



GEMS UNITED INDIAN SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN 1
NEWSLETTER
MAY 2020





INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents,

Greetings from the Kindergarten team

A message from our Principal



Dear Parents,

The fact that we have already completed more than half of the first term during this pandemic period evinces our resilience to face strange and unfamiliar situation with courage and conviction. Our Teachers and students with support and cooperation from Parents are able to turn unfavourable conditions into learning opportunities.

CBSE has strongly recommended self-oriented learning skill as a viable tool to be effectively used by all learners. Our modified curriculum focuses on outcome based learning and track progression of learning through thematic approach. Very soon, our learners will view all learning through perspective lens. We believe that learning can be deeply rooted when the learner connects with new learning emotionally. Most learning tasks are designed to be situated in the learner's experiential contexts. Such learning will make a positive impact on the learner.

Positive Education is an approach to education that blends academic learning with character & well-being. Our intent is to prepare students with life skills such as grit, optimism, resilience, growth mindset, engagement, and mindfulness amongst others. Positive education is based on the science of well-being and happiness. This framework comprises six domains: Positive Relationships, Positive Emotions, Positive Health, Positive Engagement, Positive Accomplishment, and Positive Purpose. This model has been augmented with four fundamental active processes that underpin successful and sustained implementation of positive education: Learn It, Live It, Teach It, and Embed.

Learning of subjects will revolve around perspectives such as:

Language:

1. Read with meaning: Access/collect knowledge





Mathematics

2. Basic understanding of the language of universe

Science

3. Introduce how universe and life works

Geography/Environment

4. How physical earth works

History

5. How we have struggled to become what we are

Social Studies

6. How societies work

Civics

7. How we should live in communities

Art

8. How we experience life/existence

Technology

9. How to use our basic tools

Physical Education

10. How to look after ourselves

Economics

11. How to look after family, community and wealth of nations

These perspectives will be expanded and enlarged to progress into higher levels of learning.

We have adopted several strategies that help the learner and guardians understand assessment. Our heads of sections have shared the assessment tools with you. While primary school continues to assess learners through formative assessments, middle and secondary school measures learning through periodic tests and other tools. Please consider these tests as simple milestones. Teachers will share rubrics of assessment and success criteria that helps learners to practice self-oriented learning. Ultimately, we want all our learners to be independent and capable of knowing how to measure up to the expectation and exceed!

We believe all learners are capable of progress because we see genius in every child.

Stay Safe!

K. George Mathew
Principal/CEO



A note from our Vice Principal

Dear UIS Community

Greetings of the season!

I trust you all had a restful and peaceful Eid break. As we move into the third month of remote learning, it is once again time to acknowledge the unflinching support extended by our UIS parents, the teachers who continue to work tirelessly and above all the wonderful students who continue to impress with their smooth adaptation and mastery of digital skills.

While in this liminal space, students have had to gear up and adapt to very unique learning tools that teachers have been using to deliver quality lessons. Over the weeks, students have become very quick to use all online and digital resources that the school has adopted, MS Teams, MS Forms, Padlet, OneNote, PowerPoint Online to name a few. Along with gains in their knowledge, understanding and values, students are also making positive gains in their digital usage and collaboration skills – which will hold them in good stead as they move forward as learners and later as professionals. Well done students! There's a lot more coming your way and we are sure you will absorb all new learning with ease and excitement.

In this edition, you will see glimpses of the outstanding work our students have sent up along with some wonderful evidences of how positively the Remote Learning Program is working for our learner community in all their subjects. Be it fitness, academics or Jewels of Kindness, UIS students are never shy of being on top of things. Keep going!

Learning never stops! Learning cannot be quarantined! You will also find our student leaders of 2020-2021 featured. The Senior Leadership Team of UIS made it possible to conduct the election, voting and hold rigorous interviews before selecting the dynamic leaders for the year to come. The challenges for these leaders will be unique and so will their solutions to those challenges. I look forward to working with the leaders very closely to bring out the best in them as leaders during distance learning and later.

As a progressive and reflective organization, we value all the feedback you parents provide us as it helps us to make learning happen in the best way possible for your children. Please do keep the feedback coming in.

To sign off, a big 'Thank You' once again to all our UIS teachers and leaders for putting in their very best and for making remote learning fruitful for all our precious and valued UIS students!

Best,

Shaikh Murad Sarfraz

Vice-Principal





A note from our KG Supervisor

Dear Parents,

Greetings to all!

Our RLP sessions have been running smoothly and we have time and again adopted the suggested modifications based on feedback from our students' parents. We were also able to introduce Collaborative presentation in our sessions, which was led by our students. This new introduction was appreciated by all parents including our students. Students took part in presentations around; Literacy, Math, Circle Time, General Awareness and Story sessions. The reason for our success is the continued support by our students' parents.

For this fortnight we celebrated Eid and had a day of Fancy Dress. For the upcoming fortnight we have World Environment Day which will be celebrated on 4th June 2020.

Thank you once again dear parents for partnering with us through this platform of teaching and learning.

Do click on the below links for our social media uploads of Kindergarten.

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Stay safe!

Best wishes,

Preeti Ravela

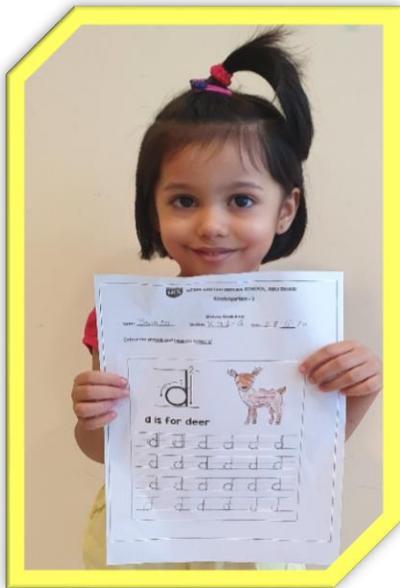
KG Supervisor





LITERACY

This month our students revisited the letters a, b, c & d along with its phonetic sound to the narrated story and also connected the sound with real life objects. Students have been exploring and furthering their learning by listening to songs relevant to their sound and focused on correct letter formation.





NUMERACY

Our students are confident and can connect numbers from 1-6 to real life situations. They are now able to recognize, quantify and place the number under its position in place value. They have also learnt songs related to these numbers.





General Awareness

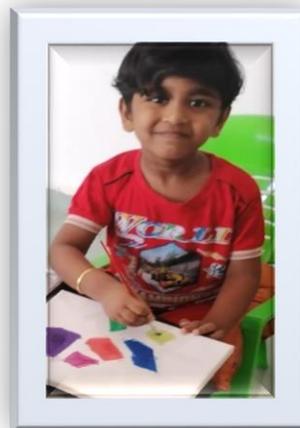
Students had an opportunity to revisit the topic the “Parts of a Body”, for this fortnight. We were amazed with the answers by our tiny buds to the questions that was put forth. They also had an opportunity to present their learning through different activities, as well a collaborative presentation with their peers.





ART

Our amazing artists created a corn, by filling the oval outline with yellow kernels using finger prints. Free hand drawing was another task, which projected that they all have strong observation skills. All these activities have helped them to develop and strengthen their imagination.

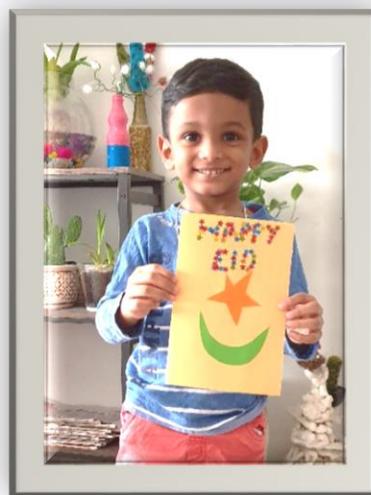




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EID CARD MAKING

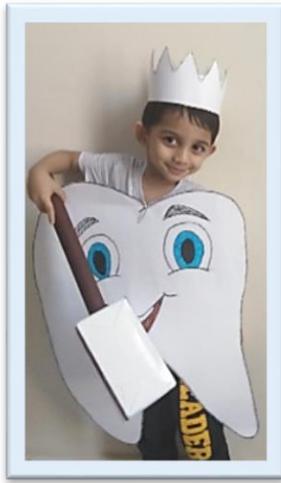
Students celebrated Eid by making a card and shared their views of celebration with their family members.





Fancy Dress Day was held on 31st May 2020.

Our students were dressed up in colourful costumes and presented their thoughts on the character depicted by them. The effort and hard work of our children and parents was clearly visible. The event extensively boosted their confidence.



UPCOMING EVENT:

Thursday 4th June – World Environment Day





Parents' Feedback



Hi Moti ma'am,

Thanks for your mail. I am fine. As far as remote learning is concerned everything is fine from our end. Only requesting you keep the same style of teaching as my daughter is enjoying that and moreover she is comfortable with that.

Regards,

Harsha Jayadevan.



Dear Lakshmi Mam,

We are fully satisfied with the E-learning Class for "Jervis Manoj Ciril / KG1 / Section S"

This is totally a new environment for the students and we are aware of this. We can see the dedication from your side to educate each kids, and we are seeing the enthusiasm of kids enjoying during your class.

Thanks for the efforts from your end during this tough times. Great work Mam.

Thanks,

Regards,

Sheeja Manoj Ciril



Parents' Feedback

Dear Mrs. Preeti,

Hope you are well. This is a long pending email that I really wanted to send you to show my appreciation to all the hard work that Ms. Afreen is putting forward.

She is a very soft spoken, patient and caring teacher. My son, Zayd really enjoys interacting with her. She has been able to bond with the children despite not being able to interact with them face to face in a classroom setting.

She shows a lot of understanding when the children are a bit upset or not in the right mood to concentrate. She makes the sessions as interactive as possible. She gives equal opportunity to all the children and makes sure she gets back to a child who did not answer previously. My son loves attending the classes and can't wait to see her and his friends in person. All this is possible only with the amount of hard work put forward by the whole KG Team.

She is also very polite and professional when talking to the parents and the children. She is open to suggestions and feedback and does her best to address the issues that are pointed out to her.

I would like to wish you all the best in the future and let you know that we parents can see the amount of work it takes to put up each live session. It is really your enthusiasm and commitment that shows every single day.

Thank you for all that your team is doing in this difficult time managing home and work and doing the very best while doing so. Do let us know how much more I can contribute to make it easier for you all.

Kind Regards,

Asma Gani

Parent of Zayd Jibran (KG1 R)



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Lakshmi
and
Moti Rai

