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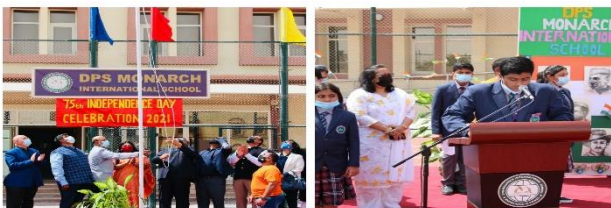
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## 75th INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION -2021

India's 75th Independence Day was celebrated with great splendor and fervor at the school premises of DPS Monarch International School, Doha- Qatar on August 15, 2021. The celebration started with hoisting of the Indian national flag by Chief Guest, **Mr. Hassan Chogule**, School President, **Mr. Yasir Nainar**, School Vice-President along with other EC members and Headmistress, Ms. Jyoti Gupta. To commemorate the sovereignty of the nation, all in unison sang the Indian National Anthem expressing the joy of freedom and paying tribute to India's culture, tradition, and its value system. **Mr. Yasir Nainar** delivered an inspiring speech sharing the heritage we owe through the reminiscent of the struggles of our forefathers and the importance of us to preserve this freedom.

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## OUR PRINCIPAL RECEIVES THE GLOBAL PRINCIPALS' AWARD!!

It is our great privilege to promulgate the achievement of our beloved Principal, **Ms. Meenal Bakshi** to receive the Global Principals' Award on 20th June 2021, initiated by the AKS Education to recognize the excellent school principals from all regions and communities, highlighting the contribution in community building and helping to make a better society through inspirational education. We take the opportunity to congratulate on her success and wish her all the best for her future endeavors.



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# KG AND PRIMARY WINGS CELEBRATING AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

India's 75th Independence Day was celebrated with great splendor and fervor at the **KG and Primary** wings. Under the aegis of '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava**' initiated by CBSE, interesting online activities like reciting poem in traditional Indian attire, and, enacting speeches by Indian freedom fighters were planned and successfully conducted by students of Kindergarten and Primary, virtually.

*Take a glimpse of our talents!!!*

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## SCHOOL WINNERS @ AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAVA

We, at DPS Monarch, are extremely delighted to announce that our students won the Short Video Making Competition – A Tribute to the Indian freedom fighters organized by the Embassy of India and Indian Cultural Center as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The winners from our school are:

1. **Rudra Pratap Singh Dabi** of **Grade 3 E** bagged the second position (4-8 years)
2. **Saanvi Manoj Jadhav** of **Grade 1 A** bagged the third position(4-8 years)
3. **Mrinal Dabi** of **Grade 6** and **Mahek Manoj Jadhav** of **Grade 7** bagged the second positions (9-12 years)

*Many congratulations to the students and their parents and teachers!!*

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**Saanvi Manoj Jadhav** of **Grade 1 A** secured the first position in the Fancy Dress Competition organised by Nehru Science Center Mumbai, India.

*We are so proud of you, Saanvi!*

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# MONARCH TEACHERS VOLUNTEER FOR CAMHS VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP

In a Virtual Summer Camp Workshop series organized by the Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar under the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services for Special Needs.

It was a voluntary event from the 27th of June to the 15th of July, in which the staff from our school participated with much gaiety. The students present in the workshop were all from different nationalities and were differently abled.

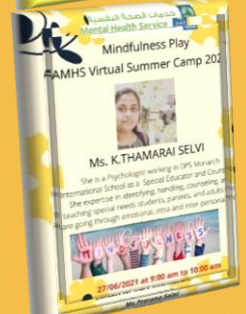
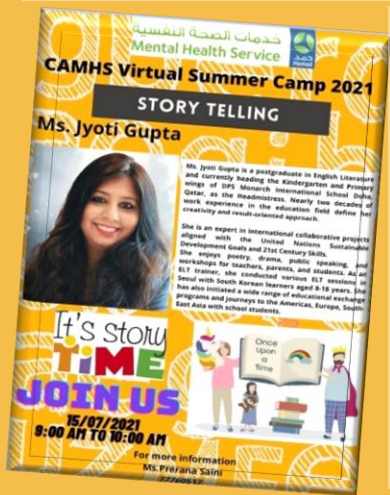
The staff who participated were:

**Ms. Jyoti Gupta** (Headmistress), **Ms. Harsha Bhatia** (Academic Coordinator) and **Ms Indira Dev Roy** (HOD, Computer Science) conducted captivating workshops on Story Telling which took the children to the beautiful world of princess and fairies. **Ms. Thamarai Selvi** (Special Educator) engaged everyone in her Mindfulness play and allowed the students to relax and unwind. **Ms Preeti Seth** (Kindergarten School Teacher) made everyone stretch their bones and bend like elastic in her yoga session.

**Ms. Soundarya Mohan** (Primary School Teacher), in her Puppet show left everyone wanting for more fun with the bunnies. **Ms. Gurpreet Kaur Reewari** (Kindergarten Teacher) in her session made students grab the waste material who turned them into beautiful pieces of art. **Ms. Sarah Jabeen** (Counsellor) and **Ms Bharti Jha** (Art Teacher) conducted Art and Music workshops, making the student create something beautiful in the art session and while tapping their feet during music session. Not only for the student, but even for the staff, it was an enthralling experience. They all stepped out of their comfort zones and engaged beautifully with the students allowing themselves to have a wonderful experience at the summer workshop.

Certificates of Appreciation were felicitated to all participants by Principal **Mrs Meenal Bakshi** and **Mrs Prerna Saini**, Occupational Therapist from Hamad Medical Corporation on 25 August, 2021 in the principal's office.

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# KINDERGARTENERS AT SUMMER CAMP WITH SUNNY SMILES

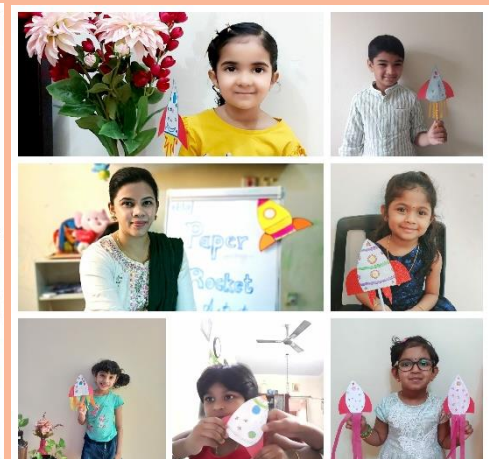
Every child being gifted, unwrap their packages at different times. To showcase and explore the minds of our tiny tots, DPS Monarch International School organized a summer camp, where different activities were held. Cooking with kids is not just about ingredients, recipes and cooking. It's harnessing imagination, empowerment and creativity. Cooking without fire was one of the excited sessions and all the kids participated with zeal and zest. **KG1** students learnt yet another life skill, that is culinary art, which was performed virtually on 16th August 2021 by **Ms. Anupama Adiyodi** and **Ms Shabana Shaikh**. Kids learnt the basics of cooking, turned into little chefs and made variety of foods like bread Sandwich, fruit salad, chocolate roll etc. under the guidance of their teachers.

**KG2** students enjoyed the Rocket craft workshop resourced by Ms. Fathima Faizal and Story telling activity by **Ms. Sumitha Chatterjee**. Paper straw rockets, though small highly demonstrates just how real rockets fly through atmosphere. As rightly said by **Mr. Homer Hickman "A Rocket won't fly unless somebody lights the fuse!"**, this activity gives the students a chance to enhance their problem-solving skills, observation skills, to work with interesting and engaging materials and launch their creations into the air.

Story telling is one of the most effective tool of communication with children. It helps to improve their reading skills and gives wings to their world of imaginations. The story titled **"The Calamead Dragon"** was narrated, aiding children understand the values like friendship, respect, generosity, teamwork and never to be judgemental.



Parenting is not an easy task, but each step of the child's growth is to be cherished. Children of all ages have their unique personalities and characteristics. They know how to make you proud and they also learn very quickly what buttons to push to make you angry or pay attention. To inculcate few ways to handle kids, workshop was organized for **KG1 & KG2** headed by **Ms. Thamarai Selvi**. Some of the activities in the workshop included guidance for daily chores, along with lectures on dealing with strong emotions, motivational **"practice"** songs and deep relaxation.



The specific focus of the workshop was to teach tools of Mindfulness and applied ethics that parents and children could use in their everyday lives to cultivate their ability to be calm, handle strong emotions such as anxiety and stress, skills to heighten their concentration and critical thinking as a pedagogical approach that places an emphasis on self-awareness and awakening. Parents together with their kids participated enthusiastically and enjoyed the summer camp marking it one of the endearing moments of their summer break. The Kindergarten and Primary Headmistre **Ms. Jyoti Gupta** presided the workshops and appreciated the teachers for their handfull contributions and thanked the parents and students for their participation.

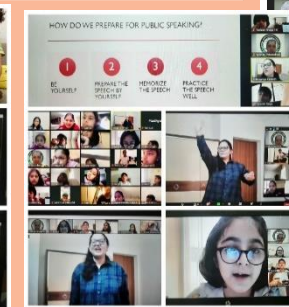


# SUMMER CAMP FOR PRIMARY WING STUDENTS

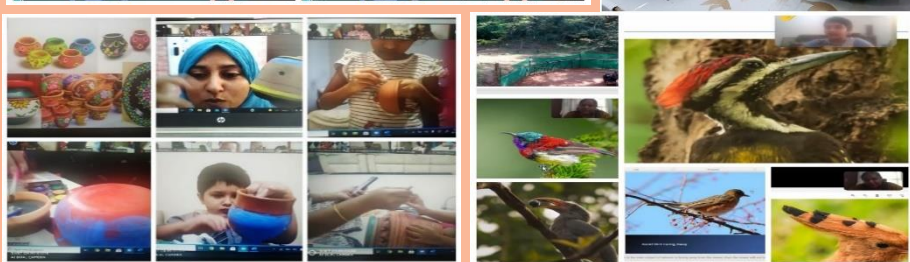
Energy expended on studies during school days needs a safe outlet during summer. After being cooped up at home for several months submitting assignments and attending online classes in the wake of a pandemic sweeping through the country, DPS Monarch International School had curated a virtual summer camp from 12th August, 2021 to 19th August, 2021 with a series of interesting and innovative workshops., which primarily focused on learning with fun. Simply put, it was a summer camp brought home where in the students channelized a course of their interests at their own pace. They enjoyed a productive staycation away from the sweltering heat of summer.

The fun-filled workshops included, a beautifully weaved story telling session by **Ms. Mohita Rallan** to foster the skills of listening, reading, voice modulation and expression. Double Doodling form of art conducted by **Ms Thamarai Selvi** encouraged students to convert scribbling into creativity, and imaginative thoughtful ideas and their expressive illustrations.

A Public Speaking workshop conducted by **Ms. Kokilapriya** for the budding speakers to gain an insight of the skills needed to master the art of speechmaking and delivering. Glass Painting by **Ms. Neetu Jayaprakash**, Clay Modelling by **Mr. Ashish Tanwar**, Art Out of Waste by external resource person, **Dr. Lavanya Hariharan**, Earthen Pot Painting by **Ms. Asma Suhan**, Paper Collage Art by **Ms. Rukhsana Mansoor** and Doodling sessions by **Ms. Yasmeen Razvi** gave them a hands-on experience to go beyond their horizons to explore and create something new.



The workshops also included an interesting Wildlife Photography session conducted by external resource person, **Ms. Anita Virendra**, who explained about some special skills and equipments to capture avian images. The students enjoyed the rhythm activity- Body Percussion by **Mr. Vivek Nagra** which is the art of striking the body to produce various types of sounds for didactic, therapeutic, anthropological, and social purposes.



In the world of growing technology, a workshop on Awareness of Cyber Security by **Paramount Computer Systems** was much needed for the students as well as the parents to gain awareness on cyber threats and steps to prevent it. Thus, the Monarchians' summer camp took a digital route this year trying to adapt, change and embrace new challenges under the guidance of highly talented and skilled resource persons and faculty members.



# EVERY SUMMER HAS A STORY!

## MAKING MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFE TIME.....

### SUMMER CAMP AT DPS MONARCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL....

Whatever form it takes, camping is earthy, soul-enriching and character building, and there can be few such satisfying moments that make an everlasting memory. DPS Monarch piloted various summer camp programmes for the students to keep them enriched with pearls of wisdom even during their summer breaks.

#### *Spell Bee*

Spelling bees? Spelling bees do not scare. They make the kids busy bees buzzing around collecting the nectar from words and building their honeycomb of vocabulary. Spell Bee competition was conducted for the students and more than 110 students took the test.

#### *Expressions*

May be Covid 19 canceled their school performance but not their passion. A workshop, unique of its kind **'Theatre in classroom'** was conducted by Rangbhumi, Mumbai. Rangbhumi was founded with a vision of spreading joyousness, abundance, and power of expression, compassion, love and a sense of equivalence amongst people. Hence, the name Rangbhumi: a happy playground. More than 90 students attended this workshop and were benefitted.

#### *Coding Boot camp*

Learning feels exciting and it is true to the core at DPS Monarch. A workshop on how to start with coding was conducted by Stay Qrious, New Delhi for the students of **Gr. 6 to 10**. Each class at StayQrious is fun. By focusing on fun, learning is made exciting. All those classes were super interactive and project-oriented, keeping kids excited throughout the day. More than 90 students from **Grade 6 to 10** participated with zeal.

#### *Think before you click*

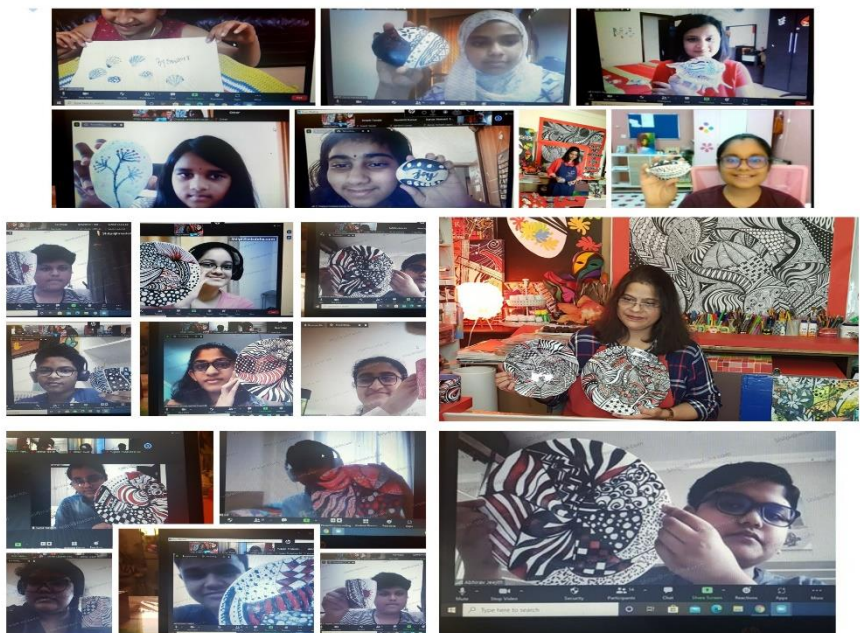
Cyber-criminals often use current news, sensational topics, and promises of shocking photos and video to get you to click on malicious links. Don't fall for it! Stop and think before you click. In order to create awareness of the probable threats while using internet and technology and the ways to secure themselves, a Cyber security workshop was conducted by **Paramount Computer Systems, Doha.**

#### *Gavels Club Orientation*

Gavel clubs are a way of providing the Toastmasters experience to groups who are not the regular members of the Club. Gavel clubs provide students with an excellent opportunity for community service. The orientation was steered by Toastmaster **Ms. Durga Mavuru** and **Ms. Shweta Koshti** of DPS Monarch International School. It was to introduce the students about the gavels Club under Toastmasters and the format of the meetings conducted under it.

#### *Krafty Korner*

Everything can be made with machines but nothing compares to something made with hands and the heart. As an attempt to unleash, explore and express the creativity in the young minds, an Art and Craft workshop was conducted by our Art Faculty - **Ms. Shilpi Mathur.** She demonstrated ways and methods to work with Ceramics and acrylic paints. Students participated and created using their head and heart to capture memories, mood and feelings in unique ways on various surfaces like plates, mugs, stones, canvas, etc. were used to paint.





## Fireless cooking

There's cooking, and then there's cooking with passion, creativity, and love. **Ms. Shilpa Padmanabhan** and **Ms. Smitha Adharsh** conducted an activity on fireless cooking. For the students of **Grade 6 and 7**. The chefs made the students believe that the energy they put into a recipe is just as important as the ingredients they use. Dishes with the theme of Tricolor were prepared by the students independently and they enjoyed the session.

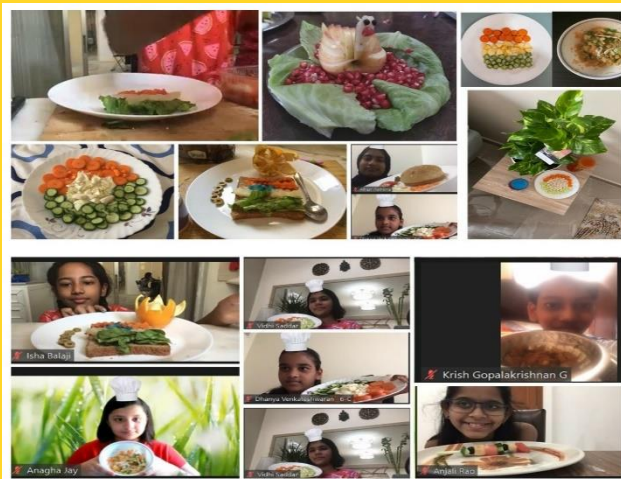
## Healthy Minds, Healthy lives

We are shaped by our thoughts; we become what we think. When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves. The key to a healthy life is having a healthy mind. Realizing the thought mentioned above a workshop on counselling was conducted by the School Counsellor - **Ms. Sarah Jabeen** to motivate and guide the students on how to stay healthy and keep our mind active.

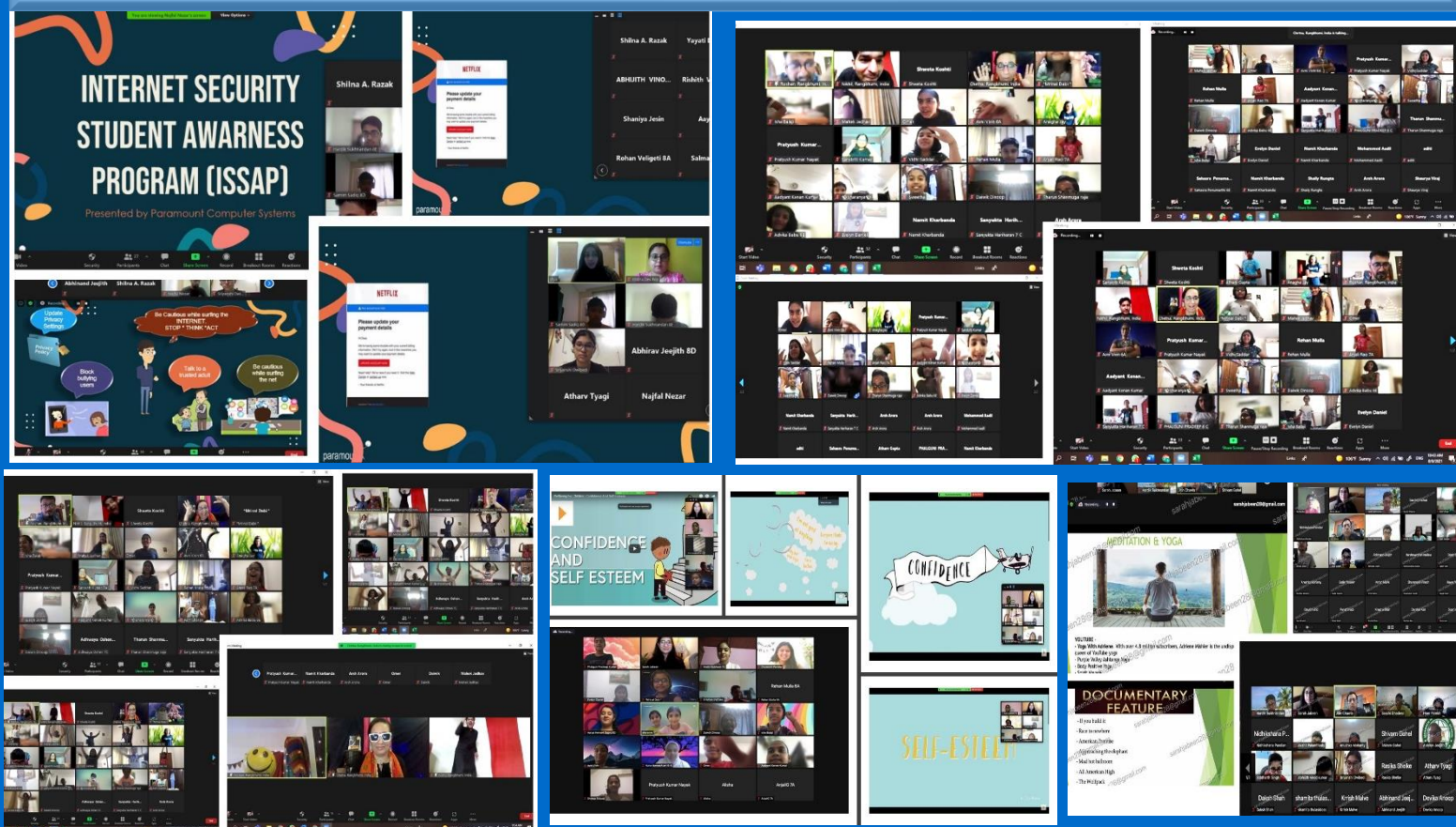
## Time Management Workshop - Utilizing time during the summer break

*"Make your vocation your vacation. That is the secret to success."*

In accord to the above quoted lines DPS Monarch international has been conducting summer camps for two successful years. This year the school invited **Mr. Jitin Chawla** from the Center of Career Development, India to conduct a workshop on **'Utilizing summertime better'** for the students of **Grade 8-10**.



It was an informative and resource packed session for the students. **Mr. Chawla** threw light on various ways through which the students can utilize their time effectively, helping them build their profile for college admissions and internships. Various online resources were shared with the children to help them build their profile and keep them engaged in the activities of their interest. It was very significant that the students were made aware about the importance of a strong profile and extra-curricular activities. The session was attended by 77 students who had shown enthusiastic participation and profited with this programme.





# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL SAFELY

It's a new beginning, a fresh starting after summer break. So while opening their minds, and pushing out the fear, students enjoyed their first day of school in the school premises.



## BACK TO SCHOOL

*"School bells are ringing loud and clear; vacation's over, school is here." - Back to School*

The classes for IInd Term at DPS monarch school after the summer break commenced on 24th August.

As we all are aware that developing young minds in close physical proximity halted abruptly in mid-March 2020 due to Covid 19, the school reopened following the protocols of Qatar government that educational establishments are to offer blended learning (online and at school) with school capacity restricted to in person attendance of 50% of normal student capacity on any given day.



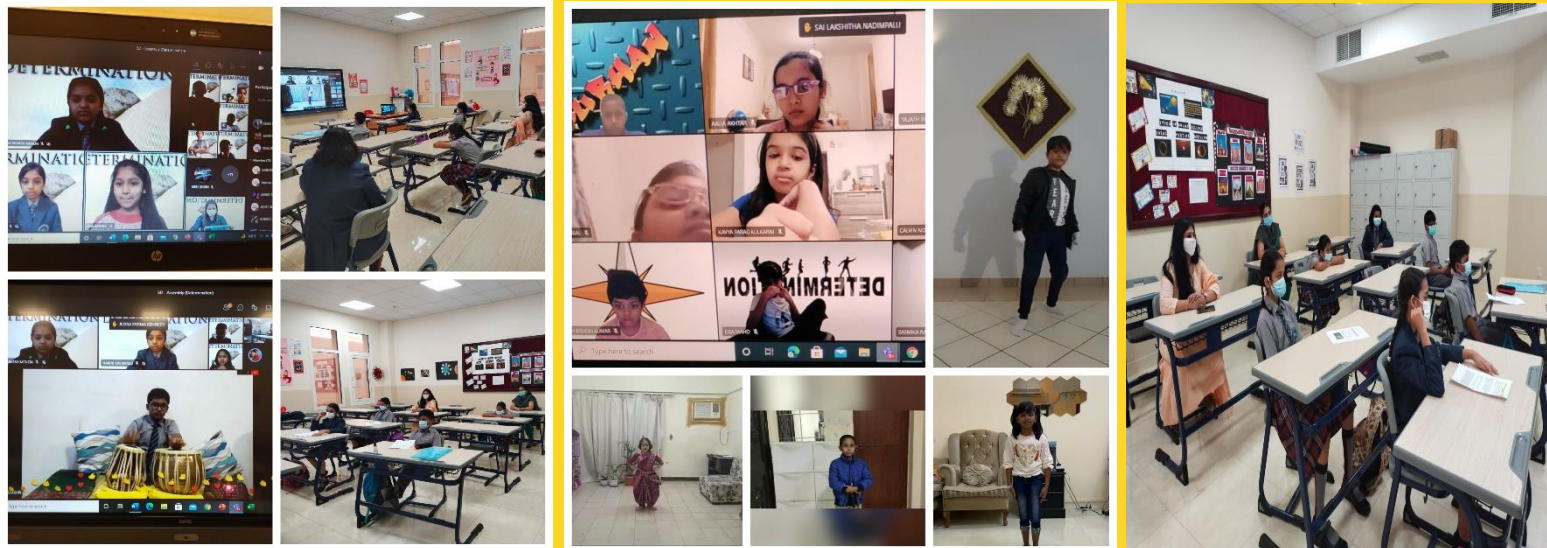
Students and teachers were happy and enthusiastic to meet each other in person. We all started marching ahead with the commitment to work hard, be kind and expecting amazing things to happen.



# VIRTUAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

The assembly by students of **Grade 3-5**, on 26th August, 2021 started with an Arabic Prayer and was followed by Thought of the Day, Qatar News, World News, Speech, Mono acting, Storytelling, Song, Dance, Vote of Thanks. The assembly culminated with Qatar and Indian National Anthems. The assemblies were organized online and was carried out during the assembly periods. Students of **3D** conducted the assembly on the theme '**Courage**' with the confidence & enthusiasm. Students from other sections participated as an audience. Children were very happy and excited to do the assembly.

**Grade 4-5** assemblies were conducted on the theme '**Determination**'. All the assigned students of **4D** and **5D** participated with pleasure and performed their duties very well. It was a creative and fruitful session. Students were enthusiastically and patiently engaged. The session ended with fun, joy and the value of being determinant. The assembly was witnessed by **Ms Jyoti Gupta**, Headmistress (KG & Primary). Her praising words encouraged our students.



With many students learning from home due to COVID-19, DPS Monarch International continued its virtual school assemblies. These virtual assemblies focus on fun, interaction and specially tailored to the level and interest of the students. During this first week's Assembly **Grade 6E, 7A and 7A** students fixated on the theme "**Back to School**" It is a great pleasure that our students are continuing to improve their artistic prowess and express themselves even during these pandemic days. The good manners must be inspired by a good heart. Our dynamic Headmistress **Ms. Madhu Uppal** visited all the class assemblies and scattered joy with her presence.





# CLUB ACTIVITIES

*“People who use time wisely spend it on activities that advance their overall purpose in life.”*

DPS Monarch International always continues the good work it started. The integration of work and study is the key element in DPS Monarch International. Club activities, in fact, supplement academics and provide the students practical training which they require in their day-to-day life. The Club activities are planned in a way that the students display their latent talent. Keeping in mind the individual strengths and inclinations, the senior section started the Club Activities on Thursday during the First Enrichment Period.



## FASTEST KID TO IDENTIFY 100 CAR LOGOS

**KRISHAN DAYALAN**

**Krishan Dayalan** is a kindergarten student studying in DPS – Monarch International School has become a holder in Indian Book of Records for being the fastest kid to identify 100 car logos within a minute. But the journey was never easy. A lot of hardwork and concentration has made him achieve his goals. He has been a smart boy in his academics, but achieving this at a young age is a milestone.

*The mind that opens to a new idea never returns to its original size is exactly that Krishen's mind was all about.*

According to his parents, Krishan was interested in cars from a very small age. Once, at a car service shop, he started identifying the cars by their logos. He was able to identify most of them except for 1 or 2. He was very curious in knowing them. He used to ask us and learn. Later we heard of the Indian Book of Records (IBR) through a friend. We identified a record in alignment with his interest. We prepared a presentation with the logos and taught Krishan. He grasped their names quickly and was able to tell them with speed. Initially he was able to identify 75 logos in a minute.

But the team at IBR had informed us that there was already another record by a kid who had identified 100 logos in 1 minute 20 seconds.

They had asked us to try to beat this record to become a record holder. Hence we trained him with a 100 national and international car logos. To our surprise he was able to identify them within a minute. So, we recorded the evidence and sent to the team of IBR. They evaluated the same and confirmed that he has achieved a record by identifying the logos in 59 seconds. Thus, Krishan became the Indian Book of Records holder for being the fastest kid to identify 100 car logos.

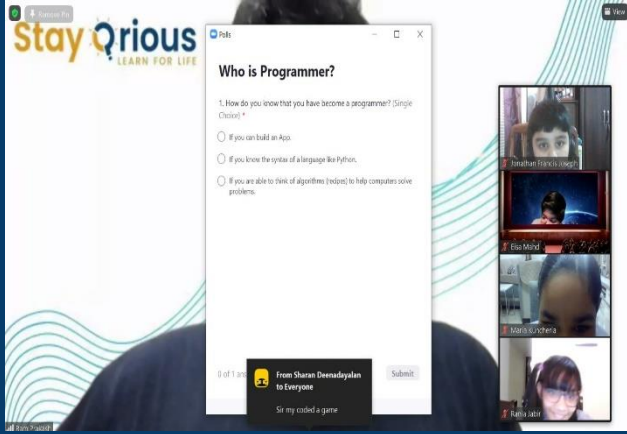
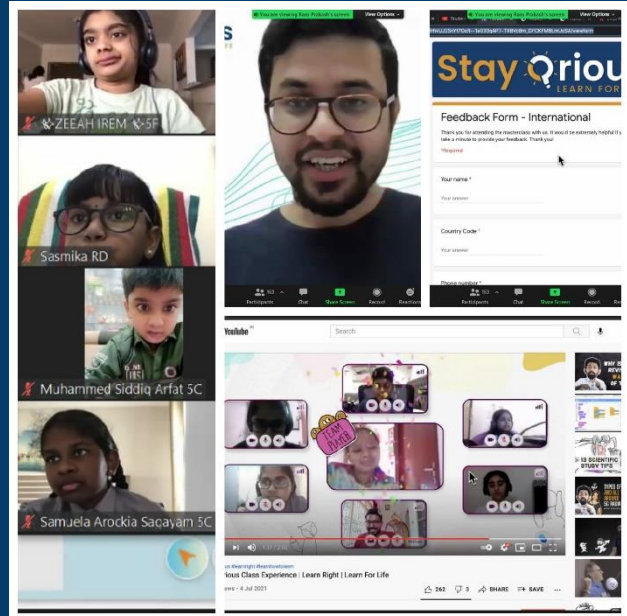


**Congratulations!**



# CODING BOOT CAMP FOR GRADE 4-5

A Coding Boot camp was conducted for the students from **Grade 4 to 5** during EP/HRT period on 29th Sunday. It was conducted by **StayQrious**. They discussed about computer program and methods to write codes for a program. He demonstrated it using the turtle art software. It was a well interactive session with good presentations and the children really enjoyed and developed interest for coding.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 1 & 2 – Language Fest Middle and Secondary School
- September 5 – Teachers’ Day Celebration (KG 1 to Grade 10)
- September 6 to 12 – Language Fest Primary School
- September 9 – Grandparents Day KG 1 and 2
- September 14 - Spandan, Inter school Primary Wing Hindi Diwas Competition
- September 19 – Term 1 Examination Begins for Grade 5 to 8
  - PT 2 Begins for Grade 9 and 10
- September 20 – PT 2 Begins for Grade 1 to 4
- September 30 – Blue Day KG 1
  - A Day with Professional KG 2

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