

JULY NEWSLETTER 2021

“The summer looks out of her brazen tower, through the flashing bars of July.”

Post the precious summer break, was the month of action-packed July as students shared all the wonderful holiday assignments that they had fruitfully engaged in with VERVE. There were excellent opportunities of peer learning and developing creativity as a broad spectrum of presentations with digital tools were shared. The students also appeared for their formative assessments in academics.

EXCELLENCE IN GRADE XII BOARDS

Mrityunjaya Thakur, a student of Humanities, was declared the school topper with 99% followed by our Commerce student, Varun Vinod Rao with 98.8% and Pranshu Jain with 98%. Vanshika Gupta of the Science stream secured 97.8% and topped the science stream. In all, 38 students secured 95% and above while 70 students scored 90% and above. A total of 110 students secured 80% and above, out of 122 students.

22ND L.N. BIRLA MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL DEBATE

Vaibhav Kumar and Vanya Duggal represented Suncity School in the 22nd L.N. Birla Memorial Invitational Debate held virtually. Our students participated in the Preliminary round which was spread over two days i.e., 8- 9 July 2021. The topic for the debate was ‘Gender equality will remain a pipe dream in the 21st Century.’ The duration of the debate was four minutes. Both the participants deliberated over the topic and articulated their thoughts well. It was an enlightening and enriching experience for them. Link for live streaming of the event was shared with all participating schools to witness the event.



ANAHITA JAIN WINS LAURELS

Anahita Jain of VIII D participated in several online competitions and bagged certificates for her excellence in performance.



AU REVOIR 2021 –GRADE XII FAREWELL CEREMONY

The Suncity School Management and Teachers organised a farewell for the class XII, batch of 2021 on 17 July 2021. The event was a celebration of memories and adieus as the students of the outgoing grade XII came together one last time to build their memorabilia.

The event was organised in two separate slots keeping COVID protocols in mind. The mandatory 'Rapid Antigen Test' RAT (expense of which was borne by the school) was carried out for all. It was attended by the Head-mistresses, HODs and the teachers of class XII.

The Director, Mrs. Rupa Chakravarty addressed the students and reminded them about the core values of the school that they would henceforth represent out in the world. Titles were assigned and 'Utheriyos' given with their names and the school logo embroidered on it. A lavish spread was also organised keeping in mind student's preferences. Kinshuk Yadav and Paridhi Gupta, Head Boy and Head Girl for the session 2019-20, besides a few other students, gave rousing speeches expressing their gratitude and love for what would now be their Alma Mater.





CAREER GUIDANCE SESSION

The career guidance cell of the school organised a session on applying to UBC, Canada for students of grade XII, Batch of 2022. The session was conducted by Ms. Tanushree Bhattacharya, Admissions Representative of UBC in India. Ms Bhattacharya, apart from speaking about the various courses the university offers, also provided valuable insights into the application process.

LUMINESCENCE: SCIENCE AND VISUAL ARTS WEEK 2021

The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.’ - Albert Einstein

The Virtual Science and Visual Arts Week, “Luminescence”, an exuberant kaleidoscope of creativity with a scientific temperament, was celebrated from 26 -30 July 2021. It was an attempt to blur the lines between the two disciplines and help students establish and discern connections between them.



Day 1:

The week began with a special assembly which focussed on the creative potential of the human mind. Students learnt how each discipline complements the other to further understanding and how this collaboration can result in solutions that can impact our lives for good. Director ma'am inaugurated the week by unveiling an origami double helix DNA on which the words - Creativity, Curiosity, Verve, Discovery- were written, symbolising these qualities as being embedded in our DNA.

Brilliant bloopers in science showed how some of the greatest discoveries actually resulted from mistakes. Macro and Micro Creativity showcased the gargantuan and the minuscule levels of creative possibilities using scientific principles. Students experimented making art using a pendulum, made colours from natural sources, researched creative Sustainable solutions that impact land, water, Climate change and more.

Day 2 and 4- Activities:

‘Creativity is seeing the same thing but thinking differently’- Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

The activities to stir the creative potential of our students got underway during their classes. They were tuned in with videos of Origami DNA, caricature drawing, shadow art (VUCA) in their science and art classes, following which students explored these ideas and discovered their potential. It was an exciting journey for them. From pencil sketches to digital art, students got creative with caricatures of scientists. Shadow art taught them ‘out of the box’ thinking and some very interesting drawings resulted from this amalgamation of science and art. The senior grades were presented with a VUCA challenge- to visualise on the topic, What if humans could mutate like viruses? How would they look? Their task was to draw their vision of a mutated human, based on their knowledge of science. Thought provoking questions were posed: Could characters from Indian religion and mythology come under the category of mutation? We discussed how the COVID virus was mutating. And the question that opened up for them was to think of the possibilities and reasons why humans could mutate and if so, what would they look like? Could mutation be related to Darwin’s Theory of Evolution? Students related to Ganesha, Hanuman, Dashavatar, Ravan. And the discussion also led to Stephen Hawking, Cyborgs, the future where tech embedded humans could be a reality.

It was interesting for the science teachers to watch the creativity of their students as they churned out amazing caricatures of scientists and folded DNAs in their classes. The art teachers found students seamlessly applying their scientific concepts and going on a journey of imagination with Shadow Art and Mutation of humans.



Day 3:

The special assembly on Wednesday was reserved for the Inter-house Poster Making and Quiz competitions. The competitions drew a great deal of excitement among the students. We paid tribute to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam on his death Anniversary by selecting his quotation for the Inter House Poster making competition.

Student researched presentations were the highlights of the day. The exploration of scientific principles to create art by our students was indeed remarkable.

Day 4:

Our closing assembly showcased more intersections of art and science, from Optical Illusions to rainbows and Bonsai.

We had the privilege of listening to a very special guest, Priyanka Das Rajkakati, who joined us all the way from France. She is Forbes India 30 under 30 awardee for 2021 in the field of Science and Innovation. She has the unique distinction of sending her artwork to the first Moon Gallery to be established in 2025. She inspired our students with her message of working hard, pursuing one's dreams, no matter what and the need to stay away from self-censorship.

Her interview could be uploaded on the Suncity school Facebook page with hashtags to leverage our school's interdisciplinary pedagogy. It will also increase our school's visibility since she is associated with prominent scientific and artistic initiatives.

All the Assemblies are available to view on the Suncity School YouTube Channel.

The week revealed that Visual Arts and Science are two sides of the same coin. Both disciplines require 'Out of the Box' thinking, experimentation and the joy of the 'AHA' moment is their biggest reward. As our creative scientists and artists explored the unknown, they enjoyed the journey towards the outcome, learning with hands on experiences.

SUNCITY AT MUN

Students of our school participated at the **Lotus Valley MUN held on the 24- 25 July**. Following are the award winners:

- High commendation - Hardik Ratani - UNSC
- High Commendation - Teevr Banerjee - UNGA
- High Commendation - Pari Gupta - UNGA
- 2nd High Commendation - Sairaa Jhulka - UNCSW
- 1st Honorable mention - Varini Vij - Commission of Ethical Journalism
- 3rd Honourable Mention - Ronniet Biala - Commission of Ethical Journalism
- 2nd Special mention - Vedaant Yadav - Indian War Cabinet

INTRA-MUN AT SUNCITY SCHOOL

The Suncity Model United Nations Club under the guidance of the Secretary General, Riyanshi Gambhir and other Secretariat members successfully conducted the Sixth edition of SUNCITY- INTRA MUN. The event was organised on the 31st of July and 1st of August 2021 and saw participation from grades VII- XII. Four committees were simulated during the conference, namely, United Nations General Assembly, Historic Security Council, International Monetary Fund and All India Political Parties Meet.

The UNGA, a plenary committee, discussed the Israel-Palestine conflict- a probing agenda that sought to delineate the definition of 'statehood'. Vanya Duggal and Vaibhav Kumar, grade XII students chaired the committee with finesse and great insight.

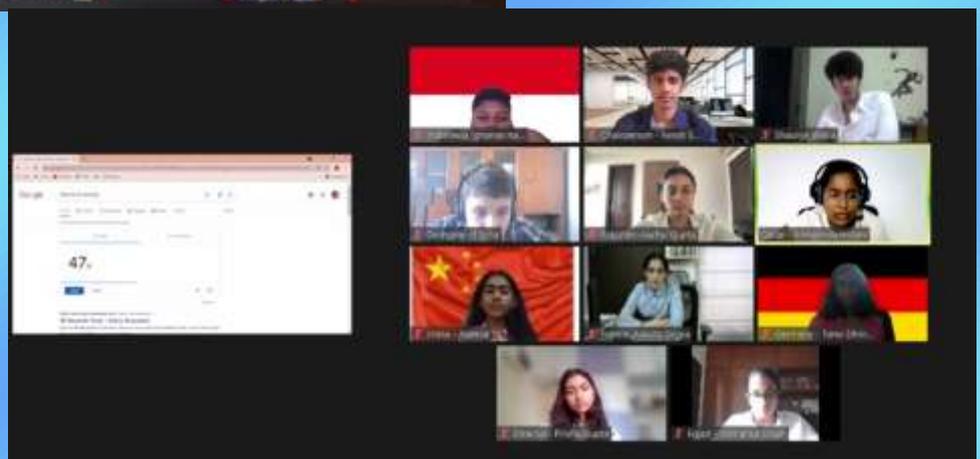
The Historic Security Council went back in history and simulated the Gulf War of 1991. The first 'televised' war of the modern-ear, this significant international event left an indelible imprint on history. Delegates sought to prevent the war from happening in a hypothetical recreation of the past.

The All-India Political Parties Meet discussed the pressing issue of Indian Farm Laws with special emphasis on the farmers movement and the events of 26th January 2021. Delegates came up with insightful deliberations.

The International Monetary Fund was the fourth committee simulated in the conference where they took on the herculean task of reviewing the policies of the nations to achieve sustainable growth. Given the relevance of the SDGs and its integration into our curriculum and pedagogy, the committee reflected the Suncity paradigm.

The International Press consisted of journalists and caricaturists who took copious notes and turned in tongue-in-cheek articles and caricatures on committee proceedings. All the material generated will go into the Conference newsletter which will be shared shortly.

The conference ended with the Awards ceremony.

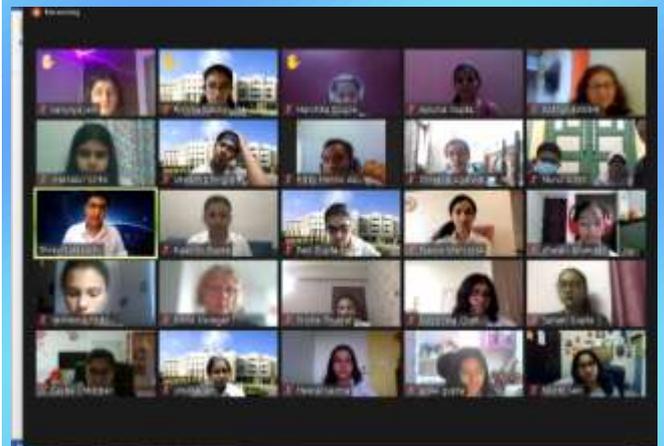
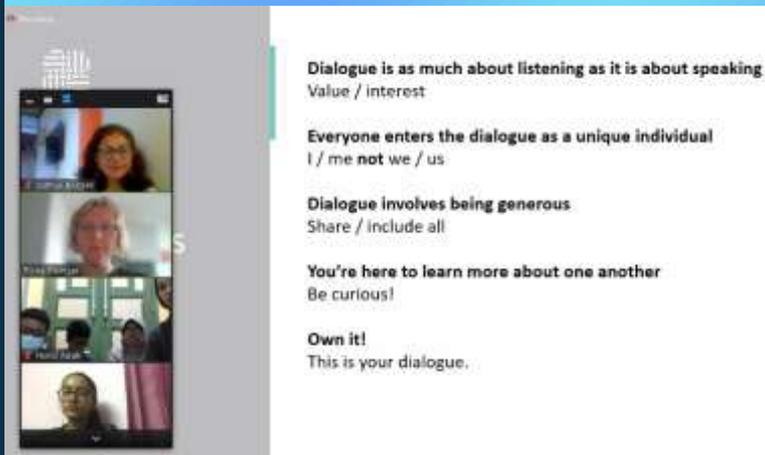




VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH INDONESIA, UKRAINE AND UAE

The Generation Global Team of Suncity School participated in an engaging Video Conference with the students of Ukraine, UAE and Indonesia schools on 27 July 2021. The module discussed was ‘Education’ and the students shared perspectives about their experiences of education both now and in the past, what their hopes were for the future of education scenario and what they learnt from the educational experiences of other students.

The following students proactively participated in the session by the Tony Blair’s Institute of Global Citizenship Education Programme -Prisha Thukral, Vedant Dhingra, Heeral Verma, Kaashvi Gupta, Rishita Naidu from Grade VIII, Karunya Jain, Jhanavi Soni, Adaa Gupta, Shreeya Agarwal from Grade IX and Noyonika Chatterjee, Navya Mehrotra, Shivika Jain, Shrey Satapathy, Pari Gupta, Dhvani Bhandari, Harshita Dogra from Grade X.



NEWS FROM SPORTS ARENA

VIRTUAL NATIONAL ONLINE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Our students, Riddhika Kotia of Grade VIII B, Satya Narang of Grade VIII E, Ekam Singh of Grade VI A, and Anushree Venkatraman of Grade VI H participated in the National Open Online Chess Competition held from 9-13 July 2021. They displayed high order logical skills to display superlative chess skills.

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1	Riddhika Kotia	VIII B
2	Satya Narang	VIII E
3	Ekam Singh	VI A
4	Anushree Venkatraman	VI H

LAURELS FOR OUR GOLF STAR

Our Golf star Palakshi Sehrawat of Grade 1X has been making all of us at Suncity proud by excelling in all the Golf tournaments she has participated in. On 23 July 2021, once again she outshined many participants by securing 2nd position in the Green to Glory Golf Tournament held at ITC Classic Golf Course, Manesar. She played with effortless power and aimed it right.



VANGUARD-DIRECTOR SUNCITY SCHOOLS, MRS. RUPA CHAKRAVARTY

It was a privilege and honour to be in the 'Standards and Practices' formulating committee for CBSE wherein Ma'am had the opportunity to lay the foundation based on NEP – National Education Policy for the country to ear-mark its Teaching – learning processes.

As the document reached its fruition, she had the privilege of a review meeting with Chairman-CBSE and Secretary – Education (School) Ms. Anita Karwal who highly appreciated the work done for the document. The document was virtually released on 29 July 2021 by the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi and Ma'am had been invited for the same as a committee member.

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE	WORKSHOP	RESOURCE	FACULTY
23 JULY	"Career Guidance Ecosystem in Schools- Need of the Hour	MINDLER	Soma Dam as panellist, along with others from Doon School, The British School, Stonehill International School and GEMS Modern Academy, Dubai
28 JULY	CII-IBM Education Workshops for Teacher Capacity Building	CII-IBM	Faculty-English and Science Dept