



GEMS UNITED INDIAN SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN 1-NEWSLETTER- MAY 2020



INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents,

Greetings from the Kindergarten team. As we hop into the 2nd month in Kindergarten for this academic year, we have special note from our school leadership team!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

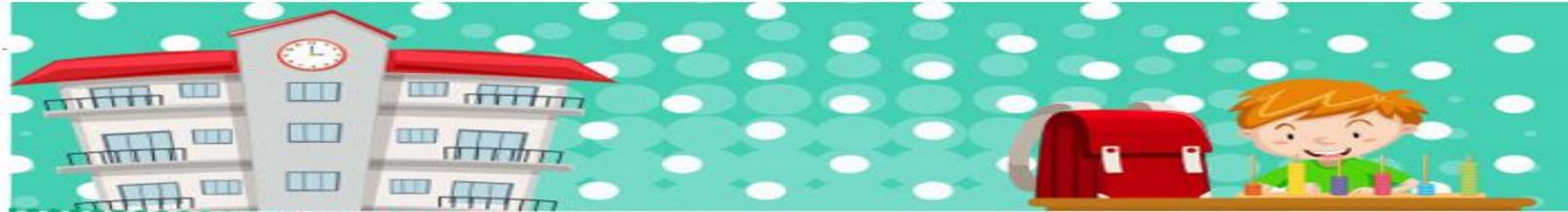


Dear Parent,

GEMS has been delivering academic excellence for more than 50 years and is committed to leading international best practice at all times.

The global pandemic of COVID-19 has resulted in school closures since March 2020. Robust Remote Learning Programmes (RLPs) are in place and our teachers are using innovative tools to provide educational continuity until the anticipated reopening of schools in September 2020.

While parents are encouraged to establish clear routines at home for their learning, they can very well witness the learning taking place at home. We do not expect parents to be makeshift educators. We recommend parents to observe their children's learning style and guide them to improve their learning behaviour. Parents may have a conversation with the child on the character aspects such as responsibility, self-assessment, attitude to improve, growth mind-set (to fight the 'can't learn attitude'), build a sense of relevance and purpose by asking 'how can you use this learning in the real world'?





If you notice carefully, most of the learning tasks that students need to complete are situated in the context of learners' experiences. Our intent is to connect the learner emotionally with the learning content and relate to it as much as possible.

In order to bring in a sense of social interaction, we have scheduled various activities. Your ward may have already participated in intra-class, inter class competitions. Student leadership team is all set to take charge as champions in their area of responsibility. We are turning the challenging stay-home situation into an opportunity for our young innovative minds to work in virtual space.

COVID 19 may have caused several disruptions but we are quickly adapting to the new normal. It may be a completely new experience to the teacher and the student, but most feedback from our wonderful parents is very encouraging and motivating. Together, we can make the stay-home learning time an exciting and enriching experience!

Thank you for your support.

K. George Mathew
Principal/CEO



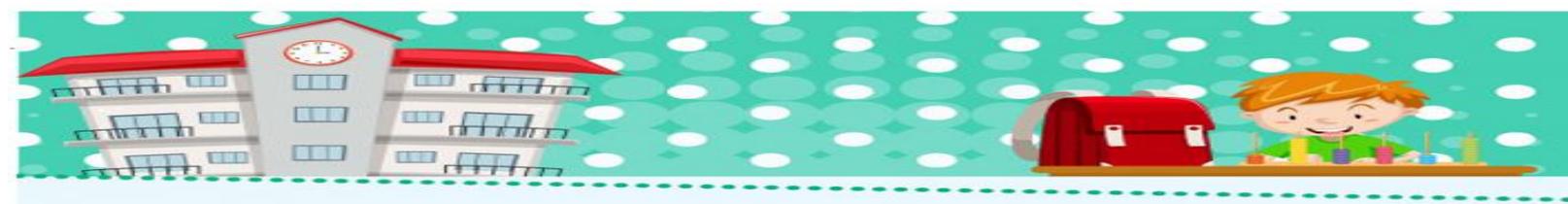
A NOTE FROM OUR VICE PRINCIPAL

Dear UIS Community

It is wonderful to reach out to you once again with snapshots of the fortnight!

The holy month of Ramadan has flown past and we're now on the last stretch of homerun towards Eid. This promises to be a very unique Eid as we remain confined to our spaces and meet and greet our dear ones digitally.

Our students continue to impress as we see them getting more creative and expressive in their performance tasks. All learners have shown resilience and great adaptability as they continue to make very good progress in their learning. Please be sure to visit the social media links shared by the Supervisor to see the wonderful work done by our students. Kudos to the students and parents for all their valued support!





Teachers on the balancing hand have demonstrated unflinching commitment and continue to work round the clock to ensure high quality learning is within every learner's reach. Well done teachers! Hats off to you.

In the following weeks, teachers will be playing additional video clips (between classes) to facilitate simple stretching exercises for their students. Please ensure you are part of these relaxation sessions. While they are aimed for the learners, parents are most welcome to partake in these short sessions.

For those who missed out on the reading links I shared in my previous newsletter message, here are the links for perusal.

KG 1 & 2: Mekids Junior: <http://tmg-worldwide.com/emagazine/aprilmkj/index.html>

Grades: 1 – 3 Mekids: <http://tmg-worldwide.com/emagazine/aprilmk/index.html>

Grades: 4 & UP - The Youngest: <http://tmg-worldwide.com/emagazine/aprilytme/index.html>

While there has been encouraging activity on the ACTIVEKIDS portal, we need more of you students to upload your fitness routines and get rewarded.

I encourage you read all the RLP guidelines for students and parents that are part of this newsletter and follow the same on a daily basis. Inculcation of these values as remote learners will significantly improve their overall development as young learners.

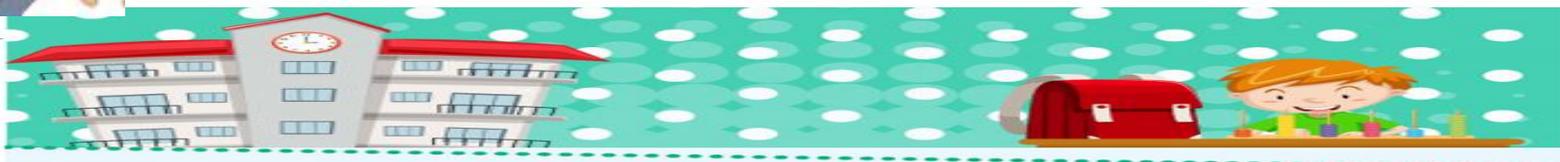
We had a very interesting set of sessions with the student leaders of the school this week. Each of the bright and zestful candidates was eloquent while presenting their skills and thought processes. The selection committee had a tough time selecting leaders from this dynamic bunch. The final list of student leaders will feature in the next edition of the newsletter. Do watch out for that feature.

Until next time, keep the flame of kindness and respect burning bright! We will be sending out requests to share your acts of kindness so please gear up to share your efforts.

Eid Mubarak to all in advance!

Shaikh Murad Sarfraz

Vice-Principal





A NOTE FROM OUR KG SUPERVISOR



Dear Parents,

Greetings and welcome to the month of May. A beautiful month indeed, as it's dedicated to all the lovely moms, across the world.

We are into the 2nd month of teaching and learning and our students' response and consistent feedback from our parents, has helped us to get better and give our best to each of our Kindergarteners.

Do read the pointers which you can find at the end of the newsletter on guidelines of student expected behaviours. We seek your support.

Thank you parents for your confidence in us and also for extending your unwavering support.

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

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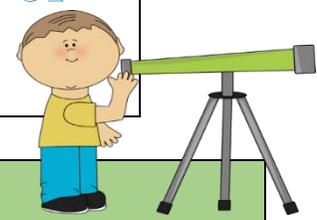
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Best wishes,
Preeti Ravela
KG Supervisor





A GLANCE AT THE FIRST FORTNIGHT OF LEARNING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



LITERACY

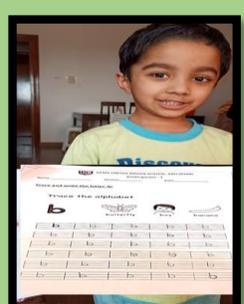
This fortnight students learnt the letter 'b & c' along with its phonetic sound. Students have been exploring and furthering their learning by listening to songs and stories relevant to their sound and focused on the letter formation too.



Kowshik KG1 A



Azrah Nazeer KG1 B



Ishaan-KG1 C



Zara-KG1 D



NUMERACY

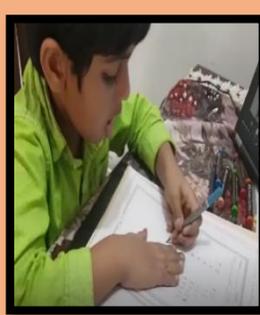
Students learnt about numbers 4 and 5. They are now able to recognize, quantify, place the number under its position in place value and relate them to real life. They also sang songs related to these numbers.



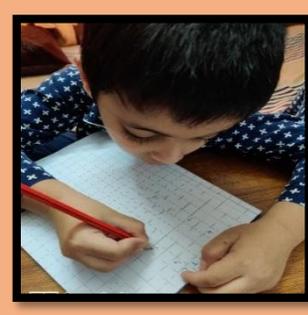
Sara Feroz KG1 A



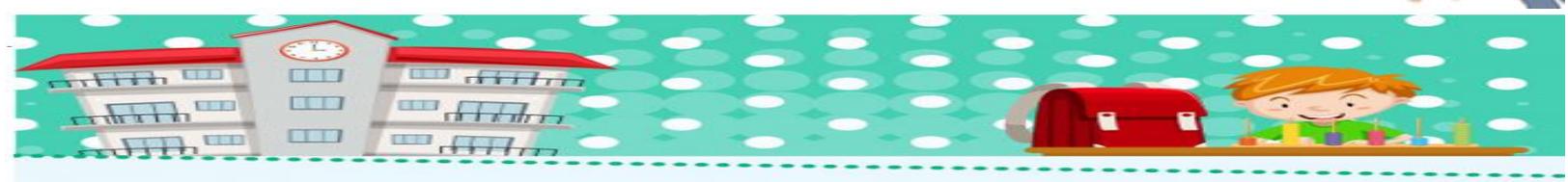
Fajr Zainab KG1 B



Kiaan KG1 C



Jeidan- KG1 D

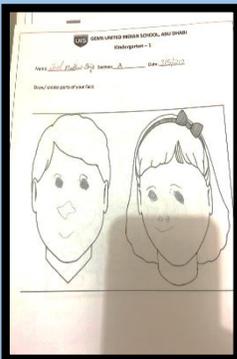




GENERAL AWARENESS



Students were thrilled to learn about “Parts of a Body”, for this fortnight. They were excited to learn and name the parts of a face, its importance, the various senses and practice proper care of their face. Students also had an opportunity to present their learnings’ on prepared task sheets.



Joel Mathew Shijo
KG1 A



Lakshmi Nakshathra
Binosh KG1 B



Jaiden and Joshua-KG1 C & D

ART

We as educators observed that we have amazing artists amongst our Kindergarteners. They did several activities such as, creating a design with paints and tape, plastic lid, craft and hand prints.



Manju Mitra KG1 A



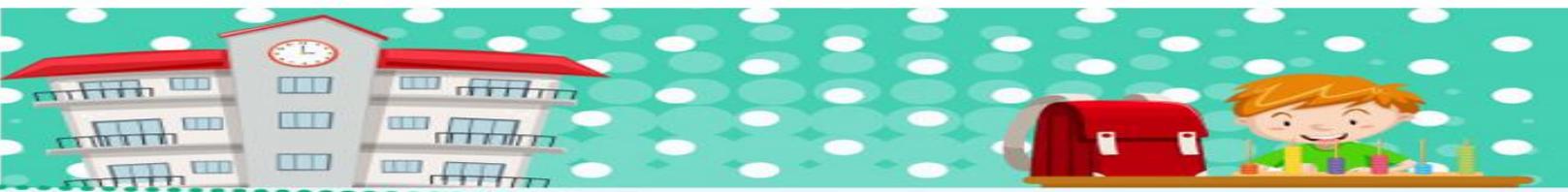
Aydin KG1 B



Neil -KG1 C



Ajwa-KG1 D





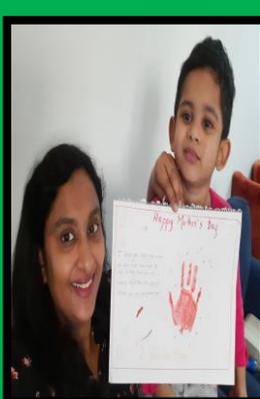
MOTHER'S DAY PICTURES



The Kindergarteners of GUIS made their moms feel very special on 10th May 2020 - Mother's Day. The children made a thank you card for their moms and sang several songs such as 'I love mommy', 'Mommy takes good care of me' and many others. Music matched the melody of the little voices and that truly melted our hearts. Moms, we are sure you felt the same!



Advik- KG1 A



Fvan-KG1 B



Shazil-KG1 C



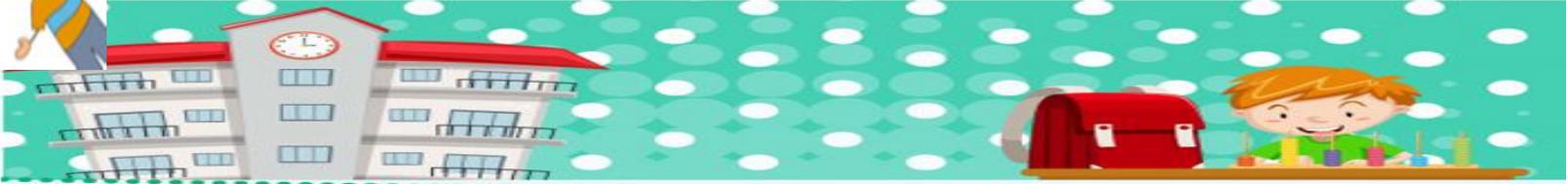
Krisbalji-KG1 D



UPCOMING SPECIAL DAYS

Thursday, 21st May: Eid day – Card making activity

Sunday, 31st May: Fancy Dress Day





Parent's feedback

Dear Miss.Firdous,

I am a mother of Sara KG 1A. I am just email to convey my opinion and thanks to you. We already finished our 1-month eLearning. Therefore, I want to share our experience with you mam. Actually, in the beginning we thought it is difficult to stay kids for long time in front of laptop at the same place. Now you have changed that thought. Kids really love your way of teaching and encouraging attitude. Thanks for being so kind and thoughtful. I am so grateful to you for your patience, enthusiasm and passion. I really appreciate your hard work. Keep up the good work mam... Thank you...

Regards

Sara's mother



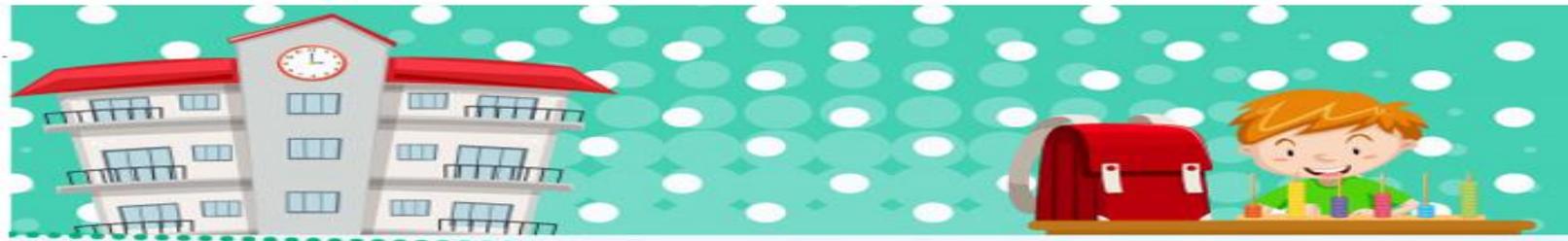
Dear Ma'am,

We are fully satisfied with remote learning classes, they are no concerns and we appreciate the school management and the teacher.

Thank you,

With regards,

Roja(Khyati Mother)-KG1 B





Kindergarten – RLP Expectations for Parents and Students

Dear Parents

Please find below expectations of students and parents during remote learning sessions. We've listed out what you need to know and do during daily routine set-ups, teaching and learning, assessments and in the event of cyber-bullying or violation of safeguarding limits. Parents are requested to explain students' expectations to their wards frequently so their minds are prepared to practice expected behaviours.

As parents, you are requested to practice these guidelines on a regular basis and encourage your children to follow the same to ensure all remote learners and caregivers are demonstrating the ethos and values of GEMS United Indian School.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS			
Daily routine	Teaching-Learning	Assessments	Cyber-bullying alerts
<p>Prepare a comfortable study corner</p> <p>Ensure child is sufficiently supported in his physical set up</p> <p>It would be good for us to see your child neatly dressed for the session, if possible the school uniform would be perfect as it will set a good tone.</p> <p>Support ward by logging onto Teams</p> <p>Make your child independent to use the device for eg; switching on the video, muting/unmuting, etc</p>	<p>Check plans uploaded on Thursday. Pre-recorded videos and expectations are available too.</p> <p>Resources list for the week can be found in curriculum expectations document.</p> <p>Teachers will update every day before ending the session on the topics and resources required for the next day. Kindly keep it ready for smooth transition in lessons.</p>	<p>Keep a track on assessments and assignments sent by teachers</p> <p>During MS Forms assessment, read the question and options to your ward enter answer as chosen by ward, submit back to teacher.</p> <p>Timely feedback and suggestions will be provided by the teacher to further your child's learning.</p>	<p>The safety of our students is of utmost importance.</p> <p>Should you come across anything wrong (children calling each other with hurtful words), kindly reach out to the Teacher followed by the KG Supervisor.</p>
STUDENT EXPECTATIONS			
Daily routine	Teaching-Learning	Assessments	Cyber-bullying alerts
<p>Be seated and to start the session from Circle time.</p> <p>With the support of your parents, keep your required books and stationeries needed.</p> <p>Learn how to handle the device such as mute/unmute and operating the camera button.</p> <p>Take active participation in all sessions</p>	<p>Listen and participate during the teacher's sessions.</p> <p>If you do not understand, excuse yourself and reach out to the teacher.</p> <p>Do try to do the task independently and if you need support our guidance do ask for the same.</p> <p>Remember when another child is answering even though you know the answer wait for your peer to finish.</p> <p>Do follow the sign language used by all.</p>	<p>With the support of your parent, complete the given tasks and assignments and do remind your parents to mail the same.</p> <p>When doing assessments on MS forms only allow your parent to read the question. You should try to answer the question independently.</p>	<p>If any student says something that you felt bad about, please let your parent know.</p>

