



MGM FIRST STEPS SCHOOL

Annual Report 2020-21

NAME OF SCHOOL

State : Maharashtra
District : Aurangabad
Postal Address : MGM Campus, N-6, CIDCO, Aurangabad 431003
Mobile (PRO) - +919881010032
Year of Establishment : 2003-2004

ENROLLMENT OF SCHOOL Students

Nursery/LKG/UKG : 35

TOTAL STAFF

Principal : 01
Teachers : 04
Administrative staff : 05
Non-teaching : 04

NAME OF PRINCIPAL - MEETA KAPOOR

Educational Qualification:

- Bachelor of Arts (Humanities)
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar University 2015
- Higher Secondary School Maharashtra State Board 1991
- Secondary School Education Maharashtra State Board 1989

Professional Qualification:

- M.Ed. (Perusing) 2019-21
- Rashtrabhasha Hindi Parishad
Vardha | Rattn | 2020-21 (Persuing)
- B. Ed 2018
- Post-Graduate Diploma in School Leadership
and Management (PGDSLM) IGNOU 2016
- Diploma in Early Childhood Care
Podar Institute of Education 2011
- Rashtrabhasha Hindi Parishad
Vardha | Kovid | 2014

CURRENT WORKING EXPERIENCE:

Total experience : 17 years
Status of the school : Pre-Primary School
Name of the Trust : Mahatma Gandhi Mission

TEACHERS

1. Name : **Manjiri Tripathi**
Date of joining : 24-06-2019
Qualification : B.Com, DNIIT, Teachers training course.
Experience : 4 years' experience

2. Name : **Urmila Suhas Magarkar**
Date of joining : 12-06-2012
Qualification : B.A. and Montessori Courses
Experience : MGM First Steps School 9 years' experience
6 years' experience in other schools

3. Name : **Pranita Amol Patil**
Date of joining : 01-06-2019
Qualification : MA. B.Ed and Montessori Courses
Experience : MGM First Steps School (2 years)
Total 5 years' experience

4. Name : **Sailee karkhanis**
Date of joining : 01-06-2019
Qualification : Bcom, ECCEed
Experience : MGM First Steps School (2 years)
Total 4 years' experience

Administrative Staff

Name : **Sushma Mohite (Administrator)**

Date of Joining :
Qualification :
Experience :

Name : Malika Nair
Date of Joining : 30-03-2015
Qualification : B.Sc, B.Ed, MBA
Experience : MGM First Steps School (6 years)
Total 14 years' experience

Name : Madhuri Patil (Accountant)
Date of Joining : 25.5.2010
Qualification : B.com
Experience : 15 years

Name : Vidiya Kadam(Clerk)
Date of Joining : 1.06.2007
Qualification : B.com
Experience : 13 years

Name : Syed Farhat Firdous (PRO)
Date of Joining : 1.06.2018
Qualification : D.Ed, M.com
Experience : 03 years

Annual Report of the MGM First Steps School 2020-21

The Annual Report of the **MGM First Steps School** for the session **2020-21**.

The school had undergone immense changes and challenges during this year. Online learning has been widely promoted to replace traditional face-to-face learning during the COVID-19 pandemic to maintain children's learning and play at home. The results suggested that the implementation of online learning during the pandemic has been problematic and challenging for teachers and families.

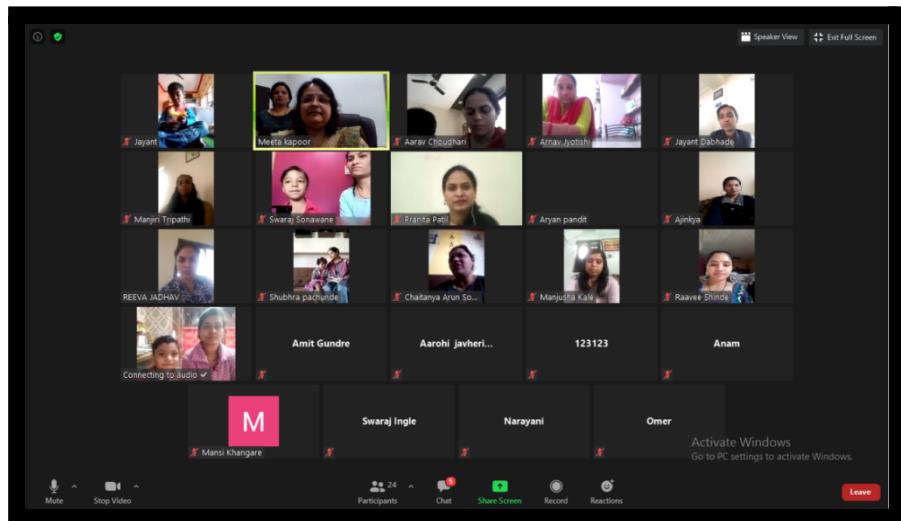
The parents were neither trained nor ready to embrace online learning. Also, the hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has made them suffering, thus more resistant to online learning at home was observed, but Excellence in academics is the hallmark of a good institution. MGM First Steps School Team handled children so well that prospective of all parents changed. Activity based curriculum is being adopted by our vibrant teachers to make learning fun and entertainment. Competitions are being conducted for the overall development of a child at base level so that we can polish these rough stones into precious one.

As teachers are also learners. Our teachers stay updating themselves by attending workshops and various training programmes to enhance their skills.

In COVID-19 lockdown situation, our teachers relentless work to provide online study material and telephonic conversation with parents can't be forgotten. Parents support and cooperation has always been immense and appreciated. **Let's move towards the virtual journey of 2021...**

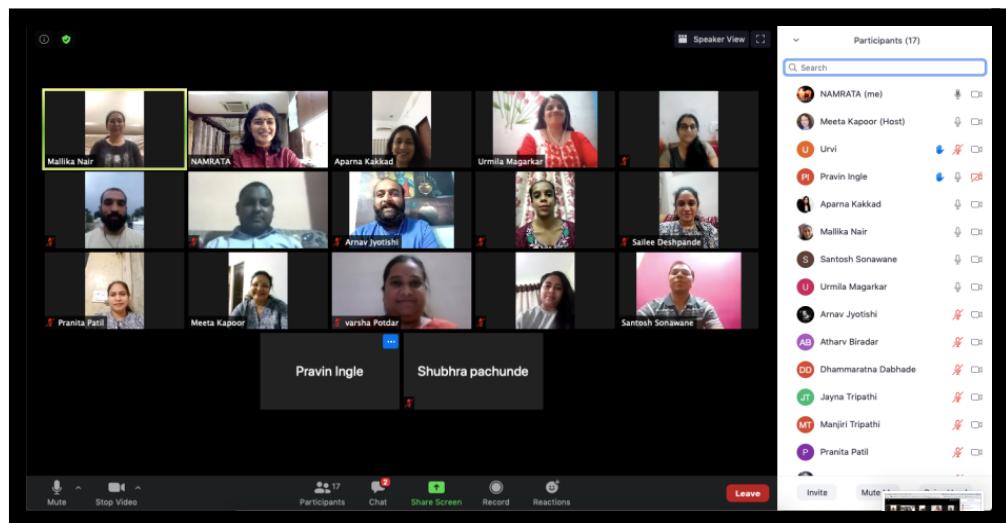


Orientation meet: On June 16 2020, MGM First step school, Aurangabad organised a virtual Orientation meeting where Principal Teachers and the parents came together for a clear understanding about the vision, mission and motto of the school. Principal Ms. Meeta Kapoor welcomed and addressed the parents. It was informed to parents that due to the pandemic; online classes are the only way for kids to learn, but at the same time school is taking precautionary measures by keeping virtual classes one hour a day and keeping gaps between two classes by this, children will be away from the screen. Virtual classes will start from 18th June 2020.





SMC Meeting: On June 29 2020, MGM First steps school, Aurangabad organised a virtual SMC meeting with parents. Principal Ms. Meeta Kapoor welcomed and addressed the parents and announced committee members of ETPA. Chairperson Ms. Meeta Kapoor, Vice chairperson Mr. Neeraj Jyotishi, Secretary Mr. Arun Sonawane, Joint secretary Prof. Dhammaratne Suresh Dabhade. Members of ETPA Ms. Urmila Magarkar, Ms. Pranita Patil, Ms. Manjiri Tripathi and Ms. Sailee Karkhanis. Varsha Potdar ma'am read points regarding virtual classes as per government norms. Feedback from all parents were taken on virtual classes which were very positive. With the permission of committee members and all parents agreed to continue virtual classes one hour a day.





Curricular Activities:(Term I)

Class: NURSERY

EVS: Rainy Season

Activity: Introduction of Rainy Season

Learning Objective: To talk to children about rainy season

To give information about things to use during rainy season.

Procedure: Teacher was dressed in rainy apparel (raincoat) to make children curious and grab their attention

She even showed things like umbrella, gum boots.

Learning Outcome: Children got to know about rainy season and understood the different things to wear during rainy season.

Duration of the Session: 40 minutes.

Evaluation: At the end of the session, teacher showed different things like Hat, umbrella, and cap. Children were then asked which of these things are used in rainy season.



Class: Jr. KG

Activity: Red line to blue line concept for writing capital letters

Learning Objective: This will help students to write the letters correctly in particular line.

Procedure: Revision of Capital letters by visualization (flashcards) and using phonetics.

Revision of colours to check, are students correctly recognizing the colours. It will help them to write letters correctly in that particular line.

Introduce children about red and blue line.

We always start our letters AT THE TOP!

The top line is called the “headline” (red line).

The middle lines are called the “midlines” (blue line).

The bottom line is called the “baseline” (red line).

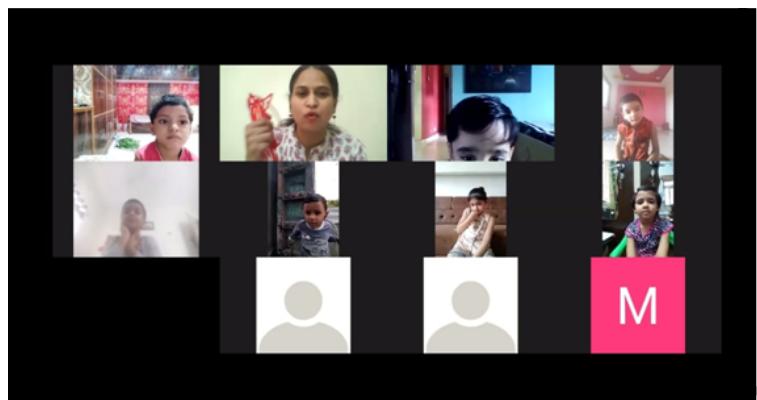
Learning Outcome: Children revised capital letters with phonetics.

They started writing letters in proper line concept.

Duration of the Session: 40 minutes.

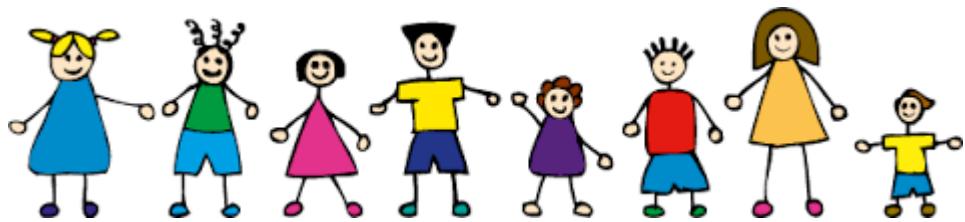
Evaluation:

Ask children which is top line, middle line, and baseline.

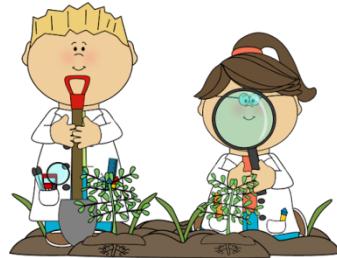


Introduction of letter C for Nursery class: The main objective was to understand and analyse the letter 'C'. Ms. Urmila Magarkar introduced letter C with the help of hands on activities like Magic Drawing with Candle and Water colours, tracing letter C in salt tray and told them a story on the things related to letter C. It was a fun filling activity of learning the letter "C".





Science Experiment soluble and insoluble for Jr.kg: Soluble and insoluble science experiment was conducted for Jr.kg class by Ms. Manjiri Tripathi, in that they got the opportunity to predict and observe solids that dissolve in water. Teacher explained to the students that they will be mixing some solids with water. Students were excited to watch that some solids like sugar and salt dissolved in water and solid like sand was not dissolved. Students got to know about new words soluble and insoluble. Students enjoyed this hands on lesson where they make simple solutions and mixtures.



STORY TIME (Theme of the month: Gratitude)

Class: Sr. KG

Learning Objective: To help children understand the concept of gratitude and being thankful.

Procedure:

Teacher introduced the topic by asking children if they know anything about gratitude.

Then, children were shown a video: a story about a boy who was grateful and how being grateful helped him when he was in trouble.

After the video, children were then asked questions like:

- How grateful are they?
- Are they thankful for everything good in their life?
- Do they cry and throw tantrums if they don't get what they want?

The session was concluded with children deciding they will say thank you to their parents for everything they already have. Being grateful makes way for more good things in one's life.

Also, since it was also Doctor's day on the same day, children decided to make greeting cards for doctors to be grateful to them for their service during the COVID times.

Learning Outcome:

Children understood the concept of gratitude. They even made greeting cards to be grateful to all the doctors for their services.

Duration of the Session: 40 minutes.



Class: Sr. KG

Activity: Comparing Small, Medium and Large.

Learning Objective:

Students will be able to differentiate between small, medium and large.

Students will be able to list things that are small, medium and large.

Students will be able to sort things that are small, medium and large.

Procedure:

Write words on board small, medium and large.

Inform students to get any things which are in small, medium and large shape like bowl, balls, etc.

Draw pictures on board related to the concept.

Showed them small bowl, medium bowl, and large bowl to understand the concept.

Informed to students to compare and show their things one by one.

Monitor students as they conducted the activity.

Learning Outcome:

Students started comparing things in small, medium and large.

They started drawing pictures in notebook as per the instructions given.

Duration of the Session: 40 minutes.

Evaluation:

Check the students completed the worksheets.



Class: Sr. KG

Activity: Getting to know about plant (Herbs, Shrubs, creepers and climbers)

Learning Objective:

To develop understanding different types of plants (Herbs, Shrubs, creepers and climbers).

Procedure:

Informed students to get herbs like coriander, mint leaves.

Informed students to check stem of herbs they have. Herbs have weak stem and can break easily; herbs are very small plants.

Showed different types of shrubs like rose plant, hibiscus plant, Tulsi plant and informed students that these have hard stem and they can see stem above the ground and shrubs are taller than herbs.

Informed students' climbers are small and weak plants that need support to grow straight so they are called climbers. Eg given money plant, grapevine.

Informed students' creepers are also weak plants that grow along the ground so they are called creepers. Eg given pumpkin and watermelon plants.

Showed pictures of more herbs, shrubs, climbers and creepers.

Learning Outcome:

Children learned about different types of plants.

Children learn new words like herbs, shrubs, climbers, creepers mint, coriander, spinach, hibiscus.

Duration of the Session: 40 minutes.

Evaluation:

Ask every student about types of plants.

Ask students about how is the stem of herb and shrub.

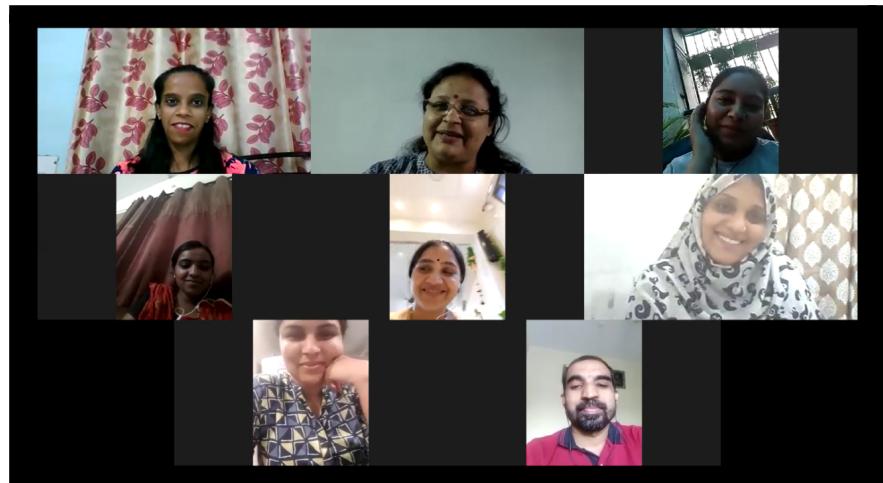
Ask students to give examples of some herbs and shrubs?

Ask student's weak plants that grow along the ground are called?

PTM on virtual assessment

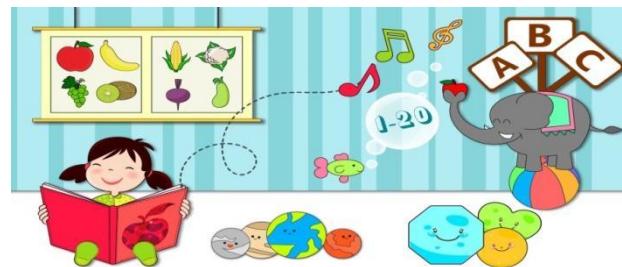
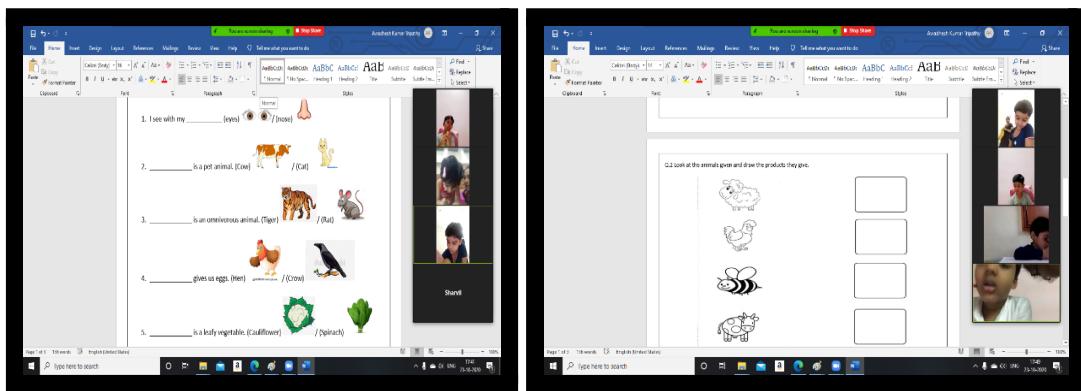
MGM First Steps school conducted the virtual parent's teacher meeting on 13th October 2020 for all classes of Pre Primary. Parents were informed about upcoming class assessment to be conducted online. Principal Ms. Meeta Kapoor explained parents about report card on which ground students will be judged in assessment. Class teachers explained how the child will take

online assessment. Parents were requested to ensure that their ward regularly attends the online classes. Parents were thankful for all the efforts made by the school in facilitating the virtual connect between the teachers, students and parents.



Virtual Assessment worksheet: Schools are closed but schooling goes on, and it remains crucial that teachers find ways to see what students are learning. MGM First steps school assessments were conducted on zoom app for all classes of Pre Primary orally as well as written from 19th October 2020 to 29th October 2020. Working parents requested to conduct assessment for

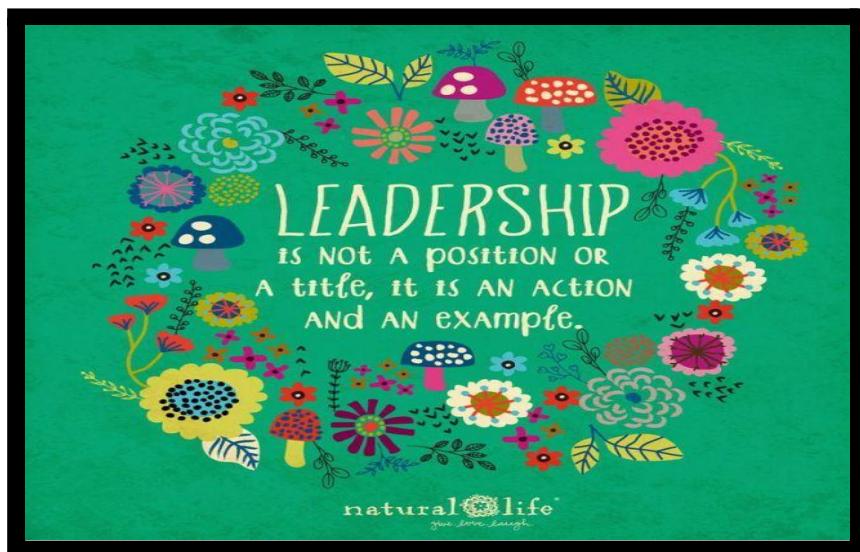
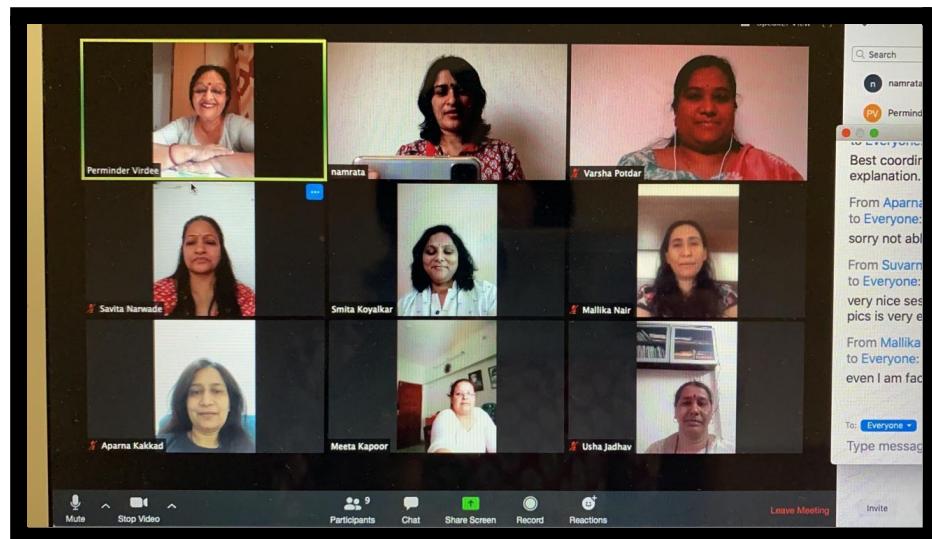
evening timing therefore assessments were conducted as per parent's comfortable time, two batches in morning and one batch in the evening. Class teacher shared question paper/ Worksheet on screen and informed students to write answers in book or a paper. She similarly informed students to write date and name on the top of the paper and send the answer sheet photograph on personal Whatsapp.



Leaders Meeting: Our Leadership in Action Program is a proven, powerful approach to developing individual leaders and building momentum for

effective organizational change. Embedded in this program are the core leadership attributes of: Integrity, Courage and Emotional Intelligence. ...

All school & college leaders come together with Director and Dy. Director for planning and improving each area to be the best.



International Yoga day: On June 21, 2020 the 6th International Yoga Day was organised by MGM clover Dale school, Aurangabad, it was celebrated on

a virtual platform. Teachers and students from Pre-Primary to Class X performed different asanas under the guidance of Jayesh Iratkar sir. The celebration of International Yoga Day was a reminder to incorporate yoga in every day routine to enjoy a happy life and reduce the effects of stress and other physical ailments.



Doctors day celebration: On July 1 2020, MGM First step school, Aurangabad organised a virtual celebration of Doctors' day. Students expressed their gratitude towards doctors for their selfless services especially during the current covid pandemic. Teachers gave students a dialogue and they performed in the confines of their homes and sent back the videos. Teachers compiled these into one video and displayed that video at the time of celebration. Doctor parents Dr. Minal Jadhav, Dr. Suvarna Magar and Dr. Ashok Mohite attended doctor's day and gave valuable tips to tiny tots about how to stay safe in covid pandemic.

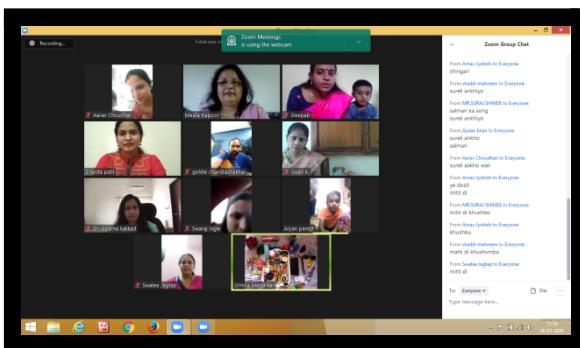
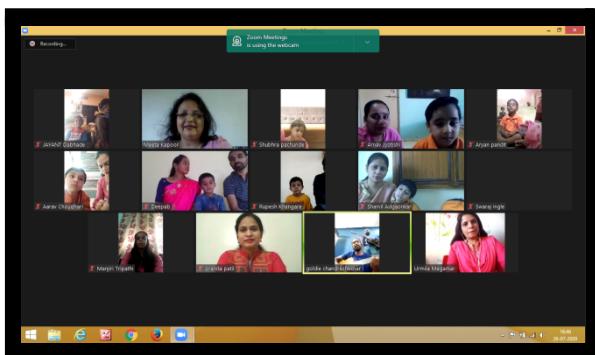


Kargil Vijay Diwas: On July 25 2020, MGM First steps school and MGM clover dale school, Aurangabad organised a virtual celebration of 21st Kargil

Vijay Diwas. Kids remember and pay homage to the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice fighting Pakistani enemies. Teachers gave students a dialogue and they performed in the confines of their homes and sent back the videos. Teachers compiled these into one video and displayed that video at the time of celebration. MGM First step School Principal Ms. Meeta Kapoor Felicitated Col. Tarun Singh Jamwal who presented inspirational and emotional videos of the war, also he explained the students about the significance of Kargil Diwas and the sacrifices of Kargil heroes.

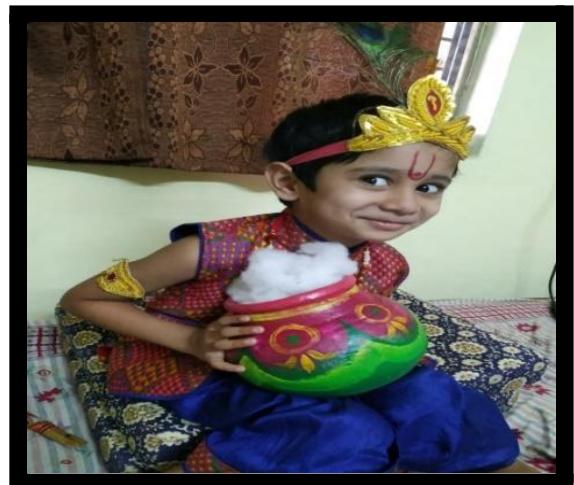
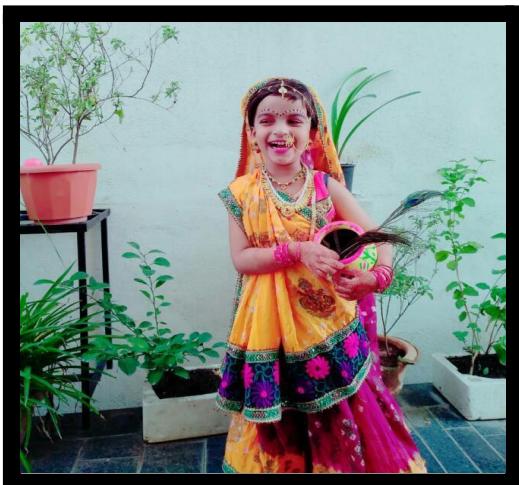


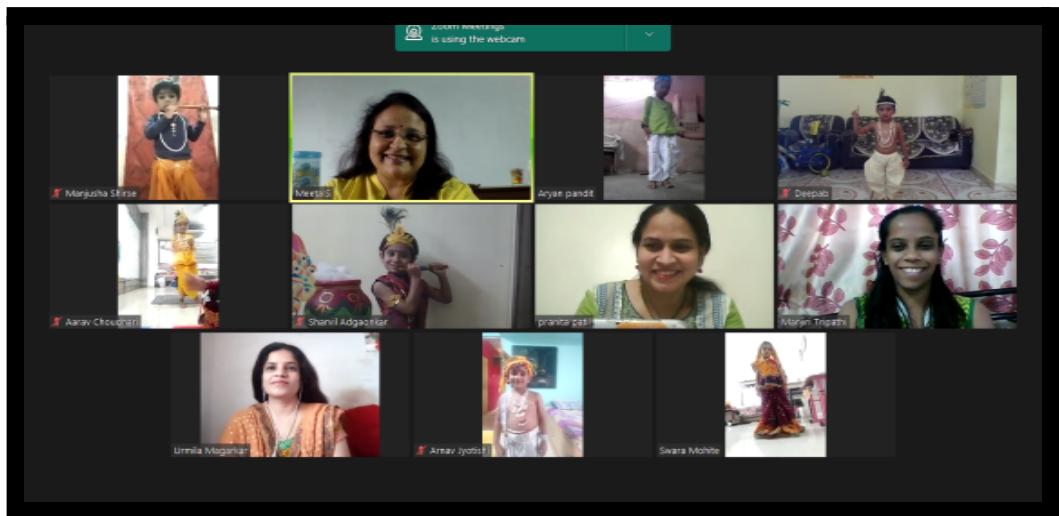
Parents Day celebration: On July 26, 2020, MGM First steps school, Aurangabad organised a virtual celebration of Parents day. All parents have the important responsibility of providing, protecting, nurturing, teaching, and loving their children. Principal Ms.Meeta Kapoor welcomed and addressed the parents. There were few virtual games organised for all parents during this event. The parents enthusiastically participated in all the activities and their kids cheered for their parents. It was yet another fun-filled day at MGM First steps school.





Krishna Janmashtami Celebration: On August 12, 2020, MGM First steps school, Aurangabad organised a virtual celebration of Janmashtami. School Principal Ms. Meeta Kapoor highlighted the significance of this blissful occasion. The tiny tots of Pre-KG donned themselves in the attire of Lord Krishna and Radha, frolicking around with flutes, peacock feathers and matkas. As a part of a celebration Krishna Janmashtami movie was shown to tiny tots. The virtual celebration was indeed truly informative, enlightening and entertaining.





Eco-Friendly Ganesha workshop: To promote an eco-friendly celebration of this popular festival, MGM First steps School organised an 'eco-friendly Ganesha' virtual workshop for the students on August 20, 2020 where they were taught to make small Ganesha idols out of 'Shadu' clay. Art teacher Ms. Kavita Pardeshi conducted the workshop. Students enthusiastically participated in this workshop.

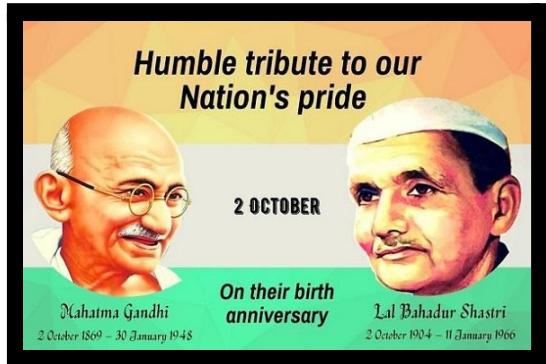




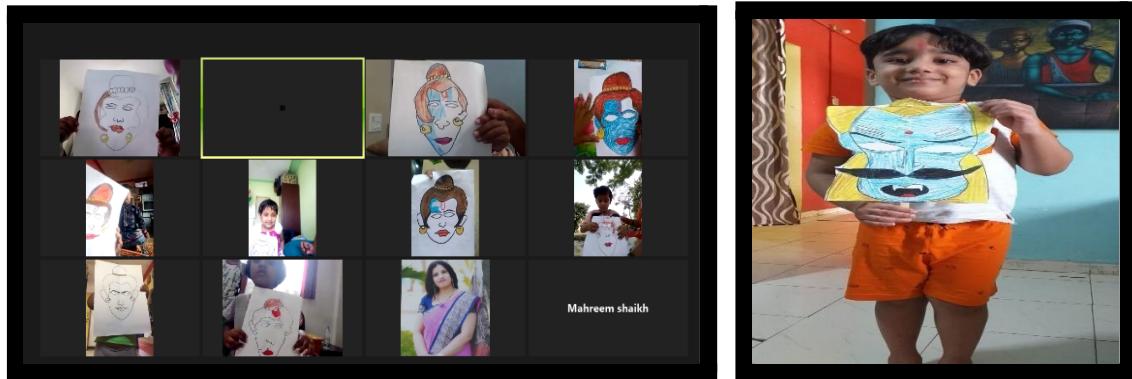
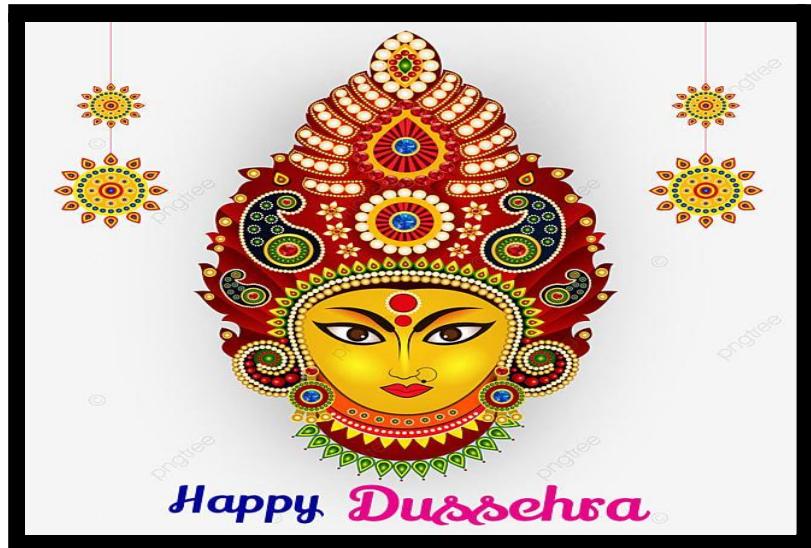
Teachers day celebration: To honour teachers for their priceless job, Teacher's Day was celebrated on the 5th of September 2020 on a virtual platform at MGM First steps school specially organised by parents, wherein teachers enjoyed & participated enthusiastically in the fun activities like One-minute games, tongue twisters, etc Children made gift cards with the help of online resources to honour their teacher mentioning their hard work, especially during online classes. They spoke a few words about their favourite teacher who inspired and helped them to excel. They made the teacher proud and their messages touched teachers' heart especially created in honour of the teachers, which had a mesmerizing appeal. Ms. Meeta Kapoor Principal, applauded the efforts.



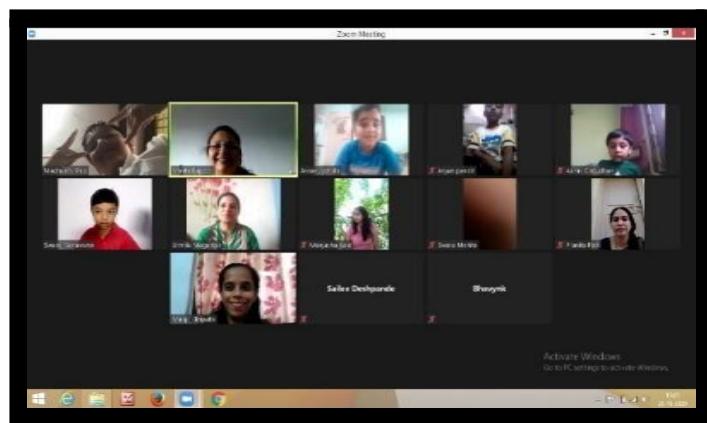
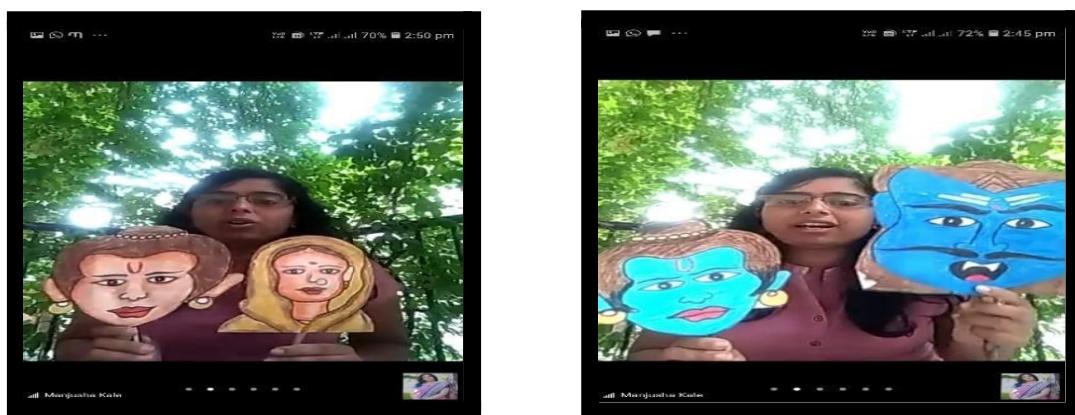
Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti celebration: MGM First Steps school celebrated Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti on Friday 02nd October 2020. The programme started with the chanting of bhajan “Raghupati Raghav” which was Mahatma Gandhi’s favourite song. Teachers told the students about Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri’s contribution to the freedom struggle of the country. Story on Mahatma Gandhi’s life was also shown to the students. Overall program was fruitful.



Dusshera Celebration: Celebrating festivals is a great way to inculcate values in young minds and teach them about our rich cultural heritage. This month, MGM First Steps school celebrated the festival of Dussehra online. On 20th October 2020 Puppet making activity was conducted by Ms. Kavita Pardeshi. The students were introduced to the hand puppet of Ram and Ravana face. The students presented their immaculate work by making colourful and meaningful puppets by using interesting materials like thick white paper, colours, stick or straw etc. to create stick puppets. The puppetry making activity proved to be a true learning experience for all the participants.



Story Telling: On 23rd October 2020 to encourage the skills of listening, a storytelling workshop was organised for Pre Primary students by Ms. Manjusha Kale. Children found it really interested and engrossed in the story of "Ramayana" which was told to them with creative gestures and using face puppets made by children. It was an interactive session which was thoroughly enjoyed by the students. The teachers explained the significance of the festival and about the victory of good over evil in their synchronous sessions.



Diwali Celebration: Diwali is the festival of lights and sweetness. This month, MGM First Steps school celebrated the festival of Diwali online. On 3rd November 2020 diya making activity was conducted by Ms. Kavita Pardeshi. the students presented their immaculate work by making colourful diya by using interesting materials like colour paper, glitter foam sheets, colours, etc. to create diya. The diya making activity proved to be a true learning experience for all the participants.



On 7th November 2020 virtual celebration was organised will all the parents and children. Various activitites and fun games like Dum charades, Quiz and one-minute game were organised. All participated in every activity with great enthusiasm. The event was graced by director Dr. Aparna Kakkad, Deputy director Namrata Jaju, MGM First steps school principal Ms. Meeta Kapoor, administrator Mallika Nair, The MGM school Principal Ms. Parminder Virdee and teachers. The event concluded with lighting of Diyas by everyone from their respective homes.

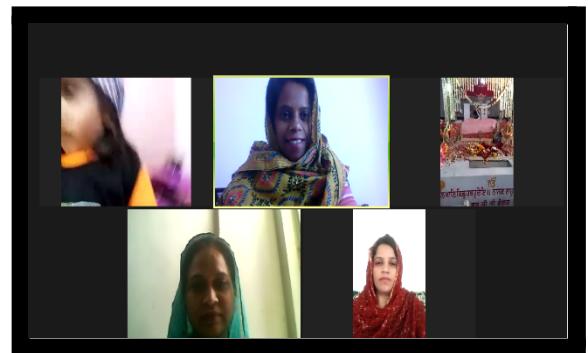
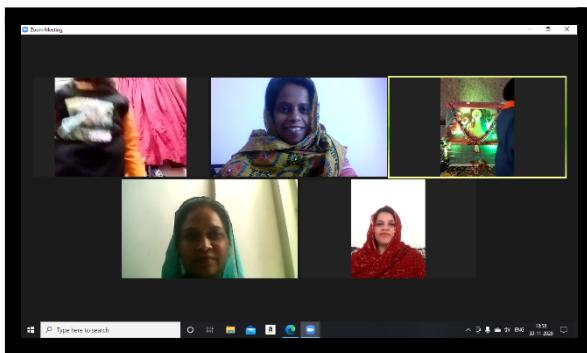
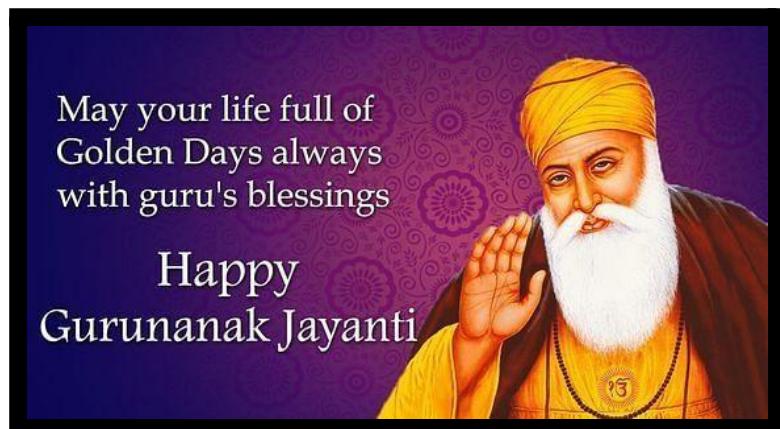


To mark Diwali celebrations a virtual lantern making workshop was conducted by Ms. Kavita Pardeshi for students as well as for parents on 10th November 2020. The little kids got aware of the culture and traditions of this specific festival called “Diwali”. They learnt how to make lanterns in a more enticing and attractive ways. Children participated in the activity zealously.



Guru Nanak Jayanti celebration: The birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji was celebrated as Guru Nanak Jayanti or Gurupurb. To remember his teachings and to spread the sacred message of submission to the will of the God among the little learners, MGM First Steps school celebrated Guru Nanak Jayanti on 30 November 2020 in virtual classes. Students were dressed up in traditional attires and their heads were covered with a

handkerchief. Teachers apprised the students about the principles and teachings of the pious soul, Guru Nanak DevJi. Virtual Gurudwara visit was done by Ms. Meeta Kapoor. The children were urged to follow the path of universal brotherhood and peace to promote national integration and communal harmony.



Christmas celebration: Christmas is time to give and forgive. This month, MGM First Steps school celebrated Christmas. On 15th December 2020. Drawing and colouring activity of Christmas was conducted by Ms. Kavita Pardeshi. The students presented their immaculate work by drawing and colouring Santa Claus and Christmas trees. By using interesting

materials like Drawing books, Crayon and Cotton. The activity proved to be a true learning experience for all the students.



On 23rd December 2020 virtual celebration was organised for all the parents and children. The class was beautifully decorated and everyone was dressed in red which added to the merry spirit of Christmas. Various fun games like One-minute games were organised. Surprise entry of Santa Clause was the main attraction of the event. All participated in every activity with great enthusiasm. The event was graced by director Dr. Aparna Kakkad, Deputy director Namrata Jaju, MGM First steps school principal Ms. Meeta Kapoor, administrator Mallika Nair, Coordinator Varsha Podar and teachers. The event concluded with the singing Christmas carols and Happy New Year Wishes.





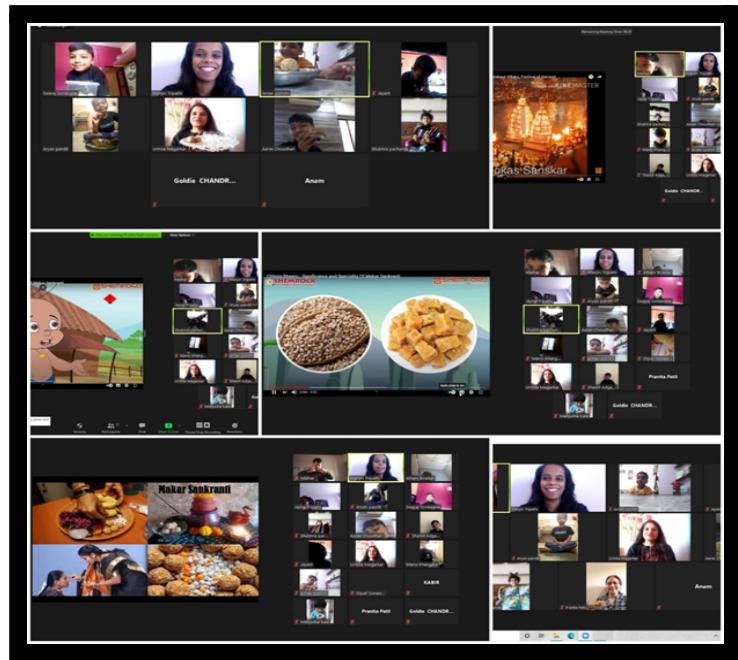
Swami Vivekanand Jayanti and Rashtramata Jijabai Jayanti: MGM First Steps school celebrated Swami Vivekanand Jayanti and Rashtramata Jijabai Jayanti . On 12th January 2021 . The event started with the precious thoughts of Swami Vivekanand and Jijamata. Teacher told the students about these leaders' contribution towards the country. Teacher also informed the students that this day is celebrated at “National Youth Day”. The event was intended to instil positive attitude, discipline and develop the creative and innovative potential of young minds.





Makar Sankranti Celebration: MGM First Steps school conducted the “Drawing and Colouring” activity of Makar Sankranti by Ms. Kavita Pardeshi. The students presented their immaculate work by drawing and colouring Kite. By using interesting materials like Drawing books, Crayon. The activity proved to be a true learning experience for all the students.

On 14th January 2021 virtual celebration was organized for all children. Everyone was dressed in black colour dress. Ms. Manjiri Tripathi gave them information on why we wear black dress on this day such as when the sun enters the north direction, it is believed that the black colour absorbs the heat inside it, thereby increasing the body heat. People can also protect themselves from the cold and celebrate the festival properly. Teacher showed them videos on Makar Sankranti. Teacher wished them HAPPY MAKAR SANKRANTI and showed them the til laddu of this festival.



Republic day celebration: The MGM First steps school students participated in the celebration of 72nd republic day virtually on zoom. Ms Manjiri Tripathi informed students about flag hoisting and the importance of why republic day is celebrated. Photos of Rashtrapati bhawan, rajpath and parade were shared by the teacher. Students were also informed that on this auspicious day awards like Paramvir chakra, vir chakra are presented to families of soldiers, who have performed outstanding deeds of bravery and selfless sacrifice. Students were also informed that on that day children are felicitated for a medal for their gallantry and bravery. Music sir Mr. Mohit sang a few patriotic songs. Overall program was fruitful.



Saraswati Pooja: MGM First Steps school celebrated Saraswati pooja on 16 February 2021 in virtual classes. The Festival of Vasant Panchami is also known as Saraswati puja, Saraswati is considered as the Goddess of Knowledge, music, arts, science and technology .Celebrations begins with chanting of Saraswati mantra . Teacher gave information about saraswati puja and Vasant Panchami. Virtual visit to puja ceremony was done by Ms. Manjiri Tripathi to seek the blessing of the Goddess. It was an attempt to preserve the Indian culture, to impact a sense of respect towards long established tradition in students.



Chhatrapati Shivaji Jayanti: On 18th February 2021, Chhatrapati Shivaji Jayanti celebration was conducted through the virtual mode in order to create awareness in the young minds of the children regarding the valiant Maratha warrior, Shivaji Maharaj. Manjiri Tripathi maam gave information about great chhatrapati and about his teaching, courage and contribution in establishing the Maratha Empire. Videos were shown to familiarize the children with the life of and achievements of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

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QUICK FACTS ABOUT SHIVAJI



Name: Shivaji Bhosle
(Chhatrapati Shivaji, Father of Indian Navy)

Born: 1627
Family: Father: Shahaji Bhosale
Mother: Jijabai

Famous as: Founder of Maratha empire
Died: 1680



Holi Celebration: A day full of colours! A day full of excitement! A day full of wishes! Yes, it's Holi ! A day to rejoice love! Happy Holi”

MGM First Steps School virtually celebrated “The festival of colours Holi’ on 26th March 2021.Holi is one of the most important festivals of India and is celebrated with great pomp and fervour .A day before Holi, Holika is burnt to remove negativity and bring the colours of positivity into our lives. The dominant idea behind holi is to spread the message of harmony.

To celebrate this festival a special online session was conducted for the students in which the teacher gave information about holi and showed videos of holi to children. The teacher also informed student that Holi is the day to express love with colours and she also implored them to play safe Holi by avoiding artificial colours which are dangerous for their skin.



Aurangabad Culture Nama: A city-wide online cultural festival has been launched by the MGM GROUP OF SCHOOLS on 7th July. This is the first ever cultural festival in the history of Aurangabad especially launched to bring forth the talents of the participants and spotlight the city as an important multi-cultural and historical destination of the world.

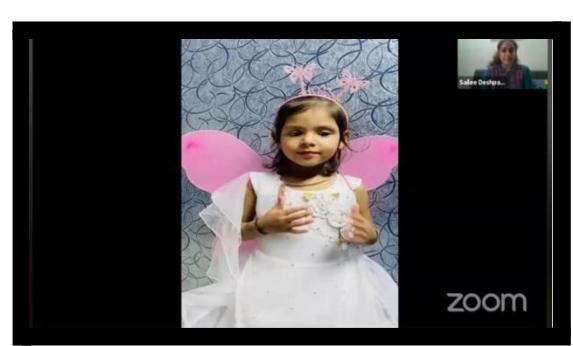
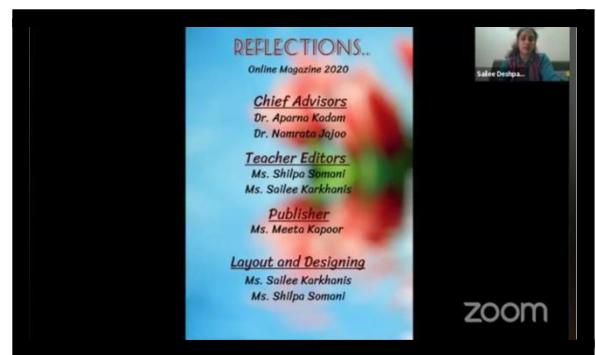
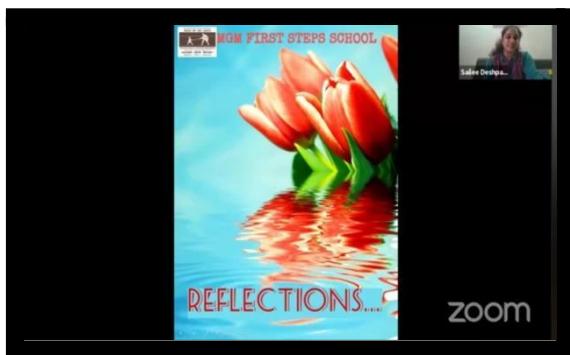
The unique feature of this competition was that it is open to all and offers a wide range of opportunities for enthusiasts to showcase their talent. It's an online competition where one and all can participate from the comfort of their homes inclusive of all age groups / male / female / kids / teenagers / Grandpa or Grandma. Events categories are - **DANCE COMPETITION - WESTERN & CLASSICAL / SINGING - WESTERN /CLASSICAL & RAP / ACTING - ONE ACT PLAY / BAGHBAN - FAMILY PHOTO COMPETITION / STAND UP COMEDY / WO SUNHARE PAL - A COUPLE DANCE COMPETITION FEATURING THE 60/70s ERA**. Everyone is invited to participate in this festival of Joy and celebration whether they are from Aurangabad or any part of the world. And, of course many exciting prizes are in store!

The event is been spearheaded by Director of MGM Schools - Dr. Aparna Kakkad and Project Head - Mrs. Meeta Kapoor (Principal - first steps School). The Project consultant is Yashwant Singh Chandel - GoPluggedin - Brand & Market Communication Strategist.



MGM First Steps magazine launch: MGM First Steps virtual magazine launch: School magazine is an integral part of school life. It is a symbol of pride and a miniature representation of the school. It promotes creativity and nurtures the latent skills of young minds. In spite of the pandemic, MGM

Group of Schools launched their e- magazines to showcase some glimpses of the wonderful talents of the children. The magazine was launched by the Chief Guest Dr B B Chavan. The occasion was graced by other distinguished guests, the secretary Shri Ankushraoji Kadam and Vice Chancellor of MGM University Dr Sudhir Gavhane. The magazines consisted of articles, paintings and some videos by the students. In spite of the pandemic and the challenges, especially to stay away from the school, the spirit of the students, teachers as well as the parents was never dampened and this was clearly visible in all the lovely magazines.

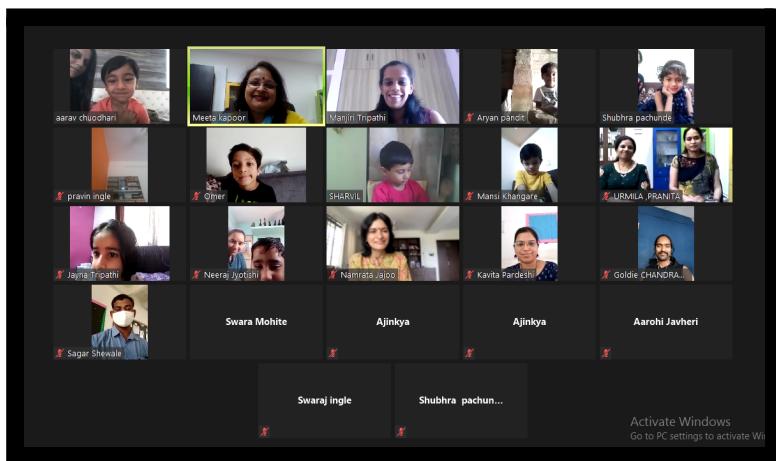


Culmination of cohorts: The MGM group of school in Aurangabad conducted the 'Culmination of Cohorts' which had started online from July

2020 onward. The different cohorts conducted one's a week on Saturdays for all subjects. The purpose of this activity was to build confidence and empower the teachers to become agents for different techniques of teaching and learning. The cohorts culminated by each team giving a detailed presentation of the journey during the initiative.

Graduation day : MGM First Steps school Cidco organized the virtual Graduation day on 12th April 2021. To bless students Director Dr. Aparna Kakkad, Deputy director Dr. Namrata Jajoo, Principal Ms. Meeta Kapoor , MGM leaders and teachers graced the occasion with their presence. The program started with welcome song by Music teacher Mr. Mohit. Speaking on the occasion class teacher Ms. Manjiri Tripathi remembered the three year's time spent with them wherein she tried to teach, preach and moulded them for their better growth. She expected everyone to achieve pinnacle of success with positive framework of mind. Just to make the graduation day more meaningful class teacher dedicated a presentation capturing the moments spent by Sr.kg students in their tenure in the school. Music teacher Mr. Mohit played beautiful songs for these tiny tots. Parents shared their valuable feedback about their ward's three years journey in Kindergarten. Director Dr. Aparna Kakkad and Deputy director Dr. Namrata Jajoo complimented the graduates on their achievements.

The Principal Ms. Meeta Kapoor, teachers and parents gave all children blessings through affirmation bath. The event concluded on a very emotional and hopeful note.





Club Activities: While children indulge in rote learning through books only, it leaves no place for developing thinking skills. Extra-curricular activities enhance critical thinking, especially when they are posed with various challenges and have to find suitable solutions within those situations. The children learn to apply their classroom learning to other real life situations, analyse, synthesize and evaluate the posed challenges and arrive at suitable solutions. All this is often done in fractions of seconds sometimes, for example on the sports field during a football match the child requires all of the above aspects of thinking skills to take quick decisions to place the ball in the right direction. This is just one of the range of examples that can be quoted here. We are proud to share MGM First Steps did not stop in virtual classes. we provided our students YOGA, DANCE, MUSIC, SPORTS , BRAIN GYM AND ART & CRAFT CLUBS for better learning of every students.

Brain Gym: Brain Gym is used in learning environments every day around the world to help make learning easier, more enjoyable and successful for all students of any age and ability. Brain Gym will help make teaching easier and is excellent to help classroom management.



Art & Craft: Craft activities might get a little messy, but don't worry, arts and craft are brilliant for developing little minds and bodies. So, what's a few paint stains compared to burgeoning creativity!

Craft activities foster communication, listening, attention, and imagination. These activities can enhance mental health and wellbeing as well as fostering a whole range of developmental skills in pre-schoolers, such as:

Fine motor skills

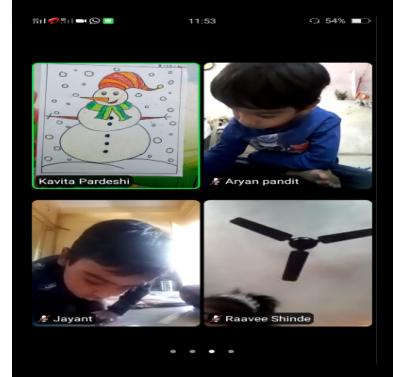
Enhancing children's hand eye co-ordination and building levels of manual dexterity.

Identification of shapes, colour and texture

Working with materials teaches them about colours, shapes and textures. How things work and how they fit together.

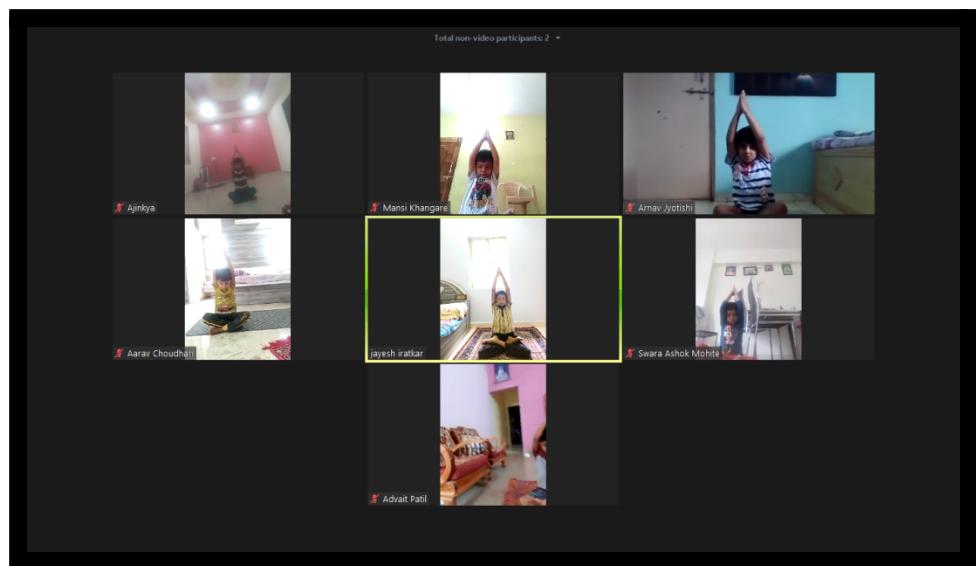
Creativity

Craft encourages children to play and experiment in a fun and relaxed environment

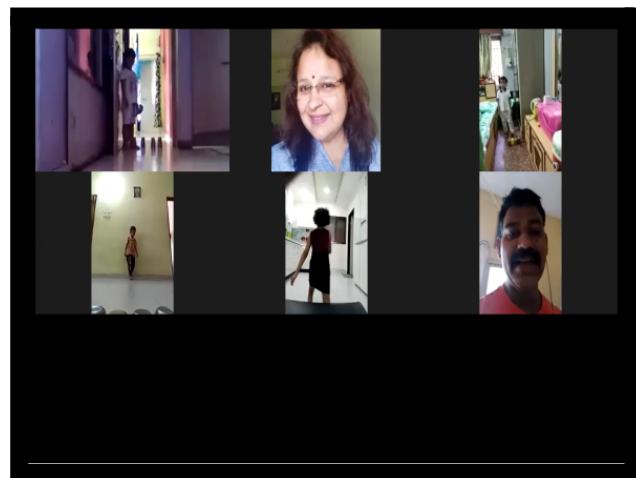


Yoga: Improves balance, strength, endurance, and aerobic capacity in children. ... A growing body of research has already shown that yoga can improve focus, memory, self-esteem, academic performance, and classroom behaviour, and can even reduce anxiety and stress in children.

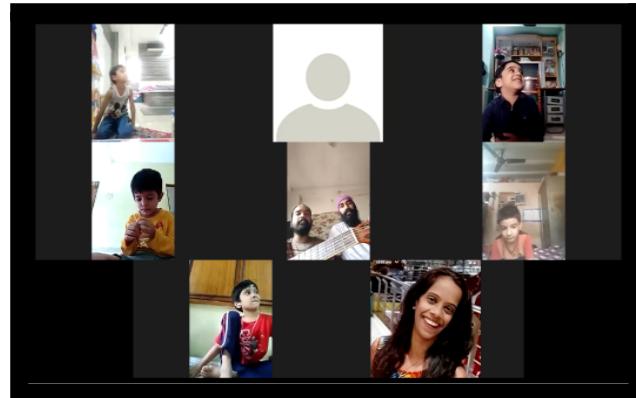




Sports: Learning **important** life skills Engaging in **sport** is **important** for more than just physical fitness. ... As well as learning all of the techniques involved in the **sport**, children can also develop their life skills. Playing team **sports** encourages cooperation and sharing, resilience, goal setting and building relationships.

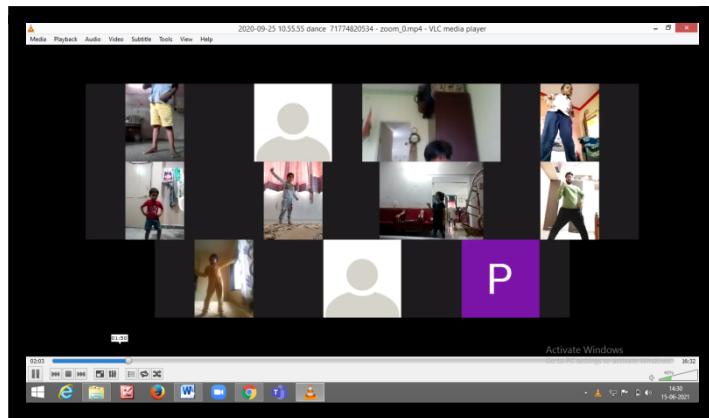


Music: Music can benefit your child in many areas – language, maths, concentration and social skills, just to name a few! So whether or not your child learns a musical instrument, try to expose your child to music as much as possible and enjoy the many benefits!



Dance: It's been said that dance is the "hidden language of the soul". Introduce your toddler to dance now and you'll give them a lifetime of opportunities to grow, develop, and let their soul be heard.

They're learning how they fit into their environment, their personal preferences and a lot about how to move their bodies. Toddler already knows how to appreciate music, rhythm, and movement, and can relate to her peers in an appropriate manner



Community Service(Term I): Community service gives students an opportunity to explore academic interests through real world lenses. For this MGM First Steps School the freedom struggle e story was Raghav of Nti on 02nd kept some activities for the whole month like 'To decorate any wall', 'Teaching yoga to your grandparents'. In this kids can learn volunteering and it begins at an early age. It can become part of kids' lives. When students get involved in community service, they not only help others, they expand their

worldview, develop empathy and leadership skills, and realize how their actions can have a positive impact.



Community Service (Term II): Community service gives students an opportunity to explore academic interests through a real world lenses. For this MGM First Steps School kept some activities for whole month like cleaning activity, bird feeding activity, gifting to needy people and plantation activity. In this kids can learn volunteering and it begins in early age. It can

become part of kids' lives. When students get involved in community service, they not only help others, they expand their worldview, develop empathy and leadership skills, and realize how their actions can have a positive impact.



Curricular Activities (Term II)

Subject integration: An integrated curriculum in early childhood education is one which incorporates all areas of development-physical,

cognitive, emotional and social of the child. ... Integrated curriculum is an educational approach that prepares the child for lifelong learning.

Introduction of Winter Season for Nursery class: The main object was to understand and give importance to the Winter Season and their clothes. Ms. Urmila Magarkar introduced the winter season by wearing a sweater, woollen cap, hand gloves, woollen socks, and explained to them what is winter season as winter is good for the world around us. This way plants can store up energy for new growth. And explain to them what woollen and woollen clothes as ship gives us wool. Some clothes that are made from woollen are Blankets, Coats, Sweaters, Socks and gloves ETC. Took activity of making spoon puppets with wool.

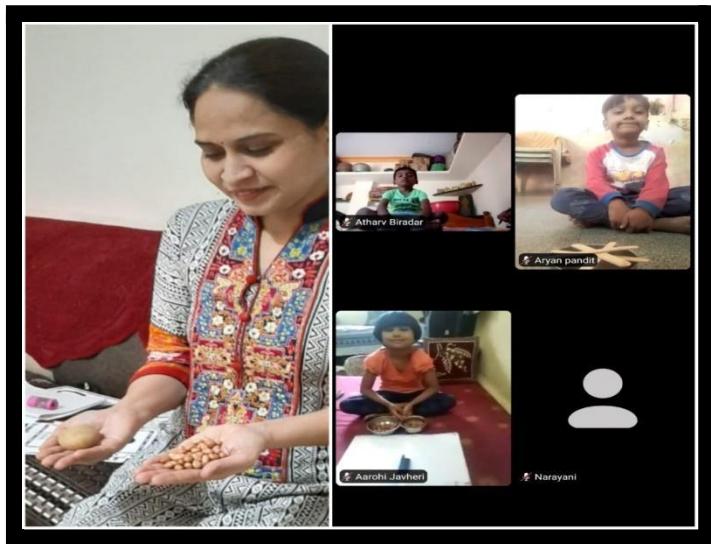


Colours Week: Life with colour is always vibrant and meaningful, to increase the knowledge band of colours and their significance, MGM First Steps School organized a colours week celebration from 21/2/21 to 25/2/21. Each day of

the week was dedicated for a single colour like Yellow, Green, Red and Blue. All students from Pre-KG along with their teachers wore dress matching the colour of the day. Children learnt different shades of colours. The importance of colour was delivered effectively with the series of activities to make learning fun for our tiny tots .To recapitulate all the colours, secondary colours activity was conducted for pre primary in which children learn how to make secondary colours by mixing two primary colours. It was indeed a week full of vivid hues and knowledge.



Concept of More & Less: Teaching children with more and less concept is essential to compare the number of objects and identify which is more and/or less. More and less concept can be taught using toys, attractive objects, fruits, vegetables, etc. rather than only with words. Ms.Pranita mam took this activity with vegetable and peanuts .which was fun for children to understand concept as well as to know the name of things used.



Introduction of Number ‘10’ for Nursery class: The main object was to understand and analyse number ‘10’. Ms.Urmila Magarkar introduced number 10 with the help of hands on activities like making number 10 with help of wheat dough ,Tracing number 10 in salt tray. Counting leaves 1 to 10.It was a fun filling activity of learning the number “10”.



Sr. Kg. Food Activity: MGM First Steps School organised “Health Bhi, Taste Bhi” activity for sr.kg students on 26th February 2021. Toddlers usually prefer to eat tasty fast food and don’t eat healthy food. In this tender age they can not understand the importance of healthy diet and it’s importance for our health. Through this activity children were taught the importance of nutritious food. Students enjoyed a lot, practically preparing their favourite snacks to healthy ones. They independently made their no fire healthy and tasty dish which also gave them triumph, self confidence and responsibility



Sorting Activity : To teach students the basic concepts in a simple and playful manner sorting different objects activity was conducted by Urmila Magarkar Ma'am for Nursery class. The aim was to develop many skills such as concentration, fine motor and coordination for early writing skills and correct finger grip and understanding of the subject through this activity. The activity was thoroughly enjoyed by the students. It was a pleasure to watch the students sorting objects like peanuts, peas, shapes, beatsect. The activity

proved to be a true learning experience for all the participants. Overall, it was a fun filled day. Children participated earnestly in the activity and their efforts were praiseworthy.



Paper Craft Activity: This activity was organized to explore and encourage creativity in children and offer them a platform to show their skill in “Craft” activity. The students were instructed to make ‘Dog Face’ using craft paper. The zeal and enthusiasm among the students while doing the activity was the proof of the joy and fun they experienced during the activity. They exhibited great enthusiasm in adding features to their craft. Apart from reinforcing the concept among the students, the activity also helped in enhancing their creative and psychomotor skills.



water has no smell, colour or taste :It does not have its own shape. Its shape depends on the container it is in. The same quantity

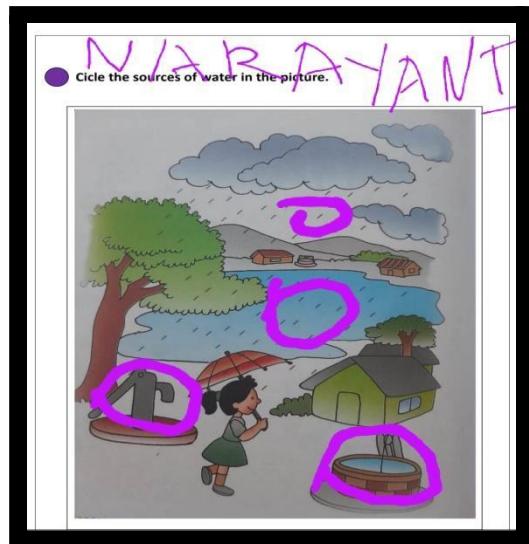
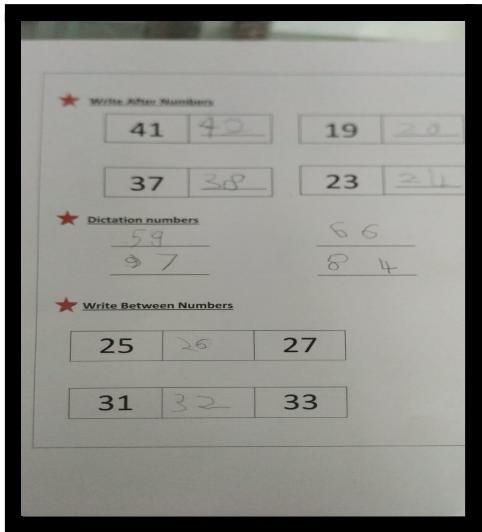
of water changes shape when it goes out of a bottle and into some glasses.

Pure water has no smell, colour or taste.

Teacher integrated this topic with sense organs and Math to show empty and full (half and full)



Assessment worksheet(Term II): MGM First steps school conducted Second assessments on zoom app for all classes of Pre Primary orally as well as written from 22th March 2021 to 7th March 2021. All activity assessment also conducted by activity teachers. Working parents requested to conduct assessment for their suitable timing therefore assessments were conducted as per parent's comfortable time. Class teacher shared question paper/ Worksheet on screen and informed students to write answers in book or a paper. She similarly informed students to write date and name on the top of the paper and send the answer sheet photograph on personal Whatsapp.



Competitions: Independence Day: On August 14, 2020, MGM First steps school, Aurangabad organised a virtual celebration of 74th Independence Day, inviting Varsha Potdar as a Guest of honour. Live Fancy dress competition was organised where students dressed themselves in freedom fighter or national leader costume and had to say slogan or dialogue of that precise leader. The virtual celebration was certainly entertaining.



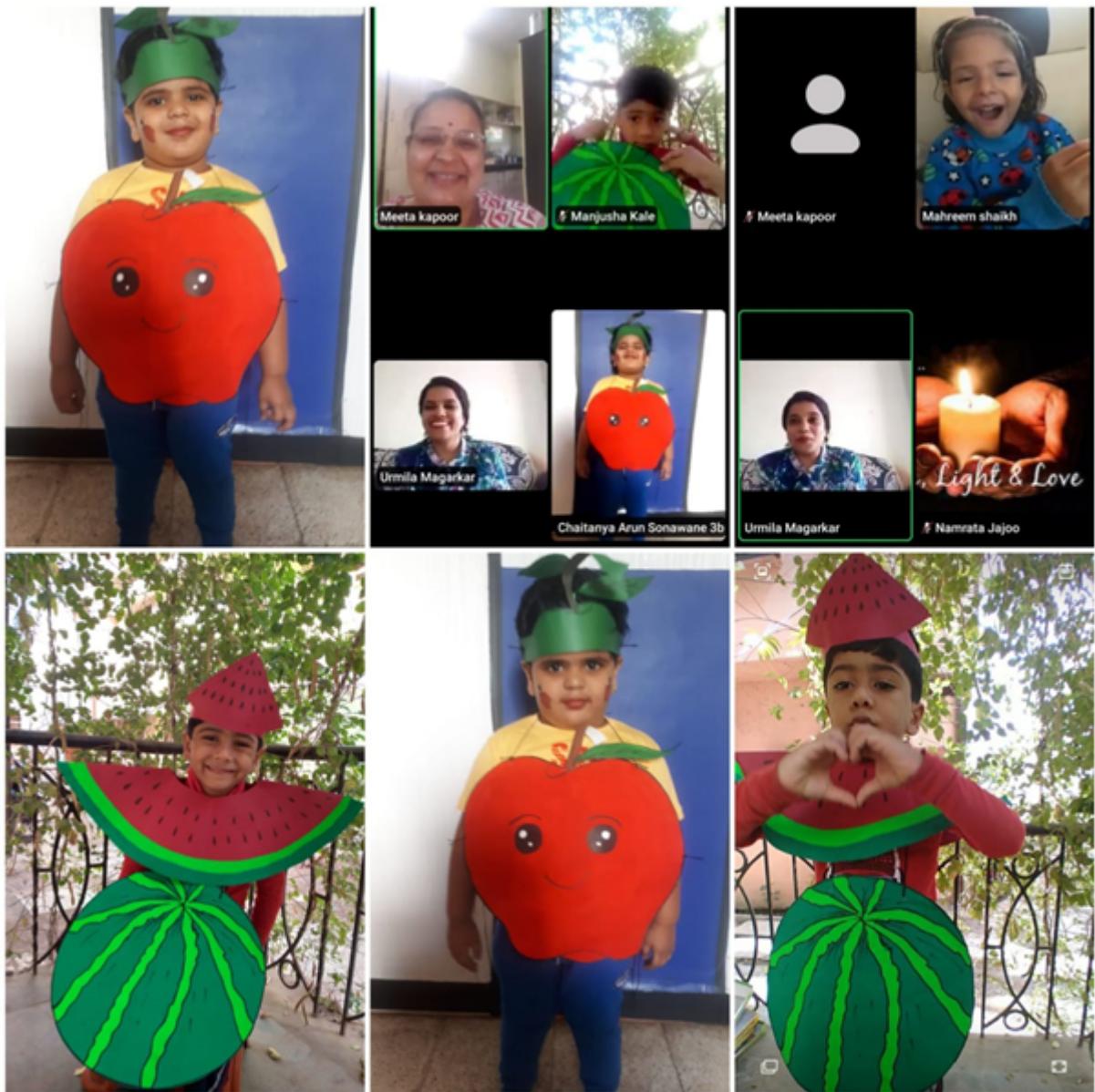
Hindi Diwas Competition: MGM First Steps School celebrated its virtual Hindi Diwas Programme for whole week. On 14th September, 2020, Nursery students recited Hindi Poems. The young poets enthralled the teachers and judges with their articulation and memory skills while reciting poems. To develop effective communication skills and to build their confidence, a 'show and tell' competition was organized for Jr.kg grade students on 15th September 2020. They learned and

experienced public speaking - a skill a child will use throughout his life. In the competition the kids spoke on different topics like “Mera Zhanda”, “Meri Bottle”. A Hindi story telling presentation was held on 16th September 2020 by Sr.Kg grade, class teacher gave 5 Hindi words to each students where students had to create their own story on those words, each student presented a different story. All the children earnestly participated and their initiative and efforts were appreciated by everyone. Teachers delighted the students by explaining the importance of the language.



My **Favourite Fruit Competition**: MGM First Steps School organized competition for students on the topic of “My Favourite Fruit” on 11 January 2021. Favourite Fruit competition gave students an opportunity to explore academic interests. In this kids learnt the importance of fruits like they contain important vitamins and minerals .They also contain fibre. There are many varieties of fruits available and many ways to serve them. In this

competition they have to say 3 to 4 sentences on fruit with actions. They handled the props very nicely because of this the event was graced.



Know Your Helpers Competition : MGM First Steps School conducted the “Know your helpers” competition on 12th January 2021. This competition was held to make the students know the importance of community helpers, the school has organized a fancy dress competition. A community helper can be defined as any person who helps with our health and overall well-being. Some students from Jr.KG came in dressed up as community helpers namely Doctor, Teacher, Policeman, Traffic police, etc. The students performed roll

plays with deep interest. They were properly dressed and they used props and tools.

Colouring Competition: MGM First Steps School conducted the “Colouring” competition on 18th January 2021. The inspiration and power of art play a virtual role in enabling our children to enhance their creative talent and develop their artistic skills. The criteria for this competition is skills, colour

application, combination and neatness. The children coloured the kite very beautifully.



Drawing Competition: MGM First Steps School conducted the “Drawing competition” on 19th January 2021. The inspiration and power of art play a virtual role in enabling our children to enhance their creative talent and develop their artistic skills. The children draw ‘A Boy Flying a Kite’. The

criteria for this competition is skills, colour application, colour combination, and neatness.





My imaginary world competition: Every child imagines something new everyday. To explore children's imagination school had organized a virtual competition on 25 January 2021 on My imaginary world on zoom. The purpose of conducting the competition was not only to blend learning with fun but also to develop confidence in the students by giving them an opportunity to get on the camera and speak in front of an audience. Children dressed up in their colourful costumes and spoke a few sentences on the characters that they imagined. The effort and hard work of children was highly commendable. Students dressed up as Astronaut, Mango, Rabbit, Tree, Dog, Corona vaccine injection. The competition proved to be a great learning experience for the students and gave them a platform to explore their hidden talents.



Spell bee competition: A Spell Bee Competition was organized in MGM First Steps school on zooml, for grade Sr.kg. This competition was one of the numerous enjoyable competitions that give students a platform to learn spellings in different ways. This competition helps students improve their spellings, increase their vocabulary, learn concepts, and develop the use of correct English.

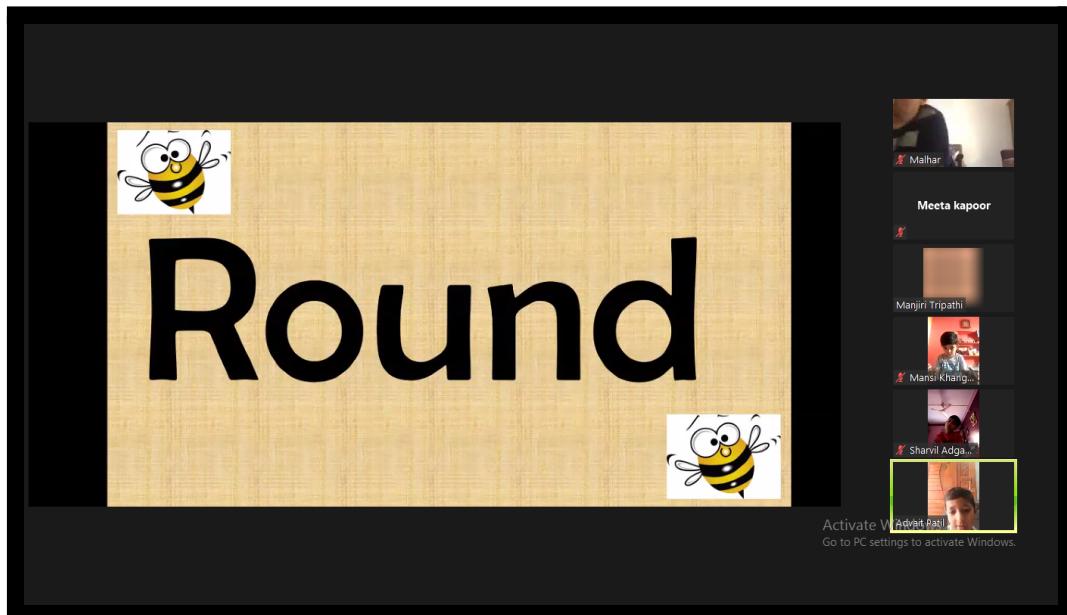
Children participated earnestly in the competition. Their efforts and initiative was appreciated by one and all.

The result of the competition is as follows:

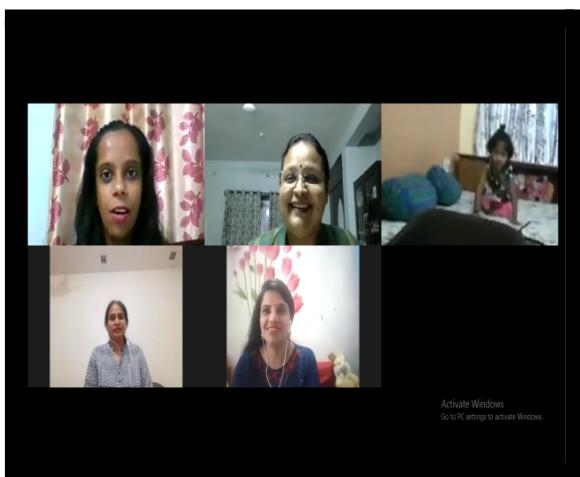
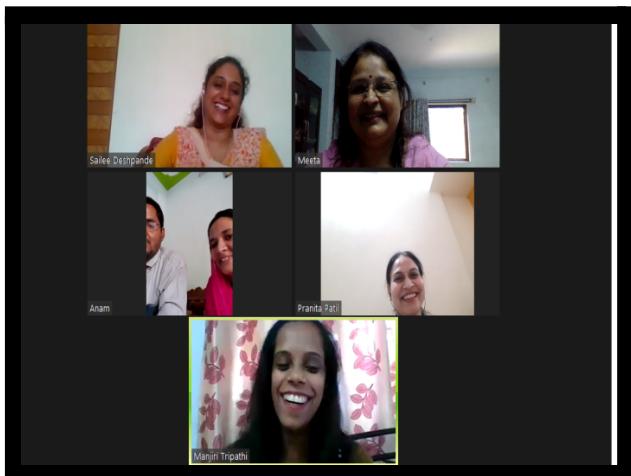
First Round: 'Hear on round'

Second Round :'Spell me'

Third Round: 'Guess me who am I'.



Home visits : MGM First Steps school conducted the virtual home visits which helped teachers establish trusting relationships with students and families, even when they cannot meet face to-face. Teachers re-establish rapport with parents. School selected video call as a platform for home visits. Teachers asks students and family members to share their child hobbies, daily schedule of child, strength of child, how parents spend time with their child, physical activity of child, etc. Teachers and families learn about one another, leading to true partnerships to benefit students.





Final Report card day : MGM First Steps school conducted the Report card day on 22nd December 2020 for all classes of Pre Primary. Principal Ms. Meeta Kapoor explained to parents about the report card on which grade students will be judged in assessment. Parents were thankful for all the efforts made by the school in facilitating the virtual connect between the teachers, students and parents.



Leader and Staff Enrichment Programme

The education sector is undergoing great transformation, and in the coming decades will continue to change. How we learn, what we learn, where we learn, and why we learn; all these questions will be re-examined. In Learning we will explore learning new things, leadership, design thinking, socio emotional skills and many more.

MGM First steps leaders and teachers keep exploring new things to keep their knowledge update for betterment of our children.

As a leader I got opportunities to be as speaker on ECA wibnier and She-United (Dubai) face book live.

Our School management has organized wonderful training programs were we could learn to connect technology and keep ourselves updated.

Year started with learning few apps which were equally important for every educator

2 June – Webex App

8 June - Microsoft teams App

19 June – Explico App

24 June – Y Skool Demo

30 June – Jolly Phonics workshop by Mr. Chris Jolly

9 September – The Future of learning space webinar

23 October – Finnish system of education webinar

31 October – Dr. Vijayan Ravi Ma'am webinar

26 December - Dr. Vijayan Ravi Ma'am webinar

2 January - Dr. Vijayan Ravi Ma'am webinar

30 January – Jolly Phonics webinar

20 February - Dr. Vijayan Ravi Ma'am webinar

27 February - Dr. Vijayan Ravi Ma'am webinar

13 March – NEP Reading webinar

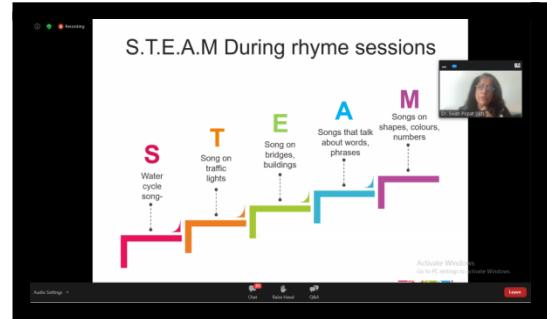
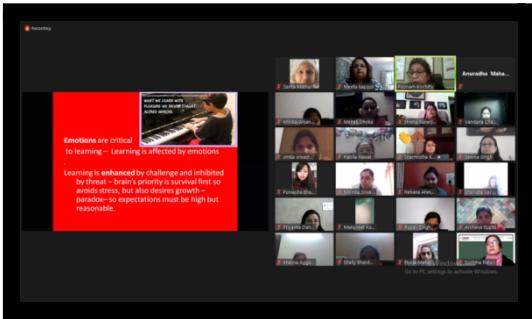
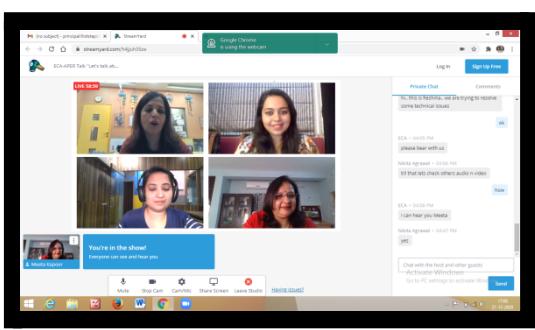
Early Child Association, Aurangabad Chapter

16th January ,2021 -Developing Critical thinking

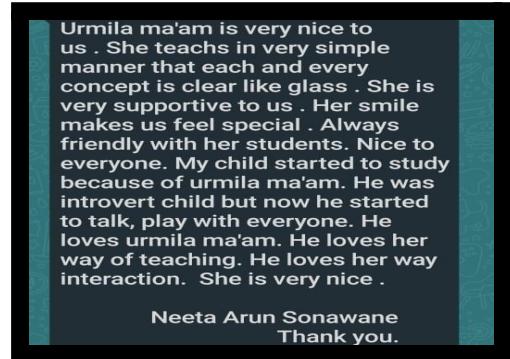
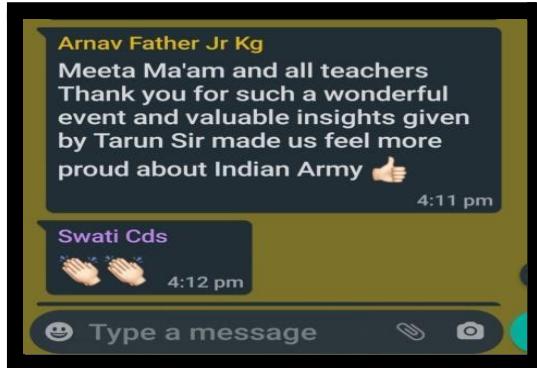
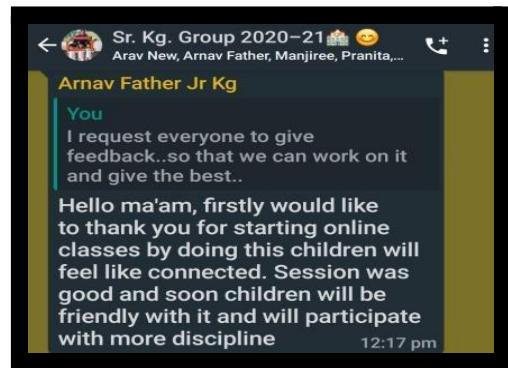
23rd March She United Women Group(live wibner,Dubai)

23rd April, 2021 Swati Popat Vats Training (Coding)

23rd May ,Parenting in Pandemic (Meeta Kapoor as speaker ,live webinar ,ECA)



Parents feedback: It is always a pleasure to receive feedback from parents. this shows the school is growing and getting success.



FSS in NEWS

Culmination of Cohorts in The MGM Group of Schools

LOKMAT NEWS NETWORK AURANGABAD, NOV 12

FDA officers were keeping station. Speaking to L.T. officials will also arrested man has been granted police custody till Kundekar added.

The MGM Group of Schools in Aurangabad conducted "Culmination of the Cohorts" event which had started online from July 1. There were four different cohorts conducted on Saturdays. Saturdays were English, Marathi, Science, Mathematics, Arts, Music and Sports each cohort was led by one principal/vice-principals

of the MGM Schools. The purpose of this activity was to bring all the cohorts together and empower the teachers and students to learn and exchange with more knowledge and skills. The cohorts giving a detailed presentation on their respective initiative.

Important topics which discussed were the latest curriculum, academic goals, peer observation, evaluation, academic papers based on discussion, feedback and the future goals.

qualities. They appreciated the hard work and dedication shown by all the cohorts. The cohorts were given certificates giving a detailed presentation on their respective initiative.

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Lokmat Times

MGM Schools host 'A'bad Culture Nama' festival

LOKMAT NEWS NETWORK AURANGABAD, OCT 10

MGM group of schools organised an online festival "Aurangabad Culture Nama" on October 10. A total of 460 enthusiastic participants from all over India participated. The festival was open for all the age groups.

Results of different categories:

- Drama: 1 - Kaushtubh Gamorkar; 2 - Huma Patel, 3 - Aayushi Pathak.
- Photo: 1 - Divya Jain, 2 - Akshwini Kakade, 3 - Pratik Maredia.
- Singing: 1 - Nikita Kulkarni, 2 - Shradha Dange, 3 - Sunilrao Paluskar.
- Dance: 1 - Arohi Lekurwale, 2 - Bhairavi Kulkarni.
- Prizes: 1 - Shradha Dange, 2 - Nikita Kulkarni.

The winners received cash prizes, gifts, medals and certificates. Participants were given a certificate of participation.

The judges were Gestu Apte, Shrushti Mehta, Pragati, Aishwarya Vishwakarma, Nisha, Vishwakarma, from Mumbai, Monalisa Marwari, Sunita Dhole (Nagpur), Sahil Sankar (Aurangabad), Seema Gosavi (Daman), Dr Meenakshi (Mumbai), Archana Bhowmik (Raipur) and Jatin Sharma (Dibrugarh).

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Lokmat Times

Virtual Diwali celebration @ MGM First Steps School

LOKMAT NEWS NETWORK AURANGABAD, NOV 12

To welcome the festival of lights 'Deepawali', a virtual Diwali celebration was organized by MGM First Steps School, Cidco, receiving various activities and fun games like Dumb Charades, Quize and one minute games were organized. All the students as well as children participated in every activity with great enthusiasm.

The event was graced by director Dr Aparna Kakkar, deputy director Dr Namrata Jaju, MGM First Steps School principal Meeta Kapoor, admin-

istrator Rakika Narine and MGMS Secretary Parminder Virdee. The event included with lighting of Diyas by everyone from their respective homes.

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Lokmat Times

Community Service Project @ MGM First Step School

LOKMAT NEWS NETWORK AURANGABAD, JAN 4

Community service or volunteerism enables students to acquire life skills. It also helps the school the importance of helping others and getting them started on the path to find results. MGM First Step School organized community service or volunteer project for children. The students did some activities like cleaning, bird feeding, gifting to needy people and plantation, for a month. The programme was guided by director Aparna Kakkar, deputy director Namrata Jaju and First Steps principal Meeta Kapoor.

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