanvika Gowri, Susan, 46 others, You

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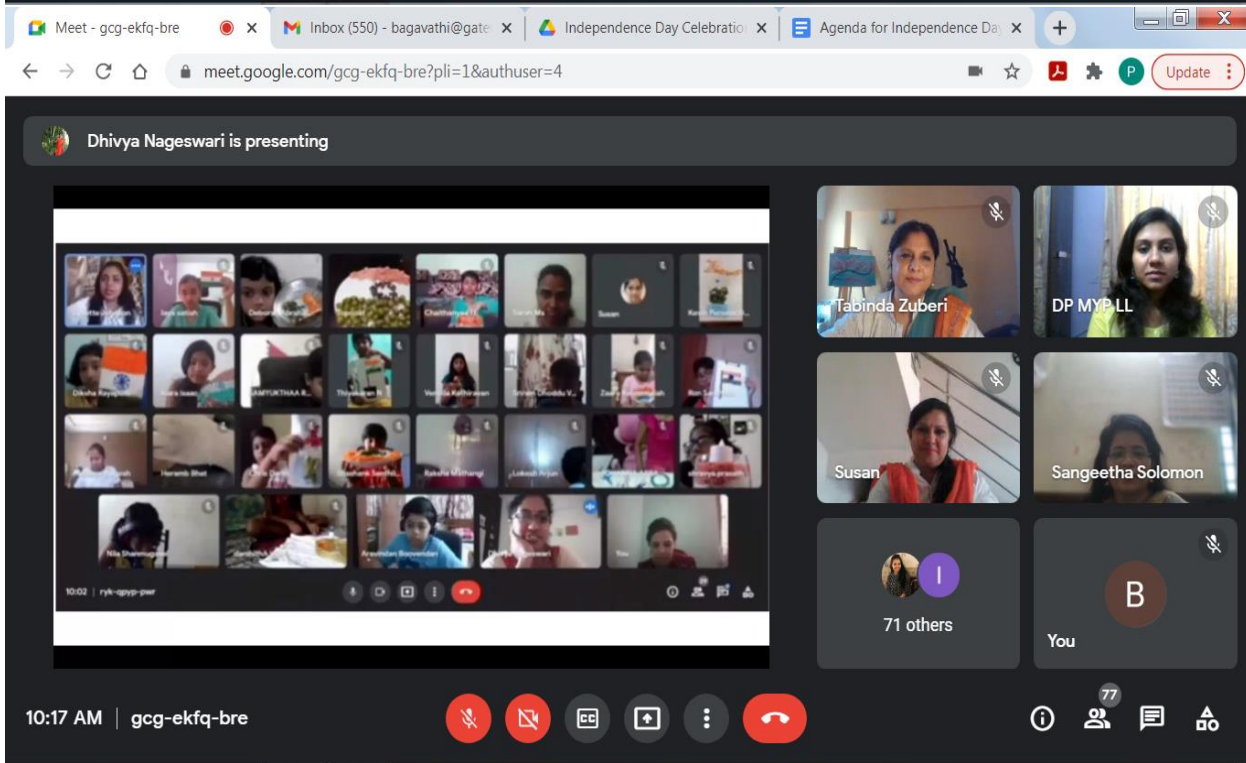
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# Independence Day Speech

10:14 AM | gcg-ekfq-bre

Participants: Jacinda Zuberi, DP MYALL, Susan, Sangeetha Solomon, 70 others, You



## Independence Day Celebration – 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

Happy Independence Day !!!

At GIS IB , we celebrated this prestigious day by hoisting and saluting the Flag . It did indeed made us proud of being citizens of this wonderful nation when the Flag was hoisted and we did remember the great sacrifices that our freedom fighters have done for us to stand here now and enjoy this freedom. It is our duty to not only preserve this freedom and this wonderful country but also ensure its growth and security. It is our duty and let us

all stand united to make a better future for our country and the world.



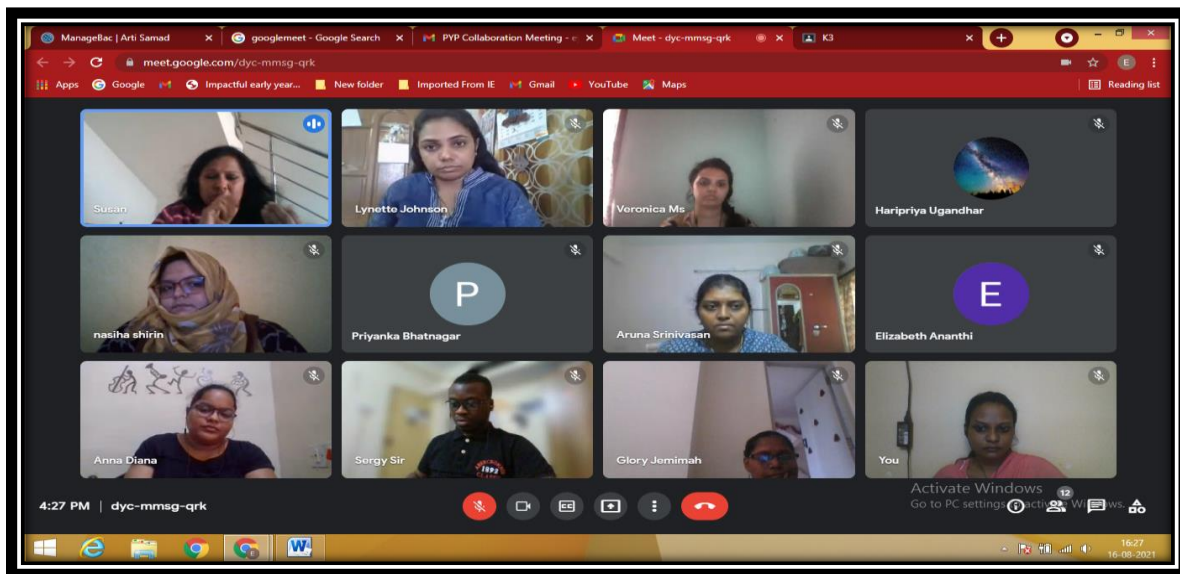
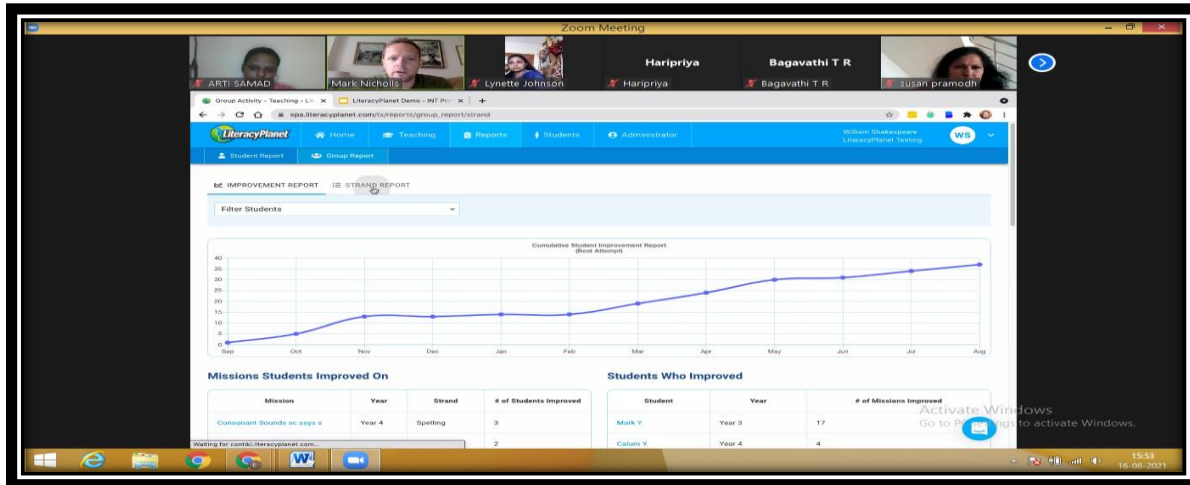
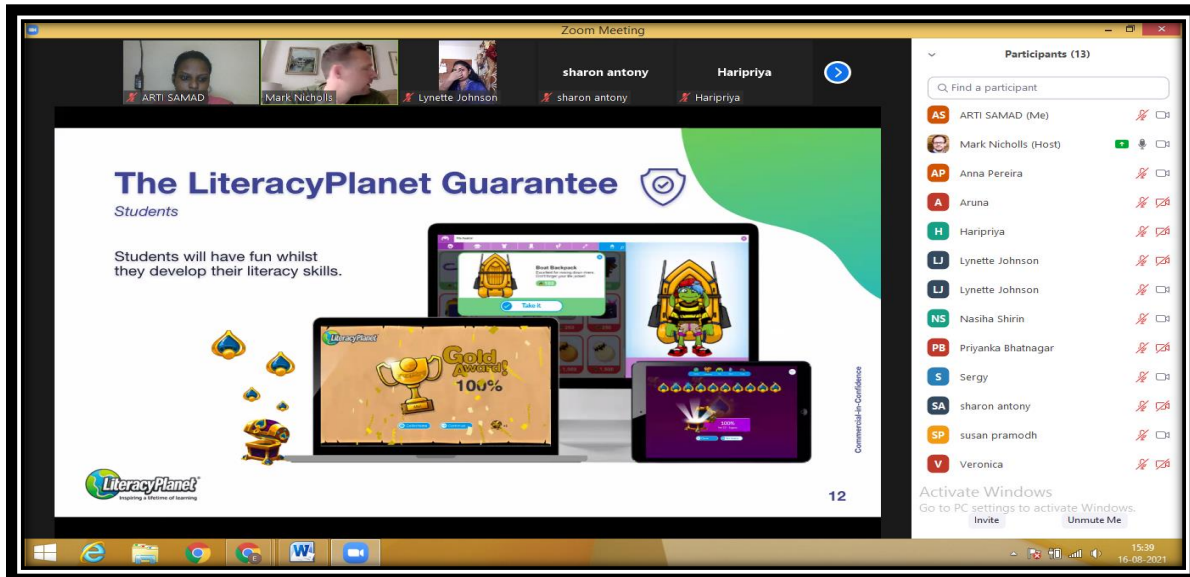


## PYP Collaboration Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

PYP collaboration meeting was held and the following were discussed.

- A portal 'Literacy Planet' was introduced to the teachers to facilitate English learning easy and to find the work/task/missions according to the child's level.
- Literacy planet app focuses on the English language acquisition through games and tasks. It has a library section as well which consists of journals of the updated events happening around and books/stories with comprehension questions and audio support.
- The application is student as well as teacher instructed where either student can complete the missions which is language related according to their interest or it may be assigned by the teacher.
- This app may seem to be beneficiary for the teachers because it records the progress and pace of each student and finds its average progress of the child and can also find out the areas and the level of the child and differentiates the task allotted according to it.
- It has a 28-day free trial by which the teachers can explore the application more.
- The discussion with Mr Mark was well understood as he had explained all the areas of the portal and further asked us to subscribe the Literacy Planet.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting window. At the top, there are video thumbnails for ARTI SAMAD, Mark Nicholls, Lynette Johnson, sharon antony, and Haripriya. The main content area displays a presentation slide titled "LiteracyPlanet helps prepare students for Standardised Assessments". The slide features the OECD PISA and PIRLS 2021 logos, along with images of computer monitors showing the LiteracyPlanet interface. Text on the slide describes how LiteracyPlanet develops literacy skills for national and international assessments and includes activities that replicate assessment styles like multiple choice and close-ended questions. The LiteracyPlanet logo is at the bottom left of the slide, and "Commercial in Confidence 14" is at the bottom right. On the right side of the Zoom window, a "Participants (13)" list is visible, showing names and their status (e.g., muted, video off). At the bottom of the window, there is a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system tray showing the time as 15:40 on 16/08/2021.

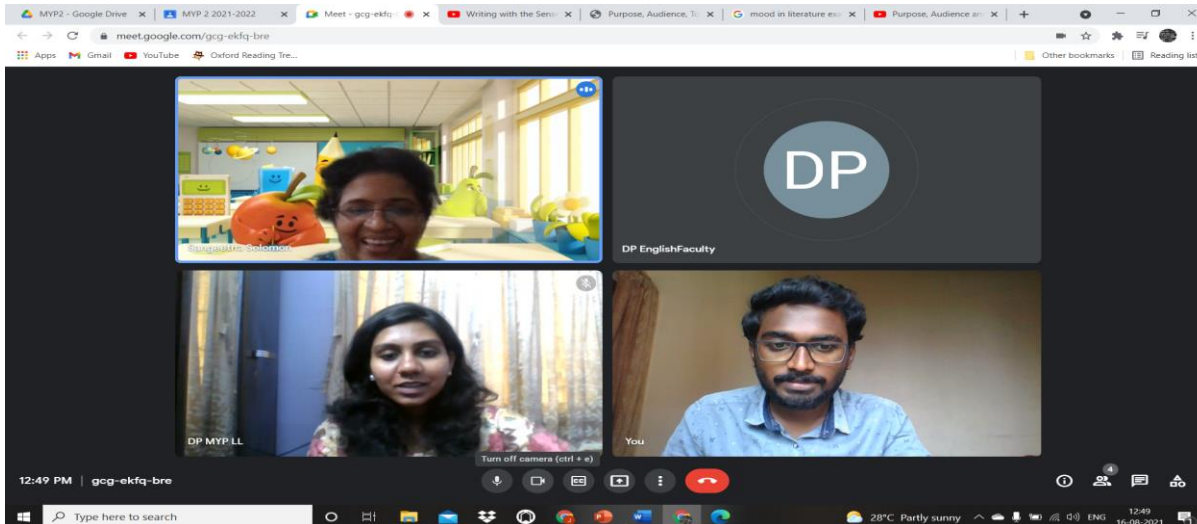


## Language & Literature Department Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

MYP Coordinator Ms. Sangeetha Solomon conducted the Language & Literature department meeting and the following points were discussed.

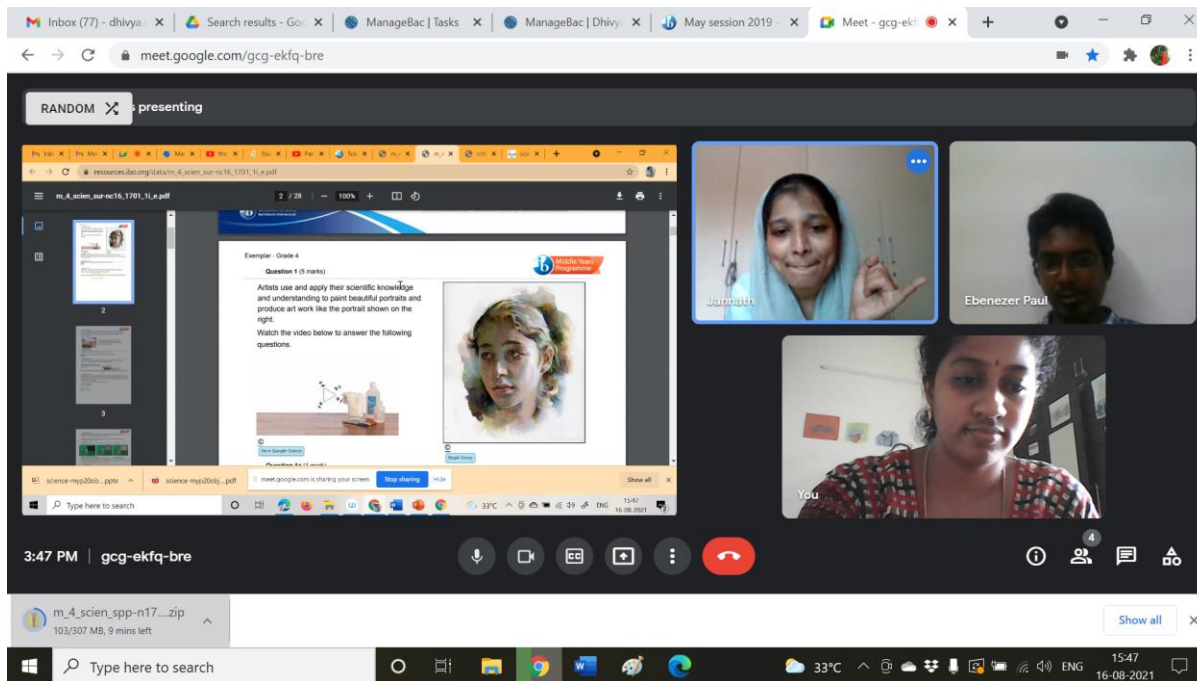


1. Discussion on the course overview.
2. Discussion on the Key concepts, related concepts and Global contexts.
3. Discussion on the relevance of the concepts and the units.
4. Discussion on inculcating Interdisciplinary connection and teaching according to the unit.



### **Vertical Planning Meeting by the Science Department Faculties:**

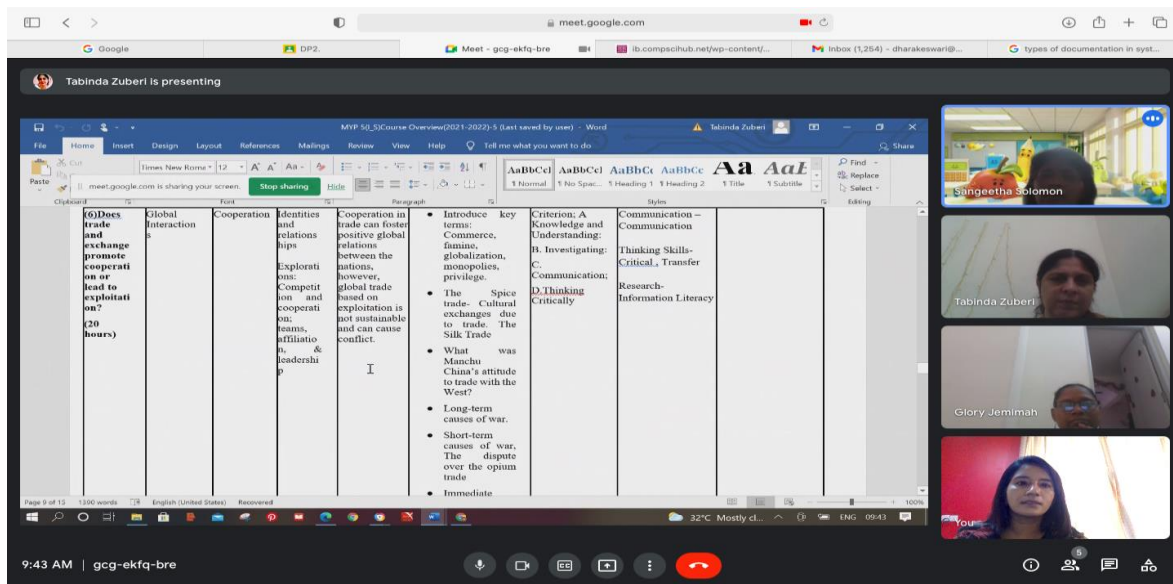
- Discussion with the MYP science department teachers regarding the following:
- Discussion on the Assessment criteria and the years of progression and the command terms of Science subject group.
- How to set the Question papers for MYP 5 and a sample question paper taken from PRC for Integrated sciences is discussed
- Setting the question papers for MYP 1-3 combined science is discussed
- Discussion on SA activities connected with science units from MYP1 to MYP5.
- Discussed on collecting the ATL reflection and Unit reflection from students at the end of every unit.



## **Individuals & Societies Department Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021**

### **Meeting with the Middle Years Programme Co-ordinator and the I&S Department:**

1. Checked the course overview against the timeline to ensure if the syllabus is going as planned.
2. No fresh unit can be started without conducting the summative for the completed unit.
3. Ms.Tabinda is expected to prepare a task on Criterion B (including the action plan) and Criterion C
4. While assessing the students on their understanding the teacher should ensure the focus is given on global context aligned with the concept
5. Discussion should be made on Crit B within the department by today (16/08/21)
6. All the strands of the assessment objectives should be assessed twice in a year- reminder to the teachers
7. Discussion on SA activity from MYP1 to MYP5
8. Planning for an one day MUN for MYP 3, 4 and 5 along with MYP coordinator and Ms. Dhivya
9. Niranjana of DP2 can be encouraged to explain about MUN during the club hours
10. MYP5 IDU connection of all the units with other subjects- other subject teachers can be invited to make a link of the specific unit with other subjects.

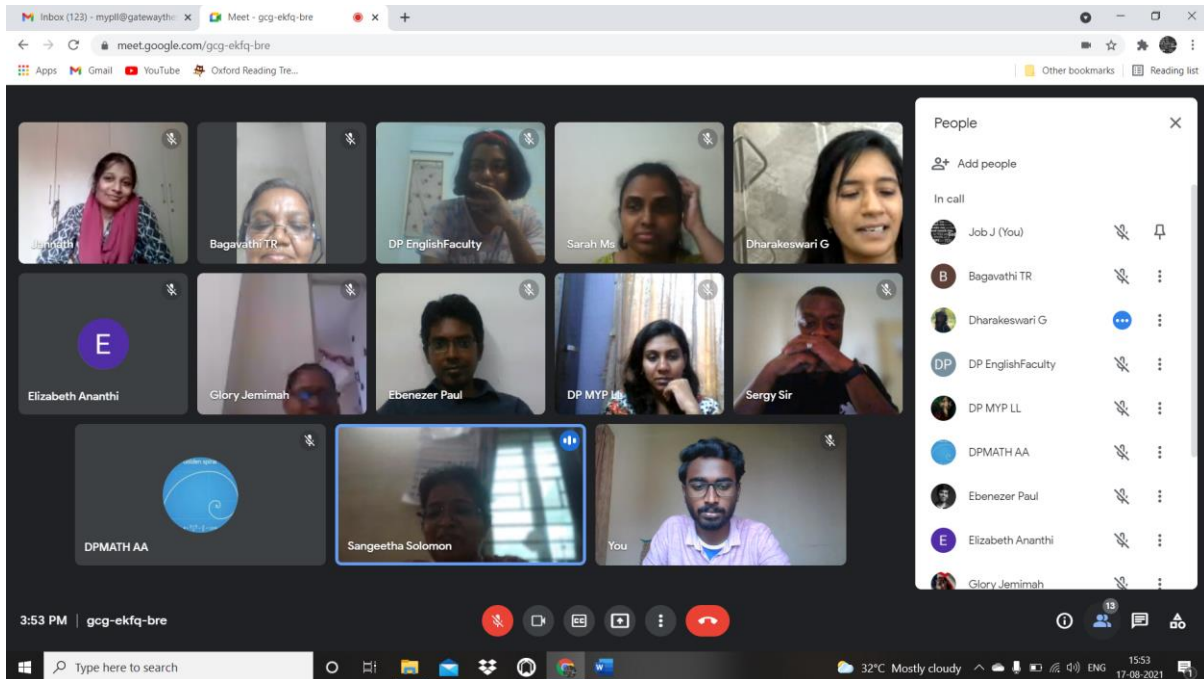


## Language Acquisition Department Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

MYP Coordinator Ms. Sangeetha Solomon conducted the Language & Acquisition department meeting and the following points were discussed.

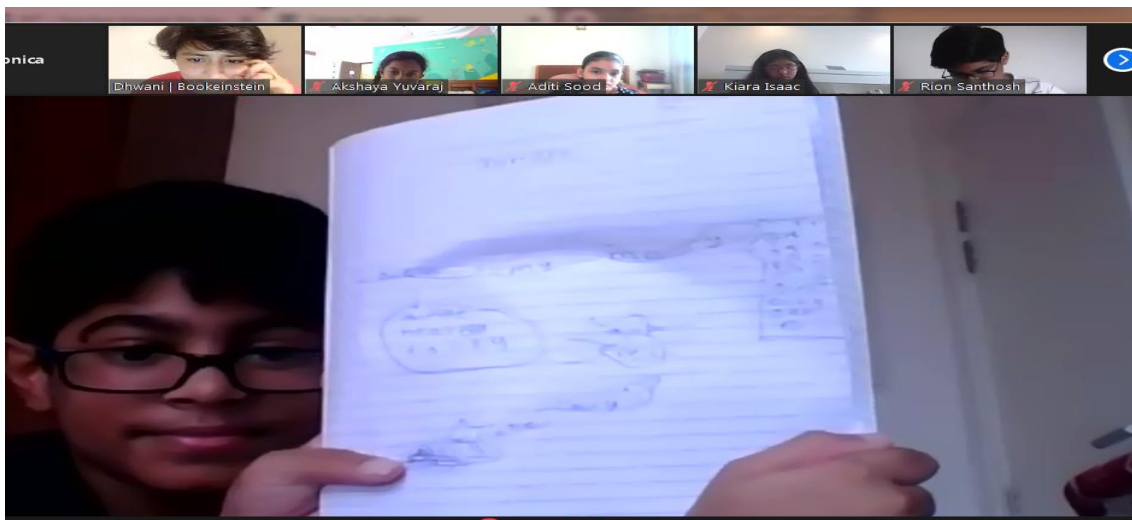
- Discussion with the Language Acquisition department teachers regarding the following:
- Discussion on the course overview, possible interdisciplinary connection.
- Discussion on SA activities for Phase 1 and Phase 2 students
- Discussion on the typing practise for the students.
- MYPC insisted the teachers give practise in interactive oral and using the digital keyboard by the students.
- Assessment criteria and preparation of the question paper will be discussed in the next meeting which is scheduled on 24th August at 1:30 pm. Ms.Arna will present the subject guide in the department meeting.





## **CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP – 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021**

GIS IB provided a wonderful opportunity for students to enhance their Creative writing skills by conducting a creative writing workshop on 18.08.2021. The session was led by Ms. Dhvani from Book Einstein, which is a well known online library for Children that encourages the reading habit of children. Ms. Dhvani made the session more interesting by assisting the children to think about their favourite places and asked them to describe the same with sensory details and adjectives. Students participated and came up with creative works and also learnt concrete poetry that paints the picture with words.

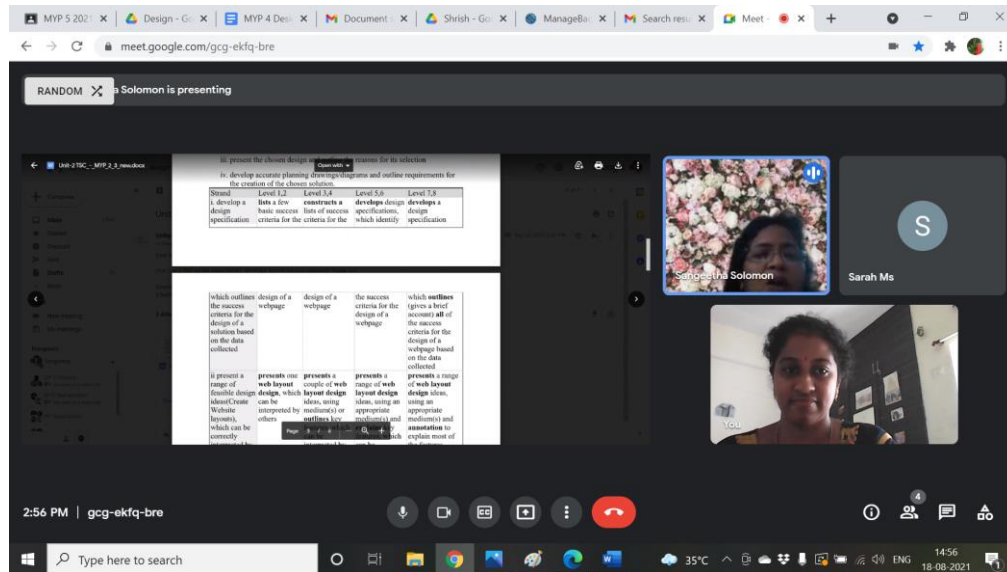


### **Meeting with the Middle Years Programme Co-ordinator and the Design facilitators.**

Discussion with the MYP Co-ordinator and the Design Subject Teachers regarding the following:

- Discussion on the course overview of MYP1-5

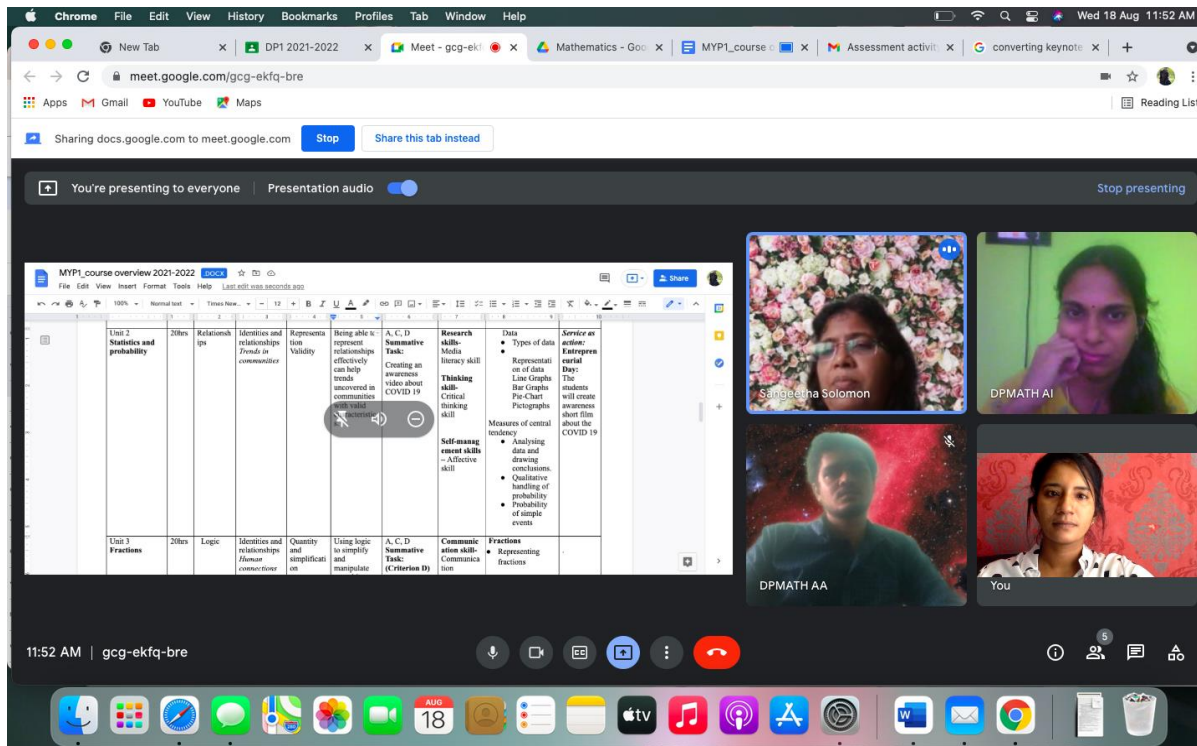
- Assigning the Summative Task for the Students.
- Discussion on SA activities connected with Design units from MYP1 to MYP5
- Discussion on Assessment criteria for Design subject.
- Discussion on uploading Task specific clarification on Managebac.



## Maths Department Meeting- 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

MYP Coordinator Ms. Sangeetha Solomon conducted the Maths department meeting and the following points were discussed.

1. Connecting every unit with other subjects as part of interdisciplinary learning
2. Possible service as action link for every unit
3. Analysed the proceedings of the unit with the timeline
4. The maximum level of every criterion and the overall grade for a subject along with the grade descriptors.
5. Follow up meeting on 23/08/2021 with Ms. Sarah at 3.45pm



## World Humanitarian Day – 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

### AN ACT OF KINDNESS

On the occasion of World Humanitarian Day, we in the GIS had urged the students to be empathetic to the community helpers and the ones who deserve to be saluted for their relentless service. So, on this international day we are dedicated to recognize humanitarian personnel who have selflessly chosen to rush towards crises to aid those in urgent need and those who have lost their lives working for humanitarian causes. This is observed every year on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August.

The students of Gateway IB School, participated enthusiastically by making Gift Hampers that were filled with basic essentials like clothes, fruits and snacks along with a hand crafted Thank you Card.

This beautiful gesture of kindness brought joy to these identified Local Hero's.









This is from the PYP 4 Homeroom Teacher's Desk- Ms Lynette Johnson

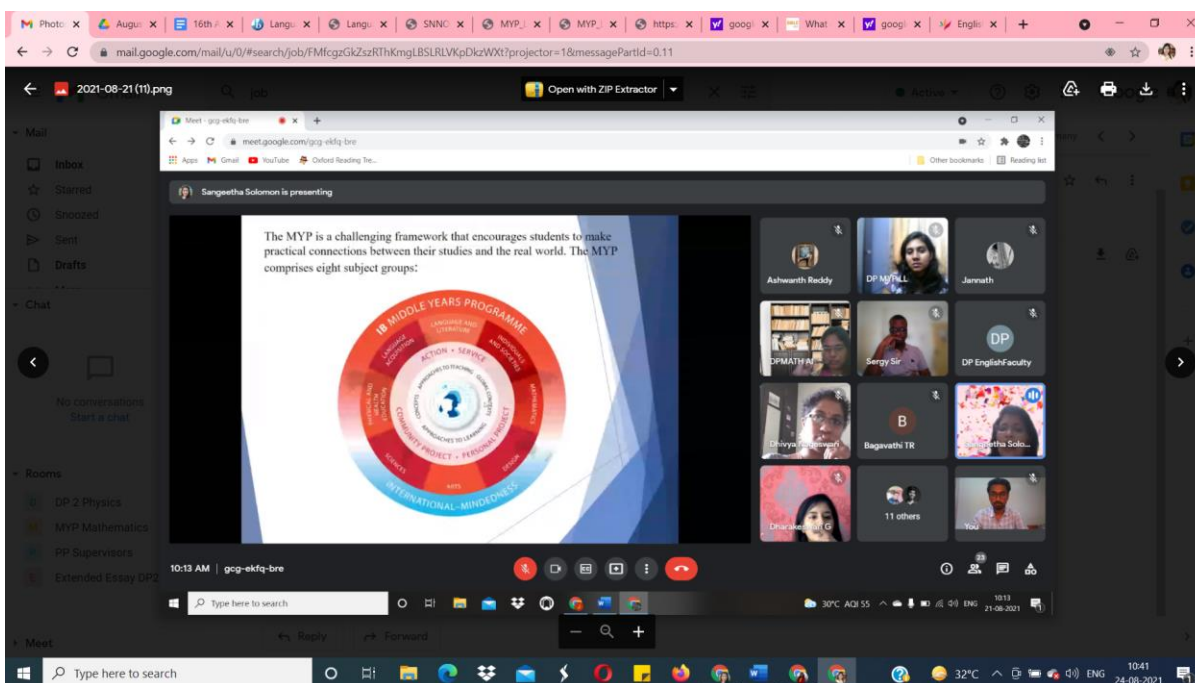
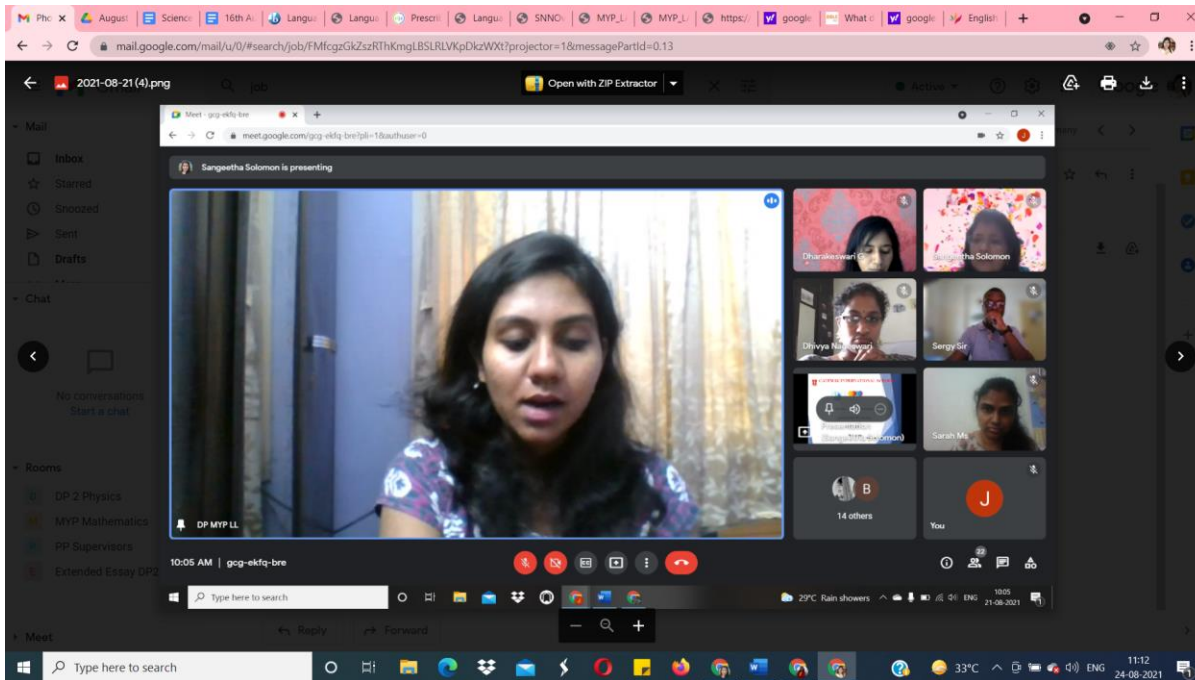


**Assessment Workshop for parents – 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 2021**

GIS IB provided an opportunity for parents to understand the assessment criteria of IB MYP programme. Ms. Sangeetha Solomon our MYP coordinator started to explain the IB Middle year Programme. The sole

purpose of conducting this workshop was to give an in-depth knowledge to parents on the assessment criteria, E assessment: onscreen and school-based examination. This in turn helped the parents to get a clear understanding of the IB assessment. They were also informed about the Onscreen examination and the school-based examination which is specific for MYP5.

Subsequently, Ms. Dharakeswari conducted a modal assessment for parents to give them a practical understanding, which received a wonderful response from the parents. Based on their responses they were made to understand the assessment criteria. Apart from assessment criteria the parents were given an insight of the importance and requirement for Service as Action in IB which was led by Ms. Dhivya Nageswari. Overall, the parents felt it to be an interactive and informative session to understand the IB in a better way.



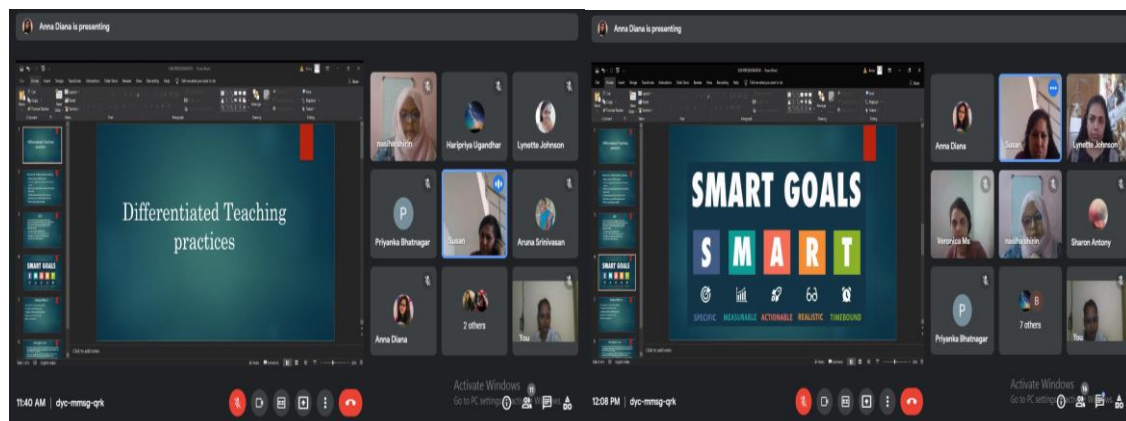
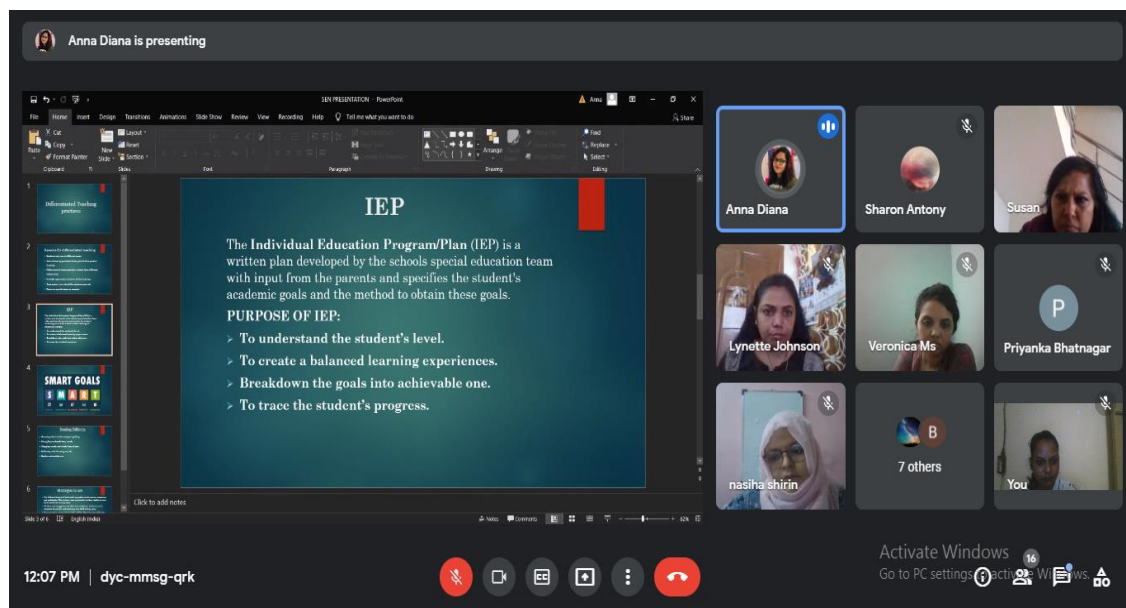
## PYP Collaboration Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 2021

The following were discussed during the collaboration meeting.

The teachers used various strategies to present their topic during the demo class. The EYP teachers introduced the class with a lot of fun activity and rhymes. Further they also used various virtual tools and sites to make the concept more interesting.

The additional language teachers portrayed how they introduce an unknown language to the class and how they taught different letters and to communicate fluently.

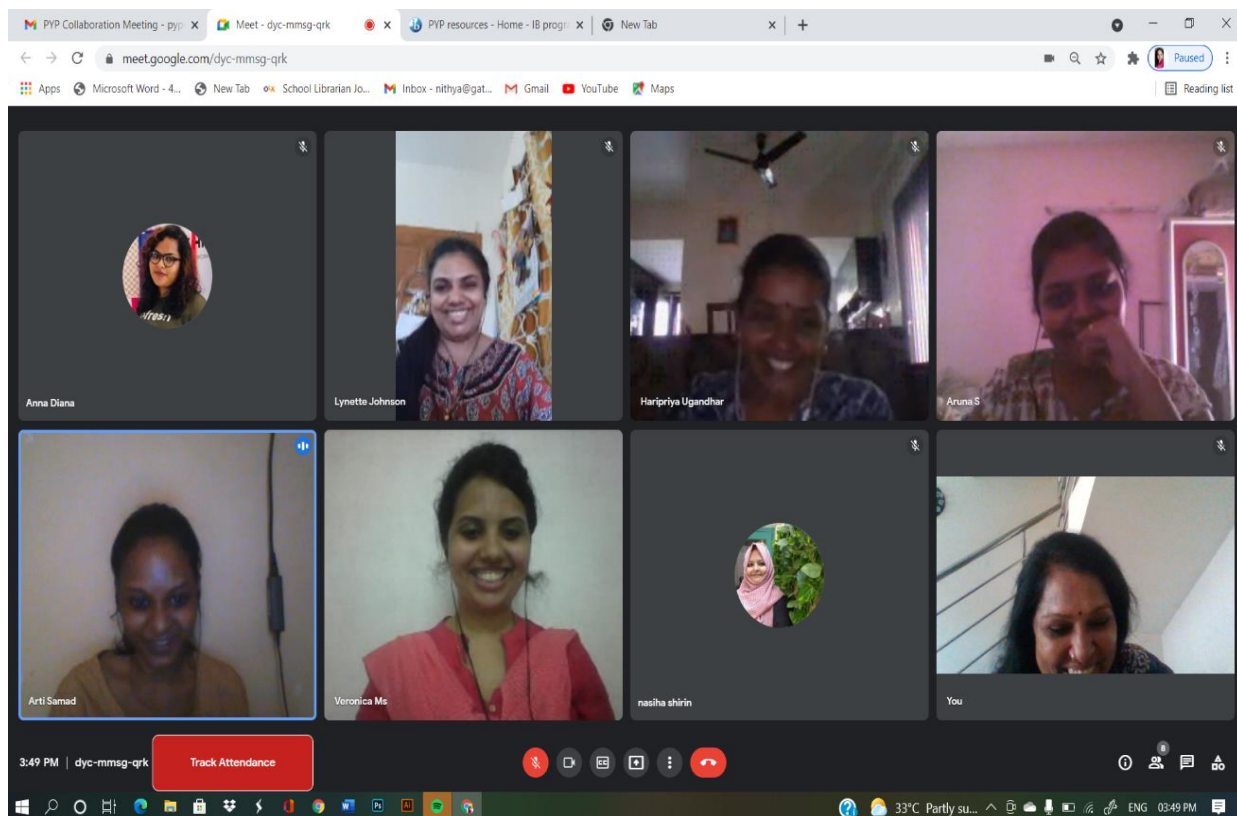
Through this collaboration meeting teachers came to know the different strategies of teaching and how to make class more interactive and attractive for the kids.

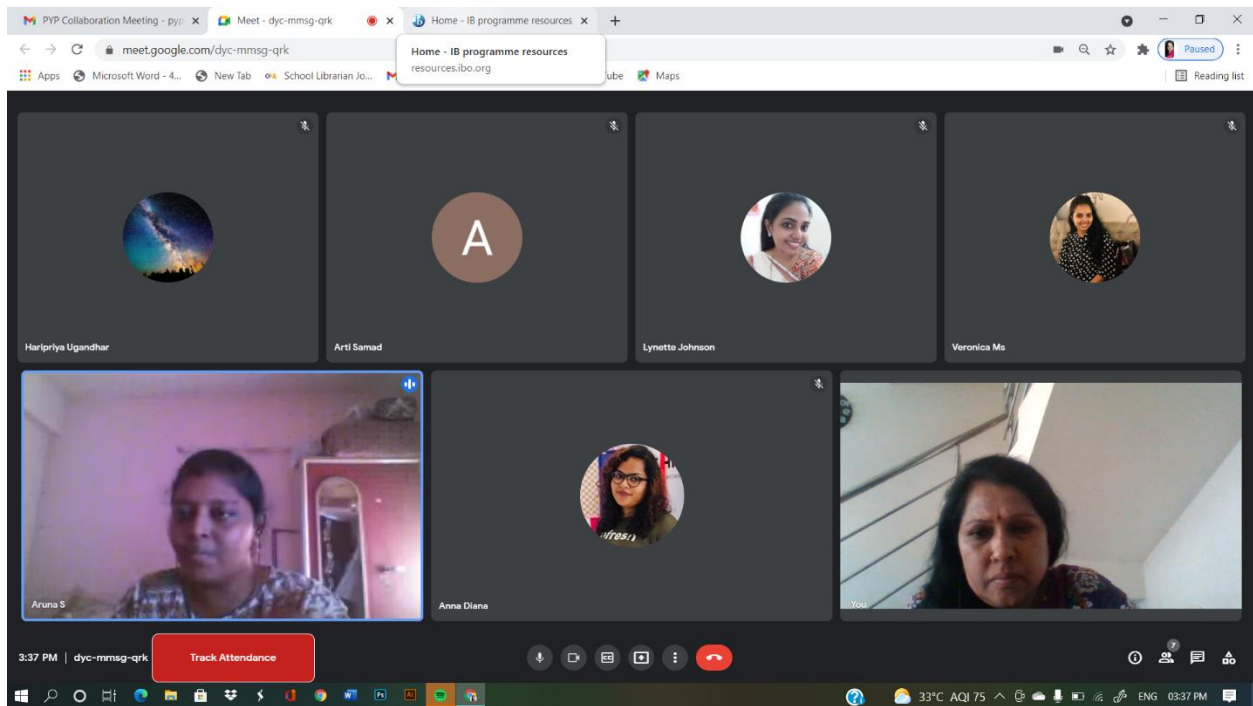


## PYP Team Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2021

The following were discussed in the meeting that was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug with the PYP teachers.

- Teachers enthusiastically came out with as many strategies to build our communication skills and thinking skills
- A few strategies were discussed on how to build our team and develop commitment and independence.
- Teachers shared the Kahoot application and posed different questions on teaching practices and the different strategies to make the class interactive like brain teasers, tongue twisters, online games etc.
- Teachers also discussed how to incorporate the slow learners in the class according to their learning outcomes considering their differentiated learning levels and also explained a few tips to engage the students while the other students are up the main activity.





## **MYP Collaboration Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021**

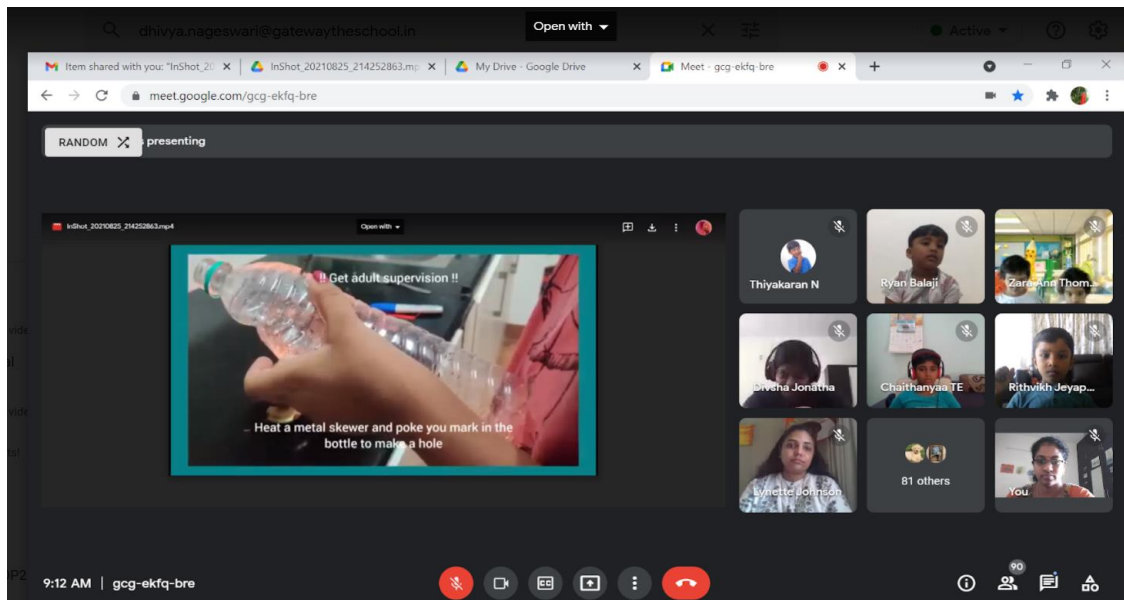
Meeting with the Middle Years Programme Co-ordinator and the Subject teachers was conducted and the following were discussed.

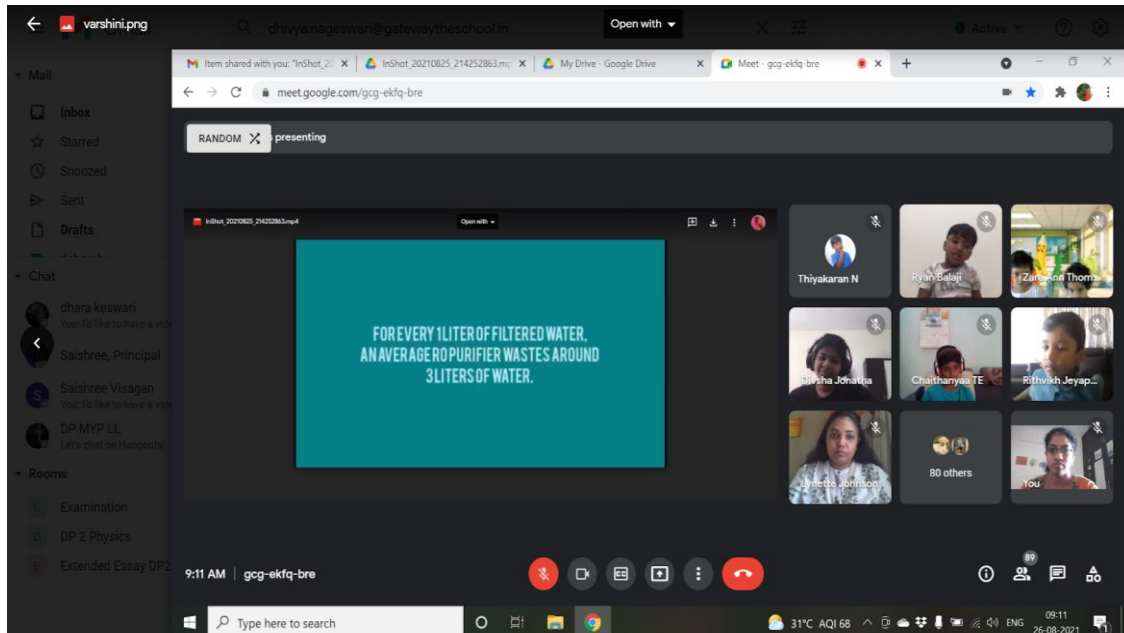
- Discussion about the ATL skills in general at first.
- Discussion on implicit and explicit ATL skills and the way of inculcating it in the students.
- Discussion on framing the standardized document by noticing the ATL development of students individually.
- Discussion on the importance of ATL skills and the effects of developing the same.
- Discussion about communication and collaboration skills in depth and the various ways of applying it in the subjects under specific units.
- Discussion on achieving International mindedness through developing the ATL skills.



## Service As Action

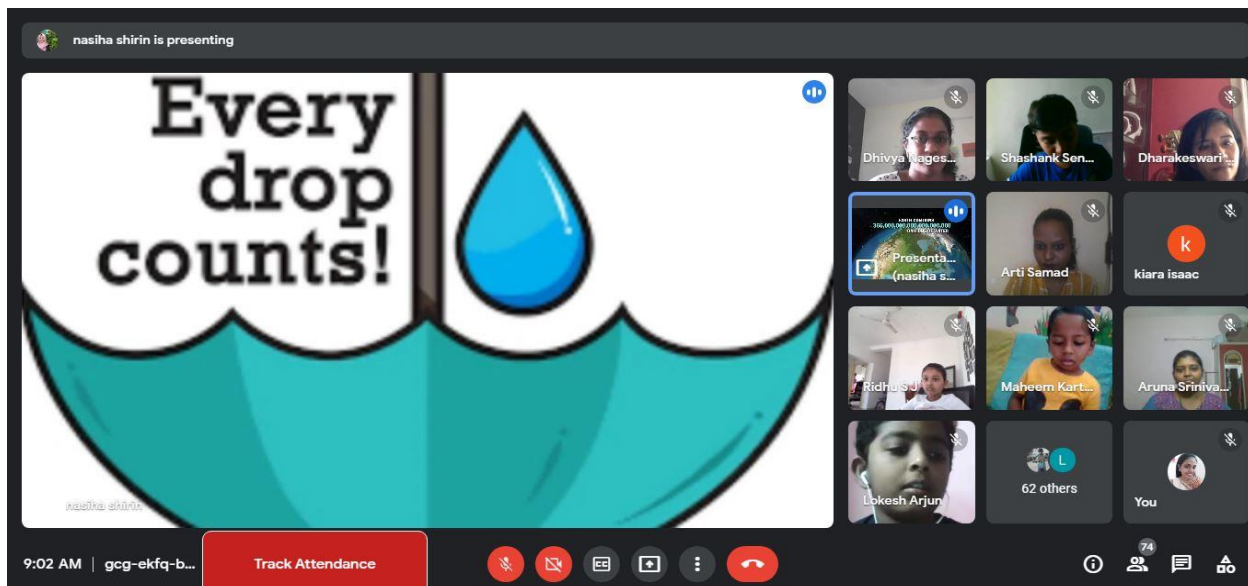
World Water Week is celebrated to create awareness of the importance of water. Varshini and Shriya from MYP4 made a demo video to describe the way in which we could preserve the water that comes out from the RO outlet and make use of it effectively in our everyday life.





## Water conservation Week – 21<sup>st</sup> Aug – 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

The students at Gateway IB, observed the Water Conservation Week, on the virtual platform when the EYP facilitators took up showcasing a puppet show a small skit aimed to raise awareness of the issues around water use. The students enjoyed the story through Puppet shows, sharing ideas, solutions and related challenges it aimed to help students save water and maintain its efficient use in their daily lives. It was an effort to spread awareness about conserving groundwater and proper utilisation of rainwater.







## **DP Collaboration Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021**

Meeting with the Principal, Diploma Programme Co-ordinator and the Subject Teachers.

- All the teachers are expected to check their timeline
- Discussion and presentation of ATL skills- by Ms. Jennet
- Social skill, Research skill and Thinking skill- Teachers actively participated by stating relevant examples they have done in their class
- Overview of ATL mapping chart
- Zoom classrooms-recording the classes-Ms. Sangeetha will be scheduling the zoom
- Weekly test mandatory- should be a written test
  - Summative assessment must fall according to the timeline.

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Jannath is presenting

These skills are grouped together as follows:

**Learning Skills in the MYP—  
Approaches to Learning (ATL) Skills**

Jannath

Sangeetha Solomon

Principal Gateway

DP MYP LL

Dhivya Nageswari

Glory Jemimah

Tabinda Zuberi

6 others

You

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Elizabeth Ananthi

Principal Gateway

2 others

You

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## IA History Collaboration Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

Meeting with the Principal, Diploma Programme Co-ordinator and the History Subject Teacher

- Ms.Tabinda,History facilitator presented the criteria of Internal Assessment
- Discussion on subject report, guide and the teachers support material
- Principal instructed the facilitator to do an IA in any topic and self-assess her work in order to gain in-depth knowledge in the subject.

The screenshot shows a Google Meet window with a PowerPoint presentation titled "History INTERNAL ASSESSMENT". The slide content is as follows:

- construct a **clear, well-structured, logical and analytical** response to your research question.
- Recommended word allocation: 1300 words.
- Maximum amount of marks that can be awarded: 15 out of 25 total marks, so this section counts for the bulk of your mark.
- must include the conclusion that the student draws from their analysis
- must use a range of evidence to support your argument( can be primary or secondary resources)

The meeting interface shows three participants: Tabinda Zuberi, Principal Gateway, and You. The system clock indicates 09:28 on 27-08-2021.

The screenshot shows a Google Meet window with a PowerPoint presentation titled "History INTERNAL ASSESSMENT (Autosaved)". The slide content is as follows:

**REFLECTION (Criterion C)**

It reflects on the methods used by, and the challenges faced by, you as the historian

The meeting interface shows three participants: Tabinda Zuberi, Principal Gateway, and a third participant whose video is obscured by a floral pattern. The system clock indicates 09:39 on 27-08-2021.

## Investiture Ceremony – 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021

The student council for the academic year 2021-2022 was inaugurated over the virtual platform. Our young elected leaders were prepared to don the mantle of leadership and discharge the responsibilities entrusted upon them by the school. Our school acknowledged the budding young leaders and reposed the trust in them.

Our Chief guest Mr. P.V. Ramalingam BE addressed the gathering with the real - life situations. For us, Investiture Ceremony is not just about providing titles, but about conferring responsibilities to the students, to take charge of the school and take it to the height they desire with their leadership and decision making skills, communication and teamwork.

It was indeed a very proud moment for all who witnessed the ceremony.





### **Maheen Karthick - EYP**

Maheem karthick from EYP K2 is an enthusiastic child who actively participates in each and every activity during his learning engagement and involves enjoying thoroughly. He has shown a good understanding of the concepts taught and is always exploring and cites real-life settings while learning about the living things and about him. He grooms himself and is very particular to keep himself clean and tidy. He is a keen observer and is very expressive while speaking; he has good grasping knowledge and shares his thoughts with his peers. He has developed and attributed to the IB Learner profile Thinking and is an expressive Communicator.

### **Adhivel – PYP**

Adhivel from PYP 1 is nominated as the best student for August 21'. He is a knowledgeable and principled thinker. He listens keenly to ideas and is open-minded to accept the opinions of others. He has good communication skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing), thinking skills (the acquisition of knowledge, comprehension), and social skills (respecting others). His strength is his reading skills, the way he observes the class, and the way he responds and reflects on the Unit.

### **Mathangi – MYP**

Mathangi, from MYP 4 is the Student of the Month for the month of August 2021. She is principled, Knowledgeable and a good communicator. She participates in class activities with enthusiasm and yields productive output.

### **Oveya Kiruba – DP**

Oveya Kiruba, from DP 1 is the Student of the Month for August 2021. She is Principled, a good communicator and Knowledgeable. She participates in class activities with enthusiasm and yields productive output.

**WEAR  
MASK**



**PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK**

**Avoid close contact with others  
to prevent spread of COVID-19**

**If you cant Stay Home, Stay apart!  
Maintain a distance of 2 meters from others.**



## COVID – 19 SYMPTOMS

**High Fever**

**Dry Cough**

**Sore Throat**

**Difficulty in Breathing**

## HOW IT SPREADS

**Air by Cough or Sneeze**

**Personal Contact**

**Contaminated Objects**

**Mass Gathering**

## PREVENTION

**Wash your Hands often**

**Wear a Face Mask**

**Avoid Contact with Sick People**

**Always Cover Your Cough or Sneeze**

**STAY SAFE , GET VACCINATED AND MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**TOGETHER WE CAN FIGHT THIS PANDEMIC**



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