



# Gyan Buzz...

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## DISCOVER THE joy OF LEARNING



### *From The Principal's Desk...*

Dear Readers,

We end this academic year with the HOPE that we will tide over this crisis and be able to go back to some semblance of normalcy.

We need to help our Shreeyans to keep spirits high and be positive by being so ourself. Here is wishing everyone the best and praying for a better tomorrow!

Best wishes!

Brinda Ghosh

Principal

### *Editorial...*

#### **A STARK REALITY...**

It all seems so simple in theory... every problem, every challenge, has a logical, structured and effective solution. In implementation however, there are a hundred complications, a thousand exceptions and a million inhibitions. The truth is, real life doesn't flow as systematically as words do.

A structure as organised and compact as an atom, houses a particle as unpredictable and random as an electron. But, there is no atom without an electron. Just like there is no reality without uncertainty.

The one redeeming quality of dynamism however, is that there is always hope. There is always a chance for serendipity, in every moment.

Every moment gone by, marks the end of something - a thought, an era, a project, a life, a relationship etc. and the beginning of something - a thought, an era, a project, a life, a relationship etc. And as we stand on the thin line between the two, like one does on the 31st December for example, there seems to be only one reason to cross over... hope.

Don't confuse hope with delusion. Delusion is an escape, while hope and faith, they are often the only thing standing between a man and the abyss. Hope is motivation, hope is manifestation, hope is the hand helping you up when you're knocked off your feet. Deriving strength and wisdom from the past, one catches the bus of hope, and moves forward, to face the future, or perhaps, make the future.

I wish all the readers a very Happy New Year. May we all get better at seeing every ending as a chance to create the beginnings we wish to.

In the words of Robert H. Schuller, "Let your hopes, not your hurts, shape your future."

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# Pre – Primary Wing News

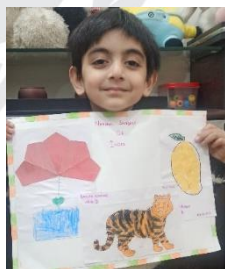


## Wool Craft

At Gyanshree, we like to focus on all domains of development. Developing gross motor and fine motor skills at the Pre-Primary level is given as much importance as the development of language or cognitive skills. To develop their fine motor skills KG children had to wind wool around a cat shaped cut-out, leaving no space and preferably no overlapping. This activity helped them to enhance their fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination along with language development.

## Celebrating with Math Skills

Makar Sankranti is a festival known for flying kites and eating sesame sweets. This day is said to mark the end of winter in our country. It is also a time of joy for farmers in the hope of getting a new crop. To mark this festival of joy and happiness KG Shreeyans enjoyed a special Art & Craft activity - making colourful kites by pasting triangles, squares & diamonds. They coloured the sky using their own imagination. This activity helped them to explore their creative and aesthetic sense while exploring their cultural heritage.



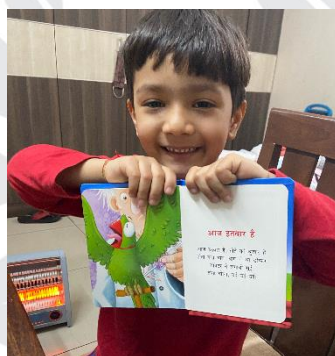
## Learning about National Symbols of India

The New Year 2021 started on a patriotic note as Republic Day was round the corner. In addition to this, the Theme for the month in the Pre-primary was 'My country India'. The Shreeyans learned about some National Symbols which included the national animal – tiger, national fruit – mango and the national flower – lotus etc. These were created by the Shreeyans using different art techniques like tear & paste, painting, colouring with crayons etc. Through this activity, the Shreeyans learnt about mixing two colours to create another colour. The activity also enhanced their pincer grip and fine motor skills along with creative and aesthetic skills.



### It's Rhyme Time

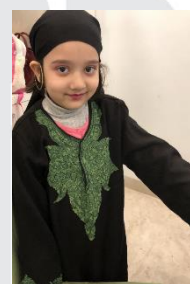
Rhymes in the early school years are an important tool for vocabulary building and language development, particularly speaking skills and building confidence. Rhymes are used to introduce various concepts to the children in a fun way and help in retention of information. The Shreeyans of Nursery KG had an interesting class activity in which they recited their favorite Hindi rhymes using appropriate props. The children recited the rhymes with great enthusiasm and also enjoyed listening to rhymes recited by their classmates.



### Republic Day Celebration

India is a country with a rich and diverse social and cultural heritage. This is reflected in its various languages, religions and dresses, to name a few.

Our Pre-primary Shreeyans showcased this diversity by dressing up in attire from different states of India as part of the Republic Day celebration. This activity helped them appreciate the variety of dresses worn in different parts of India and also instilled a feeling of pride in our nation's diversity, the basic essence of Incredible India! They also learnt about the National flag of India. The Shreeyans of PN, Nursery & KG created different craft work using the three colours of our national flag.







### **Learning Math Through Play Dough**

To help them understand the concept of 'Take away' (subtraction), Kindergarten teachers planned an interesting activity for the KG Shreeyans. Children made balls with clay as per the first number card shown by the teacher. To take away they squashed the clay balls as per the second number shown on the screen. This activity helped the Shreeyans develop their logical thinking skills and work on their fine motor skills as well.

### **Learning About Water Animals**

There is a whole different world existing underwater. Children find creatures that live in water very fascinating. The Shreeyans were introduced to some water animals like dolphins, whales, sharks, crabs, jellyfish etc. through a presentation. As a part of their theme project for the month, Kindergarten Shreeyans made a craft of a sea creature (fish/ dolphin/ whale/ seahorse) in the sea; wherein the water waves were made by tearing pasting different shades of blue glazed paper. It was a sensory experience while enhancing their fine motor skills.



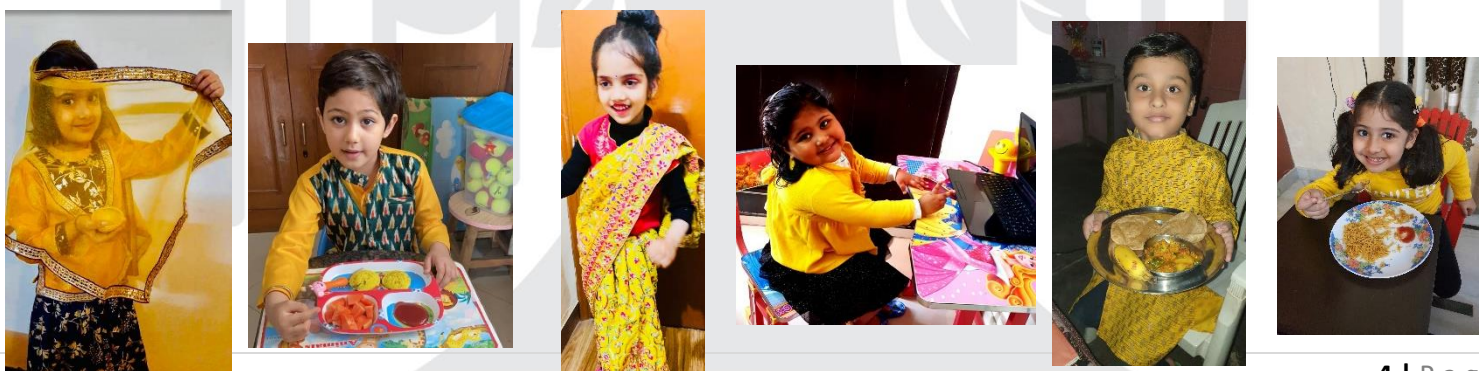
### **Integrated Craft Activity on Birds**

The theme for the month of February was Birds. The Shreeyans of Nursery made a bird craft using cutouts of shapes. They pasted different coloured circles and triangles of different sizes, to make a beautiful and colourful bird. The activity enhanced their knowledge of shapes and colours and improved their fine motor co-ordination.

### **Basant Panchami**

Basant Panchami marks the beginning of spring season. It is also Saraswati Puja. Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge and wisdom is worshipped on this day. People celebrate the day by wearing yellow, worshiping goddess Saraswati, eating sweets and decorating yellow flowers at home.

Indian-ness is one of the core values that we endeavour to instil in Shreeyans. Basant Panchami celebration was one such step in that direction. Pre-Primary Shreeyans were dressed in yellow. They started the day by offering prayers to Goddess Saraswati. The children were also shown a short presentation on Basant Panchami which informed them about the importance of the day and the manner in which it is celebrated.







### Learning about Day and Night

Day time is when we can see the sun from where we are, and its light and heat can reach us. Night time is when the sun is on the other side of the Earth from us, and its light and heat does not reach us. To reinforce this concept, the Kindergarten Shreeyans made a house using shapes, on a half blue and half black sheet, to depict day and night respectively. The children used their imagination and drew things that they see during the day and at night. The Shreeyans got an opportunity to express their creativity while reinforcing some Math and Theme concepts.

### Numbers Fun with Play Dough

Children love playing with play dough. It is a great way for them to exercise their fingers while using their creativity. The Nursery teachers devised an interesting activity using play dough for the Shreeyans to practice the formation of numbers in a fun way and practice the quantity associated with each number as well. This activity was simple to set up and a great way to achieve the learning objectives for the Shreeyans, to form the numbers and visually see the quantities. It was truly a 'play and learn' experience.



### Holi Hai

Spring season in our country is not only a treat to our eyes with colourful flowers, it brings Holi, the festival of colours! India is a land of festivals. Holi is undoubtedly, the most popular among them for children. As part of Holi celebrations, the Shreeyans were shown a presentation on the story about Holi, the story of Prahlad and Holika. They also talked about how to follow rules and play a safe Holi. As a fun festival craft, the Shreeyans of Pre-Nursery made a 'pichkari' by pasting different shapes and Shreeyans of Nursery made colourful hand prints on a sheet. Festivals in India aren't complete without sweets and eats; the Nursery Shreeyans decorated cup cakes with cream, gems and multi-coloured sprinkles and Shreeyans of KG made 'chatpata' Sev-Puri and enjoyed them with their class mates. The celebration helped understand the importance of the festival, and celebrating together, even online, is fun!



### Off to Grade I

The end of the school year is here! This is such a bittersweet time; it is exciting, exhausting, happy and sad all at the same time. Our little Shreeyans have grown in many ways and have learnt many new things this year. To make this incredible journey memorable and fun, our Shreeyans had a 'Year-End Take Away' craft activity. They made a butterfly on a white T-shirt using their own colourful hand prints. They also wrote a message on their T-shirts – 'Off to Grade I' It was a pleasure to see our Shreeyans blossom and we wish them the very best for the next grade!





# Lower Primary Wing News

## Republic Day

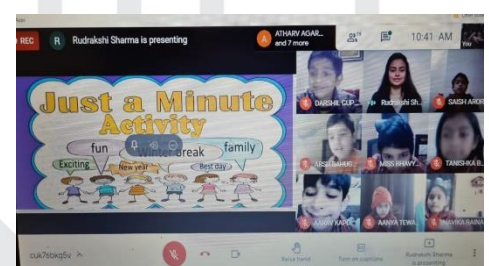
National days are important in the lives of small children as they get inspired and motivated with the history of their country and the price paid by some brave hearts who sacrificed their Today for our Tomorrow. Shreeyans learn to be responsible citizens, be part of the growth and development of the country and constructively contribute towards making India proud.

Grade I Shreeyans participated enthusiastically in the Republic day assembly and created our National symbols (National bird, flower, animal and fruit) through different art forms.



## Just A Minute

The Just a Minute activity tests student's creativity, presence of mind and command over the language within a span of a minute. It invites the student speaker to speak on a given topic without hesitation, repetition or deviation. The Shreeyans of Grade I, bubbling with excitement and energy, displayed their oratory skills and spoke empathetically on the allotted topics. It was a challenge which the little ones accepted and it was a pleasure to note that despite the trials faced in the year gone by, they outdid our expectations.





### **Budding Scientist**

Gyanshree believes in promoting a growth mind-set and in our endeavour to grow a community of learners in the classroom, we allow the Shreeyans' to share their own perspectives, perform various experiments, and co-construct knowledge with the support of their teacher and their peers. Our Shreeyans had a rollicking time doing just that during the Budding scientist week.



### **Basant Panchami**

'Basant Panchami', also known as Vasant Panchami, marks the advent of spring. The day also signifies the arrival of another important festival, Holi, which is celebrated some 40 days later. Devi Saraswati, the goddess of learning and knowledge is worshipped on Basant Panchami. Our little Shreeyans, dressed in yellow, celebrated the day eating yellow sweetmeat and making kites.

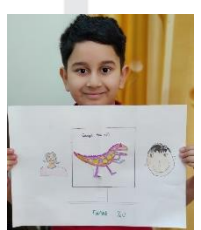
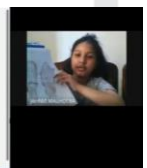


### **Little Chef**

Little Chef Activity encourages our Shreeyan's thinking, problem-solving, and creativity. It also allows them the opportunity to not only take responsibility but use the knowledge they have and apply it by counting, measuring, following a sequence, following directions, and cause and effect. In February, the little ones created their signature 'Swiss Rolls' which they devoured after the class!

### **Show and Tell- Journey Grade I**

The Show and Tell Activity organized on 15th March was aimed at helping the Shreeyans reflect on their experiences in Grade 1, infuse fun into learning as well as bolster their confidence and the ability to think. They were excited to share their descriptive narration by showcasing and explaining with the help of the charts/ posters they prepared. Their excitement and eagerness could be seen and felt even online. The activity is designed to strengthen the verbal skills and foster public speaking competency. The exciting presentation left no stone unturned to achieve a realistic appraisal of their skills and to discover the power of spoken words.





# Primary Wing News

## Getting to Know India Better...

Shreeyans of Grade II got familiar with the culture of Arunachal Pradesh – the land of tribes by creating vibrant tribal masks for their class presentation. The young learners did a wonderful job, while expressing their learning through the medium of art.

Shreeyans of Grade IV enjoyed a virtual tour of Meghalaya and Grade V of Arunachal Pradesh by reading and gathering information about the state. They created beautiful travel brochures on the States, leading to in-depth learning as well.



## Sundials and More...

Shreeyans of Grade III C have been exploring the world around them and learning about it, thereby discovering the joy of learning. From creating sundials for measuring time to putting together different shapes to construct patterns of various things along with Shreeyans of Grade III G to hosting fun assemblies with puppet shows and magic shows, they did it all. The Grade III C Shreeyans have been on a fun learning ride indeed and even put up a show a tell activity.

## Observing Makar Sakranti

Shreeyans of the Primary Wing were shown videos about the importance of Makar Sakranti and how it is celebrated across India and the world. Invigorating class discussions led to much learning and joy.



## Perseverance at its Best!

Shreeyans of Grade IV donned the role of freedom fighters of our country and discussed various strategies that were practised by our illustrious leaders to achieve their varied goals. The bright learners left no stone unturned to express their thoughts on the subject!



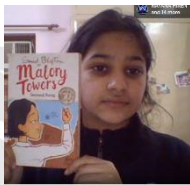
## Gyanshree Celebrates India's 72nd Republic Day

The young brigade of Gyanshree School put up a special assembly on the occasion of India's 72nd Republic Day that began with an awe inspiring display of craftwork by the Shreeyans of Grade II. Shreeyans of grade III acquainted everyone with how the constitution was framed and the six fundamental rights granted to every citizen. They also put up a theatrical performance about the life of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and his fight against the issue of caste discrimination. Participating Shreeyans also danced to the tunes of 'We Can Achieve' and the Choir further enlivened the programme with the song, 'Ta ra rum pum pum.' The Principal shared encouraging words with all the viewers and the online assembly concluded with the resounding notes of 'Vande Mataram' and our National Anthem.

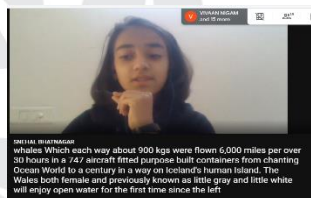
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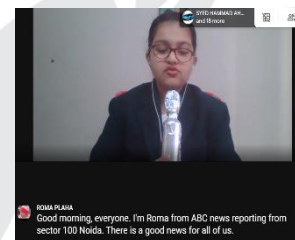




**Book Presentations are fun!**  
Reading is the best way to enhance a language. A book is a true friend and companion for all ages at any time. To encourage this habit, the Shreeyans of Grade V were asked to read a book of their choice during the winter vacation and present its synopsis in the class, which they did with utmost style and panache.

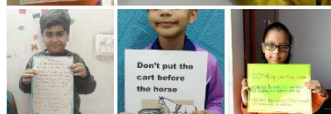


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### **When Words Play 'Hide and Seek' - Exploring Idioms and More!**

Shreeyans of Grade II were introduced to the power of language through an idiom based class activity. The eager pupils prepared an idiom chart along with its meaning and usage and shared it with their peers.



### **Exploring Our Traditions in School!**

The eager pupils of Grade III partook in a shloka chanting activity and discussed the importance of Saraswati Puja. They also made paintings of the Goddess and discussed their experiences of kite flying – an outdoor activity done by many during this time of the year.



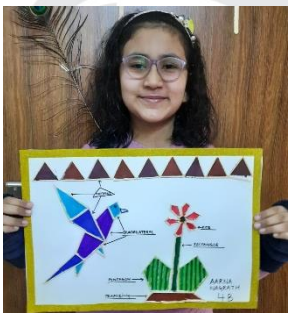
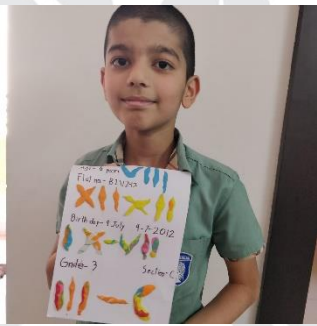
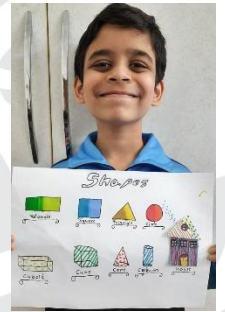


## Math Fun!

The fortune wheel is not just a part of the fun fair but popular in our classrooms too. The young mathematicians of Grade V spun the wheel to choose the topic for which they wished to be asked the questions from, resulting in fun and effective revision classes. They also blended their mathematical knowledge with art and presented murals to display various arithmetic shapes and figures.

Shreeyans of Grade III learnt to read time by preparing their own models of a clock. They then quizzed their friends by asking them to read the time on their models.

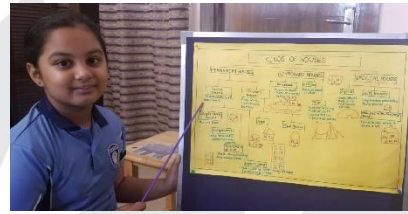
The young mathematicians also learnt about Roman numbers by writing their date of birth, house number etc. using Roman numbers.





## Flipping the Classroom ...

Shreeyans of Grade II enthusiastically executed an activity, wherein they presented the topics learnt in Social Studies by donning the role of their Shreegurus. They spoke about their topics confidently and questioned their peers as well. The eager students created props, charts and even made use of digital medium like Jamboards and PPTs. They indeed stole the show with their flawless execution and confidence!

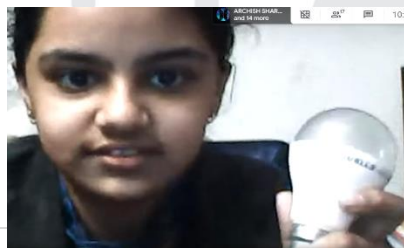
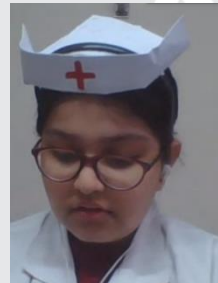
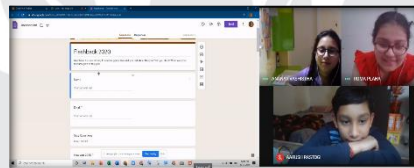


## Going Back in Time!

Shreeyans of Grade III made beautiful tools created by early humans. A few members of the class made their clay at home and used small pebbles and twigs along with the clay to make wonderful tools. Shreeyans of Grade III –C went a step ahead and also did an activity showcasing how early humans made carts using wood, by building and presenting their models.

## Through the Looking Glass...

Shreeyans of Grades II – V ended the session with a reflection about the session, a year that helped us all to learn and grow despite the odds. While Shreeyans of Grades II and III shared snapshots of their joyful learning moments, the Shreeyans of Grades IV and V shared a kaleidoscopic view of the year that was.



## Inquisitive Minds @ Work!

Inventions over the centuries have made our lives the blessing that it is. Shreeyans participated in an activity that helped enlighten them about the contributions made by scientists and explorers through the ages. The future inventors and thinkers spoke about the contributions made by their favourite scientist / engineer and gave their class a rich glimpse into the lives of the great figures of yesteryears and today.



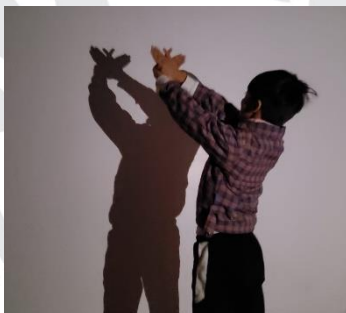
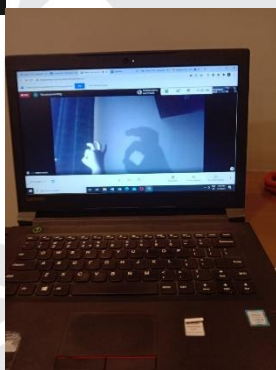
## **Budding Scientists at Work!**

“Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.”

— Carl Sagan

Shreeyans of grades II-V participated in the ‘Budding Scientist’ activity, wherein they displayed 3D and working models related to various scientific concepts. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore one’s creativity and innovation and the Shreeyans left no stone unturned in doing so. The eager learners selected and worked upon a wide range of topics, from properties of air and water to layers of the soil, landforms and the solar system. They not only demonstrated a variety of experiments, but also explained the science behind them. It opened up some wonderful moments of learning that helped the young scientists understand the cognitive, affective and psychomotor aspects of all tasks.

Shreeyans of Grade III took part in a wonderful learning activity that fostered an understanding of the concept of opaque and transparent objects with the help of shadows. The enthusiastic pupils had a great time forming shadows of different animals on the wall. They also learnt about different scientific concepts like Force by engaging themselves in several activities and demonstrating how force can change the shape of things, direction of a moving object, stop a moving object and even move an object. They also demonstrated the power of different kinds of forces, through simple yet effective experiments.





## Secondary Wing News

### **WORLD CITIZENS' SUMMIT-STIMULATING CREATIVE THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION**

In order to provide the 21st century learners the inimitable opportunity to collaborate with proactive minds from all across the world in discussions of policies and affairs that are bound to impact the citizens as well as inculcate the spirit of citizenship, Tarang a non-profit organization conducted The World Citizens' Summit 2021 from 8th January to 10th January via Zoom.

Eight Shreeyans of Grades IX and XI participated in this two and a half day event galvanizing logical and critical thinking. The event comprised of different competitions ranging from open debate to policy presentation to parliamentary debate and election simulation based on the unique themes and topics related to political, social and economic domains.

While all eight students qualified Round 1 and Round 2, Jessica Preet and Navyaa Jain of Grade IX qualified all four rounds of the event- the Open Debate round, the Policy Presentation round, the Parliamentary Debate round and the Election Manifesto round. Jessica Preet's policy paper on 'Sewage treatment plants in Pamur' won her the second position. Navyaa Jain and Jessica Preet's bloc of 7 members won the first position for presenting the best Election Manifesto and were declared winners of the Election Simulation round.

The winners were awarded with an internship and special workshops organized by Sampoorana Manostithi, an organization that works towards bringing about a positive change in the area of mental health.



### **STIMULATING INGENUITY- NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION**

Around twenty Shreeyans participated in the Heartfulness Essay writing event organized by Shri Ram Chandra Mission in collaboration with United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan. This All India essay writing event was organized with the sole aim of learning to maintain the balance between mind and the heart and between thinking and feeling. The students were expected to write a five hundred word essay on the topic -"THOUGHT POLLUTION- ROOT CAUSE OF ALL ILLS."

Ira Arora of Grade IX brought laurels to the school by winning the first prize at the State level.



### **STIMULATING PATRIOTISM- REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS AT GYANSHREE**

The students at Gyanshree School participated in a virtual assembly to commemorate the 72 nd Republic Day of India. On one hand, India's heritage, diversity and military might was at display in the Republic Day Parade at the Rajpath, while on the other hand, our Shreeyans celebrated this day with equal fervour and festivity. Their soulful rendition of patriotic songs filled every heart with a sense of pride and duty towards India. The students also paid a fitting tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution. Through a short drama presentation, Shreeyans depicted Dr. Ambedkar's inspiring journey and his contribution towards eradicating social evils and providing equal opportunities to all. Students of the senior wing gave speeches on the true essence and meaning of patriotism. Shreeyans also contributed towards the preparation of Gyan Pulse, the online wall magazine based on the theme of 'India- The country of my dreams'. Our respected Principal, Mrs. Brinda Ghosh, urged the students to not only take pride in their great nation, but also make the country proud by respecting their rights and fulfilling their duties with sincerity.



### **BASANT PANCHAMI CELEBRATION AT GYANSHREE...**

‘When flowers bloom, so does hope.’

Spring adds new life and new beauty to everything. To mark the onset of the spring season and to pay obeisance to Goddess Saraswati, Basant Panchami was celebrated by the staff and students of Gyanshree School. The campus resounded with Saraswati Vandana and the shlokas as everyone offered flowers and prayers to Goddess Saraswati, who symbolizes universal intelligence, consciousness and knowledge.

There was an aura of divinity as everyone sought blessings of the Goddess and prayed for an auspicious year ahead.







# Laurels



## **The Whizz Kid...**

- Siraj Mukherjee of Grade 7, participated in the SOF-IGKO, International General Knowledge Olympiad and made us proud by winning the 18th International rank, 11th Regional rank and 9th Zonal rank. He was awarded the medal of distinction for his excellent performance.



## **Animators And Youtubers At Work!**

- Eklavya Chauhan of Grade IV B has started exploring the world of animation and how! He created stickman figures and several animations with them and even presented them to the class. He aims to learn about the art of developing animations and even added some sound to them.
- Meanwhile Ahana Tomar of the same class has started her own YouTube channel – 'Kids Show', thereby exploring the art of vlogging.

## **All India Tennis Association National Ranking Championship 2021**

- Anay pandey of class IV-E, participated in the All India Tennis Association National Ranking Championship 2021, organised by Uprising Tennis Academy, Ghaziabad and secured runners up position in the doubles under 12 category.



## **'Innoventure – India's 1st National Level Ideation & Entrepreneurship Challenge for Children'**

- Aarushi Jain of IV-B has qualified for round 3 of 'Innoventure – India's 1st National Level Ideation & Entrepreneurship Challenge for Children'. She secured State Rank 1 and National Rank 21, in the second round. Proud moments for them and the school!





## **Truly Inspiring Stories...**

- Gyanshree is proud of Shreeyan Vanshika Varshney of Grade XII , a science aficionado who achieved the rare feat of authoring a series of workbooks based on topics related to Astronomy and Astrophysics for students aspiring to appear for various national and international science based competitions. The books and other reference material have been written in collaboration with Global Competition Society . The books written by her are an outcome of systematic research, stringent effort and deep interest and fascination for subjects like Cosmology and Astrophysics. She believes that writing books has not only helped her in unravelling the mysteries of the universe, but also has activated thinking.
- Kriti Tyagi of Grade XII identified her passion for writing and hit her stride at the right moment by coming up with a skillfully created repertoire of poems gracing the anthology – ‘Hidden Beneath You’ . The book published by Notion Press magnificently represents Kriti’s creative penchant and proclivity promising deeper insight into life’s truth and philosophy. Heartiest Congratulations to our budding author!

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