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CELEBRATING 11 YEARS OF HOLISTIC EDUCATION



TGWS - Milestones

Milestone - 1

July witnessed the much-awaited School day celebration. The 12th birthday of TGWS was a day to remember, with the students, alumni, parents and the whole of our team coming together virtually, to lavish the school with love and well-wishes. (Detailed report follows)

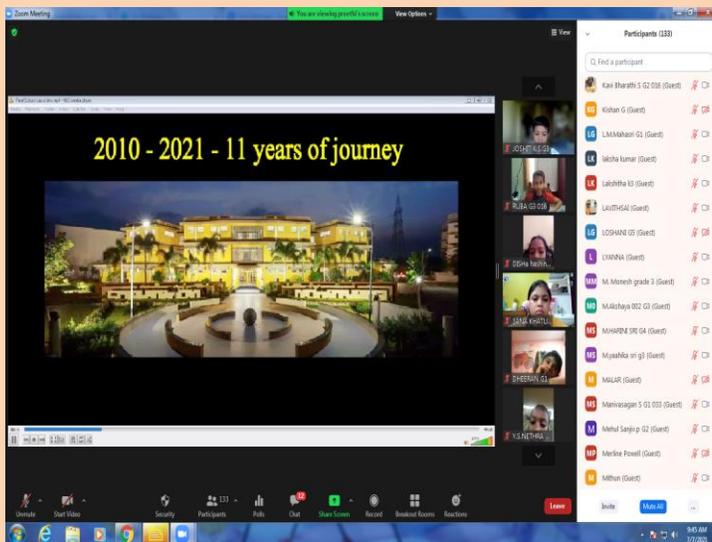
Milestone - 2

Keeping up with our yearly tradition, the week-long tree planting festival, Van Mahotsav was celebrated virtually this year with great success. Our students commemorated the event by planting saplings, creating posters and dioramas to raise awareness of the importance of forest conservation and going green. (Detailed report follows)

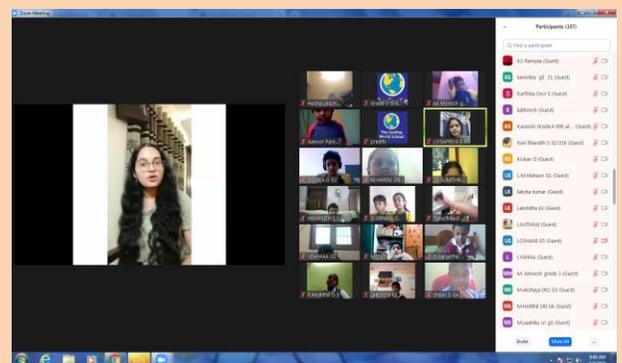
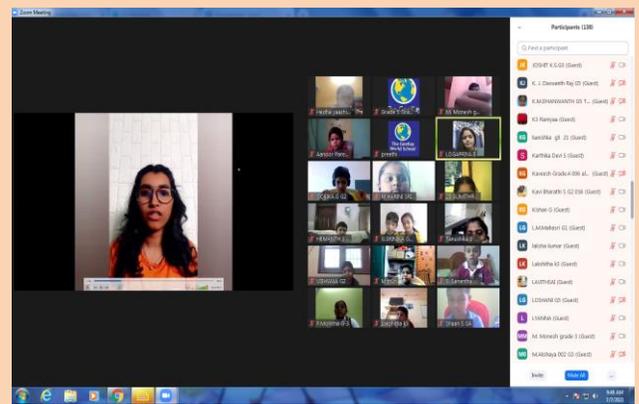
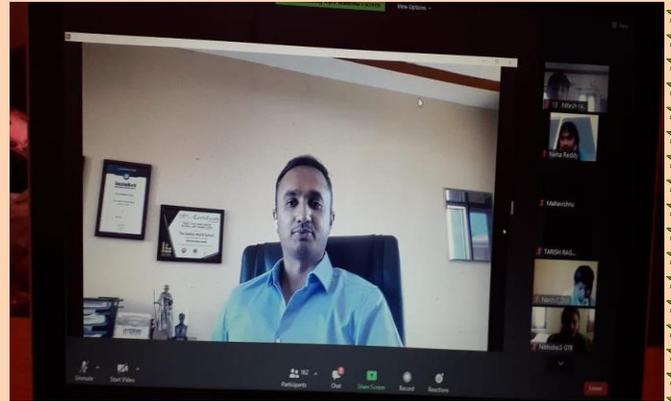
School Day Celebration

12 YEARS OF TGWS!

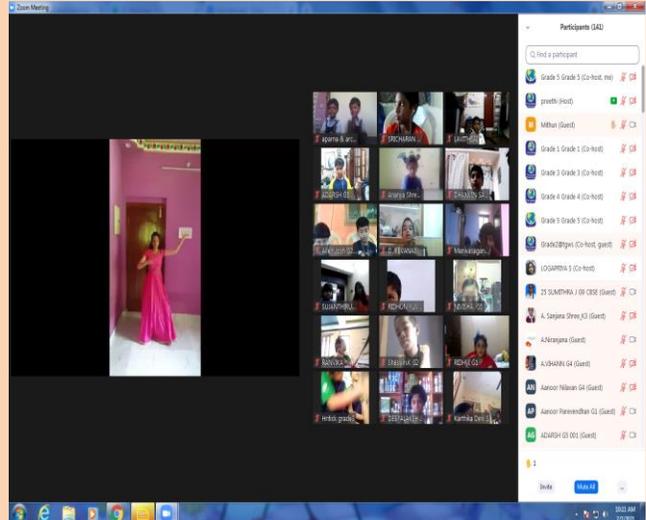
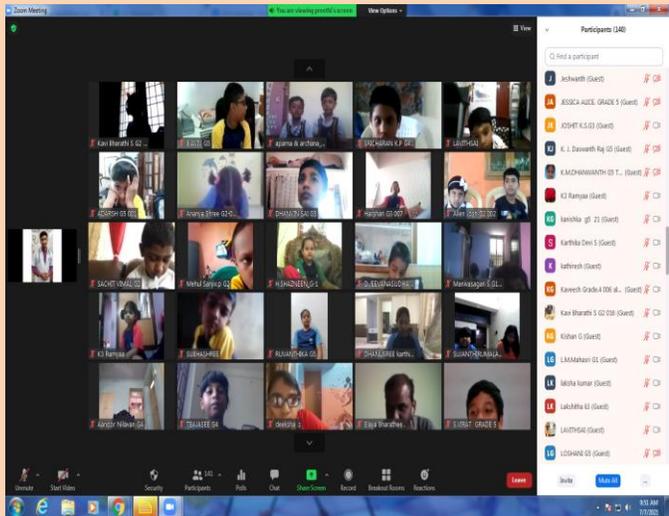
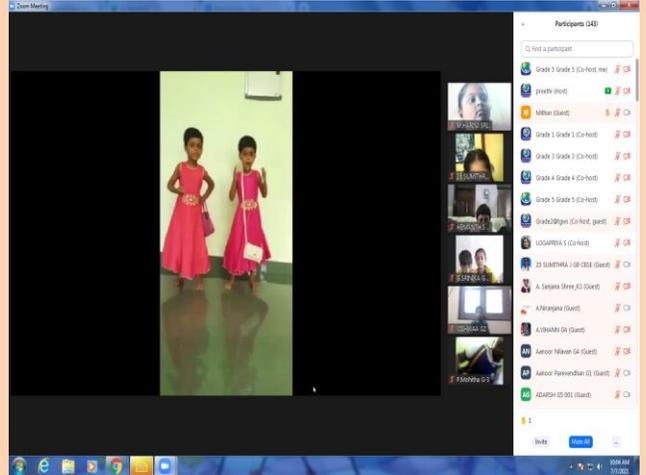
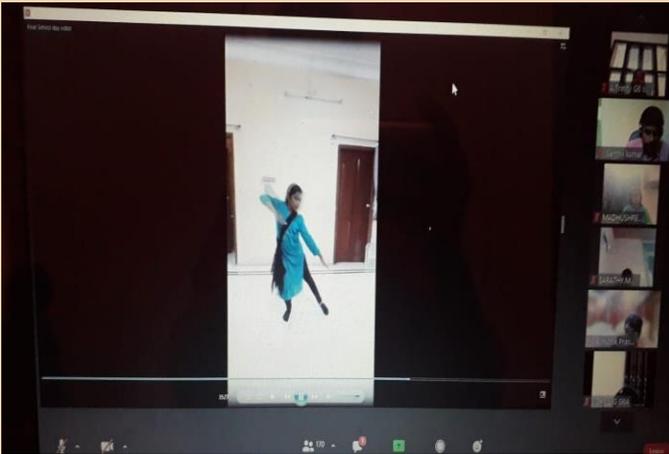
School day was celebrated with great pomp and fanfare on the morning of 7th July, 2021. Our students and teachers commemorated this day with mesmerizing dances and songs. A riveting mime was also presented by our talented students. To add memories and nostalgia into the mix, we had testimonials given by our alumni and the class of 2021. Parents and teachers also shared the gratitude and affection that they harbor towards the school. After the cake cutting ceremony, the day came to an end with our Head of School, Mr. Ram Kumar, followed by our Managing Director, Mr. Vinod Gandhi and Director of Operations, Mr. Santhosh Gandhi, shedding light on the stupendous evolution of the school since its ambitious inception. Both the directors appreciated the school's team of teaching and non-teaching staff and thanked our students who have made it possible for TGWS to taste victory and be what it is today.



Glimpses of school day celebration



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Van Mohatsav - Taking a Stand for Nature!

The name Van Mahotsav means the festival of forests. It is celebrated every year in the first week of July. It encourages everyone to plant more trees and save forests.

Our kids from kindergarten understood the significance of the festival by sowing seeds and watering them on a daily basis. They enjoyed an entire week of singing songs and listening to stories based on nature. They also participated in a sprout-eating activity to commemorate the event

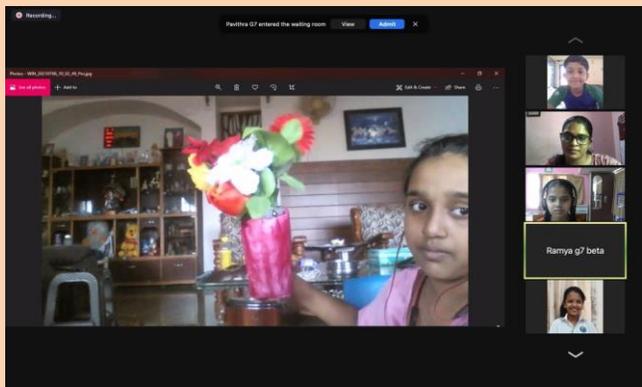
Students of Grade 6 created attractive posters on the theme of protecting the oceans. Grade 7 created eco-corners: works of art made from junk at home. They also presented a talk about the significance of their art pieces. Grade 8 participated in a slogan writing activity on the theme of save nature.

Students of Grades 4 and 5 created virtual posters and videos that emphasized the importance of planting trees. The blend of creativity and technology resulted in fabulous posters.

The lower primary students were also given a platform to show their innovation by using nature. Students from Grade 1 created a model that showcased biodiversity with the things they found in their houses. Students of Grades 2 and 3 came up with artwork wholly created out of dried leaves and twigs. They proved that a child's imagination has the power to change waste into wealth.

We hope that these activities helped our students connect better with nature so that they may pave the way for a better tomorrow.

Glimpses of Van Mohatsav



Career Counselling for Grade 12

A career counselling webinar for the students of Grade 12 belonging to the 2020-21 batch organized by The Times of India took place on the 7th of July, 2021.

The majority of the session focused on the fields of engineering, medicine and agriculture. The webinar was presided by three panelists. The first panelist gave a brief presentation about the different universities, the difference between a university and an institute, what accreditation to look for while considering a university, the selection process and what organization has authority over private universities. The second panelist's presentation shed light on automation, AI and self-functioning robots with human emotions, taking over other occupations in the prospective future. The third panelist talked about the various engineering courses that Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research has to offer. A brief Q and A session with the participants was conducted. An aptitude test with questions related to physics, chemistry, mathematics and computer science was offered to everyone who attended. On the whole, the session proved to be very informative and useful for our students.

EVENT REPORT

Primary School Assembly

The primary teachers of TGWS conducted a virtual assembly on the 30th of July, 2021. It commenced with the morning prayer and meditation. The thought for the day along with a short story was shared with the students. A skit titled 'The Never-ending Game' was performed. Its message was related to the drawbacks of technology and the consequences of a sedentary lifestyle.

The assembly came to an end after our primary school coordinator Ms. Loga Priya addressed the gathering and motivated the students with her warm words of wisdom.

Secondary School Assembly

The assemblies conducted by the students from Grade 11 and 12 on the 6th and 13th of July, 2021, were based on the themes of leadership and humanity. The assemblies were inspired by the following motivational words said by Dr A. P. J Abdul Kalam: "If you don't work to achieve your goal, no one else will do it for you".

The students spoke at length about the importance of having a goal and purpose in life. A video presentation and quizzes added flavor to the themes and allowed for greater learning to take place.

EVENT REPORT

Middle School Assembly

An inspiring assembly on the importance of yoga was conducted by the students from Grade 8 CBSE on the 13th of July, 2021. The students took the assembly forward with great enthusiasm and energy. It began with the prayer song and thought for the day. The children also demonstrated a few asanas during the assembly after explaining the significance of yoga.



STUDENTS ' CORNER - RIDDLES

1) What is full of holes but still holds water?

Answer: **A sponge**

2) Two fathers and two sons are in a car, yet there are only three people in the car. How?

Answer: **The people in the car are as follows : a grandfather, father and son.**

3) What can't talk but will reply when spoken to?

Answer: **An echo**

4) I have branches, but no fruits, trunk or leaves. What am I?

Answer: **A bank**

5) What goes up but never comes down?

Answer: **Your age**

6) What question can you never answer yes to?

Answer: **Are you asleep yet?**

7) What is always in front of you but can't be seen?

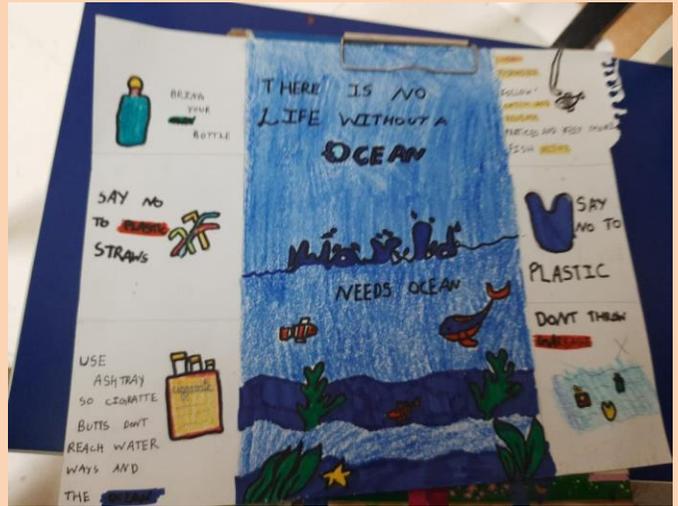
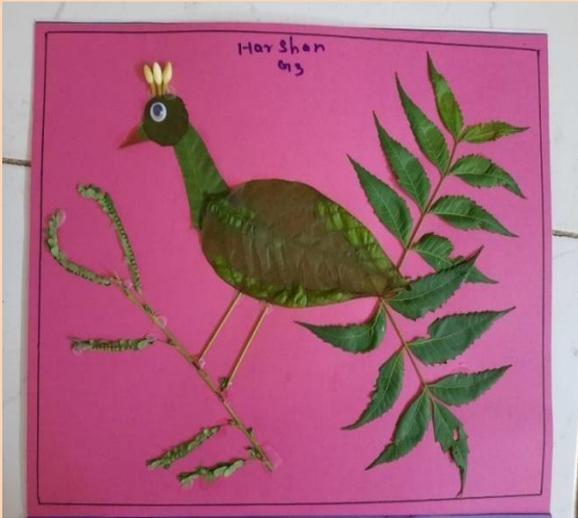
Answer: **The future**

8) I have lakes with no water, mountains with no stone and cities with no buildings. What am I?

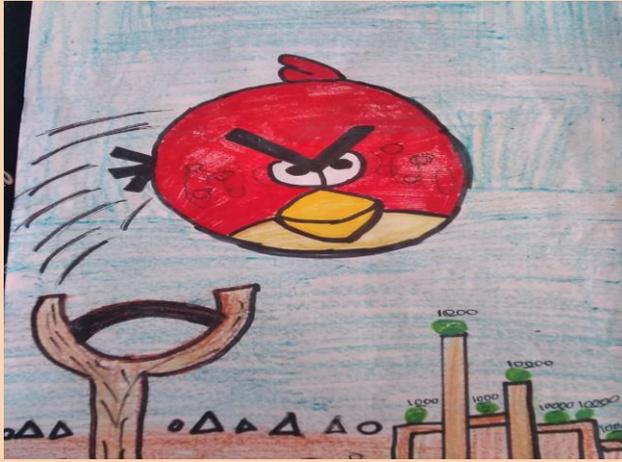
Answer: **A map**

STUDENTS' CORNER

Works of Art Celebrating Nature!



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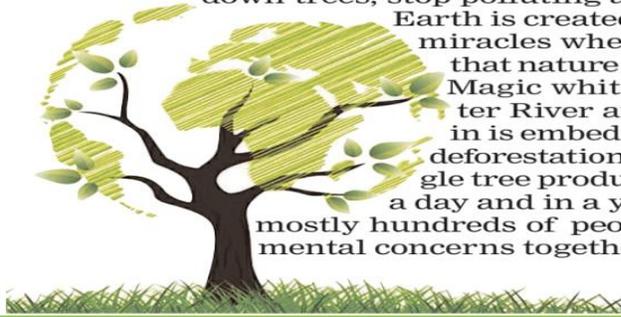


PRESS RELEASE

Every day is world environment day

World environment day is globally celebrated on the 5th of June. World Environment Day was started in 1974 as an annual event. It was started by the UN assembly to raise awareness to protect our World. This day is celebrated to spread awareness to conserve our environment. The favour that we could do to our environment on this particular day is to start planting trees around our house, keep our surroundings clean and avoid maximum wastage. Promise yourself to avoid pollution from your part as an individual and to keep the world clean. The biggest surprise to our environment that we could give is to stop cutting

down trees, stop polluting air and water. We all know that the Earth is created with beautiful natural things and miracles where we could find peace. If we think that nature isn't a miracle then think about the Magic white cave, Glow warm cave, Underwater River and so on. The environment we live in is embedded with lots of secrets. Remember, deforestation will lead us to devastation. One single tree produces nearly 260 pounds of oxygen in a day and in a year it creates oxygen which allows mostly hundreds of people to live. Let's solve the environmental concerns together and protect our mother world.



**N SADHANA, Grade VIII,
The Geekay World School**

Cherish the world we live in

Each year when June 5 comes around we wish each other a Happy World Environment Day. I am also like all of you. I too wish a "Happy World Environment Day!" to everyone I see, with a big smile on my face! But I feel that the smile on my face is not full-fledged. Each time I start rejoicing over this day, the question that has been on my mind right from my childhood is this: Is our environment really happy? Like my smile I feel that our environment is also unfulfilled by the love and attention that we give it.

There have been many environmentalists like Radha Bhatt, who

have strived to protect our environment. Bhatt has led campaigns for the protection of forests against corporate degradation and polluting mines and for this she has served many prison sentences.

While many people out there are fighting for our environment, we cannot just sit and do nothing. I am not telling you to turn into legends like Radha Bhatt, instead I am just asking you to be the change you want to see in the world, as Mahatma Gandhi rightly said.

Here are some lifestyle changes implemented by me in my daily life, to protect our

environment:

I grow a lot of plants in my garden in order to help release oxygen into our atmosphere. You can always grow plants in containers if you don't have enough room for a garden.

I educate myself on green alternatives.

I carry my own cloth bags to stores and even malls.

I avoid plastic materials as much as I can. Ever since I've learnt cycling I've reduced using other vehicles for places that are near.

I share my green ideas with others.

From today you can also try contributing from your end and share your ideas with others as well! Let us all change ourselves and cherish this world we live in. Happy World Environment Day!

HASIKA VINOD, Grade VIII, TGWS



Transform now for the future



Change your lifestyle and live in a better environment. Here are few suggestions that sparkle you to think and transform for the betterment.

1 Have your own garden next to you house and plant vegetables, fruits, flowers around your house. Harvest those and enjoy organic foods.

2 Use the 3R's Logo Process. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

3 Reduce- Reducing the amount you buy is the most important of all the options to manage waste. Composting is a common technique to reduce the volume of kitchen waste to 'zero waste'. It is also an effective method through which kitchen waste can be recycled back into nature. Ex: Buy local products; Check the Quality and Quantity of the products, Use less packaging.

4 Reuse-There are definite items in our garbage that can be reused. Reusing waste items means instead of dumping it, we can reuse those items. Ex: We can give away old clothes to the needy people. We can also reuse cardboard boxes, wrapping papers, and chocolate boxes.

5 Recycle- Recycling is a process in which the dumping items are transformed into a new item. You can also send your unused items to recycling centres. It is vital that you are well aware of the things that can be recycled. Ex: Try to buy an eco-friendly product from the market that is composed of recyclable material.

It's important to be mindful of the three R's in our everyday life. Our environment does so much for us, it's time to do the same for our Earth and environment.

TRINITY DEVI J, The Geekay World School

TEACHER'S CORNER

My Experience as a Virtual Teacher

The world has changed completely in a short period due to the COVID pandemic. The traditional classrooms have transformed into virtual classrooms via the latest technologies, overnight. The traditional teacher has become a virtual teacher to welcome the students to a virtual school. We moved from the real to the virtual world, and from teaching in a room to teaching on zoom. My current situation is like a dream of time travelling into the future. My online teaching experience is completely different compared to my time teaching in a physical classroom.

There is no doubt about the many advantages of online education. Online learning allows teachers to maximize the potential for individual learning curves and styles within the classroom. It also increases the students' motivational level and modifies their power of learning different subjects. I deem it a privilege to have evolved so much that I can now call myself an online educator.

Ms. Aruljothi

Tamil facilitator



PARENT SPEAKS

Hats off to TGWS!

I would like to give a massive note of thanks to TGWS and the facilitators for their hard work and dedication in supporting the children's education, over this year and the last, amidst the COVID pandemic,

In a short amount of time, the school adapted seamlessly to the new curricula. The teachers embraced novel teaching platforms, methodologies and tools, in no time. I especially appreciate how, in addition to teaching, they have made genuine efforts to build personal connections with each young face so they feel seen and supported,

Thank you for your empathy, patience and perseverance, dear teachers. We salute your selflessness.

**Mrs. Menakasri Nareshbabu
Mother of Vritika, K3**



MONTHLY PLANNER

AUGUST, 2021

Date	Day	Event
02-08-2021	Monday	Colour of the Month- Blue (Pre-Primary) Periodic Assesment -1 begins for Grade 9 and 11 CBSE
04-08-2021	Wednesday	Student Council Orientation for G4-G11
05-08-2021	Thursday	Special Activity: Friendship Day - Band-making for Pre-Primary
07-08-2021	Saturday	PA 1 Ends for G9 PTM for Grade 10 and Grade 12 Leader Ship Activity for G6-G8 CBSE-Passion Project Leader Ship Activity for G6-G8 CAIE-Passion Project Submission of nomination forms for SC G4-G11
09-08-2021	Monday	"Everyone is Important " week begins for Pre-Primary PA 1 Ends for G11
11-08-2021	Wednesday	Announcement of Final Nominees
12-08-2021	Thursday	Student Council Election Campaign Begins
13-08-2021	Friday	"Everyone is Important" week ends for Pre-Primary.
14-08-2021	Saturday	PTM for G8,G9,G10IGCSE,AS & A level
15-08-2021	Sunday	Independence day Celebration for G4 - G12 K1-G3 Holiday
16-08-2021	Monday	Leadership Activity Begins for Primary Enacting a Story -G1-3 Theatre Act-G4 &5
18-08-2021	Wednesday	Talent Hunt Show: Squeeze your brain K1. Kiddy Craft for K2 and My Favorite Game for K3 Student Council Election campaign Ends
19-08-2021	Thursday	Outdoor Activity: Balance Beam for K1. Fox in the Middle for K3 /Stay inside the Ring for K2 Muharam Holiday

20-08-2021	Friday	Leadership Activity Ends for Primary Student Council Election
21-08-2021	Saturday	Juvenile Vend Ends G1- G8
23-08-2021	Monday	Family - K3&K2 Myself - K1 (Resource person) PA-2 Begins for G1-G5 Unit Test begins for G8,G9,G10 IGCSE,AS &A level
24-08-2021	Tuesday	Special Activity: Grandparents Day - Crown Making for Pre-Primary PTM for G9 &G11 CBSE
26-08-2021	Thursday	Unit Test-1 begins for Pre-Primary
27-08-2021	Friday	PA-2 Ends for G1-G5 Investiture Ceremony
30-08-2021	Monday	Janmastami Periodic Assesment-2 Begins for G9,G10,G11 &G12 CBSE
31-08-2021	Tuesday	Unit Test-1 Ends for Pre-Primary Unit Test-2 ends for G8,G9,G10 IGCSE ,AS & A level



Note : Common Activity Pre-Primary Primary Middle School Secondary Holidays