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# MONARCH BULLETIN

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**DPS MONARCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**  
**EDUCATION WITH A DIFFERENCE**

## From the Principal's Desk...



### Dear Parents,

We are living in difficult times, sometimes harsh, sometimes unpredictable. Education is, like never before, called upon to cater to not just professional advancement, but also physical, mental, emotional and spiritual development. Consequently, the school-home partnership has become crucial. Teachers and parents have become partners in the sacred mission of child-building, man-building and nation-building. I am so proud of my DPS Monarch family where all enablers especially our parents and teachers are contributing towards the education of their children by doing their bit, with love, passion and compassion.

I take this opportunity to thank our Management for the generosity with which they have supported us to provide all the support that is needed to make the virtual school function.

This edition of the Monarch Bulletin introduces accessibility to reach to our Facebook pages to witness various celebrations specially International Dance Day by our young Kindergarten learners and, the experiences shared by students of all the wings, school YouTube links, and online exhibition of Earth Day posters, made by students of Grade I-IX at home, during this lockdown phase. Also, you will read an eloquently chronicled reports of the online classes being conducted at the three wings of DPS Monarch International School.

My heart swells with pride when I read the creative expressions of the Monarchians that are remarkably praiseworthy! Friends, hope this happy reading for me will also bring joy to your lives!

**Meenal Bakshi**  
**Principal**

## Our Academic Leaders



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## Welcoming The Academic Session 2020-21

The world is going through an unprecedented crisis and the onset of the new academic session brought with it new challenges to face. As students being unable to attend school, we did not want our children to miss on developing holistically by not investigating, exploring and observing various undertakings. Therefore, we initiated a productive partnership with all our parents to ensure that our children can achieve their highest potential through E-Learning classes. The building of the school maybe closed but we ensured that learning will continue using 100% technology integration.

Academic session 2020-2021 started from April 5, 2020 for more than 2500 students of KG1-Grade 9. The ever-innovative teachers at DPS Monarch International School Doha executed re-invented and re-packaged lessons and learning resources through our virtual school. The photographs, videos and feedbacks shared by our parents display an awe-inspiring enthusiasm among our spirited teachers, curious learners and ever supportive parents.

Yes! We are happy to announce that learning never stops@ DPS Monarch International School!



<http://www.misdoha.com>



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# Celebrating World Earth Day

## OUR YOUNGEST GREEN SAMARITANS

Earth Day has never been more important than this year. Due to COVID-19 and the resulting lockdown being implemented across the globe, we have got a brief insight into what a low-carbon future could look like. It is a very crucial time when our students should not only learn about sustainability but also reflect upon how we can contribute towards sustaining a healthy mother earth.

Even though we do not have our students physically at school, teachers and parents of Kindergarten 1 and 2 have encouraged our little ones to keep up the spirit sharing their views on Earth day, how they would contribute towards saving our Earth emphasizing to focus on the three R's - **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**.

Beautiful art work, expressive videos of act of kindness were created.

[Click on the link to see our Little Green Ambassadors:](#)

<https://bit.ly/2yU7xLM>



## ONLINE POSTER MAKING ACTIVITY FOR CLASSES I-IX

DPS Monarch Team organized on this Earth Day, 22nd April, 2020 an online Poster Making activity under the theme 'Saving the Mother Earth' to cognizant students towards the need to conserve our natural environment. Submissions came on an A-4 size sheet using any mix media or an e Poster designed using MS Paint.

The objective of the activity was to ignite the fire of imagination alongwith learning about sustainability and reflecting upon how we can contribute towards sustaining a healthy mother earth. To exhibit students' multitudinous flair, the posters were showcased via an online exhibition which can be visited by a web link shared below:

Grade I : <https://bit.ly/2VINIQF>

Grade II : <https://bit.ly/3bLGscp>

Grade III : <https://bit.ly/2KRHCqN>

Grade IV : <https://bit.ly/3bPloAx>

Grade V : <https://bit.ly/2VNp9SO>

Grade VI-IX : <https://bit.ly/3aMumi3>



## Co-curricular Activities

(in KG and Primary)

At DPS Monarch International, students participate in different kinds of activities and they do not fall into the sphere of normal curriculum and instructional methods. It helps the children to develop particular skill and exhibit non-academic abilities along with motivation for learning. We had marked interactive sessions for Art, where KG 1 students learnt about primary colors through integrated learning with shapes. In KG 2, the students had fun with mixing primary colors to get secondary colors and were very much excited to see the magic with colors.



Physical Education activities were conducted by HRTs with the help of videos shared from the PE department. It was overwhelming to see the students and parents taking part in the PE sessions and enjoying their exercises. Virtual classes for music were conducted by the music teachers including students from different sections together.





# CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

On  
April 29, 2020

Students of Kindergarten enthused with the joy of dancing celebrated 'World International Dance Day' on April, 29<sup>th</sup> 2020 with great zeal and fervor. 'World International Dance Day' is dedicated to dance, dancers and dance enthusiasts. This is a day not only to entertain, but also educate students about the art form, making them more appreciative of the world of dance.



The students thoroughly enjoyed the foot tapping music along with lovely dance steps. The splendid event re-emphasized the fact that dance not only helps in expressing emotions but also relaxes our mind, body and soul. It connects people across the world.



[Click on the link below to watch us](#)

**DANCING !**

<https://www.facebook.com/632080123946237/posts/863380780816169/?vh=e>

# Kindergarten Times!

## 'STAY HOME, STAY SAFE' CAMPAIGN

As teachers, we continuously strive to bring joy to our little ones. While the current times can be difficult and challenging as all of us are trying to adjust to new ways of living, on a positive note, these moments have made us realize that we can overcome the challenges if we stand in solidarity. And solidarity is seen at its best among the teachers, parents and the students of DPS Monarch International School. While we are trying to adapt to new ways of online learning, we have realized that this new system is giving us more facetime with the parents and they have become an active part of the learning process. Consequently, aiding in providing qualitative assistance to their child. As part of the 'Stay home, Stay safe' campaign, we have introduced a project for the students of KG 1 emphasizing the impact of 'soap' in driving away the virus. Students enthusiastically participated in the activity and we received positive feedback from the parents about the understanding the activity created amongst the students on personal hygiene.



## SINK OR FLOAT!

Students of KG 1 loved discovering which items will sink or float! It's a great hands-on science activity during this pandemic. This experiment encouraged them to think and predict.

Does it float or does it sink? Using a range of everyday items, students conducted a simple experiment with the help of their parents. They form their own questions about why something happens and test out their own theories.

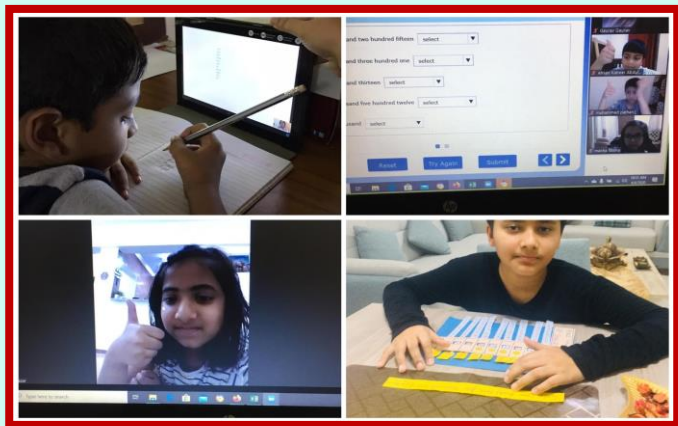
This float or sink experiment was a great way to preoccupy students thinking about what it is that makes materials float and sink.



# The Learnings @ Primary School

The Corona Virus Disease 2019 pandemic has changed many routines in our lives and the things we took for granted, but it has not diminished our students' need and ability to learn. Online schooling has become a new normal for families. This massive transition to distance delivery is a huge lift for our teachers. Their creativity and hard work are inspiring at the same time when there is no single set of practices that can fit to every class. Every class, every teacher will have to come up with a strategy of their own. The world has changed and there's absolutely nothing we can do about it but to make the best of it. So this educational online platform is definitely the way. The **virtual school and the iPad project** by Monarch has helped to keep students moving forward in their learning and prevent regression due to the impact of this global pandemic.

## A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF WHAT THE MONARCHIANS OF THE PRIMARY WING WERE UP TO



**Grade One**, For our graduated kindergartners, they were no more kids having just fun all the time, they were learning serious subjects as math at home using a variety of household objects such as kitchen jars, toothpick, and candies.

For our little big kids of **Grade Two** distance means so little when there is a purpose. They were engrossed in Fun-Learning Activities like 'Internal and External Organs', 'Family Tree', 'World Earth Day'.

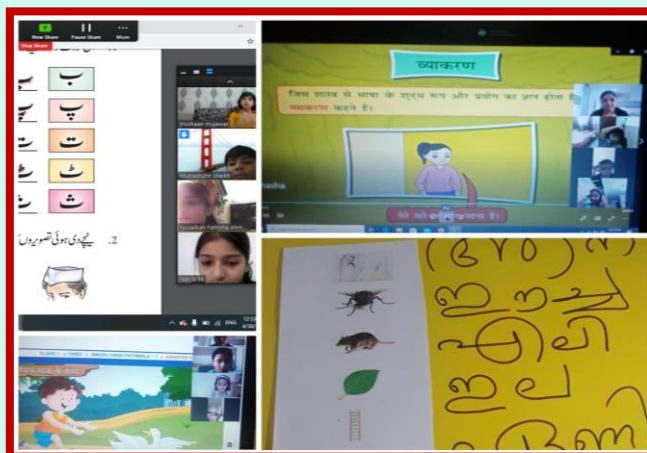
The young poets of **Grade Three** let their imagination run free with a poem 'The Tease' that describes a windy day. Later students expressed a windy day both by colours and by ink.

**Grade Four**, did so much more, because teachers had for them so much in store like power point presentation on authors and posters on preserving past history.

**Grade Five** took on the online classes with a high-five. They read books, shared views on authors, took on the place value system made into charts in their systems, started their journey with a seed ended up with a plant indeed.

## A PLETHORA OF LANGUAGES FOR OUR STUDENTS AT THE PRIMARY WING

Children develop empathy and cultural understanding from learning different languages. DPS-Monarch gives an **option of 5 different languages as Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil, French and Arabic as a Second Language from Grade I to V. From Grade III onwards**, students have an option to choose from 8 different languages **Hindi, Sanskrit, Malayalam, Tamil, French, Telugu, Arabic and Urdu as their Third Language**. The online classes for second and third languages have given for some of our students an opportunity to learn the basics of some languages, for the advanced level learners, the ability to speak and think in different languages other than English.





## Online Workshop on Assessment Tools

After the successful implementation of Microsoft Teams as one of the main platforms for conducting online classes in the secondary school, the school decided to further utilize Office 365 by conducting assessments using Microsoft Forms. A workshop was organized for the same by the IT department on 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2020, through Zoom App and was attended by all the teaching faculty of DPS Monarch.



The eagerness of the students can be seen from the feedback that they have shared in the video:-

<https://www.facebook.com/misdohaqatar/videos/650558232190187/>

### UPCOMING EVENT

A Mathematics E-Workshop for Grade VII is being organised by FIITJEE faculty on May 2, 2020 to empower students to gain knowledge of basic Maths in a faster and easy way & to learn various techniques of speed Maths.

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## Classes via Microsoft Teams in the Secondary Wing

With school being locked down due to COVID-19, educators of the school have moved to virtual classes on Microsoft Teams to ensure learning never stops. These video-enabled remote classrooms provide a host of interactive and collaborative tools on a single platform in remote learning scenarios. In the beginning, we started with Math, English, Science and SST classes but soon went ahead with Second and Third Languages, ICT, ART and Physical Education too. We are glad to inform you that, this year we included Sanskrit and Telugu as Third Languages in the academics. Every week, the teachers conscientiously prepare their E-Learning Lesson Plans which enable the parents and students to get aware of the lessons and activities to be taken by the teachers. Poem, In The Morning Dew in English, Whole Numbers in Maths, Sources and Components of Food in Science, The Earth and Our Solar System in Geography were taught in **Grade VI** along with Physical Components in PE and Fundamentals of Computers in ICT by using various modes of teaching. In **Grade VII** Magical Story, Of Magic Lamps and Gines in English, Integers in Maths, Nutrition in Plants in Science and various other topics were taught in second and third languages along with ART, ICT and PE. Lessons 'The Eyes Have It' in English, 'Rational Numbers' in Math, 'Modern Period' in Indian History and 'Our Resources' in SST were taught by the teachers in Grade VIII via videos, PPT and worksheets. As part of the first chapter in Biology (Crop Production and Management) of VIII, students were asked to present the photos of terrace farming. Kiera Drea Pereira, a student of **Grade VIII B** has done vegetable cultivation on her terrace. This is really an encouragement for others, in this crisis situation the vegetables a family wants are cultivated by themselves. Art Teacher had created stunning paintings in her classes all these weeks by teaching different methods of drawing and painting to the students. The students are very keen for their ART classes. The Physical Education instructor had enlightened the students with the importance of physical fitness and made the students do different drills and exercises during the session. Students were at par in ICT classes too. They learnt about the process of 'Software Development of Life Cycle', 'Low level and High-level languages' through videos and online quiz. Various topics were taught in grade IX in different subjects. 'Factorization of Polynomials Using Identities' in Maths, 'The Lost Child' in English, 'Osmosis, States of Matter and Motion' in Science, 'The French Revolution' in History, 'Basic ICT Skills' in ICT, 'Different Exercises' in PE and Second Languages French and Arabic were taught by the teachers of **Grade IX**.

"Our mission through these sessions have been to ensure that learning will never be interrupted, no matter what at DPS Monarch." says Ms. Meenal Bakshi, Principal of the School.



## Virtual Tour Of The School

..... Left the viewers spellbound!

DPS Monarch Team came out with an idea of Virtual tour to show the school especially to the new comers of this session, where students could visit a range of academic and other facilities: the classrooms, play zone, the library, science labs, computer labs, music room and much more. Virtual tour gave student a chance to look at the alluring campus - even not being physically present there. The video also manifested curricular and co-curricular activities throughout the session. The school's dignitaries Mr. Hassan Chogule and Mr. Yasir Nainar and the Principal Ms. Meenal Bakshi gave an introductory note and explained about the vision, mission and other important aspects of the school.