

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021

*“November is at its best - with a sort of delightful menace in the air. Let misty autumn part!  
The twilight of the year is sweet, where festivities and families meet.”*

### VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH USA STUDENTS

**Report by Vedant Dhingra, VIII B**

Grade VIII students, Vedant Dhingra, Anaya Taneja, Aditya Matai, Saanvi Kastiya, Ananya Khanna, Bhumika Teckchandany, Vihaan Khurana and Prisha Thukral attended a video conference with USA on 9 November 2021. The topic was Essentials of Dialogue-SDG 4 Quality Education. Here are our views on the video conference-

#### PRISHA THUKRAL-

My experience of the VC was great! I got to learn a lot about their schooling practices and how different their methodologies are from ours. I learnt about how they have social interaction with the students with special requirements and that inspired me a lot. Their classes and social interactions are way different from ours and they don't have to wear uniform like we do and that was certainly a new way of looking at schooling. So, overall, the VC was informative and fun!

#### BHUMIKA TECKCHANDANY-

Personally, I felt that the Video Conference was incredible. It was my first Video Conference with Generation Global and it was just splendid and very well coordinated. Special thanks to the felicitator, Ms. Lisa Petro who asked us questions which forced us to introspect within ourselves and share our reflections with others. She also gave us her feedback, which is something we are working on.

I would also like to thank Vedant from my team, who gave us a direction, who scheduled regular calls just to make sure that we were right on track and not facing any problems. Another special thanks to Mr. Sanjay Bareja who was the IT in charge for the conference. Although he was just a silent spectator, he deserves the most appreciation as he ensured that there were NO technical difficulties throughout the conference.

#### ADITYA MATAI-

It was great speaking to the Americans. They were great people and were very friendly. All of us shared a lot of laughs and it was amazing talking to each other on different topics. We spoke about quality education and how diversity in a school plays a key role in education. We also discussed about our different cultures and traditions and cracked a few jokes. It was an incredible experience and was a very informative video conference.

#### ANAYA TANEJA-

The Video Conference was a very exciting and interesting experience. During the conference I learnt about the different education systems and cultures in America and India. The conference was very interactive and thanks to our felicitator, very engaging in the conversation and for proposing various ice breakers to start the conversation. It was an amazing experience to be a

part of and I would love to participate in many more of these conferences.

**ANANYA KHANNA-**

I was a part of the SDG dialogue adventure video conference held on 9 November, it was an amazing experience for me as I got to know a lot about students from the USA and how their education system is different from ours in various aspects. I really enjoyed interacting with new people as the pandemic has really reduced our social interaction. Even though the conference was quite late (as we had to adjust to USA's timing), they managed to keep us indulged into the interesting questions asked and there was not one minute where everyone was silent which helped me stay immersed into the conversation. It was a lot of fun knowing about other peoples' experiences and lifestyle. I would really love and appreciate more of these conferences.

**SAANVI KASTIYA-**

The Video Conference with America was a very enlightening experience. This Video Conference really helped develop are speaking and listening skill. It was great to know about the education curriculum in America and learn about different things. The conference was an amazing opportunity to communicate with others, on their views and opinions. It was great fun to participate in the discussion and add your viewpoint and learn others viewpoint for the same. I would love to have more of these conferences!!



## **KINDNESS WEEK**

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The students of Primary years celebrated Kindness Week along with the Diwali celebrations. They were encouraged to do various thought-provoking activities at home as well as in their neighbourhoods. Since kindness is an integral part of human behaviour and an important life skill, it was reiterated through asking the students to run errands, do small household chores for their parents or grandparents/senior citizens. They were also motivated to teach an underprivileged child keeping the Covid prevention norms in place.





## ART COLLABORATION WITH AFRICA

### Event-IEARN Art Connect Project 2021

Collaborating school- Kafironda Primary school, Zambia, Africa

IEARN is a resource network where we can connect with schools from all the parts of the world. Exchange of knowledge and skill is the important part of education and in tune with our TASK methodology, so, our students took a trip virtually to Zambia.

Students from Grade 3-4 started learning about Madhubani art in the month of October and researched about it. They made Videos, notes and PPTs on this traditional artform of India. They made beautiful Madhubani paintings too.

These works and researches were brought together in a form of a PPT and were presented by our learners to the Zambian Students. Suncitizens taught them about the History, Culture, Tools and techniques of this MITHILA ART. They also gave a demonstration on how to create a Madhubani style painting which was appreciated by the collaborating school. Zambian students will be creating Madhubani art painting and sending them to us.

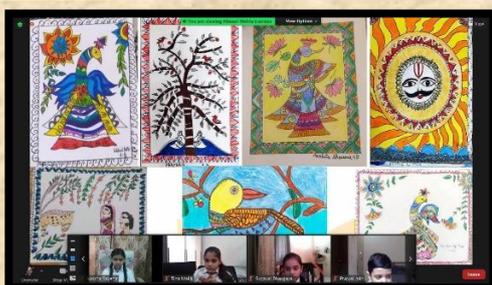
Students of Kafironda Primary School, Zambia presented a folk song and dance in front of our students. They also shared that they all believe in recycling and reusing old things to create toys and objects on their own instead of buying from the market. They also played some music and showed self-made musical instruments as well.

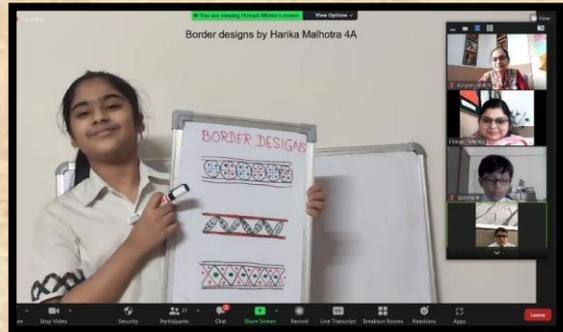
It was a great learning experience for all the students. They learnt about the culture of Zambia from the Zambian students itself which will be a lifetime memory for them.

We have a reciprocal session scheduled in December where students of Kafironda Primary School will teach our students an art from their culture.

Recording of the session:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sVksmUsLLcuMZKNm7zsLYdv8fSqFyivD/view?usp=drive\\_web](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sVksmUsLLcuMZKNm7zsLYdv8fSqFyivD/view?usp=drive_web)





## INAUGURAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SUNCITY SDG LAB

The inaugural assembly of the Suncity SDG Lab was organized in Suncity School on 11 November 2021. The lab is a collaborative effort of Suncity School and DAIS, an organisation based in Delhi, that has the achievement of SDGs as one of its core objectives. Esteemed guests from DAIS, Mr. Keshav Gupta, Founder; Mr. Nikhil Chandra, Brand Strategist Associate; Ms. Jasmine Susan Jose, COO; Mr. Siddharth Ojha and Mr. Dikshant Sharma, Partners; along with Director, Suncity Schools, Mrs. Rupa Chakravarty, graced the occasion. The assembly began by invoking God's blessings following which, Aryan Chadha, our young author from Grade IX, talked in brief about his published compilation of self-composed poems.

This was followed by a brief on integration of Sustainable Development Goals in the school curriculum and students' perspective of the same. Following that, Mr. Keshav Gupta and Ms. Jasmine Susan Jose enlightened the audience about the vision of DAIS and the objectives of the SDG lab. Lastly, the gathering was addressed by Ms. Rupa Chakravarty, where she presented her perspective of the SDG goals, vision of the lab and thanked the guests for their efforts in setting up the lab and also gracing the occasion. The assembly culminated in the National Anthem, following which, the guests were escorted to the venue for the inauguration ceremony. The MOU was signed between Director, Ms. Rupa Chakravarty and Ms. Jasmine on behalf of DAIS.

This was followed by an extensive discussion on the relevance of the SDGs in today's society and school education among the members of DAIS and the senior student council members.



## WORKSHOP-ONE PLANET ONE CHANCE-BY SUNCITY INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIA

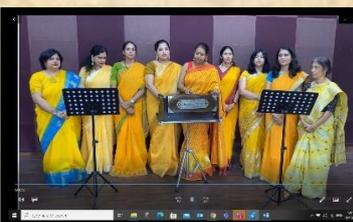


## VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Virtual Children's' Day Celebration was held on 12 November 2021. It was a wonderful amalgamation of humour and amazing efforts of the teachers to show their care, love and affection and pay their tribute to the young dynamic minds of our children.

The assembly began with the news delivered by our director with tongue-in cheek humour. This was followed by a beautifully choreographed Manipuri dance by our talented teachers.

A wonderfully entertaining performance was presented by the teachers on social media trends such as Facebook, Instagram etc. The teachers also brought together a harmonious blend of instruments in an orchestra for the entertainment of the children. The programme was appreciated by all the viewers.



## **SOCIAL SCIENCE AND SPORTS WEEK 2021**

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13-18 NOVEMBER 2021

The Social Science and Sports week started on 13 November officially, but preparations had started much in advance on campus and virtually. The Social Science and Sports weeksaw a wide range of transdisciplinary and transversal activities performed by the students of Suncity School. Intertwining of social sciences and sports enabled students to better understand how the VUCA world functions and find more effective solutions.

To that effect, the week kick started with flying colours on Saturday with the virtual outing, wherein they learned about the key moments of COP 26 held in Glasgow. The students learned about the collaborative efforts being made across businesses, governments, and society for seeking solutions for rapidly reducing global emissions and adapting to a warmer world. The outing told the students in detail how the world is coming together to adopt sustainability and how climate innovative initiatives will play a vital role in saving the planet. The virtual outing ended with an interactive and interesting worksheet.

Monday morning started with the Social Science and Sports week opening assembly , where our esteemed Director Mrs. Rupa Chakravarty officially inaugurated the Social Science and Sports week and what an exhilarating experience it was for the students as Rupa Ma'am told the students and teachers about her experience as the hockey team captain for her school and how she overcame bad sportsmanship by the other teams and worked hard through blood , sweat and tears to go on and win matches for her team .The assembly went on with short and quirky version of the classic Hare and Tortoise story which taught us that a good strategy is just as important if not more than any other factor. The assembly ended with the Suncity Premiere League which was a fun and interesting idea taking clues from the popular IPL, highlighting the need for students to analyze life situations from managerial perspective. These managerial lessons from IPL will help them in better decision making and understanding the game as a strategy and not just as a source of entertainment. Parth Wadhara, a former Sun Citizen and sports captain judged the teamson various criteria such as social construct, commercial viability, and creativity.

Tuesday morning saw a plethora of activities planned and tailored according to students' needs and interests. Activities undertaken included

### Grade 7

Identify the sports players and mark the states or the countries they belong to on a World map.Grade 8

Best out of Waste- Students to make Sports equipment from waste (for eg. Shuttle cock)

Create any tribal sports equipment (using waste material)

### Grade 9

Students to collect data on Olympics and they display this data on the 3D map in Excel.

### **Grade 11 Teams from each section to create/ design an advertisement for their product / Servicefrom the category allotted.**

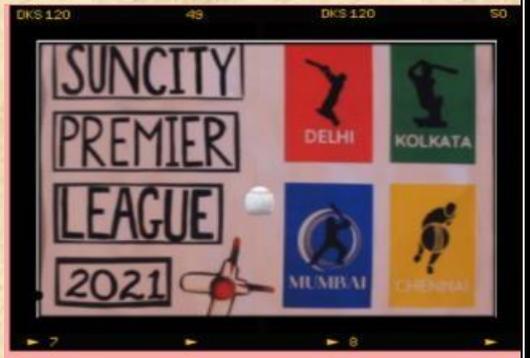
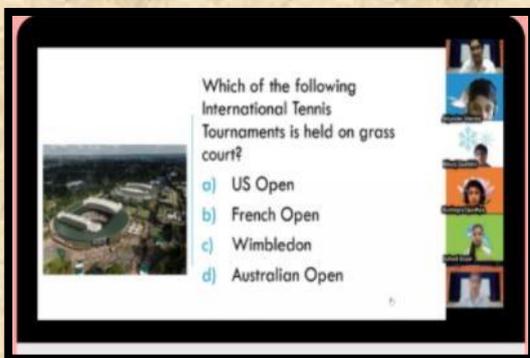
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On Wednesday, 17th November 2021, the inter-house Social Science and Sports QUIZ assembly was conducted for grades VII- XI where participants were given questions ranging from different topics that incorporated a blend of Sports and Social Sciences. There were separate rounds for each grade, consisting of a participant from each house (Pacific, Atlantic, Arctic, and Indian). The quiz ended in a tie between Pacific and Atlantic House. This led to an intense tie-breaker round. After successfully answering the questionscorrectly Atlantic house emerged victorious and was crowned the winner by securing a total of 25 points. The

quiz was truly an enriching experience for students and really put their knowledge to the test. The quote “you never lose, you only win or learn” held true for this quiz as all the participants went back gaining more knowledge.

Thursday, 18th November 2021, the culmination assembly of virtual Social Science and Sports Week was designed to showcase Life lessons from the Celebrities such as speech by Virtual guest Speaker, Keshav Gupta, Founder, entrepreneur, and development expert of “DAIS” an organisation working globally towards youth empowerment and international centre for initiatives towards sustainable development. His words of wisdom infused in the students a determination and drive towards achieving SDGs which are also an integral part of our school curriculum. The speech was followed by a rejuvenating Yoga session by students of class XI demonstrating integration of accounting terminology through Yoga asanas.

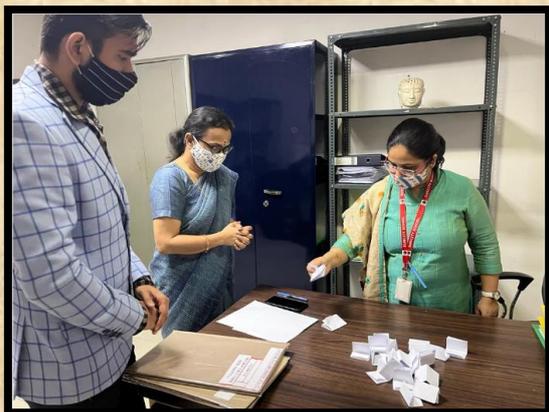
**The week saw closure in true national spirit with rendition of the national anthem.**



## NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SURVEY-NAS 2021

The National Achievement Survey -NAS was conducted for Grade X at the Suncity School, on 12 November 2021.

30 students of Grade X attempted the survey which was conducted in a fair manner according to the rules laid out for conducting the same, following Covid – 19 norms. No difficulties were faced during the test, and it was carried out successfully.



## UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND: INDIA SDG HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION

University of Auckland: India SDG High School Competition

The University of Auckland organized the India SDG High school Competition for schools across India. It was a Design Thinking challenge where students had to choose from SDG 6,14, 15, for which they needed to identify the problem and present a solution.

Over 100 entries from 35 schools all over India were received. Our school was represented by Sohanshii Bhatia, Amiya Leekha and Tara Dalal of Grade XI.

The first round was a poster design where the problem and solution needed to be highlighted. All three students presented interesting solutions and impactful posters.



From among more than 100 entries, eight finalists were chosen, two of whom were from our school. Tara Dalal and Amiya Leekha were among the finalists. All finalists were given the task of making a video of the problem and the solution proposed by them. The grand finale was on 26 November 2021. Amiya Leekha made us proud by winning third place in this highly competitive round.

Attached are the video links:

Amiya Leekha: <https://youtu.be/A0RPKg5unTg>

Tara Dalal: [https://youtu.be/wVq\\_yoKINcc](https://youtu.be/wVq_yoKINcc)

### **GYAN DEVI MEMORIAL INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION**

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“Gyan Devi Memorial Inter-School Debate” competition was organized by Adarsh Public School, Vikas Puri, New Delhi on 20 November 2021. Prisha Gupta of Grade XI won the FIRST prize.

### **GLOBAL GOALS PROJECT HOSTED BY THE OXFORD SCHOOL, TRIVANDRUM**

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Suncity students participated in the Global Goals Project hosted by The Oxford School, Trivandrum. There were 48 schools across the globe who joined hands to take further the Sustainable Goals set up by the United Nations, aiming to be accomplished by 2030.

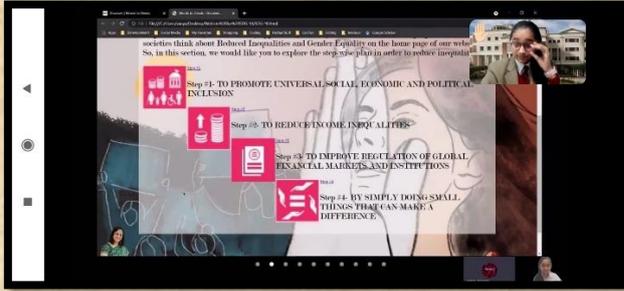
This was a yet another aim at helping children understand the magnitude of the challenges which pose the current and future generations and to creatively spread the message and do their bit to better the situation.

Grades VII – IX were assigned SDG 10- Reduced inequalities. The students researched on prevalent inequalities, their causes and plausible solutions and suggestions. Different activities upholding SDG10 were intertwined with the academic course for a holistic comprehension. The school arranged interaction with the experts with the aim of including a diverse view for a bigger picture.

The students put up a splendid performance with their presentation, on 27th November 2021, with their knowledge, disseminating the message and creative solutions.

In a plenary, it was a great learning experience for the students and teachers alike.





## **COSPLAY**

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A virtual inter school event was organized by City Montessori School, Lucknow on 26-28 November 2021.

- THIRD Position in “La NOVELA” (Grade VIII) - acting competition based on a novel  
Participants: Devyansh Tandon, Srijan Seshadri, Aaditya Govil, Sourav Mukherjee, Vihit Shah (Grade VIII)
- SECOND position in “La Novela” (Grade VII) - acting competition based on a novel  
Participants: Arin Lall, Adwita Gogia, Siddhant Gupta, Anush Jindal and Vansh Golchha (Grade VII).

## **CONSTITUTION DAY**

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A virtual inter-school event was organized by Lotus Valley International School on 26 November, 2021.

**BEST DELEGATION AWARDED TO: SUNCITY SCHOOL, SECTOR-54**

- Best Speaker in Colloquium: Diverse India (Panel Discussion)  
Participant: Ronniel Biala (Grade IX)
- Best Speaker (For the motion) We The Youth: Arguably the best (Live Debate)  
Participants: Riyanshi Gambhir and Aryan Sethi (Grade XI)
- FIRST Runner Up in Every Issue Counts (Creation of a Flip Digital Magazine)  
Participants: Hriday Kabir and Pia Roy (Grade IX)
- SECOND Runner Up in Tryst with a Twist (A Comic Monologue)  
Participant: Sahil Choudhary (Grade XI)

## SPORTS ARENA SNIPPETS

### LMJGT PAR 3 GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Palakshi Singh Sehrawat, our Suncitizen Golfer, participated in the renowned LMJGT Par 3 golf tournament, held at Ambience Greens Golf Course on 7 November 2021. She made us proud by bagging first place in the tournament. Palakshi displayed impeccable skills and discipline during the tournament and has been winning laurels for the school since a long time.



### LMJGT 9 HOLE TOURNAMENT

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Palakshi Sehrawat of Grade IX participated in the famed LMJGT 9 Hole Tournament held at Karmalakeland Golf Course and made us proud by bagging the first position.



### DISTRICT SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2021

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Hreelina Basak of Grade IX B made us proud by winning three gold medals at the District Skating Championship.

During the championship, Hreelina exhibited a praiseworthy performance in skating. She demonstrated her masterful skills by showcasing forward and backward strides, turning and many other impressive techniques in front of large audiences.



### **UNDER 14 SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER, 2021**

The Haryana District Level Swimming Championship was held, and Daksh Gandhi of VI-F, made us proud by winning silver in 50 m freestyle swim race, bronze medals in the 100m freestyle and 50 m backstroke race respectively.

### **DISTRICT LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER, 2021**

The District Lawn Tennis Championship was held and four of our participants (Aryan Jain and Pranav Taneja from Grade X, Esh Gupta and Pranshu Gupta from Grade IX) Suncity School bagged the second position. Their performance was awe-inspiring, and they handled the challenges with discipline and perfect skill. We are also proud to announce that two participants (Pranav Taneja and Aryan Jain) have been selected for the state championship and will be representing Gurugram at the tournament.

### **SGFI BADMINTON**

The SGFI Block Level Badminton Tournament was held, and the under 17 boys team made us proud by bagging the first position. It took place at Flow Academy on 12-13 November 2021.

The winners in U-17 boys were Aaditya Arora of Grade X, Aaryman Tanwar of Grade X and Angad Ahuja of Grade IX. They are selected for the State Championship.

In the U-19 Girls category, Anushka Sethia of Grade XI also got selected for the State Championship.



### **DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2021**

The District Level Table Tennis Championship was held and rising enthusiast and celeritous player from Suncity School, Mahir Varma of grade VII F bagged the 2nd position.

### **OPEN STATE BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP**

Our aspiring badminton champions, Aarushi Pulugurty and Aryaman Tanwar of Grade X participated in the Open State Badminton Championship held in Panchkula on 4-10 November 2021. It was a wonderful learning experience for them.



## RSFI STATE LEVEL SKATING COMPETITION

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The RSFI District State-Level Skating Championship was held in Panchkula on 15-18 November 2021 and rising skating enthusiasts skater Hreelina Basak and Yash Pratap Singh Mann of Grade IX participated in the same. Hreelina Basak made us proud by bagging gold, silver, and bronze medals and Yash Pratap Singh Mann won a silver medal.



## UNDER 13 CRICKET LEAGUE MATCH

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Our cricket enthusiast and avid player Shubh Ashish Jain from Grade V participated in the under 13 cricket league match held on 20 November 2021.

Shubh won the award for best batsman of the game, making a total of 59 runs during the game.



## SGFI DISTRICT UNDER 14 CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

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The SGFI Districts under 14 Chess Championship was held at Presidium School on 26-27 November 2021, and rising Chess enthusiasts and avid players Riddhika Kotia of Grade VIII A, Anushree Venkataraman of Grade VI H and Shubh Ashesh Jain of Grade VI F participated in the same. Riddhika Kotia made our school proud by bagging the gold medal.

## MARATHON LAURELS

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A marathon organized by Sportyzo and Pragyanam School. Angad Ahuja of Grade IX took part in the 5km run. He made all of us proud by bagging the bronze medal.



*“December's wintry breath is already frosting the pane, obscuring autumn's memory. It is growing cold. Winter is putting footsteps in the meadow.” Adieu!*