



Gyan Buzz...

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DISCOVER THE joy OF LEARNING

From The Principal's Desk...

Dear Readers,

The student editorial echoes our belief that we need to go beyond the text and classroom and motivate exploration. It is this joy of discovering that led to our Global recognition. Kudos to all those students who sent their original videos. We are proud of the winners – Sanjali, Janhvi and Satvik. Please do read about it in this issue and explore the website for the videos.

Best Wishes,
Brinda Ghosh
Principal

Editorial...

EXPERIENCING A WORLD BEYOND SCHOOL...

"The quality of life is determined by its activities." -Aristotle

If there is one thing I can provide my attestation to, one learning of my short life that I will always stand by, it is that - every moment is a lesson learnt. Even if it is an unproductive moment, a moment of loss or failure, it all counts. It teaches you something which has a hand to play in what you do next, for better or for worse.

There are people who create opportunities and there are people who search for them. I was always told opportunities are ubiquitous... available at every nook and corner. If you have an eye for detail and a heart brimming with the spirit of adventure, you will surely come upon them. The more you embrace them, the more giving they are. And what better time to experiment and explore, than in school. With our teachers' guidance and encouragement, the abundant opportunities and enthusiastic atmosphere, it's safe for us to reach for the sky... and even fall down a few times. All the opportunities that we come across during our school days make us land on something that we never expect...learning and more learning!

Despite the current circumstances, before us lie endless possibilities and opportunities in the form of MUNs, Inter house and Interschool competitions, webinars or performances at online assemblies and ceremonies...the list is endless.

Look for challenging situations, 'the untrodden paths'. Do not miss any opportunity because you have illimitable and boundless potential hidden within you. Take it from a kid who rarely participated in extracurricular. Two years at Gyanshree has enabled me to know more about myself, than I did collectively in the prior 14...all by experiencing a world beyond school.

Cheers to *the spirit of adventure in you...!*

Saanjali Verma
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Pre – Primary Wing News

Integrated Story Activity - The Three Little Pigs

Storytelling is a dynamic and creative approach to teaching-learning. Children improve their listening skills and develop oral communication skills. It also helps in introducing new vocabulary. Kindergarten Shreeyans listened to the story of The Three Little Pigs. This was followed by an integrated art and craft activity about the story. Shreeyans used different techniques to make the houses for the 3 pigs. This activity not only augmented a child's cognitive and critical thinking abilities, it also included skills like thinking, reasoning and understanding, learning and remembering.



Animal Craft

Shreeyans of Nursery made a craft as a part of the theme for the month. The craft dogs using shape cut - outs looked like a cute pup smiling at them, filling their hearts with joy. This activity reinforced the concept of shapes (square and rectangle) and improved their fine motor skills as well.

Shreeyans of Pre-Nursery did craft activity and made fluffy sheep using cottons.



Farm Tour

"I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand"

At Gyanshree, we believe that children learn the most when they see and do something themselves. So, the Shreeyans of Nursery were taken on a virtual trip to a farm, where they saw various farm animals. This was followed by a craft activity wherein they made seven chicks using various techniques like balloon printing, fork printing and using crayons. The craft reinforced the recently learned concept of number 7 along with improving their fine motor skills.



Children's Day

Children's Day is celebrated on 14th November every year as a tribute to India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru also known as Chacha Nehru. Pre-Primary Shreegurus organised a fun-filled day for the Shreeyans; they came dressed in casual wear. Shreeyans made delicious coconut laddoos. Later they watched an animated movie. The Shreeyans enjoyed the entertaining animation and expressed their excitement as this movie show came as a pleasant surprise to them.



Diwali

Diwali, also known as Deepavali, is celebrated across India with great enthusiasm. Diwali festival signifies the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair. Shreeyans of the Pre-Primary wing were dressed in traditional Indian attire. Kindergarten & Nursery Shreeyans made a poster on 'Say No to Crackers'. Pre Nursery Shreeyans decorated a diya cut-out. Kindergarten Shreeyans also made lanterns by colouring and cutting colourful sheets. Shreegurus and Shreeyans danced on a Diwali song and enjoyed the celebrations wholeheartedly.



Guru Nanak Jayanti

One of the prime values in the Gyanshree way of life is the emphasis on Indian-ness, appreciating the diversity of our culture. Gurupurab, an important Indian festival, was celebrated by the Pre-primary Shreeyans with a lot of excitement. The day started with the holy prayer of the Sikhs. They were later shown a short story about the life of Guru Nanak Dev ji, which was followed by a virtual langar activity. The children sat on a mat on the floor with their heads covered with scarves and ate their breakfast together which also included kada prasad. Holy Shabad was played in the background which created the ambience of a langar at a gurdwara.



Lower Primary Wing News

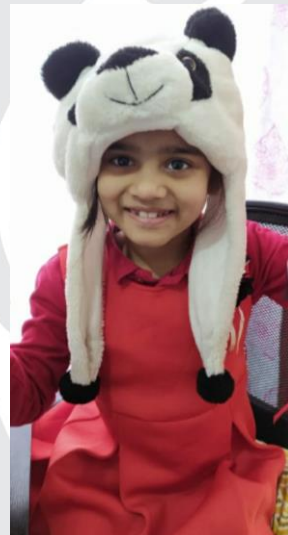
Diwali Celebrations

India is synonymous with cross cultural celebrations and is a Pandora's Box as far as festivals go. Diwali, the festival of lights was celebrated virtually by Grade 1 on Wednesday, November 11 with zeal and enthusiasm. The students decorated diyas, made lanterns and learnt the importance of Diwali and the lessons that can be learnt from the diverse reasons mentioned in the mythological stories over a plate full of sweet meats being relished by them.



Children's Day Celebrations

The happiness on the students' faces was more than evident during our virtual Children's Day celebration. Shreeyans were dressed as their favourite cartoon characters and spoke few lines on the same. Teachers prepared a skit, 'Hum bhi agar bacche hote' and involved them in different activities to amuse them and make the day a memorable one. Needless to mention, the kids enjoyed it. The students learnt about Chacha Nehru's love for children, Lal Bhadur Shastri, the great teacher and our first President and also about the World Children's Day which falls on November 20th.



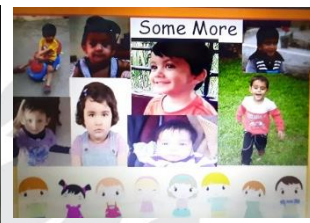
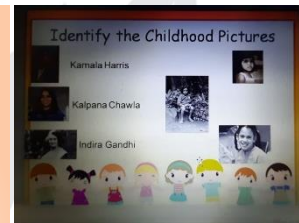
Primary Wing News

Children's Day @ Gyanshree...

'Never miss an opportunity to tell your child, "I love you".

— Unknown

The 'Children's Day Celebrations' on 11th November, 2020 bore testimony to the unbreakable bond of love that the Shreeyans and Shreegurus share. The plethora of fun activities ranging from celebrating the 'Shining stars of Grade II', crowning the princes and princesses of Grade III to taking a trip down memory lane with the Shreeyans of Grades IV and V.



A Twist in the Tale....

Shreeyans of Grade II continued to steal the hearts of their audience with their narration of classic stories like - 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. And the 'Super Story Tellers' of the Primary Wing shone bright in their endeavours, yet again!

Goldilocks And The Three Bears



Kneading the Dough!

Shreeyans of Grade III learnt to knead the dough in a fun filled session. Guided by their Shreegurus, it was all about exploring the power of learning and getting acquainted with the art of making good and simple Indian food!



Lighting up our homes with art, with love!

Shreeyans of Grades II and III lit up their online class sessions and homes with their infectious smiles and energy, as they took part zestfully in an environment-friendly 'Diya Decoration' activity. Their enthusiastic participation made the moments truly memorable for all....!



Changing our attitudes – one poster at a time!

Shreeyans of Grade II took part in a poster making activity in which they addressed the issues of how to fight pollution; its causes, effects and ways to prevent the same. They also shared beautiful slogans that were educative, informative and relevant to the topic.



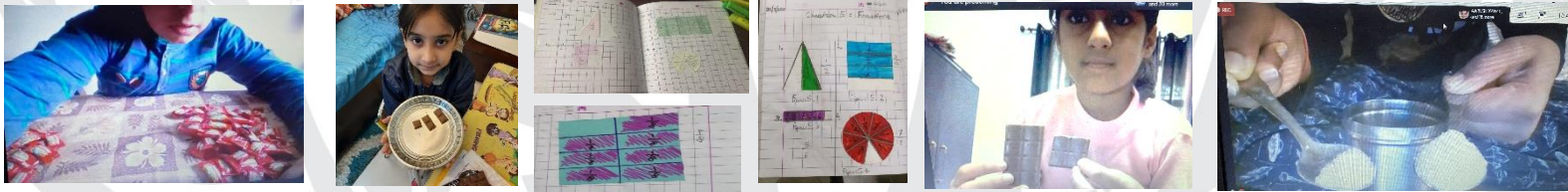
Festival of lights

Diwali is a time to reflect on the various ways in which we can assist others and shine our light into the world. 2020 is not a conventional year but nothing dampens the spirit of spreading joy and festivity at Gyanshree. Shreeyans of Grade III lit up not just our screens but our hearts as well with a special assembly to mark the 'Festival of Lights'. Shreeyans brought the legend of Lord Rama's homecoming to life through a beautiful dance drama and also displayed their works of art, joyfully. The assembly concluded with the Shreeyans propagating the message of celebrating a green Diwali and our Principal wishing us all a safe and happy time ahead, at our homes!



Visualizing fractions all around us!

Shreeyans of Grades IV & V were introduced to the concept of fractions by being asked to observe the things around them, in their homes. They were encouraged to explain the basic concept of 'fractions- as a part of a whole'. And their understanding was further reinforced with a waste paper based activity!



A rendezvous with our famous historic idols!

The history of our world is full of the tales of pioneers in every field whose daring, imagination and hard work have paved the roads for all human progress... And Shreeyans of Grade V showed us just how their lives will continue to inspire all future leaders of tomorrow by portraying their favourite historical character, with unbeatable style and confidence!



Waste Not, Want Not!

Language is most meaningful and powerful, when we use it to address and solve the issues that threaten to overwhelm our race. Keeping this in mind, Shreeyans of Grade IV took part in a cross-curricular activity by taking part in a 'best out of waste' activity and connecting it to a poem in their Hindi readers.



Secondary Wing News

Interactive Session With Sudha Murty

Shreeyans of the Senior School had the opportunity to interact with acclaimed author, Sudha Murty in an enthralling virtual session. She inspired the students with her wonderful words and also introduced her latest book which has stories set during the lockdown and talks about the challenges and struggles of the characters in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Authors like Sudha Murty not just introduce us to the wonderful world of books and stories but are also role models for the younger generation. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session.



Inter-House Poetry Recitation Competition

Well-known poet Lucille Clifton once said 'Poetry is a matter of life, not just a matter of language.'

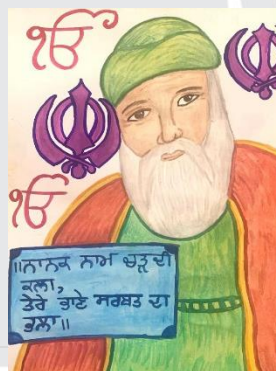
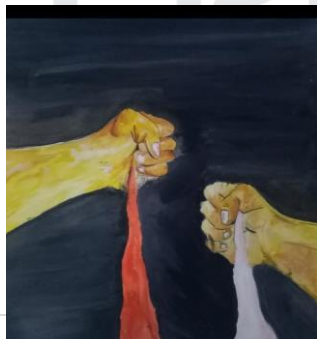
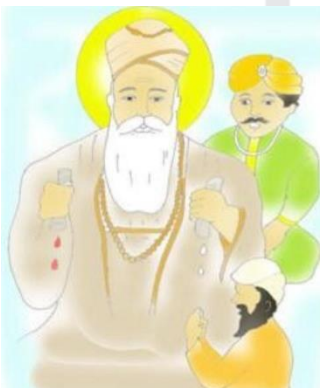
Reading and reciting poetry is not just about appreciating the beauty of the English language, but also about becoming better people. Shreeyans of Grade VI to XII participated in an Inter-House Poetry Recitation Competition. Each house was represented by two participants- one from the Junior Category (Grade VI to VIII) and one from the Senior Category (Grade IX to XII). The beautiful rendition of poems was an opportunity to relive and revisit some of the masterpieces created by critically acclaimed and well-known poets of the English language. The competition was judged by our Principal, Ms.Brinda Ghosh and the Headmistress, Ms. Sunita Mehta. The participants were judged on the basis of pronunciation, fluency, expression and overall presentation.

Prithvi House was declared the winning team with Kartikey Rastogi and Jessica Preet bagging the First Prize from the Junior and the Senior Category respectively whereas Jal House was declared the Runners Up.

A Hobby That Can Turn Into A Lucrative Career

Mostly people take 'gaming' as a hobby, but it is more than that. Gaming is a highly competitive sector where professionals are needed who have a good balance of creativity, fun and technology.

On 22nd November, 2020, an online career exploratory workshop for grades IX to XII was conducted by Nikhil Kashyap, from SUPROS. He is a game designer at Sony Play station, USA. It was a rare opportunity for students to learn about what it is like working at PlayStation. Through this workshop students were able to explore about the future technologies in the gaming Industry. Students' queries were also taken up. Workshops like these opens new gateways for planning career.



Gurupurab Celebrations

On The occasion of GuruPurab, Shreeyans of Grades VI to X paid their obeisance to the Shreegurus by creating beautiful art pieces accentuating the message of peace and devotion imparted by Guru Nanak Dev ji.



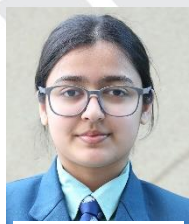
Global Recognition To Shreeyans!

“Creativity is the way one shares one’s soul with the world .”

Gyanshree has always been a front runner in promoting the learners’ spirit of exploration, innovation and discovery, by exposing and encouraging them to participate in various national and international competitions. Participation in the virtual International Competition is another enviable milestone achieved by the Shreeyans of Grades XI and XII. Group 4 comprising of Saanjali Verma, Jhanvi Bhadouria and Satvik Dureja of grade 12 created history by not only being Regional Toppers from India , but also Global winners of the most prestigious international Creativity Marathon Contes organized by Full Sail University. Four teams from the school participated in the competition guided by team sponsors –Shreegurus Ms. Meenakshi Bhardwaj and Ms. Ankita Nair..

Creatively applying their scriptwriting , film production and editing skills, the students were expected to create a three minute video proposing solutions to help achieve one or more of the goals presented in the United Nations’ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. What makes this achievement a stellar one is that out of 600 videos received world wide from Mexico, the US, Columbia, Brazil and India, the video prepared by Shreeyans on ‘Sustainable cities and communities’ was adjudged as the best in both the regional and global categories . 43 reputed schools from India participated in this novel competition. As Regional toppers, the students along with the teacher sponsor were awarded with Regional Creativity Marathon 2020 Trophy and GoPro HERO8 Black Bundle. As Global winners , the students and team sponsor were awarded First Place Global Creativity Marathon 2020 Trophy, \$100 Gift Card for each student team member and adult sponsor and complimentary Full Sail Labs Virtual experience week for each student team member Speaking on the occasion of the virtual award ceremony , the Principal, Ms. Brinda Ghosh congratulated Shreeyans for winning coveted awards for the school. Accentuating the need to nurture the true potential by awakening pupil’s passion and cultivate their innate talents, she reiterated the school’s commitment to provide a robust culture of innovation and creativity. She urged the winning team to become the instruments of change by working on the viable solution proposed by them in the video.

The school Management congratulates the winners for their astral achievement!



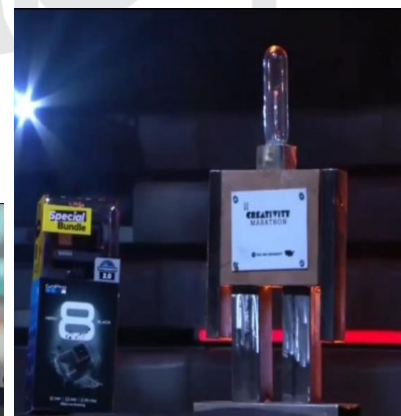
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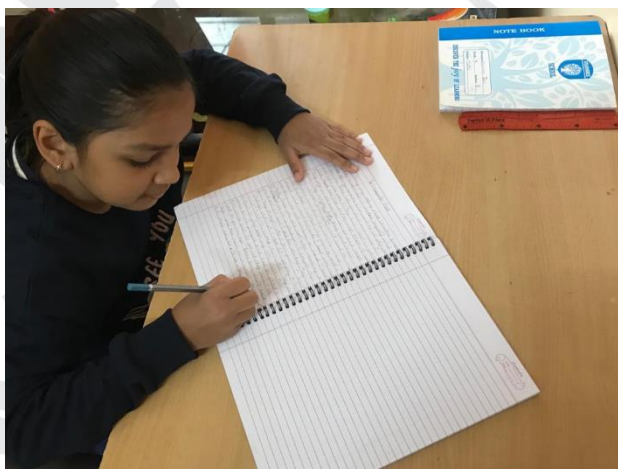
**JANHVI
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Anay Pandey of class IV E, secured the runners up position in the under 12 category (boys) at the 'Rackonnnect Tennis Championship'. This was the Rackonnnect's first tennis championship post the lockdown, held at RPVV School, New Delhi.



Aarushi Jain of IV B is now a published author! Her eBook 'Little Wonders of Life' is now available on Amazon.in as a part of the kindle-unlimited series.

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