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Dear Parents,

All's well that ends well!

The academic year 2020 – 2021 began with a lot of turmoil but we all sailed through with hard work of my diligent teachers, enthusiasm of my young learners and the support of you parents.

At the beginning what seemed impossible and unrealistic was made possible and real. We have lived up to our educational standards and strived to achieve the holistic goal of education by not just filling the young minds with bookish knowledge but by conducting informative workshops from time to time, activities like DIY, Inter House competitions etc. Science exhibition was also a huge success. The tiny tots put up a beautiful thanksgiving for their teachers who gave them a tearful farewell. We had a great time with the toddlers in the online Graduation Day ceremony.

Almost nothing stopped infact the pandemic exposed us to many challenges and together we braved each one bit by bit. Having said that I am looking forward to having Offline School in the next academic session, we are prepared for both though. Till then I wish you all a happy and healthy vacation. Stay home and stay safe.

Ruchi Hajela
Principal



CELEBRATION OF FESTIVALS

Republic Day



Rebublic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and respect by the Primary and Secondary students and they were engaged in various activities like Sandwich making, Drawing of National symbols, Salad making, Tri coloured paper activities like Cap making, Flag, Badge making, Book Mark, Flowers, Photo Frame, Pen stand etc were carried out.

Makar Sankranti

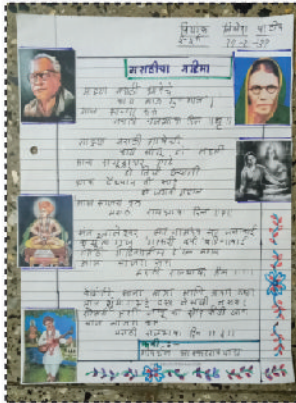
Makar Sankranti is a major harvest festival marking the onset of spring season in India. Preparing and exchanging sweets made with jaggery like 'tilguls' is one more custom that is followed on Makar Sankranti. While exchanging these people greet each other in Marathi, by saying 'tilgul ghya – goad goad bola'. The underlying meaning of this sentence is 'let's forget the past ill-feelings and grudges, resolve differences and remain friends'. Kite flying is an intrinsic part of Makar Sankranti celebrations. Colourful kites adorn the sky on this day.

All our children came dressed in black for the Sankranti celebration during the online session. Children at their creative best made colourful kites & thoroughly enjoyed the activity.





Marathi Divas



Marathi Bhasha Divas was celebrated in honor of the Marathi language and in keeping with the birth anniversary of the Dyanpeeth award winning poet late Shri Kusumagraj.

Marathi being the official language of the state of Maharashtra, the main focus of this celebration was to promote Marathi Culture among the learners and for the residents of this state to take pride in their mother tongue.

Students of Grade 3-5 celebrated this day with great enthusiasm. Though it was an online celebration, students participated in plethora of activities like poem recitation, poem writing and drawing on Marathi themes.

Salad Making



Salad making activity was conducted for Pre Primary students on 28th Jan' 21, to help them understand the importance of including various fruits and vegetables in their diet.

The activity was demonstrated by the teacher and students were instructed to follow the same. The parents had sliced the vegetables prior to the activity. The teacher explained about the different ingredients that were used to prepare the salad and also discussed how important it is to consume vegetables in order to keep ourselves healthy and fit. The children dressed as chefs were very excited to prepare the salad themselves. They also tasted the salad prepared by them during the session.

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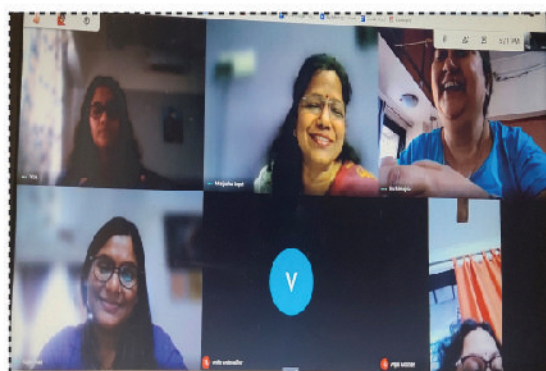
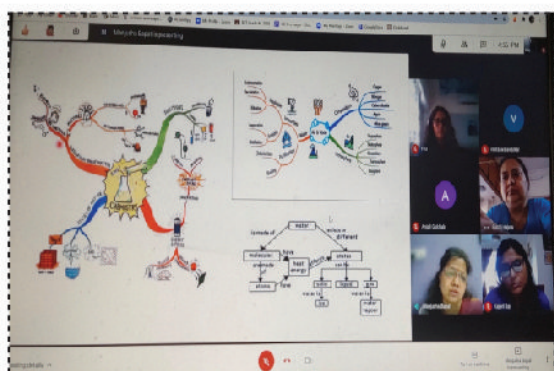
Science Workshop

The Science faculty of Indo Scots Global School attended an online workshop on 16 January 21 which was conducted by Ms. Majusha Bapat. She emphasized on the experiential and activity-based learning. She also mentioned that effective learning is which reaches the student.

Now the education system has changed to the child centric education. The teaching methods should be innovative, interactive, experiential and evolving. She also focused on the conceptual frame work or the mind map of each unit, so it caters to the students of the different learning abilities.

In science the correct spellings are also equally important. So, attention should be given to that as well by the teachers, by taking regular dictation practice.

Overall, it was an enriching learning experience.



Basics of Blended Learning

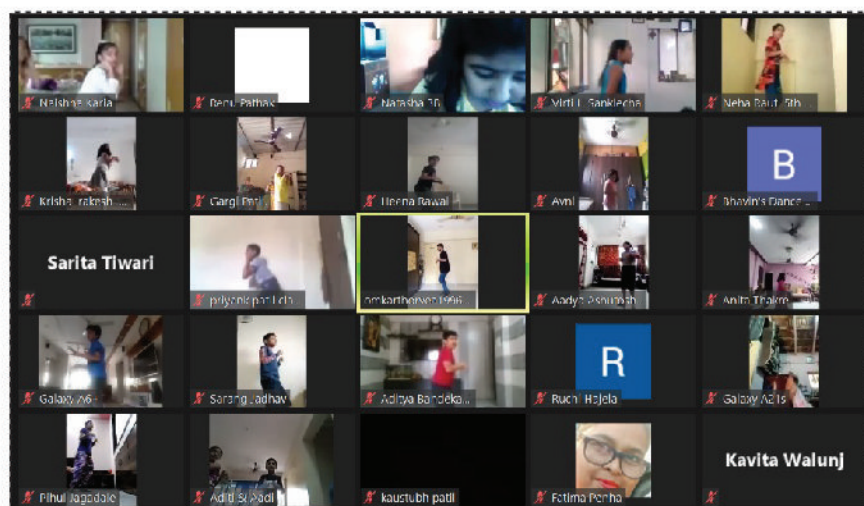
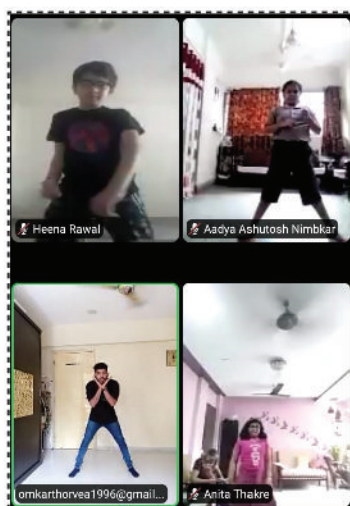
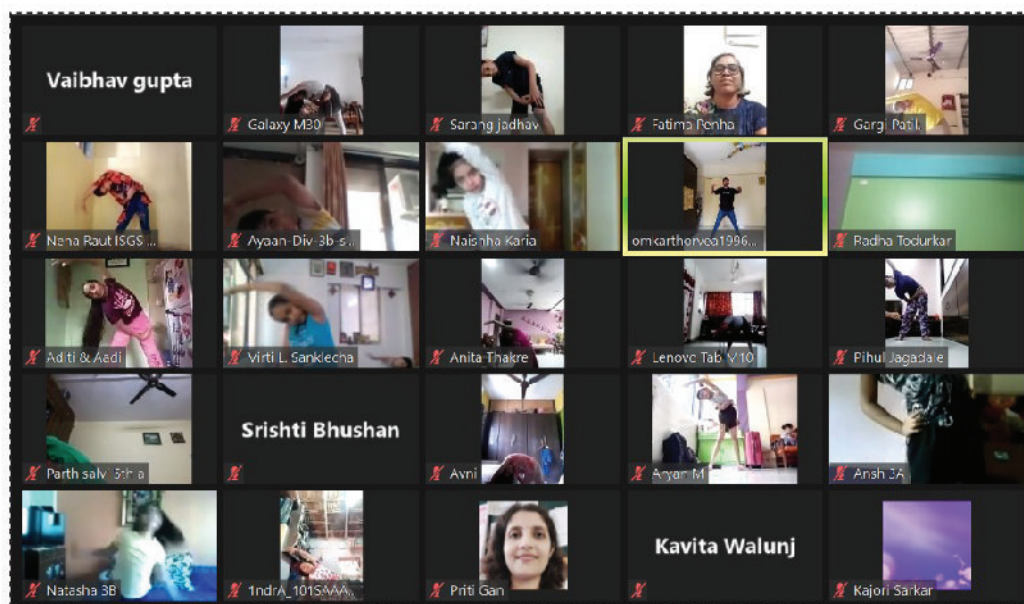
Digital technology is transforming many aspects of teaching especially during this pandemic when the complete school has shifted from offline to online. Educators face challenges in transforming teaching and learning, and in shifting to blended and hybrid models designed to capture potential gains and avoid pitfalls. In this workshop, we discussed how to use better approach and design an engaging blended learning experience or program. During the session, the participants were engaged into questionnaire to analyze and evaluate some of the things which is already been taking place in the organization. The workshop further discussed the following topics in details:

- Types of blended learning
- Example of hybrid/blended schedule was discussed
- 9 Best practices for effective learning playlists
- 5E model for creating blended learning experience

The workshop was very informative and gave us a broader picture of blended learning.

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Dance Workshop



Past one year has left us all anxious & inactive hence with high blood pressure levels and obesity. Children are no exception; however, they cannot be blamed. Due to the pandemic, they have been locked indoors with little or no activity, no friends to keep them occupied either.

Indo Scots Global School Thane in collaboration with Bhavins' Dance Academy thought of a creative way to get rid of boredom and fatigue and break the monotony of their learners by introducing dance on the virtual platform.

In these difficult times, it was wonderful to see our grade 3 to 5 learners enjoy and dance in a rhythmic way according to the instructions being given by the Dance Master Mr. Omarkar.

The highpoints of the workshop were the innovative steps and physical workouts that were introduced to the learners with an element of fun and action. The workshop ended with a cool down session. It was an engaging and enriching experience for our learners.

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Stoga Workshop

Val- Ed has initiatives introduced a new concept of exercising which not only focuses on body but also on the mental health. So, they have merged two concepts which are fun for the young learners that is STORY and YOGA = STOGA session. In collaboration with Val- Ed, Indo Scots Global School arranged this interesting session for the Grades 1 and 2 on 15th Feb, 2021. The resource person for the session was Mrs. Ashwini Shivanand.

In this new normal life, the kids are like bored, tired and lazy in short, they are not active, so to boost them this session was conducted. The session started with a Pre-school rhyme with a small twist in it... "If you are happy and you know it clap your hands..." "With this Mrs Ashwini connected the emotions with story and yoga. Through story line various poses of Yoga were introduced to the learners and asked them to connect it with their emotions like Happy- Bird or Butterfly pose, feeling high or confident- tree pose, feeling sad or low- Gorilla pose and many more.

Learners enjoyed doing this session. Through such session learners generally are in a better position to vent out his/ her emotions. This session was indeed a wonderful one. A few minutes of Yoga during the day can be a great way to get rid of stress that accumulates daily, in both, body and the mind. Yoga postures, Pranayama and meditation are effective techniques to release stress.

The instructor Mrs Ashwini Shivanand motivated the learners and conveyed the importance of making yoga an integral part of our daily life by extending the practice of yoga beyond the mat. The session concluded with an interactive session between the instructor and the learners in which the queries of the learners were addressed satisfactorily. The session was very refreshing, reviving and relaxing.



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Raising Readers Workshop



On Saturday, the 27th of February 2021 students of Indo Scottish Global School along with their parents and teachers attended an online workshop organised by the Karadi Path Education Company. The purpose of the workshop was to help our children to learn to acquire fluency in language skills through stories. After a short introduction, our guest speaker, M.S Lavanya started the session by using PPT and mesmerized our learners in listening to a short story, "The Dragon's Toothache".

Our kids not only liked the story but the Dragon's Song too. They actively participated in singing and reading the content that was shared.

The workshop was open for our learners from Nursery to Grade 2 and their parents. A short question and answer session elicited our parents to respond to the queries posed.

After reiterating the importance of reading and story telling, the children were told to draw a dragon and name it. A prompt reply from our learners that they enjoyed the story and wanted more, made us all happy and cheerful.

The workshop was well received and ended with a thank you note.

Communication Skills Workshop

A workshop on Improvement of Communication Skills was conducted by Thespian Talents PVT LTD powered by Helen O' Grady International on 20th March 2021 for the students of ISGS through Google Meet. The facilitator of the workshop was Ms Vrushali Kulkarni.

The session started with an introduction to what is communication and the types of communication through slides. Post which some barriers to communication were explained.

The Resource person emphasised on how punctuations and body language are two main important aspects in a communication.

The session was interactive and ended on a positive note. It was a great learning experience for both students and the teachers.

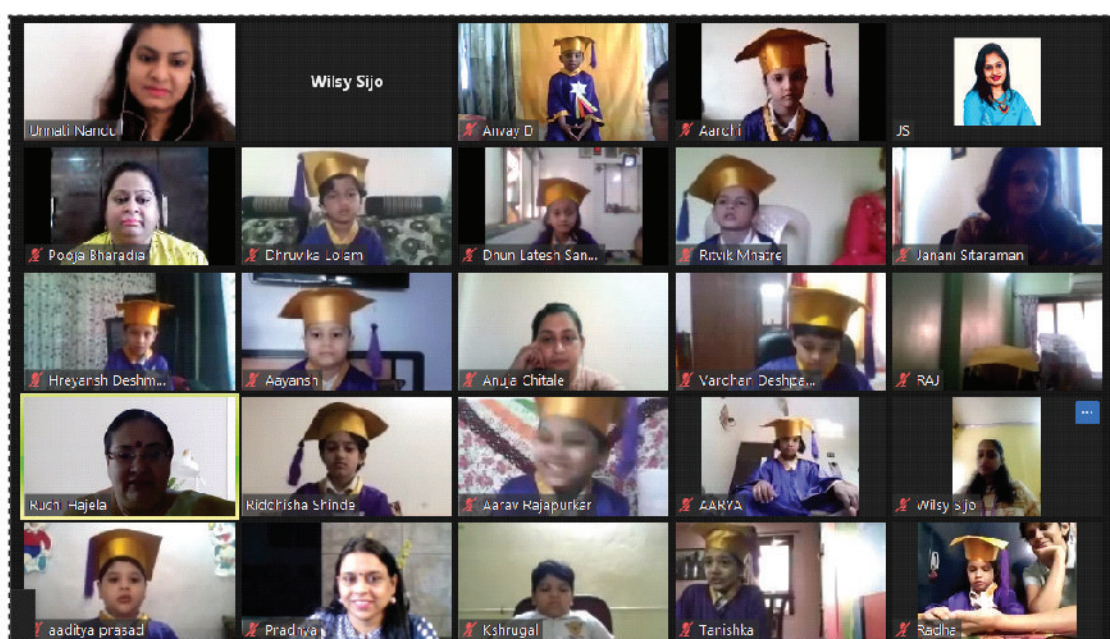
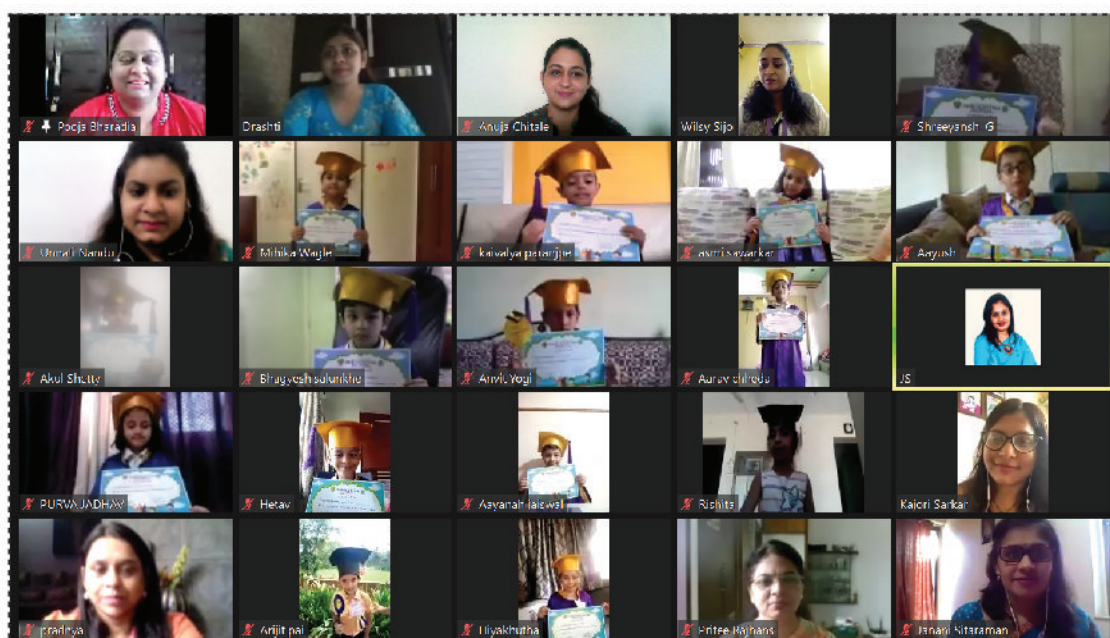




Graduation Day

Indo Scottish Pre School virtually celebrated the Graduation Day of our Sr.KG Learners on 10th & 16th April '21. It was attended by our Principal ma'am, co-ordinator ma'ams, learners, parents & all pre-primary teachers.

During the Graduation ceremony, children were dressed in their graduation robe & caps & posed with the Certificate scrolls while their teacher commented on each ones progress throughout the year and how ready they are to step out of the threshold to take on the challenges of formal schooling beginning at Class I. It was indeed a joyous and memorable day for the little ones and their parents.





Science Exhibition

Learning by doing has been a maxim that we strictly adhere to at Indo Scots Global School. As an initiative to promote this and to develop a scientific temperament among our learners Annual Science exhibition "Indo Quest 2021" was organized online on 27th of February 2021 to mark National Science day celebrations.

This activity was also aimed at providing a platform to the students of ISGS and to give shape to their innovative ideas under their teacher's guidance. The programme was a huge success under the supervision of parents and diligent efforts of students. The program was inaugurated by the Principal Mrs. Ruchi Hajela, she appreciated the efforts put in by the students, faculty and the parents in organizing first of its kind exhibition by Indo Scotians.

The exhibits were indeed eye openers on various topics related to food, properties of air & water, digestive system, matter & materials, soil erosion & conservation, electricity & circuits and Acids, Bases & Salts. All the participants enthusiastically and confidently explained the charts, Experiments and working Models.

The exhibition was a great learning experience for all.

