



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The vibrance of the offline school, a testimony of our resilient Deenites, is brought to you in this edition . Presenting the newsletter compiled by the young editors of grade 7.

- Ms. Hemlata Pande, Principal, Gunjur Campus

### Section 1- Theme of the month- Indians Who made us proud- Nobel laureates, Bharat Ratna and Padma awardees.

India has a rich and diverse heritage like no other. From languages to music; from dance to dressing; from art to cuisine, the list goes on and on. Since independence, patriots, poets, scientists, economists, and social reformers have dedicated their lives to serve our country and upload our diverse heritage, by their contributions in their respective fields. . To honour their dedication, passion and zeal, The students of Deens have have written various poems, writeups, painted colourful drawings as a tribute to these Indians who made us proud. May their lives be a guiding force for all of us.

- Sreshtha, 7B

#### 1.1-The History of Bharat Ratna:-

The Bharat Ratna Award is the highest civilian award in India. It was first awarded to C. Rajagopalachari, C.V. Raman, and Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan in 1954. When the award was created, you could only receive it in the categories of art, literature, science, and public services. Every year, the Bharat Ratna is awarded to a maximum of three people by the Prime Minister and the President of India. The award has been received only by 48 people till post publish date. Many people received the Bharat Ratna Award like Indira Gandhi (First woman awardee), Lata Mangeshkar (First singer), Sachin Tendulkar (First sportsperson and youngest awardee), among others. Receiving the Bharat Ratna should be a great honour to every Indian and if I ever receive it in my life, it will be an immensely proud moment as an Indian.

- Meghna Sesha, 5D

#### 1.2- Lata Mangeshkar

Lata Mangeshkar was born on 28 September 1929, in a Marathi family in Indore. Her father was Deenanath Mangeshkar who was an artist and a singer. She carried forward this heritage and started her singing career with Marathi films. She learned music from Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan, Pandit Tulsidas Sharma, and Amanat Khan Devaswale. In the year 1989, she was presented with the Dadasaheb Phalke award and in the year 2001 she was conferred a Bharat Ratna, the highest state of honour of India. She breathed her last on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

- Adwita Bhat, 5D

#### 1.3 - MY HEART FILLS WITH JOY- BUT WHY?

Every day, I have heard many noble ones  
Bharat Ratna, Padma and Nobel one  
They are special, different, and wise  
And their will more than their size  
But I always this do ask  
To myself or anyone who would hark:  
why does my heart fills with joy?  
And tinkle like Christmas bells and a toy  
They are not my kith or kin  
Nor have the same skin

Or have my same domicile  
Nor from the same old Ville  
Yet my heart does vigorously fill  
And tinkle like Christmas bells

One must tell me why because  
Of what deed my heart swells?  
Something nobody would tell  
But I want to know the reason for the cause  
One must ring his head around  
To find the answer clear and sound  
Though one could find as close as one could be  
But never find an aura everyone would believe and see  
That Why does my heart fills with question  
And tinkle like Christmas bells with perplexation  
Would always perplex me

- Arnav Gujar, 6A

#### 1.4- Rabindranath Tagore

Rabindranath Tagore – regarded as one of the best Bengali writers of history who shaped Bengali literature and music, was born on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1861. He wrote his first poem when he was only eight years old named Abhilas. He was a poet, musician, painter, theorist and most importantly, a true Indian. Being a Bengali by heart he published the book Gitanjali in 1912. It was based on the theme of God. He was awarded the Nobel prize for writing Gitanjali. He became the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in literature in 1930. Tagore wrote around 2,030 songs and about 2,500 paintings and drawings. He wrote the National anthem of Bangladesh and India. Even Sri Lanka's National anthem is based on a Bengali song written by Tagore in 1938. He was called the “Gurudev” of India. Tagore spent the last four years of his life in illness, pain, and comma. When he was conscious, he drafted poems about getting closer to death. Tagore breathed his last on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1941. We all remember him as the real “Gurudev” of India.

-Srivatsan Prakash, 5C

#### 1.5-Patha Bhavana: The School Created by Rabindranath Tagore

One day in 1862, Maharishi Debendranath Tagore was taking a boat ride through Birbhum, where he came across a serene landscape canopied by *chhatim* trees and palm groves. He bought a large tract of land, built a small house there and named it 'Shantiniketan' or '*abode of peace*.' Rabindranath visualized a school, where education was rooted in the surroundings and connected to cultures of the wider world.

*“The highest educations that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence.”* This quote by Tagore was the guiding principle of this little school.

The school aimed to educate with a sense of duty towards the larger community. Tagore blended the best western and traditional eastern systems of education to create a curriculum revolving around nature with classes held in the open air. The school was cradled in nature: Tagore wanted his students to feel free, despite being in the formal learning environment of school; he himself had dropped out of school because he had found himself unable to think and had felt trapped among the four walls of a classroom. The school later came to be known as Patha Bhavana. Nature walks and excursions were part of the curriculum, natural phenomena were paid special attention to, and students were encouraged to follow life cycles of different insects, birds, and plants.

In 1913, Tagore received the Nobel Prize of Literature for his book of poetry, *Gitanjali*. This award enhanced the prestige of Shantiniketan and during the year of 1921, Tagore converted his little school into the Visva Bharati University. His chosen motto for the University is *Yatra visvam bhavatyekanidam* (where the universe can find a nest), reflecting his hopes for the institute. Its art college, *Kala Bhavan*, is widely considered to be one of the best art colleges in the world.

- Sharanyaa Biswas, 5C

#### 1.6-MARY KOM: MY ROLE MODEL

“Without boxing, I can't live. I love boxing.” This was a quote said by Indian amateur boxer, politician, and former Rajya Sabha member Mangte Chungneijang Mary Kom (Mary Kom). She was born in Kagathei village in Manipur. Her parents were tenant farmers who worked in jhum fields, and they struggled to put barely two meals a day on the table to feed their three children. Mary Kom won a silver medal at the 2008 Asian Women's Boxing Championship in India and a fourth successive gold medal at the 2008 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships in China, followed by a gold medal at the 2009 Asian Indoor Games in Vietnam. On 24 November 2018, she created history by becoming the first woman to win 6 World Championships, achieving this feat at the 10th AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships held in New Delhi, India. She won the Padma Shri in 2006, Padma Bhushan in 2013, and Padma Vibhushan in 2020. Mary Kom did not just make herself recognized as a national athlete but also became a role model for females all over the world. Mary Kom became a source of inspiration when she broke the stereotype that married women especially mothers cannot become successful athlete, through her grit and determination.

- Innila, 9B



1.7- Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam

Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was born on October 15, 1931, in a middle class Tamil family in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu. His full name is Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam. He was popularly known as “Missile Man of India.” He was awarded the Bharat Ratna Award in 1997. Though his father was not educated, he wanted Kalam to study. Kalam was a very bright and hardworking student. He was the 11th President of India. He was an Aerospace Scientist and worked at ISRO and DRDO as an Aerospace Engineer. He developed many missile projects of India like Agni, Prithivi, Trisul, etc. He was a writer and has written a lot of books. He has written down his autobiography in a book named “Wings of Fire” in the year 1999. A.P.J Abdul Kalam died in Shillong on May 27 in 2015. He was one of the President who was inspired by many and one among the Indians who made India proud.

- Advait Sriram, 2B

1.8 - All About the Padma Awards:-

The Padma Awards are one of the highest civilian honors of India announced annually on the eve of Republic Day. The Awards are given in three categories:

Padma Vibhushan (for exceptional and distinguished service), Padma Bhushan (distinguished service of higher order) and Padma Shri (distinguished service). The award seeks to recognize achievements in all fields of activities or disciplines where an element of public service is involved. The Padma Awards are conferred on the recommendations made by the Padma Awards Committee, which is constituted by the Prime Minister every year. The nomination process is open to the public. Even self-nomination can be made.

**BHARAT RATNA**- Bharat Ratna is the highest civilian award of the country. It is awarded in recognition of exceptional service/performance of the highest order in any field of human endeavor. It is treated on a different footing from Padma Award. The recommendations for Bharat Ratna are made by the Prime Minister to the President of India. No formal recommendations for Bharat Ratna are necessary. The number of Bharat Ratna Awards is restricted to a maximum of three in a particular year. Government has conferred Bharat Ratna Award on 45 persons till date. **PADMA AWARDS**-Padma Awards, which were instituted in the year 1954, are announced every year on Republic Day except for brief interruption(s) during the years 1978 and 1979 and 1993 to 1997.

A higher category of Padma award can be conferred on a person only where a period of at least five years has elapsed since conferment of the earlier Padma award. However, in highly deserving cases, a relaxation can be made by the Awards Committee. The awards are presented by the President of India usually in the month of March/April every year where the awardees are presented a Sanad (certificate) signed by the President and a medallion.

-Chandrashri, 7E

1.9-Abhijit Banerjee

Abhijit Banerjee is an Indian American economic specialist who is currently the Ford Foundation International Professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He shared the Nobel Memorial in Economic Sciences with Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer for their experimental approach to take the edge off global poverty. Abhijit and Esther who are married, are the 6th married couple to win a Nobel prize.

Banerjee and his employees try to measure successfulness of actions in uplifting people's lives. For example, even though the polio vaccine was freely available in India, many mothers were not bringing their children for the vaccinations. Banerjee and his wife, Esther, also from MIT, tried and experiment in Rajasthan where they gave a bag of pulses to a mother who had vaccinated her children. Soon, the immunization rate went up in that region. In another experiment, they found that learning outcomes improvised in schools that were provided with teaching assistants to help students with special needs.

-Abhigna, 7E

1.10-Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)

As his country awoke from the oppression of colonial rule to call for political freedom, Tagore cut a distinctive path. His appeal was for individual liberty for freedom from irrational traditions and divisions of religion and society. At a time of nationalistic fervour, he asked for a 'world family' to share the best of humanity's offerings. His life spanned the cusp of two centuries, and his literary genius left its mark on both with thousands of his poem, stories, songs and plays. His impact on Bengali speakers, in particular, is matched by few in other language groups in the world.

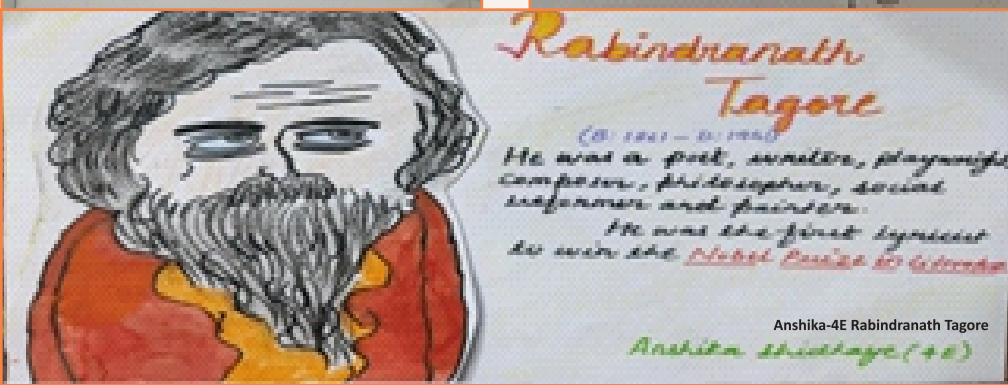
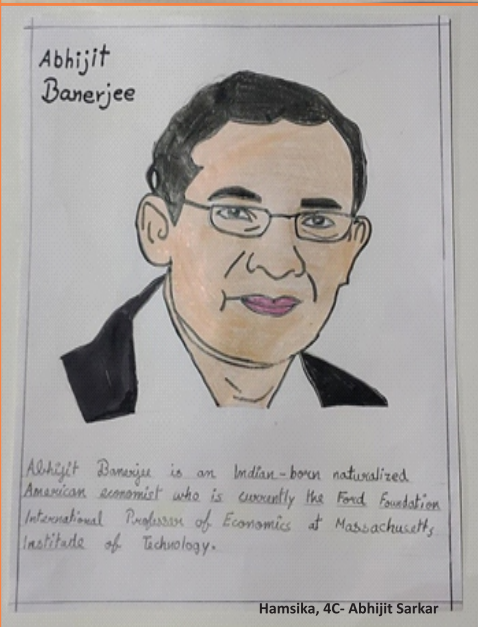
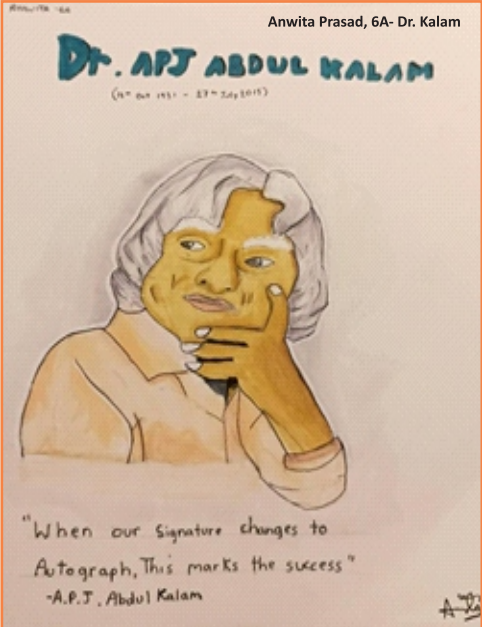
- Sashwat Sarkar, 4C

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-Srivatsan Prakash, 5C

1.11- Different Strokes





## Section 2- Grade 7- Special Assembly

Our school is a sea of talents and, the Grade 7 Special Assembly, on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022, was a memorable event. The theme of the special assembly was "Honesty." Students worked hard to present a variety of distinct performances, including Dance, Music, Skits, and a lot more!

Advait Pradeep (7A) and Zayba Zubair (7A) said that the event was a refreshing experience and that it was wonderful to have been part of such a vibrant event after 2 years! Prapti Chougule (7A), who participated in Indian dance, said she found the choreography exciting along with the hardworking practice sessions. Mokshda Prasad (7C) who gave the lovely introduction to such an amusing event said that it was truly a privilege to have been able to watch all the wonderful and exuberant performances given by all the students of Grade 7.

There was also a mime, skits, and a whole lot of music! The band was also part of the program and was enjoyed by all the parents. An impromptu question-answer session was held on the theme of honesty. The day ended on a joyous note.

-Newsletter editorial team (7B)



## Section 3- Spell Bee- Grade 1-5

"Spelling is the foundation of reading and the greatest ornament of writing."

The Spell Bee competitions was held at Deens Academy Gunjur, across grades 1-5, from 18th-27th July. All the students participated enthusiastically in the preliminary rounds, held in the respective English periods. The two top scorers from each section of grades 1-5 were selected as the finalists for the competition. Each participant was given a minute to spell as many words as they could. The ten finalists put on a tough fight to win the competition. The event helped to enrich the vocabulary of the children.



## Section 4- Recitation competition- Grade 1-5

Poetry is simply the most beautiful, impressive, and the spontaneous overflow of emotions. The students across grade 1-5 enthusiastically participated in the English recitation competition from 12th July. After a preliminary round held in the English classes, two top scorers were selected from each section for the finals. It was heart-warming to see the talent and confidence of our little ones as they recited poems on seasons, animals, homework, school, dreams with perfect expressions, emotions, rhyme, and rhythm.



## Section 5-Rubik's Cube Competition

The Rubik's Cube is a 3-D combination puzzle originally invented in 1974 by Hungarian sculptor and professor of architecture Ernő Rubik. It is now an exceedingly popular puzzle. Deens Academy is full of innovative minds, and so many such students who like solving the Rubik's cube had taken part in the 2022-23 Inter house Rubik's Cube competition.

It involved a series of difficult challenges like solving the Rubik's cube with one hand as well as solving a 2X2, but for the finalists, it was a piece of cake. It was truly an edge of the seat performance; everyone was so close! The winners truly deserved to win!

- Asmi Deshmukh (7B)



## WINNERS

POSITION	NAME	GRADE	HOUSE	Avg Time
<b>JUNIORS</b>				
FIRST	Vihaan Karthikeya	7E	Rubrus	31.480 s
SECOND	Arvin Ajith	6A	Rubrus	38.667 s
THIRD	Aarav Rastogi	6B	Flavus	39.57s
<b>SENIORS</b>				
FIRST	Arjun Ladha	9C	Prasinus	32.199 s
SECOND	Krishnasripad Kolaparthi	10A	Flavus	46.39 s
THIRD	Shaurya Rastogi	9A	Rubrus	49.497 s

## Section 6- Inter-House Football Match



Football is one of the best and one of the most thrilling sports. In the 2022-23 Interhouse football matches, the sporty footballers of Deens came together as a team in the four houses- Rubrus, Caeruleus, Flavus & Prasinus. The spectators cheered loudly to support their houses, urging them to the path of victory. After a long, strenuous nail biting competition, the winners were:

### Juniors:

1<sup>st</sup> Match: Caeruleus VS Prasinus => Caeruleus

2<sup>nd</sup> Match: Rubrus VS Flavus => Flavus

Finals: Caeruleus VS Flavus => Caeruleus

**Won by: Caeruleus**

### Seniors:

1<sup>st</sup> Match: Rubrus VS Prasinus => Rubrus

2<sup>nd</sup> Match: Caeruleus VS Flavus => Caeruleus

Finals: Rubrus VS Caeruleus => Rubrus

**Won by: Rubrus**

-Newsletter Editorial team (7B)

## Section 7- Dad and Me



The kindergarten children enjoyed a fun-filled event with their awesome dads and celebrated their bond by showcasing a joyous event that included dance, music, and lots of fun! The children made beautiful cards for their fathers to express their love whole heartedly. The event was a huge success, and the dads left the school with beautiful mementos and a smile on their faces!

- Saanvi 7B

## Section 8- Mom and Me

Mom and me, a fun-filled event by children of grade 3, motivated everyone to respect and show gratitude to their mothers. The children of Grade 3 made cards for their mothers to express their love for them. They had already made invitations and were extremely excited for 1<sup>st</sup> August – the day they would have their first performance of the academic year! Painting T-shirts took place, and a playful game of musical chairs was played by the moms. The happy mums went home with a smile and beautiful memories.

- Asmi R Deshmukh 7B



## Section 9- Grandparents Day



Grandparents' day, a fun-filled event by the children of grade 1, was planned to show respect and gratitude to the grandparents for their infinite love and wisdom. The students had already made invitations and were extremely excited for 26<sup>th</sup> July – the day they could have their first performance of the academic year! Fireless cooking was the highlight of the event, There was also a musical performance by the students expressing their thoughts for their grandparents. The grandmoms and granddads were all smiles, with a look of pride on their faces, seeing their grandchildren perform. A special day for them indeed!

-Manasvi (7B)

## Section 10- Support Staff Day

The Support Staff Day was celebrated at our school, by students of all grades, on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> July, to show gratitude to the support staff of our school, which included the aunties, bus drivers and bus boys. The students prepared speeches in Kannada and Hindi to thank the staff for their immense help. Students put a wonderful show of music, dance and song and the students of the PU College also put up a skit on the theme of respect. A fun lemon and spoon race for the aunties and bus boys added to the bonhomie.

-Aparna Kannan, Faculty







## Section 11- Wow Moments in the Classroom

### 11.1- Grade 5- Paper boat Making Activity

An interesting hands-on activity was organized for grade 5, based on the poem 'Paper Boats' by Rabindranath Tagore. The process of making their own paper boats, and relating it to the character in poem, and experiencing the joy of making their boats- something most children of today are bereft of, was something the children would never forget.

-Manasvi (7B)



### 11.2- Grade 5- English- Subject Integration with PE

Inter disciplinary learning is an integral part of the Deens curriculum. The children of grade 5 had an English lesson on Dhyanchand – The Hockey Wizard. To give a better understanding of the significance of hockey and to emphasize that it is our national game, the lesson was integrated with PE. What made this activity even better was that students had to prepare hockey sticks and a ball using waste materials from home. Mr. Rajesh, the P.E teacher explained the game and its rules, and the children got the opportunity to play hockey with their homemade sticks.

- Ashwathi , 7B



### 11.3- Grade 6 and 7- Social Science Role Play Activity

Learning by doing has always been our motto at Deens. Grade 6 and 7 enhanced their understanding of types of governments in Civics, where students were divided into groups, based on the different forms of governments and each group had to depict a play, on their chosen form, under guidance of their teacher, Ms. Shivangi Dey.



### 11.4- Grade 5- Kannada activity

The children of grade 5 had a lovely time making nets in the class, based on their Kannada lesson, under the guidance of their Kannada teacher, Ms. Ashwini. Vocabulary building is a vital component of language learning, to serve this purpose, students of grade 5 prepared a mini dictionary of new kannada words with English meanings.



### 11.5- Grade 5- Science- Vegetative Propagation



The chapter on Plant Propagation has opened a new path for me. I have never cared so much about plants, but this activity really got me excited like never before. So, we hopped on to this remarkable journey of a plant in class through this hands-on activity where we sowed potatoes, onions, and ginger in a kitchen garden in school. It was fun to bring these items from home and plant them in soil to understand asexual reproduction. Through this activity we also learned about different techniques of reproducing plants other than seed which was an eye opener for us, like- grafting, layering and stem cutting which were demonstrated so well by Romel sir. He listened to all our queries with patience and cleared our doubts. On behalf of Grade 5 children, I thank my science teacher, Aarti Arora ma'am, Sunita Nair ma'am and Romel sir for inculcating curiosity and the urge in us to value plants and learn their diverse species. In future I would support various activities that help save plants and reduce deforestation. Life of a plant is as important as ours.

- Siddharth, 5B

### 11.6- Grade 6- Chemistry and Art Integration Activity

"Protecting Earth is top priority, as, we have just one planet in the whole universe to call Home." Therefore, eco-friendly should be our mantra. We, the students of grade 6, participated in a Chemistry-Art integrated activity on the usage of Jute as an eco-friendly fibre. In Chemistry, we learnt a topic, "Fibre to fabric". We were divided in groups and were given chart papers to make posters on "Jute VS Plastic." We created posters containing significant illustrations, explanations, and slogans. We presented the activity and shared our learning experience in the assembly. We also stuck posters in the different places of our school to spread awareness. Countries around the world are looking to cut down the use of single-use plastic, and India already has a sustainable substitute that cannot be ignored anymore - jute. So, please SAY NO TO PLASTIC, BECAUSE JUTE IS FANTASTIC.

-Johan, 6D





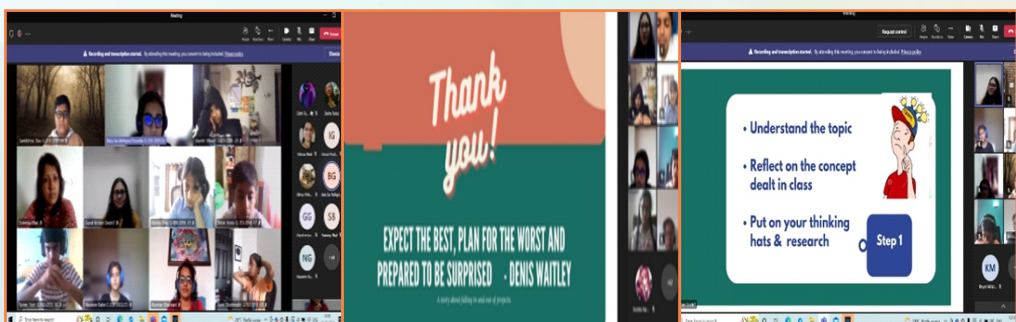


### 11.7- Grade 7- Guest Lecture

A wonderful class of knowledge was presented to the students of Grade 7, Deens Academy Gunjur by a Grade 7E student – Abhigna's parent, Ms. Deepthi on 30th of July. The topic of the workshop was Project Management. Project work as a tool, is implemented by us students in classrooms as part of the group activities' though we did not know much about this concept. We were taught about the five phases in project management -project initiation, planning, execution, closure, and project monitoring and control. Listening to all this was so fascinating to us students. The speaker also taught us how to be organized while doing collaborative projects, and the outcome of the project is always worth the wait. We also got a task, and we were over boarded with ideas. The students of Grade 7 thoroughly enjoyed and understood the concept and the tool of group project work as a whole.

-On behalf of the entire Grade 7, we are:

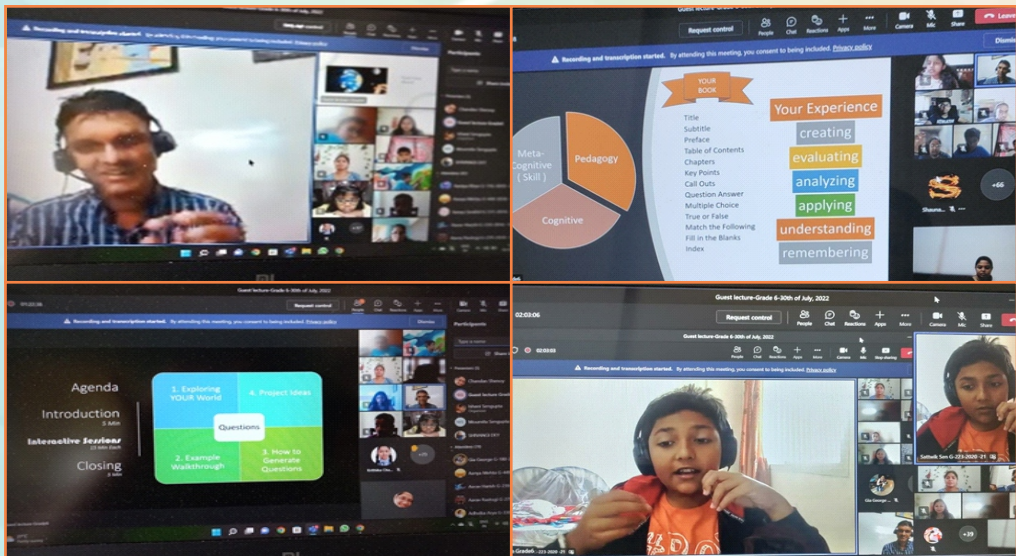
**Garima Tungare and Ananya Chakravarty of 7A**



### 11.8- Grade 6- Guest Lecture

Mr. Madhoosudhanachari, an entrepreneur, delivered the first guest lecture for grade 6 on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> July. A Research Analyst with HP, His session was based on the skill and the importance of questioning. To quote Mr. Madhoosudhanachari, "Our minds can work faster than light." This caught the attention of around 100 exuberant 6<sup>th</sup> graders, who were all ears to his talk. He said that we humans have inherited this skill of questioning from our ancestors, who in turn, had gained this knowledge and skill by asking many questions, wondering about things, and trying to find answers. He suggested that we note down the questions that come to our mind, as it would help us to find answers easily. We should also organize our answers so that we have a treasure trove of knowledge to dip into. Children should always be inquisitive was his advice to us. The session was an interactive and a memorable one.

**-Hana Chamoli and Amogh, 6B**



### Section 12- KIDEENS

Our tiny tots had a memorable July, with loads of new experiences and new things to learn. School is fun!

#### 12.1- Out in the Garden & Tiny Tots in Action - LKG

Our PG children had the experience of a nature walk and gardening. They observed the things found in nature such as grass, plants, trees, birds, and flowers. They met the school gardener who showed them some of the gardening tools. Children watered the seeds sowed by the gardener.



### Fancy Dress Competition- Community Helpers



### Bus ride to the Neighbourhood



- It is important to learn how to hold pencil and write, practicing the pencil grip with the dropper- Kids fill water with the help of dropper and empty the water into another bowl.

Learning numbers, the fun way!

- Driving away the blues—with Blue Day.
- We use the dupatta for making puppets too!

**-Ms. Thilagam, Ms. Pratima, and Ms. Ramya**



### 12.3- UKG A – How does our garden grow?

Children of UKG A were taken outdoors to observe the different types of trees and flowers - fruit bearing trees, non-fruit bearing trees, leaves of different trees in the campus. Their teacher, **Ms. Annam Paul**, encouraged the children to name the trees and the different parts of the tree.



### Hands and Minds that Worked Together

