

During the month of November, as our theme at NEST, was about “World of Plants”. Our little ones were asked to observe plants closely. They also learned the names of plants and their parts, discovering the basic needs of plants, finding out how living things depend on each other, and gaining respect and appreciation for our natural world.

Some of our activities included seed to plant project, a planting seeds investigation, understanding about a plant that needs sunlight and water and planting seeds in starter pots.

They were also taught that plants are important to people and animals so we have to take good care of our planet and ecology. They learnt about the different plant parts: the roots, stem, leaves and flowers. They understood how plants give us food to eat and keep us healthy which helps us form good health habits for life.



Overall, our children loved this theme and also enjoyed hands-on activity of growing their own plant in their homes.

## Rhyme time

Rhyme time is fun. And it's a very important part of reading success. Rhyming teaches children how language works with sounds within words. The students of FS1 and FS2 recited different rhymes confidently and enthusiastically.



## Environment and Gardening club



An environment is a nature that nurtures our life on the earth. Everything which we feel, breathe and eat in our life comes from the environment like land, air, plants, sunlight forest and other natural things come within the environment.

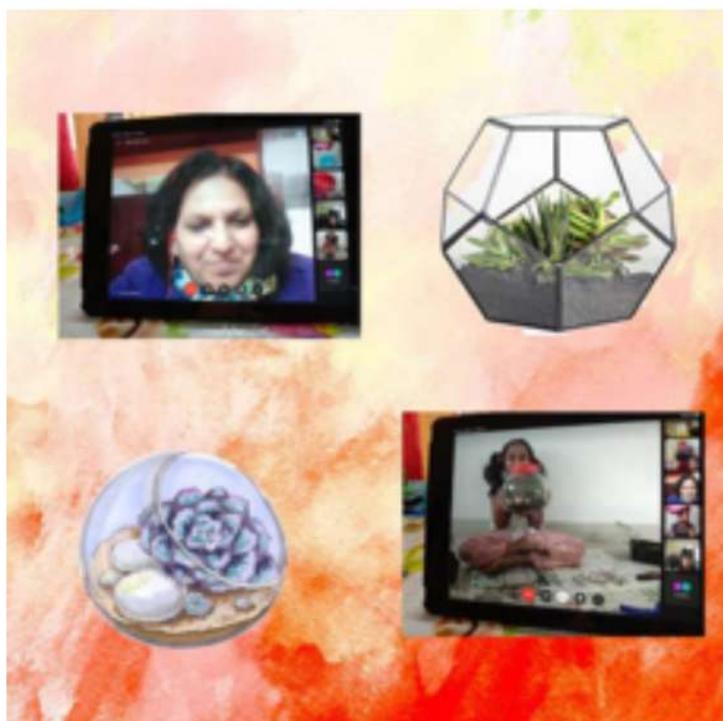
The environment has a complete cycle to maintain the proper balance of the earth. A healthy environment supports in growing and nurturing the living and nonliving things on the earth. Making a terrarium was one of the primary activities done this month where we demonstrate how the ecosystem works. Terraria are often kept as decorative or ornamental items.

Closed terrarium creates a unique environment for plant growth as transparent walls allow for both heat and light to enter the terrarium. The sealed container combined with the heat entering the terrarium allows for the creation of a small-scale water cycle.



The existence of a healthy life depends on the environment which maintains nature's balance, and we at "Nalapad Academy" teach our students how important it is to keep our environment clean, what are the uses and benefits of plants and trees around us, and also keep them aware of what is happening globally.

Through gardening and various other activities we demonstrate how we can make our environment a better place to live in.



## Assembly of Grade 2 – journey of Science

We had an assembly on 2nd December 2020 on Journey of Science, children were very excited and participated with great enthusiasm. Two of the children were M.C and they took the assembly forward fluidly. Children did some experiments like Transpiration, Tornado in the bottle and making a Rainbow in a bowl confidently.

They also made some beautiful pictures of Seasons and Environment around them and explained it with clarity and interest. Some very interesting and novel facts were shared about Science with exuberance. Another child shared a story about how we discovered Electricity and how it came into our homes. It was an informative assembly and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Tornado in a bottle



Seasons



Rainbow in a bottle

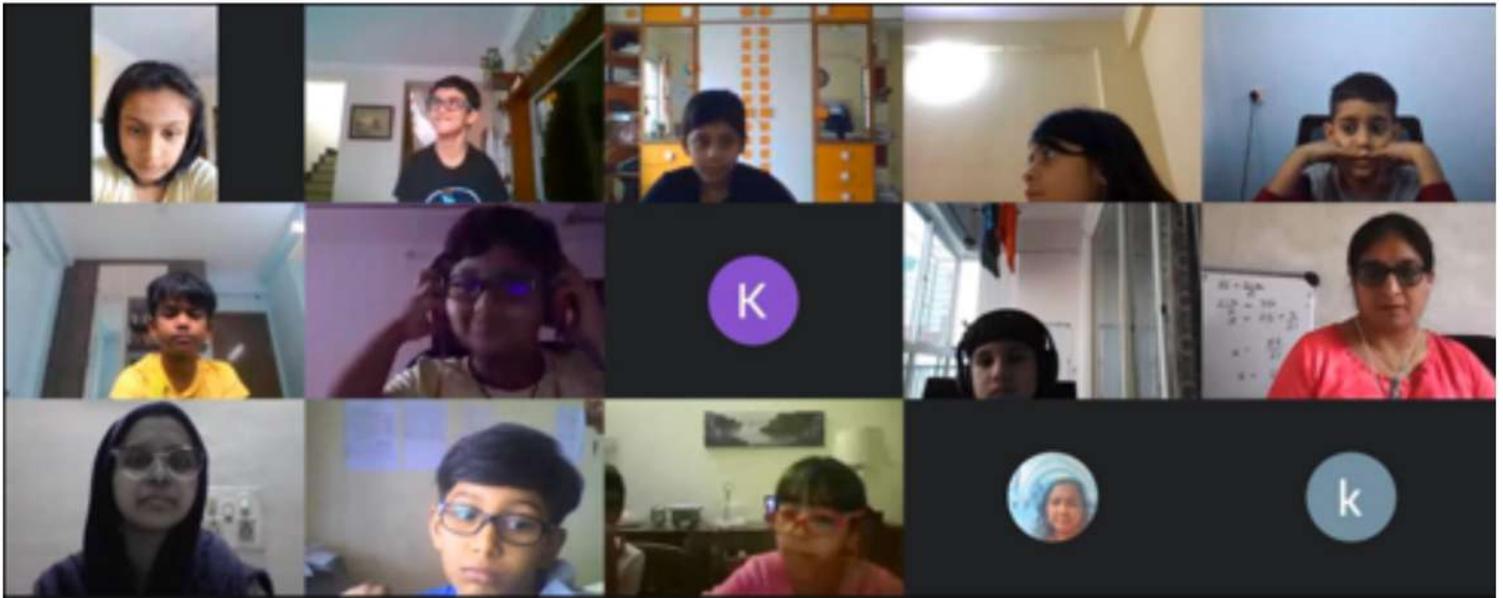


Transpiration



## Poem Recitation

As Edgar Allen Poe said, 'Poetry is the rhythmical creation of beauty in words.' To celebrate the beauty that poetry has to offer, the Primary section of Nalapad academy held a virtual poetry recitation event on 25th November, 2020. The students of grades 1 and 2 enthralled the audience with their articulation, props and memory skills while reciting poems from around the world. The students of grades 3, 4 and 5 focused on celebrating poets from Asia in the otherwise western-dominated field. The students took the audience on a literary tour through the beauty of Asia as penned down by various Asian poets. The students were able to showcase their speaking skills and confidence while helping the audience experience the wonders of poetry.



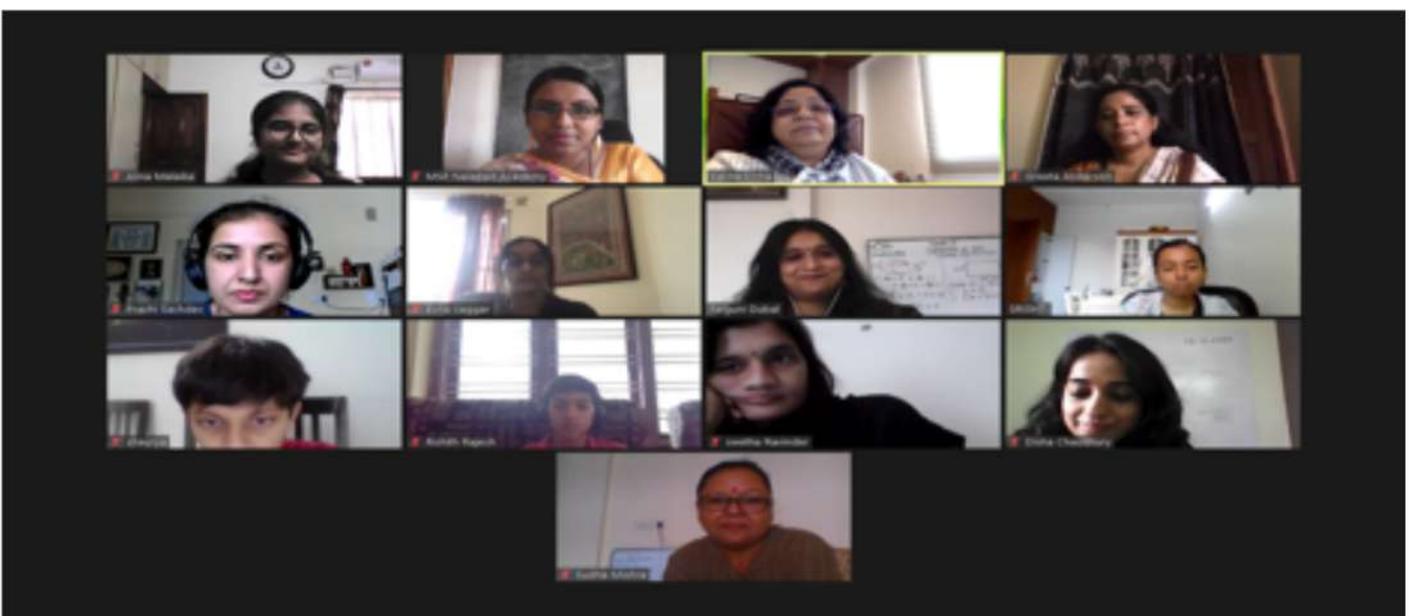
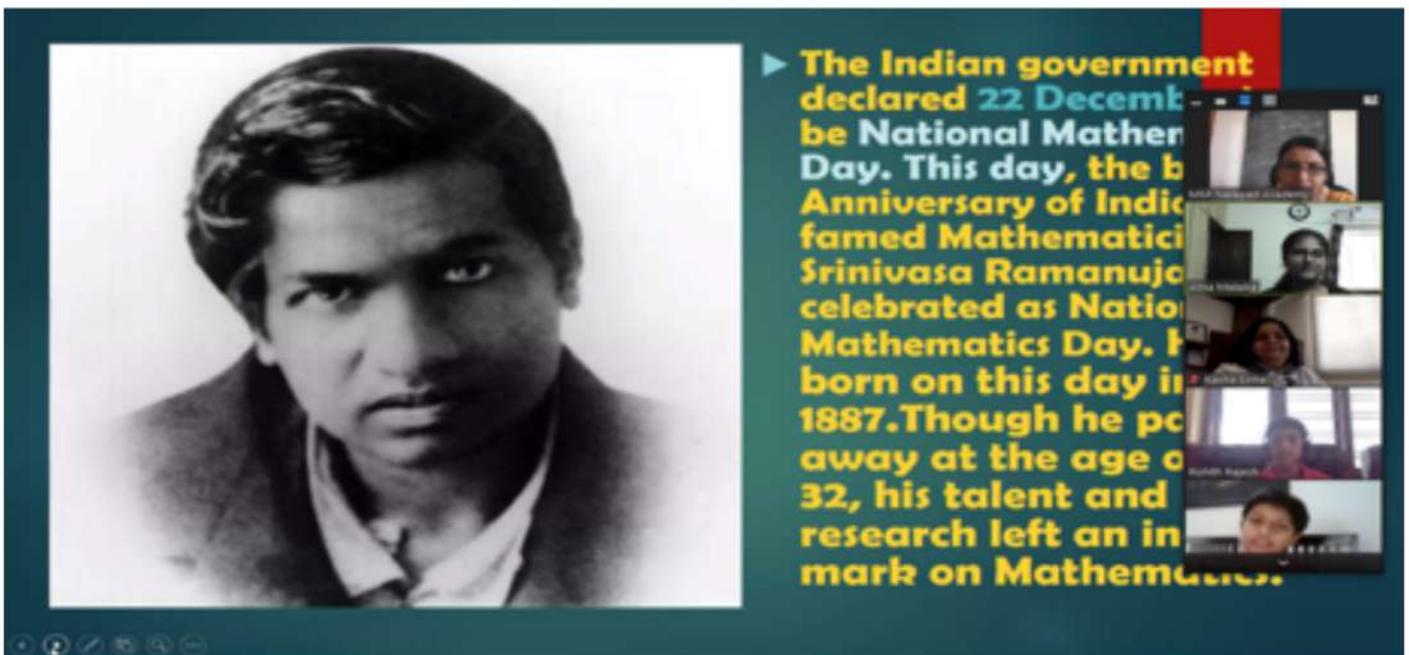
## Prodigy Skill Test

Prodigy team has taken an initiative to conduct "Prodigy Skill Test" for the students across all the grades. The objective of this test is to analyze and report the performance level of every student in the class and recognize the outstanding students for their Math skill every year.

All the students of Primary, middle and secondary school of Nalapad academy participated on 14th Dec 2020, Monday and completed this test successfully.

## Assembly-National Mathematics Day

Students of Grade 6 to 9 hosted a virtual assembly on 16th December 2020, Wednesday to celebrate the "National Mathematics Day" in the memory of the great Indian MATHEMATICIAN S. Ramanujan. In this assembly all students participated actively. In this assembly, the Information on importance of the NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY was shared by the students. Students also displayed a solution to a world-famous problem, the demo of the Tower of Hanoi, Math Quiz and much more. Credits goes to the Students of Nalapad Academy to conceptualize and organize this event.



## Christmas Celebration

A good beginning to the Christmas & new year holidays was marked with a wonderful virtual Christmas programme at Nalapad academy. The REDS & GREENS worn by everyone were the hallmark. The program started with a prayer to our almighty followed by a speech by our principal Ms Kavita Sinha enlightening the students with the true spirit of Christmas. The joy of sharing & caring. It is a quintessential characteristic to have in today's world for everyone, she added. Post the speech came along the little bundles of joy from NEST wishing seasons greeting all the teachers & their friends, via dance performances or songs or speeches.

Some of the nest teachers performed a dance for everyone which was appreciated by all. This was followed by a play on how Jesus was born & along with it were the Christmas carols sung, by the entire Nalapad academic & administrative team. The spirit of Christmas lingered & swelled; it could not be dimmed with the COVID-19 situation around. It was joyous for all the students to watch their teachers & friends perform. The primary students also continued with wishing all & sharing their Christmas resolutions. Concluding the programme was a dance by all to the sounds of jingle bells, & Rudolf the red nose reindeer. This was a dazzling sight for all because the children put in their best foot forward & their energy was extended & metastasized to all to all.

The end of the programme was marked with paying respects to our national anthem.



## Nalapad Academy's Very Own Santa Claus

It was so heartwarming that Nalapad came up with this idea of surprising students at a time like this. It showed what the school puts first, their children. A fully head to toe dressed Santa with a bag of treats, visiting their homes truly was a perfect end to 2020. The reactions we received were so adorable, one little one found it so exciting he couldn't stand in one place, and kept running around in circles.

The twins, Iyra & Iraj put on a cute little show for Santa and danced to their favorite song. There was an excitement on each child's face and the journey was worth it! The parents too, were so happy that this was planned. They were in awe of their children's happiness. Every student from Nalapad Academy was on Santa's 'Nice List'. He wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest New Year



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

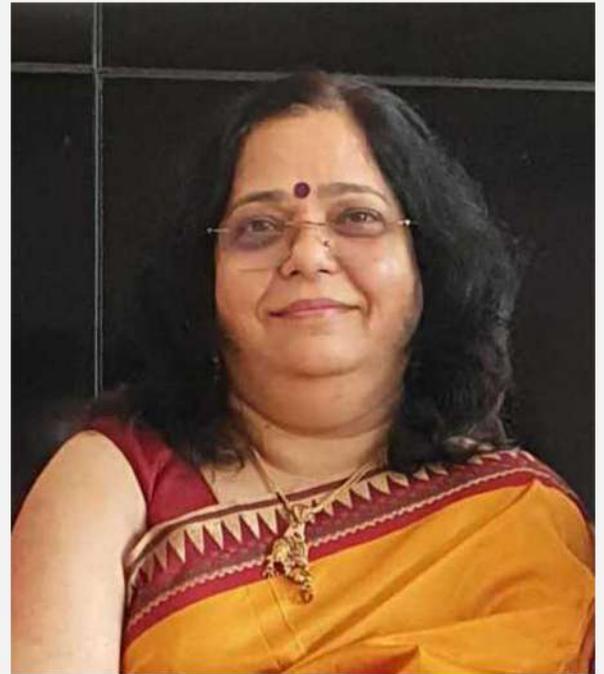
The year of pandemic 2020 shall go down in history as the year of many challenges faced by everyone. In education industry it will be remembered as a year wherein change and adaptation became the key words.

When student teachers and parents worked in perfect coordination to achieve the best through virtual learning platform. We want to nurture, discover, reveal and multiple the rich deposits God has placed in every student.

Holistic education is the apt tool in successfully bringing in to light the treasure that lies dormant within the student.

Walt Disney once said 'You can dream, create, design and build the most wonderful ideas in the world, but it requires people to make the dream a reality'. This is certainly the case of my experience at Nalapad academy as a principal. The reality is that the learning experiences that have taken place this year could not have happened without a great deal of commitment and support from the staff, parents and students. The students have mastered the art of teaching and learning online. We know that virtual learning is not ideal, but we can truly say we are making the best of it. Our commitment to our students has not changed and teachers continue to work hard to incorporate new technology skills to improve your child's learning experience. Please keep up the great work you have done so far with getting your children online and creating the best learning environment for them.

As John F. Kennedy puts it, "Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation."



This year we did all schedule events virtually we are looking forward to the next academic year to accomplish our commitment towards hands on teaching and learning experiences.

I am grateful for the support extended by all of you who have helped Nalapad academy to establish itself. I sincerely thank all my parents for the testimonials and good and kind word of mouth with the parent community. Your support make us more strong minute by minute. Your contribution, patience and perseverance in the growth of school is highly appreciated.

I wish each one of you healthy and safe year ahead.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Warm Wishes and Regards!

Ms. Kavita Sinha  
(Principal of Nalapad Academy)

## Message from S. Shabana Shagul - MSP Coordinator

“Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity, but in doing it”.

Greetings from Nalapad academy!  
COVID-19 Pandemic has upended the school activities around the world. We had very little time to prepare for remote learning.

“Teaching virtually was a lot more work than actually teaching in class”.

Teachers were challenged to keep their expectations high in magnitude and low in rigidity.

We teachers at Nalapad academy have helped each other broaden our scopes to provide meaningful and fun instruction for our students. Virtual learning and teaching did not limit our quality of instruction. We are learning and growing with our students. I hope we can build trust for one another throughout this time. And I am hopeful for a better tomorrow.

“As we step into another year, I'd like to thank our management, principal and our admin team for encouraging us to move forward. My sincere thanks to our teachers for making positive difference in every student's journey. I wish to thank our beloved parents for their constant support.

A new year is a powerful occasion: It's a time when we reflect on our gratitude for the past and our hopes for the future. And it's a chance to welcome a fresh start to reinvigorate our enthusiasm for chasing goals and dreams.

‘Dear students, break a bad habit, learn a new skill, read a new book, do a good deed. Wish you a very happy new year to all my dear students’.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year! May the spirit of the season of New Year fill your heart with serenity and peace! Wishing each one of you a very Happy New Year 2021.

S. SHABANA SHAGUL  
MSP Coordinator.



## Warm greetings of Gratitude – Sai Lakshmi A - IPYP Coordinator

We are living in a testing times, from around the globe. Covid-19 Pandemic has changed education forever. The academic year 2020 has certainly been an unusual start. This sudden shift away from the classroom to online teaching was a challenge initially. However, the well-structured and well-planned online classes proved that nothing can stop the connection and bonding we share with the children.

What makes Nalapad Academy great is its people, with visionary principal, dedicated faculty and staff, we believe in facilitating and nurturing students towards greatness in life.

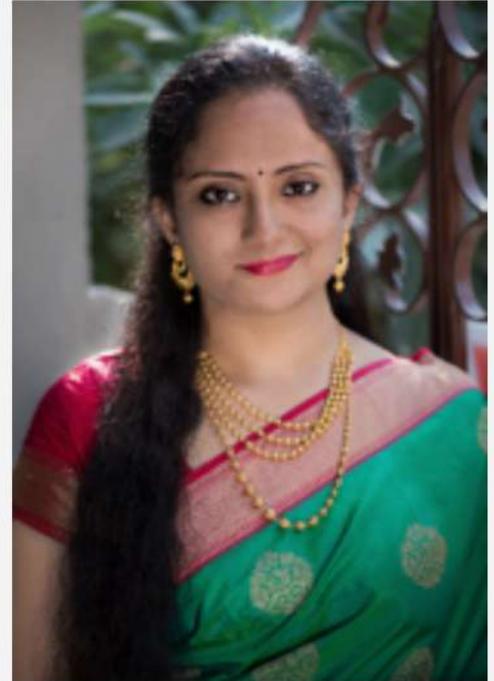
This vision includes the pursuit of excellence in academics, but also reaches beyond studies to develop character and integrity and relational skills that are not simply acquired through reading a book or taking an exam.

“Every end is a new beginning” The year 2020 has finally come to an end. My Dear students, take time to reflect, meditate, forgive, get quiet, believe in yourself, stay healthy and be positive. Let’s forget the chaos of life and celebrate the festive month of Christmas and new year by embracing good hopes. Keep learning and keep growing!!!

I am pleased and thankful that our parents are appreciating the positive changes in school. This cannot be possible without the partnership and collaboration of the parents who help us shape the destiny of our students. My heartfelt gratitude to the management, Principal, Admin Team, Support staff, Students, Teachers and Parents.

Merry Christmas and a Happy new year 2021!

Sai Lakshmi. A  
IPYP Coordinator



## Message from Caroline Anderson - Nest Coordinator.

Jan 1st 2021 will be the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one!

With that being said, 2020 has been a rollercoaster of emotions. It has been a year of self-reflection and learning. I'm thankful to have made it to the end of it and I know you are too!

Let's take the lessons on kindness, patience and strength we have learned in 2020 to 2021 as well.



It is a new beginning to better ourselves and our lives around us. Don't give up on your hopes and dreams. If you truly want something, you will always find ways to achieve it!

Wishing you the most prosperous New Year

Caroline Anderson  
Nest Coordinator

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