



# SAGARIKA NEWSLINE

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## Vice Principal's Message



**"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorns have roses."**

**Alphonse Karr**

Greetings to all the readers.

The present day is no mystery to anyone of us and neither are the challenges that COVID-19 is posing each day. It is very normal to feel disappointed and bored in the confines of our homes but what is important right now is to be positive, analyse, introspect and utilize this time to transform into a better version of oneself.

As they say, "Every coin has two sides", this pandemic has also come with its positives and negatives. Keeping the gravity of situation in mind, there is a lot we can do to shift our focus away from the constant negativity that has surrounded us through the news reports and media updates. If we look at the present scenario with a positive bent of mind, we will realise that this pandemic has taught us a lot. It has taught us to appreciate the small things in life, which otherwise go unnoticed, and be thankful for them. This pandemic has rekindled the fire of belongingness in each one of us. It has made people sensitive towards the suffering of others and the way communities are reaching out to help each other is a testimony to this newfound humanity.

In contrast to its negative nature, this pandemic has proved to be a harbinger of new life and nourishment for our environment. With carbon emissions and pollution levels going down, the environment has bloomed to its full bounty. The trees and plants are greener than ever and the sky has never been this clean. The rivers are cleaning themselves on their own and our mother earth is adorning herself with a lush green veil of plants and beautiful flowers.

Moreover, these times have given us the opportunity to bond with our family members. It has provided us a platform to eat, play and pray together. We can use this time to talk to our near and dear ones, tell them how much we care for them and make-up for all those moments when we couldn't be with them because of other commitments.

These times have taught us to be humble and grateful to all those who approach us with a helping hand. We will forever be indebted to the medical staff, the Police and the people providing daily needs who, without thinking about themselves and their families, have taken up the charge to serve humanity at this time of need.

Through this communiqué, I want to do my bit and spread the message of finding positivity even when the times are hard and challenging. The lessons learnt during this lockdown must not be forgotten, as these have imbibed in us the virtues of co-existence, being thankful, and reaching out to the needy. We must remember that every cloud has a silver lining and there is a learning in every moment that we live.

**Best wishes**

**Meena Malhotra**

**Vice Principal**



## From the Headmistress's Desk



**"Every success story is a tale of constant adaption, revision and change." – Richard Branson**

We know that passion and hard work are crucial for accomplishing our dreams. But research shows that the ability to adapt to our ever-changing world is the key to happiness and success. Adaptability opens our minds to new ideas and enables us to win in a difficult environment. It allows us to embrace change and not be afraid of unexpected occurrences.

The COVID-19 outbreak is something that no individual, community or even country was prepared for. It brought with it, unprecedented challenges and the world had to take prompt measures to combat this new evil. With closure of schools and offices, not only did we need to respond quickly, but parents had to learn to manage working from home and looking after their children as well. None of us were fully prepared and adapting to this new situation was not easy for anyone. However, Bal Bharati was fortunate enough to be equipped with the right e-learning resources prior to the pandemic. It was therefore relatively easier for us to take it one step ahead and adopt technology as best and as quickly as we could. As educators, our goal remains to be able to not only provide the children the right learning opportunities while being at home, but also keep them away from psychological distress by engaging them in fun activities. We know that social isolation, boredom and lack of outdoor play is not good for mental health. Our teachers are therefore trying to help children use this stay-home time productively through Bal Sabha & Club Activities, Story Sessions, Vocabulary Enrichment Activities, Virtual Excursions, Indoor Games, Yoga, Music, Dance and Art lessons, Cooking & Craft Activities and much more. I cannot express enough gratitude to you, Parents for your support and participation in making our e-learning attempts successful. My heartfelt wishes and blessings to my lovely children also especially the ones who have been promoted to Class IV and the ones who have joined Class I. I missed bidding a farewell to the outgoing Class and welcoming our new members of Class I. Children you are the strength and spark which bring life to the school which is just a building without you all. I hope to see you all soon.

Let us all remember – **'When life gets harder, we must change ourselves to be stronger'.**

**Sunita Gehani**  
Headmistress

### Commencement of Session 2020-21

Schools are key environments in which children acquire the necessary skills and competences to navigate throughout the adult world. At Bal Bharati Public School, GRH Marg we believe in preparing students for 'Success in a Changing World'. The school collaborated with **CRISP – Consortium for Research and Innovation in School Pedagogy** to integrate learning at school & home and provide the best learning opportunities to our learners. In the current scenario, when schools had to shut down amidst COVID-19 crisis, we successfully commenced the new session 2020-21 on 1 April, 2020 through Virtual Teaching on the Connected Classrooms powered by CRISP. We, with our e-learning program have tried to create the same schedule for the students like the one followed in school, starting from a morning prayer, thought for the day to a learning-enriched day comprising curricular and co-curricular lessons and activities.

OFFICE BEARERS



# An e-Learning Day at a Glance

Taking on the challenges that Covid-19 brought with it, we as educators tried to ensure that the e-learning day of our enthusiastic learners who were eager to start their journey in the new academic year with zest and enthusiasm comprised the best learning opportunities for them even when they were forced to be at home. Each session includes meticulously planned online lessons in the form of Videos/ Assignments/Worksheets/ Assessment for different subjects including Value Education, G.K, Critical Thinking and co- curricular subjects - Art, Music, Dance, Physical Education, Library, Computer & Yoga which are posted on Connected Classroom Portal. To make their weekends joyful, special virtual excursions are also planned for the students followed by worksheets based on it. In all an e-learning day is a balanced day with learning and fun activities leading to holistic growth of our children.



## Prayer and Assembly



## Sports and Yoga



## Bal Sabha Activities



## Club Activities



## Story Sessions



## Virtual Excursions

## Co-Scholastic Lessons

## Scholastic Lessons



# SPORTS

*To keep the body in good health is a duty, otherwise we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear – Buddha*

## Bal Sabha Sports Activity

Virtual Sports activities '**Broad Jump**' and '**Wheel Barrow**' were organised for the students of Class II & III respectively. The students with the help of online video lessons learnt these activities and actively performed them at home.



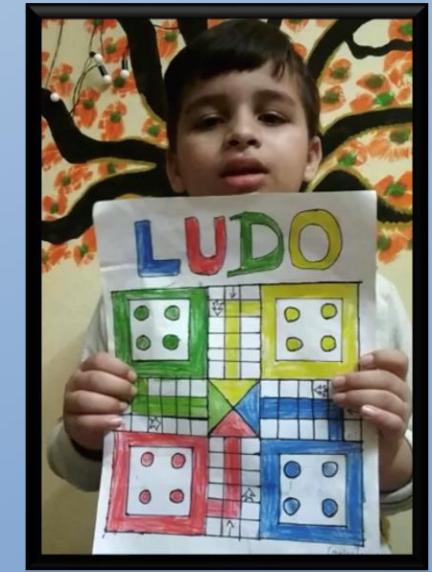
## Yoga Sessions

Yoga Sessions are organised on regular basis where students are taught various *yoga asanas*, mantras like shanti mantra and mudras like vayu and lotus.



## Integrated Activity

The students drew a picture of their favourite game/sport and gave a presentation explaining its rules and how it is played in Hindi. Their video presentations were shared on the Class WhatsApp groups.



## Physical Education Sessions

These sessions keep students engrossed and motivated towards physical fitness. Students learn fundamental exercises through video tutorials and demonstration by the Physical Education teacher and practice at home.





## Library, Story Telling and Moral Education Sessions



Stories play a vital role in the growth and development of children. Keeping in mind the same, the school took an initiative to share moral stories with children each day. The stories are uploaded on the Connected Classrooms Portal and are also shared everyday on WhatsApp. Special Story Sessions are also delivered by the School Librarian. The excited students attempt worksheets, share the moral of the story through videos & drawings and even record stories imitating their teacher.



## CO- Scholastic Lessons

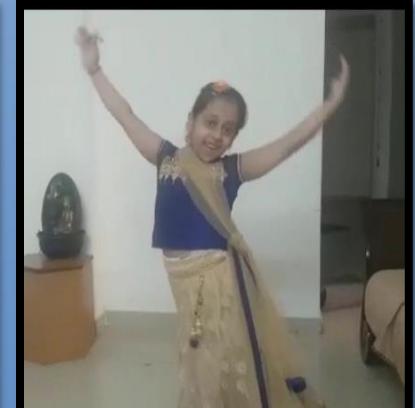
### Music & Tabla Lessons

Students were captivated by the virtual music lessons in which they learnt the school Iprayers , alankars, National Anthem/Song and much more. The Tabla lessons in the form of *tabla* posts, *alankars* etc. They watch these video lessons enthusiastically and enjoy playing different instruments.



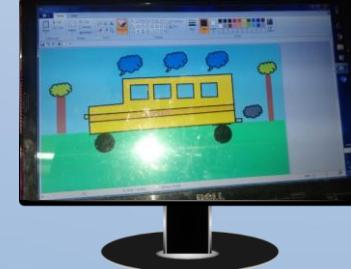
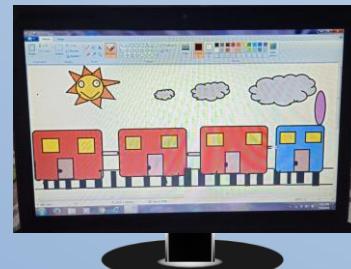
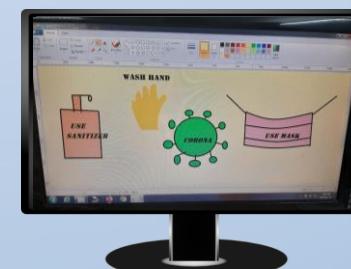
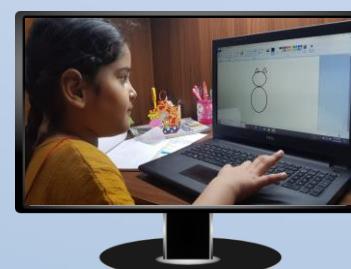
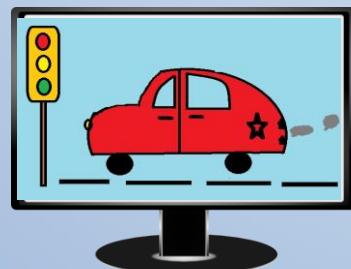
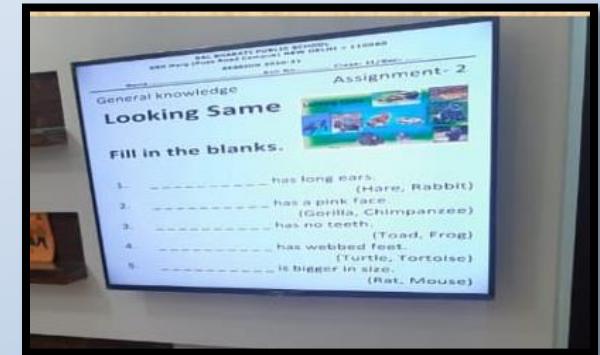
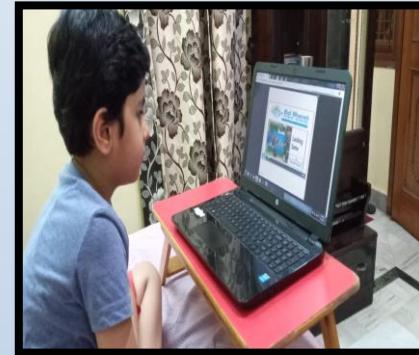
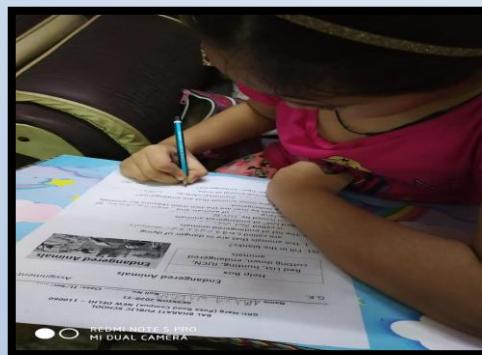
### Dance Lessons

The Dance lessons engaged the students who joyfully tried different movements like the foot and head movements and perform them gracefully at home.



## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

General knowledge lessons helped the kids to grow both on personal as well as academic level. It narrows our sense of perceiving the world, understanding and analysing situations better than by the one without proper knowledge.

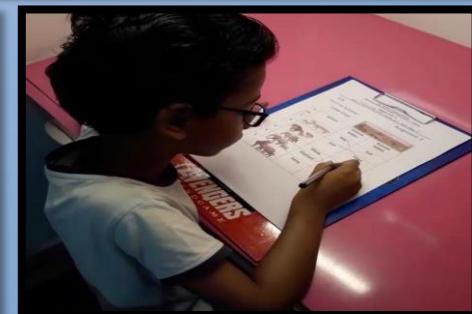


## COMPUTERS

As evident during this time of pandemic, computer education is an indispensable part of students' life. Apart from lessons related to the planned curriculum, the learners of Class II and III were engaged in hands-on-work on paint brush tool thus giving them a platform to exhibit their creative skills.

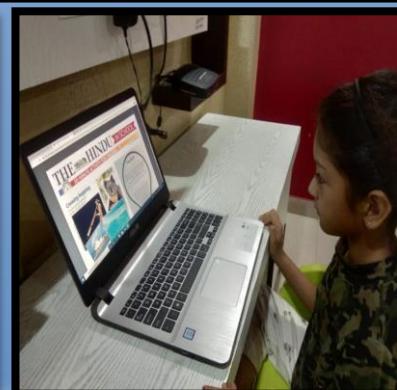
## CRITICAL THINKING

Critical thinking worksheets in English and Mathematics were given to children to hone their cognitive skills of logical reasoning and thinking ability.



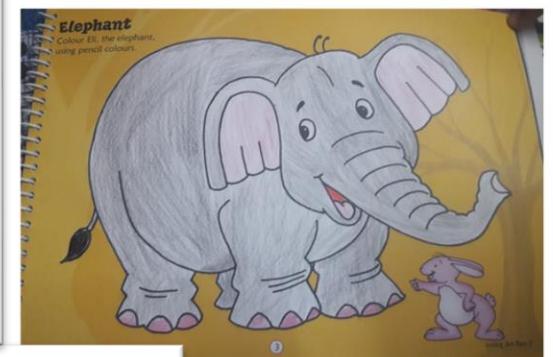
## e-Newspapers

Students are sent e-newspapers daily, which are not just newspapers but also have articles, stories, riddles and many fun-filled activities for the children. They enjoy reading them and learn new words every day.



## Art Lessons

Art lessons uploaded on the online portal - Connected Classrooms guided the children to enhance their creative instincts. The motivation of children and parents' constant support always lead to overwhelming results.

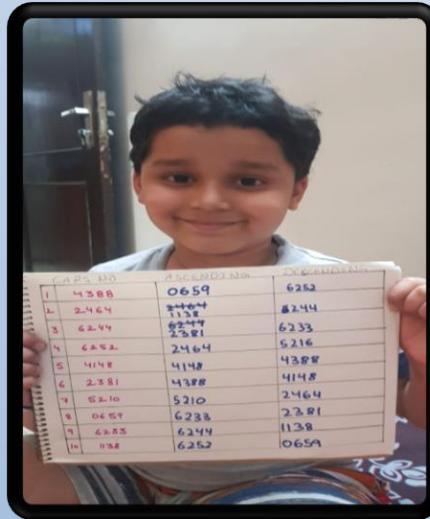


# Learning Beyond Books



Students applying the new concepts learnt in some hands-on activities !

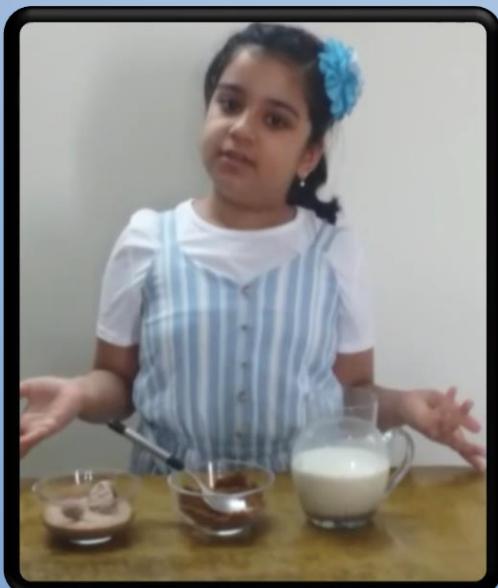
## Fun with Maths



## Little Chefs at Work



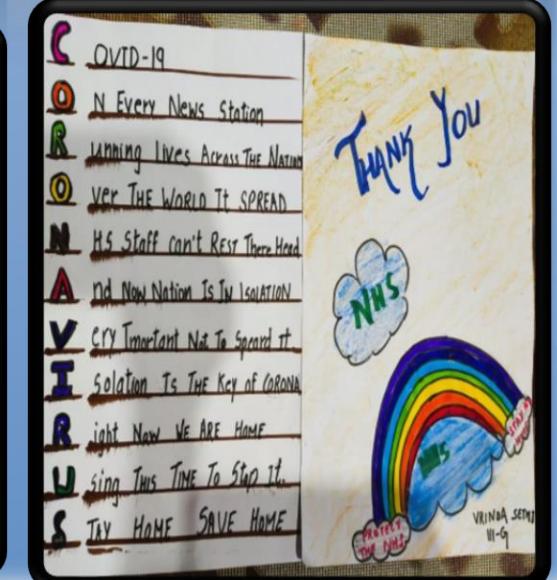
## Vocabulary Building Activities

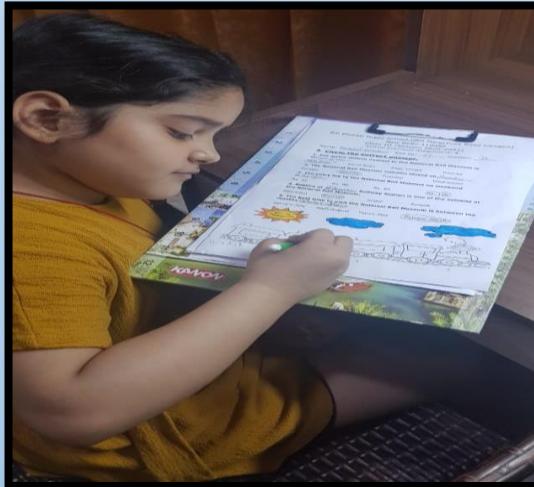


## Fun Craft Activities



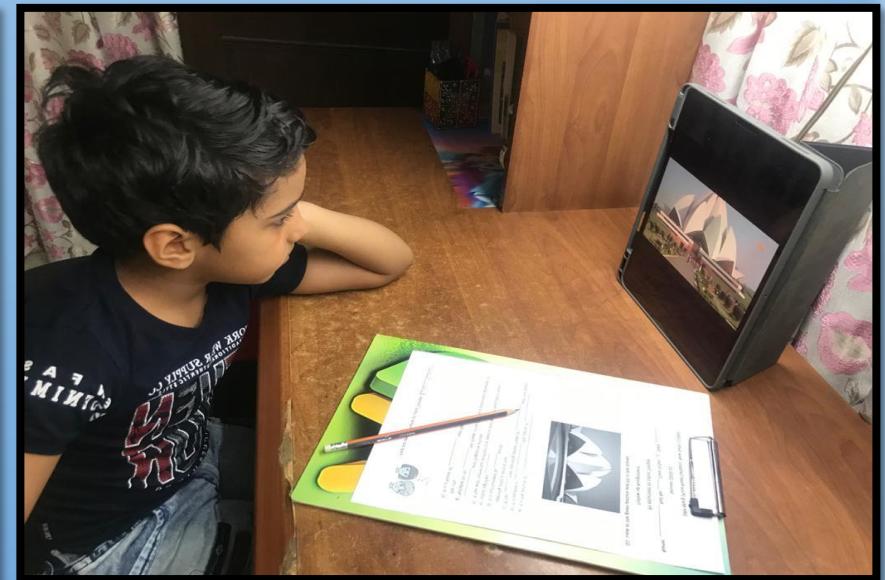
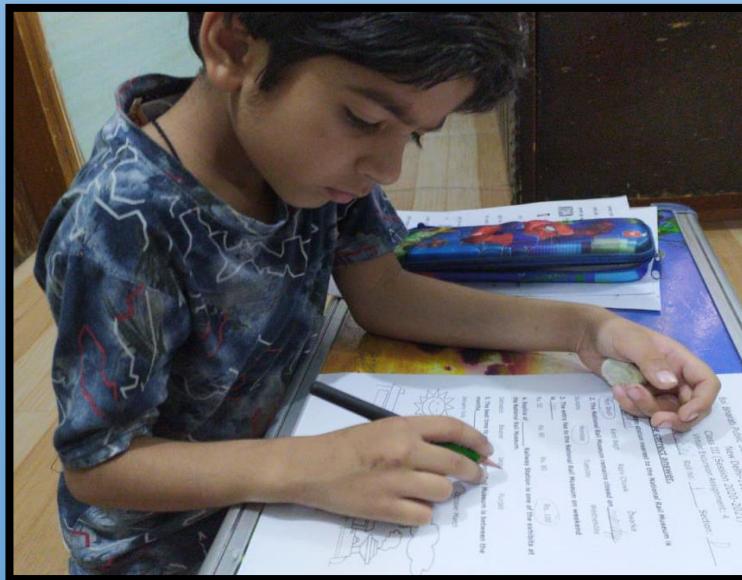
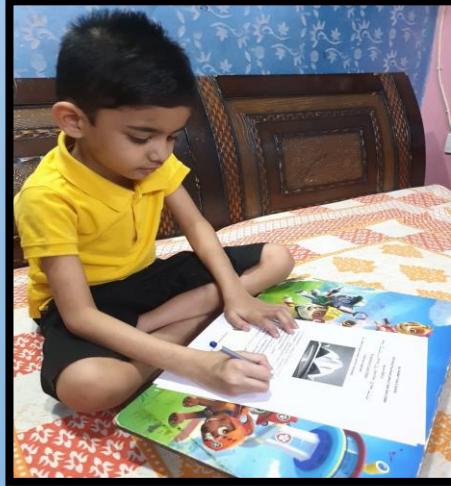
## Acrostics Poems & Mnemonics





## Virtual Excursions

Virtual Excursions were organised for children to rejuvenate them and add fun to their learning sessions. These excursions included virtual visits to Lotus Temple, Railway Museum, Qutub Minar, National Zoological Park, Waste to Wonders Park and many more. The follow up assignments were used as a tool to assess children's learning. They enjoyed each session and looked forward to the same every weekend.



# Clubs



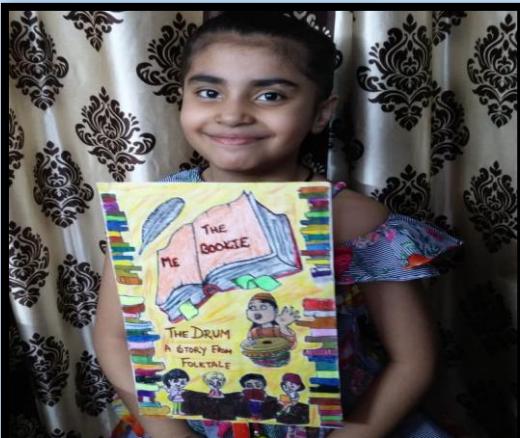
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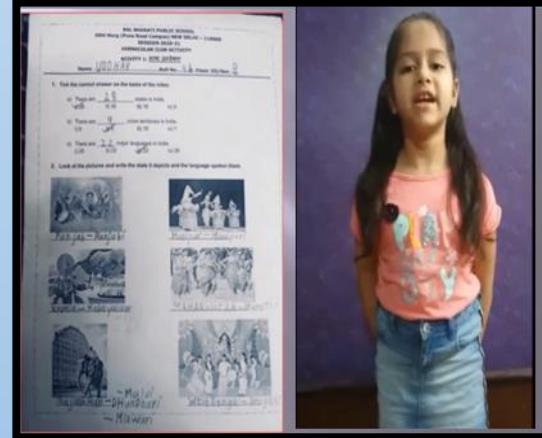
Numero Mania



Sporty Champions



Me the Bookie



Vernacular Club



Little Crafty Hands



Aao Haath Barhayein



Explore thy Country



Budding Scientist



Save Water, Save Earth



Radiant Punjab



Exploring Gas



# Earth Day



The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Earth Day was celebrated on 22 April, 2020. Considering the limitations due to the current lock down in the country, technology was yet again used to connect and come together for the celebration. The celebration included Morning Assembly, Teacher Talk and Pledge Taking Activity.

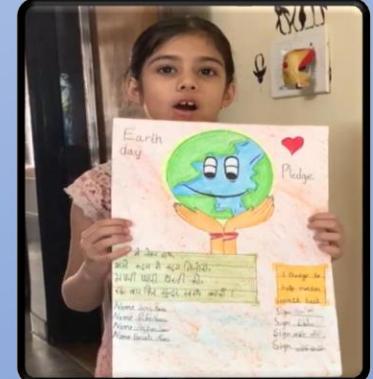


Morning Assembly



## Help Mother Earth Heal !

The students were inspired to take a pledge to 'Help Earth to Heal' along with all their family members. The activity received an overwhelming response and the children shared pictures of the Pledge signed by their family. They promised to protect the Earth and help it flourish. Pledge taking by the students and their families took the Earth Day Celebration to another level. The activity reflected the linguistic diversity of our country as the students and parents sang and read the pledge in their regional language



## The Astronomy Club Activities

### YURI'S NIGHT

Students watched a space/astronomy themed cartoon/animated or science fiction movie /a documentary / Ted Ed. and captured the name of the movie while watching it along with their siblings or family members.



### SHOOT THE SUPER MOON

The students very enthusiastically participated in the activity -'Shoot the Super Moon'. They shot with the moon in the background along with their family members.



### ASTRO ART

International Astro Art Competition was conducted for the students of Class I, II and III. The art work submitted by the students was a reflection of their passion for Astronomy. Each painting was unique in itself and showcased the creativity of our young budding artists.



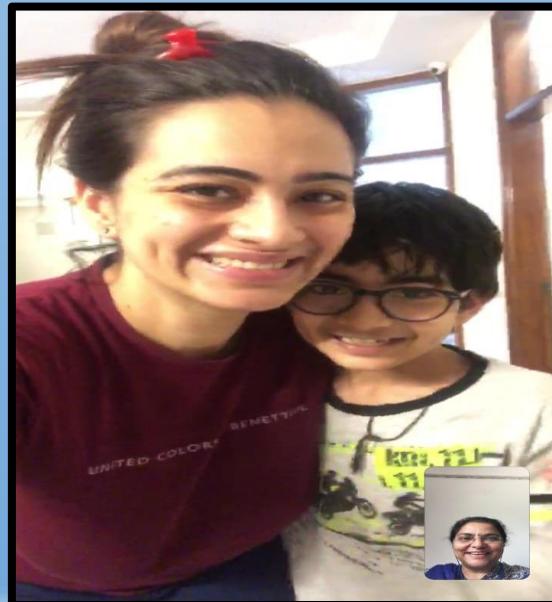
### Earth Day Activity

The students were encouraged to participate in one of the following given activities to mark the Earth Day celebrations- cleaning up their surroundings, planting trees or writing a slogan to mark the occasion.



### Virtual PTM and Group Interaction Sessions

A virtual PTM through WhatsApp video calls was conducted with an aim to connect with the parents & students and to take their feedback on the e-learning experience. To further strengthen the bond between the teachers and students Group Interaction Sessions for the children were also conducted.





Kabir II

**Technology and students**  
The world today is facing a very difficult situation. Because of Covid-19, schools are shut, offices are closed, business cannot run. We, the children cannot go to school. Technology is helping us a lot. Our learning has not stopped. While others are relaxing, our teachers are teaching us with the help of technology. The 'ConnectedClassroom' app used by our school is very simple and easy to use. Teachers upload lessons, worksheets, videos of yoga and dance activities. The most exciting part is the virtual excursion and story telling sessions. I am thankful to my teachers and my school.

Aaradhyaa Madra  
III H

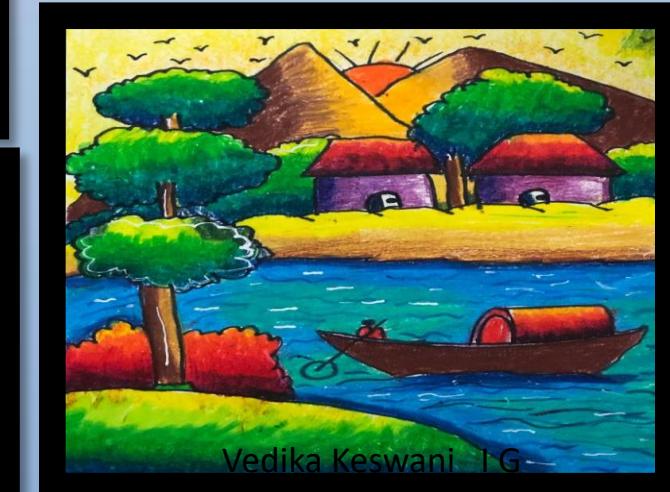


Divya I G



Mehak Malhotra II D

**My little Brother**  
**My little brother**  
**Sweet and smart**  
**He is my friend**  
**Dearest to the heart**  
**We laugh and giggle**  
**Also fight a little**  
**We play and cuddle**  
**and dance together**  
**With love he calls me**  
**BIG BROTHER**  
**Aaradhyaa Patney IA**



Vedika Keswani I G



Aaradhyaa Gupta III E



Pratyusha Ma I H

**Reaching out to needy**  
After a week of lockdown announced we received a call from our domestic help regarding money required urgently for basic needs. I asked my mother whether we can do something about helping her and other slum residents. I wanted to help her. I offered my whole piggy bank sum which totalled INR 4000. My whole family agreed to my proposal and arranged masks and sanitisers for distribution. We were able to help the poor and needy in whatever capacity we can.

Bhavika Malhotra  
Class – III-H



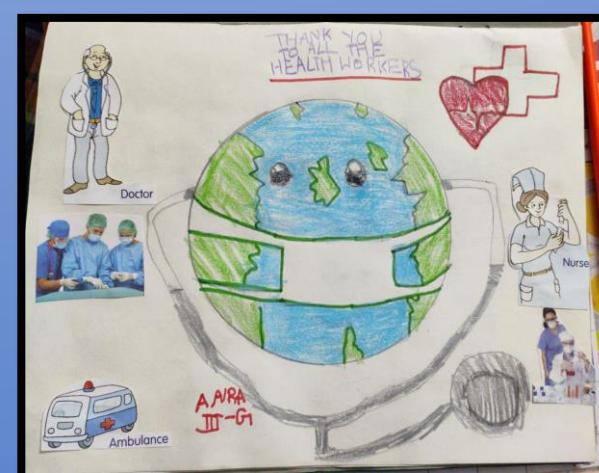
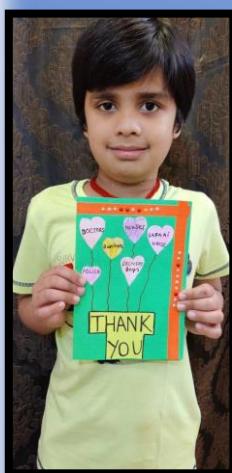
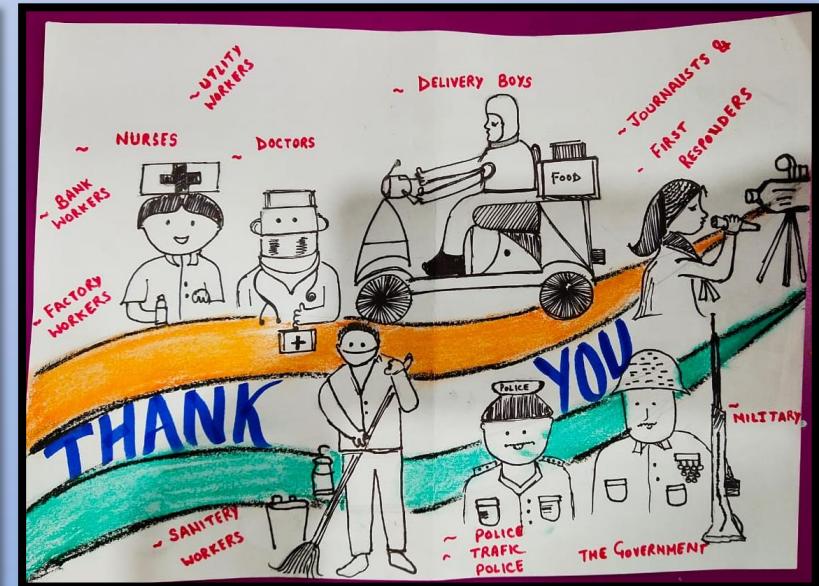
Ishya Jain III F

#### **My experience of e- learning**

I doubted that laptop, mobile, I-pad can be used for something other than playing games and Google till the time my school started e- learning thru connected classrooms. I was eager to see how I can study from my teacher's sitting at **home**. 1st April was the first day of e- learning session, I was excited to hear the morning prayer followed by our teacher welcoming us, sharing the thoughts of the day and briefing the entire day schedule.

Kaatyayni Bisht III H

# Saluting the



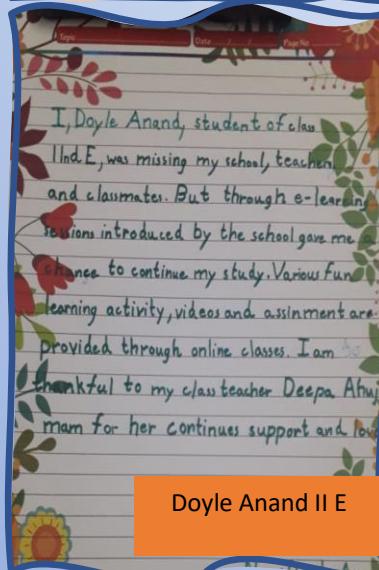


# Thank you Teacher ! e-Learning is Fun !

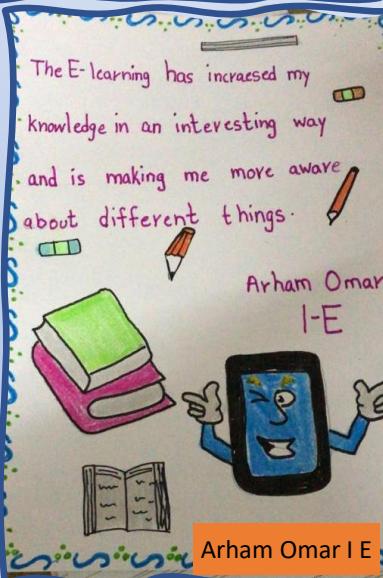


NEVER knew that my school will come home! Thanks to e-Learning experience I feel at school.

Ahaan Gambhir III G



Doyle Anand II E



Arham Omar I E

Being away from school/ Being away from teachers Doesn't stop us to learn Because now we can E LEARN

Namya Malhotra III F

Videos are fun to watch Like T.V. I am very happy to work on Laptop.

Vanya Batra III E

I am grateful to my school who initiated online classes for students. It has helped us get into a routine.

Aradhya Gupta III E

Advay Gupta III F

IT'S NOT JUST AN IDEA. MY TEACHER MADE IT HAPPEN!

E-LEARNING  
With Pukasha  
Ma'am is Amazing

ADVAY

Through the e-learning lessons I get chance to interact with my teachers, as I miss school so much. My favorite are stories and Assessments.

Divena Singh III C

\*Through this e-learning program\* I enjoy day-to-day activities and utilize my time to the fullest. Thanks to my school and my teachers.



Aryash Singh



Aryash Singh II E



Vedika Keswani I G

1. My School is closed due to Corona Virus.
2. So it started with online teaching.
3. I see colourful videos and brief excursions.
4. I enjoy my e-learning.

Riha Kumar I A

Learning has become a fun with the help of e-learning sessions. Art, dance, music, yoga and much more. I am sure I will get full scores.

Thank you BBPS

Divya I G



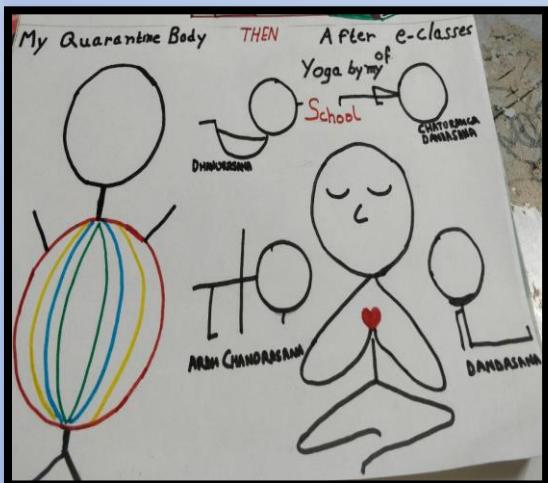
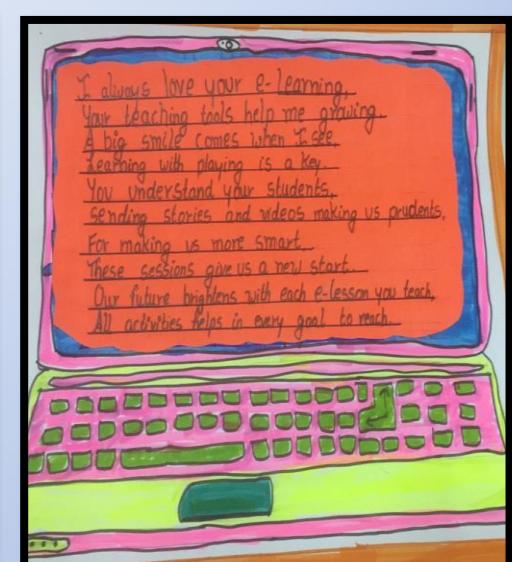
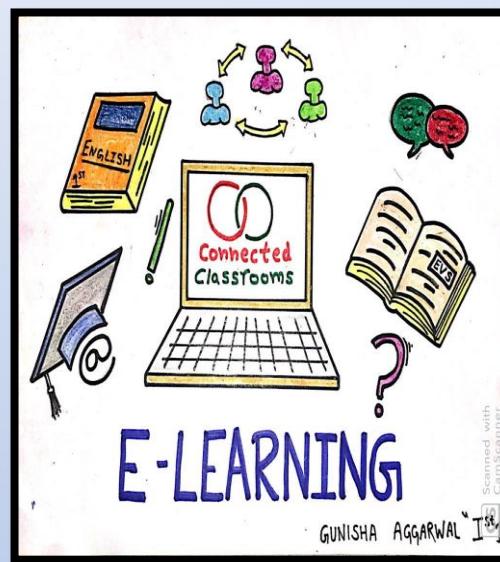
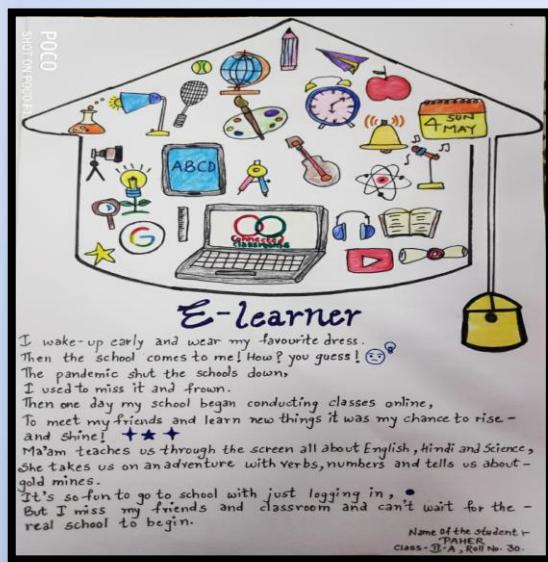
No Schools, No Friends  
No Lunch Breaks  
But still I am enjoying  
With E-Study Sessions  
my These Summer day

Rithvi Garg I F

**E-Learning: An amazing experience**  
This is helping me in:  
1. Learning new things  
2. Systematic learning  
3. Best in Class Content

Aakrishti Singh III G

# Reflections



## Parents Feedback

I would put 'CRISP' as Corona Routing Involution Study Program, a virtual mode combatting the present scenario of this widespread pandemic and teaching children with the utmost precision. It doesn't let them feel they aren't being to school and keeps them well connected! Seriously, I would like to thank CRISP for the advancement they have brought forth and the teachers and the school's management as well for their tireless efforts in covering their syllabus timely and not letting them taken aback!

Ms.Ravneeta Singh , M/o Prabmehar Singh II-D

World is going through a global health crises and everything is standstill, but learning must go on uninterrupted . With this thought in mind I am thankful to BBPS management for taking an initiative of online classrooms and keeping the students busy in school tasks and assignments. My special thanks goes to all the teachers and managing staff for their constant and timely support in arranging modules. Connected classroom portal for students is very systematic and well integrated, its very easy and user friendly. Children like to attempt worksheets, assignments and assessments on it. No doubt students are missing their school and teachers but at the same time I am proud that School is taking initiative of each and every thing that can be done, be it virtual PTM, virtual assembly, Bal Sabha activity, club activity etc.

Lastly I want to congratulate each and every person of BBPS family for their constant support and contribution during pandemic.

Ms Sucheta Bajaj , M/o Ananya Bajaj III C