
“ Tough time do not last, tough people do”

Greetings from Wockhardt Global School. It's my privilege to share the year long journey of 2020-21 at Wockhardt Global school with you all.

Yes, looking back it has been a tough year and it's not over yet. But we, the tough people are still here, facing the future with courage, commitment and determination.

The Wockhardt Global School family came together as one to take up the challenges of a pandemic dictated life from March 2020. We had barely completed the Final exams than lockdown was announced. For a moment we sat in shock, not knowing how to handle this unprecedented situation. But , soon all the teachers jumped into action, and we were online. Kudos to students and teachers who took to this new and unfamiliar territory as fish takes to water!

Academics took the prime time space in our day to day online lessons. Keeping in mind the directives from Local and State government bodies, emphasis was given to core subjects to make the best use of the inter active sessions. Periodic assessments, small research project works , book reviews and two major summative assessments rounded off the academic work well.

It did not take much motivation to engage students productively during the summer vacations in May too. 'Baatien bina Mulakatien', the brain child of the students, created, directed and produced by the talented students of WGS , saw the students and teachers come together to try their skills at oration and performing arts. And what a success it was.

To retain a sense of normalcy and create a team spirit, weekly assemblies were held online. Themes such as 'Lessons you learned through e-learning, Tiger the endangered species, Festivals of India, Aesops Fables- Values and Evolving technologies made space for all students participation and creativity.

Part 1

What did we miss most? Field visits and celebrations! Well if Muhammed wont go to the mountain, then the mountain will come to Muhammed! To fill this gap too, we organized webinars with experts from all walks of life to give students an inside look at the world of Work. Dr Kartik Raman, a well known City orthodontist, spend a good two hours explaining about Oral Hygiene and Care during the pandemic. Mrs Laxmi Murty, a renowned journalist gave a head start to students with her Msterclass on Journalism. This helped students to produce the Inter house competition 'NEWSHOUR', judged by Mr Nirmalendu and Ms Dipika. But the present is not enough, we must look to the future too. To this end, a webinar was held in March 2021 on Career Counselling and being Future ready conducted by the Founder Director of Institute of Career Studies Lucknow, followed by an emotional awareness and self care session with the NGO Connecting from Pune.

There were celebrations galore. Starting with Independence Day, online which saw an Elocution competition. On 5th September, students came together to give a fun time for their teachers through a ppt dedication, fun quiz competition and speeches. An absolutely wonderful presentation was done by all students to celebrate Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat on 71st Republic Day celebrations at the school campus.

One would think this is it... nothing more to do. Well, you are wrong!

Teachers came together with the idea that we are not alone in this pandemic, we need to connect with our fellow schools and share good

practices and give opportunities to all students across Aurangabad to showcase their talents. Thus was born Kaleidoscope 1.0. a wonderful platform that saw more than 100 entries and 25 winners in different categories. Continuing the tradition of exhibition, xPlore 2.0 was held in Feb 2021, of course online. Not only that, our students co-ordinated with Lyceum School in Srilanka for the New Year song which was televised worldwide on 31st Dec 2020.

Part 2

Teachers did not rest either. Continuous professional development, online training form CBSE, in-house training and PD sessions with the Principal occupied our time profitably. Teachers are proud holders of training certificates.

Well begun is half done and alls well that ends well.

Today we celebrate the end of a long and fruitful year with the cooperation of all parents and students. Im proud to state that many students did very well in academics as well as co curricular activities. There is a marked change in their personality for the better and a new resolve in their manner. It is heartening to see how they took charge of their own learning to reach this point. But there are miles to go before I sleep... as Robert Frost says.

I personally thank ms Zahabiya for her support, Mr Pradeep for his cooperation, Mr Jayant and all admin staff for their timely help and interventions at all point of stress in this trying year.

And heartfelt gratitude to my colleagues... Thank you.

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