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MS. SONYA GHANDY MEHTA

FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S DESK

My dear Pathwaysians,

The Students, through the beautiful melodious Teachers Day celebration videos, prove that 'virtual is actually the new real' & yet this new normal cannot dampen their spirits of depicting their love & compassion for their Teachers. The amalgamation of the dances, short plays & mimicry that our dear Students put together for us touched our hearts yet again.

'The 'Absurdists', the first of a kind online live theatre endeavour, that began with Workshops with seven participating Schools in end-August, culminated in an Exhibition to showcase short enactments from the world of Theatre of the Absurd. The Schools presented their interpretation of extracts from classics that have evoked curiosity & challenged our perception of popular convictions. This initiative gave the online learning – teaching experience a more electrifying impetus.

The Awardees of PYP2 to PYP4 held their head high in pride & virtually walked tall at their Awards Ceremony that too was held through the online platform this year. But the poise & confidence of these little Pathwaysians was as much as they would have exhibited otherwise.

We, at Pathways, value the importance of strengthening the 3-way handshake, the bond of a beautiful relationship between the child, parent & the school. We strongly believe that both, the School & a child's family are equally responsible in building a strong foundation for a child ensuring s/he does well in life for herself/himself as an individual & for the society at large.

In our endeavor to support this thought, for the first time ever, the PWS Well-being Team brought about a series of Parenting Webinars this month to make Parents privy to today's rapidly changing world & to help them become vigilant to various external stimuli that the children face every day in their lives. These webinars were conducted by eminent Panelists catering to specific age categories covering important aspects of Parenting, also including child safety as well as cyber safety. The enthusiastic participation from the Parents did indicate the success of this Series giving us a satisfying experience of bringing this initiative forward.

The month for the MYP & DP Students concluded with online Summative Assessments that were successfully conducted by the Teachers with an equally strong support by the Students & Parents.

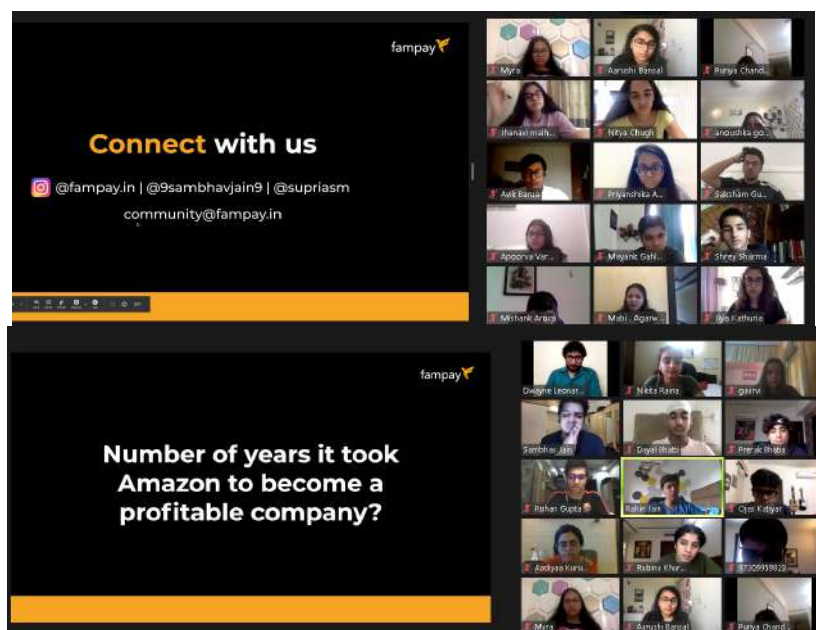
I thank the Parents for their continued support to the School & their belief in us.

Best wishes,

Sonya Ghandy Mehta
School Director

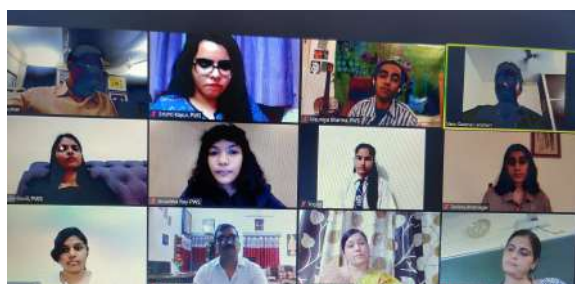
Workshop on Entrepreneurship

Students of MYP 5 and DP 1 attended an online workshop on Entrepreneurship. This was led by Mr. Sambhav Jain, an IIT Roorkee Graduate and the Founder of FamPay, a payment app, along with Ms. Supriya Puri, a passionate public speaker and an associate at FamPay. The central theme of the masterclass was Entrepreneurship and its fundamentals. The hour-long interactive session was very engaging and enthralling. It helped the budding entrepreneurs of Pathways Aravali to understand the basics of starting a business and launching their own start-ups.



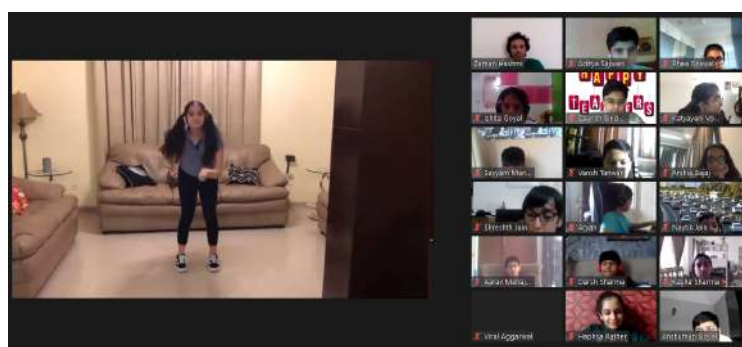
Platinum Jubilee All India Online English Debates Hosted By Birla Public School

A team of 4 MYP5 and DP1 students participated in an online English Debate Competition organised by Birla Public School. Held from 7th to 11th September, the competition had debates from themes ranging from the Concept of Freedom to Dystopian Society. Our students, led by their mentor-students Mauraya Sharma and Tanisha Bhatnagar, DP1 won laurels for the School on each day of the event including the 'Best Speaker' award for Tanisha for the debate held on the first day. Mauraya was acknowledged for his excellent performance with the award of "Most Promising Speaker of the Competition". All in all, it was an exhilarating experience for the team to compete against various participants from multiple Schools.



Teacher's Day Celebrations @ Middle School

On 4th September all Middle School Students and Teachers celebrated Teacher's Day, virtually. The celebration was initiated with a momentous presentation, put together by the students. Along with their Form Tutors, they enjoyed the videos which were filled with melodious musical performances, short skits and enthralling dances and enactments. It was an overwhelming gesture and the smiles on the faces of the Students and Teachers were contagious.



TBSMUN 2020

From 4th to 6th September 2020, five students from MYP 5 and four students of DP participated in The British School Model United Nations (TBSMUN) that was organized on the virtual platform over the 3 days. The participants had vigorous discussions, effective committee sessions and one-on-one debates. Mr. Shashi Tharoor, a renowned Indian politician, took to the stage to share his perspective on the humanistic approach to politics. 3 students- Ojas Katiyar from MYP 5, received "High Commendation" in UNGA. Shreeya Suri of MYP 5 received a "Special Mention" in JCC and Vatsal Kabra of MYP 5 received a verbal mention in NATO - Russia Council.



Dr. Shashi Tharoor

Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Thiruvananthapuram



Vatsal Kabra



Shreeya Suri



Ojas Katiyar

PYP Awards Ceremony (PYP 2, 3 and 4)

On 12th September, the Primary School held PYP Awards Ceremony virtually for years 2, 3 and 4 (2019 -2020). The Students were acknowledged for their accomplishments in various academic and non-academic subject areas. Students were also accredited for the Learner Profile attributes they have consistently exhibited. The ceremony witnessed a soulful rendition "Fly to your heart" and a melodious Piano performance by the Students of PYP 4. The School Director and The Primary School Principal enthused the audience with their inspiring words. The ceremony concluded with the ecstatic winners rejoicing their achievements and a few motivated eyes gleaming with hope to embrace the joy in the years to follow.



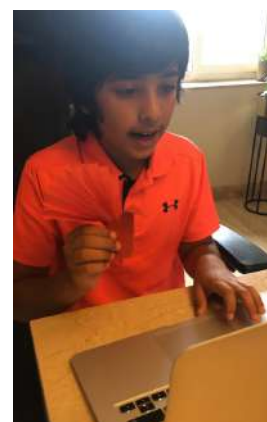
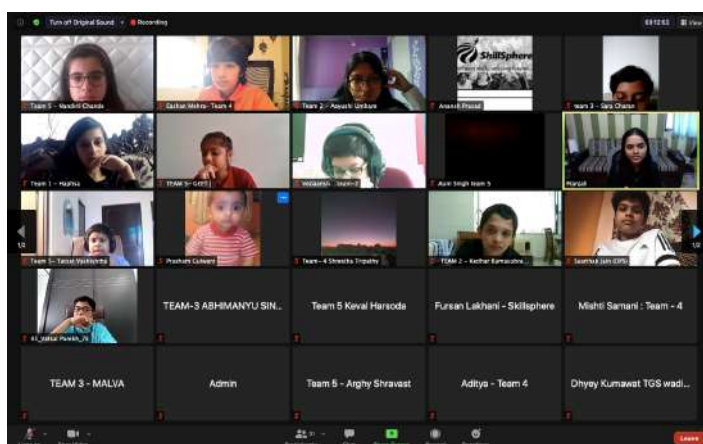
Language Day in Primary School

14th of September was celebrated as the 'Language Day' in the Primary School to promote interest in different languages and love for reading. Students dressed up as their favourite book characters or carried innovative props from their favourite stories. They celebrated their love for characters by sharing their thoughts and views with their peers. While some classrooms created word clouds with different languages and learnt about Languages and their significance, The students had an interesting Mystery Author session with Candor International School, Bangalore. They also attended a special Spanish lesson and learnt a few greetings..



E_Indiation Event

A team of three students from MYP 1 & 2 participated in the E-Indiation event organized by Skillsphere on 26th and 27th September. Through this event, they were able to interact and share their ideas on a national platform. As the name suggests, E_Indiation was a competition focusing on the students' knowledge about India. The two-day event was divided into three sub events, budding Middle School students made everyone proud by outshining at the event. Eashan Mehra of MYP1, won the first prize in the Jigyasa Quiz and his team won the first prize in The Great Indian Race!



Sharing Good Practices

The school community believes in sharing good practices to support development of schools that have just begun their journey in the IB. In the second week of September, a group of enthusiastic and committed teachers from Crossroads International School, Udaipur visited classes in the Primary School to experience pedagogical practices to support learning and development at their school.

We look forward to more such collaborations in the near future between teachers and students to learn and grow from each other's capacities and experiences.



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Dear Ms Monica and Team PWS,

There is no such thing as a self-made man. You will reach your goals only with the help of others."

– George Shinn

The entire team of Crossroads International School is indebted to Pathways World School, Aravali, for extending this opportunity to us. This has enhanced our understanding of the Primary Years Programme. The lessons that we observed not only helped us affirm but also, extended our understanding of what an inquiry classroom looks like. This virtual collaboration has proved that no virus can dampen the spirit of life long learning.

We want to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to:

- ▶ School Director, Ms Sonya Mehta for giving us an opportunity for this collaboration.
- ▶ Primary School Principal, Ms Monica Bhimwal for her continual guidance and support.
- ▶ Ms Reecha Khosla for providing an immaculate coordination during this whole initiative.
- ▶ All PWS Teachers whose classes we observed. We have so many AHAs and such great Take-Aways from you. Thank you for welcoming us so warmly.
- ▶ All the Primary School Students for being so open-minded and letting us be a part of their learning journey.

Once again, CIS is grateful for this virtual collaboration. We hope to continue this relationship and consider a Teacher/Student exchange programme in a COVID free future.

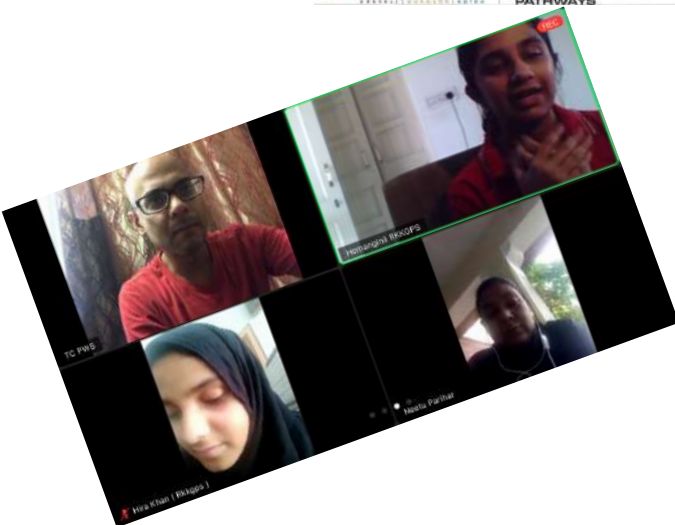
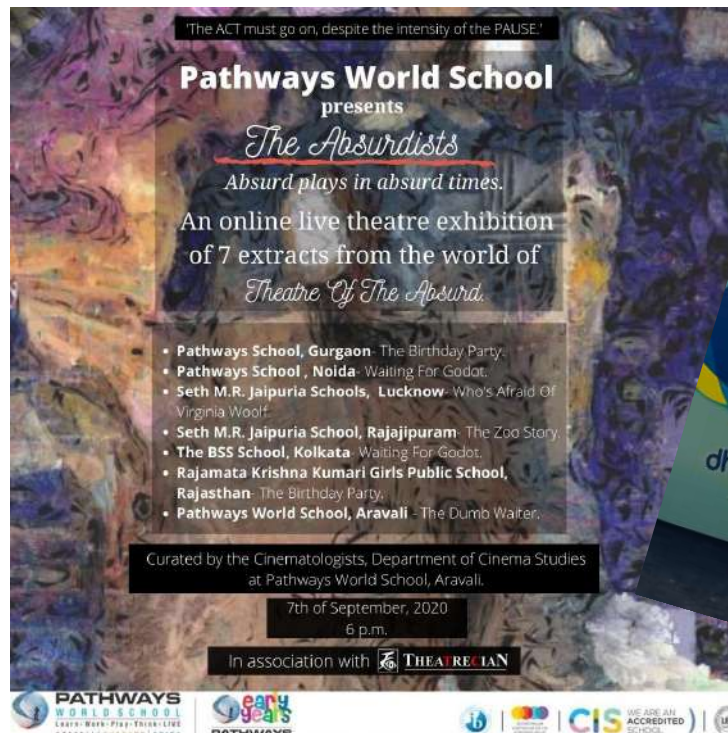
Stay Strong, Stay Safe!

Warm Regards,
Team CIS

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THE ABSURDIST- 'Absurd plays in Absurd Times'.

To ensure the continuity of Performing Arts during the Pandemic Pathways World School held a virtual exhibition of theatre performances of 15 minutes each on 7th September. This was not a recorded event and the actors performed live from their respective spaces on Zoom platform. The event was conceptualized and curated by the Department of Cinema Studies, Pathways World School. Seven schools were selected based on the concept notes received from schools across the country. Students were encouraged to read plays of the genre shared with them before the event. Mr. Khurafati Nitin, the famous RJ of Big FM was one of the special invitees who witnessed the performances.



"The Absurdist, online live theatrical performance organised by Pathways World School, Aravali, was one of its kind both in effort and experience. It endorses the saying 'The show must go on' despite all adversities. I wondered when the program started whether it is a live performance or recorded, and then got to know that it was indeed a live performance with the kids participating by tuning on their turn, which again emphasized on the saying 'Necessity is a mother of invention'.

Performing arts in any form is a must for every student in the formative stage, as it helps in boosting confidence and morale, improves speech and aids in better presentation of the self to the society. Drama (acting) is nothing but a personality development tool even for those who don't wish to pursue drama as a profession. Personality is one of the main traits to be a successful person in life, the sooner we realise this fact the better it is for our children.

Pathways has always been a leader and trend-setter and this effort further fortifies their position as a creator of setting examples. Few books on acting are a must for all to read and should be made a part of study material for today's generation"

- Mr. Pawan Shankar, Managing Director, Educationista

Online Photography and Comic Strip Competition

The commemorate the 11th 'World Bamboo Day' on 18th September, two online contests—'Comic Strip' and 'Photography' were held virtually, organised by the Assam Valley School. Out of 214 entries from India, Taiwan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, UAE and South Korea, Mauraya Sharma DPI made the School proud by winning First Prize in International Photography Competition Junior Category and Suhani Chatterjee of Grade 8 secured third position in the Comic Strip category.



Arhan Jain of Grade 5 secured 2nd position in All India Senior level Chess tournament organised by Ms.Dhyani Dave (Gold medalist in Commonwealth Games).



Congratulations to Mrigank Kapur of Grade 9 on becoming a certified Game Developer!



Click [HERE](#) to read yet another book review by our Student, Anshuman Nagpal of Grade 5

Online Yoga Competition

3 students participated in a first-ever online State Level Yoga Championship held by Jaypee Public School, Noida. The Competition and the 'asanas' expected to be performed for the final round were extremely demanding at every level of strength, balance and flexibility. With less than a week to prepare, our competitors Ripudaman Tyagi of MYPI, Tanvii Bhardwaj of PYP5 and Samaira Bhatti of PYP2 put their heart and souls into the rigorous specialized training under the guidance of their yoga teacher and delivered the final poses with extreme finesse and poise.

Samaira Bhatti – Grade 2



Ripudaman Tyagi – Grade 6

Tanvii Bhardwaj, Grade 5



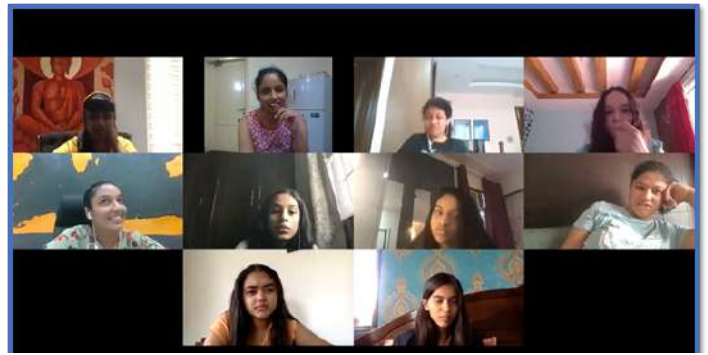
Putting the Sustainable Development Goals into practice

Siblings, Saurish (Grade 6) and Kritvi Bindals (Grade 5) made a good use of the lockdown period by putting their knowledge about Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) into practice. They transformed an empty plot in front of their house into a beautiful and green piece of land. The place, which had been lying vacant, was turning into a garbage dump. The siblings realized that the surroundings were not only looking dirty but also posed a huge health hazard. They shared their concern with their parents and with the help of their house guard they burnt the garbage and cleaned the land, filling it up with soil and seeds of bitter melon. The green plants that bloomed with their diligent care now provides a soothing green sight to the onlookers and also food for the poor people living in the neighbourhood.

The School is proud of Saurish & Kritvi for conceptualizing and executing their idea with diligence and doing their bit towards the environment.

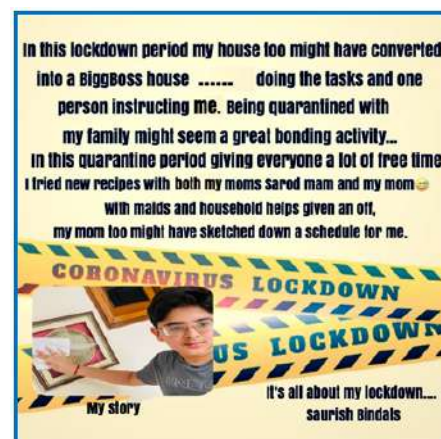


All the Residence Parents and boarders have taken to the new normal with great joy and mirth! Diverse activities are being conducted regularly through zoom meetings. Ice breaker session with new boarders, Inspirational Videos and virtual games have added to the fun of connecting with each other,



The Residence Parents of the DP 1 and 2 Boarders are in regular connect with them and engage them in various discussions about time management, grade projection etc. the boarders experience the 'virtual' warmth and amiable boarding environment in the school, led by Mr. Saurav Sinha, the Dean of Residences.

The Primary School Boarders also share about new skills that they are able to develop while at home and enjoying the family time as well as the online sessions with their residence parents.



Some heart-warming messages from Class of 2020 Boarders of Danube

Thank you so much for your love and care. It really got me a little emotional, especially remembering 'How your home is always open to us to come, sit, and talk anything. It made us feel so comfortable and loved! - Siya Chomal Class of 2020

Thank you is not enough to tell you how grateful I am to the entire Danube family and to all that you have done for us. I will really miss you. I am sure I will not ever have a Residence Parent who genuinely makes boarding a home away from home! - Sanaa Khattar, Class of 2020

Grade 12 was so much fun, and I am so happy that I was in boarding. Danube family will always be special for me. Thank you so much for your love and support throughout this journey - Kezia Dhawan - Class of 2020

I cannot recall one instance wherein I felt homesick. With the perfect amount of scolding, love, and occasional cakes, everything was just amazing! My experience at a boarding school stands complete because of the total love & care - Ananya Sharma, Class of 2020