

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

“October is the opal month of the year. It is the month of glory, of ripeness. It is the picture-month.”

Middle School and Senior School students joyously joined the hybrid school model in the new normal. Amidst the festivities the auspicious month heralds, Suncitizens explored every opportunity to enrich, empower and engage with their peers in the scholastic and co-scholastic domain.

UNIVERSITY FAIR

The school organized an Indian university fair comprising five Indian universities on 8 October 2021 for students of Grade XII. The universities that attended the event were:

1. Ashoka University
2. O.P. Jindal University
3. Shiv Nadar University
4. Indian School of Hospitality
5. Vijahbhumi University

The representatives from these universities talked about their respected institutions via small presentations. Post the presentations, students visited individual stalls while maintaining proper social distancing. University representatives had also shared their vaccination certificates with the school career counsellor, Soma Dam, before attending the event.

LE CONCOURS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE -2021 MAYO COLLEGE, AJMER

Suncity School, Gurgaon, participated in the prestigious Le Concours de la Francophonie (Competition of the Francophonie), which was held virtually from 13 September to 23 October 2021, organized by Mayo College, Ajmer. The exuberant event meticulously planned and executed by the host school, Mayo College, saw the participation of **19 schools** from across the globe including schools from UK, Sri Lanka and Dubai, making it the grandest LCF in the eight years since its inception.

The opening ceremony took place on 13 September. The Chief Guest for the same was the Ambassador of France, **Mr. Emmanuel Lenain**. The Deputy Head of Mission of Switzerland **Dr. Olivier Fink** also delivered his speech on the occasion.

There were two ice-breaker sessions, which involved informal interaction between students of all schools, and was thoroughly enjoyed by our Suncitizens. There were also five webinars, during the event, wherein scholars from the field of literature and francophonie, delivered talks and interacted with the students.

There were twelve competitions in all, and Suncity School students participated in ten of the events. Our students held the Suncity banner high by winning prizes in the following events –

1. Anushka Vora – 1st Prize – French reading
2. Astha Vora – 3rd Prize – French Declamation
3. Aditya Kathane – 3rd Prize – Francophonie Quiz
4. Suhani Kapoor – 3rd Prize – French Spell Bee

This year's prizes have been sponsored by the French Institute in India, and include books as well as Amazon gift vouchers, in addition to certificates of achievement.

The Closing Ceremony on the 23 October 2021 was graced by the presence of eminent personalities such as *Mr. François Delhaye*, the Ambassador of Belgium and H.E. *Ms Tahina Rasamoelina*, Deputy Ambassador, officiating as Chargée d'Affaires at the Embassy of the Republic of Madagascar to India.

The results were announced during the closing ceremony, which was broadcast on Youtube, and can be accessed through the link <https://youtu.be/bi7SGZRJ8s4>

Director of Mayo College, Lt Gen SH Kulkarni thanked the participating schools, teachers and heads of schools for their support and enthusiasm.



Le Concours de la Francophonie du Mayo

8th Edition

FRENCH DECLAMATION



2nd Prize

Tanay Jagannath
Gems Modern Academy,
Dubai



1st Prize

Netra Kapoor
The Mother's International
School, New Delhi



3rd Prize

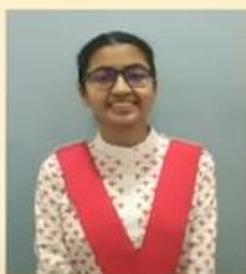
Astha Vora
Suncity School,
Gurugram



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FRANCOPHONIE QUIZ



2nd Prize

Manasvi Salecha
Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girl's
Public School, Jodhpur



1st Prize

Aadya Shukla
La Martiniere Girl's College,
Lucknow



3rd Prize

Aditya Kathane
Suncity School,
Gurugram



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SENIOR'S SPELL-BEE



2nd Prize
Aarna Sareen
The Mother's International
School, New Delhi



1st Prize
Ridhi Mulchandani
Gems Modern Academy,
Dubai



3rd Prize
Suhani Kapoor
Suncity School,
Gurugram



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FRENCH READING



2nd Prize
Risha Srinivas
The Mother's International
School, New Delhi



1st Prize
Anushka Vora
Suncity School,
Gurugram



3rd Prize
Khushie Sharma
Gems Modern Academy,
Dubai

INTER-SCHOOL EVENT 'CYFERNODE-21'

Summer Fields School's digital tech society organized an inter-school event **CyferNode-21**. It was held on 20 October 2021. It served as a universal platform for students from across forty plus of the best schools in India with students aging from 5 to 17 years of age, to showcase their talent and skills. Grades VI -XII participated in three events and stood first in all three events.

1. **Bizz Bee (Idea Innovation):** FIRST Position
Participants: Saksham Diwan & Aashna Jain Grade XI

2. **Catechize (Quiz):** FIRST Position
Participant: Mahavidhya Nedunchzhia Grade IX

3. **GenXVoice (Debate):** FIRST Position
Participant: PRISHA GUPTA Grade XI



ENGLISH, FOREIGN LANGUAGES & ICT WEEK

MONDAY

Interface - Prelude

"If language sets you in a corridor for life, ICT opens every door along the way."

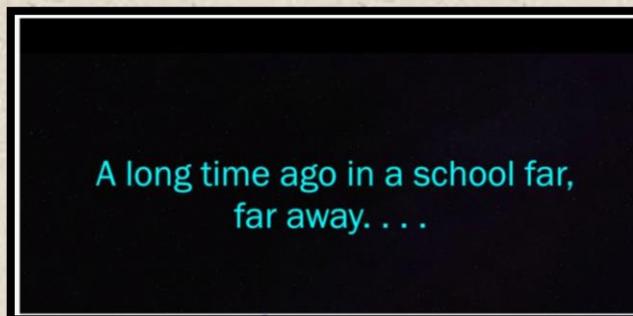
The cross curriculum subject week with the inter-disciplinary celebration of English, Foreign Languages and ICT, commenced on Monday, 25 October 2021. The special assembly was a perfect display of the core skills of our students who collaborated, scripted, performed and created a broad spectrum of spectacular performances. The student team comprised of die-hard Star Wars fans who based their script and compering on this much-fame franchise.

The Teaser video had the audience hooked on to their seats for the long-awaited show to begin and the trailer set the tone. The Verve Hymn was befitting to the Year of Verve celebrations. The Thought for the Day was showcased in 'The Happy Hour' wherein students shared their joyful experiences on staying connected with family and friends. The News segment had an innovative dimension in its presentation.

The key highlight of the assembly was the breath-taking 'Magical Show' with the Director of Suncity Schools, Mrs. Rupa Chakravarty, donning the magician's hat and waving the magical wand to inaugurate the subject week amidst a sparkling mystical virtual setting.

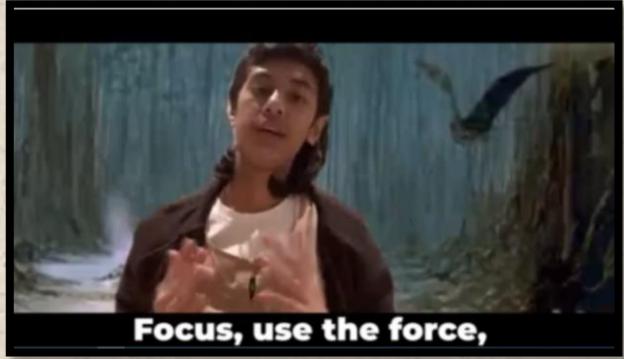
'It's all in the story!' Our Suncitizens needed a camera and dollops of high spirits to spin a yarn and get us a cinematographic story with no retakes! Snapshots of 'Verve Moments' were captured on lens by the students. Does SMART technology make people smart? A humorous presentation was made on the challenges posed by smart technology. 'Good Old School Days', this sentimental rendition had camaraderie and good cheer rolled into a foot-tapping song of nostalgia. The mind can play tricks, emotions can sway, eyes can deceive, all that when languages and ICT meet! Defect Effect had that deception act in perfection.

The spell binding assembly concluded with the National Anthem and had the students all geared up for the interlude and postlude to follow in the weekdays ahead.





it surrounds us, penetrates us,



Focus, use the force,



I promise to come back and finish



intense fighting



It's all in the story of our lives.





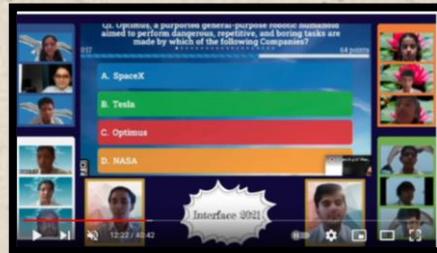
WEDNESDAY Interface - Interlude

The cross curriculum subject week with the inter-disciplinary celebration of English, Foreign Languages and ICT continued with a plethora of blended activities to be showcased in the Assembly on Wednesday, 27 October 2021.

It commenced with the Skip Ad 321 which all of us could connect with in the present time.

The prayer was a beautiful hymn sung by Eara Gupta in her melodious voice. The thought 'The Guest House' was befitting to the theme of the Year –Verve. The news was an interesting and intriguing prediction of technology dominating the world.

The key attraction of the assembly was the Inter- House Quiz and Hackathon- the programming Challenge. This was followed by our young panelists discussing the possibility of the ICT takeover. A scintillating dance on striking a balance between pause and performance was presented by the students. The assembly was graciously concluded with the musical rendition of National Anthem skilfully played by our students on guitar and synthesizer.



FRIDAY Interface - Postlude

Language harnessed by the power of interactive technology is such that it lets us learn in unique ways which weren't possible or even probable before.

The cross curriculum subject week with the inter-disciplinary celebration of English, Foreign Languages and ICT, closed on Friday, 29 October 2021. The special assembly was an amazing showcase of the 21st century skills of our students.

Our polyglots displayed their skill in delivering the prayer in French, German and Spanish. Among the many events such as the thought of the day and the news was, 'The Funniest Speech' contest displayed the ability of the students to imbue a speech with a sense of humour with their varied and rib-tickling topics. In a twist on movie trailers, book trailers were designed and executed beautifully by the children showing the vast variety of genres they enjoyed and loved. Verve was very much prevalent as a theme in the enthusiasm and effort of the brilliant clips shared by the students and brought to the notice of the Suncitizens.

Skilful integration of ICT with language was highlighted in the amazing, animated movies based on stories and global issues that the world is faced with today. An enlightening talk on Artificial Intelligence was also presented by the guest speaker showing the way forward.

The beautiful assembly concluded with an acoustic guitar rendition of the National Anthem crafted seamlessly by the students. Truly a celebration of verve with a musical vibe.



SPORTS ARENA

2ND OPEN SKATING COMPETITION HELD AT ROTARY PUBLIC SCHOOL, SECTOR-22 ON 3RD OCTOBER 2021

Nyra Khandelwal of Grade I-C participated in the skating competition held at Rotary Public school on 3 October 2021. She brought the laurels to the school by winning a bronze medal.



CITY CRICKET MATCH- 3RD OCTOBER 2021

Shubh Jain of Suncity School participated in a city cricket match on 3 October 2021 and performed very well. He played skilfully and is a gifted all-rounder, who has consistently contributed meaningfully to his team. He took 5 wickets for 29 runs in 7 overs and was instrumental in his team's win.

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ret to bat :

Fall of wickets: 14-1 (Abhimanyu Singh, 2.3 ov), 14-2 (Ashish Jadhav, 2.5 ov), 33-3 (Arnab Sharma, 8.5 ov), 85-4 (Prithvi Vedant, 15.4 ov), 90-5 (Saksham Singh Pannu, 16.3 ov), 121-6 (Vivaan, 25 ov), 132-7 (Deven Bhatia, 26.4 ov), 168-8 (Mehul, 31.3 ov), 168-9 (Bhavya Sharma, 31.4 ov), 168-10 (Nityant Kashyap, 31.5 ov)

Bowlers	O	M	R	W	Eco
Shubh Jain	7	1	29	5	4.14
Ayan Khandelwal	3	0	9	0	3.00
Vihan	5	0	23	0	4.60
Jai Talwar	3	0	35	0	11.67
Aryaman Naithani	5	0	21	1	4.20
Atishay Jain	4	0	14	1	3.50
Shaurya Srivastava	4.5	0	33	1	6.83

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13TH VG OPEN SKATING COMPETITION

Riaan Kar of Grade Nursery F participated in the skating competition held at Sporbit Sports Academy on 10 October 2021. He brought the laurels to the school by winning a silver medal.



RSFI DISTRICT SKATES BOARD AND HOCKEY COMPETITION

Our students, Yash Pratap Singh Mann of Grade XI-B and Rida Bhatia of Grade V-F participated in the district skateboarding and District hockey competition, respectively, held at JNS Sports Academy on 17 October 2021.

They both did us proud at the competition, securing prizes for themselves. Yash achieved Second Place in the tournament and was selected for the State Level Skates Board tournament. Rida's team played well and secured First Place in the tournament and was selected for the State Level Hockey Championship.



JUNIOR NATIONAL AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS



Suncity's young athlete, Daksh Gandhi, has made up proud by participating in the 47th Junior Aquatic Championships 2021, Bangalore, ranking the sixth position in the Boys, 100m Freestyle category. The competition was held on 20 October 2021. Daksh represented Haryana and completed the lap in one minute and twelve seconds, showing great dexterity and skill.

IGU NORTHEAST INDIA LADIES AND JUNIOR GIRLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP



Palakshi Singh Seraawat of Grade IX played at the Golf National Tournament on 20 October in Shillong. She has made the school proud by winning the National Championship with second position, displaying effortless power and the ability to maintain both her mental and physical balance.

VIRTUAL INTER SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT 'SHATRANJ'

Our very own chess masters participated in the Virtual Chess Championship 'Shatranj' organized by the Ridge Valley School on 22 October 2021. The total number of students who participated in the tournament from all over India was 113. Eleven players of our school showcased their strategic and creative thinking, calmness under pressure, and patience while playing this mind game. Under each of the categories, (Under 9, Under 12, and 15) our students have seen an increase in their ranks, showing that hard work and practice can lead to success.

ADITYA BEHERA	4-F
ARYAN SOOD	10-D
EKAM SINGH	6-A
ADVIK SINGHAL	3-B
ARZ BHATIA	6-A
SHAURYA TANEJA	10-C
DHRUV ANSH SETHI	2-D
JASKARAN SINGH	6-D
ADITYA DAYAL MATHUR	3-A
ARYAN A BHANSALI	12-D
SHUBH ASHISH JAIN	6-F

OPEN- TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Our budding Table Tennis star, Mahir Varma of Grade VII A, made Suncity School proud once again by winning two trophies in the Open Table Tennis Tournament held at Suncity community centre on 16th and 17th October'21.

There were students from many states across India.

He has come 2nd in the U-13 category and 3rd in the U-15 category.



CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SUMMIT & AWARDS 2021

Ms. Sangeeta Bagchi, Ms. Reema Khanna and the Director attended the 'EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SUMMIT & AWARDS 2021' organized by Ardorcomm Media on Friday, 1st October 2021, held at Hotel Radisson Gurugram. The Summit had dignitaries from apex government bodies, academicians & educators experts from corporate, EdTech companies & startups. Deliberating, showcasing & presenting best practices in education was the motive. The Symposium brought together leading thinkers, policymakers & industry experts from across the nation who will discuss & exchange ideas and collaborate to shape the future. We as a school were felicitated with the 'Education Leadership' Award.

Exemplary Covid Pandemic Eduleader Award

The Director attended the 'Exemplary Covid Pandemic Eduleader Award' on October 8th 2021 at the Leela, Gurugram and was felicitated with an 'Eduleader' award.

Government degree college Ladakh , Kashmir- DAIS

The DAIS along with Government degree college Ladakh , Kashmir held a webinar for implementing SDG's the sustainable development goals, designed and endorsed by the UN – United Nations.

The occasion was to inaugurate the SDG Lab at the Government degree college. This would enable the government college to get a blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all' to transform the world by 2030 on Monday, 18th October 2021 with the involvement of all the Students and select faculty of the college the inauguration was carried out.

As a practising school of SDGs, the Director was asked to address the students of Government Degree College as the key note speaker.

It was a learning experience.