

GLYMPSES OF ACTIVITIES 2020-21

MAKING QUARANTINE PRODUCTIVE

HEADSTART PROGRAMS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21 – CONDUCTED ONLINE

In the month of April 2020, Springdays Sr. Secondary School conducted many virtual programs on Facebook to engage children effectively. This was during the initial days of the suddenly announced lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Children were suddenly locked up at home when schools were shutdown as part of the first national lockdown. Children needed some engaging activities that could effectively engage them in the safety of their homes. Below are the programs that were conducted from the first week of April to the 3rd week of May:

1) LIVE STORYTELLING SESSION

A total of 5 sessions were conducted as a recorded program on Facebook. Five of our English teachers recorded storytelling sessions which were then played live on Facebook. After every storytelling session, a small quiz was conducted based on the story. Best answers from children were presented with an Amazon gift voucher.

- a. By Mrs. Mary Cyril Prakash “Bird and the Banyan Tree”



- b. By Mrs. Priya Anna Thomas - This is a story of an elephant, Gajapathy Kulapathy, from a book written by Ashok Rajagopalan.



- c. By Mrs. Nalini Rajamanikkam “Princess Easy Pleasy” by Natasha Sharma



- d. By Mrs. Archana Venkatraman “The Fire Bird” - A Russian Folktale



2) MATH ART FUN SERIES ON FACEBOOK

This was one-of-a-kind program that was ideated and organized by our Maths Department Head Mrs. Kalaivani. Maths topics were chosen and connected with Art\Craft resulting in a fun and yet a thorough learning experience for children. 6 topics were chosen as mentioned below. Most of the session were presented by our school children themselves. A call-to-action was presented at the end of every video. Children were encouraged to participate in the activity. Best answers from children were presented with an Amazon gift voucher.

- a. CURVES USING STRAIGHT LINES By Mrs. Resmi Ravi & Ms Ananya P Kumar



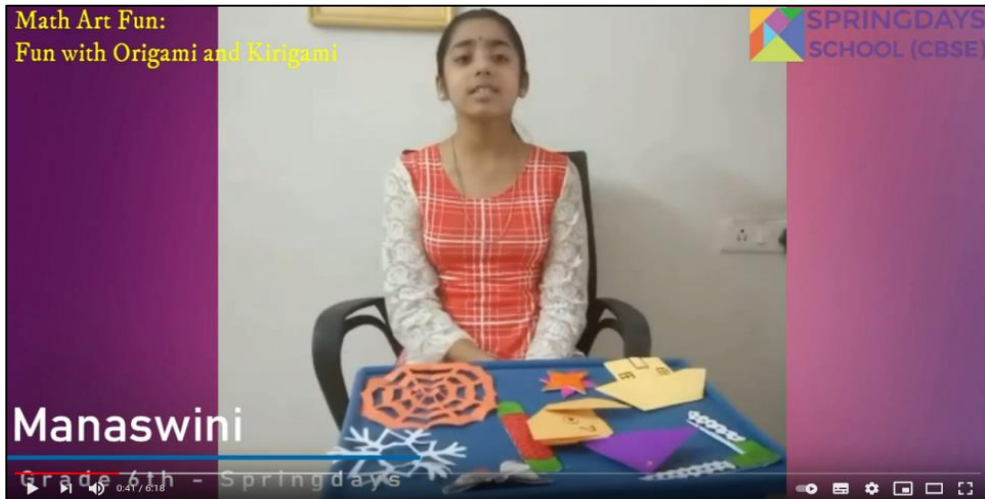
- b. Making Flowers using Concentric Circles by Mrs. Kalaivani



- c. Fun with Tangrams By Shrishti Venkatraman



- d. Fun with Origami and Kirigami by Sri Manaswini Akella



- e. OPTICAL ILLUSIONS by Adiba Maheen



- f. FUN WITH SPIDRONS by Neha Gokul



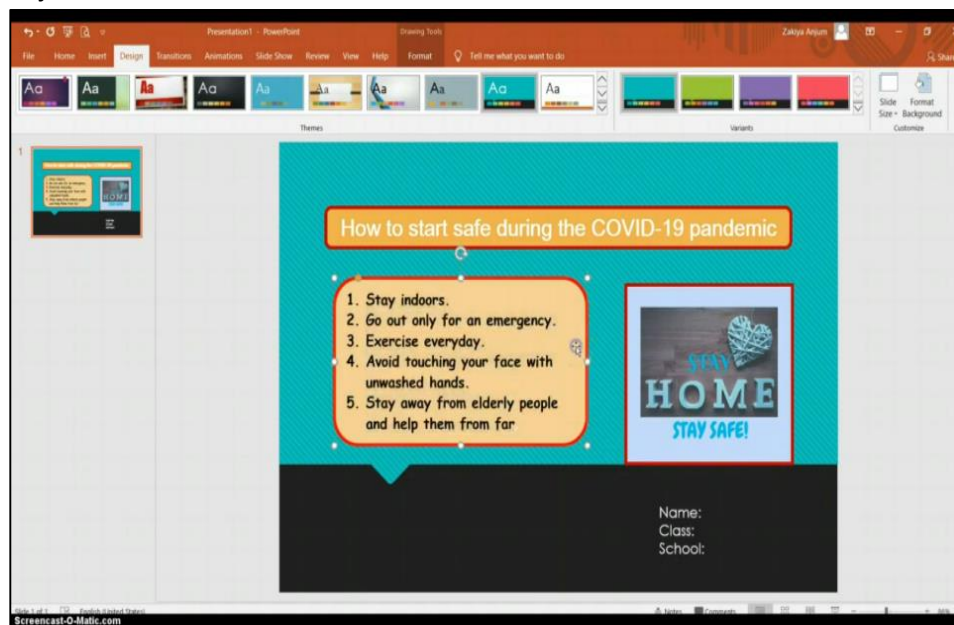
3) COVID CURATIONS

This series was also conducted on Facebook. It particularly targeted certain aspects of how to handle the lockdown easily among families. It focused on how children can build awareness by making PPTs, how children can develop a growth mindset while it comes to handling the pandemic, a session for parents on how to build a routine in children and a session on the best way to store fruits and vegetables. Children were encouraged to participate in this series too. And the best participation was presented with Amazon vouchers.

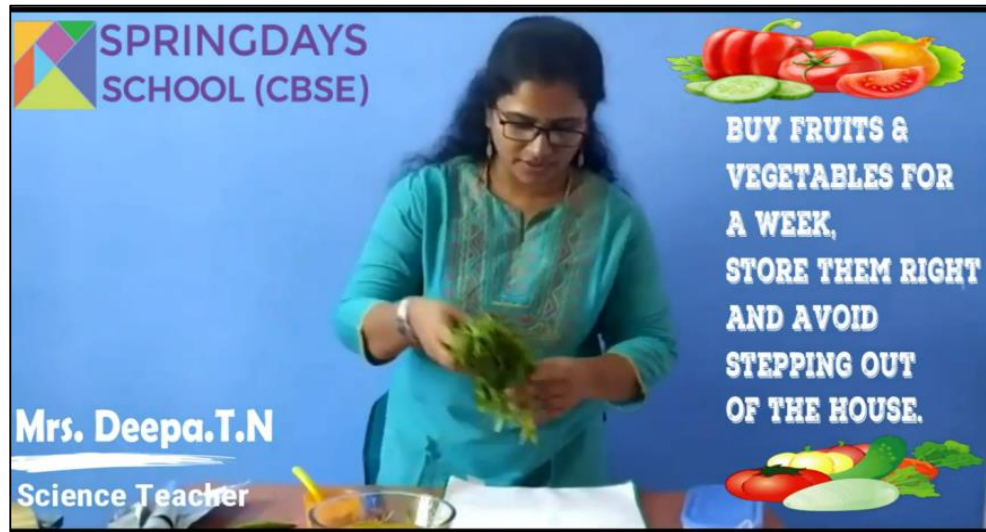
- a. HANDLING THIS LOCKDOWN WITH A GROWTH MINDSET BY Ms.Prithi.K.S & Mrs.Vatsala



- b. DEVELOPING POSTERS ON POWERPOINT TO BUILD AWARENESS By Ms. Zakiya Anjum.



- c. How to store fruits and vegetables right to avoid stepping out often by Mrs. Deepa




- d. Gifting your child a daily routine during the lockdown - by Mrs.Ramya Sivakumar





SNAPSHOTS OF PARTICPATION FROM CHILDREN


We had an overwhelming response to all our program. Snapshots of which are presented below

RESPONSES TO STORYTELLING SERIES


 **Shruthi Shruithik Shruthi Shruithik**





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 **Yogambal Sathish**


Title : The Happy Sparrow
Moral : We should be kind & helpful to everyone.
Name : B.S. Sagasra... [See more](#)

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 **Manjula Selvam**




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 **Mubashshira Tajudeen**


Name: Syed Affan.T
Age: 8
Class: 3A... [See more](#)




 Title : The Frog Princess
Evan doesn't like frog skin so that he burnt it. He love the mo
he want to live with her.
Name : B.S.Sagasra... [See more](#)


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 **Sabapathi Siddhan**
NAME: SONAL.S
AGE: 11
SCHOOL: SPRINGDAYS SCHOOL




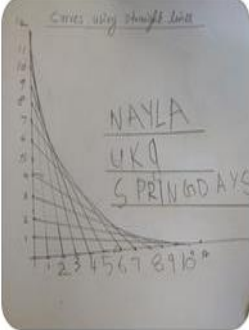
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 **Achu Ganeash**
Prince EVAN as
A.G.THARUN VARSHAN
CLASS -2A... [See more](#)




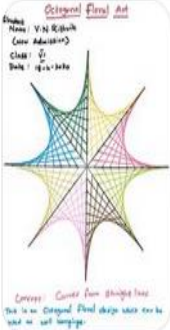
RESPONSES FOR THE MATH ART FUN SERIES

 **Nihala Tarannum**
Nayla harmain s f,ukg ,spring days





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 **Padma Naveen**
Student Name: V . N. Rithvik (New Admission)
Class: 6 CBSE



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 **Samu Bhuvan**
V.Nivasine
Class 6
Springdays School



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 **Janakiraman M** ...



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 **Aarathi Karunakaran**
Spirals using straight lines.
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 **Rajasekar Natarajan**
R. Naviya, 11 year, spring days
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 **Baskaran Ramadoss**




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RESPONSES FOR THE COVID CURATIONS

A.G. THARUN VARSHAN
 GRADE - 2 'A'
 SPRINGDAYS CBSE SCHOOL.... See more





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 Suganthi Madhanraj
 M.Yashuvanthika
 Grade 6
 The PSBB Millennium School




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 Kumaravel S
 K. ROSHINI & K. ROHIT - IV-C AGE : 10 Years - SPRING DAYS SCHOOL




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WINNERS OF COVID CURATIONS SESSION 3

PRANYASHRI - 2ND GRADE -

SPRINGDAYS



AMAZON VOUCHERS WILL REACH YOUR FACEBOOK INBOX TODAY!

IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVE CALENDER

- Our learning outcomes have been framed in accordance with the guidelines of CBSE's Alternative Academic Calendar. Circular no.34.Competency Based Education, throwing light on comprehensive pedagogical plans and strategies as per CBSE has been effectively put into practice.
- Assignments, quiz and self – assessment tests through MSTeams on a daily basis ensures productive learning.
- Periodic tests through MSTeams under conducive environments enable positive learning.
- Relevant worksheets have been delivered to each child to supplement the child's learning resources.
- Verbal interactions and enhanced teaching tools like ppt create means for constructive learning.
- Feedbacks from parents and students at regular intervals create scope for improvisation and rectification of teaching techniques.

INNOVATIVE METHODS TO ENHANCE READING AND NUMERACY

While trying to stay at par with this new normal way of life, no compromises have been shown at any level. Exclusive supplementary materials have been designed to cater to the needs of early graders. Some innovative methods are as follows:

- Teaching through augmented reality (Video link for the same is - <https://www.facebook.com/SpringdaysCBSESchool/videos/605558427051005>)
- Study kits with concrete learning material have been sent to each child to assist the child in easy learning.

- Lack of personal touch being the biggest hitch, we are trying to overcome it by making learning interesting and easy.
- By using things readily available at home like cereals, crayons, waste bottles, ice cream sticks etc, children are being taught in a play way method.
- Audio recordings via CDs have also been given to students to help children listen to the contents at their own pace.
- Printed worksheets are being sent home as the need arises.(link will be provided to show samples)

CO-SCHOLASTIC CHANNELS

- Core curriculum has been reinforced with co-scholastic areas activities such as: Storytelling, Lego and Maker Activities, Dance & Zumba, Singing. These are done through asynchronous mode of learning (via video recordings).
- Co-scholastic channels in MS Teams provide a platform for children to manifest their talents.

The link to a video showing some activities conducted for early learners is

<https://www.facebook.com/SpringdaysCBSESchool/videos/8731742532208>

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ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE THE COMPETENCIES

- General assembly is conducted once a week; every Monday. This platform provides scope to the children to put their thinking caps on. Starting with researching on topics to preparing ppts, doing online dance dramas, reciting poems, initiating quiz and games and also presenting events on language skills, multiple activities go into shaping the child's learning skills. This enhances leadership skills and teamwork. It also cultivates values and moral bindings among children.

- Special assemblies are conducted to observe the special days like National Yoga day. National Reading day, Birth Anniversary of Great Leaders and so on.
- Periodic mindfulness exercises are conducted during morning meet to keep teachers and students emotionally and physically motivated.
- Chaos Cafeteria: For children to casually chat with each other while having lunch together. This provides a way for children to socialize with each other and have a social peer-to-peer interaction online.
- Throwback Session : At the starting of the academic, we had many throwback sessions that enabled children to connect back with their previous year's teachers and classmates. Since the last academic year ended abruptly with the sudden lockdown, this gave a much-needed closure for children.

CYBER SECURITY – DIGITAL SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

- Utmost care has been taken to ensure cyber security for students. Keeping their well-being in mind, the school has shifted to MSTEAMS and discarded ZOOM because of the uncertainty looming over its safety measures.
- Eye exercises are conducted regularly as part of the online classes. This is keeping in mind the strain on the eyes of children due to increased screen time and relieve them of the same.
- School has also suggested specific security software and apps to install on the children device to protect the child's safety online.
- Work shops have been conducted to make one aware of the risks involved in misusing the online facility
- One week was dedicated to bring awareness to children regarding online bullying and how to prevent bullying. This is important as children need to be taught not just on how to use the internet but also on how to use it safely. Children released 2 short films on Mental Wellness: (1) Eustress – how to manage stress (2) How to handle depression.

TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAMMES

- CBSE has launched online training courses on Diksha platform for Capacity Building programmes for teachers based on CBSE training

manuals and NCERT's NISHTHA Modules. All our primary and middle school teachers have attended the various courses successfully.

- Around 70 teachers have attended 660 one hour sessions of Capacity Building Programmes conducted by COE Chennai.
- Teachers have also attended webinars conducted by different organisation and book publishers (webinars on portfolio management, Blooms taxonomy etc.)

MANODARPAM - MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

- A wide range of activities are conducted to provide psychosocial support to students and teachers for mental health and emotional well-being during Covid-19. (<https://www.springdaysschool.com/blog/manodarpan>)

FIT INDIA SCHOOL WEEK 2020

"Fit India Week -2020" has been a great learning experience for students. They have learnt that regular exercise will strengthen their body from lungs to immune systems, which in turn will lead to academic excellence as well as a happy life. Various activities are conducted by the students of class VI to XI as a part of "Fit India School Week" (link for the same is <https://www.springdaysschool.com/fit-india-movement>)

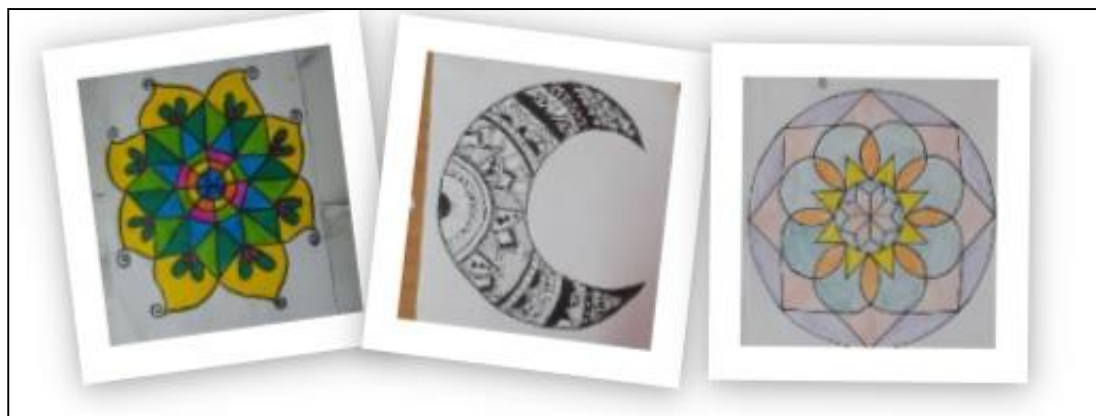
ART INTERGRATED LEARNING-AS A PEDAGOGICAL TOOL

Arts are a natural medium for free expression of one's imagination and thoughts where every learner has the freedom to be different and unique. All as pedagogy at school level has provided creative space to every learner to explore experience, express and celebrate without worrying about judgment.

- Springdays teachers effectively incorporated visual and performing art forms like painting, sketching, printing, role play, slide shows, theatre, jewellery art in teaching learning process to make learning joyful.

- Under Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Programme, students from class 6 to 10 participated in activities of various projects, involving the traditional art forms of the paired state, Jammu and Kashmir.
- Theatre is an essential part of our curriculum as we use it for art – integrated learning. Live theatre classes were conducted for children of Grade 4 to 9 as part of our online education.

Following pictures depict the art integrated projects done by the students:



The above pictures show the art integrated projects done by the students for the following mathematical concepts :

- Square root spiral

- Curves using straight lines
- Midpoint theorem to Quilt Designs
- Rangometry



Below is the picture collage of a scrap book prepared by a student of Std. IX comparing the cultures of the 2 different states of India, Jammu Kashmir in the North and Tamilnadu in the South.



Springdays Sr. Sec. School

Annual Report 2020-21

The Year 2020-21 That was

School closed on 16/03/20 unceremoniously with the anticipation of its opening in a few days time. But soon days became, weeks and months and there was no sign of school opening any time so quickly, with the Prime Minister's announcement of total lockdown from 18/03/20 and imposition of sec 144.

The Covid situation showed no sight to improve in the near future. The initial joy of the students of the closing of schools with no annual exams, began to dwindle and feeling imprisoned within their homes.

Suddenly there was surge of information within the social media to bring awareness among the people, about the deadly infectious Corona virus, how to prevent and protect oneself with the ongoing spread.

We at Springdays had designed an informative corner to not only safeguard the interest of our children with awareness of Corona virus but had a list of activities to keep them occupied while they enjoyed time at home.

It began on 25th of March with a five day session on consecutive days on youtube, with the Vice Principal, Mrs. Shili Shukla's message with call on action to beat the Covid-19 Lockdown.

On 11/04/20 Covid curation was launched on youtube by the teachers of SDS, beginning with "How to gift a Daily Routine during the lockdown". The next one was on

12/04/20 – "How to store Fruits and Vegetables right", to avoid stepping out often with Corona virus on full swing, followed by

"Handling this lockdown with a growth mindset" on 13/4/2020 This was a story telling session for children by Junior and Senior English teachers, the concluding was on

14/04/20 "Developing Posters as PPT to bring awareness on Corona virus – a competition for 4th grades and above.

It was the month of April and Covid 19 continued its spreading spree. Schools remind closed. No annual exams were conducted to the excitement and joy of the children. They were promoted to the next class based on their earlier performance under the guidance and instructions of the CBSE Board.

It was decided to begin with online classes as there was no sight of school opening commencing of online classes was a daunting task, as teachers were not mentally prepared to take classes on line. A lot of apprehension was in the air. Senior teachers who had ever anything to do with technology were now very weary of taking online classes. Everyone was under the impression that it would soon be over. Nothing of the sort materialised.

The effort began back on 17/04/20 informing the teachers of platform MS teams on 18/04/20. An orientation program on platform MS teams was organised for teachers to get acquainted with the features and working with MS teams. Later class wise orientation program was also organised for teachers for further extensive learning.

Class after class, students were sent messages for login sessions to join and became members in MS teams. Orientation program for students was organised to let them know how to get connected and use MS teams.

With everything set and in place the new academic session began on 8th of June for classes 6 to 8 and on 11th June classes commenced for class I to V. Kindergarten followed suit.

The opening of school with online classes was a moment of excitement and joy for all the students. The early onset of holidays was primarily the reason for wanting to be back with friends and books.

During the entire period of online classes, care was taken to keep certain factors in mind, the fatigue to the eyes, as a result of constant viewing of the screen, eye-exercise was introduced at regular intervals of 20 minutes, called 20/20/20.

Stationed on one seat for long hours was taxing the physical health of our children, to counter the ill effects, "Fitness Friday" was introduced, where the teachers and children together had discussions on physical and mental well-being. Video on fitness developed by the PT Department was regularly shown and students were advised to practise it each day.

On 15th August, Independence day was celebrated online with the hosting of flag. The chief guest was Dr. V. Samuel Rajkumar, Director of Placement & Training, VIT, Vellore. The days virtual programmes constituted of Debate, Speech, Patriotic songs, PPT, Dance, the entire show was the efforts and dedication of students and teachers of class 6 to 8.

On this very day 15th of Aug “Chaos Cafeteria”, a social program where the class friends could meet online over lunch and have one to one interaction and casual friendly chat to experience the fun they were missing of physical schooling. It began with class 8. Later was followed in all classes from III to IX section and group wise.

Class Assembly was renamed to Morning Meet in which each section of each class had each day, interaction with friends and teachers just like they had in school. Wherein students could interact with teachers and relate their concern if any, while having regular class assembly on various topics.

Krishna Jayanthi was celebrated by the kindergarten school on 11th of August. The little one had played their role of Radha’s and Krishna’s, all dressed in beautiful costumes, there were songs, dance, little plays all recorded and sent to their respective teachers.

On 29th of August – a program on “Career of the Future” was launched, for class VII to XI with the objective of bringing awareness among the students about the careers in the future. The Resource persons who were invited were;

- (1) Ms. Mala Mary Martina - Entrepreneur
- (2) Ms. Gayathiri V.Ekambaram - Advocate
- (3) Ms. Smitha T.K - Journalist

“Online Bullying” and “Mental Health” programs were organised between 12th Oct and 16th Oct respectively bringing awareness among children to prevent bullying while on online classes, it became necessary to know and be vigilant of adversities associated with the use of internet and how to be safe when in social media.

Children of class 8 had released two short films on Mental Wellness.

- (1) Eustress how to manage stress by class 8 and
- (2) How to handle depression by class – 9

On 3rd of July co-scholastic program for lower and higher grades was introduced in an Asynchronous mode to keep them creative, hooked and committed to continuous learning and growing.

On 20th September students of Springdays were introduced to a news channel for children by children, presented on Youtube on every Sunday, Igraasp. It is a 15 minutes weekly capsule of a well-curated, age-relevant news of the world.

On 29th Oct Diwali festival was celebrated on platform MStems, virtually by all classes from PreK to class XI. Each class with all sections combined, had colourful program lined up from prayer, skit, bursting of crackers (virtual) dancing, singing, speech, to being dressed in new clothes to mark the occasions of victory of truth over falsehood.

This year Diwali and Children's Day fell on the same date. So Children's day was celebrated on 20th Nov, International children's day. The educators orchestrated a mind blowing programs for their scholars stretching from an English song sung by the teachers to English play, dual performance of hand dance, solo singing to group singing etc.

On 1st of Dec'20 – Christmas was celebrated with the offbeat fervour with beautiful tunes, plays, carols, tableau and quiz.

On 30th Nov – Fit India program was organised for class 6 to 9, bringing acknowledgement of the importance of Healthy Body and Mind. Henceforth Fitness Friday was continued on every Friday to instill the importance of workout and keep fit.

Festival of Pongal was celebrated on 11.01.2021 with equal enthusiasm virtually as would have been celebrated on physical schooling. Children were dressed in traditional costume for the virtual programs conducted class wise from Prekg to XI.

The decision of the state government to open schools for class 9 to 12, set the ball rolling. Springdays decided to open on 10/02/21. On 9/2/21 teachers were asked to come.

9.2.2021

The burst of joy on the faces of teachers on boarding the school bus, after a long span of ten months and over was a sight to be spectacled. With masks on, energy bursting, smiling eyes, teachers reached school for a test run of online classes from school premises and the online classes were well conducted to the satisfaction of teachers.

10.2.2021

School reopened for classes IX & XI the third term to the much delight of students after a long break of 10 months and over. Have no idea how they felt when each one boarded

their respective bus. But while alighting from the bus and walking down the pavement was a pleasant surprise, viewing the filtered smiles, sparkling eyes, and a long enough of waving hands, sure to cause injury.

Students who opted for offline classes were welcomed by their teachers on first day of the school in their respective classrooms. Online and offline classes began with the blessings of lord Ganesha. A short prayer and welcome note for class 9 was organised in the corridors. The day's classes ended at 12:30pm and the buses, packed with students left the school premises at 12:35pm. The new normal was being experimented experienced and executed.

April Bonanza:

The month of April is the favored time among the children of Junior school for exams and the school term comes to an end its time to relax and enjoy. School regularly organizes whole number of activities ranging from movies, theatre, field trips, quiz, cafeteria, casual interaction with their teachers and friends various competition and whole of other things. This April the activities were conducted online on 5th, 7th, 8th and 12th of April, and summer holidays began for classes up to 7th std.

On 5th of April 9th std. had an orientation program and welcoming of new students joining grade 9. They began their academic session 2021-22. The classes commenced full-fledged, and come continued up till 30th of April 21.

On 9th of April Springdays launched online Summer Internships for students of class 7 and above. The programme gave a detailed account of how children can register for 3 or less internship, the various course/programme available to choose from. The effort on the part of the school to keep the students learning and growing even in the most adverse situation and condition is commendable. The internship will help students upgrade their skills or robotics, engineering, space technology, soft skills, etc.

As the days passed and no sign of Date sheet of X Board exam, made students of class 10 impatient, anxious and worried. On 12th of April it was announced after a long deleberation and meetings between Prime Ministers, the Education ministers and top officials of CBSE Board. It was stated that students would be promoted based on previous performance and internal exam. Students not satisfied with their CBSE 10th results 2021, would be given opportunity to write the exam if conditions improved.