

BIRLA VIDYA NIKETAN

MONTHLY REPORT- AUGUST 2021

NURSERY & KG

Fine and Gross Motor Skills

- Tearing & Pasting Activities
- Origami
- Fun with Clay
- Colouring
- Simple Exercises-Toddler Animal Yoga
- Animals in Action-Movement Song
- Yoga Time-Jungle Safari
- Farm Animal Exercises
- Chicken Dance
- Seed to Tree Sequence-Yoga
- Nature Yoga

Projects

Animal Kingdom

- PPT-
- Wild Animals-names, characteristics & homes
- Animal Patterns
- Farm Animals-names, characteristics & homes
- How do farm animals help us
- Cat Family
- Canine Family
- Bear Family
- Animal Habitats
- Animals with Hooves & Horns
- Video
- Virtual Animal Safari
- Animal Yoga /Domestic, Pet & Wild Animals
- Animal Fun Games-1. Guessing - Zoo Animals
2.Shadow & Quiz
3. Farm Animal Sounds
4.Farmyard Guessing Game
- Farm Animal Exercise
- Chicken Dance
- Old MacDonalD had a farm
- Show & Tell- Animal Kingdom

Art & Craft-

- Jungle scene
- My Imaginary Animal
- Hand Printing- Elephant& Giraffe
- Create your Farm-Drawing, Colouring and Pasting Activity
- Origami- Puppy and Fox



Plant Life

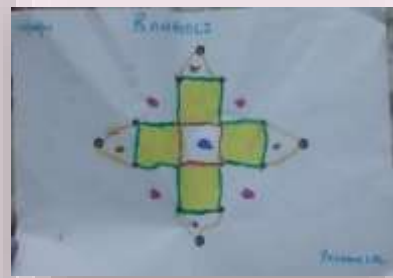
- PPT
- Parts of a Plant
- Friends of a plant
- Video
- Plant life cycle
- Different types of plants.
- Trees are our best friends
- Seed germination
- Art & Craft
- Parts of a plant-puzzle
- Different types of plants- Free hand drawing
- Life Skill- Each One Plant One



Discover India

Virtual Tours

Children were acquainted with the sugar bowl of India, **Uttar Pradesh**. They were taken on a virtual tour of the historical monuments and its capital, The city of Nawabs, Lucknow. Children also viewed 'The Backwaters of Alleppey', Kerala and enjoyed their virtual visit to the Periyar Tiger Reserve. Rangoli designs were created by the children for the festival of 'Onam'



Art & Craft

Painting & Printing

- Leaf-Jungle and Tree
- Ladyfinger-Leopard
- Hand –Elephant& Giraffe
- Fork-Lion and Bear
- Cotton- Polar Bear
- Ear bud- Rain & Air
- Sponge /Cotton dabbing-
 - 1.Lion
 - 2.Farm
 3. Soil



NURSERY & KG

Free Hand Drawing & Colouring

- Chicks –Nest
- Imaginary Animal
- Spots-Cheetah
- Stripes-Tiger
- A plant
- Rocket
- Types of Plants
- **Tearing & Pasting**
- Nest
- Giraffe
- National Flag
- Bushes & Barn-Farm
- Pig



Clay Modelling

- Fence
- Parts of a plant
- Life Cycle of a Plant
- One tree, Many leaves



Special Assembly

Students of KG B presented an assembly on 'the monsoon season'. It was an enjoyable learning experience for all. Each child showcased his/her talent vide number of activities and enthusiastic performances.



Special Events

World Lion Day

On 10th August World Lion Day was celebrated vide a story , rhymes and a presentation about some facts of the king of the jungle, followed by a mask making activity.



Janamashtami Celebrations

Janamashtami, the festival that marks the birth of Lord Krishna, was celebrated with zeal. Children were dressed up as Little Krishnas and Radhas. Many fun filled activities were done like decorating of hand-made flutes , colouring of matkas and singing and dancing to foot tapping music. Children also spoke about the significance of Janamashtami.



CLASSES 1& 2

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY:- 'JANAMASHTAMI'

With great fervour, the students of classes IIE and IIF presented a special assembly on the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami. The values of compassion, inclusion, empathy and righteousness were well embedded in the presentation making it a truly enriching experience for all.



CELEBRATIONS:-The following celebrations were planned in the month of **August** for the students .

- To commemorate the 75th **Independence Day** ,a gamut of activities were organised for the students
 - **KNOWING OUR NATIONAL SYMBOLS (PEER LEARNING)(11.08.21)**
 - **MAKING OF TRICOLOUR SANDWICHES.** This was also a part of our **Life Skill activity** this month. **(12.08.21)**
 - **RECITATION OF PATRIOTIC POEMS AND SINGING OF PATRIOTIC SONGS (13.08.21)**
- **RAKSHABANDHAN (19.08.21)** –Students added sweetness to the bond between brothers and sisters by preparing delicious **Peanut Ladoos** as part of the **Rakshabandhan** Celebration.
- **NATIONAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATION- AN INTER SECTION AEROBICS COMPETITION (27.08.21)** – An online Inter section Aerobics Competition was conducted by the Sports Teacher Ms. Reshma Basist. The young contestants paired up with their parents to put up a spectacular show. The response was overwhelming and the parents were highly appreciative of the initiative taken by the Sports Department.
- **FITNESS PROGRAMME FOR OUR LITTLE ONES,TO ENJOY THE GLOW OF GOOD HEALTH-**‘ **FITNESS KA DOSE, AADHA GHANTA ROZ**’ 30 minutes daily fitness session.



CLASSES 1& 2

ART & CRAFT ACTIVITIES:-

Topic for the month of **August**:-

Independence Day.

Fruits and vegetables .

SNIPPETS FROM THE CLASSROOM:

MORNING ASSEMBLY

The day begins with a prayer and thought. Quizes are also organized for the children for enhancement of their General Knowledge.

'WORD OF THE FORTNIGHT'- Vocabulary Enrichment (**ENGLISH**)

'DISCOVER INDIA' -To make children aware of the rich cultural heritage of our motherland.(**ENGLISH**)

'LOGICAL REASONING' – Enhancement of Critical and logical thinking skills .

CURRICULUM CONNECT WITH ART AND CRAFT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES (EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING):

CLASS I:-

- **ME AND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD** - Students made a house through the art of origami and also drew the places around their neighbourhood . Through this activity, students learnt about the places in the neighbourhood and their importance. (**ENGLISH**)
- **QUIZ AND GAMES**- Related to the concept of **'this / that / these / those.'**
- **WORD BUILDING AND FRAMING OF SENTENCES** -Children made words and framed sentences using flash cards with **'EE KI MATRA [ई तथा ई की मात्रा (ी)] (HINDI)**
- **ASCENDING AND DESCENDING ORDER OF NUMBERS**- Students sat down with articles priced between Re1 to Rs. 99 and arranged those articles in ascending and descending order according to their cost. (**MATHEMATICS**)
- **ASCENDING AND DESCENDING ORDER OF NUMBERS (INTEGRATION WITH EVE)** – Students used clay to depict the various phases of moon and understood the concept through the ascending and descending pattern in the shapes of the moon..

PODCAST :- Podcasts were prepared for topics in all the subjects and on the series – 'Discover India' by the teachers and shared with the students. These podcasts were discussed with the students during the online sessions.



CLASSES 1& 2

CLASS II:-

1.MAKING OF A WIND VANE – Integration of craft with the Literature Lesson- ‘WEATHER’ and exploring further as to how a windvane helps not only to know the direction of the wind but also is beneficial in knowing the weather conditions. (ENGLISH)

2. POEM RECITATION -Children recited the poem ‘**THE SHAPE OF THINGS**’ with correct intonation and expression. Wonderful display of props added to the beauty of their presentation. (ENGLISH)

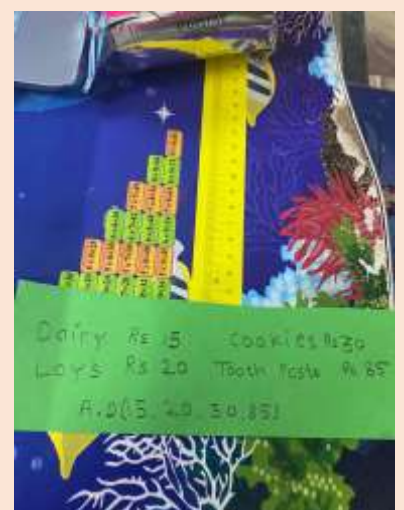
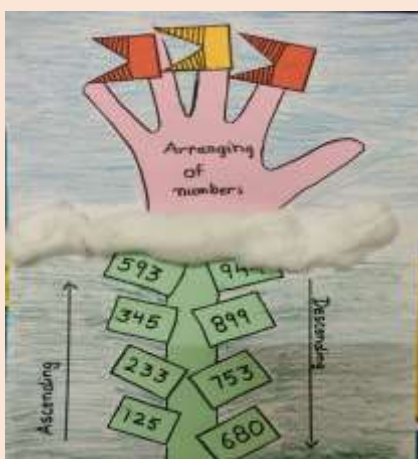
3. MAKING OF A CROWN BY PAPER FOLDING (Integration of Craft with the Literature Lesson-The Shape Of Things) -Children discovered how a rectangular sheet of newspaper, when folded to make a crown, unravelled the different shapes in the process. (ENGLISH)

4.VACHAN MALA - Children made a beautiful necklace and wrote down the ‘bahuvachan shabd’ of the ‘ekvachan shabd’ given to them in the beads. (HINDI)

5.SURAKSHA CHINH- (Art Integration) -Children drew the traffic symbols and discussed their significance. (HINDI)

6. ‘ODD AND EVEN NUMBERS’- To understand this concept, students used rajma/ chana seeds. Each number from 1 to 10, was first represented with the seeds and then paired to find out whether they were odd or even numbers.(MATHEMATICS)

7.ASCENDING AND DESCENDING ORDER OF NUMBERS – Through the story, Jack and the Beanstalk, how Jack ascended to and descended from the giant’s castle using number ladder was indeed a fun way to learn the topic . (MATHEMATICS)



CLASSES 1&2

INTERSCHOOL COMPETITIONS –

- Kaveer Darshan Singh Nijhar of class I C , participated in the event '**KAVYA TARANG HINDI POEM**, 'organised by **DPS** and bagged the **1st Position**.
- Ustat Kaur of class II C participated in the **Drawing Competition-In Your Mind's Eye** organised by DPS.
- Kavya Khanna of class IIB participated in the event '**Kalpana Sang, Katha ke Rang**' organised by DPS Dwarka.
- Shivansh Lamba of class IB participated in the event '**Sappy Says**' organised by Kulachi Hansraj Model School.
- Ayan Goyal of class ID participated in the event '**Story On A Plate**' organised by Indraprastha International School and received a **Consolation Prize**.
- Arav Goyal of class IB participated in the event '**Story On A Plate**' organised by Indraprastha International School and received a **Consolation Prize**.
- Saisha Nagpal of class IB participated in the event '**The Lovely Duo- Awesome Twos**' organised by Indraprastha International School.
- Samaira Gomra of class IIA participated in the event '**The Treasure Trove of Ethics**' organised by Indraprastha International School and bagged the **3rd Position**
- Sangsthiita Ray of class IIE participated in the event '**Let The Music Speak**' organised by Kulachi Hansraj Model School.
- Anwita Agrahari of class IIG participated in the event '**Fancy Dress**' organised by Kulachi Hansraj Model School and bagged the **1st Position**
- Shaurya Gothwal of class IA participated in the event '**Egg Heads- A Quiz Competition**' organised by Vishwabharti School and bagged the **1st Position** .
- Pranshvi Kashyap of class IB participated in the event '**Champions of Clean Air- A Self Composed Poem Recitation**' organised by ASN Senior Secondary School . Result awaited.
- Ayansh of class IID participated in the event '**Ex Prose**' organised by organised by ASN Senior Secondary School . Result awaited.
- Mayra Chawla of class IIC in the event '**Climate Superhero**' organised by y ASN Senior Secondary School . Result awaited.

CLASSES 3-5

Interdisciplinary Project.

18.08.21 - A wonderful session of Interdisciplinary Project was held for classes 4& 5 where the students performed enthusiastically on the given topics which were varied and interesting.

Class 5 spoke on

- Shopping is fun
- Every drop counts
- Traveling is fun

and the students of class 4 prepared skits / songs on

- Festivals of India
- Nature - A great teacher
- Let's go shopping
- Chef for a week

Group activities like these help to foster social skills development and also personality development. It was a truly enriching experience .

Special Assemblies:

- 05.08.21 - Students of 4D presented a special assembly on Hiroshima Peace Day on 05/8/21. Students spoke about the importance of peace in our life and pledged to be harbingers of peace in their lives .
- 26.08.21- Students of class 5-E spoke enthusiastically about the Boat Race of Kerala on 26th August . Some students were dressed up for the occasion while others sang songs in Malayalam celebrating the spirit of Onam .



CLASSES 3-5

Hindi Week:

हिंदी सप्ताह गतिविधियाँ

10 अगस्त 2021 से 13 अगस्त 2021 तक

हिंदी सप्ताह के अंतर्गत विभिन्न गतिविधियों का आयोजन किया गया ।

1- 10 अगस्त को कक्षा 3,4 और 5 के छात्रों ने पाठन गतिविधि को पैडलिंग पर साझा किया।

2- 11 और 12 अगस्त को कक्षा 3, और 4 के छात्रों ने कबीर या रहीम दास जी के दोहों का वाचन किया ।

कक्षा पाँच के छात्रों ने वीर रस कविता का प्रस्तुतीकरण किया।

3- 13 अगस्त को स्वतंत्रता दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में कक्षा 3, 4 और 5 के छात्रों ने स्वतंत्रता सैनानियों के नारे , वीर रस

और देश भक्ति कविता प्रस्तुत कीं। सभी छात्रों ने कार्यक्रम में उत्साहपूर्वक भाग लिया।

Independence Day Celebration: The students of Birla Vidya Niketan Jr. school celebrated the colours of freedom through various activities. Some dressed up as freedom fighters, others wore clothes depicting the colours of the tricolour, some carried the tiranga jhanda in their hands and yet others danced energetically to patriotic songs.

Class 3 students spoke famous quotes, class 4 students recited Veer Ras Kavita and class 5 students spoke about their beloved country, India and her achievements.

The young minds enthusiastically presented their items with fervour imbibing the spirit of a true Indian.

It was a matter of great pride watching the future generation, promising to always keep the flag of India flying high .

Sports Week

•Sports week was celebrated on the occasion of National Sports Day from 23rd to 29th August'21. Various sports activities like National Sports Day Run and Sports Quiz were conducted to make students aware about the contribution of the legend, Major Dhyan Chand Singh .A flipbook presentation was also shared to motivate them to take part in sports events. 624 students of classes Nur to V participated in the National Sports Day Run with full enthusiasm and a total of 2267 km distance covered. 140 students participated in the Online Inter Class Chess Competition and 406 students participated in the Sports Quiz held for classes 3 to 5. Students and parents were also encouraged to make sports a part of their daily routine for a long and healthy life .

CLASSES 3-5

House Activities:

•English Quiz for classes 3,4&5 was held on 06/08/2021 during the House Meeting period. The students participated with great vigor and enthusiasm. It was knowledge enriching as the quiz was based on various grammar topics .

Recalling Quit India Movement: 09.08.21- Videos on Quit India Movement were shown followed by a discussion on the same.

Online Inter Class Chess Competition

BVN Online Inter Class Chess Competition 2021-22							
Celebrating on National Sports Day from 25th to 27th Aug'21							
Results							
S.No.	STUDENT_NAME	ADMISSION_NO	HOUSE	CLASS	SECTION	POSITION	FOR
1	Mehul Sondhi	13482	Aravali	III	G	1st	Online Inter Class Chess Competition
2	Ishaan Kumar	12793	Kailash	III	G	2nd	Online Inter Class Chess Competition
3	Ayaan Mehta	12813	Dhaulagiri	III	F	3rd	Online Inter Class Chess Competition
4	Parth Manocha	12963	Vindhya	IV	G	1st	Online Inter Class Chess Competition
5	ADITI NAYAK	12345	Kailash	IV	F	2nd	Online Inter Class Chess Competition
6	Prabhjas Singh Chowdhury	12528	Dhaulagiri	IV	E	3rd	Online Inter Class Chess Competition
7	Mayukh Ghosh	13785	Dhaulagiri	V	B	1st	Online Inter Class Chess Competition
8	Shashank Pali	13067	Nilgiri	V	E	2nd	Online Inter Class Chess Competition
9	Rajat Basist	12073	Dhaulagiri	V	G	3rd	Online Inter Class Chess Competition

Interschool Competitions-

- The marvellous performance by Kairavi Verma of class 4A at KR Mangalam school helped her to bag the 1st position for the event 'Prop - A -Poem conducted on 31st July 2021.
- Our students made us proud with their tech skills at the event ' Ordin@trix 21.0 ' organised by Tagore International School, Vasant Vihar from 20th July to 28th July,2021. Our students bagged the following positions:
 - 1st Position-Mayukh Ghosh- Class 5- Innov@trix
 - 1st Position- Arhaan Afsal- Class 3- Snap@trix
- "Abhigyata"...A magical experience was organised by Birla Bharti School, Kolkata on 26th August 2021. Our students stood meritorious in the event Hasya Kala Abhivyakti. Details are as under:
 - Shivika Bajpai- Class V
 - Bhavit Nagpal - Class V
 - Akshaj chakraborty - Class V

Birla Vidya Niketan, Junior school organised the interschool fest- Vibrations 2021 comprising of 9 different activities integrating the different disciplines of learning.

The event marked the celebration of 75 years of India's Independence.

With this patriotic fervour ,participants from 21 renowned schools from all over India joined with their mesmerizing performances, making this event a huge success and a great learning experience.

Commencing on 2nd August 2021, the event culminated on 6th August 2021 with the announcement of the much awaited results.

NAME OF THE EVENT	NAME OF THE STUDENT	NAME OF THE SCHOOL	POSITION	CLASS
Bronzed Past	Bhoomi Bakshi	Amrita Vidyalayam	1st	IV
	Nimisha Rathee	Birla Vidya Niketan	2nd	IV
	Vidhatr Arora	Bluebells School International	2nd	IV
	Prayan Swaraj Nanda	Birla Divya Jyoti, Siligudi	3rd	IV
	Reyansh Grover	SANSKRITI SCHOOL	3rd	IV
Fictitious Delineation	Arnav Gupta	The Indian School	1st	V
	Kush Bafna	Birla Vidya Niketan	2nd	IV
	Jashith Mathur	Laxman Public School	2nd	V
	Tejaswini Jain	Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti, Guwahati	3rd	V
Incredible India	Devika Kapur	THE INDIAN SCHOOL	1st	IV
	Aaishi Sengupta	THE INDIAN SCHOOL	1st	IV
	Gunseerat Kaur	THE INDIAN SCHOOL	1st	IV
	Samarth Sovani	THE INDIAN SCHOOL	1st	IV
	Sara Faisal	Ahlcon International School	2nd	IV
	Naisha Gandhi	Ahlcon International School	2nd	IV
	Naksh Modi	Ahlcon International School	2nd	IV
	Raghav Gupta	Ahlcon International School	2nd	IV
	Nitya Shandilya	Birla Vidya Niketan	3rd	IV
	Advik Sharma	Birla Vidya Niketan	3rd	IV
	Gurjas Chowdhury	Birla Vidya Niketan	3rd	IV
	Muskaan Sharma	Birla Vidya Niketan	3rd	IV
	Miraaya Johri	DPS INTERNATIONAL	3rd	IV
	Prisha Nagpal	DPS INTERNATIONAL	3rd	IV
	Ruhaan Sharma	DPS INTERNATIONAL	3rd	IV
	Omya Dang	DPS INTERNATIONAL	3rd	IV

Interschool Competitions-

Vibrations 2021

NAME OF THE EVENT	NAME OF THE STUDENT	NAME OF THE SCHOOL	POSITION	CLASS
LokRang	Tanushree Biswas	Birla Vidya Niketan	1st	V
	Kairavi Verma	Birla Vidya Niketan	1st	IV
	Jiya Arora	Birla Vidya Niketan	1st	IV
	Ishfa Nayra	Sarala Birla Public School	1st	IV
	Subhiksha Deveshi	Sarala Birla Public School	1st	V
	Sachi Jain	Sarala Birla Public School	1st	V
	Aarna Singh	Sarala Birla Public School	1st	V
	Aasthareema Kumar	Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti, Guwahati	2nd	IV
	Anshita Mahanta	Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti, Guwahati	2nd	IV
	Tabassum Tasnia Rahman	Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti, Guwahati	2nd	IV
	Ananya R	Amrita Vidyalayam	3rd	IV
	Bhumika Rout	Amrita Vidyalayam	3rd	V
	Parth Goel	Amrita Vidyalayam	3rd	V
	Yashica Choudhary	APEEJAY SCHOOL, SAKET	3rd	V
	Kritika Choudhary	APEEJAY SCHOOL, SAKET	3rd	IV
	Somica Mukherjee	APEEJAY SCHOOL, SAKET	3rd	IV
M^5 Mathe-Magic in Majestic Marvels of India	Niranjan Nair	The Mother's International School	1st	V
	Trisha Dutt Pant	The Mother's International School	1st	V
	Anvesh Singh	Amity International School Saket	2nd	V
	Agrim Bansal	Amity International School Saket	2nd	V
	Atharva Aggarwal	BIRLA VIDYA NIKETAN	3rd	V
	Aarush Bhatiani	BIRLA VIDYA NIKETAN	3rd	V
	Aradhita Mittal	Sanskriti School	3rd	V
	Sharanya Choudhary	Sanskriti School	3rd	V
Redesign	Anav Chandra Kushwaha	Ahlcon International School	1st	V
	Bhavit Nagpal	Birla Vidya Niketan	2nd	V
	Varsha Ramesh Reddy	Sanskriti School	2nd	V
	Nishank Patni	Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti, Guwahati	3rd	V
Swar Sangam	Rehan Ul Haque	Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti, Guwahati	1st	V
	Sanskrit Chakraborty	Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti, Guwahati	1st	V
	Nayeem Kashib	Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti, Guwahati	1st	V
	Choden Tamang	Birla Divya Jyoti, Siligudi	2nd	V
	Ainesh Ehsin Roy	Birla Divya Jyoti, Siligudi	2nd	IV
	Ananya Dutta Roy	Birla Divya Jyoti, Siligudi	2nd	IV
	Harsh Kumar Mahto	Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi	2nd	III
	Navin Kumar Mahto	Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi	2nd	III
	Ananya Sachan	Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi	2nd	V
	Akshaj Chakraborty	Birla Vidya Niketan	3rd	V
	Aritra Banerjee	Birla Vidya Niketan	3rd	IV
	Sreejaa Chatterjee	Birla Vidya Niketan	3rd	IV
	Urooj Hussain	Laxman Public School	3rd	V
	Rishika Chaudhary	Laxman Public School	3rd	V
	Yetika Aledia	Laxman Public School	3rd	V
Yog Sadhna	Kaustabh Tiwari	BK BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION	1st	V
	Afifah Ahmed	Mahadevi Birla World Academy	2nd	V
	Piyush Dutta	Sarala Birla Public School	3rd	V
अभिव्यक्ति	Smyra Singh	DPS INTERNATIONAL	1st	III
	Himani Jhawar	Mahadevi Birla World Academy	2nd	III
	Katyayani Mishra	The Foundation School	3rd	III

Interschool Competitions-

•Mayukh Ghosh of Class V has won 3rd position in the Scratchathon event organised under Expressions 2021 by Army Public School.

•Our students bagged various prizes in the Interschool event Melange 2021 organised by DPS, Dwarka. The event culminated on 6th August 2021. Our students achievements are as follows:

- 2nd Position- Talking Turkey- Ranbir Sabharwal - Nursery
- 1st Position-Kavya Tarang- Kaveer Darshan Singh Nijhar- Class I
- 2nd Position- A Picture Speaks a Thousand Words- Ansh Arya- Class III
- 2nd Position- Aqua fractions- Advik Sharma- Class IV
- 2nd Position- Chordstruck- Mayukh Ghosh- Class V

Special Mention

- Camp Vistas - Rishima Gulati - Class V
- The Big Fight- Syeira Nair and Aaradhya Kaushik- Class V

- 10.08.21 – Meeting with the Vice Principal.
- 21.08.21 – Meeting with the Principal.
- A virtual Parent Teacher Interaction was held on 07.08.2021 for classes 1 & 2
- PTI was held on 07.08.21 for classes 3,4&5 with the class teachers.

Workshop Conducted

- A dance workshop was conducted on 21.08.21- Mr Manpreet was the guest choreographer.

WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS FOR TEACHERS:-

- Enabling Return To School- Voice of the school, parents and children- Moderator Manisha Natrajan (For Parents and teachers)
- Strategies For Online Education and Legal Perspectives-Resource Person Dr. Pavan Duggal (Internationally Acclaimed Cyberlaw Authority and Expert, Founder and Chairman of International Commission on Cyber Security Law, President of Cyberlaws. Net)
- Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) Course by CBSE.
- 75th Independence Day -Mr G. Balasubramanian, Ms Minakshi Kushwaha and the Students
- Cyber Smart Session with Birla Vidya Niketan – Resource Person was Mr. Vaibhav Bablani and Amandeep Singh Dhoul
- Connect 2 Learn – A series of national Online Workshops for continuous professional development of K12 School Educators.
- 07.08.21- writing MCQs.
- 21.08.21 – Designing Learner-centric Learning experiences.
- 28.08.21 – Creating Competency -based questions.
- 13.08.21 – Strategies for Online Education& Legal Perspective by Dr. Pavan Duggal.
- 13.08.21 – CBSE-NEP webinar on Structured Assessment for Analyzing Learning (SAFAL) carried the tiranga jhanda in their hands and yet others danced energetically to patriotic songs.