SVKM J.V. PAREKH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER– (2020-2021)

Brief about SVKM J.V. Parekh International School

SVKM J.V. Parekh International School was established in 2008.The School is committed to nurture an inquiring, thinking, enterprising, informed, open minded, principled and compassionate generation empowered to meet local and global challenges. SVKM J.V. Parekh International School is a Nursery to Grade XII International School implementing a holistic curriculum over six hours a day, five days a week, graded for various age groups. It offers the Unique "Pre Cambridge-Curriculum" for Pre-primary Section, University of Cambridge Programmes starting class I to class VII, Check-point at class V and VIII, the IGCSE Program of 2 years for classes IX-X followed by IBDP and 'A' Level programs for classes XI-XII for 2 years.

One of the most oft-used terms after the pandemic is the term '**new normal'**. The new normal in education was the increased use of online learning tools, which became the transformed concept of education. The Academic Year of 2020-21 was conducted through the E-learning platform-Microsoft Teams. Today virtual school, being the need of the hour, has increased the accessibility and helped us explore the digital landscape.

STUDENT ACHIEVER

IBDP student Haryaksh Shah, has made SVKM J.V. PAREKH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL proud by securing the admission offer for pursuing the prestigious undergraduate business program at the IVY LEAGUE University of Pennsylvania in the faculty of Wharton Business School.

CELEBRATING LEARNING: PRE-PRIMARY SECTION

Every event at the Preprimary Section of SVKM J.V. Parekh International School is an opportunity for students to exhibit their potential and capabilities. With schools shut due to the pandemic, all the festivals and events were celebrated on the virtual platform.

FINESEPHILLIA – WIN THE DAY!! PREI-PRIMARY VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY

The virtual sports day started with the oath taking ceremony followed by a short Music and Movement warm up session. There were 10 different fine motor activities, with 3 children competing at a time. Every child was felicitated with a medal virtually. Parents were also asked to participate in the same activity as their child and compete with other parents. The virtual sports day ended with a short musical dance performed by the children using props.

INFOTSAV (THE BUDDING BRILLIANCE OF NEXT GENERATION SCIENTIST!)

Children's curiosity about the natural world is a powerful catalyst for their work and play. **Infotsav** was all about this early science exploration in the form of Fun facts, Science experiments, magical tricks etc… This science event was indeed a good activity which enabled children, not only to build a basis for future scientific understanding but also to build important skills and attitudes for learning.

VIRTUAL TOUR TO SANTA CLAUS VILLAGE IN ROVANIEMI, FINLAND

Children beamed with joy when the Virtual 3 Day Tour to the Santa Village was announced. They were excited to travel with luggage, passport and boarding card and pretended to go through various formalities done at the airport before boarding an international flight. They were happy living in the Glass Igloo and dining at various restaurants. They visited the Elf workshop, did art/craft activities and a variety of culinary activities with the elves. They were excited to take the Husky ride, Snow mobile ride and Reindeer Sleigh ride. They met Santa Claus at his post office and sang Christmas carols and watched a Magic Show as well. The memories of this virtual tour will be forever cherished by the children as well as parents

CITATION CEREMONY (SR. KG. GRADUATION DAY)

The '**Citation Ceremony'** was held for the Sr. Kg. graduates who have successfully completed their 3 years of Pre-Cambridge Programme. This ceremony felicitated our young graduates who will move ahead with confidence to flourish more in their Primary education.

EUPHORIA - PRIMARY SECTION

The Primary Section of SVKM's J.V. Parekh International school organized their first ever year ending event - EUPHORIA!! An enriching and fun-filled Culmination Fiesta from the 12th to 28th April, 2021 via the e-learning platform MS Teams.

Day 1 - Feast Fest*- A Fireless Cooking Experience:* The students participated in a fun hands on fireless cooking session.

Day 2 – Artibition *– An Exhibition of Children's Creative Expression:* The children had to create art work based on the technique and criteria given to them.

Day 3 – Artbition- Parent- Child Event*:* Not only the children but also the parents/grandparents/elder siblings were excitedly geared up to participate in this event.

Day 4 and 5 Talent Showcase*:* A platform for children to showcase their skill/talent in front of their classmates and teachers.

Day 6 – Virtual Zoo Exploration: Virtual Field Trip was our attempt to compensate for the school trips.

Day 7 – Bringing Poems to Life: Recitation event conduced for children of Grades 1 and 2

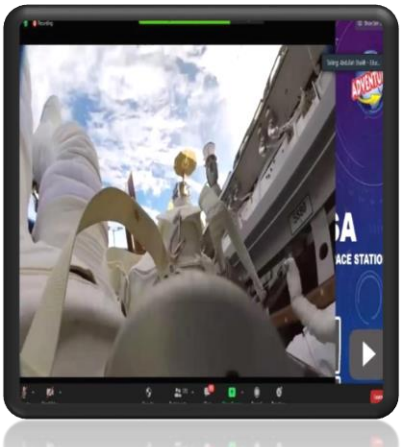
Day 8 – Fun with Science*:* A platform for young inquirers to reveal and revel in science experiments using ordinary, easily available household items.

Day 9 – Virtual Concerts*:* A musical extravaganza where children formed groups of 3-6 and put up a show choreographed and orchestrated by themselves.

Day 10 – Pyjama Party: The Euphoria Finale: A new take on the most beloved Slumber party of primary section

BE AN ASTRONOMER: SECONDARY SECTION

Amidst the continued challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our school conducted an online event, 'BE AN ASTRONOMER', wherein the students had live interactions with international space station, practical demos and learnt to develop astronomy skills.



FRENCH NATIONAL DAY

J.V. Parekh School at the heart embodies global values and international mindedness developing all of its students to become Global citizens of tomorrow. The Secondary and IB French Faculty Mr Deepak celebrated Bastille Day: The French National Day, with the French students. Students from Grade 6 to 10 were encouraged to participate in Inter-school French creative writing competitions and Illustration contests organized by the L'Institut Français en Inde (The French Institute in India).

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Jay Jamulia
World topper in Mathematics (Additional) and Business Studies

Rahul Mistry
World topper in Mathematics (Extended)

Dhruv Doshi
World topper in Mathematics (Extended)

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS: HOPE AND LIGHT IN THE TIMES OF DISTRESS

- Aadhyaan Desai, Winner of RnR Fit Virtual Gymnastics Meet, Bangalore. He secured 2nd position, all over India, under 14 age category

- Tavishi Khairwar, Gold medal in State Championship 20-21, Mumbai and Silver Medal in 58th National Roller-Skating Championship 2020-21, Chandigarh. She was giving exams in morning and participating in the competition in evenings.

- Atharv Peshattivar, 2nd position in Story Writing Competition, organised by Alliance Francaise in honour of Bastille day. He wrote a short story in French on the Spanish Flu. 200 schools from all over India participated in this competition.

- Aditri Joshi, participated as research assistant with YLAC and Indus Action, to provide inputs for amendments in government policies towards improving maternal healthcare and support services.

GRADE 11 AND 12 – IBDP ACHIEVEMENTS

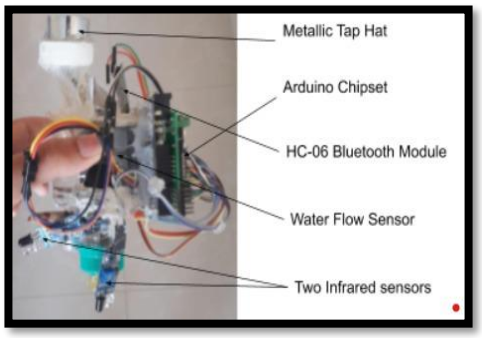
In the midst of the challenging Covid times, 81 students appeared for the CAIE AS level exam in October-November 2020 session. More than 75% of the entries have scored the highest possible grade of A and 12% have scored grade B.

Student Name	Percentage
Radhika Chowdhury	92.67%
Tarini Maheshwari	90.75%
Pratham Gokhale	90.50%
Siddh Gala	90.25%

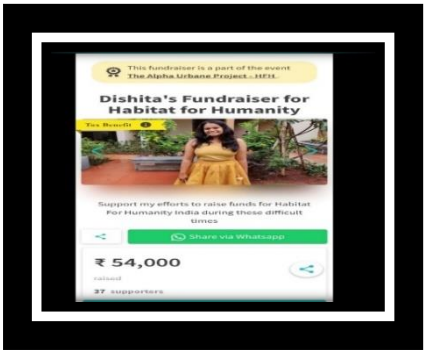
- Divya Gangaramani, grade 12 IB student, had recently interviewed women in STEM from different places. This interview was published officially as a podcast on various platforms where these women spoke about obstacles faced during their journey as well as some anecdotes and advice to the future generation. The interview 'Women as Engineers' featured on the IB blog for the Int'l Day of Women and Girls in science!

- In the recently held Japalouppe Equestrian Games, Rohan Karmakar, Grade 12 IB student, bagged the following positions: 1st Show Jumping Top Score, 1st Pole Bending, 4th Show Jumping Normal, 4th Show Jumping Rela

- Aryamman Sahlot and Shivam Garg, Grade 12 IB Students, won the Speech section in 'India's Future Tycoon' event amongst 7100 students from over 130 cities in India



- Dishita Dhanuka, Grade 12 IB student, raised funds for Habitat for Humanity India to support Covid Relief Work.



- Neeraj Adnani, Grade 12 IB student, started 'Shikshaacharya' app to support underprivileged students in the Pandemic and beyond