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E-Learning

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MISSION STATEMENT

“We are committed and determined to redefine the cause of excellence in Education and implement it through accelerated need based practical oriented process with holistic approach; to empower the learner for self exploration, so as to become a responsible global citizen with deep rooted ethos of Indian culture and tradition.”



Mr. Ashok Kataria

CHAIRMAN

My dear ASHOKITES,

The coronavirus has hit us by surprise, nobody has predicted that it would take away so many lives, force countries to lockdown, shut schools and public places and put everyone's life on hold. During this chaos, we need to realize the weight of humanity, the implications of our actions and how we all are connected.

I am sure, you are spending your time very well in the midst of your loving family and exploring it fully in all the dimensions. This apart, many of you may still have a good amount of free time and I am sure that you all are making use of this time to discover and pursue your interests.

E-learning has emerged as the best way to impart education. Be assured that the management, teaching and non-teaching staff of the school is working tirelessly towards making the lockdown fruitful and meaningful. We will not leave any stones unturned in giving our best to our children and the society. I remain grateful to all the parents and well - wishers, for your priceless support at this moment.

My sincere advice to the students - Dream big, think big, experiment and be passionate in whatever you do. Challenge the norms, create new and make your identity. Success cannot be achieved instantly. It only comes with sheer hard work, dedication, pushing oneself beyond one's capabilities, striving for excellence and making the best of opportunities. If you are passionate about something, then follow your passion and success will be yours.

Wishing you all the very best!!



Mr. Shrikant Shukla

SECRETARY

"Be willing to take the first step, no matter how small it is. Concentrate on the fact that you are willing to learn. Absolute miracles will happen." - Louise Hay

Another year has gone and a new one is here again. Ashoka has once again stood strong during these trying times of the COVID19 pandemic. It gives me immense pleasure to see our young learners enthusiastic for the new academic year to begin and adjusting even better than before to the virtual learning practices of the online education.

Keeping the tradition of Ashoka, we have students this year too, who have qualified prestigious examinations like the KVPY, National and International Olympiads and some have even scored exceptionally in competitive exams like JEE mains, NEET, CA foundation. I am so proud of the many accolades our students have achieved in spite of pursuing education from the comfort of their homes.

We spoke earlier in the school year, about taking care of ourselves, taking care of the Ashoka community and taking care of each other. Things may look a little bit difficult right now but I'm asking you to hold on. Look at the bright side of the life and choose to be happy. Yes, it is a matter of choice. When negative thoughts enter your mind, just refuse to look at them, substitute them with happy thoughts. It will make the journey easy.

Lastly, I am touched with all the cooperation we have received from our students, staff and parents. We understand the enormous responsibility and challenges that Remote Learning placed on parents, guardians and students as you had to create time, space, routine and support for learning at home.

We honor all of you and your acts of generosity and kindness, persistence and resilience, and the fortitude and determination you have demonstrated.



Ms. Astha Kataria

TRUSTEE

"We cannot become what we want to be by remaining what we are." Max DePree
Congratulations to all for successfully completing an entire academic year of online learning. It is remarkable that we managed to pull that off together, all of us, including parents, staff and students. While online learning may not have been our first ideal choice, we are certainly making most of it, by trying to blend it with modern and student friendly classroom activities.

I know this last academic year has been full of challenges for all of us at various fronts. However, we have learnt to overcome the worst, adapt to the new, surpass our abilities and face the new unforeseen. Isn't this what human evolution is all about? We have successfully reached newer learning milestones where instead of focusing on what has gone wrong we are looking at what life has taught us.

Education has too seen a paradigm shift where teachers are using innovative concepts like the flip model, enriched virtual model, rotation model and self blend model in their classrooms. With the blended learning practices students too have become more responsible, independent and accountable. And it doesn't stop here. Parents too are playing a major role in imparting education to their little ones. The active participation of parents, their constant support and constructive feedback has only helped us evolve better as a school.

Having said that we want to hear from you what is working well for you and your family and where we can improve to make this online blended learning experience even better. We are listening! Please keep those ideas coming and we will do our best to make improvements and provide a balance to our common interest, our students.

Lastly, I urge all of you to follow the safety precautions, stay home, stay safe and out of harm's way so that we can see you all hale and hearty when this pandemic is done and dusted.



Dr. Priya Aher

HEADMISTRESS

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has drastically changed the lives of people, including the lives of students. Each one of us and the entire world is affected by the coronavirus pandemic; our economy, our families, communities and our entire way of life are adversely affected by the scare of infection and contagion.

E-learning is the need of the current scenario. Although online education cannot replace classroom education and face to face interactions, but it can be an effective supplement to the brick-and-mortar model of education. We, at Ashoka have and are trying our best to revamp the current pedagogy to seamlessly integrate online learning into mainstream education. The COVID - 19 pandemic may be just the 'tipping point' for the reform of the Indian education system. Over here, I would like to appreciate our children who have adapted and accepted this change so fast.

It is important to maintain optimism during these times, as the glass may seem half empty. The consequences of the COVID - 19 pandemic are, and will be defined by choices. These choices should be based upon values such as compassion, collaboration, cooperation and appreciation.

Moreover, we have learnt that this is about 'WE', not me. We - our parents, dear students and our dedicated staff together can certainly make difference in each other's lives in these testing times.

While academic excellence is our major thrust, the school is also devoted to prepare the students for life, groom them to face the challenges of tomorrow, and encourage them to be socially relevant. The parents are the most strengthening power in moulding the future of children. Their consistent support empowers us to do more and more. I pay my gratitude to them for their faith in us.

I am confident enough that the young "Ashokites" will make themselves stronger day by day, adding a new story to the grandeur of the school.

Vaccinate; Stay home; Stay safe!



Dr. Dinesh Sabnis

AGM - PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

I wish to start with a quote from Nelson Mandela "A winner is dreamer who never gives up".

We need to look to our life and education in very positive way no matter what hurdle we face we have to overcome it. This Pandemic has been testing out thought process and putting lots of challenges but winners are those who never give up and make their way through.

We all are in a new era of learning process where in teachers, students and parents need to get used to new system of teaching learning process. This pandemic has given us the clear message that we just can't stay with one way of teaching system and process of learning. To progress we need to understand and adopt various patterns of learning process such as Online Learning and Blended Learning.

In extramural activities such as Sports, Arts & Music the challenges have increased as Hands on experience teaching being reduced to restricted online learning, however as I mentioned at the beginning creative teaching and staying effective with various teaching methodology is what Ashoka Universal School, Sinnar and its staff always looks forward in their teaching methods.

I believe we all together will overcome this pandemic hurdle and achieve our dreams to be a winner.

At the end I wish to quote "Coming together is beginning, Staying together is progress and Working together is Success". By Henry Ford

Take care and keep Learning!!



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ONLINE LEARNING

*The pandemic has changed all existing rules,
From then offline to now online schools*

*There is no blackboard, but computer screen.
It's online learning, that is everywhere seen.*

*In the school campus, students no longer roam,
With the modern gadgets, they learn at home.*

*No more tiffin, not needed school bus,
With peers or friends, they have none to discuss.*

*However there is, a partition wall,
Is this education available to all?*

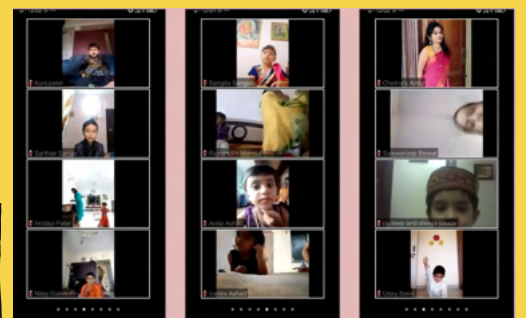
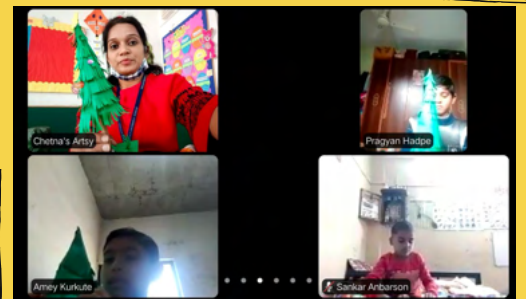
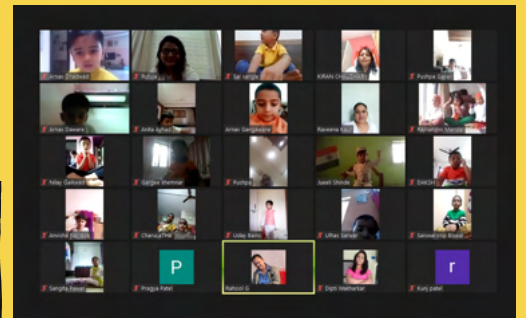
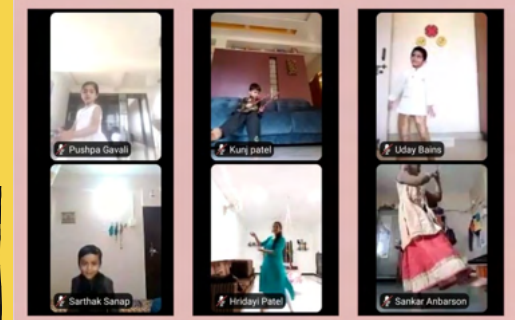
*Those who can't afford, computer and smartpone,
Won't they feel, they have been left alone?*

*Though it looks online, education has shone,
It has limitations, many of its own.*

*No doubt, online teaching is the need of the hour,
But can't match conventional teaching's power.*

*School facilities are replaced, with online tools,
Those who can't switch may become fools.*

*The pandemic has changed all existing rules,
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Adapting to the **NEW NORMAL**

What COVID - 19 pandemic taught us?

- Diseases know NO borders
- The importance of Personal Hygiene



- Appreciating Mother nature
- Being Compassionate & Helpful

- Spending Quality time with Family.
- Being Optimistic & loving yourself



Wash your hands, virus or not, it's better to be safe than sorry!



Introduction of *Playgroup*



2020-21 was the first year of
a Play Group at Ashoka
Universal School, Sinnar

Let us trace the journey of our tiny
toddlers

Learning by Exploration



Building Communication Skills



Promoting Cognitive Development



Social - Emotional Development



Creative Time



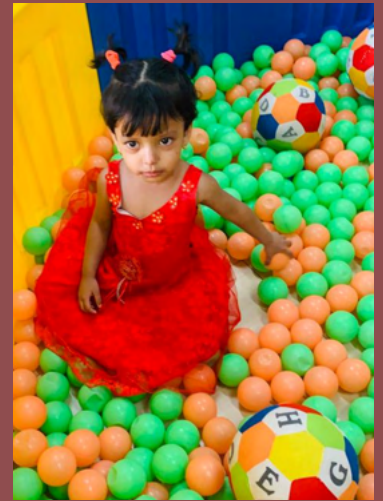
Sensory Development



Celebration & Special Days



Physical Development



Our teachers say:

"We are energetic and enthusiastic learners.

We have good grasping power.

We love to dance and listen to the music.

We enjoy exploring new things.

We portray good manners and healthy habits.

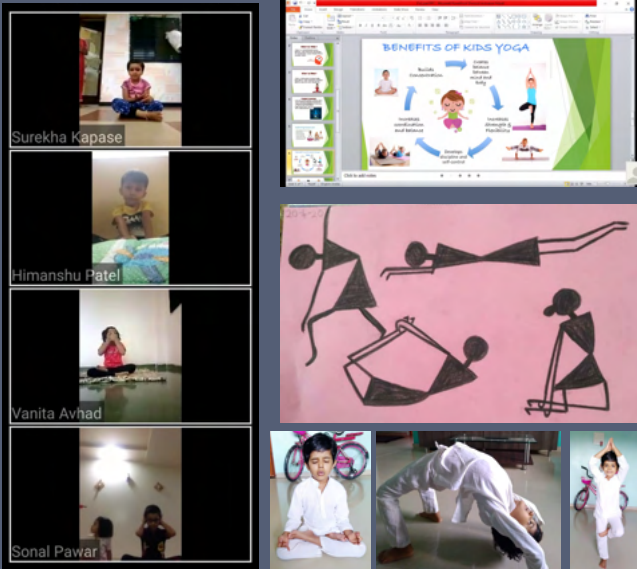
And everyone loves us very much."

Limitless Learning

Virtual Learning - Year in a Glimpse

Activities, Celebrations, Workshops and Competitions

International Yoga Day



International Yoga Day was celebrated by the students of AUS, Sinnar through various activities such as poster making, demonstrating yoga asanas, performing Suryanamaskar through virtual platform.



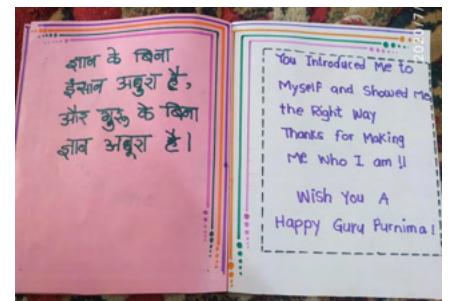
World Father's Day

Honouring the joys of Fatherhood and sharing the bond between a child and a father, students surprised their dads with amazing gifts and love!

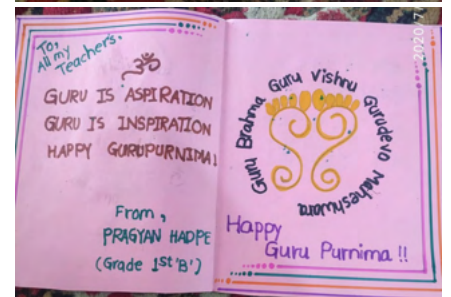


Guru Purnima

Gurur Brahma
Gurur Vishnu
Gurur Devo
Maheshwara

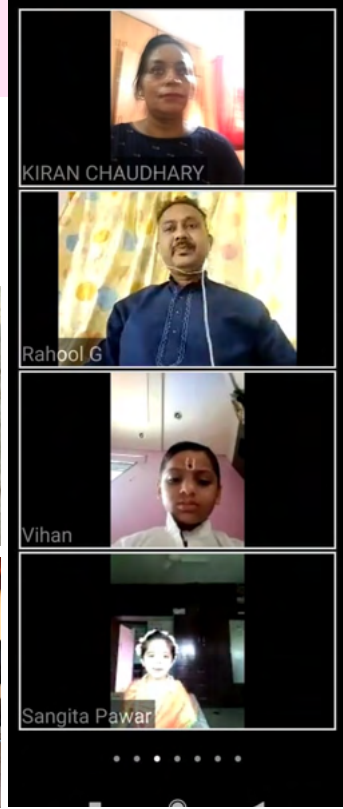


Gurur Sakshat
Parabrahma
Tasmai Shri
Guruve
Namah

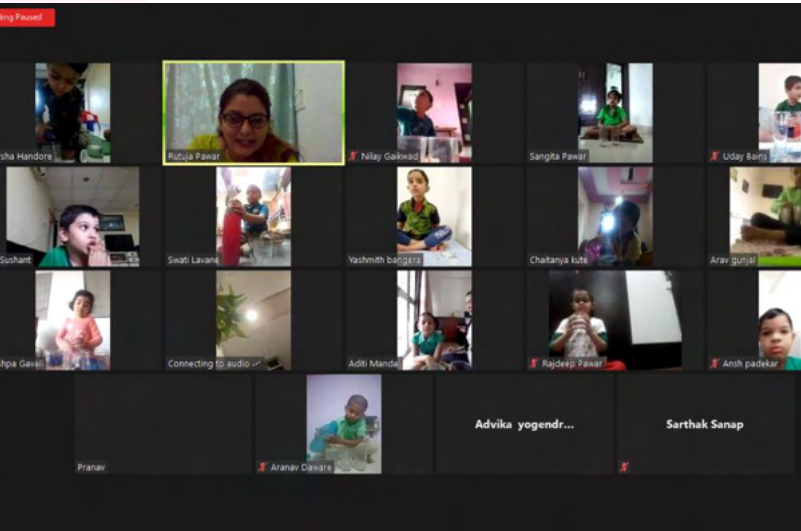


Ashadhi Ekadashi

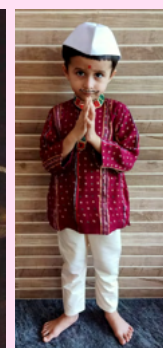
Kindergartners celebrated Ashadhi Ekadashi with full zeal from getting dressed up as warkaris to performing cultural bhajanas.



Green Day Celebration



Pola Celebration



Independence Day

JAI
HIND



JAI
HIND

Toddlers learnt to make badges and tricolor flag using craft papers and celebrated Independence Day virtually.



Janmashtami

The tiny tots of AUS, Sinnar had a wonderful time celebrating Janmashtami 2020 including Virtual Dahi Handi session, making of Gopalkala and enjoying a story time session with educators.

World Photography Day



MY FAVORITE TOY

#SMILEPLEASE



MY FAVORITE ATTIRE



MY PHOTO ALBUM

Kindergartners clicked pictures with their favorite toys in their favorite attire, created photo albums and celebrated World Photography Day.

ART JAM ACTIVITY

The tiny tots had a fantastic virtual Art Jamming session with their friends and family on the occasion of National Play Doh Day



Cooking without Fire



We are the
**MASTER
CHEFS**



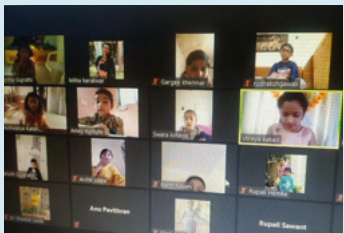
Ganeshotsav

Ganpati Bappa Morya



Diwali

The kindergartners celebrated Diwali in school by knowing about the 5 days rituals and celebrations of Diwali, through a skit performed by their educators. While the students of primary and secondary section celebrated this festival through performing in special assembly and made beautiful 'torans' to decorate their home on Diwali.

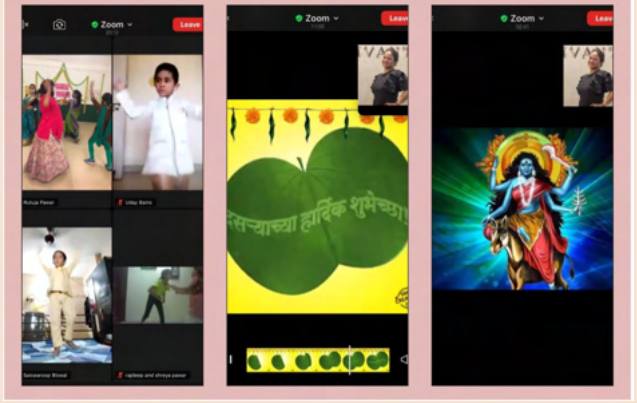
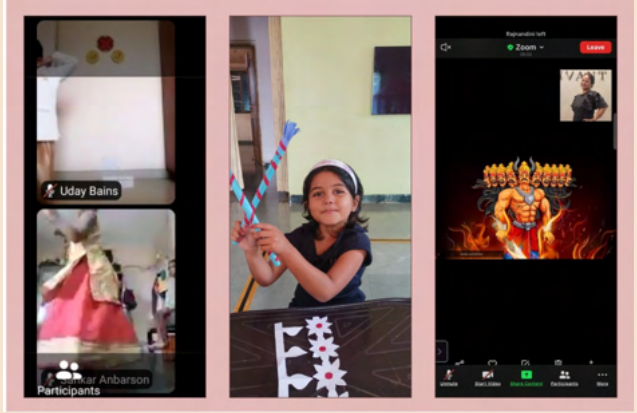


Christmas



Merry Christmas

Navratri & Dussehra



VIRTUAL
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Happy Halloween

#Halloween_treats
#Celebration



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Republic Day

The students of Ashoka Universal School, Sinnar celebrated Republic Day by knowing the human rights and the Constitution of India. While the staff hoisted the tricolor flag, in presence of Dr. Karhade and Mrs. Karhade, following all the protocols and safety measures.



72ND REPUBLIC DAY

KNOW YOUR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

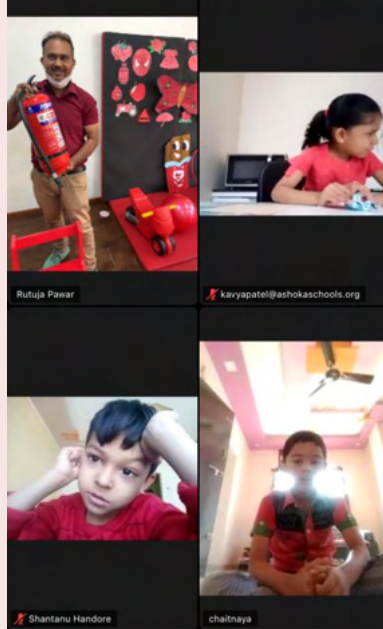
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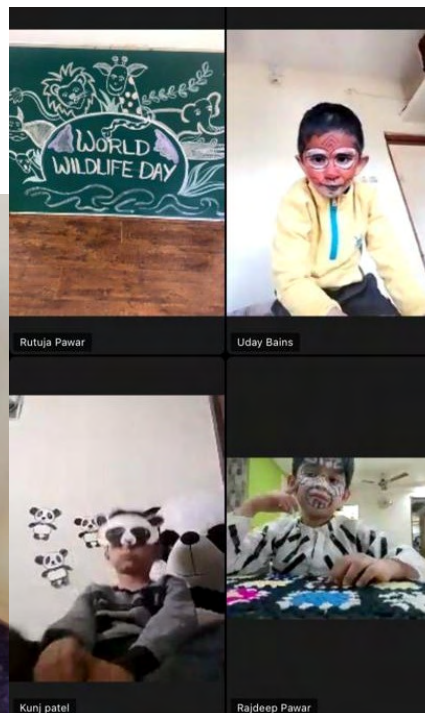


Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day was celebrated as Red Day, where our tiny tots were introduced to various things in red color. Students learnt making flower bouquet with the help of craft paper and also enjoyed the activity named, 'Red around me'

WORLD WILDLIFE DAY



HAPPINESS CURRICULUM

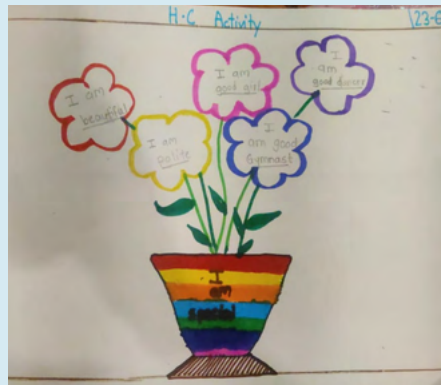


A well designed comprehensive happiness curriculum which is designed by the school itself to boost the students with much more awareness, positive attitude and to build their moral values. This is an in-house curriculum which helps to impart emotional and ethical stability amongst students.

Positive Relationships



Self Esteem Activity



Few days in School



#Curious



#Engrossed

#Enthusiastic



#Sporty



*Unlocking Phase
2020*

Few days in School



Annual Sports Day
2020

Few days in School



Concept Visit

Poster Making Competition



Coloring Competition



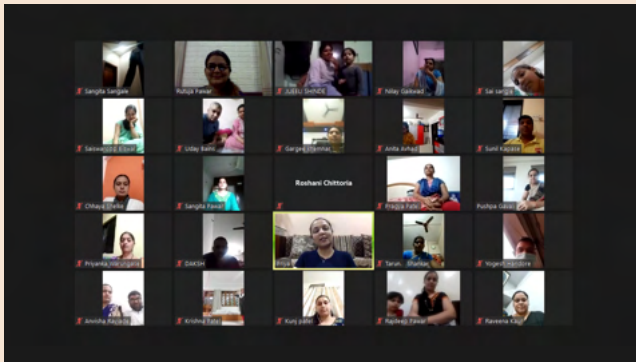
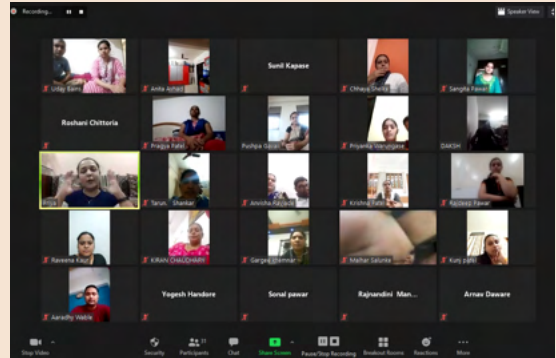
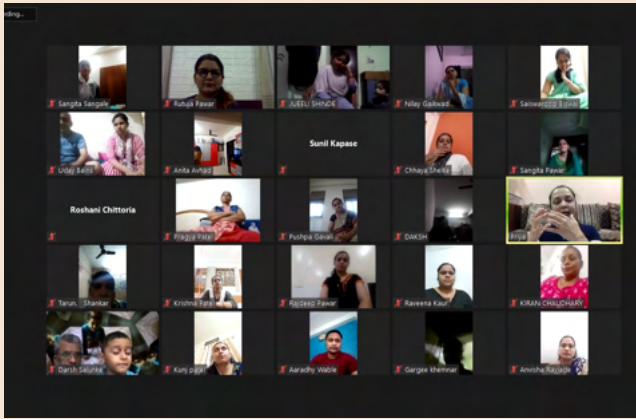
Inter House Debate Competition



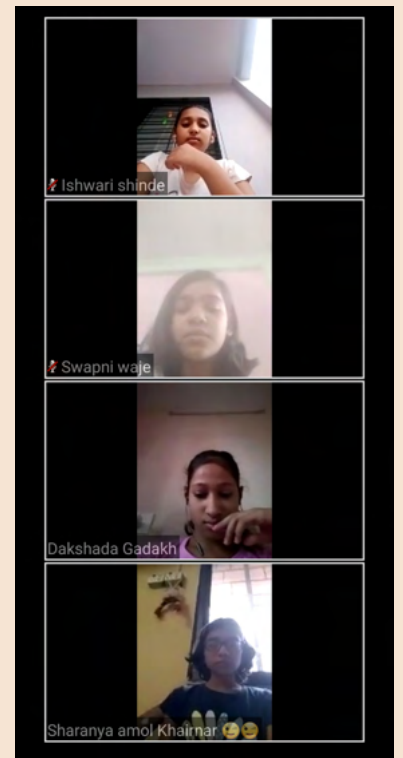
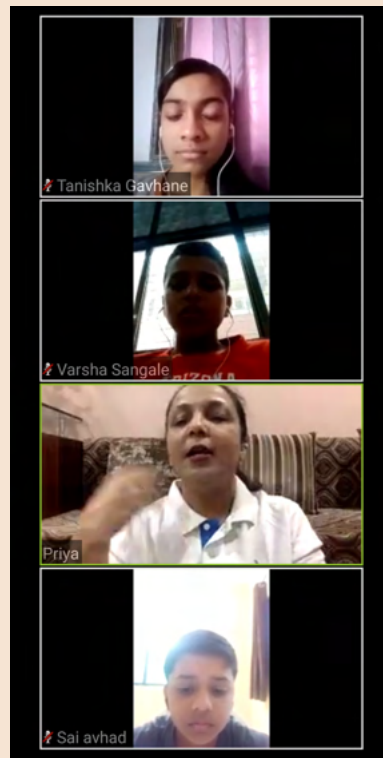
Positive Parenting



WORKSHOPS



Self Study Sessions



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Achievements

CONGRATULATIONS

IGNITED MENTAL MATHS COMPETITION 2020



Pradyumna Pradeep Patil
grade I A



Rugved Sandip Ghorpade
grade I A



Aarush Mithil Gujrathi
grade II A



Sativk Vivekanand Kashid
grade II A



Niraga Sudhir Joshi
grade I B



Aayush Ashok Chavan
grade II B



Spruha Sandip Shinde
grade II B

The students of grade 1 and 2 participated in the Ignited Mental Maths competition 2020 and passed out with flying colors.

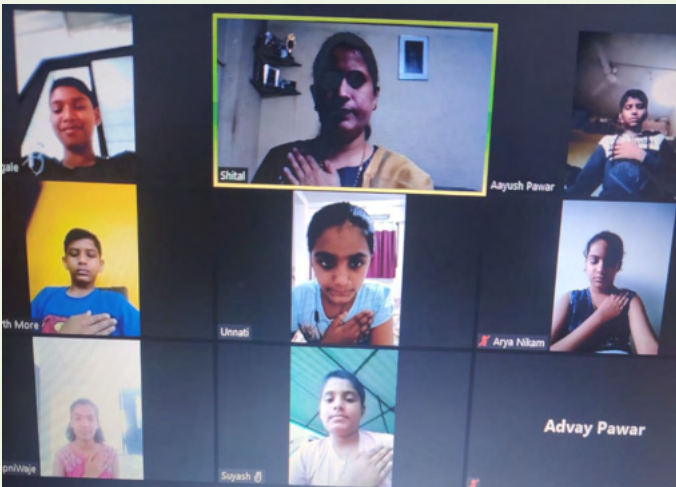
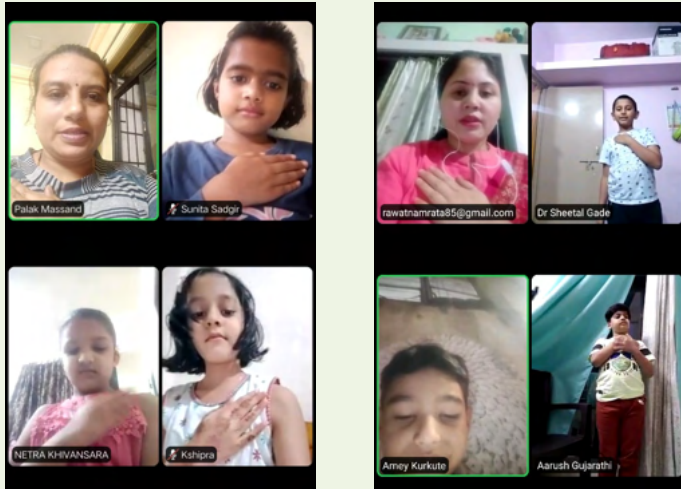
JAL hai toh KAL hai

Jal Pratigya Diwas

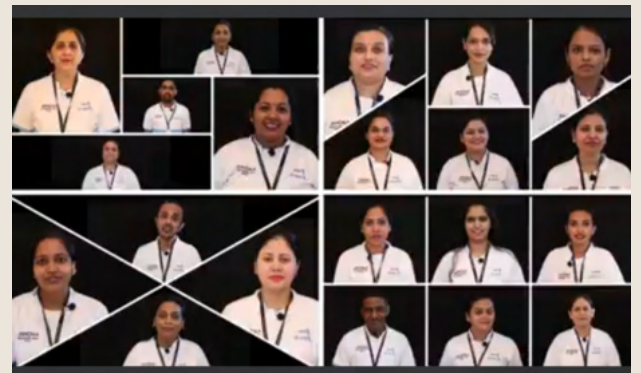
The young Ashokites along with their educators pledged to save water and contribute in the Mission Paani initiated on 19th November, World Toilet day.

This virtual oath taking ceremony contributed towards the national as well as the school mission of Water conservation.

#Meri_Jal_Pratigya



#Mission_Paani



World Water Day

On the occasion of World Water Day, 22nd March 2020, Team Sinnar participated in the #water2me campaign, organised by UN - Water. The students and the staff made an appeal to the society, through circulating videos on social media platforms, to Conserve Water and take a step towards responsible citizenship

#Water2me

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