

# DEEN-A-LOGUE

#### **NEWS LETTER / JUNE 2020**

#### Foreword from our Senior Principal:

"There is no stopping the energy or endeavour in children! Life goes on with as much gusto and enterprise, even through these uncertain times and before we know it, they have conjured up the Deen-a-logue, the Deens newsletter, for us. Starting on their journalistic journey as young as in grade 7, it gives me immense pleasure to wish them happy 'reporting' times, as I introduce to you the first edition of 2020-21".

- Ms. Shanthi Menon, Senior Principal

#### **POEM - Experience on Online Learning Platform**

The Online classes are the best, the physical classes are at rest. I learn through online classes joyfully, which makes me smile the whole day delightedly.

The lockdown's darkness ruined the days, but online classes removed it by its\_rays. The teachers worked hard devotedly, which made 'the mission of online classes' work successfully.

- Sai Arvind Siddharth, 6B

#### Grade5 - Science: What's hiding in the Air?

We always think about the outside pollution created by vehicles and factories. But, what about the pollution created at our homes?

For Grade 5 students, Arti Ma'am shared pictures about the awareness of pollution created at our homes. The students were very interested in it. Once the students performed it, there were some questions which were answered and some facts were shared. This way, the learning was done in an incredibly fun and unique way!

Arti Ma'am shares her experience with us in the attached video link and a description of the activity through a writeup.

- Neerav Gupta, 7A

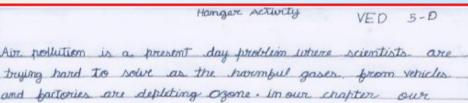
1.1 Article by Arti Ma'am:

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**1.2 An interview with Arti Ma'am:** 

#### https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/c8181ec6-6bb1-4b4a-9de6f3c964864d38



environment we dealt with various pollutions. As part of this aviculum we usere to do an activity called Hanger Activity

to check pollution at home . for this acturity I used 4

rubber lands and a hanger. I tied two rubber leands

each on both sides of the hanger and hanged it in my kitchen. after two weeks I sour that the rubber lands colour was

#### **Online Classes - experiences and thoughts**

Are you Bored, and feeling pulled back? Online learning saves the day!

The feelings that swirl in you during these times, differs from person-to-person. The fear, anxiety, happiness and varied other states of mind depends on their own experiences and thus, feelings change from time to time. My opinion of online learning is that, it has helped us in several ways, though not exactly the way we would usually learn in a physical classroom.

When I started this new way of learning, I felt a little awkward at first, but moved along with it and became comfortable as days passed. This way of learning is probably how the future is going to be. It's a whole new experience of being in the shoes of a software engineer's day at work and how we might be working in the future, though I am foreseeing a lot more changes till we get to our work lives. We have experienced a whole new way of studying through the online programme that schools have begun, in order to bridge the learning gap, to ensure that our learning does not stagnate.

On the flipside, physical presence with peers at school helps us socialize, thus improving our state of mind and overall well-being. Being in the classroom can save our eyes from the potential damage that online lessons can cause due to constant exposure to the blue rays emitted from the digital screen. Every problem has a solution! Thanks to the invention of the blue ray lenses! Covid-19 has taught us how to cope with the big changes in our lives. Boon or bane? It's up to us to see the positive side to events in our lives. Change is the only constant! This universal fact will always remain true.

Let me also pull in one of the teacher's write up and connect here.

We have heard many people saying that students find it hard to cope with online classes. In my case, let me be another loud student of Grade 7 to say - 'I enjoy Online classes as well'. For me it is Online classes vs No classes – and I prefer 'Online Classes'.

What about the teachers? How do they feel? Also, doesn't everyone have the right to learn? Here are the views of a teacher, who pours out her experiences, thoughts, and feelings with the experience of teaching for 7 years.

- Ishita Kamath, 7B

#### 2.1 Article by: Teacher – Moumita S.

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2.2 Interview with Moumita Maa'm:

https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/b658474a-6b55-43c7-a46a-93b97e2b21fc

#### Innovative teaching - a teacher's creative way in online world

Ms. Archana K, our school's Grade 4 teacher, has described about how lockdown has impacted the teachers, and how their diligently planned innovative teaching ideas are disturbed and how they are waiting to be executed in the practical way in online



#### classrooms.

She also informs us about how in the 8 days of online teaching, teachers have come up with a few innovative ideas to provide us students with an environment as close as possible to the regular classes. She explains about how she practices using MS paint as a whiteboard and why using MS paint is better than using the MS team's whiteboard, and how it worked like a charm and allowed her to use all the coloured pens and highlighters which made it spectacular for young children.

She informs us that the parent community who kept a lookout on the teachers also liked the use of MS paint. She assures us about how there are many more creative ideas waiting for the teachers to discover them! With the government, encouraging online classes, though limited hours; we students – younger ones as well are all mesmerised experiencing these creative inputs from our teachers.

- Nikitha Vijayan, 7B

3.1. Article by: Educator – Archana K.

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#### **Playgroup Activity:**

Theme being - Party Time, the first intervention on the online class, it was decided to host the classes in an entertaining and attractive way for the PG children. Thus, the theme was 'party time'. On the first day of the online classes, the teachers presented themselves with party caps, and introduced themselves to the children.

The class began with a good morning song followed by school prayer. The classes were designed to create learning while having lots of fun together, by singing and dancing. Even though it was the first day, children were comfortable to attend the online classes. There introductions made by everyone in the class and it ended with taking online attendance. Children were excited to see each other in the screen.

Teacher: PRATIMA MUTTAGI – PG-A - Ishita Kamath, 7B



#### The new normal way – at UKG platform, as well:

#### a. I am a peaceful star – introductory class on Online platform

During the first week of the session, teachers elucidated the children about virtual classroom, through a puppet story. The kids thoroughly enjoyed it. Teachers sang along some songs as an ice breaker activity. The kids were ready and enthusiastic to even dance with their props. The teacher took this as an opportunity to explain how they can be peaceful stars.

#### b. Learning the Online Virtual way – Slowly & Steadily

Stories were introduced during the discovery session to encourage the children to read more story books with full eagerness, zeal and enthusiasm. Examples on social values like helping friends, grandparents and others who need small time help were illustrated as a part of learning. Sharing and caring which is a very paramount moral value in today's time was reinforced with the help of acts and small plays. Recapitulation of formation of numbers and number names was done through the "Bingo song". It was for sure the representation of the belief that children engage the best with a musical activity; children learn concepts faster through songs and finger and hand motions.

## c. Rewards and appreciations - a step to promote positive thinking and good behaviour

Teachers used few techniques to reward the child by giving them stars and smilies on

#### **Online Learning platform**

Many of our school mates have shared their views. Indeed, virtual classes may not be the best means of education, but it is the only choice during these difficult times. Yes, online classes are not that convenient compared to our usual classes but it is a new experience altogether and it teaches us a few lessons that are worth learning. Our parents have also met with our teachers for the PTMs and it was a success process.

We read their write ups, reviewed them and learnt writing skills from each other – under the mentorship of our English language teachers.

Don't miss to read this collection of writeups, through the links attached. Reported by Navya Bhattacharya 7A, Debanjali D. 7C, Amrita Das 7A, Kate 7A

*6.1.* My experiences on Online Learning platform by *Krish Ramanathan 8B* <u>https://deenscademy-</u>

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*6.2.* Online mode of education is a real boon, in current times : *Written by Leroy Narang 6A* 

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## 6.3. Let's treat online classes as real : Written by Aditya Saraswat 6B https://deenscademy-

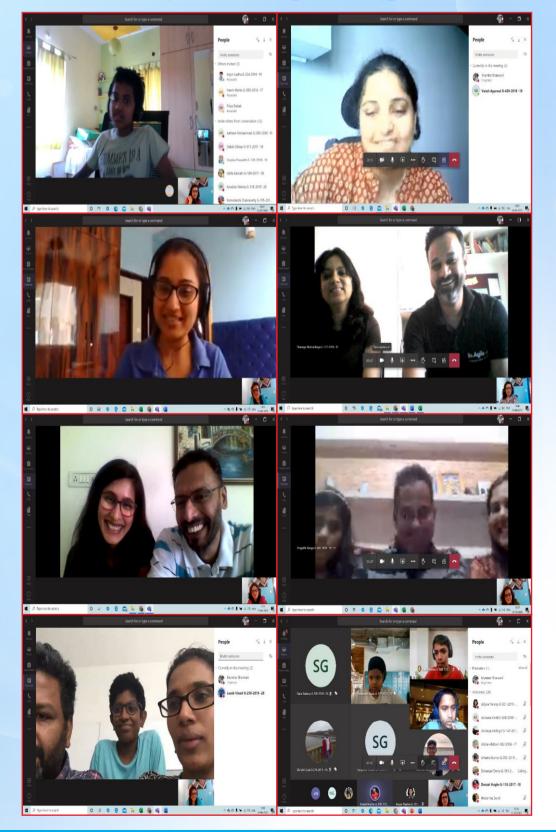
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*6.4.* Online classes, it sounds quite interesting, right? : *Written by Paridhi Mehta 6B* <u>https://deenscademy-</u>

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## *6.5.* HAPPY LEARNING, NOW AND ALWAYS!! : *Written by Debanjali D. 7C* <u>https://deenscademy-</u>

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a chart. There were also surprise flip charts with numbers marked on them. When children do a better job as compared to their previous job, rewarding becomes a key step. In this student chooses any number from the chart, which when flipped the number card has a surprise picture for him/her. What a Fun way to get appreciated!!!

> Teacher: Thilagam Satheesh, UKG - Samarth Bhargava, 7B

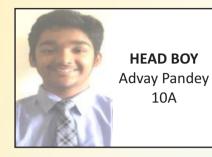


#### Student Council Members 2020-2021:

"Leadership is one of the most important qualities any human being can have. It distinctly separates a person and helps him or her shine. The presence of mind, the quick decision making, looking out for your peers and most importantly, being a role model for the ones you care about, this is what makes a leader, a leader. Our leaders will pave the way for us to learn, improve and grow". : shares, Advaith M. from 8A.

The Student Council Elections were conducted, after our respective houses witnessed aspiring nominees 'sharing their visions'. Investiture ceremony was conducted 13th June, Saturday.

Reported by: Newsletter Team for June 2020



#### **CAERULEUS HOUSE**



### CAPTAIN Arjun Manoj 10A

10A

#### **RUBRUS HOUSE**



**CAPTAIN** Sadaf Sehar 9C

#### **PRASINUS HOUSE**



#### **FLAVUS HOUSE**



**CAPTAIN** Sricharan 10A











#### **Technology in Medicine**

Today technology has pervaded every area of our including medicine. Technology in Medicine is the topic of the month June, 2020. We received a number of articles and in the process of reviewing them, learning through them and preparing a report around them, gave us a lot of exposure to unknown but applicable knowledge base. Specifically, inputs coming in from our seniors, Grade 8, 9 and 10 students have left us with a reflection that we have to go a long way to learn from them in terms of writing skills as well. Happy learning to us all!

Hope the advancements in technology will soon help us find a cure for COVID-19 and ease out our situation. Thank you to all the Technology experts, Scientists and Doctors!!! Reported by Kaushal Reddy - 7B, Mitali Agrawal 7A, Rishit Goyal 7B, Ayaan Shah 7A, Kate 7A

Don't miss to read the writeups on this topic:

11.1. The Revolutionary: written by Harshitha -10A

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11.2. The Mind Reader: written by Harshitha – 10A

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11.3. Wireless brain implants: written by Chinmay Ellil-10A

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11.4. Technology in medicine, a deep rooted connect: written by Tahira Kutub- 9C https://deenscademy-

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11.5. Electric bandage – in the new bandage: written by Harshita Khanna 9B https://deenscademy-

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11.6. Technology has made Medicine come long way.....: written by Nikhilesh S: 8B https://deenscademy-

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11.7. Technology in medicine is a continuous process: written by: Rishit Goyal 7B

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11.8. Technology in Medicine – a hope in the current status Written by Vishesh Kedarisetty 6C

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11.9. Evolution of medicine through IT inputs Written by Aagil 6A https://deenscademy-

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On the occasion of world environment day, Ms. Sravanthi Raghavan, class teacher of 1B motivated and taught the children about world environment day.

They were informed about the importance of preserving nature. The children were shown videos and they indulged in interesting discussions on the steps that could be taken to save our environment. The children were encouraged to make posters and drawings depicting the ways one could contribute towards sustainable environment. These young minds have beautifully penned their ideas and have created some masterpieces.

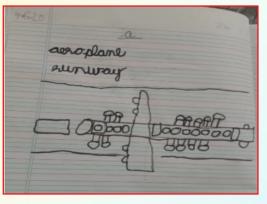
> Activity by Teacher Sravanthi Raghavan Reported by Jyotsana R. of class 7B



#### Activity for vowels and consonants – Grade 1:

Teacher Hema Suneil Ma'am, has brought to us live on how was her first week of meeting and teaching students online. She expresses:

Our first week with the 1<sup>st</sup> grade children was a little out of the ordinary. Right from day one it was all about learning how to adapt to the new system of virtual classes. It was an exciting transition for the little ones. It was almost as if thoughts of 'back to



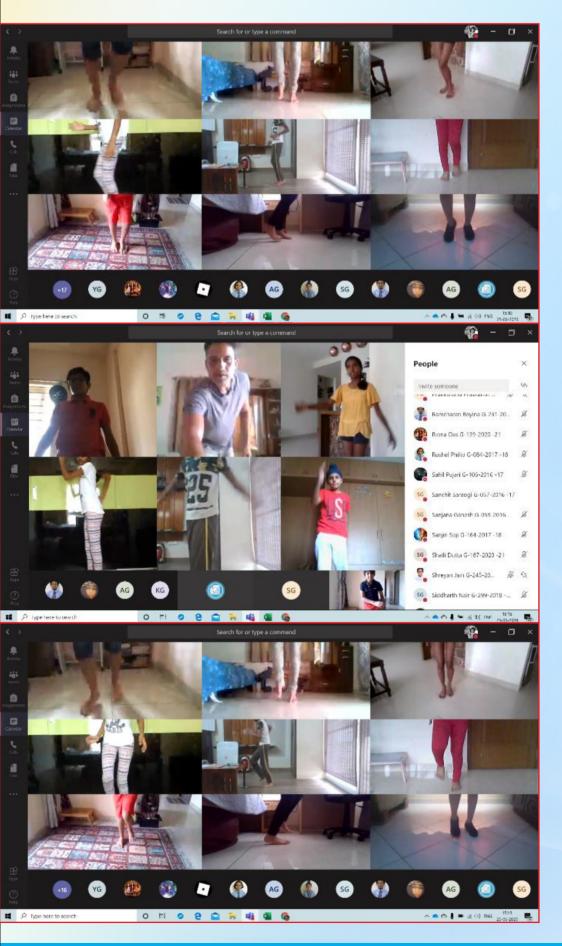
school' were diminishing... no crawling out of the bed sleepily, showering hurriedly, grabbing the school bag and water bottles and rushing into the school bus. The English class commenced with the Alphabets followed by recap of Vowels and Consonants. They began by writing the upper case (capital letters) and then the lower case (small letters) letters.

#### Activity details:

The children were asked to write one word starting with a vowel or consonant and a drawing of the word of their choice. They were very excited to showcase their work and each one made an attempt to show us their creativity. With this exercise, most children are now able to differentiate and identify the 5 vowels and the 21 consonants.

#### We never forget to have fun with our sprightly kids!

Activity by Teacher Hema Suniel ma'am. Reported by Rishit Goyal of class 7B.



#### **FITTER DEENS - FIT DEENS for FIT INDIA**

The Theme of Year 2020-2021 is FITTER DEENS. Our school aims at focusing on inculcating in us *Deenites* physical well-being, mental abilities and awareness towards our environment within which we must be staying healthy. So, healthy environments, healthy We! The teachers, have been supporting us and have been guiding us in this area regularly. Our warmest thanks to our amazing teachers! This topic – Fitter Deens- would be an open topic, throughout the year to share their fitness goals and fitness related achievements. For the month of June, don't miss enjoying certain sharings from us Deenites!

Reported by: Debanjali D. 7C, Arjun L. 7B, Navya B. 7A

#### 12.1. My type of 'Fitness': written by Mahi Sangal 9A

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12.2. 'My fitness goals as a Deenite': written by Rutvi.P 8C

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#### 12.3. FITNESS GOALS AS DEENITE: written by Jyotsana R. 7B

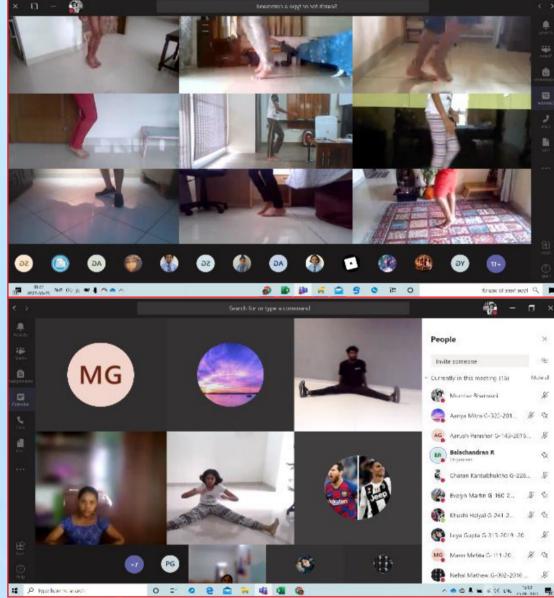
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#### 12.4. BE FIT IN ALL SITUATIONS! : Written by: Rachana K.R 6A

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