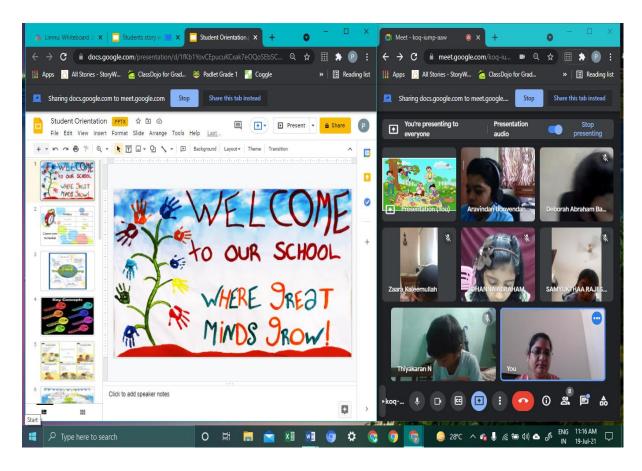


# NEWSLETTER – JULY 2021





# **GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**



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# <u>Teachers Orientation Program – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021</u>

"Teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of bringing the first two loves together"

We begin this New Academic Year with the "Teachers orientation Program". Our Teachers are always on the path to learn and equip themselves with more knowledge which in turn helps with the growth and development of our students as well. Our principal guided our staff with her vast knowledge and experience on how to tackle this challenging year amidst the lockdown and the pandemic without hindering the education of our students.



### TeamWork – Sharing Knowledge and Experience – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

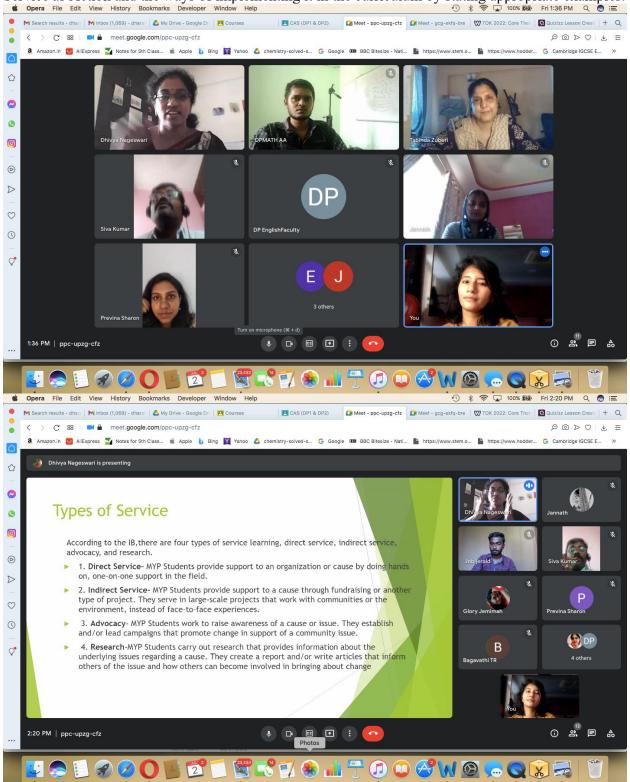
Knowledge sharing is an important key factor in developing Teamwork. The entire team of teachers joined together to collaborate and share their knowledge on various teaching aids that can be utilized for creating the best teaching environment for our students in the upcoming academic year.



# Service as Action Orientation – 8th July 2021

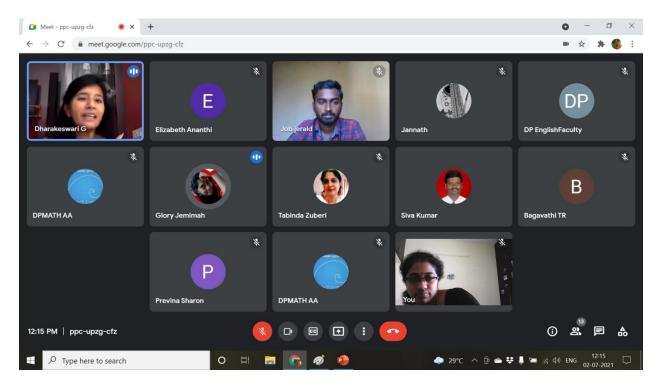
In view of orientation to all the faculty of MYP and DP, Ms. Dhivya, SA Coordinator conducted a session on Service as Action.

The presentation started with an ice breaking session thereby brainstorming and inducing teachers to actively participate in the learning. It was quite interesting and interactive. She gave a clear picture of Service as Action and the ways of implementing it in the curriculum by stating appropriate examples.



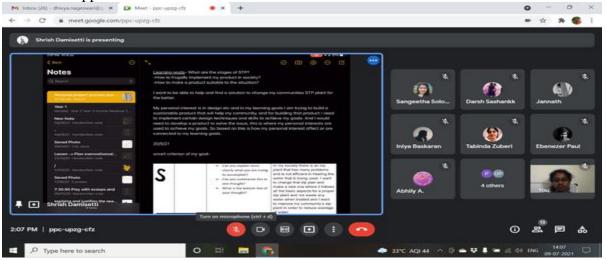
# CAS Brainstorming Session – 11th July 2021

A Brainstorming session by our teachers for CAS activity for the upcoming year !!



# Personal Project – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Students of MYP5 enthusiastically presented the success criteria and the research work based on the development of the success criteria with the proof of their research for their Personal project to their PP coordinator, Supervisors and gathered the information on the changes to be made. The involvement of the students in completing their tasks sticking to the deadline during their vacation is appreciable.



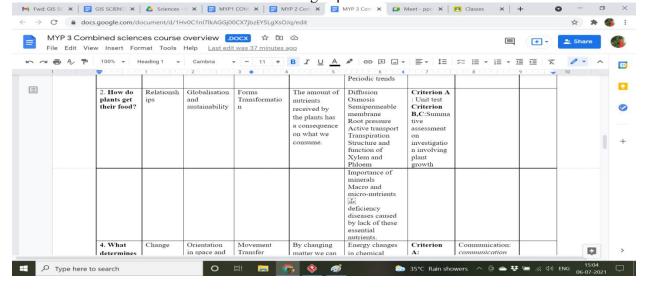
## TOK Orientation – 13th July 2021

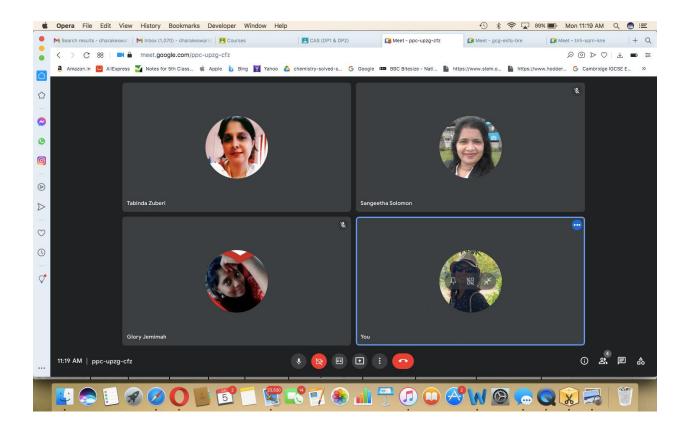
Ms.Dhara the TOK Coordinator facilitated the teachers in understanding the importance of Theory of Knowledge and the ways in which Theory of Knowledge can be introduced to students. The various ways to assist the students and to tackle their queries were also discussed. A wonderful eye opening session it was.



## Gearing up for the coming Academic Year – 14th July 2021

Our Teachers at work !!!Our teachers geared up for the next academic year with loads of activities and a clear Plan of Action to enhance the learning experience of our students





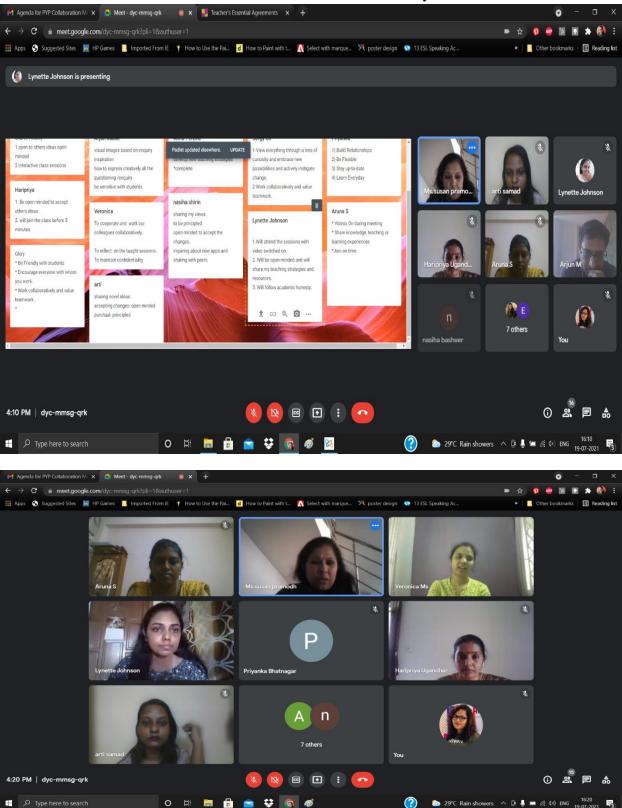
# PYP Collaboration Meeting – 19th July 2021

- 1. Teachers shared the teaching experiences and strategies used in the classroom and the learning engagements with the students.
- 2. Discussions over the different strategies and the implementation of online applications to get the new students involve in the class.
- 3. Discussion on framing the Essential agreements created for each grade and the essence of understanding the IB learner profile.
- 4. The teachers collaboratively discussed the needs of creating teachers' Essential agreement and the purpose to understand and follow the rules for this Academic year 2021-22

They jotted down their points on the padlet application and finally set into selecting all the common ones to be implemented a whole and strictly decided to follow the essential agreements.

5. The teachers shared their knowledge on the different digital tools to be used for the virtual classes using the practical way of applying it to the students.

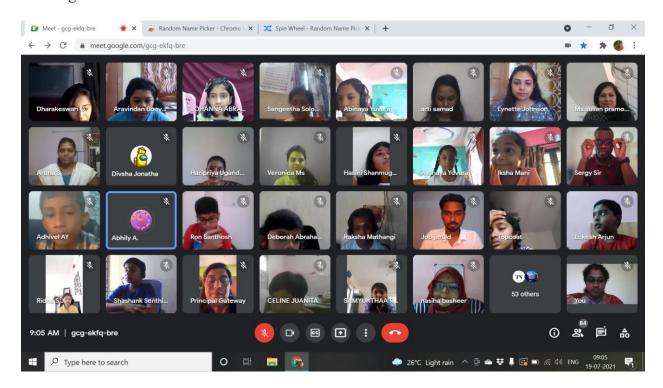
6. A teacher shared a useful resource a way of recording attendance collaboratively and demonstrated the new tool to record student's attendance on a daily basis.



## A Great Start – 19th July 2021

A Great New start for this Year !!!

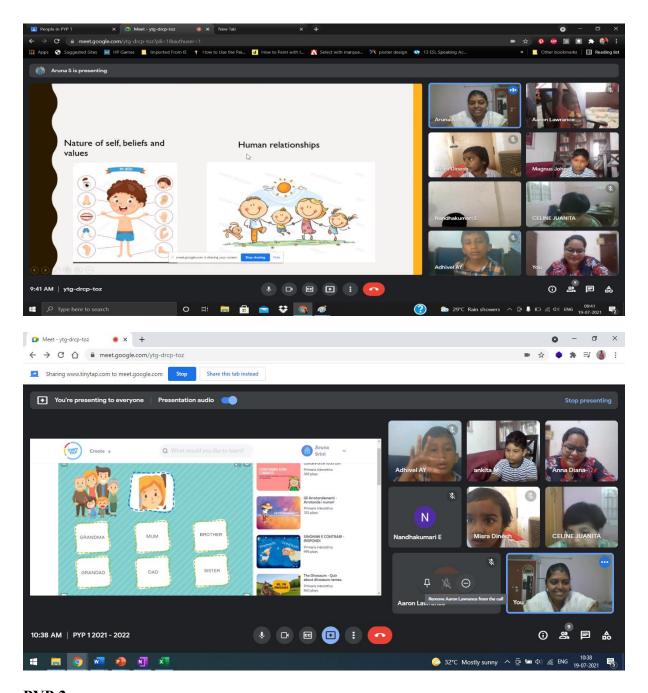
The new academic year started with the Whole school assembly participating in to spread positive thoughts. The academic year started with the lovely voice of Abhily who hosted the assembly. She led the assembly in to this year with a great tone for success. Our beloved Principal addressed the students and motivated the students to work hard to achieve their goals. What a great start !!!



# PYP Orientation for students – 19th July 2021

#### **PYP 1**

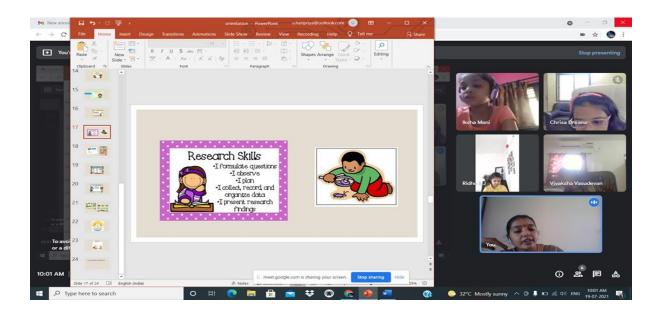
The students were all excited to understand the learning as they had a transition from the EYP to the PYP and their curiosity knew no bounds as they sang along with actions just to make cheer them and to feel comfortable. The students enjoyed introducing each other to their peers and also to get to know who their teacher was.



#### <u>PYP 2</u>

Students were super eager on the day of the first class meeting up with their peers and attended the orientation programme set for them, to understand the IB learner profile, skills and the themes by using the picture provocation strategy. The students actively involved in the activity and was able to guess the learner profile and skills, it was an interactive session and they acquired knowledge on the IB curriculum.

The students recalled on all the elements of the PYP and were happy that they had reflected on the essentials which will further help them develop their understanding.

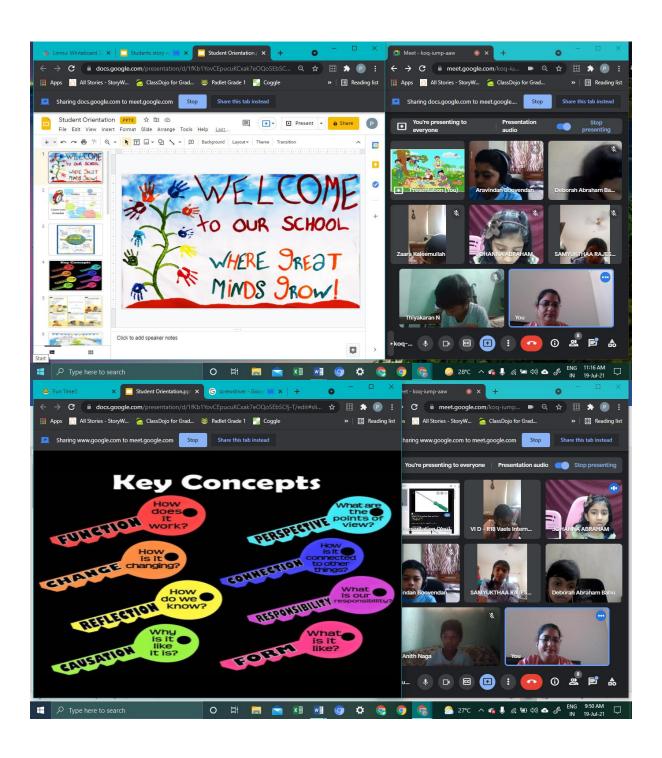


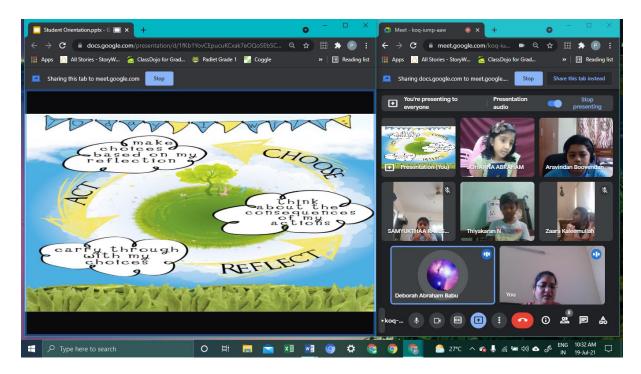


#### **PYP 3**

The orientation program for the students of PYP 3, was organized on 19th July 2021. Students were formally welcomed to the new academic session and introduced to the virtual Google platform. They also got a brief idea about the IB curriculum.

The day started with an ice-breaker session with students. The students introduced and interacted with each other and their facilitator Ms. Priyanka in a fun-filled environment. They showed their favourite toy and spoke about how they enjoyed their vacations.

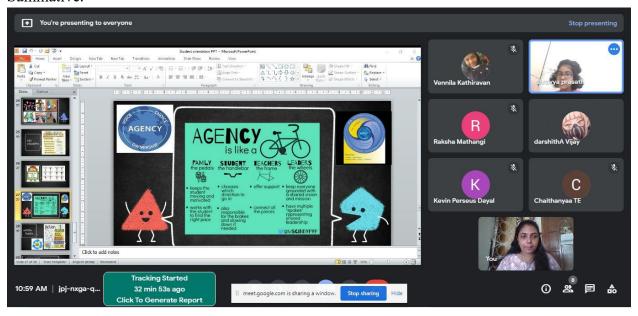


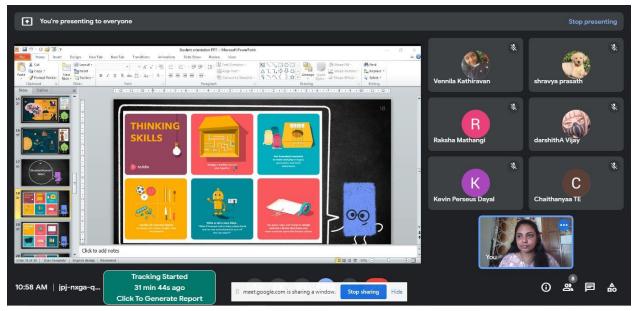


#### PYP 4

The students were very happy to be back to school that started with the whole school assembly followed by the orientation programme for the students, during this session the students introduced themselves and got to know their peers and was eager to know about the Homeroom facilitator.

They also participated actively in understanding the IB Mission, the Learner profile, the 6 Transdisciplinary Themes, The ATL skills, and details on the assessments both Formative & Summative.





#### **PYP 5**

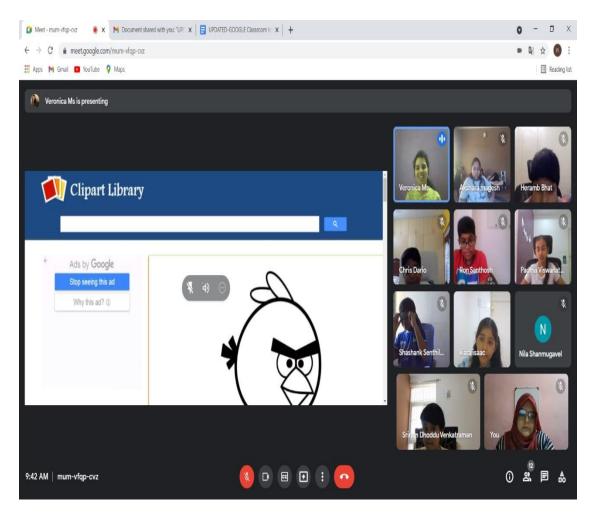
The orientation program for the students started with excitement with a big gathering as the students assembled for the whole school assembly and witnessed their peer friends and were happy to meet them after their vacation.

Then after which all the students were set in to actively participate in the orientation programme to comprehend the vision and mission of the Gateway International school, to enable new students to feel comfortable with a new environment, and introduction of all the faculty members handling the class for this academic year. The students were introduced to the IB learner profile, ATL skills, the inquiry cycle, and few online applications they would be using throughout the year. Going further the students interacted with a number of provocation strategies and collaboratively created the essential agreements on the Padlet application which helped them understand their responsibility in creating a conducive learning environment.

The day was filled with several fun activities and the children participated with enthusiasm and



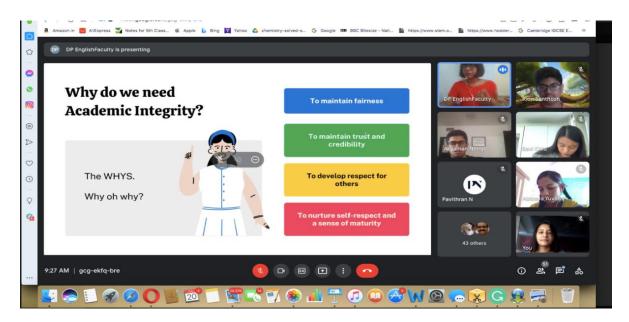
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# Students Orientation Programme MYP and DP – 19th July 2021

MYP and DP students Orientation Programme is conducted on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The students participated enthusiastically. Students were given sessions on IB learner profile, academic Honesty and Service as Action .





# MYP Collaboration Meeting - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Meeting with the MYP Co-ordinator Ms. Sangeetha and the Subject teachers. MYP Coordinator delivered a session on MYP Unit planning.





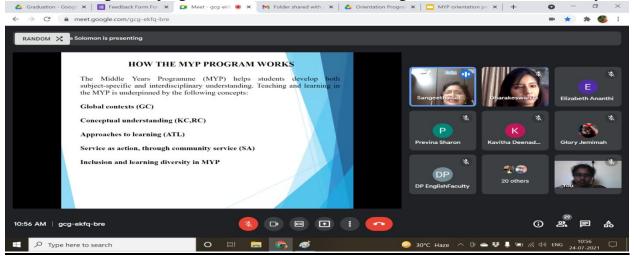
## MYP and DP Parents Orientation - 24th July 2021

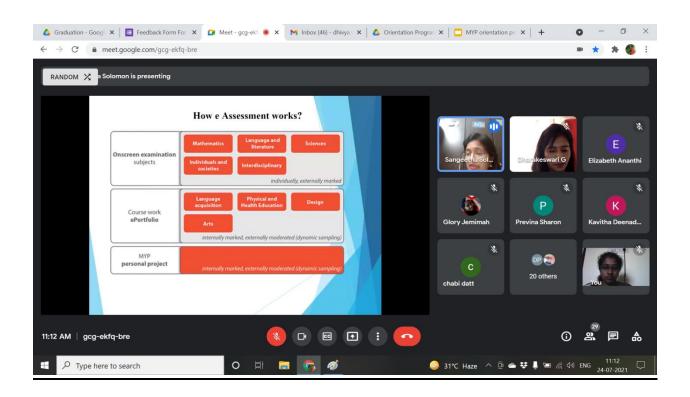
"Self Introduction is the effective tool to introduce ourselves to the unknown, Likewise

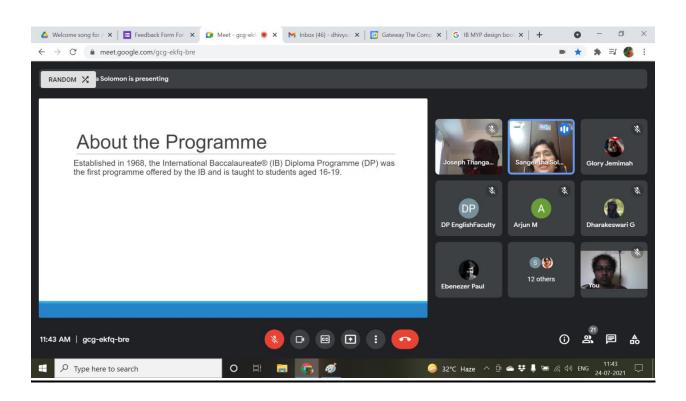
"Orientation Program is the Key for the parents and students to understand their programme of Education"

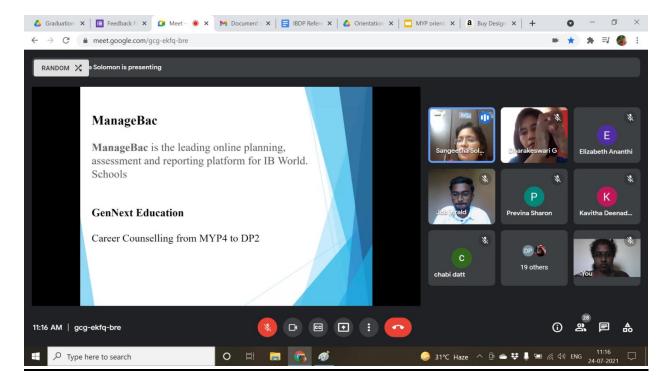
Gateway IB provided an opportunity for parents to understand and feel confident about the level of progression that would be attained by their wards in the upcoming academic year.

Ms Sangeetha, our MYP & DP coordinator made all the parents feel confident about the value of education provided by Gateway IB through her warm gesture about the programme. Following the orientation program, parents were introduced to the Gateway IB MYP and DP team of teachers for the academic year 2021-2022. Parents extended their happiness towards the smooth handling of the programme and wish the teachers for great success in this academic year.





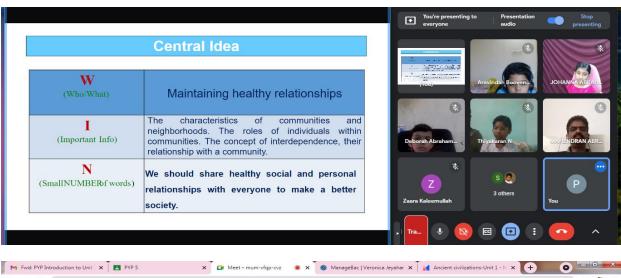




## **PYP Unit Introduction – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

The Parents were eagerly waiting to involve and comprehend the learning of their ward as they witnessed the progression and joined the virtual goggle platform for the first Unit introductory session organized for the PYP classes on different Transdisciplinary themes.

Parents were given a small run through of how the Managebac Portal works, the purpose of using the application and the importance of the resources to be added and how they need to access the resources. The parents were very glad that this unit brought insight to their understanding on various levels and also were happy that they could contribute ideas in reframing the central idea and also giving suggestions and actively participating in the first session. They enjoyed the connection and excited to see other parents and were able to share their thoughts through the virtual platform, the feedback received was indeed very good and the parents also promised to provide helping their ward in the learning and support the school community to cooperate at all times.





# **World Tiger Day Celebration – 29th July 2021**

World Tiger Day is celebrated all over the world to spread awareness on the importance of conservation of Tiger. Students of MYP4 made an awareness video and requested the members of GIS IB to participate in the "Weekend Plant a Sapling Activity" to promote Afforestation.

# Plant a Sapling this Weekend Activity - 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021

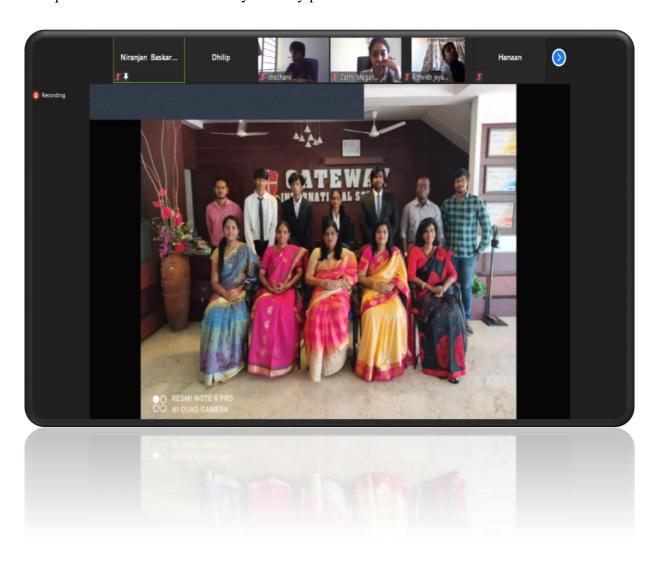
In commemorating the Tiger Day celebration, our students did plan for a "Plant a sapling this weekend Activity " to promote Afforestation. When everyone of us contribute to



this, we will surely see a rise in the greenery of our country and this in turn will promote a wonderful habitat for our Majestic Tiger.

# **DP Result**

Our school's very first batch of DP students attended the IB Board Exams this year and scored 100% result with the top score being an astonishing 41/45, and securing a firm position among the top scorers in the OMR Vicinity. A very proud moment for us all !!!





# 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.



**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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