

Igniting Passion For learning



"9 do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book."

9. K. Rowling

# SRV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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#### **SRVIS VISION**

The international curriculum, holistic education and excellent academic assessments prepare our students to become world class peace loving citizens.

#### **SRVIS MISSION**

Inspire and challenge our students to achieve personal excellence, pursue a passion for learning, be responsible global citizens and take the initiative to make a positive difference in the world.

#### **IB MISSION**

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.







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#### **EDITORIAL**

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

- Henry Ford

Dear Readers,

Delightful instances of school life are memories to be captured and cherished. The year that passed made us feel relaxed after facing a lot of challenges, especially virtual learning. The new normal has slowly lapped up onto our lives with which we have now learnt to live in the best possible way.

We are glad to present the 2nd edition of 'The Shadow', the flashes of the SRVIS family and unveil the accomplishments of the learners and facilitators.

At this juncture, we gratefully remember all the cohorts, well-wishers and administration for their constant support for a successful scholastic journey.

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Dear Parents,

Best wishes from SRV International School for a safe and healthy life of all its stakeholders!

"We don't stop going to school when we graduate".....Learning is an ongoing process.



What makes a school? School is not just of spacious classrooms, cor-

ridors, playground, science labs, library, dining hall, etc., School is a learning environment. Learning can happen without the physical infrastructure too. In the current scenario the learning environment is provided virtually by replacing reality with virtual labs, virtual field trips, virtual dining, and of course virtual classrooms.

SRVIS proved that it can face challenges and turn them into opportunities and made the year 2020-21 a very productive year with no compromise. Success comes to those who work hard and it stays with those who don't just satisfy with the past laurels but set new benchmarks. SRVIS sets new benchmarks every time and strives to reach new goals. Learning is not a process that is limited to schools and teachers, but it includes parents and the community around. Irrespective of physical or virtual schooling, parents have an important role to play. Especially in this current scenario of virtual learning, parent involvement is a key indicator of successful learning of the student.

Children are really missing the physical school campus, friends, playground and lunch together. SRVIS tried the best way possible to provide the above virtually. Children are also getting accustomed to the new normal. Now that the virtual schooling is extended, they really need a lot of motivation and support from homefront too. I sincerely request the parents to enjoy being a learning partner of their children. Let's prepare children for the transformation. Let them understand that change is inevitable and every change has a cause and effect. The impact of the change depends on how one accepts it and how one turns it into. Being an important partner of the child's learning I request all the parents to encourage and support the children emotionally and academically for smooth and productive learning.

Parents have a key role to play in helping children have emotional balance. Let children under-

stand that this change is not permanent and things will be back to normal in future. Encourage the children and incentivize them. Children are continuously indoors, so to break the monotony, make a day as a 'Restaurant day' and cook and serve something similar to a restaurant style. As parents take time to play some indoor games with children. Have dinner together. Talk about friends and classroom fun. Encourage the growth mindset in children.

Children need academic support too from parents. Provide a comfortable space for them to learn without disturbance with a proper chair and table and right device. Create a daily routine for the children including parent role in that. Due to virtual classes parents get an opportunity to be in the classroom along with the child. Involve in understanding what the child is learning but try not to teach the child as the approach may vary and there are chances of the child getting confused. Be aware of the tools and strategies the teachers are using. Stay connected with the teachers and school to know the process Express concerns and understand the limitations of the school. Be aware of the tools and strategies the teachers are using.

Having a daily routine helps children learn systematically. Let children understand the dos and don'ts. Do not let them lose the habit of morning bath and timely breakfast and lunch.

Finally, do not underestimate virtual learning. Who knows what the future is all about!

"Education is not the answer to the question. Education is the means to answer all the questions" -William Allin

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# MARVEL MILESTONES

The Exclusive New Normal Virtual Events

Yoga Day - A Day to Value Peace and Harmony





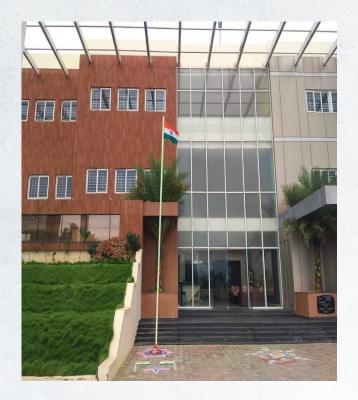
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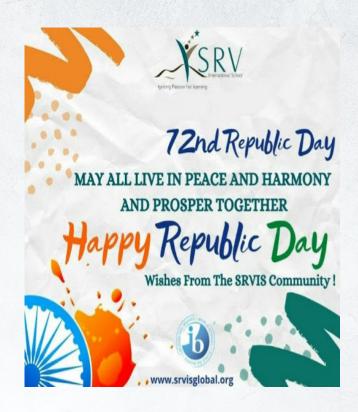




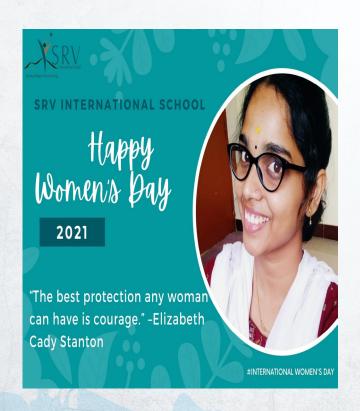


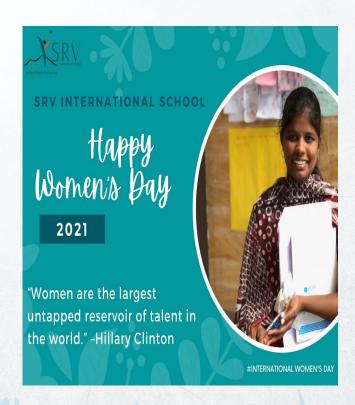
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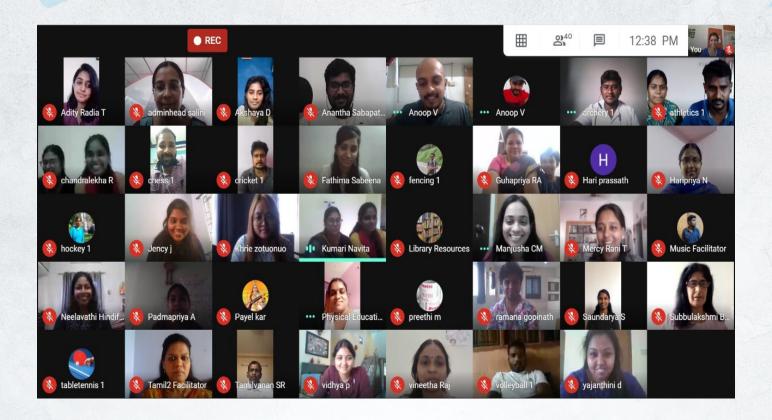


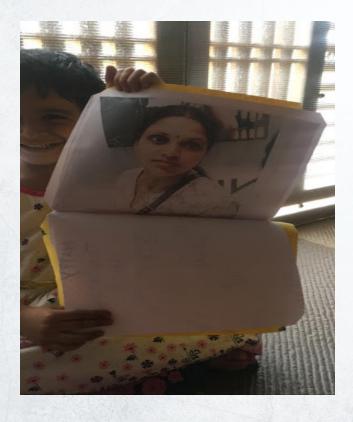
Women's Day - Celebrating the Glory of Womanhood





# Teacher's Day - Facilitators Felicitated by Enthusiastic Students







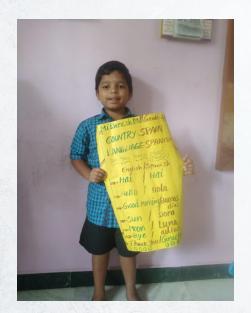
# Grandparent's day - The day that honoured the elders







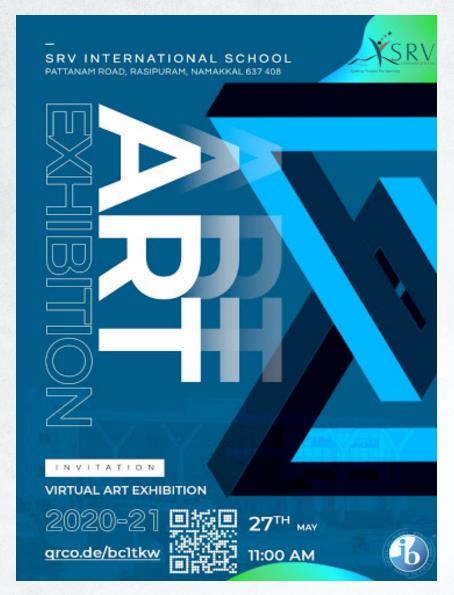
# **International Cultural Day - The Culture Ensemble**



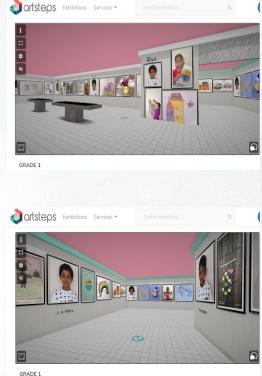




#### Art Exhibition - Celebrating Little Artists in the Virtual Art Gallery



Lockdown cannot limit creativity and commitment. Digital Virtual Art Gallery enabled our learners to exhibit their artworks. This was another milestone for SRV International School as we took a big leap in technology to provide the best experience to the students and our community.



## Graduation Day - Milestones to cherish before the miles we go!







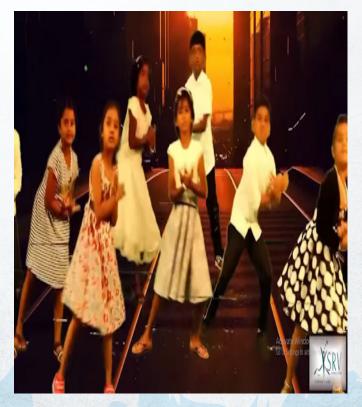
### Aakruti - A Virtual Stage for Aakruti and Thoothuvan

SRV International School is proud to have ventured the virtual annual day amidst the pandemic. It was indeed a challenging task for both the teachers and students and the fruitful yield of their hard work is Aakruti 2020-21.









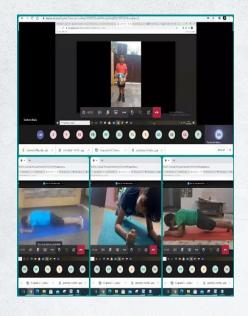








# Annual Sports - The First Unique Virtual Sports Day of SRVIS







Thanksgiving - The 'Magical Word' that makes the world a better place.

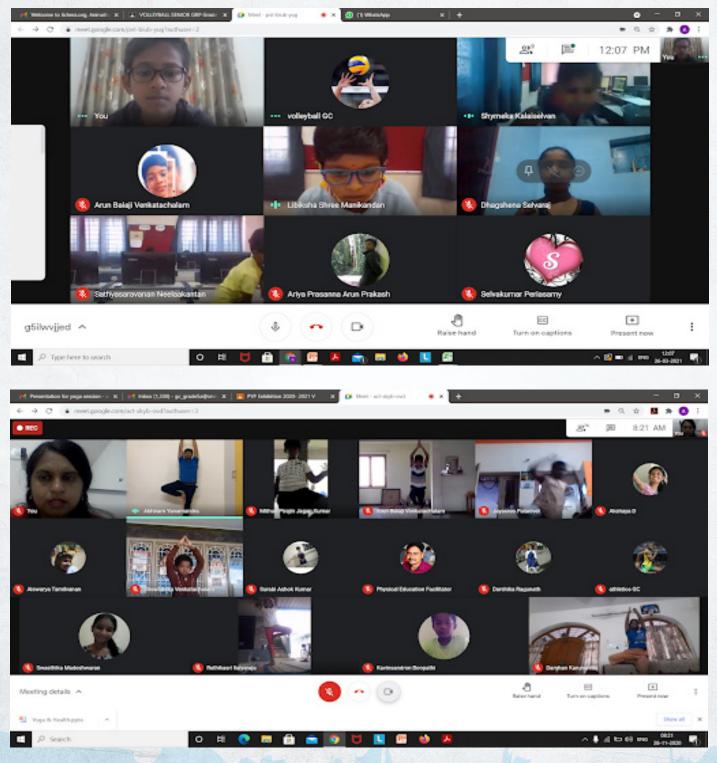


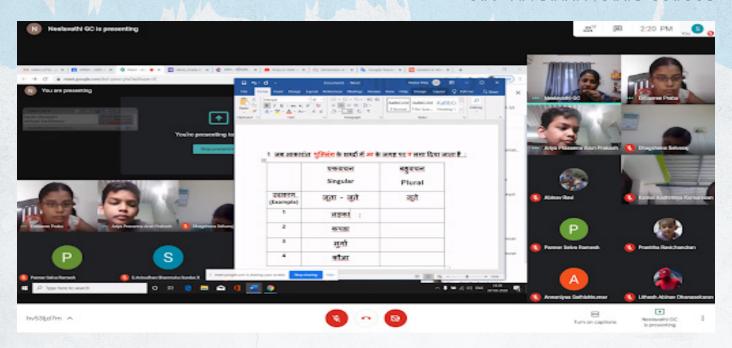


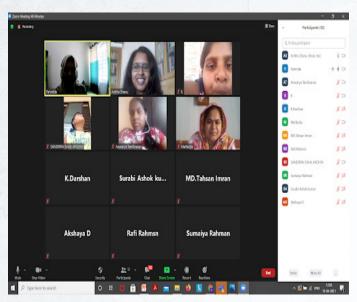
#### **PYP EXHIBITION**

## Presenting 'Good Health and Well' being by Grade 5 of SRVIS -Celebration of The PYP Journey

SRV International School takes pride in appreciating the learners of Grade 5. They have proved their limitless potential by organizing the PYP exhibition through a virtual platform. They inspired the audience to make wise choices to ensure the wellbeing of our body systems and hence our health. This celebration was the evidence of the knowledge gained, attitudes nurtured, and skills developed in their learning journey of the Primary Years Programme, which was visible in their meaningful action to create awareness about healthy practices.













#### National Science Day with Career Beacon

Students geared up to appear on this nationally acclaimed forum in a debate and essay competition, and they also showcased their homemade experiments.



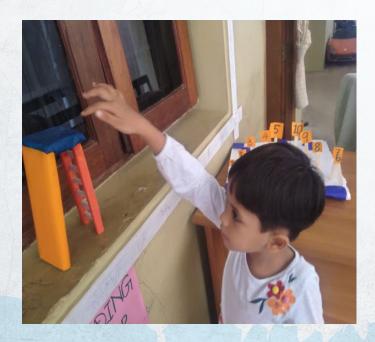




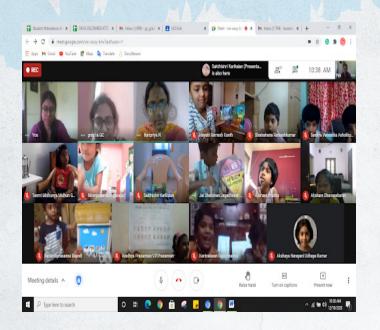
#### Science and Math Exhibition - The Emerging Scientists

SRV International School has set out to achieve a virtual feat, the Math and Science Exhibition.

This display of the understanding of Math and Science concepts were the students' attempt to share their learning with their community through a digital platform. All the children participated with a lot of excitement and curiosity.

















# Prolific Performers @ SRV Creative minds expressing their thoughts and feelings

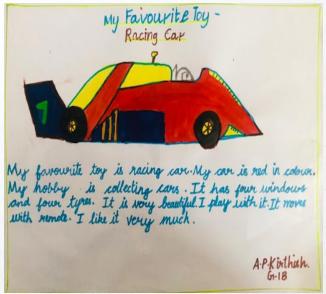




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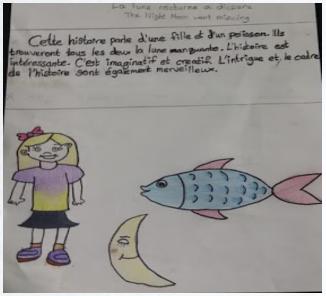


A.P. Krithish Grade 1





R. Sarvit Adhav Grade 2 A



P Enbasree Grade 4



सूरज उग रहा है , पक्षी गा रहे हैं पेड़ नृत्य कर रहें हैं बच्चे खेल रहें हैं - 'यह सुबह है'

T.Jinofia Milenta Grade 3



I like the view of the forest, you know why? Because the trees, rivers, mountains, and animals told me to draw them. It makes me happy.

> M.Tanmi Midhunya Grade 1B

#### MY SUPER HERO

My mom and dad are my superheroes. My father teaches me how to talk to others. My father plays with me. My father buys everything that I ask for. If I make mistakes, my dad advises me. My father always tells me to help everyone which makes me feel that my father is a superhero. When my dad does pooja to God, my father looks like a superhero. My father asks me to wake up early. I do yoga and exercise with my dad. My dad asks me to save money in my piggy bank. My mom does the daily chores and gets me ready to go to school. My mom helps me



with my homework. My mom cooks delicious food that I like and at that stage my mom looks like a superhero. My mom takes care of me and helps everyone. My mum teaches cooking in a simple way. My mum and dad give a gift on my birthday every year. I also give gifts to my friends on my birthday. My father and mother look like superheroes. They teach me to respect my grandparents. I learnt to respect elders. Because of all the good things they do, they look like superheroes to me.

K.V. Rajalakshmi Grade 3B

#### **ONLINE CLASS**



Online class started during COVID-19. At the first stage, it was difficult to communicate with my friends and teachers. Then it was interesting and easy to learn. My teachers entertained us at all times without making it boring. They gave us fun games for easy learning and made the class interesting and comfortable. We can attend class from anywhere. Because of online classes, at this age I know about YouTube, online games and how to use Google. Finally, online classes are good but I can't see my friends and teachers face to face. So I miss them and also my school SRVIS.

V.P.Dharkshith Grade 3 A

#### **GANDHIJI-POEM**

Twinkle twinkle little star Gandhi is my super Star



Nehru is the smiling star Netaji is the fighting star

Bharatiyar is the poetic star Rani Lakshmi Bai is the dedicated star

But our father of nation is the ahimsa star If you want to become a shining star

You have to follow the ways of super star Then your life will become a smiling star

> T. Jinofia Milenta Grade 3A

#### **MY FIRST POEM**

I thought to pour the oil in the pan But it was in the can I went to the sea But it needs a key. I went to bed But my dog was dead I saw my pig, it was eating a fig, There was a killer near the pillar I fought with my pot.



#### **UN TRÈS GRAND HOMME**

Il y avait un grand homme. Tout était très court pour lui. Il est le plus grand de tous. Même sa porte est trop courte pour lui. Il a acheté toutes les choses très hautes pour faciliter les choses. Il a quitté son domicile et vit dans une grande forêt. Il est heureux maintenant. Tous ses amis sont également heureux. Ils ont tous apprécié ensemble.

Dhagshena.S Grade 4



#### THE SCHOOL IN 2040

The School in 2040 will be advanced in technological and natural greenery. We will have all facility in the future school, such as an automatic scanner in the entrance, escalator instead of steps, sensor table and chair in each classroom, inbuilt hospital, mini workstation in all fields, book station, solar power for the entire school, automatic cleaning bathrooms, small scientific labs and research centres, food station, students garden, inbuilt gym, an organization for nature and animals, etc

In the classroom, we don't need to take notes in our notebook. We will have a mini laptop, and when we start listening to the topic which our facilitators teach, it will get automatically stored in the mini laptop. And whatever the teachers teach, they don't need to write on the board, it will automatically display the content on the board. Suppose students in the school want to go on a field trip; their classroom itself would change into a spaceship and go on the field trip.

In the lunch hall, the waste foods will be recycled and used as fertilizer for plants and trees which students have planted in their "Students Garden". Each student in school should at least adopt an animal. We will have robots to help humans, in case of any emergency the robots will take the role of nannies and drivers. The School in 2040 will have excellent technology, informative and pollution-free environment.

#### MY MOM & ME

I love my mom, and she is the most important person in my life. She likes me very much. My mom takes care of me and my family. We will listen and obey our mother's words for a peaceful life. My mother will be strict about important things and be so happy about funny things. She takes care of our entire family. She is a brave person in my family.



Only under her command our family is well settled. My mother is a chartered accountant. My mother will not help me in doing my homework, but she will teach me how to do the work by understanding the subject, which helps me achieve great heights.

I love my mother and she is my best friend too!

D Shreehari Adarsh Grade 6

#### **HOW WILL MY SCHOOL BE IN 2040!!**

#### How will schools be in the 2040s?

It is now 2021, but I am just guessing how schools in the 2040s would be. Seeing the evolution of technology, we can tell that the schools will adopt technological advancement and go for a virtual school. Such technological advancement will help the school to make virtual role-play as doctor, police, mechanic and many more jobs for the students to experience.

Not only on the tech side, but we can also see changes on the architect side. The entire school campus, hostels and lunch hall's architecture will be modern, and everything will be huge so that the school can fit 1000s of people in them, and the furniture in the schools will be technologically smart and portable.

The time that it takes to come to school will be less because in future the vehicles will be fast such as the drone taxi in Dubai. Students will also be able to see the culture of different countries and states while being in the same place by just a virtual reality headset.

I am waiting to see the changes in 2040.

S. Nivesh Suriya Grade 6

#### MY MOM & ME

My mom is the biggest gift in my life.

My mom likes me very much.

My mom helps me a lot in many ways.

She helps me in my studies.

She cooks delicious food for me,

She taught me to drive Scooty, and she likes me a lot

My mother is a gift to me. I help her to cook.

I like to go out with her.

My mother is beautiful and sweet.

My mother is full of positivity, wisdom and enthusiasm.

My mother is a symbol of love and care.

She is my first teacher.

She is loving, caring and strong.

She is a wonderful person.

I always wonder how she manages everything perfectly.

She is an inspiration for me to achieve a successful life.

N.Monishraj Grade 6

#### WHICH ONE IS FUN? VIRTUAL OR PHYSICAL CLASSES?

The Covid 19 forced us to close the school and do online schooling. It happened suddenly, and I was thrilled about sitting with my laptop and attending school through the screen. Virtual classes were fun at the start, but later they became boring and tiring. Physical classes are fun because we can do experiments, play and study for fun. We can also meet our friends every day, have fun and learning would be nice, along with my friends. When we have free time, we can play, make noise and get scolded; everything is fun. We can go out for PSPE and also skate, sometimes we watch movies and join in events. But in a virtual class, we can't play with friends during PSPE, no physical activities. We feel like being arrested and put in jails. We still have events, but it's virtual with videos and PPTs. We couldn't get involved with the program, cheer and scream and enjoy the

celebration anymore. We end up being just spectators.

I miss my school, my teachers, and my friends. I miss the daily school bus journey with my friends and other kids. I am at home now but miss my classroom, which is my personal space. In physical school, some interesting incidents happen, either inside the classrooms or in the dining hall. By joining the online classes, it is always the same except for concepts. I understand the efforts and pain taken by all my teachers to make the class fun and interesting. Online classes can never replace the fun of being in school. I definitely want to go back to my school, meet my teachers and friends. I want my school days back.

> Abhinav V Grade 6

#### IF I WERE A .....

If I were a Doctor, I would give them free and good treatment, I would cure all the illness, I would make sure that everyone gets proper and quality medicine. I would advise everyone to take a healthy and balanced diet.

If I were a Police, I would protect people, I would Arrest people who are doing wrong things, I would be honest to my job and the government.

If I were a Civil engineer, I would build many houses for people who don't have a house to stay in, I would build strong houses, roads, buildings etc.

If I were a Pilot, I would make sure that everyone is safe while travelling in flight, before leaving I would check whether everything is perfect on the flight.

M.S. Jayashiree Grade 7









#### MY FAVOURITE SPORT

My most favourite sport is football. I like it because you must work together as a team and have a lot of stamina to win. I had an unforgettable moment while playing football. It took place in my previous school when I was in the 6th grade.

We had four teams, each team had its individuality and uniqueness. I was in a team named Parakeet. We had very few players, but we were the most powerful team in sports. All my co-players were my seniors. The captain of my team was a 10th grader named Varun. He is a role model for me in sports. We participated in a football competition, as we were a powerful team, we defeated the other two teams except for the team Cuckoo.



Our competition was about to start, and we took our sports shoes. I was the left-wing defender, and Aaron was the right-wing forwarder. So, surely he would be charging straight at me. Thinking of that sent a chill down my back. Aaron is a 10th grader boy, and he was the captain of the Cuckoo team. He was tall and humongous, he looked ferocious on the football field, but he is as soft as a cotton ball deep down his heart. I was scared of him, and I encouraged myself by trying to be brave. It was our last match. If we win this match, we will be winning the whole tournament.

The Cuckoo team was powerful and held together only because of Aaron. The whistle went off, and the match started. We scored a goal in less than a minute, but it only made the situation worse. Aaron got so angry. As I already expected, he charged at me with the ball between his legs. I got an idea and waited for him to come close to me. I waited till the last second and sidestepped and kicked the ball diagonally out of the field. I could hear a huge wave of applause, gasps, and wow's. Varun hugged me so hard that he could have broken my ribs. I could hear the comments from the commentary section, praising me. Everybody was awestruck, even Aaron was amazed.

Then the rest of the game was quite uneventful. It was the last 2 minutes of the game, both the team games were equal. We had to score a goal in two minutes to win the whole tournament. Aaron was dangerously close to our goal post with the ball. Everybody expected that the goalkeeper and I were on the other side of the field. Aaron would have scored the goal, and the time would have been over by the time my team members came to the other side of the field. I had no other choice but to leave my spot, but it was too risky. I decided to go, and I ran after Aaron. I caught up with him and went in front of him and hit the ball with all my might, and it went right through Aaron's legs. Aaron was stunned that he got confused and didn't know what to do. I got the ball between my legs and tripled it to the other side of the field, avoiding all the defenders. I was very close to the goal. It was my time to shine. I hit the ball with the rest of my power. The ball flew from my leg, and it was a goal! I felt so happy. My whole team hugged me, and this time I was sure they broke all my ribs. I felt so happy, and that was the most memorable moment while playing my most favourite sport.

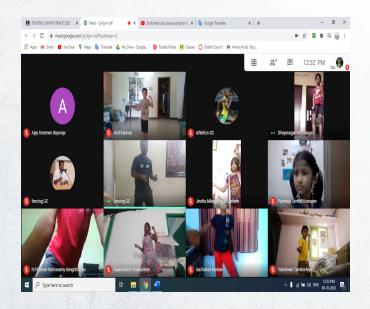
Shreayes Prabakaran Grade 8

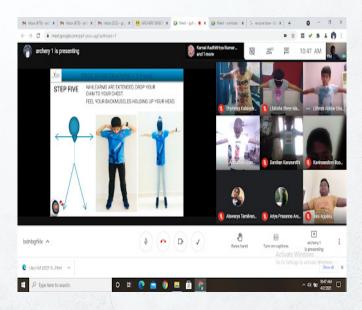
#### STRETCH UP SPORTS ACADEMY

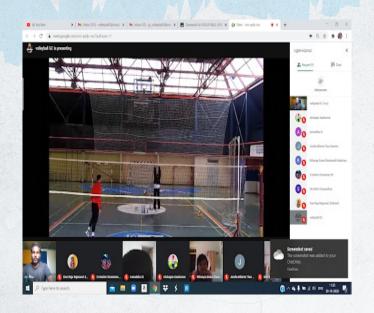
Staying home all day and attending online classes isn't easy for the children. They need to be active and keep themselves engaged to keep their boredom away. 2020 was difficult for everyone because of the pandemic, but it has impacted the kids most as they do not attend schools physically. In turn, their screen timing extended and they cannot join any after school activities or spend time outdoors in the evenings as well. The

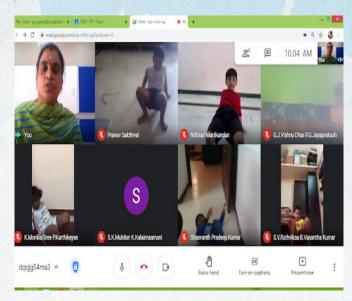


tiny buds (pre primary Learners) of SRV International school enthusiastically attended all the online sport classes. The tiny buds are interested in learning fun games and physical fitness exercises without fatigue. So, stretch up sports academy tied up with SRV International school to conduct virtual sports classes for learners to avoid boredom in this pandemic situation. There are nine sports (archery, athletics, basketball, chess, cricket, fencing, hockey, volleyball and table tennis) that are provided to the learners through google classroom. In this Pandemic, parents and teachers are also doing work from home. So they might be away from physical activities and movements. In order to promote the wellness of teachers and parents, SRV International school provides opportunities for learners, parents and teachers to participate in yoga sessions at least two days a week to maintain their healthy lifestyle.



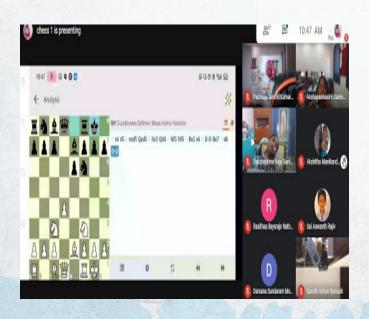


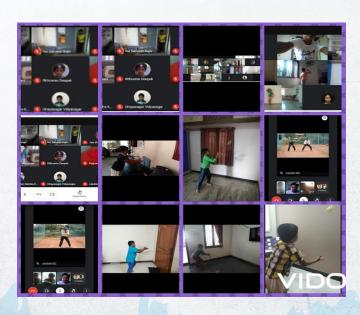












#### A MILESTONE FOR INTERNATIONAL-MINDEDNESS

SRV International School initiated the process of applying for the International School Award (ISA), a programme of the British Council to recognise the international-mindedness in school curriculum. The process in SRVIS is headed by its Coordinator Ms. Jency and the Supporting Coordinator Ms. Padmapriya. The ISA project is now named as IDS (International Dimension in Schools).

This is a globally recognised award given to schools that propose a plan to incorporate a global dimension into their curriculum, implement the plan, and submit supporting evidence. Though the process was planned for physical school, our default incorporation of ICT, focus of conceptual learning, and our resilience made it easy for us to adjust our plans to suit the new normal.

This opportunity helped us collaborate with schools from Spain, Bangladesh, and Malaysia. We also met several experts from across the world during this process. We are hoping to be recognised with an IDS award from the British Council, India by the end of this year.

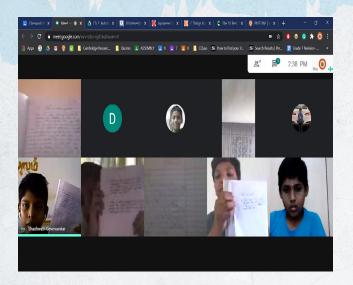


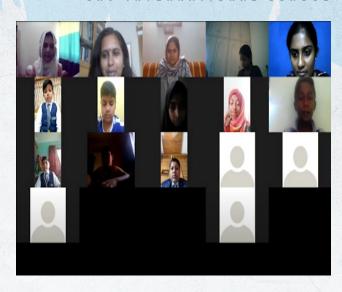




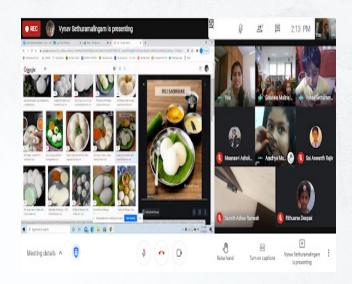


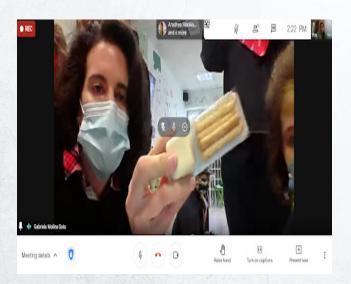
Collaborative meetings to plan the process of IDS in 2019

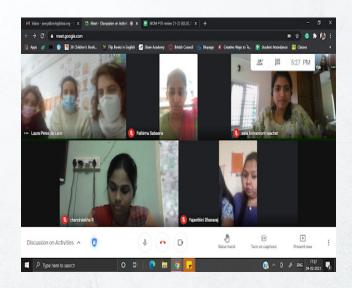












The IDS journey helped us collaborate across grades and also with students from across the world. The project was an incredible exposure for the students and also the teachers as it enabled us to connect and collaborate with educators from various countries.

#### **COVID IN LESSONS**

This five-letter word has struck the globe, hit the economy, shattered the peace, challenged the meds, the list goes on. In 2021, where we expected our lives back to normal, however, we are facing a similar situation that has taken a furious face. When we deeply analyse the current situation, it has impacted us both positively and negatively.

Taking the words of Aristotle - "It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light."

This pandemic is that darkest moment that, knowingly or unknowingly, helped us focus on the light. Teachers are those unsung heroes who had a turning point in their lives and saw the light. The light of teaching evolution. The light of self-adaptation to the new tools and techniques of teaching-learning. Most teachers have had to adapt to the phenomenal phase shift from physical to virtual teaching. I salute all the teaching fraternity - warriors of education, for they are the candles, who are consuming themselves to light the way for the learners, for the future.

Focussing on the positive effect of Covid, it has been stated by Dr Karen Angus-Cole from the University of Bath during a webinar on 'Teaching Science through the Lens of Covid - 19' conducted a few months back in Cambridge University, that why it could be beneficial to use Covid - 19 in lessons;

Firstly, it is currently happening to which learners can connect with. Secondly, considering the social and emotional element, learners can relate to similar contexts and situations.

Thirdly, most important one or the other way all are affected by the pandemic. Learners can develop a sense of inclusiveness.

As a biology teacher, I used Covid-19 in lessons on Adaptation to the environment, Ecological Changes, Diseases and Immunity, Immunisation etc. My students reflected their concrete understanding of the concept of Adaptation when it was explained in connection with Covid-19, due to the changes in the environment, how an organism develops various internal and external changes to survive. They were able to communicate their idea of how people's way of living changed by the regular usage of masks, sanitisers, washing hands due to the **change - the spread of coronavirus**. This reflection helped to develop the skill of critical thinking in my learners. They were able to analyse and interpret the logical connections between the various associated topics. One example is the link between stimulus and response and thus resulted in progressive classroom discussions and active engagements in learning. The discussions on the social and economical implications of Cov-

id-19 created a sense of empathy for fellow students around the globe; and shared their gratitude for being privileged of the necessities around them.

As teachers, it must be our focus; on incorporating current affairs into our lessons to develop thinking skills and communication skills and eventually prepare our students to connect with the real world. Build on what they are learning from the world around them. Life, what we see now, has taken this shape after passing through the continuing phase of evolution. Change is inevitable. Let us spread the light of positiveness and lessons of survival.

#### **Covid Lessons!**

Vineetha Raj Cambridge Coordinator

#### THE PURPOSE OF LIFE

Oh! That's great,

I have seen people around me being happy most of the time, achieving a lot, and receiving all that they need. That was indeed a motivation for me that I will also cherish life, win and achieve whatever I want.

But then, when I face a crucial time, a failure, a fear, an insult. I did not think that all these hardships are gone through by everyone around.

I have tried various strategies to overcome this. But, I should have trusted again like how people around me experienced happiness, success, wealth, joy the same way all the hardships are gone through by everyone around you.

All the miracles, magics that happen in everyone's life will happen to me too.

Hold the hope and step forward. Grasp all the opportunities and grow, sense all the moments and live.

Cherish every moment!

Experience all the little things that come your way!

Be the real you and accept the real others!

Sympathize and empathize with yourself and others!

Focus and enjoy the journey that will lead you to the better destination.

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#### PARENTING DURING THE PANDEMIC

It has been more than a year since the world had shut down in different ways, redefining the way we've been living our lives. As we focus on maintaining the health of our loved ones, managing the financial stability of the family, contributing to the society in various ways possible, it becomes equally necessary to address the mental well-being of our kids as much as addressing the physical one.

It cannot be denied that children have been going through a tough time too. With their level of deciphering the pandemic, fear, boredom, frustration, depression are inevitable. As the 'new normal' has changed the way we work and unwind, we also need to focus on our parenting techniques during the pandemic. Here are a few areas we could concentrate on.

*Involve them in discussions*. Your children might have several doubts about the situation. It remains our utmost responsibility to explain it to them. They deserve to understand why they have been confined to the safety of their homes. While explaining the severity of the pandemic, provide a tint of hope and positivity to help them understand that people eventually develop immunity and recover from the disease.

*Watch the screentime.* Increased screen time has become unavoidable with the online classes replacing the normal schooling. Plan out a screen time schedule for your kids and use rewards to positively reinforce the practice of limited screen time.

*Increase spending time with your children.* With the luxury of regular school being cut off, it has become all the more essential for children to have the warmth of human contact. Spending time with your children to listen to their daily routine is a necessity at all times. This also helps to unwind after a long day.

Reading and Numeracy are essential. Even if your child has taken a break from regular schooling, reading and numeracy need regular practice. Irrespective of their commitment and possibility of attending school every day, make it a habit to involve reading and numeracy in their regular schedule.

Let them play. Carefully following the norms of lockdown and social distancing, allow children to have their portion of fun by involving in moving around. Children enjoy kinesthetic activities. Try your best to stop them from being deprived of it. It is the right time to introduce indoor games including snake and ladder, ludo, five stones and other games that are long forgotten.

*Make children your workout partners.* One of the many luxuries the pandemic has grabbed from us is the opportunity to be active. Both children and adults are more prone to obesity due to the new sedentary lifestyle. It is indeed a wise choice to introduce exercise as a family routine. Simple ground exercises, aerobics, zumba, or yoga can take up at least 30 minutes of your busy schedules. Apart from maintaining your physical health, this practice is also an opportunity to nurture a positive relationship in the family.

While it is undeniable that the pandemic has brought us new challenges, what we do with those challenges is still within our control. There are two choices before us- considering this as a period of dormancy, considering this as a period of opportunity. Let us join hands in making the best use of this opportunity.

> Ms. J Jency, **IB PYP Coordinator**

## **MISS.ANNIESULLIVAN:** A TEACHER, WHO WAS MORE THAN A TEACHER!

Recently, I read a book called "The story of my life". A story of a girl, Helen Keller, who is a deaf and blind girl who triumphed over adversity to become world-famous! But here, I am not going to talk about Helen Keller but her Teacher Miss. Johanna Mansfield Sullivan. I admired her noble work and pure dedication to teaching. It is not a bed of roses to teach, even if it is a normal child. But, her job was more than that. She had to teach a child, who is blind and deaf, having all the characteristics of a normal child, in other words, an angry and difficult child.



Here let me give you one situation about how Miss. Anne Sullivan taught Helen Keller the simple word 'WATER'. In Helen's words, "How one word set me free". Anne took Helen to the water pump outside and placed her hand under the spout. As the water flowed over one hand, Anne spelt into the other hand the word 'w-a-t-e-r', first slowly, then rapidly. The signals now had meaning.

As Helen described it: "I knew then that 'w-a-t-e-r' meant a wonderful and cool thing that was flowing over my hand. That living word awakened my soul, gave it light, hope, joy, set it free." On that amazing day, Helen quickly touched the earth and demanded its name. By nightfall, she had learned 30 words. Soon she had mastered the alphabet and learned to read and write. It was just one situation. But, it was the start of a 'legendary' Helen Keller's life. So, the conclusion is that, if a dedicated teacher thinks, they can make anything possible!

Mr. Srinivash, Fencing Coach

#### CREATE CHANCES!!!

# வாய்ப்புக்காக காத்திருக்காதே.... உனக்கான வாய்ப்பை நீயே ஏற்படுத்திக்கொள்!

-ஏ. பி. ஜெ. அப்துல் கலாம்

I have heard many people say, "Be patient and wait for your chance." But I would say, "Do not sit idle, Just go around and identify the opportunities and create your own chances."

One should have a strong desire, passion towards their goal and should hunt for the opportunities, make use of all the single possibilities to reach the destination. Instead one should not give up when any excuses come their way.

## "Don't wait for your chance, Create it"

If you feel your chances are behind the door, be bold enough to open the door for yourself. Do not assume or wait that it will open for you or someone will help you open it. It's "You", only you can do it for yourself.

Chances are anywhere else, all you need to do is to grab them because they don't always show up

- Carl Lomer

A. Saravanan, TableTennis Coach

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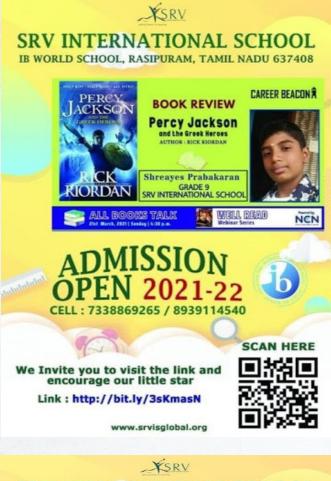
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> Sumathi.J Tamil Facilitator

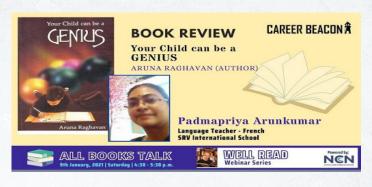
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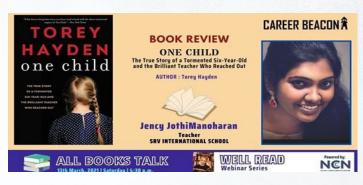
#### Books are Fun and Fantastic

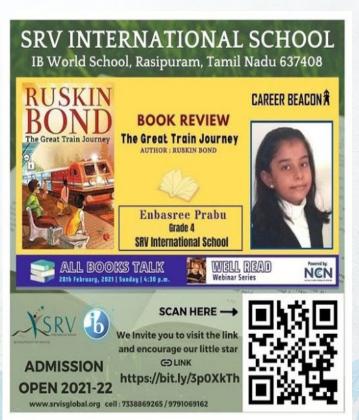
Books can take you places while you're still glued to your seat. While the habit of reading is a valued treasure, the act of sharing what you've read makes it a legacy. Career beacon had opened their platform to review the books that the presenters read as episodes "All Books Talk". It was not only a great exposure for facilitators, for kids too. SRV is proud to give such opportunities for voracious readers and build confidence among children to face a huge crowd.











#### Resource from the Wise - Vice President

SRV International School added to its pride as our Vice President, Ms. Subbalakshmi Bulusu was invited as a speaker in the Global Education Skill Summit.

The 7th Global Educational Skill Summit was a world wide platform for the educators to express their views and ideas with eminent speakers and intellectual participants. It was a privilege to have our school leader on a global platform, sharing her expertise with the wider world.









How to develop growth mindset in classroom?



Career Beacon has honoured our vice-president, Ms Subbalakshmi Bulusu, as one of the trendsetters and role models with a passion for the profession in their special issue, The Elite 50 Exemplary Women.

