



ST. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL
SECTOR-49, GURUGRAM

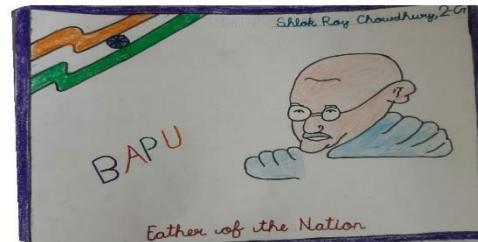
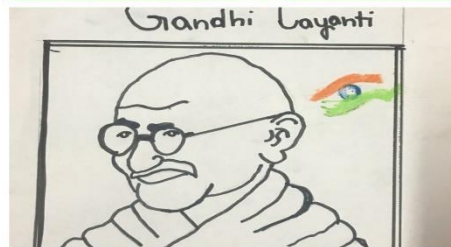


PRESENTS

XAVRONICLE

NEWSLETTER (OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2020)

GRADE- II



Gandhi Jayanti

"Ahimsa is the highest duty. Even if we cannot practice it fully, we should try to understand its spirit and stay away from violence"- Mahatma Gandhi

Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated on 2 October every year to mark the birth anniversary of the father of the nation, one of the country's icons in the Indian independence movement. Renowned globally for his non-violent approaches to bring about change. The purpose of this day is to honour the iconic leader on his birthday.

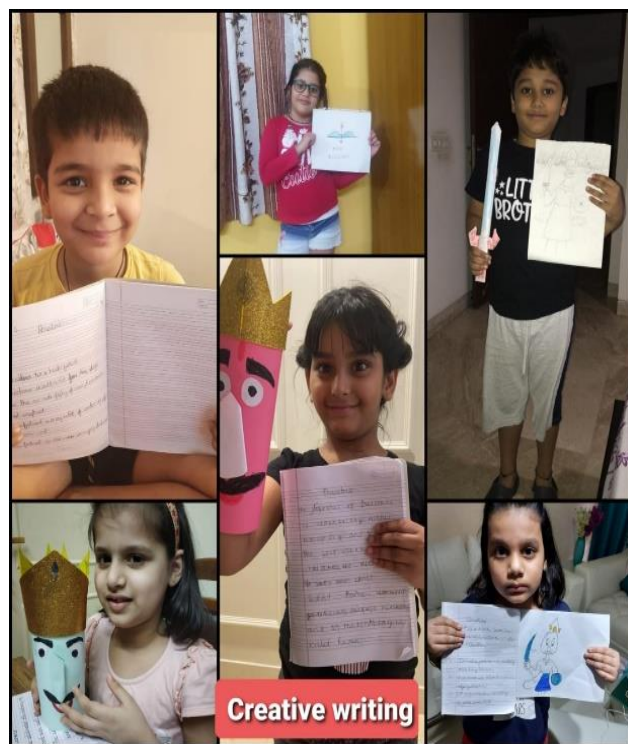
As part of the celebrations of 151st Birth Anniversary, Children from Grade 1 and Grade 2 of St Xavier's High School celebrated this event by showcasing their love for 'Bapu' as was affectionately known to the masses through their creative and innovative illustrations.

Dussehra Celebration

The festival of Dussehra is celebrated with much fervour and enthusiasm across the country. According to the Hindu religious text, "The Ramayan", it is the day when Lord Rama had eliminated the King of Lanka, Ravana, who had kidnapped his wife, Goddess Sita. This festival is celebrated as a symbol of victory of good over evil. The children of St Xavier's High school celebrated this festival with great enthusiasm with various activities online.

A brainstorming session on "Victory of Good Over evil" was conducted and children were asked to write few lines on 'Dussehra' in the form of creative writing. Children penned down creative lines and depicted pictures of Dussehra through their beautiful drawings.

These enriching sessions conducted truly gave an insight of innovation and creativity of children across all age groups.



October Fest'2020

The school is termed as society of learners. Gone are the days when schools gave us a big picture of academic growth only. Definitely, a school now a days are putting a great emphasis on co-curricular activities which enhances the overall development of student's personality. St. Xavier's High school, sec-49, organized an enriching & engaging virtual week event on MS Teams - 'October Fest' for Pre- Nursery – Grade2 students.

The week -long programme included:



Day-1:-

Event 1- Play Dough Clay Modeling.
Our little Sculptors squeezed, rolled and blended the clay to make some unique and amazing creations like scenery, rose, frog, butterflies, donuts, vegetables, aquarium, computer, Lord Ganesha and displayed them with pride.

Event 2 - Solo Dance (Indian or Western)

Dance is the most enthusiastic and expressive means to shower oneself. With the aim of honing the dancing skills of the students, young ones were given a platform to explore their talents and express their feelings through body movements.



Day-2: -



Event 1 - Best out of waste was a visual treat to watch little hands at work and create magic out of nothing. Their smiling faces glowed with pride as they displayed their final creativity.

Event 2 - Vocal Music "Music is like a magic key to which the most tightly closed hearts open". This was proved correct as the melodious little singers of St Xavier's sang some beautiful compositions, swaying with their mikes, guitars and similar aids and even dancing along to the tunes.





Day 3:-

Event 1: Instrumental Music
This event showcased our young talented musicians where they created music with various objects at home. Some children played musical instruments like Guitar, Tabla and some created their own instruments also.

Event 2: Stand-up Comedy/ Dialogue Delivery of famous cartoon character
This event brought out the hidden talent amongst our young learners where they were dressed up in colourful costumes, narrated dialogues and enacted as their favourite cartoon character. Few children came up with humorous jokes leaving the audience in splits.



DAY 4:-



Event 1-Fashion Show where children dressed up highlighting the material they created out of recycled products and presented in their own style. Each child carried themselves with grace and confidence and floored everyone with their presentation at this young age truly conveying 'Recycled Fashion is a way to go'.

Event 2- Fire free cooking where our little chefs gave true competition to the Master chefs by preparing salads, sandwiches and many more mouth- watering food items which were a true visual treat as it was beautifully presented in an artistic and aesthetic style.



Day 5:-

Culmination -The 4 daylong events came to an end leaving beautiful memories to cherish, opened new doors of learning & most of all strengthened the bond of love.....

It was mesmerizing moment to watch our blooming buds with such a multi-talented skill through a presentation specially made for the occasion. The students also shared their WOW moment!

The event was organized to explore and encourage creativity in students and offer them a unique platform to showcase their skills. It was a splendid show of masterstrokes by our young and talented students.

We take this opportunity to thank our parents who helped us make this event October Fest a great success...



The Spooky Ostentation

The season when ghosts become friends and tricking is treated well .the season when pumpkin pie becomes the favourite dish and spider webs and its creator are no longer feared , they are welcoming decorations . The time of the year when the leaves bid farewell to the tree trunk...it's the season of the fall of the five petals , its autumn... the Halloween autumn where the spook sets the tone for the holiday season to settle in. It's that time of the year when the cold winter wind offers to go hand in glove with the warm spooky mist to engulf the festivity into a comfortable blanket of seven-fold horror and still feel happy about it . Halloween in its true essence is welcoming the dead and of course cosplay and buckets of candies . But in the end just like all the festivals , it brings people together .

Happy Halloween. Children of Grade 2 had a fun-filled evening by celebrating Halloween on a virtual Platform.



RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS

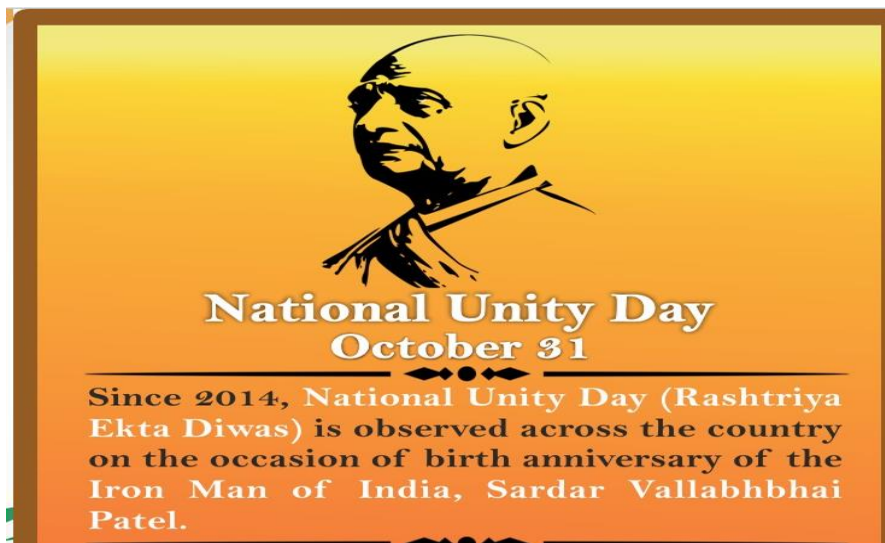
OCTOBER 31ST

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) is celebrated in India on 31 October every year since 2014. The day is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was Indian freedom fighter and Independent India's first deputy prime minister and home minister.

In 2014, the Government of India introduced Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day with an aim to pay tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary. He is always remembered for his extraordinary works for the country. On this day students of St. Xavier's High School learned more about the '**Iron Man Of India**' and took pledge to dedicate themselves to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation.





St. Xavier's High School, Sector- 49,
Gurgaon



LAUGHTERCIZING WEEK

NUR. TO GRADE II - 2ND TO 6TH NOV.2020



*A day without laughter
is a day wasted*

Laughtercizing Week

Our little Xaverians who epitomise the beauty of a budding flower and are on the path to full bloom in years to come have to be nurtured with utmost care and pure love.

In the strange times we live, wherein our life seems like a sprint rather than a marathon can lead to a pessimistic attitude when we compare our lives with those of others on an hourly basis based on their posts and updates, a positive outlook in our approach towards situations and circumstances is imperative.

This approach can be augmented by a daily dose of induced laughter in the form of Jokes / Riddles / Tongue Twisters etc. These are medicine and food for the soul and mind.

An intelligent approach towards manifestation of positivity has to be learnt by kids and taught judiciously by mentors and teachers.

Laughtercizing Week was our endeavour towards achieving the above. We hope to have filled a joyous attitude in our little students.

Diwali Celebrations at St Xavier's

Diwali, the festival of lights is celebrated across India amidst friends and well-wishers. It symbolises the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. It is a festival full of sweet childhood memories, making colourful rangolis, mouth full of sweets, house full of diyas and heart full of joy.

To spread the cheer of the festival, This Diwali we at St Xavier's had a week-long celebration. Xaverians pledged to celebrate "Green Diwali" and observe "Cracker free Diwali". Students were shown stories of Diwali and were told the significance of Cracker free Diwali.

Xaverians of the pre-primary and primary wing took active part in Virtual Ramayana, cinematic style. Teachers explained the importance of Diwali, how the festival spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, good over evil, and hope over despair.

Children were involved in lot of activities like slogan making on cracker free Diwali celebration, they had virtual playdates with their teachers where they decorated diyas with colours and glitter and made greeting cards to share with their friends. Both Teachers and students enjoyed the Diwali celebrations wholeheartedly

The week-long celebration ended with a wish for everyone- "To celebrate a pollution free, Green Diwali and Prayers to keep everyone safe & celebrate a pandemic free Diwali next year".

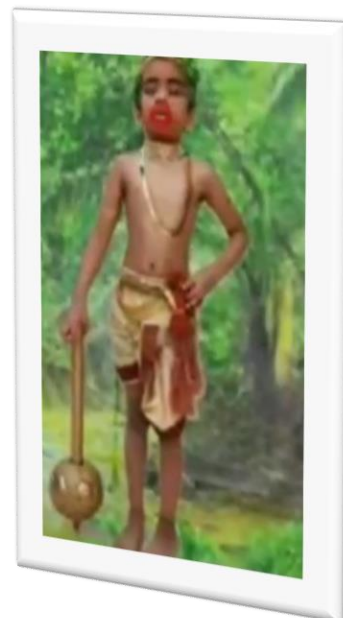
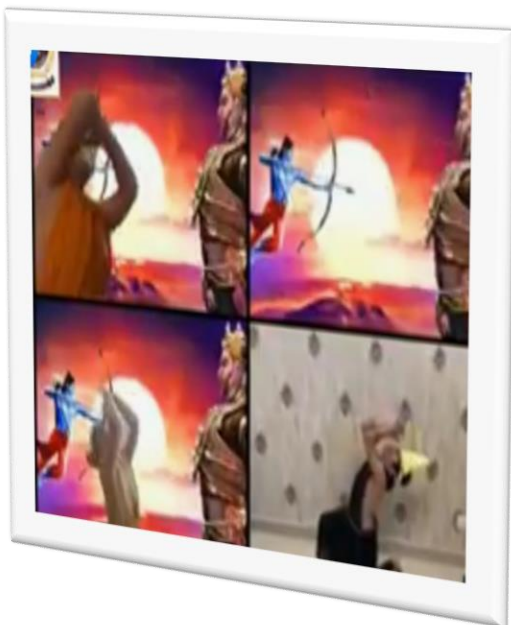
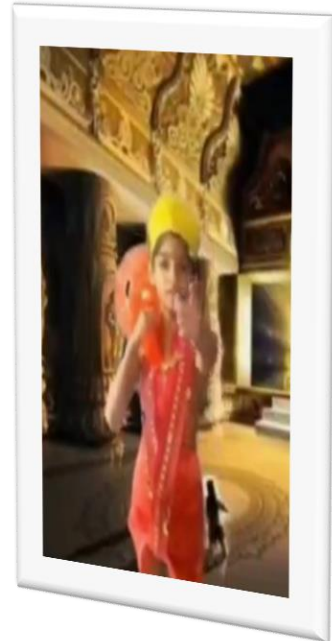
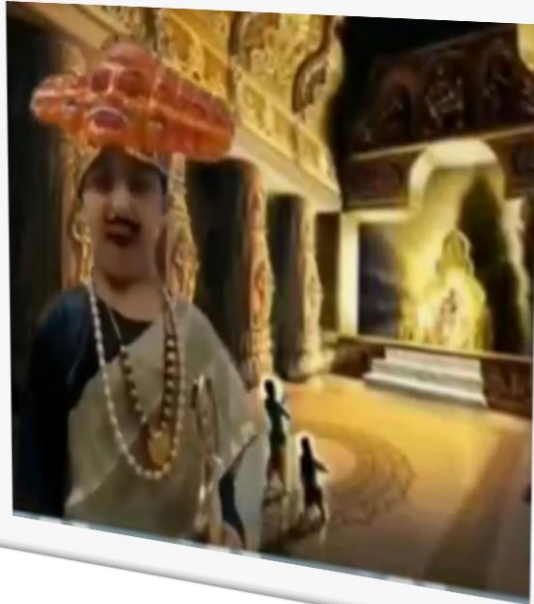
Diya Decorations -Play Date



Slogan Writing -Celebrate Green



Virtual Ramayan



Grade 2A Virtual Class Assembly

Celebration of Universal Children's Day!



Class Assembly

The students of class 2-A participated in a special class assembly on 20th November 2020, which was conducted in the backdrop of the Universal's Childrens day, an international annual event, with the assembly focussing on the same. One of the main inspirations for this assembly was D.r A.P.J Abdul Kamal, a person who was known to love children, who inspired all students to pursue their dreams. While the pandemic forced this yearly, co-scholastic activity to be done in a online format on Microsoft teams, all the students worked with great enthusiasm, and enjoyed a lot. Every student from the class was asked about their dreams and aspirations, and they dressed up and presented themselves according to what they want to be in the future. Children took a pledge that they would chase their dreams and make it come true. The students performed extremely well, and enjoyed immensely.



Guru Nanak Jayanti

To celebrate this propitious festival, the Xaverians of Gurugram sec-49 **Grade 2-B students organized a special assembly on Guru Nanak Jayanti on 27th November, 2020 on M.S Teams** with great zeal and enthusiasm. The assembly begins with school prayer and Ek Onkar enchantment, which was followed by a small skit on a overview and knowledge about Guru Nanak Dev Ji's great life. The teachings of the Guru Nanak Dev ji enlightened everyone.



The students dressed in traditional attire and a beautiful virtual backdrop totally mesmerized the look. The students made the speechless performance which was witnessed by all the students, teachers and parents of grade 2. Head mistress ma'am Ms. Sheba Thapar closed this beautiful assembly by appreciating and motivating students through her golden words of wisdom.

Grade 2C Virtual Class Assembly

Eating Healthy and staying Fit

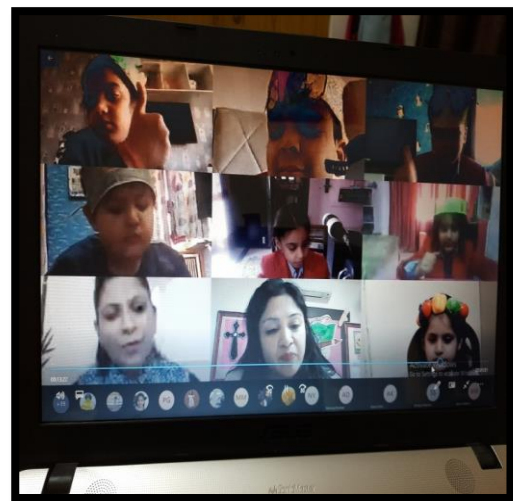
Assemblies are an important feature of School's routine and they form a significant part of the school curriculum.

Through assembly we are able to create a positive attitude, reflect ethos and promote value-based education.

To nurture and develop the intrapersonal intelligence among students an assembly was conducted by grade 2 -D on the topic "Eating healthy and stay fit".

Health is a true wealth and that's why considered as highest form of happiness. Emotional, social, mental and physical health are all interrelated...as what we eat makes what we are and exercise on the other hand not only changes your body but also your mind and attitude. Our students holding high head gears of healthy food and sharing their ideas on importance of eating healthy and stay fit certainly were indicating as the major consideration to build your immunity to fight this pandemic of covid- 19 and come out of it safe and fit.

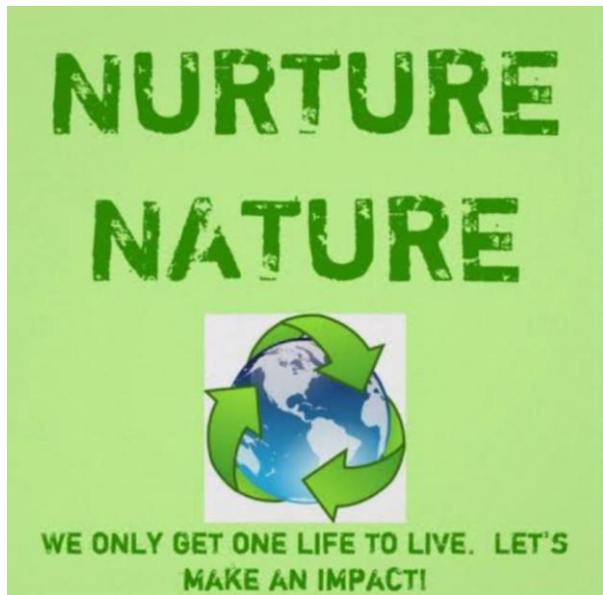
The assembly was beautifully culminated by our headmistress ma'am Ms. Sheba Thapar inspiring students with her motivating words and showering them all with praise and love.



Grade 2D Virtual Class Assembly

Nurture Nature

This assembly was put up by grade 2-C . The kids were so enthusiastic to participate in the assembly on a virtual platform for the first time. They were eagerly waiting for the assembly day. The preparations for the assembly had started almost two weeks before the assembly date. The topic of the assembly was NURTURE NATURE. In the assembly the main focus was on how as babies we can nurture the nature. The performance of all the students was remarkable. Students concluded the assembly by taking the pledge to nurture the nature.



Obedience

Grade 2E Virtual Class Assembly

Assemblies are an important feature of School's routine. They also form a significant part of the school's curriculum. They are a means to create a positive, reflective ethos and promote value-based education. They powerfully nurture the development of intrapersonal intelligence.

On 17th December, the students of class 2E presented their assembly on the topic Obedience. Obedience is an act of spiritual discipline. It helps to build a person's character. Obedience is an essential element of human society. Since childhood all of us are trained to practice obedience. But we must try to adopt obedience in a progressive manner. A person must obey his elders or superiors. Children must obey their parents. Students must obey their teachers. We should remember that obedience is the rule of life and without it life is never complete.

Students came to know about its importance of obedience and its value in their lives. A small skit scripted by the students showed how important it is to obey their parents, elders and teachers in order to become successful. The skit ended with a beautiful song on importance of obedience.

The assembly could not have concluded without a message from our headmistress, Ms. Sheba Thapar, who advised the children to be obedient and more responsible. Indeed, it was a wonderful assembly.



English Handwriting Competition

Handwriting activates the brain and develops complex motor and cognitive skills. Good handwriting contributes to reading fluency because it activates visual perception of letters.

To encourage and inculcate good Handwriting amongst our young learners of Xavier's, English handwriting competition was conducted on 09.12.2020 for children of Grade 1 and 2. Children truly surprised us with beautiful and neat handwriting. Kudos to our learners for presenting their work with perfect and graceful handwriting.



Oreo moon phases activity.

Why does the Moon look different throughout the month?

The Moon has "phases." That means it looks a little different to us each night during its one-month orbit of our planet. We describe how the Moon looks with terms such as "Full Moon," "First Quarter," and "New Moon". More facts about moon were discussed through Oreo cookies activity or Oreo moon phases activity.

Grade two learners enjoyed a bit of edible astronomy with this Oreo moon phases activity. Through this activity learners explored how the moon's shape or moon phases change over the course of the month with a favourite cookie sandwich. They learned the moon phases with this simple moon craft activity and snack.

Children enjoyed making "New Moon" and "Full Moon" by slowly twisting the cookies, separating Oreo cookies while keeping the frosting /cream intact was a fun challenge for them. They made the different phases of the moon by scraping off the cream.





The COVID-19 lockdown situation affected people all over the world. Despite all of the disadvantages, the situation offered new experiences, perspective and pushed education advances forward as never before. Something that seemed to be unreal became a worldwide reality within a few days.

'Podtales' - One more feather added to the crown of St. Xavier's High School sec -49.

The lady behind the vision Ms. Sheba Thapar, believes ever since the concerns regarding increase in screen time for kids bothered her, the best idea popped out was turning to podcast as a fun way to engage kids without the screen.

Stories teach us about life, about ourselves and others. **Storytelling** is a unique way for students to develop an understanding, respect and appreciation for each other, and can promote a positive attitude. It enhances- listening skills, public speaking skills, boost self-confidence and the list goes on.

However, with the most challenging and unpredictable time, one must ensure that we learn and educate ourselves in the right way. At the same time equip ourselves with the changing technology.

The idea gave birth to a new concept - **'Xaverian Podtale'** - Stories for the Xaverians, and by the Xaverians....

The launch webinar on 12th December 2020 was witnessed by a large number of audiences with Mr. Joshi, as a guest speaker who is an Educationist, Story Teller, Podcaster and Life Skill Trainer.

St. Xavier's High School, sec-49 proudly podcasted its first ever 'Xavierian Podtale-1' on 21st December 2020 on the Topic- 'The Story of Santa Claus' by our first podcaster



Nativity Play



Celebrating events and festivals in school has become an integral part of learning and building a strong cultural belief. Through virtual play we are able to bring the students closer to each other's traditions and develop respect and understanding for each other's customs and traditions. To nurture and develop the intrapersonal intelligence among students the Nativity play was performed by grade 2 students on the occasion of "Christmas". The play was a mix of roleplay, carol singing and dances. It was a three days event which was broadcasted on Facebook from 22nd-24th December. Scene 3-Epiphany was performed by 48 students of Grade 2. Students enjoyed and had a great learning experience through the same.

Testimonials

Hello ma'am,

I had once raised concern regarding his Hindi, as he loves Swathi ma'am's class, all enthusiastic and independent during all her subjects and used to hide and try to avoid and cry and needed our help for Hindi.

I really appreciate that you have worked on our concerns and I'm really happy to share his progress with you. He is able to read and showing a lot of improvement, he is very independent even in Hindi class now.

Thank you for working on our concerns. It's a big relief to see how he loves to attend the classes and actually misses class when it is over.

Thanks to the wonderful teachers.

*Mother of Aarav Methil
Grade 2A*

***Dear Mukta ma'am,
I would like to thank you for your immense dedication
and encouragement shown towards all class 2B students. I
would especially like to thank you for all the guidance
given to Mariam, we definitely see a great change and
improvement in her now. Thanks for all the hard work
that you are putting in.***

Warm Regards

Syed Saif

Father of Mariam

Class 2B

Respected Ma'am

Firstly, I would like to thank all the teaching staff, administration and the school committee for providing best of education to our children in tough times. I am highly impressed with Mrs Mukta Narula as the way she teaches. The warmth she has, ensuring each child understands, clearing doubts, managing students without even raising her voice, her presentations, her study material and more over her connection that she has build during these virtual classes is exemplary. During my career and my school I have hardly seen few teachers giving their more than 100%. I want to thank the teacher for her patience and love which she shows during the class.

Regards

Preeti Sachan

Mother of Sharanya Tewari

Class 2-B