



SIR PADAMPAT SINGHANIA EDUCATION CENTRE



Kamla Nagar, Kanpur.

Monthly School Report September – 2020

Dear Madam/Sir,

Greetings!

The month of September, 2020 brought with it both hope and news of the possibility of the school returning slowly but surely to its normal course of operations. With the steady decline in the numbers of COVID-19 infected people and stronger statistics proving that human resilience was tightening its noose of the dreaded virus, there was surge in enthusiasm and anticipation among the people. The state government though postponed the dates of re-opening the schools and remained on the tenterhooks fearing the backlash from various sections of society if the virus caught up with the children. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for higher classes was tabled by the central government as it appeared certain that in the following month, the schools might resume for the students of classes 9th to 12th.

SPSEC continued with Google Meet as the preferred platform for virtual classes. The meetings became more and more interactive as the students cleared their doubts regarding the topics taught while the class was on. Parents too placed their trust in the initiatives taken by the school that were aimed at strengthening the teaching learning outcomes during these difficult times. Sensing that blended education practices may become a norm in the future, both the parents and the teachers resorted to installing broadband internet in their homes for seamless classroom experience and to overcome connectivity barriers.

Furthermore, the bond between the parents and the school grew deeper as Virtual Parent Teacher Meetings in all the classes brought to the light of the parents their ward's academic performance and attendance in the online classes.

The next wave of objective and subjective assessment commenced for all the classes. The successful online marking of the first subjective tests paved the way for continuing with online assessments. The parents too were made partners in academic progress of their child when they were asked to supervise the tests given by the students in the safety of their home and later sign a declaration stating that their child complied with the rules and regulations set by the school for giving tests. This involvement of the parents brought much needed sanctity and seriousness required to give exams from the comforts of home, thus eliminating the elements of deceit and dishonesty on the part of the child.

Our school began with the process for registering the students of classes IX to XII with CBSE. Data was collected online and corroborated with the one available in the school's record. A dedicated team of class teachers and supervisors ensured that this herculean task was completed without breaking sweat. The pandemic may have brought with it fear and chaos but it also provided an opportunity to refine one's skills and resilience to overcome the turbulent times and emerge victorious.

We would like to apprise you with the activities conducted in the month of September, 2020 and introduce you to various measures and practices along with the activities we had conducted this month.

I. ACADEMICS

SENIOR SECTION

ONLINE CLASSES

Google Meet, the online teaching-learning platform has gained immense popularity among the teachers and students alike. SPSEC discontinued live streaming and resorted to Live Google Meet class realising that the interactive sessions would add more interest among them during live streaming. To ensure decorum in the class, the co-ordinators kept a vigil while the class was taken by the respective subject teacher.

ATTENDANCE

During live streaming of the class attendance of the students was tracked successfully by the use of Google Suite IDs. The benefits of GS-IDs are not only restricted to ensuring greater safety and transparency but also maintaining the record of the attendance during the live streaming. Our school stayed ahead of the game by tracking the logins per student per section and later used the data as the proof to ascertain which student did not log in and then reported the matter to the parents.

The students too were prevented from cutting corners when the teachers armed with irrefutable statistics confronted them on their attendance record and completion of worksheets.

MULTIMEDIA

Explicit Video and Audio aids in e-learning were extensively used in order to help students to comprehend the concepts of topic imparted in a much pioneering way.

Teachers shared the questionnaires based on Videos clips and audios on various topics in all the subjects ensuring relevant, exact, logical and to the point content.

These innovative topic based aids made them to memorise well, and practice the concepts that were taught on a bigger scale. These also facilitated the students to **bring into line the learning in Google Meet classes.**

QUESTIONNAIRES

School has trained the students well for the MCQs by sending Google Worksheets These worksheets and quizzes were shared by teachers to ensure adequate **practice in the topics imparted.** The objective questions were given in the quizzes specifically in a moderate **size** questionnaire, perfect enough for students to solve it in the specified time. The scholars practiced and were able to relate them with the classes going on.

PREPARATION AND ACCOMPLISHMENT

The persistent passion of the resolute panel of **Google co-ordinators** made the whole process of teaching progressive, logical and structured as always. Incredible efforts of all the experts in **shaping the learning outcomes of subjects and topics taught were quite evident.** All online classes were handled smoothly by teachers. The **well-coordinated sessions** of teaching involved the collaborative efforts of the team of teachers. The work was promptly uploaded by the collaborators on the allotted days.

ONLINE EVALUATION

Committed to provide the best academic framework for our students, the school continued Online Subjective Marking (OSM) to check the subjective-test answer scripts of the students of all classes. By using OSM, their ability to answer subjective questions could be worked upon to train them for Board Questionnaires while being at their homes.

VIRTUAL PARENT TEACHER MEETING (VPTM)

The school conducted online parent teacher meeting in order to update the parents with the performance of their ward in the subjective and objective assessments that were conducted during the lockdown period. These virtual PTMs were organized all through the week. The class teacher along with the subject teachers discussed the academic learning outcome of the subjects taught and the attendance record of the student.

Teachers also shared the status of their performance in objective and subjective test with parents. Students' progress was thus trailed, observed and documented. The parents lauded our efforts to keep them posted with everything their ward/s don't disclose.

The parent-teacher collaboration ensured that the students complete the task allocated and cross-check the mistakes they made while attempting questions. This way the parents were able to comprehend and appreciate tremendous work that the school has done to ensure that academics and learning does not take a back seat during these uncertain times. The continuous support of the parents was appreciated to collaborate effectively and work in unison with teachers to enhance the performance of children in all spheres.

ACADEMICS –PRE-PRIMARY AND PRIMARY SECTION

Google Classroom: While developing learning skills among students, the online education tool 'Google Classroom' had been primarily used to streamline the process of sharing videos and assignments with students. Through this web service the teachers monitored the progress of each student and gave suggestions for their improvement.

The interactive mode of teaching and learning through Google Meet has been very effective. Google meet classes were held from Monday to Friday in all classes. The respective teachers maintained proper record of each period in terms of date, class strength, subject and topic taught and share it with the concerned incharge for further compilation. The students were explained the topic through Google Meet (live classes) and the written work of the same topic was accomplished through Google classroom and the recorded version was shared with students.

This new tool of E-Learning (Google Meet) has proved to be very fruitful and more interactive. The little ones feel excited to meet the teachers online and enjoy all subjects. The sync of google sheets of various subjects sent on new google classroom has facilitated smooth learning process. The non-academic subjects like music, dance, calligraphy, personality development, art/craft (also taken care of) through google classroom, is highly awaited by the little ones.

- Online classes through Google Meet for the children of Root, Bud & Bloom were carried out five days in a week i.e. from Monday to Friday.
- Syllabus for the month of August and weekly Time table for the children of Root, Bud & Bloom was shared in the class groups of RBB.

- The subject work done (Class work) and work allotted to children (Homework) during the online session was scheduled on Google classroom on a daily basis. Parents submitted the assigned task on Google classroom.
- Recorded session of Google Meet for classes Root, Bud & Bloom was shared with the parents through Google classroom.

Online Subjective Test –

A detailed circular regarding uploading the answer sheets for evaluation was shared with parents and students. Even a webinar in this regard was conducted to make things clearer and understandable. The question papers of the subjective tests were posted in respective class groups and answer sheets were uploaded by students.

Parent Teachers Communication-

Regular feedback was collected from parents by all class teachers. When parents were contacted over the phone to take their feedback, they highly appreciated the honest efforts of teachers and superb resourcefulness of school to conduct online classes for students.

The suggestions and feedback of parents about online classes, received through phone calls made by teachers have always helped to make the learning process more beneficial for students, hence fostering better communication.

To maintain a bond and cooperate with the sole intention of grooming the children mentally, physically and morally, parent teacher meetings were conducted in all the classes. Facing the present scenario with positivity, the PTM embraced the virtual platform strategically with the dual purpose of keeping parents informed about their child's performance and helping the teachers understand the child and his problem areas better. The online PTM witnessed the synergy in the Singhanian community by making it a success and helping teachers and parents engage in a transparent and open discussion for the children's better future.

DOCUMENTATION

SENIOR SECTION

Like every month in the month of August too, records were maintained on google class rooms to check the students' attendance, topics covered, assignments shared, to ensure the systematic working and keep a track of all classes in progress. Parents' feedback records were also maintained so that if there are any apprehensions at any level, they are addressed and a remedy is traced to the parents' satisfaction. The teachers worked in collaboration with the parents, thus ensuring a unified learning experience for students.

PRIMARY SECTION

All the records of Google Meet Classes, quizzes, worksheets and activities etc were compiled by the teachers. They are always prepared to work harder for better projection of their efforts and it also simplifies pedagogical dispensation.

ACTIVITIES

Date : **02 September, 2020**
Event : **Virtual Parent Teacher Meeting**
Classes : **I and II**

Details : Virtual Parent Teacher meeting for classes 1 and 2 was held from September 2,2020 to September 4, 2020.The main objective of the meet was to create a common platform where parents and teachers came together to discuss the virtual educational experiences and various aspects of the holistic development of the students. The teachers also briefed the parents about their ward's performance in Subjective pattern of Test II. It was a great interaction between the teachers and the parents for the development of their children where they discussed both the strength and areas of improvement and the valuable feedback and suggestions of the parents were also noted with a view to incorporate them from time to time. The PTM came to an end with the conclusion that joint efforts, mutual understanding and cooperation of parents and teachers is very important for the favourable progress of the students.

Date : **02 September, 2020**
Event : **Blog Writing Competition**
Classes : **III to XII**

Details : Insightful bloggers of the school leave no stone unturned and are expressive to the world. Their Enthusiastic participation each month proves it all.

Blog Topics for the month of September -2020 were:

POOL A - My Best Holiday Memory
Pool B - Every Moment is a fresh Beginning
Pool C - Imagine a time when we will no longer use Paper

The winners of the competition were:

Pool A - Arnav Mishra Class 4
Pool B - Pragya Yadav Class 7
Pool C - Vanya Kapoor class 11

Date : **03 September, 2020**
Event : **Webinar on NEP 2020 – Implementation Road Map**
Panellists : **MS. BHAWNA GUPTA, Principal, SPSEC**
MR. ROSHAN GANDHI, Director of Strategy, C.M.S. Lucknow;
MR. SARVESH GOEL, Chairman, G.D Goenka Pub. School, Lucknow;
DR. MALA MEHRA, Principal, Hoerner College, Lucknow

Details : Education World in collaboration with Edu Start had organized a webinar on National Education Policy 2020 – Implementation Road Map and taking the curricular reforms to the classrooms. The moderator of this webinar was Ms Divya Lal, Founder – Fliplearn. The list of elite panellists who put forth their views on NEP – 2020 were:

- MS. BHAWNA GUPTA, Principal, Sir Padampat Singhania Education Centre, Kanpur
- MR. ROSHAN GANDHI, Director of Strategy, City Montessori School, Lucknow
- MR. SARVESH GOEL, Chairman, G D Goenka Public School, Lucknow
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The panellists discussed following important questions related to NEP.

Q 1: What do you think should be done to ensure that the implementation of the new policy does not suffer from lack of support at the ground level and there is greater acceptance amongst all stakeholders?

Q 2: In order to deliver this curriculum effectively, we need teachers who are trained in and understand the pedagogical needs. How in such a short span can we ensure that our teacher's are trained to deliver the new curriculum?

Q 3: When teachers are engaged in the reform process, they need freedom and control over their own work. This makes them feel empowered, motivates them to work harder and enhances their commitment to their learners.

What do you think can be some of the factors that can motivate the teachers to make NEP a real success on ground?

Q 4: The National Education Policy 2020 intends to bring 2 crore children who are currently not in schools, back into the school system. Whichever way you look at it, accomplishing this over 15 years requires the setting up of around 50 schools every week. How do you think government and private schools can make this dream a reality?

Q 5: NEP mandates that schools invest in digital infrastructure, what are the key challenges for schools, especially those in smaller towns and rural areas?

Q 6: Under the NEP, examinations are being advised to transform towards a culture of assessment with continuous tracking of learning outcomes, a focus on higher order and foundational skills, and AI-based software progress tracking to enable students to make optimal career choices. Continuous assessment requires schools and teachers to innovate on evaluation approaches and assignments. What kind of time frames are we looking at for ushering in these changes in any meaningful way in our schools?

Q 7: The boards which conduct examinations too will need to re-think how they assess students and what the learning content framework should be, in order to accommodate NEP's call for curriculum and pedagogical changes. How do you see this panning out?

Q 8: NEP suggest that admission to all higher education program should be based on standardized test score conducted by National Test Authority. What do you think about this as it encourages coaching classes?

All the panellists shared their opinions on how NEP can be implemented in schools to benefit the students and the reform in the curriculum that needs to be incorporated so that each student can judiciously work on the skills sets that will assist him to chart a fruitful career in the future.

Date : **04 September, 2020**
Event : **Sunflower Craft**
Classes : **Root, Bud and Bloom**

Details: It is widely known that any form of art exposed at an early age enables a child to express himself better. It even helps in the overall development of a child's brain. To ignite imagination and encourage creativity among young minds, the school has always facilitated the students with various fun filled art activities. In the same domain, children of Class Root were familiarized with Yellow colour through a craft activity on 'Sunflower' using a cotton bud. Through this fun filled activity the kids could not only polish their motor skills but they also developed their cognitive and emotional skills and enjoyed immensely.

Date : **05 September, 2020**
Event : **Virtual Teacher's Day Celebration**

Details: "It is the teacher that makes the difference, not the classroom". This saying is aptly proven by SINGHANIANS who paid their tribute to the unremitting appetite and dauntless efforts of the mentors with the organization of An Extravaganza - VIRTUAL

TRACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION. It was indeed a spectacle to behold as the spectators(students) were facilitated with 'Live Streaming'. The gala event was dotted with exciting games and refulgent performances showcasing the multifarious skill-sets of the effusive learners. Extending their heartfelt gratitude to their mentors, they majorly outlined how the year 2020 brought biggest challenge for them. With no surprise they have been the ones who were at the forefront of adapting the oddities. Being experts from decades, teaching virtually turned out to be a whole new ball game. Addressing the **STUDDERED STARS** of SPSEC, the Principal, Ms. Bhawna Gupta expounded the paramount importance of educators for their passionate dedication at carving the conscientious champions of tomorrow.

She expressed a Special gratitude to our reverent Chairperson - Mrs. Manorama Hari Ji Singhanian, the epitome of our strength, our inspiration, a true devotee; the Vice Chairperson - Mr. Abhishek Singhanian, a multifaceted persona whose footprint has shown the pathway with his in-depth knowledge, innovative techniques and intellections. The Vice Chairperson- Mrs. Varsha Singhanian, a cognoscenti whose admonition illumines to tread the path of compassion, empathy and reason. The guidance and tutelage of the Director - Mr. N.P. Agarwal is an impetus in all the endeavours and our Vice Chairman - Mr. Partho P. Kar who instils zest and zeal to be the most efficient educators in the realm of education.

Date : **08 – 15 September, 2020**
Event : **Virtual Parent Teacher Meeting**
Classes : **III to VIII**

Details: SPSEC had organized Virtual Parent Teacher meeting for classes III to VIII from September 8, 2020 to September 15, 2020 to effectively collaborate with the parents and work together to help children perform better in this crucial situation. The PTM meeting was conducive and fruitful as it is very important to know the parent's feedback that makes a difference in this new form of online teaching. The parents expressed and discussed with the teacher, their concerns and hopes for their children's future. The teachers also briefed the parents about their ward's performance in Subjective Test II and notified them about upcoming Half Yearly Examination pattern.

Date : **11 September, 2020**
Event : **Online Inter-House Solo Dance Competition**
Participants : **8 students from all four houses of classes 9 to 12**

Details : We organized an Online Inter-House Solo Dance Competition on September 11, 2020 to provide a platform to the budding stars of the institution to showcase their talent. The Principal, Ms. Bhawna Gupta welcomed the judges. One of the two eminent judges of the competition was a disciple of late Shree Krishna Dayal Srivastava, Ms Garima Dwivedi, Kathak Alankar, working at Puranchandra Vidya Niketan. Mrs Dwivedi is a renowned Kathak dancer and a senior Kathak teacher of the city. The other judge was Ms Shubhanjali Asthana, Kathak Alankar from Akhil Bhartiya Gandharv Mahavidyalay Mandal, Mumbai. Ms. Shubhanjali is a dance teacher at St. Joseph's Senior Secondary School.

The fervent dancers from all four houses were allotted songs for solo semi-classical dance performances to unveil their genius. Enthusiastic competitors from Vindhya House, Anushka Singh (Grade-IX) and Anshika (Grade- XII), brilliant performers from Himachal House, Suhani Kapoor (Grade- X) and Khushi Agnihotri (Grade-IX), vibrant stars from Yamuna House Yashi Singh (Grade- X) and Ishita Dhawan (Grade- XII) and passionate dancers from Ganga House Vanshika Singh (Grade- XII) and Bhavya Singh (Grade- XII) mesmerized the online audience with their splendid performances. The viewers could make out the inborn vitality of the celluloid star in these kids.

Ms Dwivedi and Ms Asthana congratulated the children for their commendable efforts and blessed them for their future endeavours. They had a tough time to give their judgment as each of the four houses performed with great skill, grace and incredible zeal leaving the online audience spellbound. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by the Vice-Principal, Ms Kavita Chadha. All the participants were also awarded with a certificate of appreciation for their participation.

Result of the competition was as follows –

Position I	–	Ganga House
Position II	–	Yamuna House
Position III	–	Himachal House

Date : 12 – 19 September, 2020
Event : Objective Test
Class : XI

Details : To assess the learning outcomes of the students of class XI, Objective Tests were conducted in all the subjects from 12th to 19th September, 2020. Date sheet along with the syllabus details were provided to the students beforehand so that they could clarify their doubts and score well.

Date : 12 September, 2020
Event : Results of IIT – JEE (Mains)

Details : The results of the prestigious IIT Entrance Examination (Mains) were announced on 12th September, 2020 in which 23 students of our school were selected for the second phase of the entrance exam (IIT-JEE Advanced). The names of the students who qualified IIT- JEE Mains are mentioned as under:

Aditya Agarwal, Aditya Garg, Akhil Mishra, Akshya Shukla, Akshat Shukla, Ankush Gupta, Ashray Srivastava, Himanshu Prakash Singh, Krishna S Chaudhary, Mayank Gupta, Parth Gupta, Prabudh Singh, Prakhar Agarwal, Raj Kumar, Sanjog Banerjee, Sarthak Omer, Shubh Gupta, Simran Misra, Tejendra Singh, Vaibhav Juneja, Vinayak Srivastava, Vishwas Vikram and Yashraj

Date : 12 September, 2020
Event : Saturday Activities
Classes : I and II

Details: With a belief in holistic development of our students, various co-curricular activities were conducted on every Saturday. Saturday began with physical exercises in the form of yoga. By engaging in creative pursuits of music and art, children got the opportunity of expressing themselves in a positive, tangible and meaningful way. The students created beautiful and colourful butterflies which helped them in developing their imagination and creative skills. This was followed by *Symphonica* activity where students learned and sang the school song " Saahas Dheeraj Ke Hum Saathi " with great fervour.

Date : 13 September, 2020
Event : Virtual Grandparents Day
Classes : III to VIII

Details: Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers and the keepers of traditions. Through their special love and care, grandparents keep a family close at heart. To honour them, Grandparents Day was celebrated on 13th September, 2020. The grandparents were invited to attend the event where the teachers had

put up scintillating performances comprising songs, poems, stories and enactments for the beloved grandparents. It was a successful event indeed, expressing gratitude to all the grandparents who are a blend of laughter, love, care and values.

Date : **14 September, 2020**
Event : **Chair Yoga**
Class : **Root**

Details: Modern yoga designed for children includes poses to enhance their physical and mental strength; flexibility and coordination in their body system. Yoga classes for the students of Pre-Primary at SPSEC enthused them with a new ray of delight, streaks of confidence and transported them into the realm of composure far away from their daily routine. It is a fact that by taking part in Yoga classes children develop important inter and intrapersonal relationships. We are confident that a regular practice of Yoga will not only help our children to boost their stamina but will also improve their concentration levels.

Date : **15 September, 2020**
Event : **First Online Inter House Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition**
Participants : **12 students from all four houses of classes 8 to 12**

Details: The school organized an Online Inter-House Hindi Poem Recitation Competition on September 15, 2020 to provide a platform to the budding stars to showcase their talent. The eminent judges of the competition were Dr Geeta Asthana, Associate Professor and Head of the Department, Jwala Devi Vidya Mandir Post Graduate College, Kanpur and Dr. Meeta Arora, Associate Professor, Head of the Department, Government College, Unnao. The Principal, Ms Bhawna Gupta warmly welcomed everyone.

The competition commenced with shloka recital by a Senior Teacher, Ms. Agnita Naha. The enthusiastic participants from all four Houses were divided into three groups- Group A (Shringar Ras), B (Veer Ras) and C (Haasya Ras). Each group comprised of four participants. The pupils of Group A (Shringar Ras) showcased nature love beautifully. Group B (Veer Ras) participants succeeded in arousing the enthusiasm in the audience and Group C (Haasya Ras) could make the gathering laugh. All the zealous contestants recited the poem of the great poets such as Harivansh Rai Bachchan, Maithili Sharan Gupt and others, and transported everyone to another world with their splendid performance. The mesmerised online audience was bound to applaud nonstop.

Vatsala Bajpai (Grade VIII) presented a part of Ramayan in the form of a song. The judges congratulated the efforts of the institution, the Principal, the Vice-Principal and the anchor of the programme, Dr. Akanksha Gaur for organizing and conducting the first Online Poem Recital Competition successfully. They stated that they had a tough time to give their judgment **as each of the four competitors** performed with great skill giving their best, leaving all spellbound. They appreciated the promising participants for their efforts and confidence. The audience was also apprised of the fact that usage of our mother tongue, Hindi can give us better, confident personality. The Principal, Mrs. Bhawna Gupta blessed the students and appreciated their sincere efforts. She praised the confidence, fervour and passion of the young stars.

The entire programme was anchored by a Senior Hindi Teacher, Dr. Akanksha Gaur. The competition culminated with the formal Vote of Thanks proposed by the Vice-Principal, Ms. Kavita Chadha.

Result of the competition was as follows –

Position I	–	Vindhya and Yamuna House
Position II	–	Himachal House

Apart from House prizes, each participant received a special Participation Certificate also that were as follows:

GROUP A: PRAKRITI PREM (SHRINGAR RAS)

1. Taranpreet Kaur Chawla- Kavya Shresht
2. Paawani Mishra - Kavya Wageshwari
3. Ira Tripathi - Kavya Bharti
4. Bhhavya Tiwari - Kavya Bhushika

GROUP B: VEER RAS

1. Vidhi Baraik - Kavya Kokila
2. Siddharth Singh - Kavya Ratnakar
3. Tavishi Agarwal - Kavya Spandan
4. Aadi Shukla - Kavya Tarangini

GROUP C: HAASYA RAS

1. Sonakshi Bajpai - Kavya Kul Garima
2. Urvashi Mishra - Kavya Shiromani
3. Shikhar Agarwal - Kavya Shekhar
4. Aabhash Mukherjee - Kavya Ratna

Date : **18 September, 2020**
Event : **Teddy Bear Dress-up**
Classes : **Root**

Details : Dress-up play isn't just fun for little kids, it's an important activity where they use their imagination, build vocabulary, gain confidence and much more. With dress-up play, a child can be anyone he/she likes, from a superhero to a doctor, a baker to a fashion model. We organised 'Teddy Bear Dress Up' activity for students of Class Root. Children excitedly dressed up their toys and themselves as well during the activity. It is a fact that dramatic dress-up play in role playing and storytelling helps children develop ideas about how the world works. When they strap on a tool belt, they are trying to figure out what it's like to be a construction worker. Or they put on your high heels and skirt, and grab some props like a purse and a doll, acting out what they think it's like to be a mommy. Realizing the importance of role play in children's mental growth and physical development, SPSEC helped little ones dream their dreams as they could set afoot their imagination into high gear.

Date : **18 September, 2020**
Event : **Story Session and Craft**
Class : **Bloom**

Details : A good story can imbibe the right values in the most impressionable age. Brightening the day of the students with wonderful stories a virtual story telling session was conducted for the students of Class Bloom. As a learning tool, storytelling can encourage students to explore their unique expressiveness and thus heighten their ability to communicate their thoughts and feelings in an articulate and lucid manner. It not only improves their language skills but also instils a love of reading in them and stirs their imagination. After the story session was over, the budding scholars engrossed themselves in the Craft activity related to the story narrated to them. This interactive and fun filled session was thoroughly enjoyed by the inquisitive Bloom kids.

Date : **19 – 20 September, 2020**
Event : **FIRST ONLINE INTERSCHOOL TECHNO FAIR-2020**

Organized by : Shree Sanatan Dharma Education Centre, Kanpur

Details : Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships. The exuberance and ebullience were felt among Singhanians when the 'TechnoTeam' of SPSEC battled and attacked on the counter teams in ' FIRST ONLINE INTERSCHOOL TECHNO FAIR-2020 held at Shree Sanatan Dharm Education Centre. The School Team victoriously bagged OVERALL WINNERS TROPHY along with 11 individual winning positions out of 14 events. Akshat Agarwal of Grade XIH, the technocrat with his techno skills was awarded and rewarded as 'CHAMPION OF TECHNO FAIR'

Winning positions are as follows:

First Positions:

AKSHAT AGARWAL (OCULUS), VANSHRAJ SACHAN (TURING'S CHALLENGE), SHASWAT TRIVEDI (PENCIL TULIKA), AKSHAT AGARWAL (NO SPOONERISMS), AYUSH GUPTA (LEE'S LEGACY), SHIVANSH SHARMA (TECHNOPEDIA), VANSHRAJ SACHAN (MATHLETICS)

Second Positions:

BHAVYA SINGH (BIZZ-O- VATE), JAYASH NAITHANI (ON YOUR EARS)

Third Position:

VEDIKA GUPTA (FLIGHT OF WORDS)

Fourth Position:

SAHIL KHANNA (DOODLE)

Overall, it was a successful event where the bright young minds got a splendid chance to exhibit their technical skills and learn more about how technology can enhance their future.

Date : 19 September, 2020
Event : A Salute to Our Roots
Classes : I and II

Details : Grandparents are the family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers and the keepers of tradition. Through their special love and care, grandparents keep a family close at heart. To honour them our school organised a special virtual event "A Salute to Our Roots" on Saturday, 19 September 2020. The teachers took this opportunity to express the love and respect towards the elderly people in the society and also to model this culture to the little ones. The little Singhanians of Classes 1 and 2 had put up some scintillating performances with their grandparents. Grandparents shared some mesmerizing moments and their experiences with the children. As grandparents are the link between the present and the past and it is through them, the heritage and traditions are handed over to the next generation. This was showcased through the beautiful slide show displaying important cultural values, followed by an interactive 'Fun Quiz' where the Grandparents participated with zest and zeal and relived their old memories. In the end the mellifluous old melodies took the audience down the memory lane. The success of the event was evident through the joyful smiles and teary eyes of the grandparents as they were overwhelmed to see their grandchildren performing for them.

Date : 19 September, 2020

Event : **Meet N Greet**
Classes : **Bud and Bloom**

Details: To strengthen the lovable bond between young learners with their Class Teachers, we had triggered a special session 'Meet n Greet' for little stars of our Pre-Primary Wing. This sublime meeting will be arranged on all Saturdays for our tender scholars with an aim to boost their self-confidence by rendering them freedom of speech and expression. In the first session on 19 September, Children jubilantly recited rhymes, narrated stories and spoke their heart out to their teachers. Their joy knew no bounds to meet their friends on virtual platform. It was indeed an amazing forum to witness children's progress and areas of their development. This conducive and fruitful session won much appreciation from one and all.

Date : **20 – 30 September, 2020**
Event : **PTM – IX and X**

Details : The school had organized PTM for the students of classes IX and X. The objective of the virtual PTM was to apprise the parents with their ward's academic performance in the recently concluded Online Subjective Tests. The PTM was arranged in slots of two sections a day with the first 20 roll numbers on day one and the remainder on the second day. Respective Class Teachers along with the subject teachers interacted with the parents and informed them about the student's attendance in the online classes and whether or not they completed the worksheets given to them on the weekly basis that assess their learning outcome. The parents appreciated the efforts on the part of the school to keep them posted with their child's progress and looked forward to more such virtual interactions.

Date : **22 – 28 September, 2020**
Event : **Subjective Test of class XI and Objective Test of class XII**

Details : The subjective test for classes XI and objective test for class XII commenced from 22.09.2020. The question papers were posted in Google classroom and the written answer scripts were uploaded by students post completion of the exam. All instructions regarding links sharing, attempting the question paper and finally submitting the answer scripts in one pdf were shared with students. Invigilation was also carried out by the teachers for subjective tests to ensure higher level of transparency where the students were observed through Google Meet for which the class code was shared with students prior to their test.

Date : **23 and 25 September, 2020**
Event : **Table Etiquette and Manners**
Classes : **Root, Bud and Bloom**

Details: It is said habits are best made when you are young. We conducted 'Table Manners' Activity for our young learners. Kids were familiarized with table manners to be followed while eating food. They were given guidelines about how to be ready for food like how to wash hands and use a napkin. They were also trained as to how to use knife and fork etc. for eating food. The demonstration of proper noiseless chewing of food by the teachers aimed to make students aware of its benefits signifying decency and mannerism. The teachers also put forth the points to be kept in mind while savouring food, such as avoiding to talk while eating, holding a fork and spoon in the correct hands, using Table Mats and Napkins etc. With a view to learning while doing, a craft activity was planned in which these little kids prepared table mats and coasters. This fun-packed activity groomed the children with basic etiquettes and entertained them to the core of their hearts.

Date : **25 – 26 September, 2020**
Event : **PTM**
Classes : **Root, Bud and Bloom**

Details: A cherished occasion to strengthen the existing bond between the parents and teachers a Virtual Parent Teacher Meeting for classes Root, Bud and Bloom was conducted. The main objective of the meeting was to create a common platform, where teachers and parents came together to discuss student's performance and devised ways to enrich their learning experience. The teachers briefed the parents about their ward's performance. Together they identified the strengths and weaknesses of their child and sorted out ways to boost the child's performance. Parents were encouraged to appreciate student's participation in all academic and non-academic activities. This collaborative effort created the necessary consciousness among all to stimulate interest among students towards their academic enrichment. The most valuable suggestions of the parents regarding the school and its growth were treasured. Cementing the harmonious bond between the school and the Singhanian community, the Parent Teacher meeting helped to create mutual trust and better understanding between parents and teachers.

Date : **26 – 30 September, 2020**
Event : **Spot Evaluation of Compartment Exam - AISSE-AISSCE 2020**
Venue : **SPSEC**

Details: Spot evaluation of Compartment Exam 2020 for the subjects Science and Mathematics of Class X were conducted in our school from 26 – 30 September, 2020 in which about 20 teachers from the city were involved for the evaluation.

For Class XII Compartment Examination of Accountancy 10 teachers from the city came for the evaluation purpose from 26-28 September, 2020.

Date : **27 September, 2020**
Event : **The Nation Builders Award**
Organized by : **Rotary Club**

Details : The Rotary Club organised an event on the occasion of 'Teachers Day' to honour the teachers as Nation Builders at Pandit Deen Fatal Upadhyay Sanatan Dharm Vidyalaya, Kanpur. Rtn. Mr. D.C Shukla (Dist. Governor) was the chief guest of the event. His opening speech enlightened the audience with the fact that today, it is only contribution of teachers towards the society that they are honoured. He laid the importance on educating a girl child.

The club awarded teachers from various schools and colleges across the city. Mrs. Kiran Tiwari from Senior section and Mrs Mamta Kapoor from Primary Wing of SPSEC were also awarded 'The Nation Builder Award'. It was indeed a great initiative by the Rotary Club to recognize the efforts of guiding lights of the country who had been working tirelessly to make future leaders of the country.

Date : **28 September, 2020 to 2 October,2020**
Event : **A tribute to the Father of our Nation**
Class : **Root, Bud and Bloom**

Details : The Pre-primary section conducted week long online activities on account of the birth anniversary of Gandhiji, the Father of our Nation. The tiny tots in their ingenuous short speeches highlighted the quotes of Mahatma Gandhi and conveyed his noble messages candidly but efficaciously. Confident little orators enlightened their peers with their inspirational narration on the life of Bapu ji. Through the virtual presentations the educators stressed on the value of 'speak no evil, hear no evil and see no evil'. Students were also enlightened about the life and struggle of Mahatma Gandhi. Kids learnt Gandhiji's favourite song 'Raghupati Raghav Rajaram....' and did various craft activities related to this significant day. Cleanliness being one of the core ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, students were told about the Swachh Bharat initiative that

was rolled out in the country keeping in mind his dream of clean India. They were apprised with the values of health and hygiene to adopt his vision passionately in everyday situations, and the action to be taken, if they find themselves in an unclean environment. Thus, they were effectively introduced to the guiding life principles of Gandhiji and his concept of Cleanliness.

Date : **29 September, 2020**
Event : **Webinar on Liberal Education**
Organized by : **SPSEC**
The Resource person: **Mr. Harpreet Singh, Assistant Director at Ashoka University.**
Attended by : **210 students of Classes XI & XII**

Details : The choice of stream in class XI is surely a tough one to make. Should this choice be allowed to bind the student forever? What if students change their mind later? How can students choose a single career, when they are yet to discover so many new opportunities?

To answer these questions and many more, the school hosted a Webinar on Liberal Education on 29th September 2020. The Resource person, Mr. Harpreet Singh, Assistant Director at Ashoka University enlightened the students about this pivotal emerging aspect of higher education- Liberal Education.

Mr. Singh emphasized on how the rapid developments in the 21st century world are eventually blurring out the lines of distinction that earlier separated pure science, pure commerce and pure humanities. Today most jobs require a mix of knowledge and abilities, he gave an example of an employee at Facebook who is required to be equally proficient in his/her knowledge of Computer Programming, Cyber Ethics as well as Cyber Laws, thus combining different spheres of education. Therefore, the buzz-word today is inter-disciplinary learning.

He further clarified that inter-disciplinary education does not make one 'Jack of all and master of none' rather it helps a person specialize in one skill while keeping the doors open for other areas of knowledge. It broadens the scope of learning. It allows the students to explore different fields of academics before deciding what's the best for them.

Institutions of Liberal Education develop the students from scratch, independent of whether or not the student has prior knowledge of the subjects he/she wishes to pursue, this opens yet new avenues of learning.

Mr. Singh shared his own life experience of changing his line of career from telecom to food industry and finally becoming an educationalist, who better than he can understand the need of not being constrained to a single field of academics in the long run of life.

Another effect of technological development on employment opportunities, said Mr. Singh, is that many tasks earlier performed by humans are now done. Even in spheres where machines have not completely replaced the human employees, they have significantly changed the nature of the jobs. Most upcoming jobs, emphasize more on cognitive skills of the employee while the recurring and mundane tasks are performed by robots.

Liberal Education helps in developing the Cognitive Skills as it is research-based Education in contrast to education in applied sciences. Students of Liberal Education are not mere passive receptors of knowledge, rather they themselves are the creators of knowledge. Liberal education celebrates the students' creativity, rather than simply evaluating their memory. Liberal education would also transform the role of the teacher as the navigator of the discussions among students. He introduced the concept of 'A class as diverse as the World' to the students. Institutions providing Liberal Education have accepted students from all diverse backgrounds, interaction

with such wide variety of people, helps develop the cognition skills and enhances the quality of research.

Indeed, the cross-subject boundaries are fast eroding. One would rather mindlessly relate employment opportunities in the Reserve Bank of India with the subject Economics, one might be surprised to know that this regulator of Indian Banking took up students studying in field of Psychology from Ashoka University.

He further discussed how Ashoka University is an appropriate institution for this field broadening the scope of studies. The University has 150 founders with expertise in varied subjects from Journalism to Tourism, from Economics to Computers. Such vibrant leadership enables the University to develop uniformly in all academic spheres.

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