

JUNE NEWSLETTER 2021

‘June is the gateway to summer. Not till June can the grass be said to be waving in the fields. When the frogs dream, and the grass waves, and the buttercups toss their heads, and the heat disposes to bathe in the ponds and streams, then is summer begun.’

Summer break time in Suncity School provided eager students with ample opportunities to explore the co-scholastic domain to the optimum.

ARYAN JAIN’S TEAM-WINNERS AT TiE GLOBAL ROUND

TiE Global Entrepreneurship start-up contest; post winning the Regionals in India, **Aryan Jain** and his team WatchBot have won the "**Best Business Model**" and "**Maker Faire - Best Product**" award at the TiE Global round held on 18/19th June 2021.



The Winner of regional rounds from 24 global cities from India, the US, Australia, and the Middle East participated in the Global finals.

Aryan Jain

X-C

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Aryan Jain, Grade X-C won the Global Round of TiE’s Young Entrepreneurs Start-up competition on 18-19 June 2021 where the top 3 winners of all TiE regional chapters showcased their start-ups. (TiE - The IndUS Entrepreneurs is a Silicon Valley non-profit supporting start-ups through networking and the raising of capital for new and experienced entrepreneurs)

Aryan had worked on this along with six other students from the following schools - The Doon School, DPS RKP, Jamnabai Narsee School, Nine Education, Vasant Valley school.

Their start-up idea is interestingly focused on School Education in the current times. With online education, the efficiency and effectiveness amongst various stakeholders has been impacted. Due to online education, on occasions, parents and teachers don’t know what the student is doing in front of the desktop, and examination is too late to take corrective actions. Even from an educator’s standpoint, there is not adequate feedback on the effectiveness and more important attentiveness of students in lessons being taken by the teacher.

Accordingly, the students have come up with WatchBot, an AI powered organization efficiency monitoring and improvement solution, made to help provide data led insights on attention span, body posture, and other attributes that build up the efficiency quotient for the activity under consideration. It’s a great tool for the

students, parents, teachers and administration to get proactive insights into what's happening in on-line learning. The product will have an offline version too for future when things go back offline, where the classroom's camera feed could be used for similar analytics.

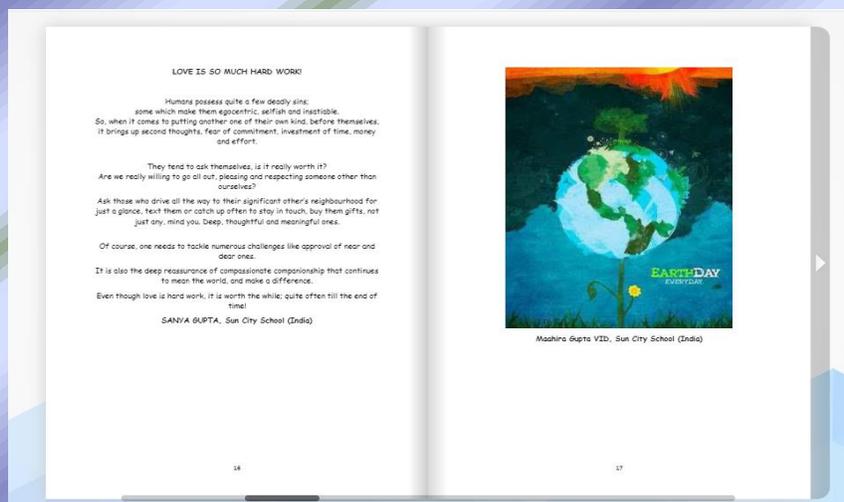
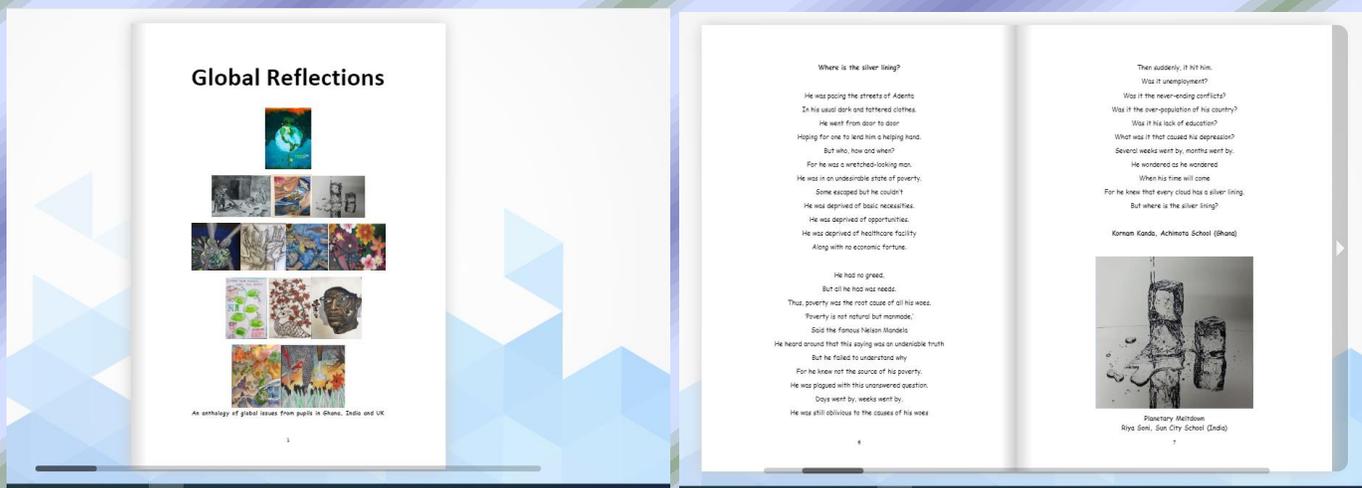
INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE E-BOOK PROJECT-GHANA, UK AND SUNCITY SCHOOL

The challenging academic session of 2020-21 and online schooling provided a collaborative setting for three schools, Loxford School, UK, Achimota School, Ghana and Suncity School, India.

The objective of this project was to encourage students to get creative and engaged productively during the homebound times. The Global e-book beautifully titled as 'Global Reflections-an anthology of global issues from students of UK, Ghana and India' encouraged students to delve into the Global Goals and share their creative expression through written and art contributions.

The book was released by Loxford School, UK, on e-platform this month, 2021.

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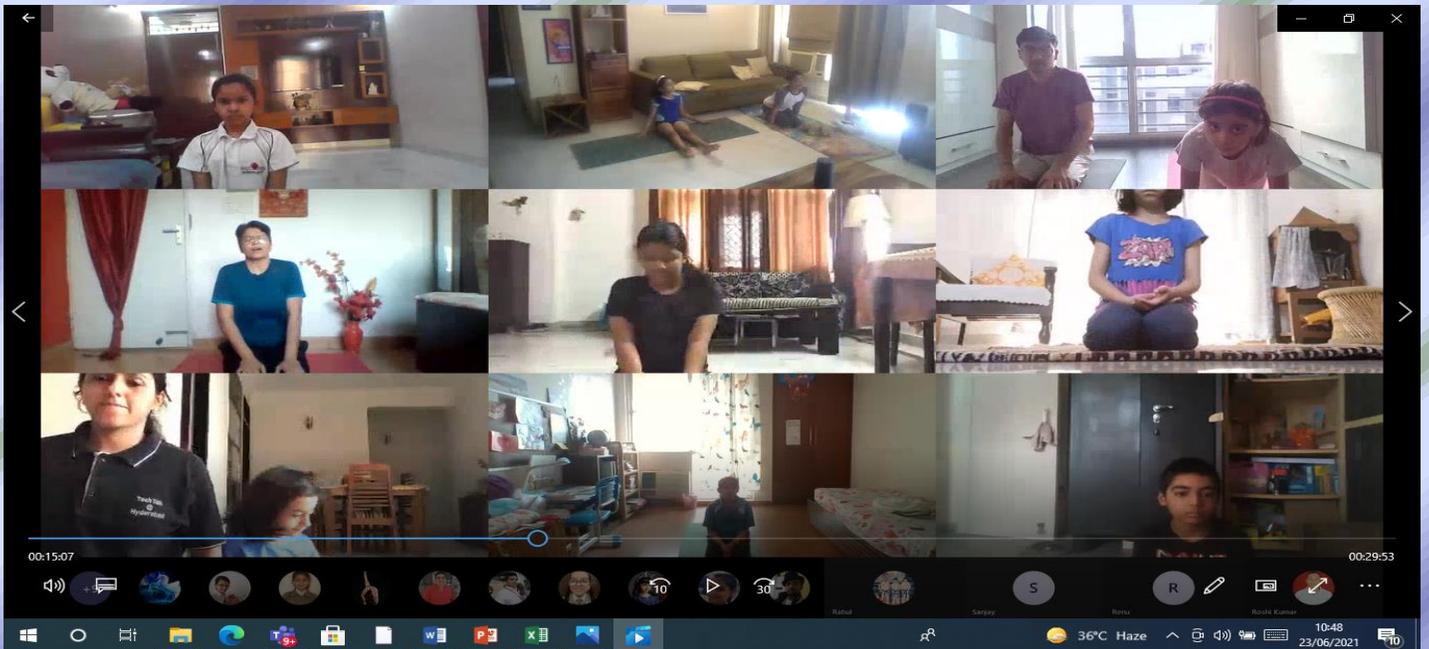


INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY WITH OUR AUSTRALIA PARTNER SCHOOL

International Yoga Day was observed with our Australia Partner School, Traralgon College, on 21 June 2021. It was a part of our ongoing school exchange project with focus on SDG 3.

A Yoga session link had been shared with our Partner School in advance and their school was requested to observe simple classroom exercises on the scheduled day. We also shared our school's Virtual International

Day Celebration with them. This encouraged sharing the benefits of traditional Indian practice with our Partner School with focus on SDG 3-Good Health and Well being.



HOT SEAT VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH TRARALGON COLLEGE, AUSTRALIA

In our continuing series of exchange of projects with our Partner School in Australia, Traralgon College, Suncity Students were engaged in a peer learning session through a 'Hot Seat' Video Conference on 22 June 2021.

The objectives of the session were:

- ▶ To develop respectful and engaging dialogue amongst both schools
- ▶ To share perspectives and personal experiences related to good health and well being
- ▶ To foster friendship and collaboration towards a common vision through peer learning
- ▶ To enhance and spread awareness about SDG 3 : Good health and well being

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'HOTSEAT' VIDEO CONFERENCE

SDG3 : GOOD HEALTH AND WELL BEING

WELCOME AND CULTURAL GREETINGS

As a pre-conference task, the students had exchanged a question bank and chosen a question of their choice to answer. This gave them the confidence of sharing their own perspectives and experiences and establish a better connect with the students of both schools.

The Grade VIII students who participated in the Video Conference were Rishita Naidu, Kaashvi Gupta, Prisha Thukral, Ananya Vishwanathan, Anaya Taneja, Mahika Parikh, Rishika Bhatia, Vedaant Dhingra, Pulkit Agarwal and Srijan Seshadri.

The session concluded with students sharing their feedback as a post conference activity.

BUNICITY QUESTIONS:

PULKIT AGARWAL - JAXON
What is your fitness routine like? Do you prefer indoor activities like videogames and board games or outdoor sports like soccer, basketball? How does the experience make you feel?

MAHIKA PARAKH - MASON
What do you do in your free time and how do you relax during assessment times?

HAILEIGH CURNOW - ANAYA
What celebrations do you observe? What makes them so enjoyable? How were the celebrations modified during lockdown?

JENSEN ROGERS - KAASHVI, MAHIKA
What sports do you play? How do you feel about the whole experience and its impact?

TALK FEST BY MAX MUELLER BHAVAN

Anvi Tuteja of Grade IX C, Vinayak Gupta of Grade X E and Aayushi Sachdeva of Grade X E attended a Talk Fest on Mental Health, organized by Max Mueller Bhavan.

Selected German learners of Grades IX & X from Delhi NCR were invited to attend the talk show with a child psychologist. The talk show focused on helping students reflect on their online learning journey and how they adapted to the new environment.

Anvi Tuteja has been selected to participate in the five day Animation Workshop with Mr. Gaurav Juyal.

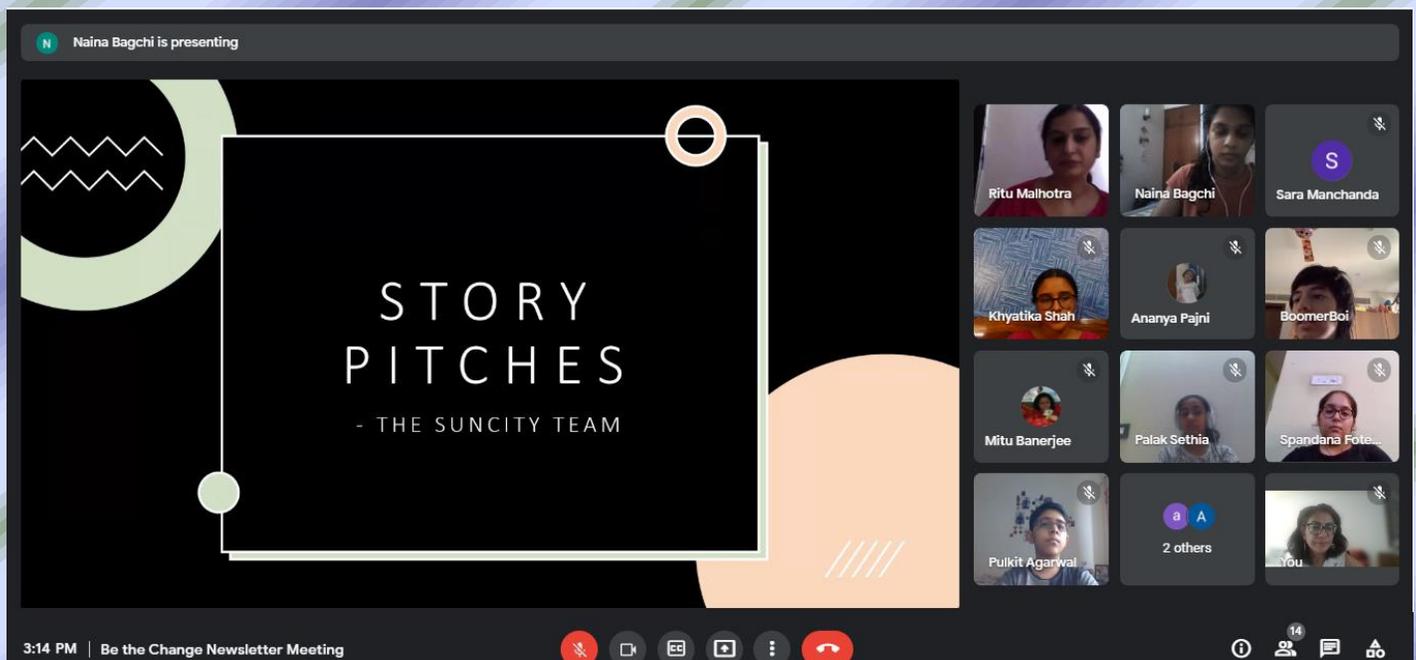
INTER-SCHOOL COLLABORATION FOR SDG NEWSLETTERS

Suncity School students entered into a collaboration with DPS, Greater Faridabad, to design newsletters for ARC Academy, an organisation that focuses on Global Goals in their various publications.

The Suncity Editorial Team comprising of Editor-Naina Bagchi, Grade X, Deputy Editor-Avleen Sethi, Grade XII, Social Media Expert-Sara Manchanda, Grade XI, Art Director- Pulkit Agarwal, Grade VIII and Photographer-Srijan Seshadri, Grade VIII, collaborated with their peers from DPS and the Co-Founder of Arc Academy, Ms. Ritu Malhotra to design an online newsletter. Sara Manchanda's YouTube Reel was shared on their Instagram page on the occasion of International Yoga Day and a promotion poster designed by Anvi Tuteja was also shared on the social media platforms of ARC Academy to promote the online publication the first SDG Newsletter scheduled to be released in the first week of August 2021.

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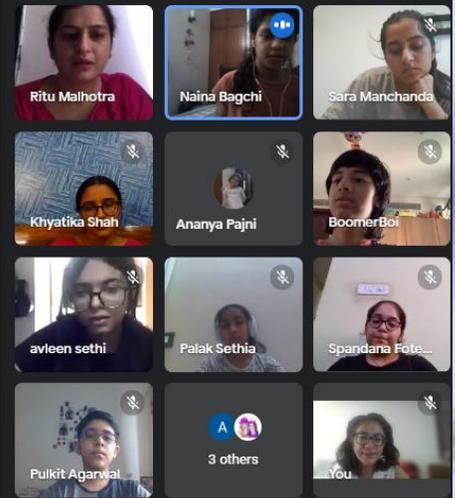
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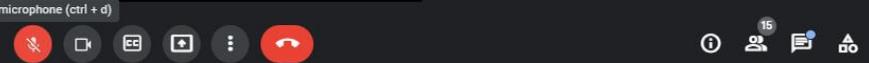


Impact of Virtual Platforms on Children's Health

- The switch to virtual platforms has been jarring for some, and a welcome change for others.
- Children have had struggles coping up with such a sudden, steep transformation in their daily routines, and this has taken its toll on their mental and physical health, as well as on their academics.
- Being able to stay abreast of these fluctuating epochs is imperative and of utmost importance during these times.

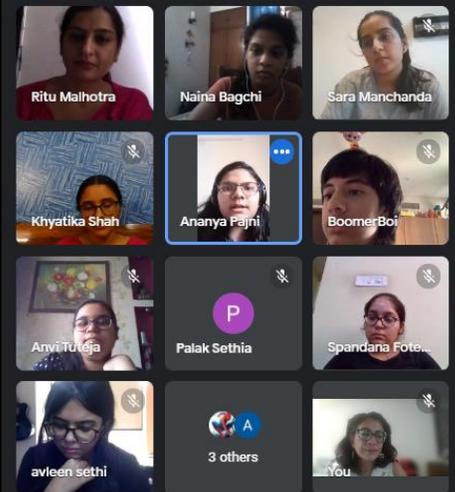


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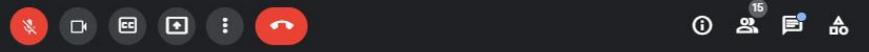


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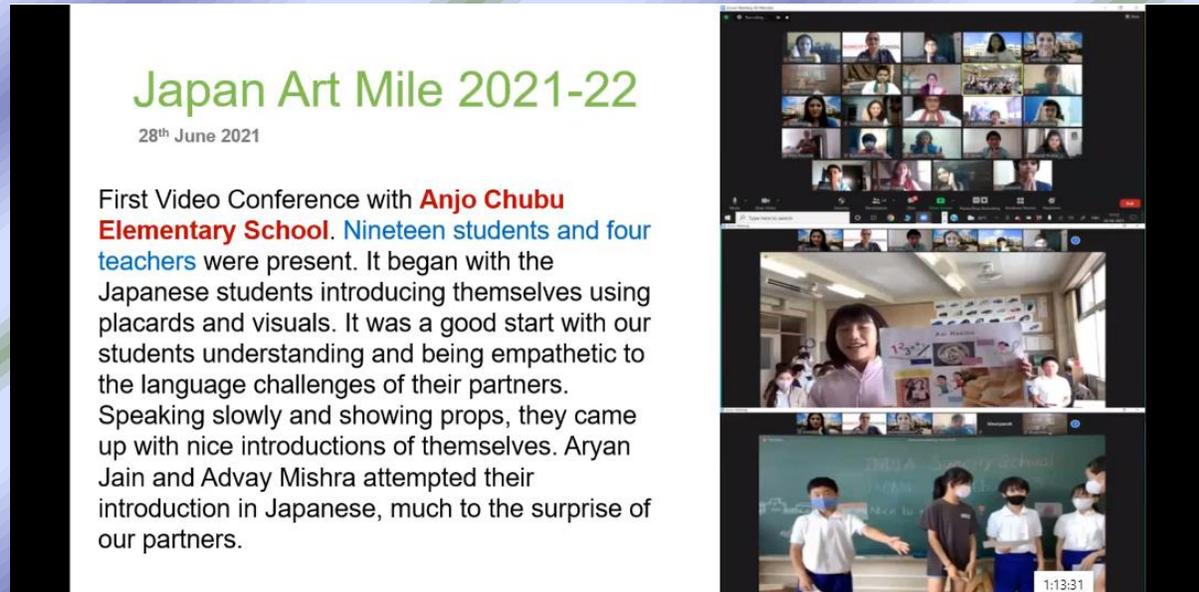


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JAPAN ART MILE 2021-22

A video Conference was held with Anjo Chubu Elementary School. It was an excellent platform for students to engage in meaningful dialogue and exchange of cultures.

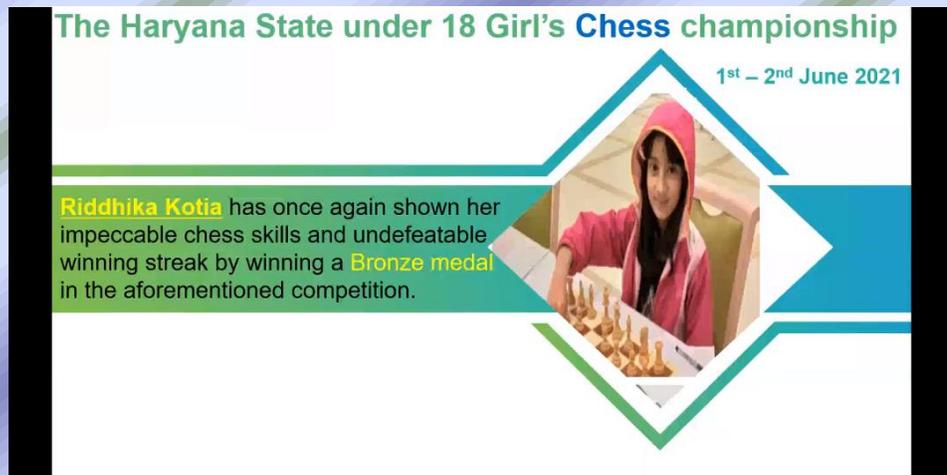


Japan Art Mile 2021-22
28th June 2021

First Video Conference with **Anjo Chubu Elementary School**. **Nineteen students and four teachers** were present. It began with the Japanese students introducing themselves using placards and visuals. It was a good start with our students understanding and being empathetic to the language challenges of their partners. Speaking slowly and showing props, they came up with nice introductions of themselves. Aryan Jain and Advay Mishra attempted their introduction in Japanese, much to the surprise of our partners.

FROM THE SPORTS ARENA

RIDDHIKA KOTIA WINS BRONZE AT STATE U-18 TOURNAMENT



The Haryana State under 18 Girl's Chess championship
1st – 2nd June 2021

Riddhika Kotia has once again shown her impeccable chess skills and undefeatable winning streak by winning a **Bronze medal** in the aforementioned competition.

The State U-18 Girls Chess Championship was held virtually on 1-2 June

Making us proud, our twelve-year-old, Riddhika Kotia once again showcased her impeccable chess skills and undefeatable winning streak by winning a Bronze medal in the aforementioned competition.

RIDDHIKA KOTIA WINS QUEENS' BLITZ CHESS FESTIVAL



The Global Women's Online Chess Challenge "The Queens' Festival" is a series of continental and global women's online chess tournaments and educative side events held in June.

Our school's chess master, Riddhika Kotia, participated in the Asian leg of the same, playing against a total of 178 players from 23 different countries. Riddhika's excellent performance and extraordinary chess skills helped her secure the 11th position in the entirety of Asia.

The tournament was held online, to develop a strong global community of women in chess and enhance the participation of women in all aspects of chess life.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY SESSION

Recognizing the important role of yoga, this year's commemoration of the International Yoga Day on 21 June 2021, focused on 'Yoga for well-being' and how the practice of yoga can promote the holistic health of every individual.

A 30-minute yoga session on International Yoga Day was conducted for students and parents on the Teams app focusing on basic poses and pranayama to strengthen the immune system and lungs' capacity. The session started with Om chanting leading to basic warm-up and activating lymph nodes (containing lymphocytes) that help the body fight infection and disease. Various poses focusing on opening up of chest and lung expansion such as Tadasana, Shashankasana, Ardhushtrasana, Hastottansana, and Trikonasana were performed by the participants. They also learned deep breathing techniques such as hand stretch breathing and Anulom Vilom. Both students and parents enjoyed the session.

International Yoga Day was also observed with our Australian Partner School, Traralgon College, Victoria. An online link was shared with the school to encourage students to do basic yoga exercises in the classroom itself. The students and faculty enthusiastically participated in the enriching yoga session.

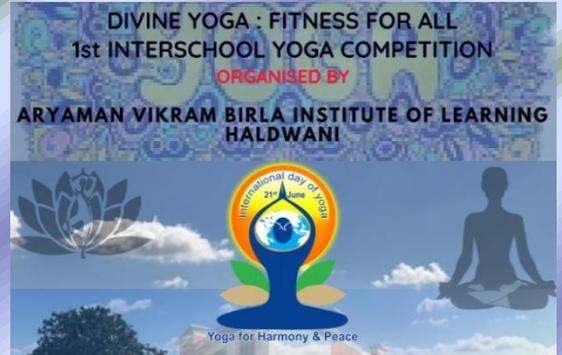




INTER-SCHOOL YOGA COMPETITION ‘DIVINE YOGA-FITNESS FOR ALL’

The Suncity School Yogis showcased their flexibility, strength, endurance, and balance of body and mind in the Inter-School Yoga competition ‘Divine Yoga-Fitness for All’, organized by Aryaman Vikram Birla Institute of Learning on 21 June 2021 on the virtual platform. Eighteen schools participated in this event.

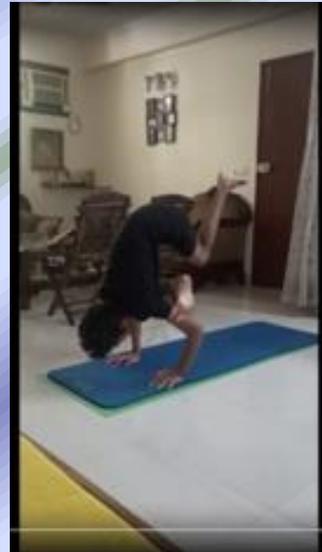
Our three Yoga champions, Purva Bang of Grade VI A, Yuvika Bang, and Aryaveer Lohia of Grade IX F participated in the Junior Girls, Senior Girls, and Senior Boys Categories respectively. The competition was conducted in two rounds. In the first round, Purva and Aryaveer secured third position and Yuvika Bang was at second position. All three candidates were selected for the final round. In the final round, Purva won the First position in the junior girls and Aryaveer secured the Third position in the senior boys’ category. The occasion of International Yoga Day was a blessing for them, and our yogis reinforced the fact that consistency and discipline in practice can transform an opportunity into success.



There was a spectacular display of talent and confidence which redefined fitness goals for all. The performance was assessed based on the technical presentation, complete posture, and retention of the final posture.

The result details are as mentioned below:

Name	Class	Category	Position
Purva Bang	VI A	Juiner Girls (Grade VI-VIII)	1st
Aryaveer Lohia	IX F	Senior Boys (Grade IX-XII)	3rd



CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

VANGUARD: MRS. RUPA CHAKRAVARTY, OUR DIRECTOR, SUNCITY SCHOOLS

May 2021

The virtual **8th National Technofest 2021 , Philippines** was a convention of technology and innovation with innovation as the new frontier of sustainable development. It was organised by '**the DAIS ' and FEU- A university in the Philippines** wherein the Director- Rupa Chakravarty was invited to speak as a **keynote speaker**.

Keeping in mind the key aspect of the Fest '**Innovation**' she talked about **Design thinking** (problem-solving) and **Creativity** in a VUCA world.



June 2021

The Director was the Chief guest for **Haryana District Chess Championship- Juniors**.



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May 2021



The Director was invited by **EDUTV** to talk on the issue of 'Board examination cancellation' and the result compilation formula along with **Mr. Ashok Pandey – Director, Ahlcon International School, Rohini, Delhi** and **ex-Chairman, National Progressive School Council- NPSC** and **Mr. Jain from Sydney Technology University-STU**.

It was a fruitful discussion to help direct the Board and students mull over points for consideration to make the scoring and result of the class XII students comprehensive and impartial.

May 2021

Formula 1- F1, has made an impact on the racing scenario as has the Grand Prix, worldwide . As has F1 in Schools. It has brought learning through integrated teaching in a multitude of manners. F1 helps develop every child's STEM traits besides life skills like Decision making, Problem solving, Inter-personal skills, empathy and more . The Director was interviewed by **F1 CEO- Yash**, highlighting my likes and desires to help inspire the lakhs of students who wish to aspire for the pinnacle through their participation in competitions like F1 .

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- was invited by **EDUTU** to talk on the process for scoring and result of the class XII students due to cancellation of Boards, along with Mr. Ashok Pandey – Director, Aholcore International School, Delhi and ex-Chairman, National Progressive School Council and Mr. Jain from Sydney Technology University.
- Was interviewed by TOI – Times of India to suggest to CBSE on a suitable way to calculate the marks for the class XII students after the board exams had been cancelled.
- Was invited by the Haryana State Chess championship committee to inaugurate the State championship held virtually/on-line from Wednesday, 10th June 2021 for the U-10 girls and boys.
- Was interviewed by FI in schools CEO – India, highlighting her likes and desires to help inspire the lakhs of students who wish to aspire for the pinnacle through their participation in competitions like FI.

FACULTY WORKSHOPS/WEBINARS

DATE	WORKSHOP/WEBINAR	RESOURCE GUEST	FACULTY
22 June	Cambridge IGCSE™ ICT	Evans Chikasa	Deepa Gandhi
22-24 June	Professional Development Training	College Board for International Counsellors	Soma Dam
25 June	IBDP CAT-Business Management	Manuel Condoleon	Shilpa Suchdev
25 June	Integrating SDGs in Business Responsibility and Sustainability	PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Soma Dam
30 June	Psychological impact of the Pandemic on children	Dr. Sameer Dalwai and New Horizons Team	All faculty members