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AN S.B. PATIL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of the Principal

My Dear Students and Parents,



I pray and hope this finds you at your best in the safety and comfort of your homes with your families and your loved ones. It has been a near four months since the new year of 2021, and what we thought would be a year of hope, joy and merriment is now proving to be a greater challenge than that of what 2020 was.

Yet, through this, the year has also brought to us a deluge of glad tidings, well wishes, and accolades manifold. As we commence on the new academic year of 2021-22, we hope, pray and wish you all had an

absolutely fabulous Holi, a blessed Easter, a prosperous Gudi Padwa and a joyous Ram Navami.

S.B. Patil Public School was pleasantly greeted by this new year with the joyful news of being bestowed with the prestigious British Council International School Award (ISA), now also called the International Dimension in Schools (IDS) Certification.

This is something the entire school, and especially the IDS team has been working towards for since the September of 2019. What followed was a ballet of merriment for every person at S.B. Patil as accolade upon accolade was crowned upon the institute and its members.

We, as a human race, have always had the gift of turning the worst circumstances to our benefit. What started off wave after wave of shock and surprise, has only taken a turn for the worst but through the past year we have grown out to be more resilient, stronger, wiser, and most of all, more prepared to handle situations no matter how hard times may be.

We have amazed Darwin by evolving and adapting our wants, needs, motives and priorities of life within less than a year to suit the volatile environment. And it is because of this change in our overall being, and more importantly, our attitude that we as individuals, and together as an institute have been able to achieve such standing.

This newsletter further elaborates on the myriad activities the kiddies of the school's pre-primary section partook in; the events and celebrations the school organised; and the conferrings lauded upon members of the PCET Board, school faculty and the students; as well as exhibits a splurge of talent by our young artists who have made the best use of their time by honing their creativity and endowment.

Whilst this publication may be a vainglorious anthology of our triumphs, these words would not have been penned had it not been for every person who is part and parcel of our school: every faculty member, academic and administrative; every member of our Board of Trustees; every student; and especially all of you, dear parents, who through last year and the past have been a continual rampart of support and a beacon of guidance.

As I conclude, I ask you all to continue maintaining protocol, wear your masks, keep your distance, maintain paramount levels of personal health and household sanitisation.

I wish you all a blessed 2021, and a wonderful read ahead.

Sincerely,



Dr. Bindu Saini
Principal

Dear Readers,



As we tread through the mid of yet another turbulent year full of trials, I wish you all of God's good grace in surviving through and surpassing every difficulty in glorious victory. I pen down this editorial with utmost humility as I complete a year-and-a-half of being part of S.B. Patil Public School, and a year of holding the post as Writer and Editor-in-Chief, and the HoD of the Media and Publications Department.

It has been at utter privilege working under the tutelage of the principal, Dr. Saini; the coordinators, Ms. Padmavati Banda and Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni; every sub-coordinator; and every one of my fellow faculty members who have been nothing other than aiding and motivating from the moment I set foot in this institute as a neophyte writer for the school magazine.

Whilst the institute and its esteemed management have set basic goals to be attained, none have ever deterred me from the freedom of thought, liberty of expression, ample space for creativity, and an ever-elevating platform to grow not only academically and work-wise but also personally.

I strongly adhere and believe in the quote, "Find a job you enjoy doing, and you will never have to work a day in your life." And I could not be more proud to say that I have found it working here at S.B. Patil Public School.

Without diverging on a tangent, I do hope you find this issue of Endeavour a good read, and are able to immerse yourself, sharing in our joys, accomplishments and victories. As always, our aim is to make our magazine all-inclusive, we have commenced on including a section, Folk Tales, which is a platform if you will, for parents to exhibit their talent and creativity as well. Should any of you wish to have your work published, please do send it across. You can find out if we are accepting work or not from our "Feedback and Submissions" sub-tab under the Publications header on our website available here: <http://sbpatilschool.com/feedback.php>.

Dear parents, at this point, I also want to extend my gratitude to you all for sending across your children's art and writing work. We received an astounding 150 plus entries. So you will understand that it would be impossible to publish all. As stated in my e-mail responses, we have preserved all your wonderful entries, thus do not be disheartened if a submission is not published immediately. We will, for certainty do so throughout the course of the year.

All this being said, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of my team members who despite their inordinate schedules have devoted time to ensure this publication sees the light of day. None of this would have borne such meticulous fruition had it not been for their consistent hard work and dedication.

The Media and Publications Team also wholeheartedly welcomes the pre-primary faculty member Ms. Supreya Nitin whose superlative writing aptitude and impeccable contribution of articles for the website and the magazine over the past months have gained her a permanent place in the Magazine Committee.

Once again, I extend my gratitude to every faculty whose dedication, every student whose wholesome participation, and every parent whose devout commitment have made every event published in these pages a possibility let alone a success. I wish you all a wonderful read, the best of health, and also pray for the safety of you, your families and loved ones during this hard times.

Warm wishes,



Rohit Sarkar
Writer and Editor-in-Chief

Special Assemblies and Events

MS. BHONSLE AWARDED THE WOMEN ACHIEVERS OF PCMC AWARD

Pune, Maharashtra | January 8th, 2021

The word "Empowerment" has manifold definitions; however, when speaking of women's empowerment, it clearly means accepting and allowing women who are beyond the borders of holding the ability to take their own decisions. Empowerment is the process that nourishes individuals to hold power over their own lives, society and in their communities.



The "Women Achievers of PCMC" awards are bestowed on those women who have, through the years, developed and empowered themselves to stand in a position where they are now a beacon of hope as they dedicatedly and selflessly strive to in-turn empower other women through varied means.

Ms. Padma M. Bhonsle, the vice-chairperson of the Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), has dedicated the past 22 years to promote education, especially for women. To add to her credit, she is the only lady member amongst the Board of the Trust.

For her relentless perseverance towards the cause, she was conferred with the "Women Achievers of PCMC" Award on January 8th, 2021. The S.B. Patil family heartily congratulates Ms. Bhonsle on the stupendous achievement, and wish her the very best as she treads the path that enriches the lives and futures of thousands of young minds.

S.B. PATIL PUBLIC SCHOOL LAURELED WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS BRITISH COUNCIL IDS CERTIFICATION (2020-23)

Pune, Maharashtra | December 31st, 2020 and March 31st, 2021



We herald 2021 with immense elation and pride by announcing that S.B. Patil Public School, Ravet has been bestowed with the British Council International School Award now also known as the British Council International Dimension in Schools Certification. The announcement was officially made on December 31st, 2020, and the official ceremony held virtually on March 31st, 2020.

The school has been painstakingly striving to achieve the award since the past year by fastidiously and religiously undertaking and fulfilling all the requirements set by the British Council.

The plaudit-laden commendation received by the Council stated that, "Commendable effort by the teachers [was made] in partnering with countries to provide a rich learning experience for the students." The report further went on to congratulate the school for embedding internationalism in its curriculum and achieving the International Dimension in Schools. Furthermore, the efforts of the teachers and the enthusiasm of students were evident throughout the dossier submitted.

It was a pleasure for the Council to see the little ones of our school actively engaged with utmost enthusiasm in various activities. The activities also showed palpable enthusiasm among children, as well as how meticulously all the countries, the activities were conducted with, were explored well with charts, displays and worksheets thus bringing out internationalism very well.

In addition, the learning outcome was evident at all stages of the activities, which was also noticed by the assessors. Finally, an end note declared: "Commendable effort and coordination. Students enthusiasm and learning are clearly visible. We encourage you to continue to embed international dimension in your curriculum and explore varied ways to continue your collaborative learning with partner schools. Hearty congratulations to the S.B. Patil team. Wish you all the best!"

We consider ourselves privileged to be graced with such wreaths of praise, and the honour of the British Council International School Award. We extend our gratitude to the Council for appreciating our hard work, and finding us worthy of such commendation.

Our heartiest congratulations to Ms. Anjali Gugale and Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni, the British Council IDS Coordinators for successful planning and executing the IDS activities plan for the school. Ms. Gugale led the international collaboration activities with schools in Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Both coordinators have been instrumental in the planning and execution of the IDS plan even during the lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We also sincerely thank our PCET trustees: Mr. Dnyaneshwar P. Landge, Chairman; Ms. Padma M. Bhonsle, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Vitthal S. Kalbhor, Secretary; Mr. Shantaram D. Garade, Treasurer; Mr. Harshwardhan S. Patil, Trustee; and Dr. Girish M. Desai, Executive Director.

We also are immensely grateful to the S.B. Public School faculty heads: Dr. Bindu Saini, Principal; Ms. Padmavati Banda, School Coordinator; Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni, Pre-elementary Section Coordinator; and our secondary, elementary and pre-elementary sections sub-coordinators: Ms. Nirupama Kale, Ms. Vandana Sangle, Ms. Archana Prabhune, Ms. Payal Nihalani and Ms. Nayna Taru.

Finally, our heartiest gratitude to the faculty members and students for all the efforts put in the year throughout. This award would not have been achieved if not for the dedication of every person involved.

A WELCOME SURPRISE:

S.B. PATIL BESTOWED WITH THE BEST HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA AWARD

Bangalore, Karnataka | January 23rd, 2021



In another pleasant surprise that 2021 brought forth, S.B. Patil Public School was voted as the School with the Best Holistic Development in India from amongst the top CBSE Schools across the nation. The award ceremony which was organised by Education World was held in Bangalore. The ceremony was attended by the school principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; and the school coordinator, Ms. Padmavati Banda who were invited to

personally receive the award.

The survey conducted by Education World covered over 500+ schools all over the country and covered award nominations in areas such as Individual Attention to Students, Co-curricular Activities (CCA), Holistic Development, Hostel Facilities, Best Effective Principal, etc.

The award ceremony that commenced on Saturday January 23rd, 2021, at 0900hrs and lasted till late in the evening until 1930hrs. The event also included online panel discussions on topics involving online education strategies, fee structure and management of resources, etc.



We at S.B. Patil congratulate Dr. Saini, Ms. Banda, all the other coordinators and sub-coordinators, the teaching and non-teaching faculty, as well as the management, and every other member for having worked so hard to elevate our school on such a grand pedestal.

We devoutly extend our wholesome gratitude to the members of the PCET Trust: Mr. Dnyaneshwar P. Landge, Chairman; Ms. Padma M. Bhonsle, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Vitthal S. Kalbhor, Secretary; Mr. Shantaram D. Garade, Treasurer; Mr. Harshwardhan S. Patil, Trustee; and Dr. Girish M. Desai, Executive Director without whose constant guidance, enduring mentorship and effusive support we would not have achieved this meritorious accolade.

INNOVATIVE AND GREEN:

WINNING THE TIMES SCHOOL SURVEY AWARDS 2021

Pune, Maharashtra | January 31st, 2021

With 2021 proving to be a blessing in disguise, it is with unbridled and paramount elation we announce that that S.B. Patil Public School has been awarded two meritorious awards by the Times of India.

Times Education of the ToI annually conducts the Times School Survey: a four-step approach research with the objective to shortlist the best and top schools within given categories in Pune.



S.B. Patil Public School, Ravet was awarded the first prize within the following two categories:

- ✓ Innovative Learning
- ✓ Green Campus

We at S.B. Patil are immensely proud of these accolades and sincerely thank our principal, Dr. Saini; Ms. Padmavati Banda and Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni, our coordinators; Ms. Nirupama Kale, Ms.

Vandana Sangle, Ms. Archana Prabhune, Ms. Payal Nihalani and Ms. Nayna Taru, the sub-coordinators; all the academic and administrative faculty; and especially the management and board members: Mr. Dnyaneshwar P. Landge, Chairman; Ms. Padma M. Bhonsle, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Vitthal S. Kalbhor, Secretary; Mr. Shantaram D. Garade, Treasurer; Mr. Harshwardhan S. Patil, Trustee; and Dr. Girish M. Desai, Executive Director for working hard, devotedly, consistently and in unity to bring this day to fruition.

A CELEBRATION CALLED LIFE: THE 2020 ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

Pune, Maharashtra | December 22nd and 23rd, 2020



The school's Annual Day is the most awaited event of the year; something which everyone looks forward to, and S.B. Patil Public School celebrated it with great pomp. The event was

conducted on the December 22nd and 23rd, 2020.

Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and now that we have entered into the virtual world of schooling, the year's Fest was conducted online with each section of every class performing live, supervised by their respective class teachers.

As opposed to the conventional Annual Day Fests held in the past years, this year proved to be an innovative, creative and offbeat display of skill and talent. The prime



objective behind organising the virtual event was to shun all monotony, boredom and negativity the rampant pandemic has caused all around over the course of the past months.



screen and they expressed how much they missed their school, teachers, friends and the whole environment *in toto*. Feelings here were mutual, as teacher too direly missed the students.

The programme was a magnificent and reverberating celebration. It commenced with prayer and was followed with the warm welcome of our esteemed parents and students. Students, who geared up in colourful outfits, props, smiling faces and full of enthusiasm, made the day a memorable one. The entire event was well-weaved to the themes with the children swaying to the beats, whilst some displayed their singing talent.



musical instruments.

As though it was enough, there were mono-act performances by the students with them performing magic shows of their own as well as playing on

Skit performances by the students was also part of the programme. The skits revolved around topics such as the importance of eating healthy food, and also gave us a glimpse of online schooling and how it has impacted our daily routine. It was a visual treat put in by our students along with their very supportive parents.



Concluding with the sign-out note: "No challenge ever becomes as an obstacle. No negative character can deter a positive fable. No setback can withhold the endurable. Nothing can stop the unstoppable", the Annual Day proved to be a platform wherein students could exhibit their myriad talents. The outstanding performance was appreciated by the principal, Dr. Bindu Saini, along with all the parents who did not hold back on their praises.



We at S.B. Patil extend our sincere gratitude to the students for letting go of all qualms and inhibitions, and for having the courage to perform on a live-streaming platform; to the teachers for devoting their time and effort to hold practice sessions; and to the parents whose tireless contribution, and continuous support and encouragement aided in making this day a success.

JINGLING ALL THE WAY: CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AT S.B. PATIL

Pune, Maharashtra | December 23rd, 2020

Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ, is the festival that brings with it the spirit of joy, sharing and caring. Celebrated the world throughout on December 25th, the pre-primary section held a celebration of their own on December 23rd, 2020.



Kids exhibited their creativity through an array of activities. The tots from Nursery partook in merriment with a "Colouring the Christmas Tree and Sticker

Pasting" activity.



The toddlers from Junior KG put their imaginations to the test by making a Santa Claus faces using paper glass, glazed paper and cotton whilst the Senior KG kiddies developed on their finger grips through the "Christmas Tree Crayon Etching" activity.



Following these, the children then eagerly awaited Santa because they knew he would arrive laden with gifts. The expressions on their faces when Santa entered their virtual classrooms was priceless; their elation knew no bounds. They jingled and jived along with Santa, and even saw a story entitled, "The Birth of Jesus".



THAT SENSE OF PATRIOTISM: CELEBRATING REPUBLIC DAY, 2021

Pune, Maharashtra | January 26th, 2021



S.B. Patil Public School celebrated the nation's 72nd Republic Day at its campus on the morning of January 26th, 2021. The event commenced at 0745hrs sharp and began with the reading of the Preamble to the Constitution followed by the hoisting of the national flag by the principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; school coordinator, Ms. Padmavati Banda, elementary coordinator, Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni; the sub-coordinators, Ms. Nirupama Kale, Ms. Vandana Sangle, Ms. Archana Prabhune, Ms. Payal Nihalani and Ms. Nayna Taru, and the HoD of the Sports Department, Mr. Dhanaji Patil. Everyone saluted in reverence as the national anthem was sung.

Due to the prevalent COVID-19 pandemic, only the teachers and staff partook in the celebration making certain social distancing was well abided by, and that the event was short yet crisp.

Ms. Swaleha Mujawar compered the programme

leading everyone through the events. Following the hoisting and singing of the national anthem, everyone sang in unison, the *Jhanda Geet*.

To conclude the programme, the school's music department, Mr. Kuldeep Ghadge, Ms. Sulochna Pawar and Mr. Prathamesh Inamdar performed the patriotic song, "*Swarg se Sundar Desh Humara*" which was beautifully sung in harmony by Ms. Aparna Jagdale, Ms. Nivedita Biswas, Ms. Erekar Durga Bhavani, Ms. Trupti Zarkar, Ms. Geetanjali Zambre, Ms. Swati Nawale, Ms. Labheshri Koor, Ms. Snehal Shinde, Ms. Vrudahi Phadke, Ms. Anita Patil, Ms. Sheetal Chandgude and Ms. Anita Suryavanshi. The event finally ended with wishing everyone a Happy 72nd Republic Day and refreshments served for the faculty.



Meanwhile, the pre-primary section celebrated the day in all its grandeur in the pre-primary wing of the school on January 25th, 2021. The event was virtually conducted but that did not diminish the enthusiasm of the

celebration. Teachers and students alike all geared up for the event as were our very ever-supportive parents. Their cooperation and support helped our little ones cherish the celebration and participate in it wholeheartedly.

The entire celebration loomed with a feeling of patriotism and pride as the future generations were acquainted with the importance of the day through a story and videos which helped reinforcing the value of unity and patriotism in them. They were all dressed in outfits apt for the occasion; some wore dresses in tricolour, a few sparkled in scintillating white attire, whilst some flaunted the tricolour tattoo on their cheeks.

The kiddies from the Nursery class joyously immersed themselves activities like thumb printing on the outlines of a peacock, making paper collage on the shape of a mango, and cotton dabbing on a lotus. They were then encouraged to speak a few lines on any one of the national emblem activities they had completed.



Junior KG students had tricolour tattoos painted on their cheeks and they were asked to represent any state with proper attire from that region whilst also giving some information about the state they represented. The Senior KG students participated by helping their parents in preparing a tricolour dish and presented it and speak a few lines about it.



The celebration concluded with children joining their teachers in singing the National song, "*Vande Mataram*". Involving children in such art integrated activities and national festivals enabled them to learn about Indian culture and tradition whilst imbibing and understanding the values and principles of being an Indian in a joyful and playful way.

HARMONY JUNGLE SAFARI: A SENIOR KG FIELD TRIP

Pune, Maharashtra | January 27th, 2021



Field trips tend to make learning fun and special, adding an element of novelty to a school routine, enabling the children to step out of the classroom and experience learning in a realistic, tangible scenario.

On January 27th, 2021, the students of Senior KG had a virtual field trip on the "Harmony Jungle Safari" wherein children could achieve better understanding about animals and their habitat they had learnt in the classroom.

To experience the field trip better, children were asked to join the online session with dry snacks and water bottles in a backpack donning sunglasses and caps.

The trip started on time and with the toddlers excited beyond words. Teachers showed students videos of different animals found in the jungles of India as well as other parts of the world, in their natural habitat. They kept interacting and provided information whilst also asking the toddlers to share their experiences throughout the session.

They were also shown a multitude of species of migratory and non-migratory birds found in nature as well as how animals are happy in their natural habitat where they were free and how they lived together in harmony. A brief lunch break followed suit wherein the kiddoes gorged on their snacks, and had juices they had packed for the trip.

After the break the children were exhibit to the colourful aquatic world where they saw different aquatic and amphibian creatures as well as other marine life. The fun-filled virtual trip came to an end with the children gaining a practical experience of the subjects they learned in class.



A SENIOR KG MONO ACT

Pune, Maharashtra | January 28th, 2021



A mono act is a one-man show wherein the actor or participant gets to exhibit his/ her creativity, imagination, confidence, communication skills and talent. Dramatics helps children to understand the world around them.

On January 28th, 2021 the Senior KG section had a virtual mono act activity organised for them. The kiddies participated actively in the event. They showcased their confidence and creativity, and their selection of topics left the teachers spellbound.

With appropriate selection of costumes and props made their performance more realistic. Children enacted and gave messages and put light on very sensitive issues like child labour, gender equality, pollution control, healthy eating habits, recycle and reuse of waste, etc.

Despite their tender age they were still able to understand and present such mature messages to their friends and society. We genuinely appreciate our students' efforts and talents, and using this mono-act activity to boost not just their own but every one of their classmate's overall development.



SENIOR KG MARATHI BAALGEET ACTIVITY

Pune, Maharashtra | February 9th, 2021



Language is an integral part of our lives and plays an important role in the development of a person's personality. It is through language that we communicate with the world; define our identity; express ourselves, and our history and culture; and learn and participate in all aspects of society.

Teaching languages, especially regional languages to the child during his/ her developmental stages and the initial levels of education gives impetus to the child creativity and logic whilst also easing his ability to communicate with a multitude of people early in life.

And so as to give students exposure to a diversity of languages and activities thus resulting in the overall development of our students, the Senior KG section organised a virtual Marathi Baalgeet activity on Tuesday, February 9th, 2021.

Students keenly participated in the event using props, and sang confidently using actions and expressions overloaded with cuteness. Teachers appreciated and encouraged the kiddies throughout their performance as they sang songs like "Chando ba, Chando ba", "Shepti Valya Pranyachi Sabha", "Bhajiyanchi Mandai", "Chimniche Ghar" to name a few.



CODING:

THE APPLICABILITY AND USE IN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Pune, Maharashtra | February 15th and 16th, 2021



In a two-day event, the first of which was a press conference, S.B. Patil Public School's principal, Dr. Bindu Saini, was invited to speak on coding and its applicability and use in the education system.

Organised by the FutoLearn Ed. Tech Company, Bangalore, the seminar event on "Artificial Intelligence and Coding in Indian Classrooms: A Need of the Hour". On the first day, principals of various schools and educational institutes answered a cascade of questions by journalists on the subject.



On the second day, along with many others, Dr. Saini ardently spoke on the issue, providing insights from her own experience of being in the teaching profession for well over 25 years.

We could not be more proud of our principal as she tactfully answered the flood of questions posed, and spoke fervently about coding; how it aids in the development of students when introduced in school curriculum from an early stage, and the curriculum taught at S.B. Patil: how it enhances creativity and logic simultaneously; how it adds value to the idea and implementation of the holistic development of children; and most importantly, how it is a life-skill training for young minds in itself.

We congratulate Dr. Saini for taking another step in bringing S.B. Patil Public school to the forefront of the public eye.

A DUAL CELEBRATION:

CELEBRATING BASANT PANCHAMI AND SHIVJAYANTI

Pune, Maharashtra | February 18th, 2021



S.B. Patil Public School hosted a dual celebration on the occasions of Basant Panchami and Shivjayanti at its campus on February 18th, 2021. The celebrations were held in the auditorium where the principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; coordinator, Ms. Padmavati Banda; pre-primary coordinator, Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni, and all the teachers and staff were present.

With Swaleha Mujawar, the CCA in-charge compeering the session, to commence the programme, Dr. Saini, Ms. Banda and all the coordinators and sub-coordinators lit the lamp paying respect through prayer and puja to the Goddess Saraswati. The prayers were led by Ms. Deepika Kannao, the Sanskrit Language Teacher.



Ms. Vridhi Phadke recited a short introduction on Basant Panchami. The teachers of the pre-primary section then presented a traditional dance in lieu of the event.



Post this, commenced the Shivjayanti celebrations wherein the photo of Shivaji Maharaj was garlanded by the principal and the coordinator.

The Marathi Language teacher, Ms. Kartiki Bhonsle gave a motivational speech, describing the history and evolution of Maharashtra and the imperative role Shivaji played in making this land independent and self-dependant; in creating social reforms and bring about gender equality; in uniting the tribes and kingdoms across Maharashtra; and in fighting for freedom and independence against the Mughals. This speech was immensely praised by every staff member present in the audience.



Following this, a presentation on the life and accomplishments of Shivaji Maharaj was exhibited. The primary and secondary teachers presented the *Palna* sung by Ms. Sulochna Pawar and the choir group.

The event came to a dramatic close with the sports teachers, led by Mr. Shrikant Deshpande presenting the *Powada*.

BALANCE/ IMBALANCE:

ADOPTING THE NEW NORMAL IN THE NEW EDUCATION POLICY 2021

- by Ms. Anjali Gugale | TGT Social Science and British Council IDS Coordinator

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us many things and has given valuable life lessons. The challenges we faced has made us all more aware, alert and responsible not only towards our own duties but taught us how to take care of others around us. The new normal has been a life mostly of social distancing and isolating ourselves in our homes. The year 2020 has been a year of creating balance in the imbalance created by mankind.

No doubt it has been very difficult for people of all ages to adjust to these sudden and unforeseen changes and challenges. Our students and young children are the ones who need our utmost attention, care, love and time so that they can learn the new way of life and are ready for any new unforeseen challenges in the coming years.



Keeping all this in mind S.B. Patil School has taken up this challenge and took initiatives to empower teachers and adopt new methods of teaching and learning as per the New Education Policy 2020 for our students. We made sure that even during the time of pandemic the students' education and well-being should not suffer. Right from the early days of home isolation our school management, the principal Dr. Bindu Saini, school coordinators, all teachers and staff have

toiled very hard to keep up with the pace of learning new ways and methods of teaching and training ourselves to adapt to the new normal of social distancing as per the NEP guidelines.

The management has been very supportive and alert to provide all kinds of support to teachers both at home and at school so that they are able to perform their duties successfully and without any difficulties. The staff has been provided with all kinds of training, resources, laptops, fast internet at school, computers, other related technology equipment so that the process of teaching and learning is smooth and is not hampered even in the times of home isolation. We must not forget the support and contribution of our most valuable stakeholders, our parents, who have supported us wholeheartedly in making our school a tech-savvy and an International Dimension School.

The vision and mission of S.B. Patil Public School is, "Holistic Development for each child as per his or her potential with positive approach towards life." and, "To prepare children for the future as global citizens by providing requisite knowledge and skills in an environment of sharing and caring."

Thus not only have we trained ourselves and our students by imparting valuable life skills soft skills to use online mode of learning but have involved in many international dimension activities. This new mode of learning has opened the doors to many new dimensions to teaching and learning. We have converted our challenges to new opportunities for both our teachers and students and opened doors to new paradigms that engages them and leads to more productive learning outcomes.

Our school infrastructure is equipped with high speed internet, computers, laptops, web cameras, projectors and all the necessary equipment for conducting online classes from school by maintaining social distancing and taking all the necessary precautions.

Following are the activities and initiatives we have taken to make our school a tech savvy and an international dimension school:

1. We have won the British Council International School Award (ISA) for the year 2020-21. and have received the IDS (International Dimension in School) certificate from British Council: Our students participated in three International collaboration activities with Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh Schools for grades VIII and IX virtually, and four in-house international dimension activities for pre-primary, primary and grades V to VII. All kindergarten activities were successfully conducted online.
2. Our school has won the Times Innovative and Green School Award for engaging in innovative methods of teaching and learning and promoting awareness about sustainable development for saving the environment.
3. A Citation of Honour has been awarded to our school principal, Dr. Bindu Saini by Expressions India International Adolescent Summit.
4. Our teachers have been provided with regular online training on NEP 2020 and online mode of teaching and learning. They all have participated in the NEP quizzes to make them aware of the new education policy. Also all teachers have successfully completed their subject related online training from CBSE. They have engaged students in various experiential learning activities to make the lessons more engaging and interesting; for example: making crafts, artwork, solving online puzzles, online games like chess tournament and so on and so forth.
5. Our students have participated in various CBSE online expression series activities and quizzes wherein they wrote essay and poems in their choice of languages as per the NEP guidelines.
6. Recently our school has participated in the United Nations Climate Action Project through online mode and were part of activities like planting saplings, and sending message to astronauts in space and participating in the online video conferencing and UN forums.
7. Our teachers have participated in CBSE activities on sharing their lesson plans Experiential Learning online and new methods of teaching learning.
8. We have utilised various online resources to make our teaching and learning more engaging as the NEP 2020. We have utilized online tools Google Classroom for sharing and checking assessments for regular homework and conducting examinations online.

9. We have utilised online videos for explaining our lessons and virtual tours of important days and events, for e.g. a virtual tour of United Nations Headquarters, AMUL and Sabarmati Ashram, different types of Industries like TISCO, Textile, Sugar, Agro based Industries in US and India.
10. To keep our students and teachers mentally fit, stress free and healthy, regular activities like meditation, sports, music and yoga activities and assignment are provided and conducted online. Our school and students have received merit certificates for participating in the Heartfulness Essay Competition, a Non-Profit Organization endorsed by Ram Krishna Mission and United Nations Information Centre.
11. Our Science and Maths teachers have been a part of research at IISER and have delivered lectures on teaching STEM and have been awarded certificates for their work.
12. Our principal, Dr. Saini, along with few teachers have been awarded research scholar awards and certificates from Institute of scholars and Global Teacher Award for their contribution in the field of education and research.
13. Currently students from grade VIII are engaged in the UN Take Action Global, a goals project on UN-17 sustainable goals. They have already participated in the UN Virtual Tour and have been a part of online UN forum.
14. Students from grade X have been involved in CBSE SEWA activities wherein they were involved in community service like career counselling and explaining about online useful games like chess championship, health and sanitization awareness etc., to develop social awareness, empathy, compassion and sense of responsibility.

The entire SBPPS team has made it successfully through the challenges faced due to Covid-19 pandemic and adapting the new normal. We will continue to strive for excellence to make our students responsible, alert and strong enough to successfully take on any new challenges in the future to come.

Thank you and best wishes from us all at S.B. Patil Public School!

A TRULY RAAPCHIK PERFORMANCE: CELEBRATING MARATHI BHAASHA DIWAS

Pune, Maharashtra | February 27th, 2021

"ला भले अम्हास भाष्य बोलतो मराठी... जाहलो खरेच धन्य ऐकतो मराठी... धर्म, पंथ, जात एक जाणतो मराठी... एवढ्या जगात माय मानतो मराठी..."



The Marathi Abhimaangeet by Suresh Bhat, noted Marathi poet from the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra echoed in the hearts of everyone when Marathi Bhaasha Diwas was celebrated on February 27th, 2021 at S.B. Patil Public School. Marathi Language Day is celebrated every year across the Indian states of

Maharashtra and Goa to honour and celebrate the birthday of eminent Marathi poet Kusumagraj.

The celebration began with the traditional lamp-lighting and garlanding of the portrait of the poet Kusumagraj (Vishnu Vaman Shirwadkar) by the principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; school coordinator, Ms. Padmavati Banda; pre-primary sections coordinator, Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni; and sub-coordinators, Ms. Nirupama Kale, Ms. Vandana Sangale and Ms Archana Prabhune.



The event started off by a speech on significance of Marathi day by Ms. Sheetal Chandgude, the primary section Marathi teacher. A medley of Marathi songs by music teacher Ms. Sulochana Pawar and faculty members of pre-primary to Grade X and kirtan in Marathi by Mr. Prathamesh Inamdar, Mr. Kuldeep Ghadge and their team added melody to the event.

A PowerPoint presentation by Mr. Kuldeep Ghadge on prominent poets, events and places of the Marathi language with narration given by Ms. Sangale enriched everyone. A dance to a song on 'Lakh Chanderi...' by the faculty members of Primary and Secondary followed by a Dhol, trumpet and Lezim performance by the pre-primary to grade X teachers; and a grand entrance of Maharaj Shivaji played by math teacher, Mr. Pushpak Tikone, filled the event with jubilation and vibrance.



The programme was compered by Ms. Sheetal Chandgude, the Marathi Language teacher and the event ended with a Vote of Thanks also proposed by her and Ms. Sangle.

The entire event was recorded and the link published on Google Drive for the parents to access. All-in-all,

it was a great success and was lauded by the principal, Dr. Saini, or as Ms. Sangle put it: "A truly raapchik performance!"

This was follo wed by the announcing of the Avishkar event awardees. The article can be found in "The Joy of Innovation: Announcing the Avishkar Awardees"



HOSTING THE MAHA-IT PAREEKSHA

Pune, Maharashtra | February 28th, 2021

On Sunday, February 28th, 2021, S.B. Patil School held the Maha-IT examination. The school, which was selected as a center to conduct the examination-IT, housed 51 candidates who appeared for the examination.

Mr. Ganesh Ubale, an official from the Ginger Webs agency, is a leading technology company in assessment and testing industry, was present in the school for documentation purposes. Also present from the agency were other officials for checking and supervision, ensuring the use of oximeter and thermal scanning, etc.

The report was submitted to the school for safekeeping. The principal, Dr. Bindu Saini acted as center superintendent for the examination; and the coordinator, Ms. Padmavati Banda, acted as deputy center superintendent.

BEING PEOPLE OF ACTION: THE S.B. PATIL SCHOOL/ ROTARY CLUB INTERACT PROGRAMME

Pune, Maharashtra | March 1st, 2021



Venturing into the new academic year 2021-22, we share yet another great news with you all: The prestigious **Rotary International** has consented to recognise S.B. Patil Public School as part of the Interact Program of Rotary International w.e.f. March 1st, 2021.

We have virtually received the Certificate of Organization from the Rotary Club of Udyog Nagar, Pimpri, Maharashtra.

Rtn. Mr. Sunil Bhagwat, a member of the host organisation shall be the convener and the resource person for our school. From our school,

and under the mentorship of the principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; and school coordinator, Ms. Padmavati Banda; Ms. Swaleha Mujawar is the convener and rapport personnel for the organisation.

We look forward to provide ample and valuable opportunities for our students as part of the Socially Useful Productive Works (SUPW) as well as our motto of their holistic development.



THE LITTLE GRADUATES: CELEBRATING THE KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION DAY

Pune, Maharashtra | April 9th, 2021

Friday, April 9th, 2021: It was a very special day at S.B. Patil Public School as the Senior KG section celebrated their graduation day. Kindergarten graduation celebration has a special significance as the tiny tots complete their term as kindergarteners and venture into being primary section toddlers. By now they know their numbers and ABC's and have learnt many important values and morals as they cross the threshold into the primary section.



The celebrations began with the teacher welcoming the students and their parents. Teachers congratulated students for their accomplishments. A touching video of sweet memories of the entire year's journey which left everyone emotional. To lighten this moment an online game was conducted wherein the kiddies actively participated and thoroughly enjoyed.

This was followed by a brunch and an interaction with the teachers where they shared their memories, experiences and thanked the teacher for all the efforts that they had put to teach them through a virtual platform.



However, all good things come to an end. A thank you note appreciating parents for all their support and cooperation that they had extended throughout the year to make this virtual teaching a big success was given by the teachers. We thank the principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; pre-primary coordinator, Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni; and the management for all their support and guidance.



Competitions and Conferings

A CHASSÉ TO SUCCESS: AT THE SAKAL YOUNG BUZZ'S KIDS IDOL, 2020 COMPETITION

Pune, Maharashtra | December 25th, 2020



Dancing is so much more than just grooving on the dance floor to your favourite tunes. It is one of the most enthusiastic forms of expression. It can convey anything from gladness to grief, from acrimony to angst, from docility to dauntlessness.

Sakal Young Buzz organised its 11th solo dance competition under the banner "Kids Idol, 2020" on December 25th, 2020. Held virtually due to the ongoing pandemic, the programme saw no dearth of enthusiastic participation by students of all ages from all over the country.

Avani Pavan Gujarathi of Senior KG-Water of S.B. Patil Public School was one of the many young aspirants who partook passionately in the event. And it is with great pride that we announce her win as the first runner up.

Interestingly, Avani was also awarded as the first runner-up in the Kids Idol, 2020 fancy dress competition. We congratulate this budding dancer and wish her the very best as she chassés her way to success.

FANCY BEING HANUMAN: AT THE SAKAL FANCY

Pune, Maharashtra | December 25th, 2020



In another win at the Sakal Fancy Dress Competition held, Swarada Ashish Yadav of Senior KG-Air won the first prize after her performance as a teacher in the online event.

Her brother, who has recently become part of S.B. Patil Public School, taking admission in the 2021-22 batch, stood

second for his enactment as Lord Hanuman.

We wish the brother-sister duo our heartiest congratulations, and wish them every success as they walk their starlit path of life.



STUDENTS BAG LAURELS AT THE HEARTFULNESS ESSAY EVENT, 2020

Pune, Maharashtra | February 2021



Heartfulness Education Trust.

It was a proud moment for our school when the students from grade IX: Swara Bangale, Subhikshashree Chettiar, Soumya Narayan and Apurva Pawar were awarded with the Institution Merit award whilst Nehal Chawda was awarded a participation certificate for their outstanding performances in the Heartfulness Essay Writing Event, 2020.

Mentored by the school's social science teacher, Ms Anjali Gugale, the students partook in the event organised by the Shri Ram Chandra Mission in collaboration with the United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan (UNIC) and the

The intention behind this event year after year has been to connect with the youth of our nation and help them to look within themselves for answers to problems that plague our world today.

In a Letter of Appreciation addressed to the principal, the efforts taken by school in mentoring the students along with the enthusiastic participation and excellent performance of the students were highly appreciated. S.B. Patil Public School was hence awarded with a Certificate of Appreciation, and all the participants received certificates.

THE JOY OF INNOVATION: ANNOUNCING THE AVISHKAR AWARDEES

Pune, Maharashtra | February 27th, 2021



The National Science Day was celebrated on Saturday, February 27th, 2021 at S.B. Patil Public School with the objective to push the limits of students when it comes to creative writing and poster making. The aim was to bring awareness, developing scientific temperament, habit of enquiry, exploring various fields, discoveries and inventions, incubating rational thinking and problem solving abilities.

Our principal, Dr. Bindu Saini has always emphasised our role, the role of teachers, in widely spreading the significance of scientific applications in our daily life. Our staff members shared their knowledge with the students. Student's participated with enthusiasm in two events

namely, Avishkar, an inter-school online science event and the Intra-school Online Science Event. The uniqueness of this year's competition held on online on Facebook Live.

Many well-known schools across the city devotedly participated in Avishkar. These were: S.N.B.P. International school, Ashwini International school, Kothari Public school, Army Public school, City Pride School, Azam School and many more.

The program was hosted by event in-charge, Ms. Varsha Deshmukh, who organised the programme under the principal's guidance.

For the Intra-school Online Science Event, students from Nursery to grade IX participated ardently with a total of 303 models presented by students through videos. Three winners were announced from each class for event with the winners being selected by distinguished judge, Dr. Sanjay Lakade (Dean, R&D).

For Avishkar, two groups were categorised based on grade with an overall of 60 entries.

For Group I: Ramanujan (Grades III to V) the following topics were given to the students under two areas:

Creative Writing

1. My Pride, My India
2. Vedas and Science
3. Main Ek Akela Khada Vruksh

Poster Making

1. The World of Three Dimensions
2. Physical and Mental Fitness
3. Indian Women in Science



For Group II: Aryabhata (Grade VI to VIII) the following topics were given to the students under two areas:

Creative Writing

1. India's Contribution in Medicine
2. Future of STI: Impact on Education, Skill and Work
3. Main Ek Akela Khada Vruksh

Poster Making

1. Destination Moon: More Mission, More Science
2. The World of Three Dimensions
3. Digital India

The creative writing half was judged by Ms. Radhika Srinivasan, principal of Vivero International Pre-School, Pune; whilst the poster making event was judged by Ms. Geetu Manocha, an art faculty who lends here talent to various organisations and schools.

The students of S.B. Patil bagged the following prizes in the given categories:

1. Vrunda Anuse from Aryabhata: Creative Writing, 2nd Position
2. Shravani Gumaste from Aryabhata: Poster Making, 1st Position
3. Harshawardhan Patil from Ramanujan: Creative Writing, 2nd Position
4. Swara Hole from Ramanujan: Poster Making, 2nd Position

PARTICIPATING IN THE TAKE ACTION GLOBAL GOALS PROJECT 2021

Pune, Maharashtra | March 4th, 2021

The Take Action Global was founded by Koen Timmers and Jennifer Williams and endorsed by the renowned anthropologist Dr. Jane Goodall and His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama.



Take Action Global was created to inspire change by providing opportunities for students around the world to take action on social good causes through education. Building on more than 60 years of classroom experience empowering students to be curious, ask questions, take

action, and make a difference in their communities, we are bringing together like-minded educators seeking a different way of teaching and learning. The team at TAG is committed to creating space for teachers and students to work at local and global levels for the betterment of humanity for today and for tomorrow.

We are proud to inform that all students from grade VIII-A, B and C participated in the Take Action Global Goals Project 1: No Poverty; a part of the United Nations 17 sustainable development goals to be achieved by the year 2030. They presented virtually on the "Day of Solutions" in a day-long event held on March 4th, 2021 after a month of activities starting from January 25th, 2021, which involved students to discuss, brainstorm and express ways to achieve the 17 SDG's.

The students were guided by TGT Social Science Ms. Anjali Gugale, The Goals Project Facilitator was Ms. Donna Guerin, the UN SDG's ambassador and a K-12 Classroom teacher for SDG 1: No Poverty; and Jennifer Williams, Co-founder of Take Action Global.

The month long journey of activities and virtual tours and discussions of student activism worldwide and of the United Nations was very motivating for the students. We feel proud that our students are well aware of the 17 sustainable goals which the world aims to achieve by 2030.

As a part of the NEP and the school CBSE curriculum it is necessary that children should be made aware of the UN 17 SDG's to make a difference and bring about the necessary change and progress in our society when they grow up.

Students from Std. VIII-A, B and C made drawings, wrote blogs, created online posters, discussed and made videos that were shared as a resource for schools across the globe on Padlet (Ms. Jennifer's Padlet Account), Flipgrid, Twitter, Facebook and YouTube (on teacher facilitator Anjali Gugale's account.)

Following are the links for the same:

1. <https://padlet.com/JenWilliamsEdu/2021GoalsProject>
2. <https://twitter.com/anj28>

Twenty students from grades VIII-A, B and C were selected to prepare a .ppt presentation with the title, "SDG 1 - No Poverty: Together we can End Poverty for A Better World" and individual video recordings for the "Day of Solutions" on March 4th, 2021 that were discussed in the class every week of the project deadlines. All 17 goals were linked with the assigned SDG1 - No Poverty.

Following are the links to their submissions:

1. Introduction by Amey Ajgar. Available at: <https://youtu.be/eNaDhwHdyUj>
2. "No Poverty and India" by Om Sonawane. Available at: <https://youtu.be/p76DYBisWbw>
3. SDG 1 by Neha Patil. Available at: <https://youtu.be/F71QoPaqKYE>
4. "Our School Activities" by Sameera Kulkarni. Available at: <https://youtu.be/xGmBceYr4q>
5. SDG 2 by Ishika Patil. Available at: <https://youtu.be/wNcDddGRdc>
6. SDG 3 by Shravan Sangle. Available at: <https://youtu.be/QaawEVJsc8>
7. SDG 4 by Vrunda Anuse. Available at: <https://youtu.be/Zz3JE19bYk>
8. SDG 5 by Vedika Bodke. Available at: <https://youtu.be/j-uGBfHsaw>
9. SDG 6 by Pratik Tawal. Available at: https://youtu.be/sW3OWM9_IZM
10. SDG 7 by Radhika Nalegave. Available at: <https://youtu.be/Lswf8yOh4Tw>
11. SDG 8 by Tanishq and Tanishka Suryawanshi. Available at: https://youtu.be/cKUApap_zHU
12. SDG 9 by Amey Ajgar. Available at: <https://youtu.be/apeOHkTUV-g>
13. SDG 10 by Rujuta Gokhale. Available at: https://youtu.be/xyHrquoN_-0
14. SDG 11 by Supriya Srivastav. Available at: https://youtu.be/mN0VDQPz_Xw
15. SDG 12 by Swara Awate. Available at: <https://youtu.be/19X3myuv-4U>
16. SDG 13 by Suryansh Rathni. Available at: https://youtu.be/MfvFe8du4_k
17. SDG 14 by Prisha Ranka. Available at: <https://youtu.be/ayfZW4Ulvh0>
18. SDG 15 by Tanishq and Tanishka Suryawanshi. Available at: <https://youtu.be/nf3zVEuf3ek>
19. SDG 16 by Sanatkumar Pal. Available at: <https://youtu.be/26teqP4nRlo>
20. SDG 17 by Vedika Bodke. Available at: <https://youtu.be/FarRaIBVrDE>

All students of grades VIII-A, B and C along with their mentor Ms. Anjali Gugale were awarded Take Action Global Presenter certificates for their successful participation in the UN Goals Project 2021. We wish everyone the heartiest of congratulations and every success for their futures.

ON EST RÉSILIENT!

Pune, Maharashtra | October 15th, 2020 and January 15th, 2021

French is spoken across five continents of the world which is witness to the ever-strengthening ties between India and France. Amidst the grim outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the French students of S. B. Patil Public School had again ventured out into the competitive space of the International French Language Olympiad (IFLO), 2020-21. A total of thirteen students partook in the examination.

This year, the Olympiad was conducted by Education & Beyond (E&B), a prestigious institution that aids children to test their cultural and civilisational knowledge of France. E&B is the pioneer in organizing educational trips to France and French Olympiad for Indian school students. It has its ties with several francophone countries of the continents.

The E&B French Olympiad is organised with the support of diplomatic missions in India namely, Embassy of Belgium, Embassy of Niger, Embassy of Senegal, Embassy of Guinea, Embassy of Burundi, Embassy of The Republic of Cote D'Ivoire, Embassy of The Republic of Congo, Embassy of The Kingdom of Morocco, Embassy of Togo and Embassy of Tunisia. In the French Olympiad Online 2021, more than 5000 students have participated in India and Indian Schools abroad.

This year, the examination was conducted in two phases: The Elementary Level and The National Level. The Elementary Level Examination (ELE) took place on October 15th, 2020, in which the participants from grades VI to VIII exhibited a wondrous performance.

Eight out of thirteen participants were qualified for the next level ie The National Level Examination (NLE) which took place on January 15th, 2021. This level exhibited their resilient attitude.

We heartily congratulate all the participants for the efforts they put in and also thank Ms. Sumati Mahajan, the French Language teacher and every other faculty member, specifically Ms Ayesha Sayed, Head of the External Examination Committee under the guidance of our Madam Principal, Dr Bindu Saini for their enduring support in encouraging the students to participate in such Olympiads for times to come.

Following are the lists of the participants enclosed with their scores at both the Elementary Level (ELE) and the National level (NLE).

1. Elementary Level Examination dated October 15th, 2020.

S. No.	Student	Grade	Level	Score
1.	Ishan Bhende	VI	ELE	52%

2.	Anshuman Das	VI	ELE	64%
3.	Aadya Ghanekar	VI	ELE	76%
4.	Tirth Patel	VI	ELE	84%
5.	Preet Rudani	VI	ELE	58%
6.	Roshni Shimpi	VI	ELE	68%
7.	Jaskirat Basan	VII	ELE	40%
8.	Daksh Kumawat	VII	ELE	68%
9.	Vaishnavi Patil	VII	ELE	34%
10.	Shreya Walse	VII	ELE	16%
11.	Aditi Bhole	VIII	ELE	94%
12.	Ishika Patil	VIII	ELE	82%
13.	Prisha Shah	VIII	ELE	80%

2. National Level Examination dated January 15th, 2021.

S. No.	Student	Grade	Level	Score
1.	Anshuman Das	VI	NLE	44%
2.	Aadya Ghanekar	VI	NLE	50%
3.	Tirth Patel	VI	NLE	58%
4.	Roshni Shimpi	VI	NLE	48%
5.	Daksh Kumawat	VII	NLE	44%
6.	Aditi Bhole	VIII	NLE	78%
7.	Ishika Patil	VIII	NLE	72%
8.	Prisha Shah	VIII	ELE	80%

Sports Achievers

WINNING A GOLD RUSH: AT THE DERVAN YOUTH GAMES, 2021

Pune, Maharashtra | March 24th, 2021

Even though the COVID-19 pandemic rages on and online classes are in full swing, students are not stopping from participating and growing through this time.

One such person is Harshada Kakade of VIII-A who partook in the Dervan Youth Games, 2021, and one four gold in all four elements topped by one additional gold medal for overall performance in Artistic Gymnastics.

We are proud of you, Harsha for surpassing all challenges put forth before you, and wish you the very best and every success for the future.



Faculty Awardees

ALL SET FOR STEP FOR STEM, LEVEL 2: A VIRTUAL EDUCATIVE EXPERIENCE AT IISER

Pune, Maharashtra | December 22nd and 23rd, 2020

In collaboration with TATA, the Indian Institute of Scientific Education and Research (IISER), Pune organised A Step for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Project for all science teachers from in and around Pune. Only a hundred were selected from the Pune region.

Under this project, Ms. Varsha Deshmukh, mathematics teacher; and Ms. Darshana Kamat, science teacher at S.B. Patil Public School were fortunate to have successfully completed the set series of ten workshops entitled, Level 1. Ms. Kamat qualified for Level 2. Her story on successfully completing Level 1 can be found in Endeavour (April 2020), page 22, "Ms. Kamat Selected for IISER's STEM Level 2".



As part of this series of the Level 2 workshops, she presented three text lesson plans as per guidelines set by the IISER). The topics for the lesson plans were:

1. The Renal System in Humans
2. The Transportation in Plants
3. Metals and Non- metals

Scheduled on the 22nd and 23rd of December 2020, for the next stage, Ms.

Kamat was invited for a video shoot of all the three lesson plans at IISER. The following is a narrative of her experience in her own words:

"For the first time I experienced the magical words, "Camera rolling and... Action!" along with multiple takes and retakes. This seemed so new yet so exhilarating as it was something utterly different instead of the conventional taking out of one's textbooks, paying attention to the blackboard or smartboard, jotting down notes and dictations in notebooks, and everything that goes with.

It was a great experience as I got to learn many a new thing. Technology has brought in many new strides, and as a science teacher, I feel so proud to be associated with a prestigious institute like IISER. I thank my school management; my principal, Dr. Saini; the coordinators and my colleagues that were my pillar... or "stem" of support as I underwent this mesmerizing and novel experience."



With the motto of teaching children right from the grassroots or school level, IISER has been training teachers with hands-on activities so that they can pass the knowledge on to students, and aid them take a vested interest in science and math instead of rote learning.

During the two-day event, Ms. Deshmukh was invited for a video shoot wherein she was asked to speak on topics such as the area and perimeter of triangles, squares, rectangles and circles. Ms. Deshmukh also got the opportunity to visit different institutes like the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) understanding the study of weather, weather changes, the use of weather balloons, as well as the cross-section study of wood layers to understand what weather was like thousands of years ago.

Both teachers also got the opportunity to listen to scientists such as Padmashree awardee, Dr. Avind Gupta; Dr. Natu; Dr. Ramachandra Bhat; Dr. A.K. Sinha, an ISRO Scientist. This experience immensely broadened their understanding and perceptions of the subjects.

We at S.B. Patil could not be more proud of Ms. Deshmukh and Ms. Kamat! We congratulate both of them for all their hard work and efforts that have solely led them to this point, and we wish them the very best for their journey through Level 2 and everything else.

WINNING AN ARRAY OF AWARDS: A MIGHTY BIG CONGRATS TO MS. ANJALI GUGALE

Pune, Maharashtra | December 2020



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education including students, teachers, principals, administrators, directors, accountants, librarians, counsellors etc. of the institutions for their skill development in India and abroad, whilst also aiding the schools improve by doing their quality audits.

Ms. Anjali Gugale was presented with the award for her work as an educator and working on international collaboration projects for the British Council International Schools Award. She was nominated for the award by school faculties from Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka, and by the principal Dr. Bindu Saini; school



coordinator Ms. Padmavati Banda, as well as teachers and faculties from our school and the Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering.

The award ceremony was conducted online on December 20th, 2020 due to the COVID-19 guidelines of social distancing, and the prevailing lockdown. Further to this, the Institute of Scholars (InSc) is an emerging technical professional organization established in the year 2014 with the aim to connect scholars, academics and professional from allied

industries. InSc's motto is to serve the international science and engineering community through dissemination of knowledge on recent advances in different fields of Science and Engineering through its several departments.



Ms. Anjali Gugale was presented with the Young Researcher Award for a conference presentation of her research paper on the

topic "Creating Future Ready Schools for Holistic Development" at the Heartfulness "National Conference - Values Today Civilization Tomorrow", held on October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2020.

She has been awarded lifetime professional membership of Institute of Scholars and has been recognized as a reviewer for the Journals of the InSc International Journal of Management and Social Studies.



IN A DELUGE OF TRIUMPHS: DR. NEERU MALIK STANDS AS AN EXEMPLAR OF A TRUE ACADEMIC

Pune, Maharashtra | January to March, 2021

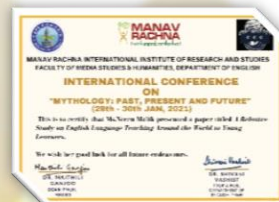


This year has not just been absolutely great for our school when it came to being bestowed with an array of awards but also for the people who painstakingly work hard to ensure S.B. Patil School reaches its zenith when it comes to performance.

Two such people who has been flooded with awards since the commencement of this year are Dr. Bindu Saini, principal of our school; and Ms. Neeru Malik, the Innovation

Lab in-charge.

Late last year Ms. Malik had her research paper "Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Education System", co-authored by our principal, Dr. Bindu Saini; and coordinator, Ms. Padmavati Banda, published in the International Journal of Engineering Research in Computer Science and Engineering (IJERCSE) Vol 7, Issue 9, September 2020. The paper, which was initially published at a conference at the Heartfulness Education Trust discussed about how the 2019-20 corona virus has affected educational systems worldwide, leading to the near-total closures of schools, universities and colleges. At the middle April 2020, approximately 1.723 billion learners were affected due to school closures in response to the pandemic.



According to UNESCO monitoring, 191 countries implemented nationwide closures and five implemented local closures, impacting about 98.4% of the world's student population. School closures impacted not only students, teachers, and families, but have far-reaching economic and social consequences.

School closures in response to COVID-19 have shed light on various issues including student debt, digital learning, food insecurity, and homelessness, as well as access to childcare, health care, housing, internet, and disability services.

The objective of the study was to assess the adoption rate for virtual classes and to determine the various benefits, challenges, and reason for non-adoption of virtual classes. In response to school closures, universities recommended the use of distance learning programs and open educational applications and platforms that schools and teachers can use to reach learners remotely and limit the disruption of education.



In another achievement, Ms. Malik and Dr. Saini again published a paper, "A Relative Study on English Language Teaching Around the World to Young Learners" for the International Conference on "Mythology: Past, Present and Future", held on January 29th and 30th, 2021, organised by the Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies Faculty of Media Studies and Humanities, Department of English.

In their paper, the authoresses spoke about how the usage of the English language as 'Lingua Franca' has caused an increasing demand on the English Language Teaching (ELT) in early childhood.

According to Braj Kachru's "Three Circles Model of World Englishes" describing the Inner Circle, the Outer Circle, and the Expanding Circle the approaches to be adopted by the Young Learners dramatically differs. Besides the features of English as a global language and the nature of early language learning, this paper also focuses on the comparison of the three different examples from the 'Three Circles Model of World Englishes'.

These are compared in terms of techniques that are used and the approaches to the Young Learners. The examples taken are from the official websites of the three countries from the Inner Circle, Outer Circle, and the Expanding Circle; respectively, Indian Ministry of Human Resource Development, and, New Zealand's Ministry of Education, the Turkish Board of Education and Instruction.

Further to this, Ms. Neeru Malik was also recipient of the Vigyan Mitra Puraskar, 2021 by Sciencify India for her endearing contribution to the field of study. Post the Marathi Divas and Avishkar Awardees Announcement ceremonies, the details of which can be found in "A Truly Raapchik Performance: Celebrating Marathi Divas" in the Special Assemblies and Events section; and "The Joy of Innovation: Announcing the Avishkar Awardees" in the Competitions and Conferings section respectively; Ms. Neeru Malik's achievements were praised by the principal, Dr. Saini who also felicitated her with the Vigyan Mitra Puraskar.



As if not enough, Ms. Malik was further conferred upon by the prestigious Institute of Scholars with professional membership, was

recognised as a Reviewer for the Journal of Institute of Scholars, and the Award for Research Excellence for her paper, "The Effect and Application of 3D Printing Technology."

And to end the litany of award receipts, Ms. Malik was also awarded a Doctorate by CMJ University, Meghalaya. Her thesis was on the "Performance and Analysis of Anti-reflection Coating for Reduction of Fiber Losses in Fiber-to-Fiber Connectors".

We congratulate the now Dr. Neeru Malik (BTech, MTech, BEd, PhD). It is truly refreshing and a sight for sore eyes to see someone who is so immersed and dedicated to academics not only teaching-wise but also elevate herself, professionally to suit the ever-competitive environment. We are immensely proud of her! May she continually grow and surpass our expectations as always.

WINNING A GOLD RUSH:

AT THE DERVAN YOUTH GAMES, 2021

Pune, Maharashtra | March 24th, 2021

Even though the COVID-19 pandemic rages on and online classes are in full swing, students are not stopping from participating and growing through this time.

One such person is Harshada Kakade of VIII-A who partook in the Dervan Youth Games, 2021, and one four gold in all four elements topped by one additional gold medal for overall performance in Artistic Gymnastics.



We are proud of you, Harsha for surpassing all challenges put forth before you, and wish you the very best and every success for the future.

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श्रद्धा सुमन

कवयित्री: डॉ. बिंदु सैनी । प्रधानाचार्या

माना कि राह लम्बी दुर्गम व कष्टदायक है,
सर उठाकर स्वाभिमान से चलना सिखाया ।
तन, मन, वचन और कर्मठता से,
मानव धर्म को इस तरह आपने निभाया ।

प्रगाढ़ बुद्धि, संवेदनशीलता व व्यक्तित्व महान,
सोच नयी, हिम्मत व नया जोश दिखाया ।
कैसे कर सकता है कोई इस समाज का उद्धार,
शिक्षा के माध्यम से संभव कर दिखाया ।

जो भी अपने आप को कोई हीन माने,
मंजिल तक ले जाने को अपना हाथ बढ़ाया ।
हिम्मत करे इंसान तो विशाल पर्वत हिला दे,
आपके जज़्बे ने जीने का यह पाठ पढ़ाया ।

दिए की तरह प्रज्वलित होकर रोशनी दी हमें,
अज्ञानता और अनभिज्ञता का अन्धकार मिटाया ।
खुली आँखों से देखे व दिखाए सुंदर सपने,
उस महान आत्मा को हमने अपना शीश झुकाया ।

जो आरम्भ की प्रथाएँ उन्हें निष्ठा से ताउम्र निभाया,
आज हम सबने उन्हें अपनाने का है प्रण उठाया ।
नमन करते हैं शत-शत आपके चरणों में
जिन्होंने हमें जीवन का सार व आधार समझाया ।

दुआ करते हैं हमारे एस. बी. पाटिल स्कूल की बगिया में,
नन्हे बच्चों फूलों की तरह महकते रहें ।
सभी शिक्षक स्नेहपूर्वक, सहर्ष व एकजुटता से,
आगे बढ़ें, सीखें, सिखाएँ व तरक्की करते रहें ।

ORIGAMI: THE JAPANESE ART

by Mahil Parmar | VII-C

Origami is one of the most interesting art of Japan that improve our mental thinking. It benefits us with many other ways like:



1. It Helps Developing Hand Coordination: Arts like origami challenges our hands to fold the paper in such a way that it makes an intricate design. It makes our hand co-ordination strong.

2. It Strengthens Math and Reasoning: It helps us to enhance our mathematical thinking and makes the knowledge of geometric concepts and

formulae strong. It also improves our problem-solving skills by helping others to figure out more than one solution to a problem.

It Enhances our Memory, Patience and Attention:

✓ **Memory:** While folding paper, our hands are sending impulses to our brain that will activate all parts of our right and left hemispheres of brain and improves our memory, visual development and motor skills.

✓ **Patience:** Origami involves numbers of techniques, attempts, etc. to achieve the desired result; also, it takes a lots of time. Therefore, it checks our patience and see if we can make it or not.

✓ **Attention:** Origami promotes various skills in an individual. For instance, good eye-hand coordination, attention to details and focus, patience, sequencing ability, processing ability, mathematical reasoning, etc. The involvement and practice of these skills boosts our thinking ability.



It Improves Overall Concentration: When creating origami, we use our fingertips to create detailed objects. This helps improve our concentration. It also requires us to fold various sides of the paper at once, which helps children study math. Using a high level of concentration to fold various sides of the paper, it also improves geographical awareness.

MASK

by Anvi Ammannavar | VII-A

When in public, wear a mask,
Just a teeny, weeny task,
It helps keep us safe and sound,
Health and care, all around.
On your mouth and on your nose,
It is good to cover both of those.

VEDAS AND SCIENCE

by Arnav Shinde | IV-C

The Vedic Aryans were nature lovers as is evident by hundreds of hymns in honour of all that is splendid and beautiful in the universe: Sun (Surya), Fire (Agni) and so on.

Basically, there are four Indo-Aryan Vedas: The *Rigveda* contains hymns about their mythology; the *Samaveda* consists of mainly hymns about religious ritual; The *Yajurveda* contains instructions religious rituals; and the last *Atharvaveda* consists of spell against enemies' sorcerers and diseases.

The Sanskrit word "Veda" means "knowledge". The importance of Vedas is not only recognised by Indian pandits but also by the world's prominent philosophers who have studied and researched them. Gyan, science and research are traditions which started from Vedic period only.

Modern science has progressed a lot during the past 150 years. Science has developed and extended of its branches like physics, chemistry biology, atomic science, zoology, astronomy, cosmology, homoserine all these shastra are actually used for world's creation. There is no evidence to say that science research is only done by instrument because instruments are resources with limitation, even in the case of ultra-modern instruments.

In origin of Vedas and science: close inspection, testing, study, mind intelligence, and logic, all these things are required to be able to learn with curiosity, cause of research and theism. Vedas are sometimes written poetically or sometimes in the form of prose, and is written in Sanskrit. Though Sanskrit grammar and Vedas grammar are different in different cases, both describe things in same manner.

Albert Einstein said that, "The search for truth is never completely found but always subject to question and doubt."

Those who appreciate science should also appreciate the Vedas those who wrote them, since the Vedas made man a thinker who questioned everything with intelligence and a scientific thought process.

॥ श्लोक ॥

संकलन: श्रीमती दीपिका कन्नो / संस्कृत भाषा अध्यापिका

1. श्रीमद्भगवत् गीता
चिन्तया जायते दुःखं नान्यथेहेति निश्चयी।
तथा हीनः सुखी शान्तः सर्वत्र गलितस्पृहः॥

MEANING: The one who understands that the cause of his sorrow is nothing but the worries he bears, only he can get rid of his troubles and experience pleasure and peace, and can get rid of all the negativity.

अर्थ: चिंता से ही दुःख उत्पन्न होते हैं किसी अन्य कारण से नहीं, ऐसा निश्चित रूप से जानने वाला, चिंता से रहित होकर सुखी, शांत और सभी इच्छाओं से मुक्त हो जाता है।

2. श्री भगवानुवाच

अशोकानन्दशोचस्त्वं प्रज्ञावादांश्च भाषसे।
गतासूनगतासूँश्च नानुशोचन्ति पण्डिताः॥2.11॥

MEANING: Shri Bhagwan said, "Hey Arjun! You are feeling sorry for those who are not worth it but at the same time making arguments like a scholar in their defense. Scholars never feel grief for the dead and living alike.

अर्थ: श्री भगवान् बोले, हे अर्जुन! तू न शोक करने योग्य मनुष्यों के लिए शोक करता है और पण्डितों के से वचनों को कहता है, परन्तु जिनके प्राण चले गए हैं, उनके लिए और जिनके प्राण नहीं गए हैं उनके लिए भी पण्डितजन शोक नहीं करते।

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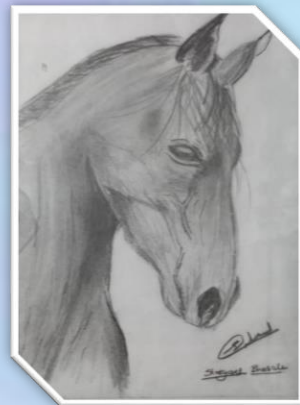
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