



Epistemo  
Vikas Leadership School

# Epistemo Lemur's News



Greetings from Epistemo!

The month of November has always been a colourful one. While nature festooned the campus in brilliant autumn colours and the sun played hide and seek, the lemurs had their own share of colourful celebrations. Here is a quick peek into all the goings on in campus this November.

### Children's Day Celebrations

November 14, Children's Day was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm at Epistemo. The day began with Inter house sports competitions for Grades 3 to 10. Following the games, teachers presented a delightful cultural program to entertain the lemurs, and before dispersing for the day, students were treated to snacks specially prepared by the teachers. A wonderful Children's Day treat was the takeaway for the Lemurs.





































## Quiz

Quiz on campus was held on November 16 at the school auditorium. The quiz was conducted for students for grades 8,9,10 as part of inter-house competitions.

Preliminary rounds had already been conducted at school level to choose the final participants for each house on the quiz. We had 4 teams of 2 students representing each of the four houses. Along with them, there were also two parents per team, chosen by a draw of lots.

It was an exciting battle of wits led by the quiz mistress for the day, Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni. The quiz rounds covered subjects as varied as Art, Literature, GK, History, Math, Science and Performing arts. It was a fun filled morning for all, with the audience too pitching in with answers for some questions that had the teams flummoxed. There were several takeaways for the participants and the audience.

















## Field Trips

On 13 November 2019, the PPs went on a tour of a neighboring township. Our Lemurs had the opportunity to explore the places of worship, the weekly market and other places of interest inside the township. At the market, they saw vendors hawking a variety of vegetables and fruits and got a feel of how weekly markets operate. They also visited the post office, a factory, milk booth and bus stand. Through this visit Lemurs learnt all about places in the neighbourhood that we often visit. They also learnt about community helpers and their workplaces. It was an enjoyable learning experience for the little ones.





Lemurs of Grade 1 and 2 had an experiential learning experience about plants. They were taken to the Botanical Gardens where they had the opportunity to observe different types of plants, and learnt about how they could be classified. They were excited to be in the colourful world of plants and flowers. They played with the statues of animals at the park. They identified ways to take care of plants and had great fun.





## Assembly

Grade 3 lemurs got the chance to present elaborate assembly activities in the month of November. Each house presented their creativity through different art forms emphasizing the value of the month-Collaboration. Archimedes House presented a skit; Odysseus House sang a delightful song and delivered value talk; an appealing mime and song was presented by Pythagoras House and a skit by Socrates House.













## Student Achievers.

Nitya Shree of Grade 6 was felicitated as a student achiever by Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni for her extraordinary talent and gift for music at a very young age. A versatile singer, Nityashree is at ease with Carnatic, Hindustani and light music. She plays the piano and the Harmonium with equal poise. Apart from a host of awards and prizes to her credit, Nityashree has also had the opportunity to sing in a concert for Dr. A.R. Rahman Foundation in Chennai, and was part of a show hosted by Music composer Shankar Mahadevan in 2018. Epistemo is proud to honour Nityashree for her remarkable achievements at a very young age, and wishes her success in all her future endeavors.

Tripura Sai Shreshta of grade 4 was awarded the title “Natya Kausthubha” in the dance competition organized by Tyagaraja Gana Sabha



To create awareness amongst the young students about the Indian art and cultural heritage, IN-TACH (INDIAN NATIONAL TRUST FOR ART AND CULTURAL HERITAGE), HYDERABAD, conducted a ‘Heritage Quiz’ on 20th November at Salar Jung Museum. Hardik J & Smritika.V, of Grade 10 along with Guru Sai and Sai Pranav of grade 9 participated in the quiz .

A Regional level Science Fair for CBSE schools was organized on 25th and 26th November, at DAV Public School, Safilguda. The aim of the fair was to generate curiosity, and develop scientific attitude amongst learners.

Our Lemurs Purab Agrawal, Prisha Agrawal, Vibhor Murti and Saharsh B, have presented their innovative projects and research work along with their Mentors, Ms Sridevi Ratnamala and Dr Bhargavi.





The school continued its winning spree this month, with a slew of awards and prizes. Ujjwal of grade 5 stood as winner under Category - 4 in 2nd Hyderabad open art competition held at Phoenix arena on 10 November.



Ujjwal of grade 5 B participated in Badminton Championship 2019 organized Club Sportico Badminton Academy on 23 & 24 November and bagged Bronze medal under Parent and Kid category .



Revanth Ainala of grade 10 bagged Bronze medal in SGFI Ranga Reddy athletics selections under 17 category on 16 Nov.'19.

Tanay of grade 6 participated in SGFI cricket state level competition

Our Lemurs have participated in CBSE BHEL Clusters Under 14 & Under 16 Basketball competitions from 25 to 28 Nov.'19. Giana of grade 8 and Anirudh of grade 8 achieved " Best Player " medal in under 14 category and under 16 boys reached semi finals which will be held on 2 December at Birla Open Minds.



Our Lemurs **participated** in Cambridge Community Athletics and Swimming competition, bringin home a host of prizes and the overall championship trophy as well.

The results of the competition are as follows: In Athletics for grades 5 & 6, Parth of grade 5 has won gold in 100m and long jump. In grades 7 & 8 girls, Gianna of grade 7 won gold in 100m and 200m. Akshat of Grade 7 got silver in 100m and gold in 200m ; Revanth.A got gold in 100m and 200m . Ritwik of grade 10 won gold in 100m and long jump and bronze in 200m; Sundari of grade 8 won gold in 100m and Archita won gold in 200m. The school won the relay competition for both girls and boys in junior and senior categories. Congratulations to the Lemurs for their brilliant performance on the field.











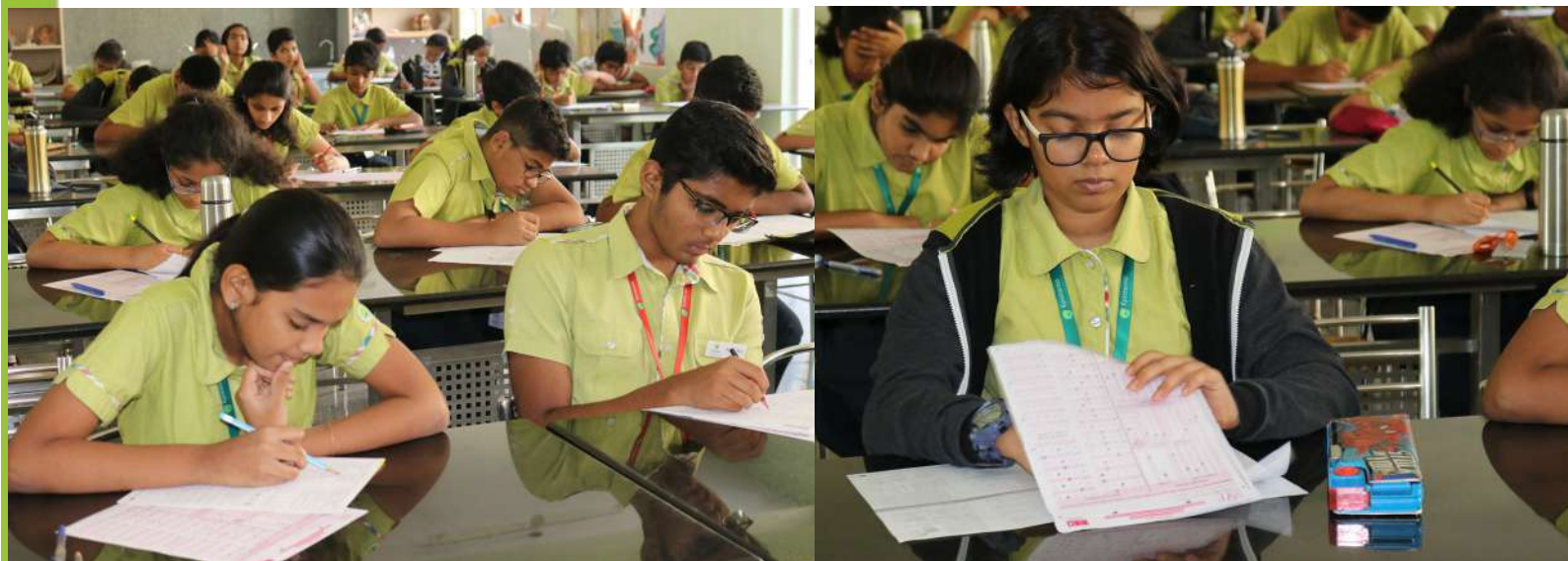


## External Exams

The IEO (International English Olympiad) was conducted in campus on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019. A total of 120 students from grades 1-10 attempted the test while a total of 123 students appeared for the National Science Olympiad that was conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.



For cultivating scientific reasoning and logical ability among the students through a rigorous test, NSO (National Science Olympiad) was conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Total 130 students have registered from classes I to X, out of which 123 students attempted the test.



With an aim of identifying and nurturing future scientists, technologists and IT talent at school level, Epistemo conducted the National Cyber Olympiad on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. Out of 43 students who registered, 42 attempted the test.





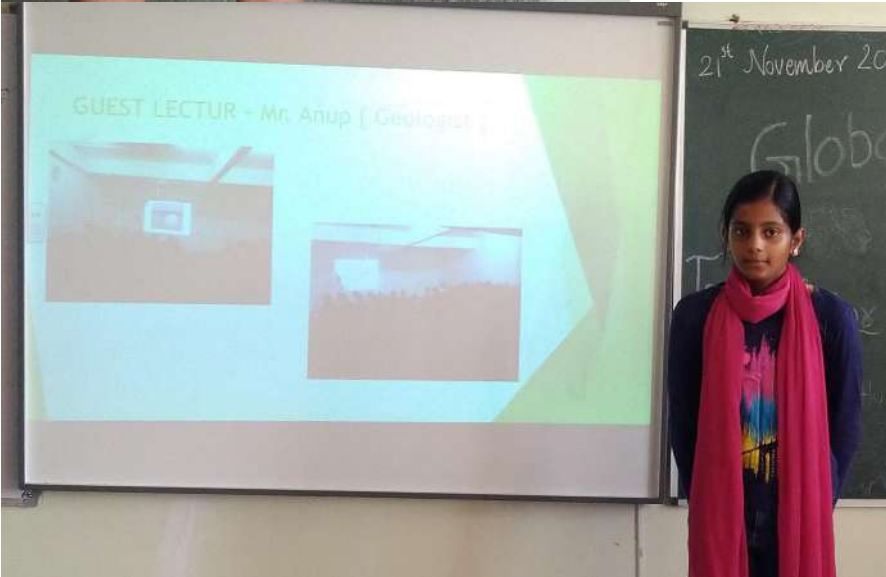
## Global Perspective

Reflection Day on Unit 4 for grade 1 to grade 8 was on November 21, 2019. These reflections are directed, meticulous efforts to bring global perspective and 21st century skills into the classroom. We have pursued this reflection day ritually at the completion of every unit. Here, students get the opportunity to find and evaluate their concepts & skills learnt over the course of the unit. We take pride that through the global perspective program, we are developing our Lemurs to be confident, international minded and globally competent students.

Our Lemurs had very interesting guest talk from well-known geologist Mr. Anup Banerjee, who took out time to address our students and shared his wisdom and rich experiences with the young audience.













Grade-3 Lemurs did Yardstick activity on Multiplications which is very interesting and most helpful for their upcoming grades





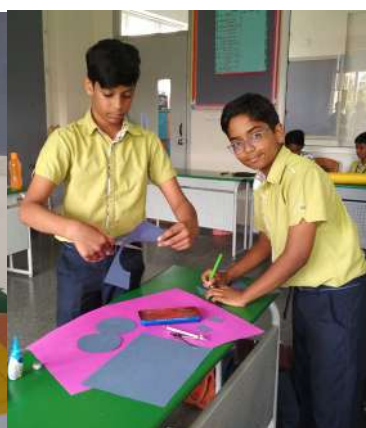
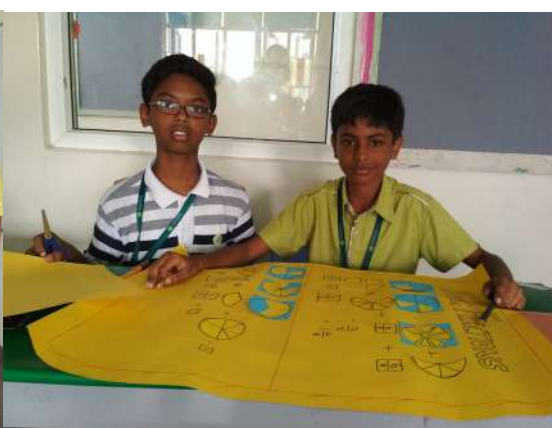
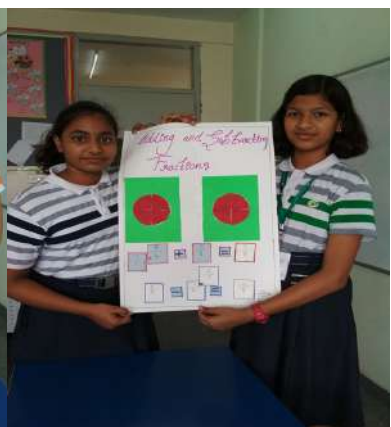
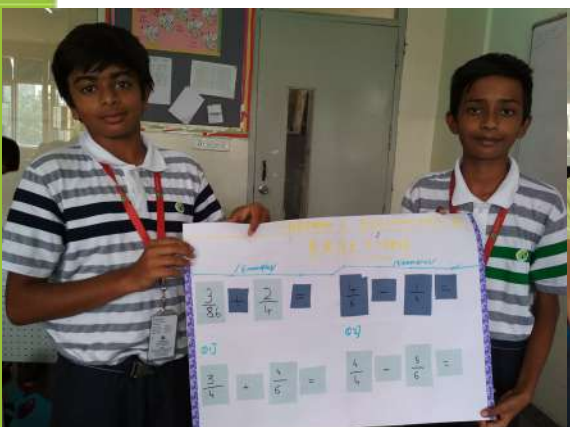
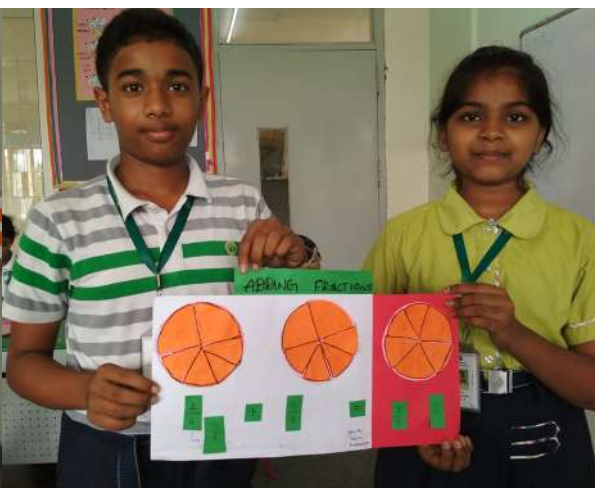
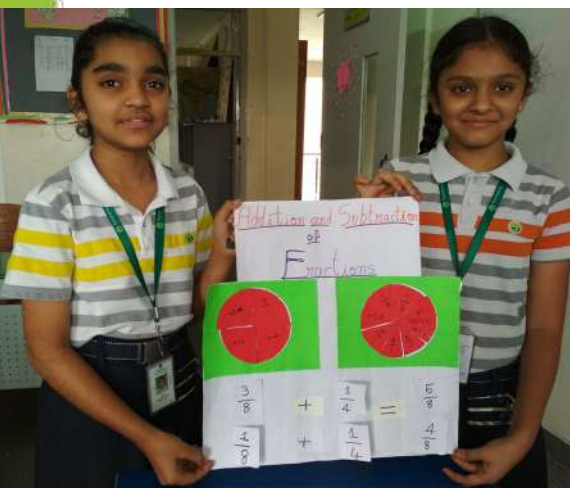
Grade 4 lemur had fun in doing fraction patterns yardstick activity. This activity includes how to find equivalent fractions and how the patterns are represented. Additionally they got a worksheet in which practiced their learning. The activity was fun and students enjoyed doing it again and again.



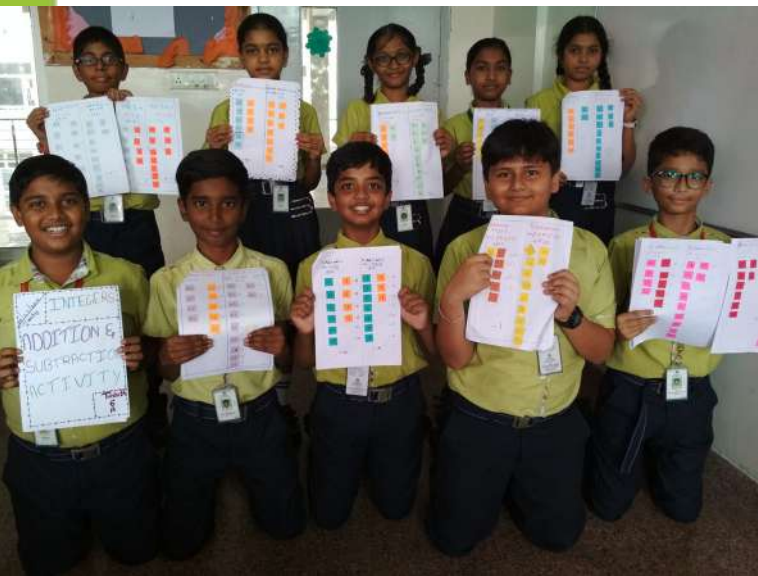
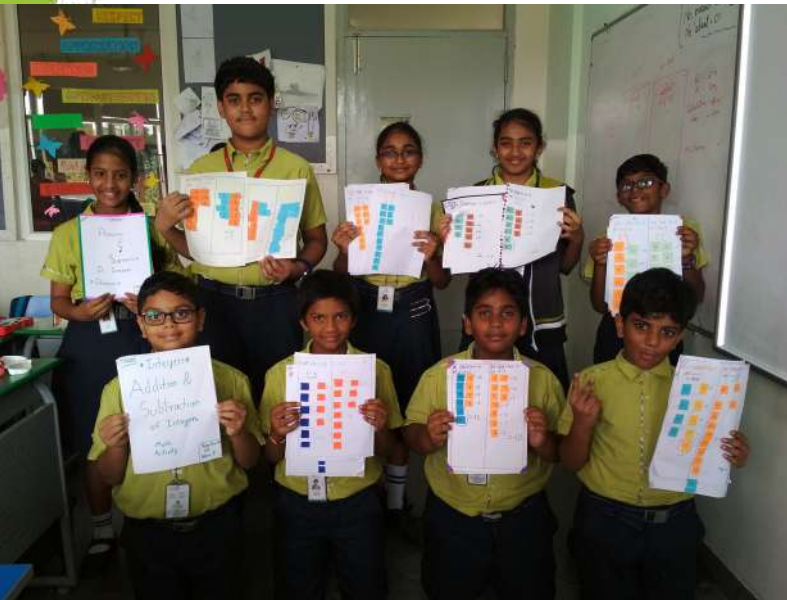






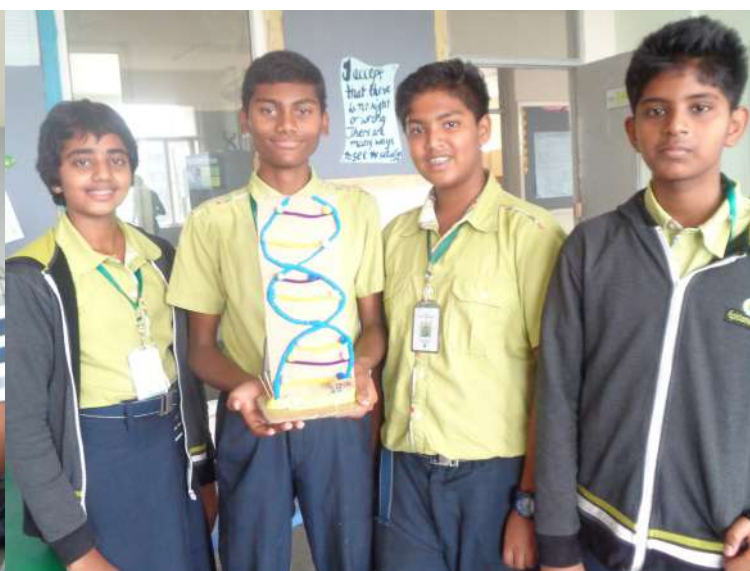
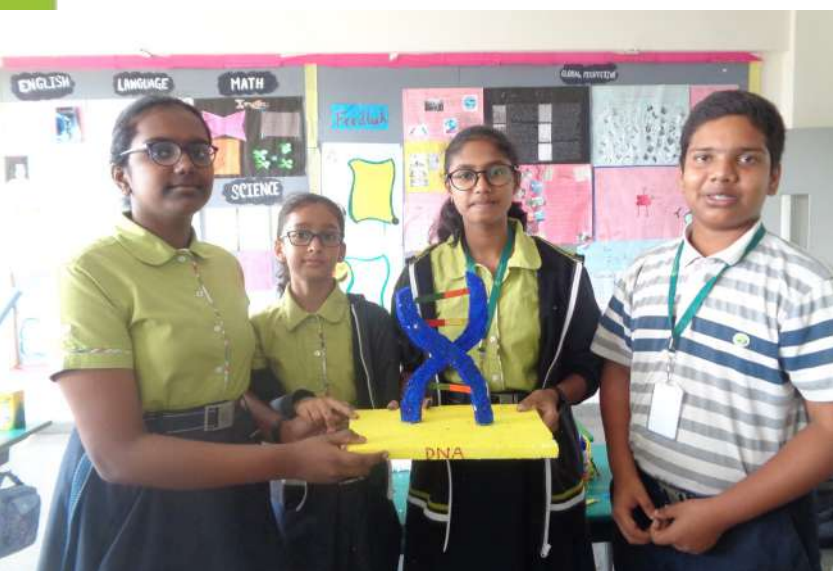








Modelling the DNA enabled kids to understand the concept of DNA in a fun and interesting way. Children of Grade 8A & 8B used different materials such as old newspapers, clay of different colors, straws, coloured cello tapes, carton pads to create models of DNA and replicate its structure





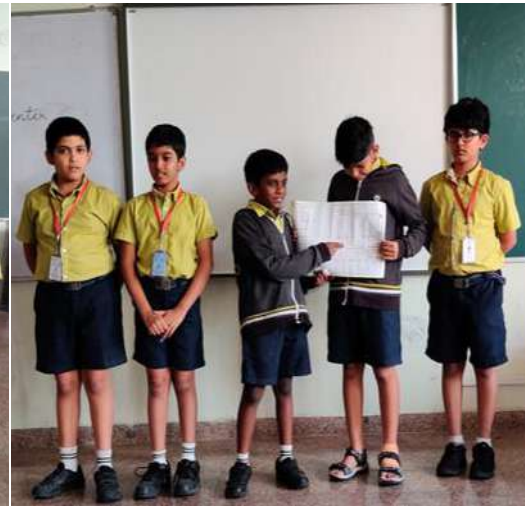
Grade 4 had an interesting and lively contest of argumentation or debate. Students were divided into teams which defended and attacked a given proposition. The topic of debate was "Whether homework should be given in schools or not". Grade 4 students surprisingly used logical, defensible statements that worked together to create a point. The debaters used strong counter arguments to build their cases which rested on facts and evidence rather than fallacies. The students made strong rebuttals like seasoned debaters. All in all it was great fun as well as motivating.





Grade5 children, as a part of learning, were trying to understand how to turn a person who commits a mistake (minor or major) into a good person. This gave them an opportunity to understand the psychology or emotional behavior of an accused child.

Children came up with wonderful and innovative presentations, they even made models and digital presentations to make their presentations more effective.





Students of 8 A did a group presentation in grade 9 A and 9 B wherein one group, introduced to the class various accents like American, British, Irish, Scottish, South African, Australian and of course Indian accent too. Through a brief talk, the students were able to analyze how different accents are a part of dialect concerning local pronunciation and how speakers tend to carry over intonation and phonetics of their mother tongue.





Learners of grade 1 played a football game where they learnt about the push and pull concept, and what push and pull can do.



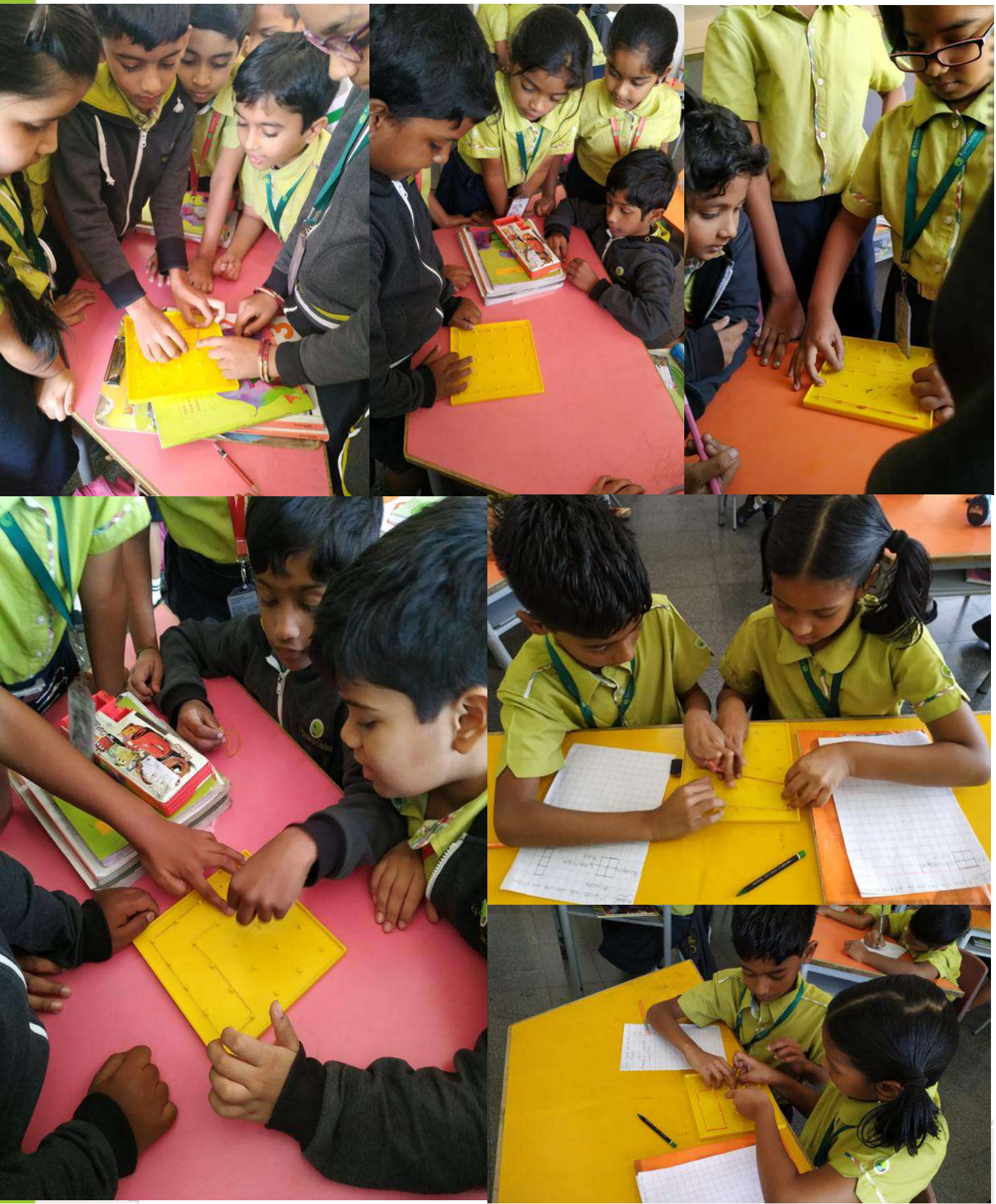


Lemurs of grade 10 conducted an experiment to observe the respiration process in germinating seeds.



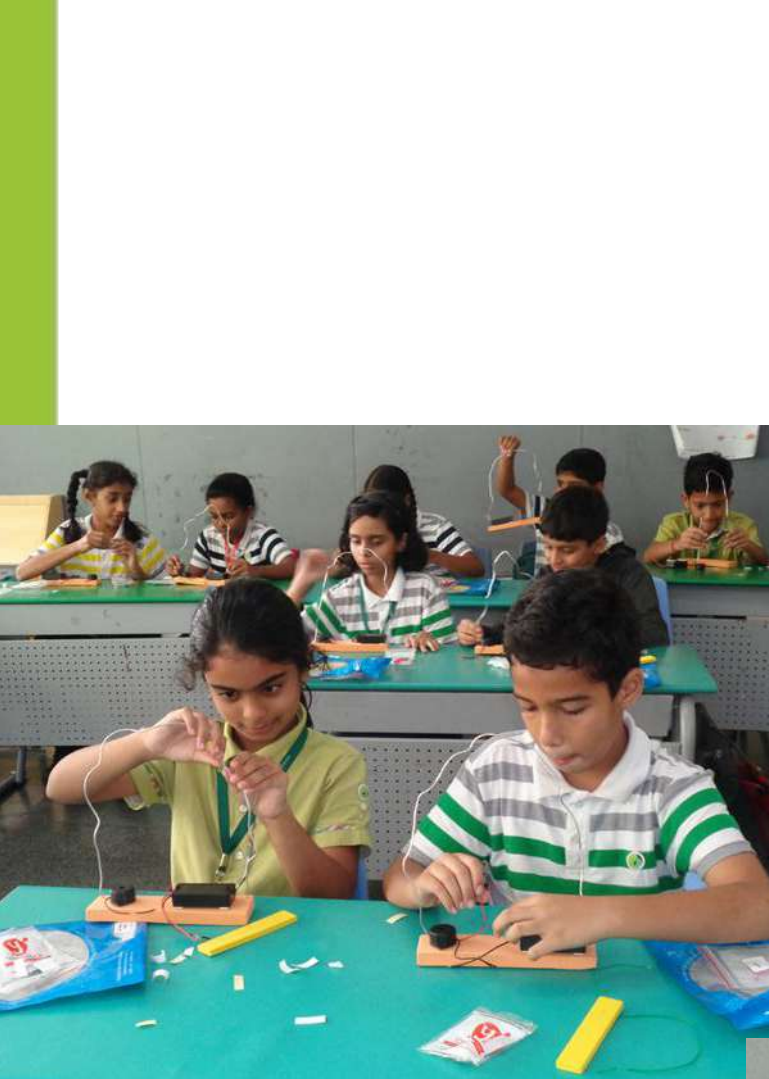


It is possible to make any two shapes with the same area and different perimeters using geo-boards. Grade 3 lemur students practically proved that two shapes can be made with the same area and different perimeters and same perimeters with different area on a square grid paper.





Lemurs of Grade 4B did a hands on activity of making a circuit through the yardstick kit where the learners could explain the concepts of open and closed circuits. The learners carried the completed kit home.





Lemurs of grade 5 did a group poster making activity where in they presented creative expressions on protecting our environment.









The learners of grade 5 recycled old news papers and prepared hand made paper ,on which they painted and pledged to follow the R's for the well being of our environment.





Lemurs of Grade –4 enjoyed hands on activities in science class like tomato cross section to identify the parts inside a fruit, different methods of seed dispersal by showing seeds and their features .









Lemurs of Grade-3 enjoyed hands on activities in science like telephone activity describing how the sounds travel from one material to other material and reach our ears using paper cups and string





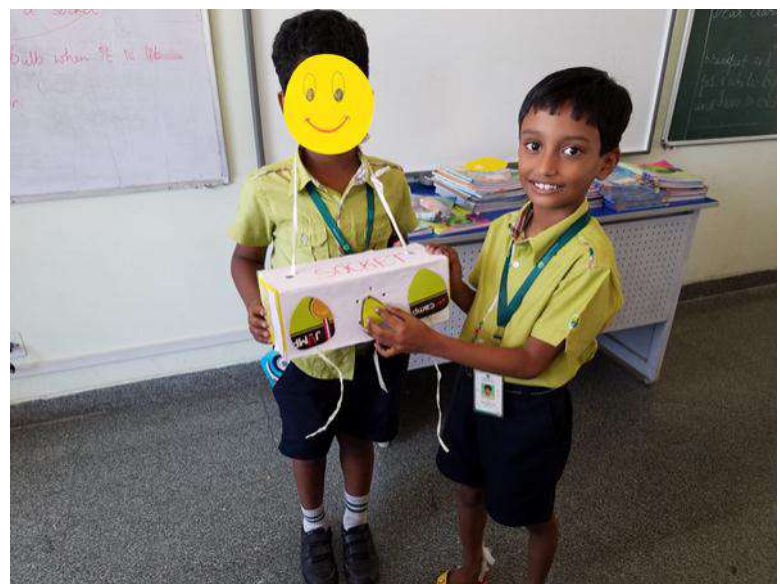
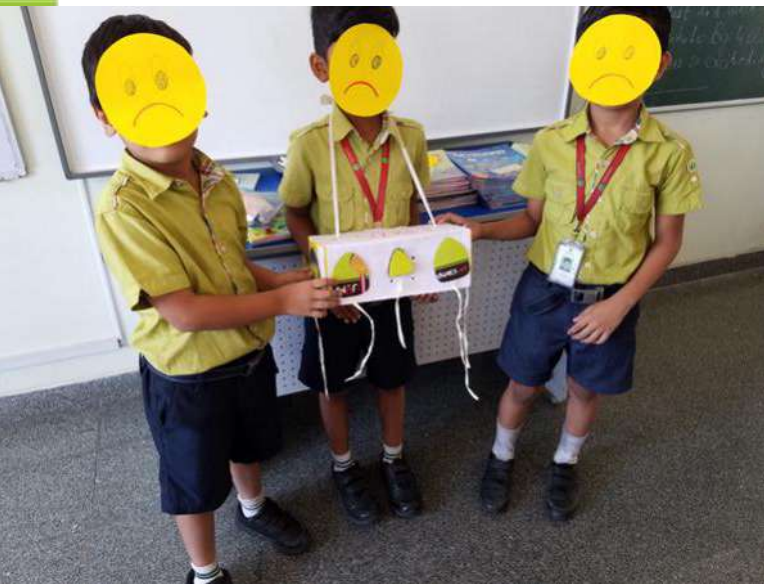
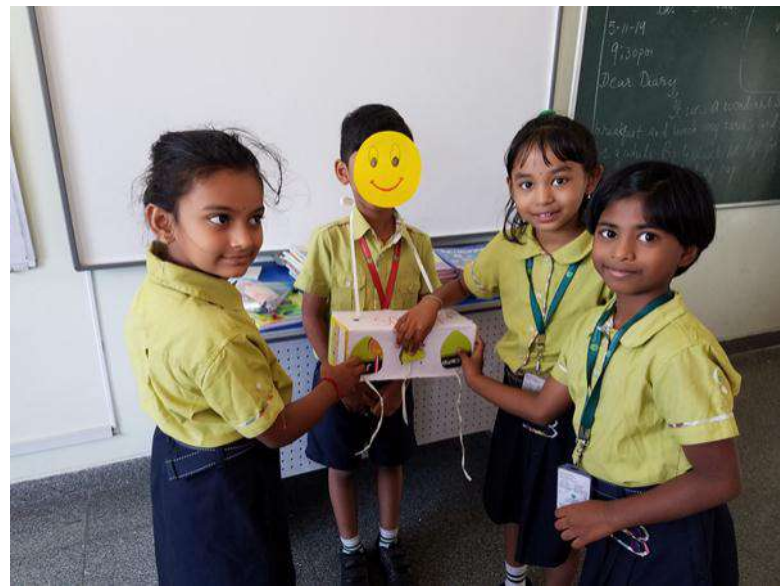
Grade 2 lemur's had the opportunity to understand Length, Mass and Capacity.

Using weighing scale, learners measured objects with different masses which includes fruits, vegetables, groceries, flowers and learners were able to understand the difference between different units of measuring mass. They then used measuring tape to measure the length of various objects and understood the difference between different units of measuring length. Using common liquids, students also measured and understood the difference between units of measuring liquids.



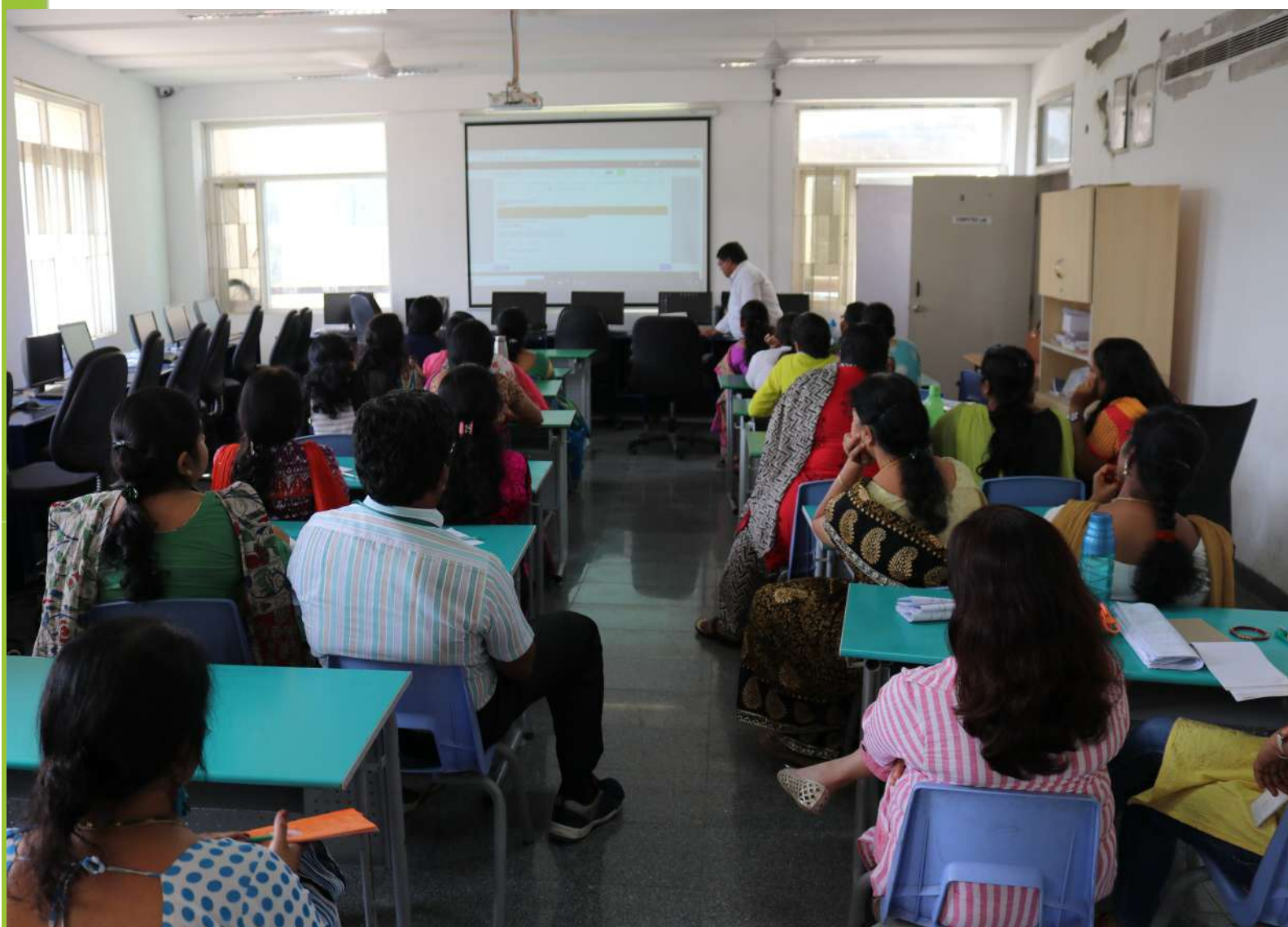


Grade 2 Learners enjoyed a role play on electric safety by showcasing themselves as socket and plugs. They learnt the safety rules of plugging into the socket by following the do's and don'ts.






All our teachers participated in the Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Program on 14th November. The program was to empower teachers on the fundamental use of Microsoft tools and technologies in the classroom through dedicated online webinar focused on learning and teaching.




Ms. Bindu Sridhar HOD, English Dept attended the School Leader's Conference that was held on November 15, 2019 at Taj Vivanta. The workshop focused on different techniques that teachers can use to encourage students to develop their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in the language. The participants also had the opportunity to understand nuances of the various exams conducted by the Cambridge board, and how they are mapped to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) standards that are recognised throughout the world.



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## School Leader's Conference



*A Token of Gratitude!*

We hope that learning continuous for life for all of us and we get many opportunities to connect again.





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**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2019 @ Taj Vivanta**



Ms. Vani (Cambridge Coordinator) and Ms. Bindu (Cambridge Exam Coordinator) also attended Cambridge workshop on Formative Assessment conducted by Mr. Simon Lind on November 20, 2019. The workshop threw light on the need for formative assessment, its basics and tools for the successful conduct of such assessment. It also examined in depth the role of feedback in formative assessment.



Ms. Madhavi, Ms. Vani, Ms. Ria and Ms. NagaSharada attended a workshop on Metacognitive thinking organised by Collins International at VIP International School on 29th November. The session focussed on the use of metacognition strategies to help children give effective presentations in written assessments.





Teachers at Epistemo were briefed about the latest technological applications in the field of education using Augmented Reality (AR) and Simulations in a workshop conducted on November 30, 2019. AR provides experiential learning opportunities for students in a fun way, and increases retention and understanding of concepts. The session was conducted by Mr. Sai Kumar.G and Ms.Naimisha Kotikaneni Rao from 3<sup>rd</sup> Flix at our school.





Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni conducted a personality development session for students of grade 9 & 10 , where in she focused on the need for students to maintain a balanced view of life, and emphasized the importance of emotional intelligence. Emotional intelligence is a very important skill in leadership, and comprises of 5 main elements such as - self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy, and social skills. It is a key indicator of success in work and life. Students thoroughly enjoyed the session, and recorded their learning in the reflection sheet at the end of workshop.





Name & Grade: Jamalpur Sneha, 10A

What is your experience/Reflection of the session learning?

I have a positive experience and very useful ways to shape my future for a better one for myself.

What is the aspect you would work on for your growth with immediate effect?

I would work on time management, development on my E.Q and take others along with me for a better

Any other comments

cause to society.

I heartfully thank ma'am for this session and showing us the life we are going to face after a month or two. A heartfelt thankyou!!

Name & Grade: SMRITHIKA V

What is your experience/Reflection of the session learning?

I learnt that each aspect of ourselves- physical, mental, emotional and spiritual - play an important role in shaping us.

What is the aspect you would work on for your growth with immediate effect?

Any other comments I would like to work on expressing gratitude more often, realising how privileged we are to lead lives that not a lot of people get to.

Working on my gratitude, so would just like to say - thank you. Thank you for taking the time to give us advice and life lessons.

Name & Grade: Shimaz Fareeha - 10A

What is your experience/Reflection of the session learning?

This was one of the best sessions which has actually given me a lot of facts and information I can apply to my daily life.

What is the aspect you would work on for your growth with immediate effect?

I really want to stop overthinking and overanalysing every situation and most importantly my expectations especially

Any other comments

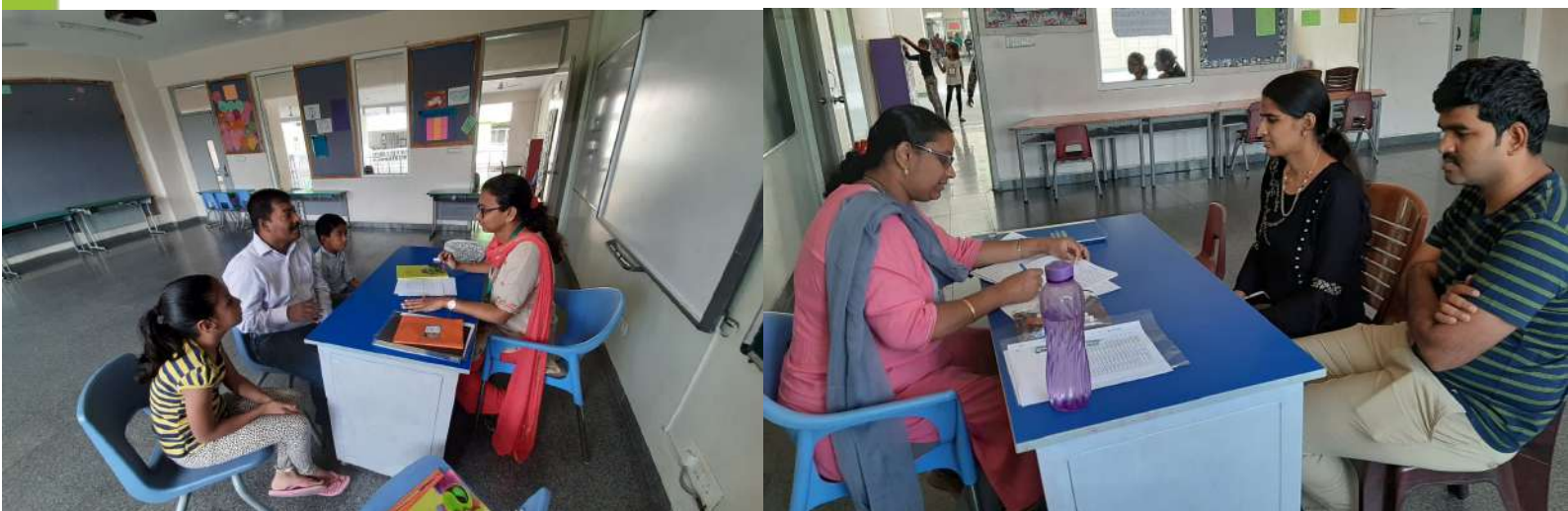
I think the initiatives being taken by Mrs. Hema those close to me. Mam are really appreciation-deserving. This positivity and guidance being provided by her will help so many kids in ways which we won't even expect. I really appreciate appreciate you work.



Parents and teachers had the opportunity to meet and interact during the Parent Teacher Meeting that was conducted on November 2 . Academic concerns were discussed and detailed feedback was shared with parents with regard to their wards.













Great way to explore pre-primary with 10th graders. PP lemurs teamed up with 10th lemurs to know about their "Sunday Schedule". It was really an amazing day to exchange their schedules with each other.





PP lemurs busy with hands on activities which help them with their concepts in math, science, reading, writing, and other psycho-motor skills.

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The Math Open Championship organized by Tudu Buddy was conducted in our school on 30 November. 90 students from schools all over the city participated in the championship for students of grades 5,6, & 7. In the 5th grade category, Jonathan and Sai Tej of Epistemo won the third prize and second prize respectively, while Pranave Kannan of Sriram International bagged the first prize. In the 6th grade category, Mohammed Khan of Epistemo won the third prize, while Arnav Bhat and Darshini Karthik of DPS, Secundrabad won the first and second prize respectively. In Grade 7 Category, Saharh of Epistemo won the first prize while soumit das gupta of DPS won the second prize. Third prize went to raghav damia of DPS Principal Ms. Hema Surapaneni gave away the prizes to the winners.









