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Theme of the Month



THE BEST COLLABORATIONS
CREATE SOMETHING

bigger

THAN THE SUM OF WHAT
EACH PERSON CAN CREATE
ON THEIR OWN



“Teaching is a noble profession that shapes the character, caliber and the future of an individual.”

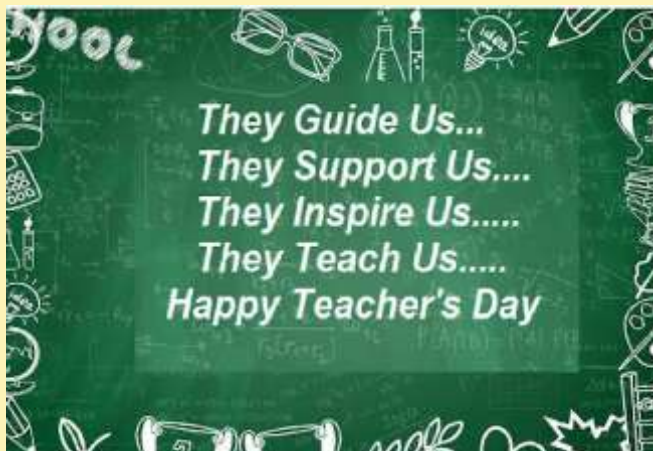
~A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

5th September is a notable day for the entire education faculty. It is marked as Teachers’ Day and cherished nationwide with tremendous respect and enthusiasm. Teachers of Thakur International School- IGCSE and A levels, were not behind anyone to make the day memorable for all of us. Ms. Tejal Shah, Pre-primary Coordinator; Ms. Vaishali Gandhi, Primary and Secondary coordinator and Ms. Bhawna Sharma, coordinator of the Higher Secondary Section with the support of Ms. Heena Paleja, our Head of School, created a momentous and unforgettable day for teachers. Ms. Tejal hosted the

video. Everyone was ecstatic to see and hear our beloved students praise and appreciate us. The day was not over yet. Ms. Vaishali Gandhi surprised everyone by sending each one of us a certificate of appreciation highlighting a peculiar quality in us. It was the best day for any teacher. We would like to thank TIS for such a thoughtful endeavour.

Kindly, visit the following link to witness the Virtual Teacher’s Day celebration.

<https://youtu.be/u9GsacB6vr8>



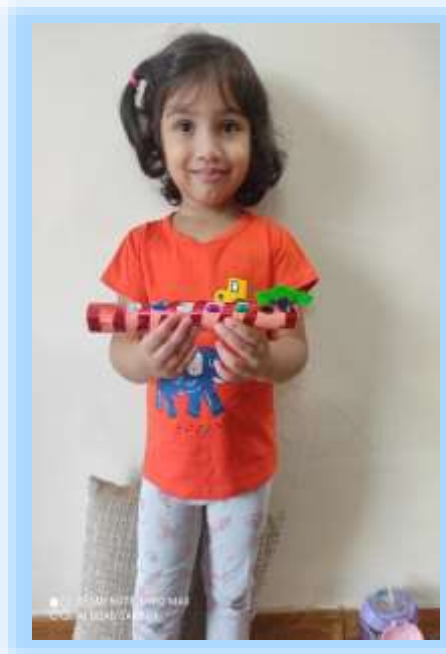


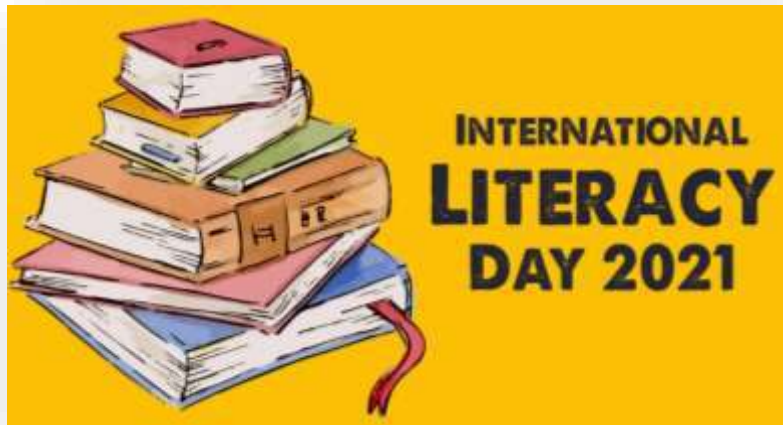
Janmashtami Celebration

Janmashtami is celebrated as the birthday of Lord Krishna, one of the most powerful and famous reincarnations of Lord Vishnu. The students dressed up as Lord Krishna and Radha, complete with flutes, peacock feathers and matkas. A short video on the history of Krishna Janam (Birth of Lord Krishna) was shown to the kids which was followed by a very beautifully decorated

Jhanki of the Krishna Jhula, song and dance performances by the kids. The main attraction of the event was the breaking of the treasure-filled Matki by the school staff members.

As a part of the pre-celebratory activity, children enjoyed the art & craft activity of making a flute. Here are glimpses of the same.



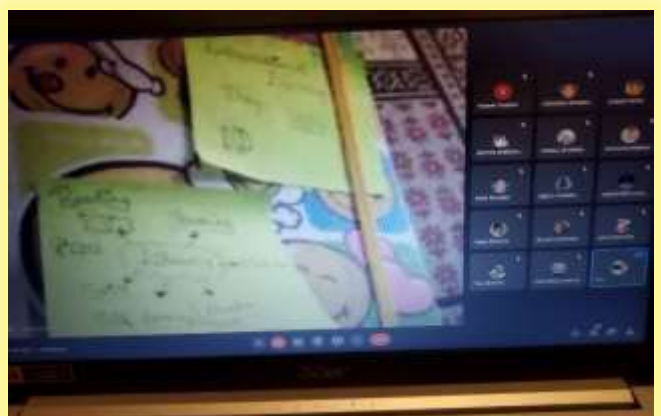
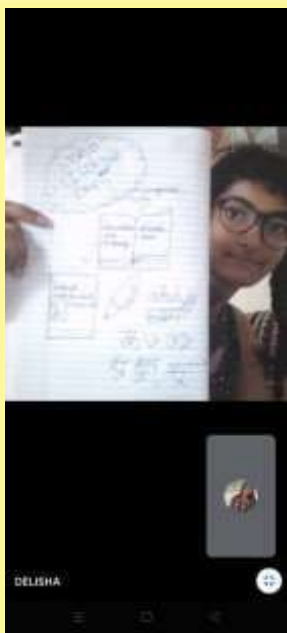
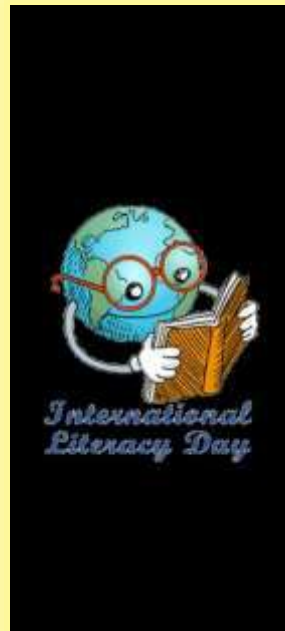


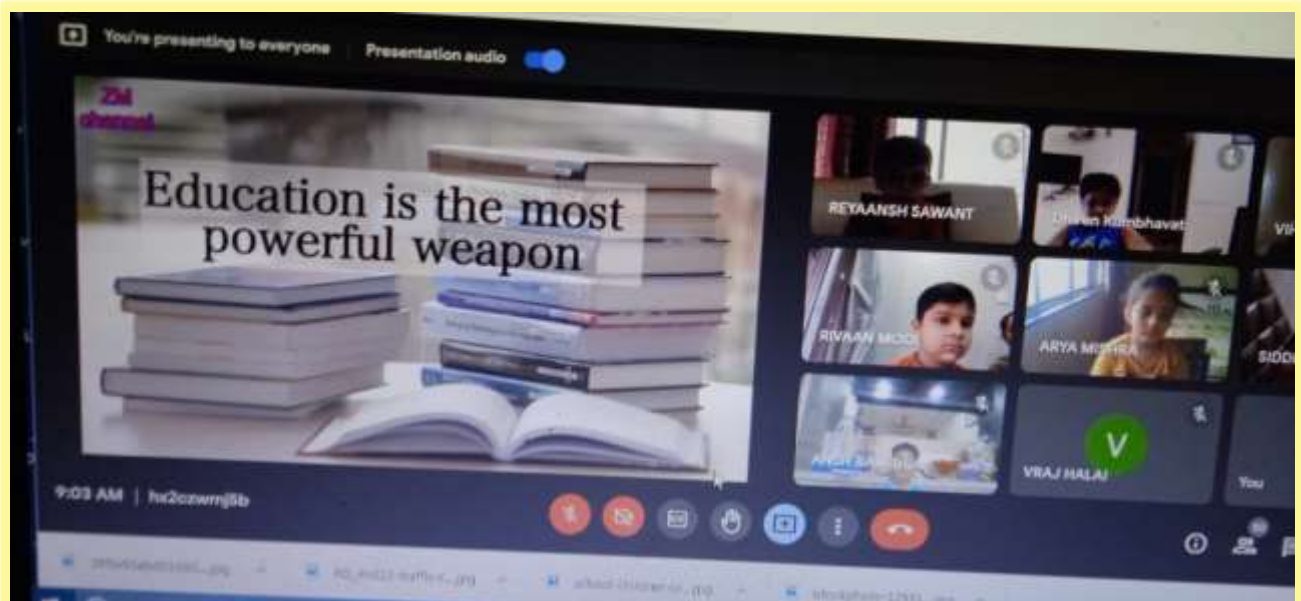
International Literacy Day- 8th September, 2021

"Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope." ~Kofi Annan

On the occasion of International Literacy Day, celebrated on the 8th of September this year, Thakur International School- IGCSE and A level made sure learners understood the importance of this day in their lives. It is said that education is a privilege to some and to others it's a need. In our country, compared to others, there are still few who have the privilege to be called 'Literate'. To honour this privilege, teachers of TIS came up with unique activities and games. This not only made the students understand the importance of literacy but also encouraged them to strive to spread literacy. Many teachers used games related to synonyms to check literacy, others tackled digital literacy and its usefulness in the current times. Some of the grades also played speed reading test games followed by a short quiz to validate understanding of the read text. There were also some innovative activities whereby students were asked to write down a few sentences in the different languages they are fluent in. To everyone's astonishment, students wrote in Japanese, Korean, French and Urdu among many other of languages. Students also were aware of the difference between 'education' and 'literacy' which are terms commonly synonymously but have totally different context. It was indeed a fruitful day for all, teachers and learners alike.







Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration



Primary Section

Festivals build group cohesiveness. Festivals inform, educate, bring people together, break the monotony of routine and give us a chance to re-energize our body, mind, and spirit. Of all the festivals, Ganesh Chaturthi is the most colourful. Ganesh Chaturthi is an Indian festival that marks the birthday of Lord Ganesha.

People believe that Lord Ganesha, the symbol of wisdom, bestows his presence on Earth during this festival and removes obstacles.

With such belief, Thakur International School -IGCSE and A levels, organised various activities on the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi through virtual mode. The sole purpose of the celebration was to let the students stay rooted with Indian culture and to enable them to understand the significance of this festival.

The celebrations began with Lord Ganesha Aarti followed by a phenomenal dance performance by the little blooming students of Grade IV.

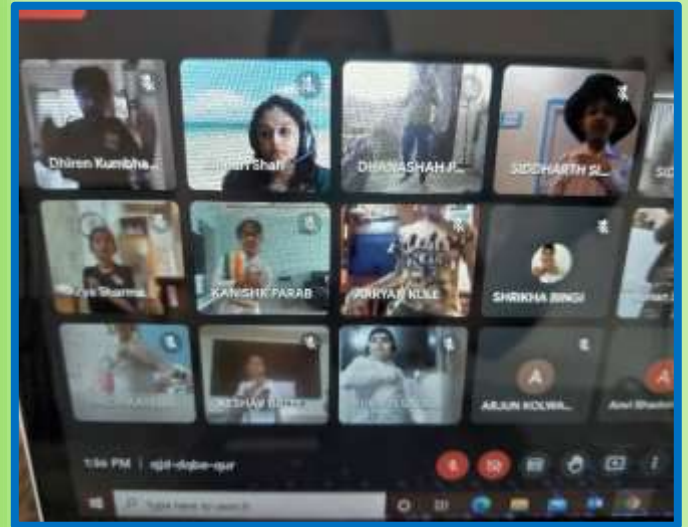
The graceful expressions given by the tiny tots on a devotional song was really breathtaking and won the hearts of the audience.

Ms. Arya of Grade I delivered a speech in her virtual class in which she stated that people celebrate this festival with great zeal and enthusiasm.

Ms. Ananya taught students to make flowers out of chart paper for Ganapati decoration thus by making the students involved creatively.

There was devotion, creativity and fun altogether.

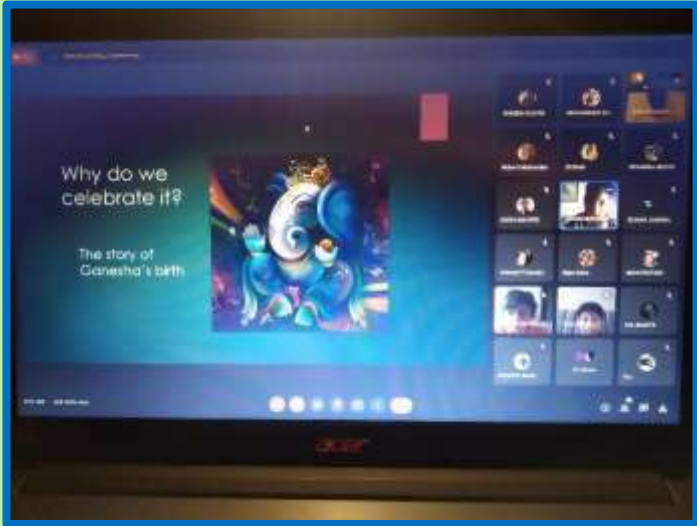
**“Everything that has a beginning, has an ending.
Make your peace with that and all will be well.”**



Secondary Section

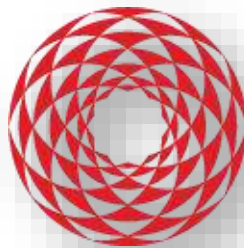


In the secondary section, the celebratory fervor wasn't anything lesser than primary section. Students of Grade IX were given the responsibility of conducting a special assembly on this auspicious occasion. Grade IX started the morning by reciting Ganesha Shlok. A group of students narrated the story of the birth of Lord Ganesh through visual imagery which was a delight to watch. Then, some important facts were shared with everyone with respect to the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi. Everyone was astounded when a quiz on the various names was played. Young ones, even teachers, became extremely excited to play the quiz and everyone participated with zeal. Last but not the least, Vaastu tips on how to establish Ganesha idols at home were enlisted which was an innovative idea for everyone. It was clearly visible that the liveliness and exuberance of welcoming Lord Ganesh seeped into each and every one of us.



Moving to the new horizons

Ashoka University Webinar Report



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"Education is the movement from darkness to light."- Allan Bloom

Have you thought about what you want to do in life or in which university you want to apply for after school? With these questions baffling most of the students' mind, Thakur International School - IGCSE and A levels, organised a webinar on Liberal Education with Ashoka University to broaden their student's perspective on different types of fields and courses.

First of all, what is Liberal education? Well, it's a type of education based on liberal arts and is intended to bring about the improvement, discipline or free development of the mind or spirit. The main motive behind this webinar was to inform the students about the courses available in Ashoka University for the students who are thinking to apply there and also to apprise the audience about the study life there. The counselor of the university expounded us with all the courses available there including the majors and minors. These courses allow the students to develop their critical thinking skills and getting them to understand about liberal education. Moreover, the undergraduate program will consist of 6 semesters spanning 3 years. The main attraction is the location of the university, it is situated in the Rajiv Gandhi Education City in Rai, Sonapat, Haryana surrounded with lush green trees and with a stunning view of greenery. The spokesperson from the university guided us through all the helpful information we needed and pleased us with all the co-curricular activities offered by the university including the modern sports facilities.

To conclude, the webinar session was successful in terms of the effectiveness of the information which was communicated to the teachers as well as the students.

Fees 9.87 lpa
No student fee ever from second admission at Ashoka due to financial constraints

Need-based Financial Aid
100% of the admission fees will be covered

Class of 2022

- 50% Students on Financial Aid
- 120 Full Scholarships
- 8% Students with Family Income less than Rs. 2 Lakh
- 10% First generation college goers

Holistic admissions - beyond cutoffs

Stage 1: Application & Assessment

- Application (with or without SAT/ACT optional)
- Personal Essay
- Letter of Recommendation (Academic, Extracurricular, Leadership, etc.)
- Interview (if required)

Stage 2: Selection for Interview

- Interview with Panel (Weekend)

Stage 3: Selection and Financial Aid

- Confirmation Offer
- Confirmation Offer (contingent)
- Final Offer (contingent)
- Final Offer (contingent)

Financial Aid

- Financial Aid (contingent)
- Financial Aid (contingent)
- Financial Aid (contingent)

Admissions Timeline

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION CALENDAR - SATS/UP 2020

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3*	Round 4*
Application Form Open	October 14th, 2019			
Application Submission Date	November 30 th , 2019	January 15 th , 2020	March 14 th , 2020	June 22 nd , 2020
Admits Assessment Date	November 20 th , 2019	January 14 th , 2020	March 10 th , 2020	July 4 th , 2020
Decision Notification	12 th January, 2020	10 th March, 2020	Between 22 nd - 28 th March, 2020	To be announced
Acceptance Deadline	25 th Feb, 2020	14 May, 2020	28 th August, 2020	To be announced
Session Commencement Date	August 23 rd , 2020			

Office of Career Development



Workshops (CV writing, Interviewing, Case Studies, Email)



Career Guidance



Self-Assessment - Networking/ Campus recruiting



Job Search (Pre-placement Talks)



International Partners




















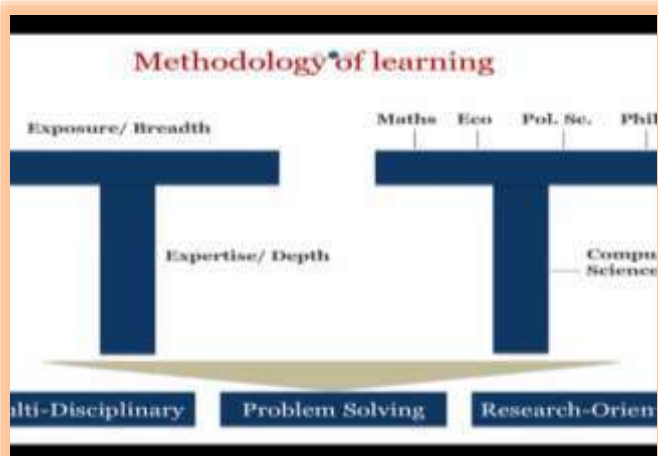

Leadership



Sudhagata Mukherjee
 Associate Professor of Ethics & Phil. (United University)



Malabika Sarkar
 Vice-Chancellor (London University)



Summer & Semester Abroad Programmes



Yale University



King's College



Columbia University



University of Pennsylvania



HEC Paris



London School of Economics



Wellesley College

Challenges and opportunities of Online Assessment in the Educational Sector

We are excited and happy to share that our Head of School Ms Heena Paleja was invited as a **‘Guest Speaker’** in a panel discussion at the 20th World Education Summit & Awards, School Education.

For this three-day event (7 to 9 September 2021) there was participation from government officials, policymakers, thought leaders, opinion makers, multilateral agencies, foreign diplomats, Ed-Tech firms, and other stakeholders from the school education sector.

Ms. Heena shared her real-world rich experience and insights of the education sector for the topic **“Challenges and opportunities of online assessment in the educational sector”**. This opportunity also gave her a chance to express her experiences that the world has been facing during the pandemic and we as an education sector has won over the challenges.





This year, though postponed due to the pandemic, we did have the Paralympic Games: a multi-sports parasports competition held from the 24th of August to the 5th of September, in 2021. For branding and marketing purposes, they were still referred to as the 2020 Paralympic Games.

So, without further ado, let's dive into this interesting occasion!

Of course, safety measures were taken, with them being held behind closed doors, quite similarly to the Olympic Games. This was, in addition, Japan's third time hosting the Paralympic Games, the first being in 1964, followed by a chance in 1998. As is with any such important event, there were concerns, seeing as Tokyo's count of daily cases was rising with great speed, reaching over 4000 per day, however, this did not stop the games from occurring, and thankfully, there were no COVID-19 cases identified from anybody throughout the event.

The designs of the medals for the 2020 Summer Paralympics were unveiled on 25 August 2019. As done with the Olympic medals, they are constructed using recycled metals that were obtained through an electronics recycling programme, to help preserve the environment. The medals feature a design inspired by traditional folding hand fans to symbolise not only Japan's culture, but also the shared experience of the

Paralympics: alternating sectors containing textured areas visually and tactually depict flowers, leaves, rocks, water and wood to symbolise the geology of Japan, while the pivot where the fan meets is stated to symbolise the unity of Paralympic athletes. The obverse of the medal contains an untextured version of the fan pattern – the Paralympic emblem – and inscriptions in braille, to aid the visually impaired.

Of course, we haven't yet touched on a much anticipated topic: the winners. The Games featured 539 medal events in 22 sports, with badminton and taekwondo both making their Paralympic debut to replace football 7-a-side and sailing. China topped the medal table for the fifth consecutive Paralympics, with 96 golds and 207 total medals. The UK (Great Britain) finished second for the ninth time, with 41 golds and 124 total medals. The United States of America (USA) finished third, with

37 golds, their best finish since



[Someity, the 2020 Paralympic Games mascot.](#)

The 2008 Games, and 104 total medals. The Russian Paralympic Committee finished fourth, with a total of 36 golds and 118 total medals, putting them in third place when ranked by total medals.

This year was India's best year in the Paralympic Games, winning five golds, eight silver and six bronze medals, nineteen medals in total, easily eclipsing our previous best medals tallies. Can you believe it?

Here is a list of every medal that we won.

Athlete	Medal	Event
Bhavina Patel	Silver	Women's single table tennis – Class 4 category
Nishad Kumar	Silver	Men's high jump T47
Avani Lekhara	Gold	Women's air rifle shooting – standing SH1
Devendra Jhajharia	Silver	Men's javelin throw F46
Sundar Singh Gurjar	Bronze	Men's javelin throw F46
Yogesh Kathuniya	Silver	Men's discus throw F56
Sumit Antil	Gold	Men's javelin throw F56
Singhraj Adhana	Bronze	Men's 10m air pistol shooting SH1
Mariyappan Thangavelu	Silver	Men's high jump T42
Sharad Kumar	Bronze	Men's high jump T42
Praveen Kumar	Silver	Men's high jump T64
Avani Lekhara	Bronze	Women's 50m rifle – 3 positions SH1

Harvinder Singh	Bronze	Men's individual recurve – open archery
Manish Narwal	Gold	Men's 50m pistol SH1
Singhraj Adhana	Silver	Men's 50m pistol SH1
Pramod Bhagat	Gold	Mn's singles badminton SL3
Manoj Sarkar	Bronze	Men's singles badminton SL3
Suhas Yathiraj	Silver	Men's singles badminton SL4
Krishna Nagar	Gold	Men's singles badminton SH6

India gained the highest number of medals in the shooting category – a total of five! – closely followed by badminton, at four. Another notable thing in this event for us was Avani Lekhara's debut, who bought our country both the gold and bronze medal in women's rifle shooting.

With this, I conclude this article on the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games!

~ Dhvani V. Phuria VIII



ACTIVE LEARNING IS THE KEY

To ensure this learning 'Active', Thakur International School-IGCSE & A Levels organised a second session on Active Learning, on 26th August 2021 in which the **Ms. Bhawna** enlightened all her colleagues with how teachers across sections and grades have started to implement the strategies that they had learnt in the first webinar on Active Learning.

The following teachers demonstrated how they implemented their learnings and also managed to adapt the ideas to cater in the best way possible to make online learning an engaging experience for their students:

Ms. Forum Wagani (Teacher - Pre-primary Section)-demonstrated the use of Active Learning through:

- ❖ 1) Math-Introduction to the concept of Greater than Less than using a crocodile puppet and sticks to
- ❖ 2) English - Introduction to blends 'ch' , 'sh' by story using puppets and followed by the word cards.
- ❖ 3) Science - Introduction to materials and properties by using hands on experience through touching and feeling.

Ms. Chital Kathrotiya (Teacher- Primary and Secondary Section) demonstrated the following Science activities:

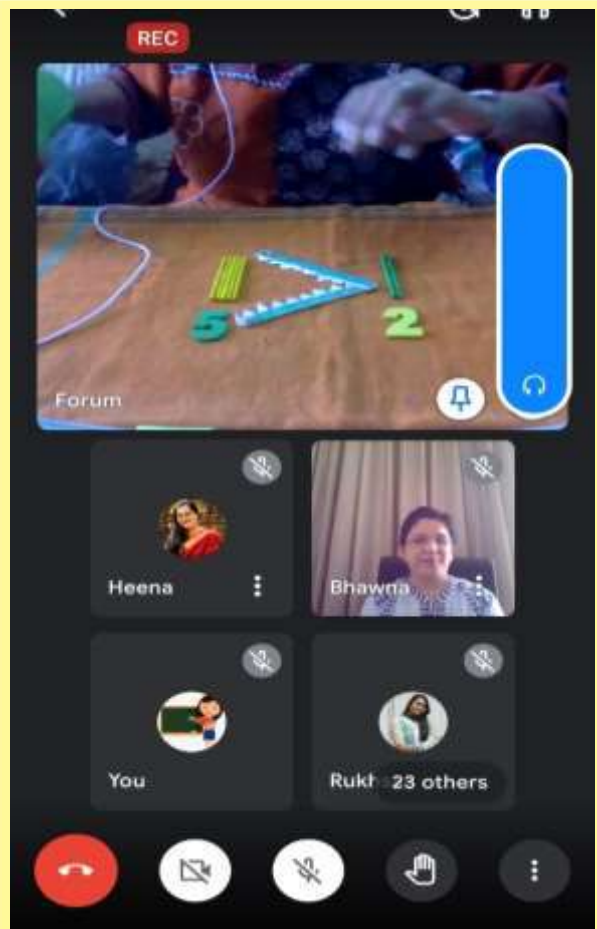
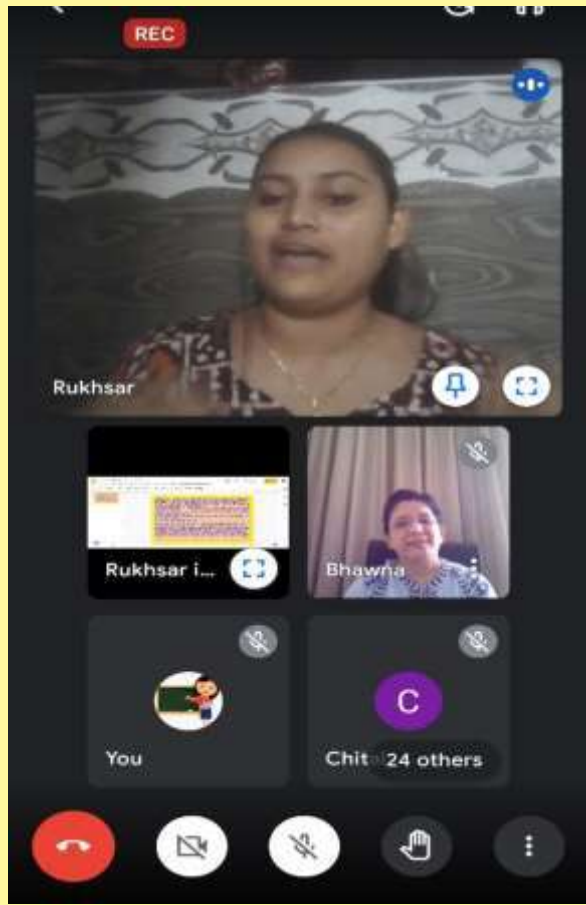
- ❖ An activity to explain the concept of vibration by using a plastic bag fastened to a glass with a rubber band.

- ❖ An activity to demonstrate the concept of refraction by the use of a pencil dipped in a glass filled with water.

Ms. Rukhsar Shaikh (Teacher -Secondary Section) touched upon how it's a wide misconception that English is a subject which cannot be taught using interesting activities and hands on work. However, we strive to clear this misconception for the English language. English teachers use a wide range of tech tools to make online school engaging for the students. Some of the tech tools are using Mentimeter to make word clouds that help students learn vocabulary. Then, we also use music to improve our students' listening skills. Along with this, the higher grades listen to Ted talks and read transcripts to complete several activities enlisted in the book as well as to carry on debates. This not only helps our online lectures be free from boredom but also ensures a fun session to learn about various concepts and topics.

Here are a few glimpses, just for you!





THANK YOU