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IDS

Integrating Internationalism in Early Years



Seasonal Swings Around The World A collaborative programme



The British Council has reconciled the Global messaging / positioning with the Indian legal requirements and the ISA programme in India has undergone a name change. The International School Award will be here after called the International Dimension in Schools (IDS). The IDS supports the school's effort to embedding international awareness and global citizenship within their class and school.

The IDS team 5 conducted the collaborative activities with the topic Seasonal Swings Around The World involving the Kindergarten students related with the curricular topic 'Seasons'. The aim of this activity was to experience the various



From

Principal's Desk

Dear parents,

We feel proud to present before you our second newsletter of this academic year. With the support of our students and parents, we could surpass the hurdles of Covid19 Pandemic and could provide a flawless system of online education coupled with co-scholastic activities for the holistic development of the children. The adverse circumstances had to stoop before the determination and unfailing spirit of our stakeholders and this newsletter stands witness to the innumerable activities conducted online which have great impact on the multiple developments of student skills.

It is a great achievement of our goals that our students have embarked upon international collaborative projects. They have joined hands with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals to achieve by 2030 by taking part in Climate Action Projects showcasing the world how to save the climate for a peaceful living.

I hereby request all to join the UN mission to teach SDGs so that we can have a better world by 2030. I would like to convey my immense gratitude to the teachers of various clubs for carrying out the school projects and activities meticulously on time and for encouraging and motivating the student community to showcase their talents and skills.

We believe that we still can do a lot and we have many more miles to travel. Seeking the blessings of the Almighty and the continued support of the parents,

Sincerely,

Abdul Salam

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Principal





seasons and to identify the features so as to initiate the experiential learning events like Beach Day, Halloween Day, and Snow Day etc. are celebrated online. Vocabularies related to various seasons with respect to the collaborated country are made more feasible through seasonal cuisines presentations over the



virtual learning platform. Basic addition is performed over the smart class along with the comparison and consolidation of various seasons. Shapes and sizes related to objects like earth, sun, flowers fruits, animals etc; are drilled with the help of cut and paste online activities to ensure the development of fine motor skills.



Colors related to various seasons are introduced with the help of theme days and online colouring worksheets. Online Tools like videos, images and slideshows will be used along with activities to elaborate and explain four seasons. On the last day of the programme we had a collaboration session with the Shining Star International School, Abu Dhabi, UAE.



Recreating the four seasons

The programme commenced on the 4th of November 2020 by re-creating the four seasons so that the students could experience the various seasons around the world. The students shuddered around the four seasons exhibiting their enthusiasm of living through each seasons.

Summer - Beach Day



On the 16th of November Beach day was celebrated. Students visited the beaches and shared their experiences with their classmates with the videos and photographs taken at the beach. The students were all dressed in blue. The concept of counting was done using watermelon pieces. Strawberries and sea shells. The students enjoyed these hands on activities. They also learned about the temperature variations of different countries in summer. The session ended with worksheets for virtual colouring and counting activities.



Fall and Halloween Day



On the 18th of November, the Halloween and fall were celebrated. The spooky festival of Halloween was celebrated online with great fervor and ardor. The students were dressed up in black Halloween costumes. There were amazing performances by super heroes, wizards, witches, pirates, vampires and jack-o-lanterns were applauded and praised by one and all. The concept stressed for the activities of this session was shapes and sizes such as triangles and circles. They stick a cut out of a pumpkin, its eyes, nose and mouth on a plain sheet as 'jack of lantern' as it was made up of triangles and circles. They were also given chance to identify the shapes.

Spring



This season was celebrated on the 23rd of November where the students were all dressed in yellow and had flowers all around them. Colours related to this season was introduced with the help of the primary and secondary colours and online coloring worksheets on fruits and vegetables. The students had real fun getting messy with colours.



Winter

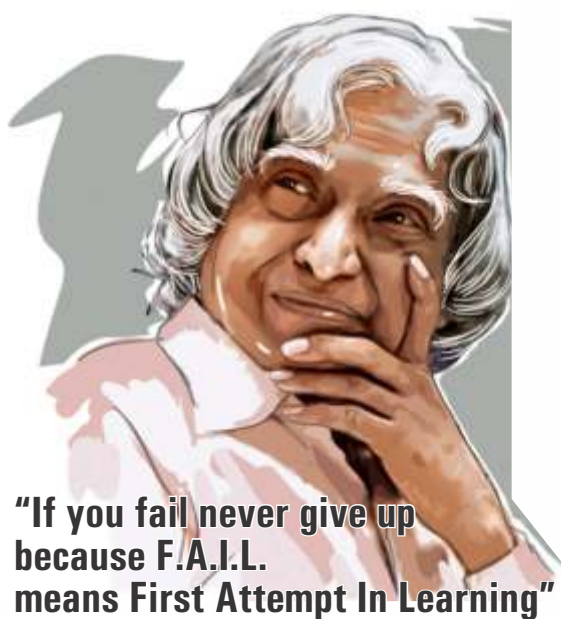


This season was celebrated on the 25th of November. The winter season of the collaborated country is considered for the study. Festivals of winter are celebrated in the partner school as well. Snow day is celebrated in both the schools so as to initiate the winter fest. Common online coloring worksheet and activities on the season were attempted in both the schools. The winter season had a big impact on the students.



Collaborative session

The collaborative session with the Shining Stars International School, Abu Dhabi, was held on 26th November 2020. A moment to be cherished by our students for ages. Our students were excited meeting students from another country. Both of them spoke of how they felt and experienced the different seasons of India and Abu Dhabi. They were happily exhibiting their activities and worksheets with each other. Songs were sung and the children danced to their favorite weather rhymes. The session was very knowledgeable and so interesting that it exceeded the time schedule, however, the students never wanted to stop.



"If you fail never give up because F.A.I.L. means First Attempt In Learning"

World Students Day is celebrated every year on October 15th in remembrance of our former president Dr. APJ Abdul kalam's birthday. Students are the future. Students are the people and minds that are going to take our country forward. The Oxford School's kindergarten section celebrated world students day by actively engaging themselves in various activities such as making greeting cards, placards etc., as part of the online celebrations. Teachers enlightened the students to never give up in life and face the challenges bravely by narrating a story and a quote Of Mr. APJ Abdul Kalam.



It was a red letter day in the history of India when the country got her freedom on Aug 15, 1947. Today we celebrate the 74th Independence Day of our country. The Oxford School celebrated the 74th Independence Day virtually. A common assembly was organised by kindergarten where the students, parents and teachers took part.

The little Oxfordian's were told of the freedom fighters who had sacrificed their

lives for the freedom of our country and that we should remember them with gratitude. In accordance of the program children were dressed up as



some of the freedom fighters like Mahatma Gandhi, Sarojini Naidu, Lala Lajpat Rai etc; and delivered a small speech highlighting the famous quotes once said by these freedom fighters. Action song and patriotic dance were performed by the students.



Life becomes a festival when gaiety and culture blends

The Kindergarten observed the special Onam day in their own distinctive style. A special assembly was held on 27th August 2020 which started with the story of Mahabali,

significance of Onam, athapookalam, traditional rituals, traditional dance, games, music and the nine-course meal called the Onasadhya through virtual classroom. The fascinating story of Mahabali gave our children a glimpse of the greatness of character, equality and sharing. A range of activities were planned and the student's participation helped to become more familiar with the festival and culture of Kerala. Even in this pandemic they were engaged in various programs, like collecting flowers for flower carpet, arranging various accessories for fancy dress, etc. the students also sang the famous Onam song "Onam vannallo....." The children and teachers enjoyed the virtual Onam celebrations just as it was conducted live.



Clever and Crafty

Origami is an art of paper folding. At The Oxford School continuously integrate activity based learning. Origami is one art form which helps to achieve this objective greatly. The skill of origami not only helps stimulate listening and observation skills, it strengthens the fine motor skills and eye hand co-ordination. It develops patience and attention skills in children. Transforming a piece of paper into a three dimensional object is a unique exercise.

We make sure that at least one origami session is planned in a week. So far the students have made cat, dog, fish, whale, sailboat, ice cream, letter box and crown using origami sheets. The craft is linked with the subjects taught so as to deepen the understanding of the concept.

Nature is written in Mathematical language



National mathematics day was observed in the kindergarten where the students were told of Shri Srinivasa Ramanujan, the great mathematical genius, who made exemplary contribution to mathematics. It was observed with the objective of creating awareness about the importance of mathematics in our day to day life situation and also to increase an interest towards the subject. As a part of the celebrations, drawing of the geometrical designs, and speeches were organized.



Come forth into the light of things,
let nature be your teacher.

The little buds of The Oxford School Trivandrum observed the World Habitat Day on 22nd October, 2020. A special class assembly was held on the day where the students were



shown through a video about the animals and their habitat. The children understand that each animal has its own habitat and from there it gets shelter, food, water and air. They shared their own ideas in the virtual classroom. Children drew animals in their habitat and talked about the different types of habitat like forest, desert, mountain, polar region and aquatic habitat. Assembly was concluded by children's pledge that they will conserve the nature to protect animals and their habitat.





Let's spread the joy of sharing Food

The Oxford tender care students celebrated the world food day virtually and their participation created positive vibes. They all brought posters, drawings, food items etc. that gave awareness about why it is important not to waste any food, the importance of following a healthy diet and our responsibility to feed the hungry people. Starvation is one of the main problems in many countries and world food day created awareness in students on how to help people around the world in need of food and nutrition. As it is said, Health is the primary wealth, WFD celebration also helps acknowledge the need for healthy food habits among the children.



Though Covid-19 has affected everyone and detached them from meeting, E-learning has made it possible to keep ourselves connected. Nothing can come in the way of true friendship. Our KG students celebrated friendship day by making cards for their friends, sharing and displaying them online. They also made friendship crowns and bands to virtually share with their friends.



Things are never quite as scary when you've got a friend.



God's own country.

Kerala Piravi is celebrated every year on November 1st marks the birth of the state of 'Kerala' in India. The kindergarten students were educated on how the name Kerala was formed from, the term 'Kera' means coconut tree, and 'alam' means land. Keralam means the land of coconut trees. On Kerala Piravi day the spirit of Malayalam is dawned in the heart of every Malayalee. Our students celebrated Kerala Piravi by actively engaging themselves in activities like singing songs, speeches about Kerala Piravi etc. as a part of the virtual celebrations.

The giant wave of water can lead to the greatest of deluge.

World Tsunami Awareness Day was observed Nov.5 to create awareness about the dangers of the deadly natural disaster that has claimed over 260,000 lives in the last century.

A class wise assembly was conducted by the Kindergarten Students and teachers. The little Oxfordians were educated of the World Tsunami Awareness Day that

caused deadly disaster and showed videos of the tsunami how it hacked human life. Children prepared posters and videos about tsunamis. The program ended with an awareness message "Sea is certainly one of the most beautiful until and unless it doesn't bring the waves of tsunami into our lives."



Non-violence is the policy of the vegetable kingdom.

The Vegetarian Day was celebrated by our kindergarten students expressing their views on 'What is the importance of vegetables in our daily life'. The students displayed their favourite vegetables and shared the information they had gathered on it with their classmates. They performed online activities like vegetable printing, colouring and creative crafts.

