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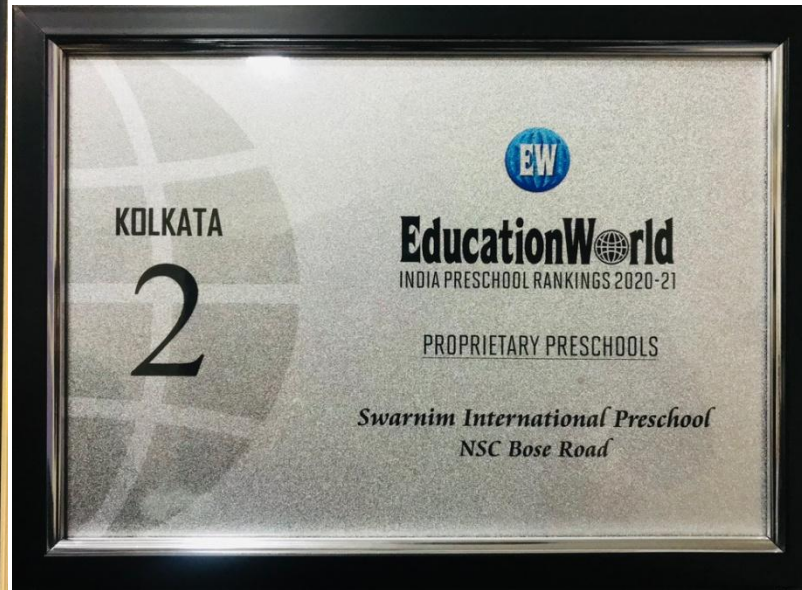
## **2020-21**

***“Education breeds confidence.  
Confidence breeds hope.  
Hope breeds peace.”***

***- Confucius***



# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



**Rumjhum Biswas**  
Headmistress  
Swarnim International School, Kolkata  
**Subject: Primary School maths #1**

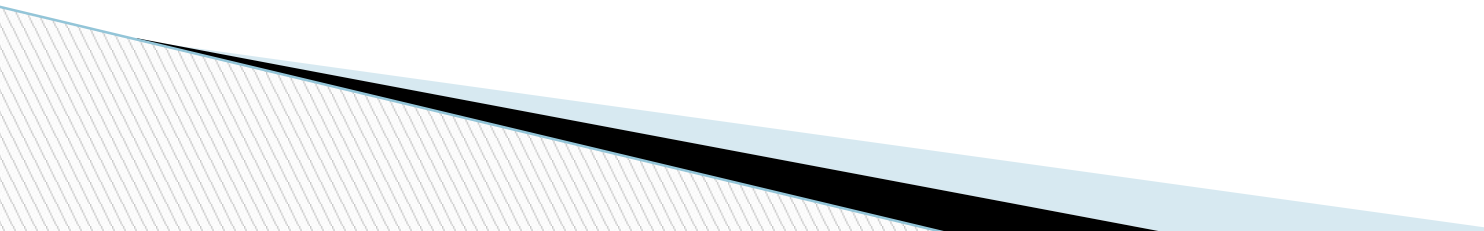
An economics, sociology and education postgraduate of Calcutta University and IGNOU, Delhi, Rumjhum Biswas started her career in 1996 as a primary school teacher in Kolkata. In 2016, she was appointed founder headmistress of the Swarnim International School.

"It's a top of the world feeling to be ranked #1 in the testing Centa TPO. I have been a teacher since 1996. This ranking confirms that I have been able to keep pace with changing times and that I'm on



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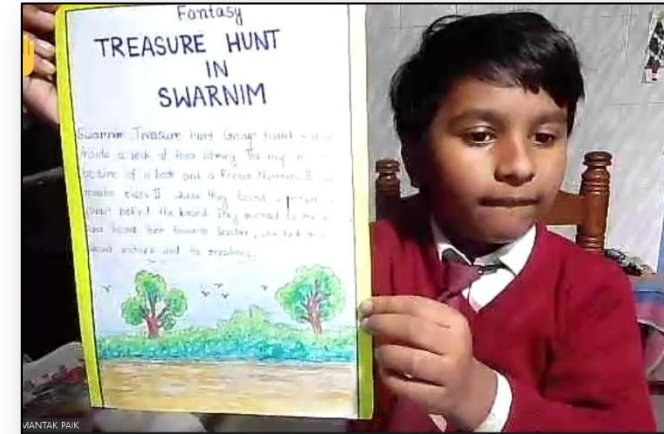
# **PEDAGOGY IMPLEMENTED**

- ◆ Collaborative Learning
  - ◆ Integrative Learning
  - ◆ Reflective Learning
  - ◆ Interactive Learning
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# PEDAGOGY IMPLEMENTED



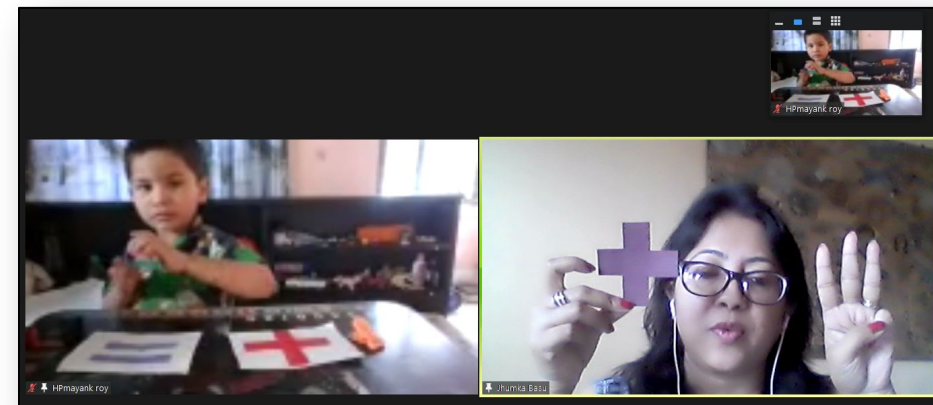
Collaborative Learning



Integrative Learning

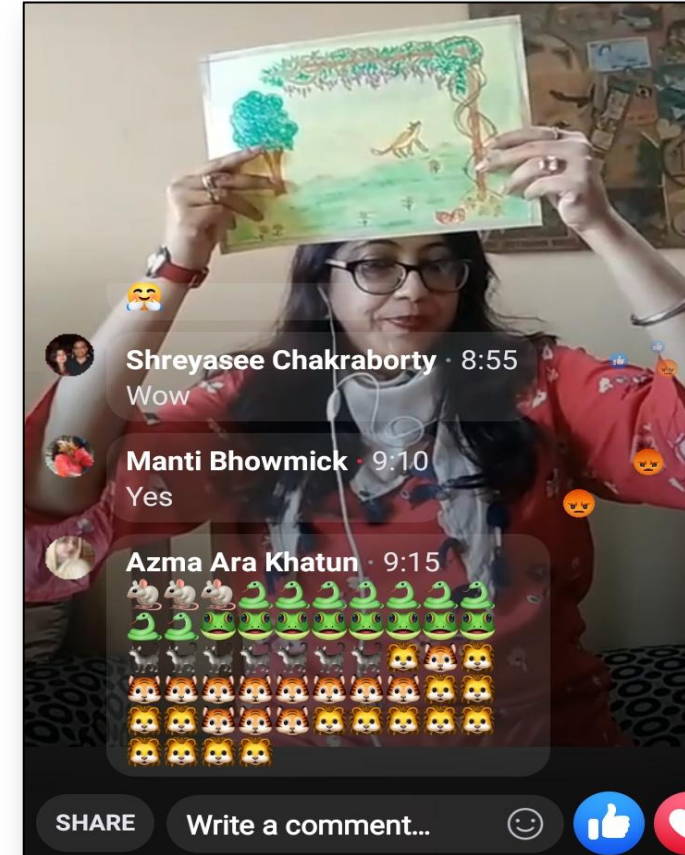
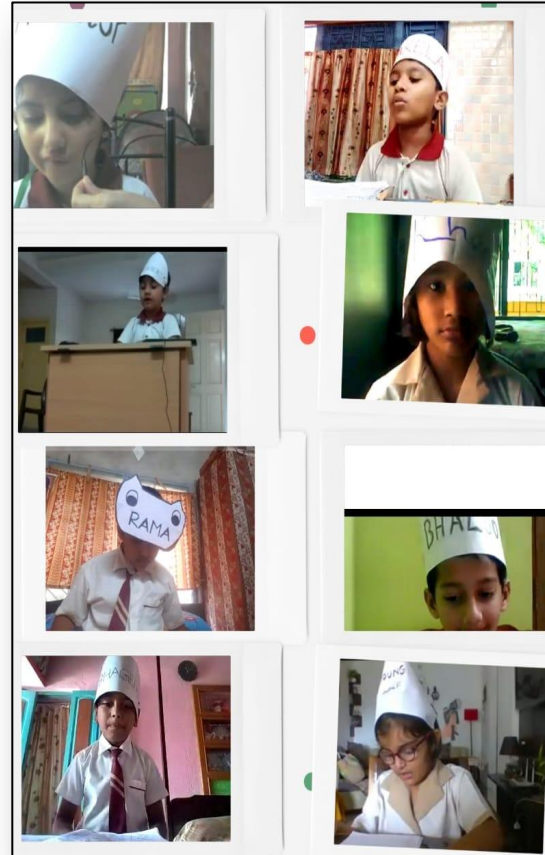
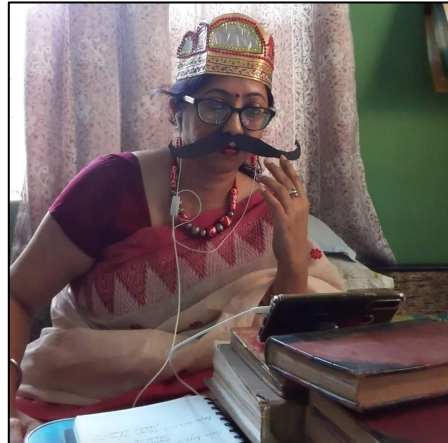


Reflective Learning



Interactive Learning

# BOOKS AND STORIES



Reading Week

# NEWSLETTER



Where the *love for learning*  
always *grows!*



SIS # SEPTEMBER 2020



RESIDENT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

The phrase 'new normal' has become a part of our vocabulary after months of lockdown, social distancing, work from home and pandemic angst. In between all of these the government has also presented a New National Education Policy for us. We were thrilled to observe that several recommendations of the policy are already being practised at Swarnim:

1. We inspire children to think and analyse situations critically without enforcing our thoughts on them. Thus we teach them how to think, not what to think.
2. Experiential Learning has always been our way of imparting knowledge. Education has never been confined to textbooks!
3. We believe in multiple intelligences and every child's report card reflects his or her emotional, ethical, co-scholastic as well as academic progress. This helps to understand the unique potential of every student.
4. We have bag-less days to relieve children from their stress and engage in enrichment activities.
5. Our curriculum focusses on ideas, application and problem solving methods so that children can acquire practical and useful knowledge in every subject.

Parents are the first teachers of their children. In this new normal era, they have even come inside the classrooms as their homes have now been transformed into classrooms. They have been witnessing and observing how their children are learning. We are humbled to have won their appreciation regarding our teaching strategies throughout. They have become our quintessential partners in continuing the successful educational journey of our children. We are forever grateful to all parents of the Swarnim family!

From the beginning, our teachers have been receiving continuous professional development through several workshops and webinars. At present, we have also started a parent webinar series where different and difficult aspects of parenting will be addressed by experts. Raising another human being (Parenting) is the most important responsibility anybody holds and there is absolutely no training for it.



HEADMISTRESS'S MESSAGE

When we embarked on the journey of online classes we were looking at a period of roughly six months till the schools reopen. Deliberations continue about online schooling as fallout of the pandemic. Whether this is just a situational change or a perpetual transition from the old normal of teachers and students sharing the same physical space, only time can tell. There has also been a pandemic of webinars to discuss various aspects of online classes. The optimists discovered positives and the cynics enumerated the ills. But everyone wants to move about undaunted, unencumbered, and untrammelled again soon.

In spite of the wide gamut of topics discussed on various digital platforms, and very earnest tributes to the 'covid warriors' spanning a plethora of professions, two extremely crucial contributors are rarely mentioned. They are the teachers and the homemakers.

Teachers have always been considered as a very rigid group: technophobic, traditional tortoises who win being slow and steady. But they created AWE – Awareness, Well-being and Excellence as they transformed themselves and the concept of schooling. Our teachers embraced the hardships, sacrificed their holidays, befriended technology, doubled their duty hours, ignored their own illness, curtailed their family time, so that learning of our children continues unhindered.

And the unassuming homemakers, accepted the changing home scenario, unflinchingly shouldering the burden of the entire family's demands round the clock, sacrificing their me-time so that the quality of life of children and spouses is not compromised.

We mustn't forget those teachers who are parents too. We can well imagine the uphill battle of juggling the two roles and only thank them profusely. Swarnim strives to inculcate empathy, sensitivity and gratitude in the students for all, so that they can build a better world for themselves.



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SIS # MARCH 2021



RESIDENT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear parents,

2021 is bringing good news in the form of vaccine and we can only wait with great anticipation the day we will welcome our students back into our premises physically. Proud to say that we have managed to conduct many activities and all classes online including our Student Led Conference, Sports Day, Outdoor Classroom Day, Virtual Museum Tours, Dance and Music Competitions, Storytelling sessions, Mandala art, and many more.

We have shared monthly reports for every subject in every class which has enabled parents to keep track of their child's progress. By being a witness to a classroom, rather, inside a classroom, you have also appreciated a teachers' patience and hard work in keeping her class motivated, learning and under control at all times. You have sent us many notes of appreciation which have motivated us to continue the work we are doing. One of our classes you have particularly appreciated was the Sunshine Smiles which focused on emotional and mental well-being of the children. It brought forth a lockdown gratitude journal from the students and helped lessen the loneliness and despair.

We have conducted many workshops for parents as well. The parent webinar series included health, emotional intelligence, eye care, anti-spanking amongst others. We have celebrated Women of Substance – the Mothers of Swarnim who besides looking after home and hearth are managing professional lives with aplomb. We invited many guests to interact with our students like celebrity chef - Ms. Manjri Agarwal; Psychologists - Dr. Smaranika Tripathy, Ms. Riddhi Patel, Ms. Pragati Sureka amongst others.

Students of Swarnim International School brought accolades to the school by bagging the Zonal Ranks in the SOF National Science and Mathematics Olympiad conducted by Science Olympiad Foundation in February, 2020. We also won the most prestigious awards from Education World – Kolkata's number 1 in Value for Money, Online Interaction and Health and Hygiene; Kolkata's Number 2 pre-primary school; Early Childhood Association (ECA) Top 50 non-franchised preschools of Asia and Hall of Fame 2019-20 Top 10 Primary Schools by Association of Primary Education and Research (APER).

But maybe our greatest achievement of them all was being able to hold on to the attention of the students for these 12 months. Winston Churchill famously said, "Never let a good crisis go to waste." We believe we lived upto this. But despite meeting the challenges of the new normal successfully, we await the day when we can go back to normal. To this end, we urge parents to take the vaccine so that we can usher in the normal soon and bring our



HEADMISTRESS'S MESSAGE

We have wrapped up the most unusual session with the hope of a better year ahead in our hearts. The pandemic has wrought havoc in many lives and we pray that health and happiness for everyone are restored soon. We must draw lessons from the crisis and work towards overcoming it.

In crisis, we have all become better learners. We learnt that a crisis is both danger and opportunity. And the teaching community is the biggest proof of the limitless possibilities human mind cradles and brings forth when required. The entire schooling system transformed overnight into a shared virtual space which dissolved the barriers of traditional privacy norms. It turned the student-teacher-parent locus upside down. Student and parent shared the same physical space and the teacher was at a distance. Initially, this new arrangement was perceived as a hindrance which curbed the sovereignty of the school and teachers but gradually we turned it into a progressively enriching family-school partnership.

Parents and teachers play an important role in children's learning, development and well-being. Research shows that family-led learning is vital. Online classes strengthened this bond where communication barrier was removed, parents were directly involved with school activities. Teachers too had a better understanding of a child's psychology since they could see the child in the home-setting. At Swarnim, we walked the extra mile to create a family-friendly school by organizing a series of webinars exclusively for parents, providing direct access to teachers through emails, giving regular feedback and updates on social media, publishing the bi-annual newsletters etc.

We have witnessed how this crisis turned technophobic people into avid and successful technology users. Can't we create a crisis to turn reluctant learners into dynamic active mentees? Swarnim is always looking to turn obstacles into opportunities. Our teachers always check whether their lesson plans can do the 3 C's – connect with students, challenge them enough with a 'crisis' and create champions.

We are now preparing for a few more months of online schooling with more confidence, more digital skills and deeper insight gained from earlier shortcomings.

We can only achieve our goals with another 'C' – cooperation from parents.

# OLYMPIAD



NAME	CLASS	SUBJECT	ACHIEVEMENT
Aarushi Patel	I	Mathematics	Gold Medal of Excellence
Swarnabha Biswas	I	Mathematics	Gold Medal of Excellence
Amantika Sadhukhan	I	Mathematics	Gold Medal of Excellence
Syamantak Paik	II	Mathematics	Gold Medal of Excellence
Aarush Bhatta	I	Science	Gold Medal of Excellence
Samriddhi Mukherjee	II	English	Gold Medal of Excellence

# EVENTS AND CELEBRATION



Founder's Day



Poila Boisakh



Earth Day



World Laughter Day



Mother's Day



Rabindra Jayanti



Eid



International Dance Day



World Health Day



Father's Day

# EVENTS AND CELEBRATION



World Yoga Day



Doctors' Day



Sing Along



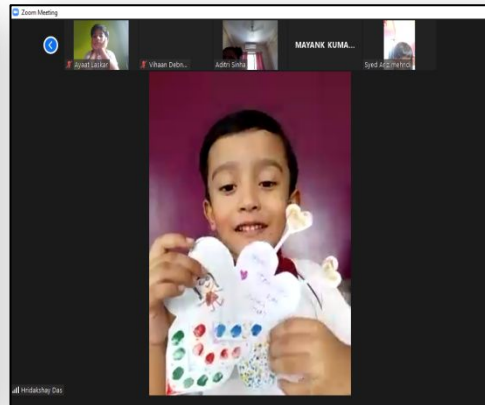
Independence



Raksha Bandhan



Janmashtami



Teachers' Day



Grandparents' Day



Hindi Diwas



Durga Puja

# EVENTS AND CELEBRATION



Diwali



Children's Day



Christmas



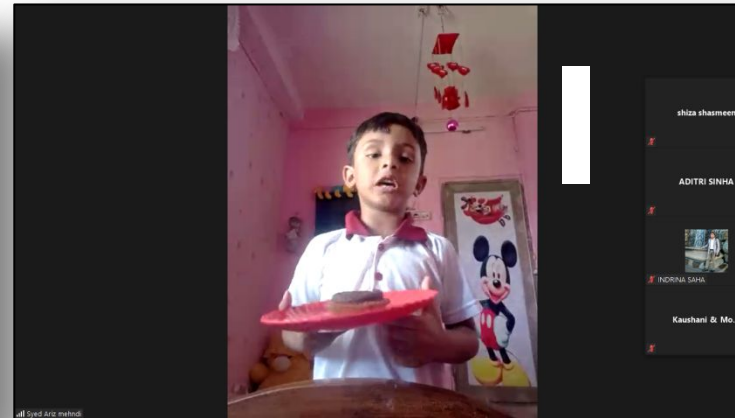
Netaji Jayanti



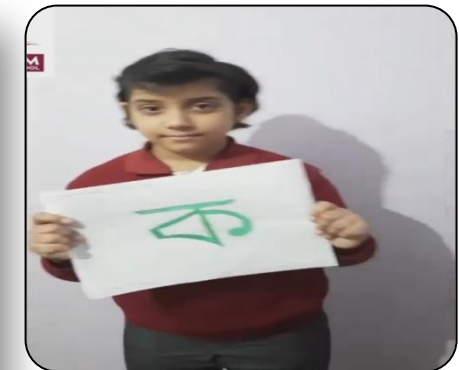
Republic Day



Saraswati Puja

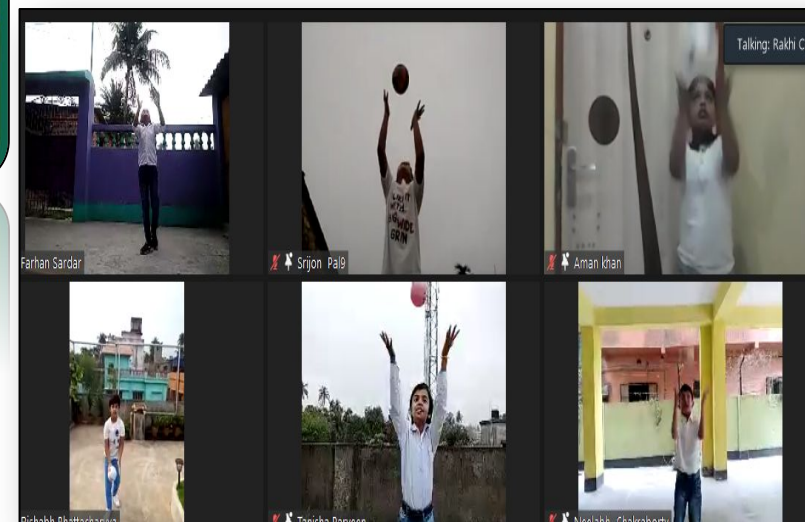


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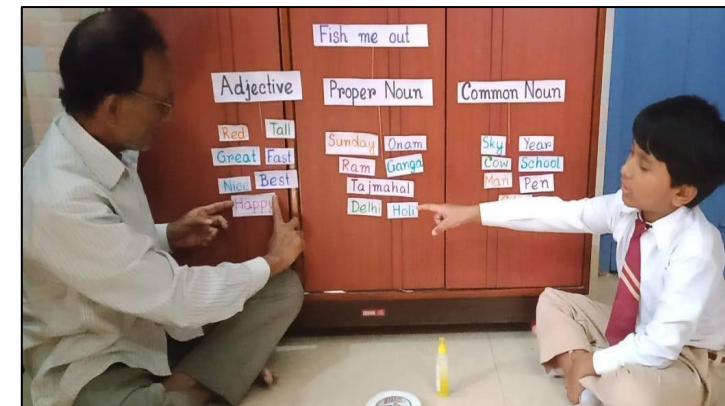


International  
Mother Language  
Day

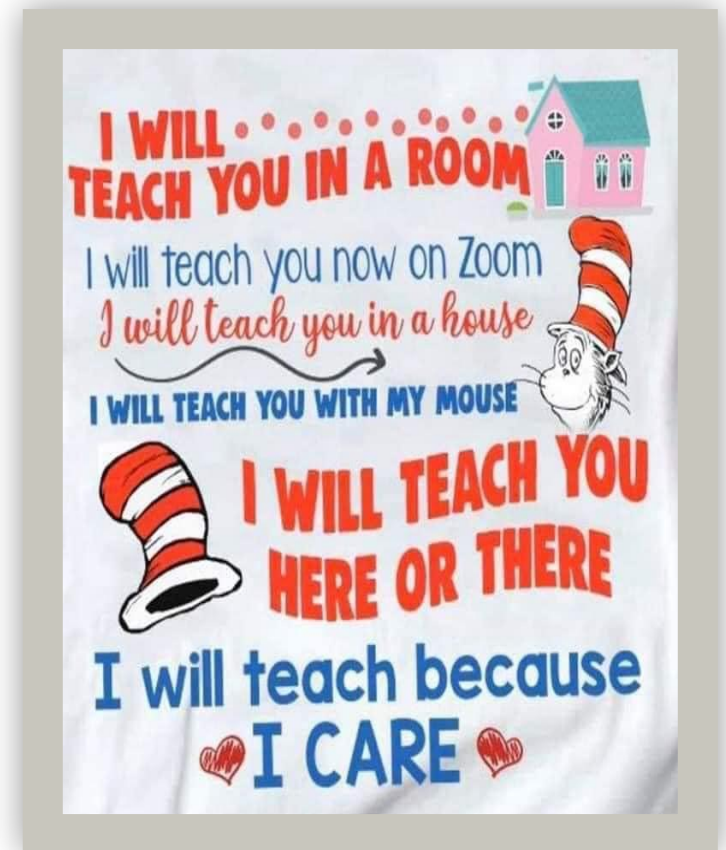
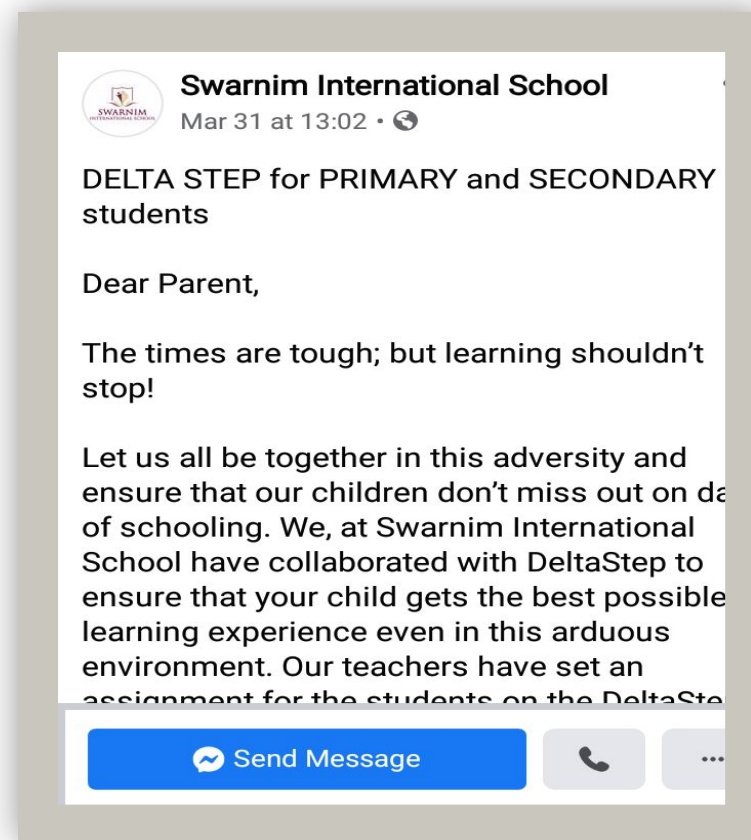
# ANNUAL SPORTS MEET



# STUDENT LED CONFERENCE



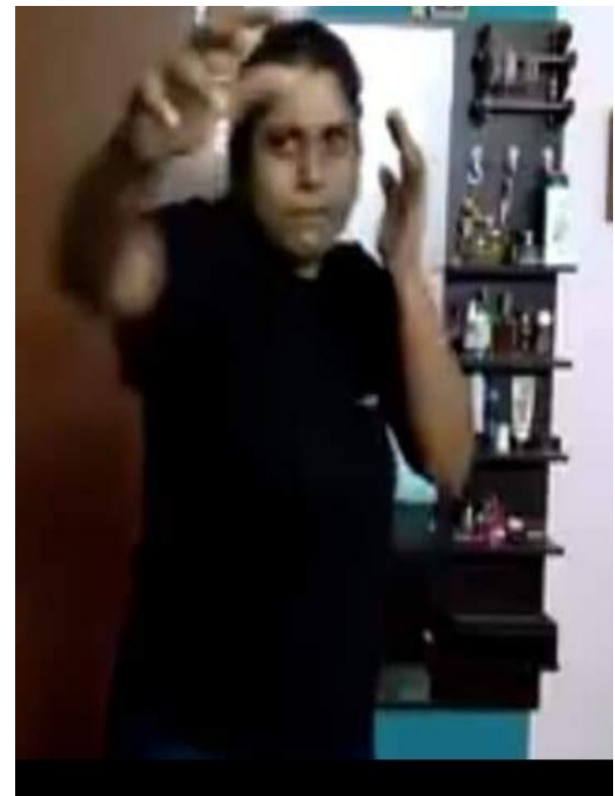
# SWARNIM CONNECT



# WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS

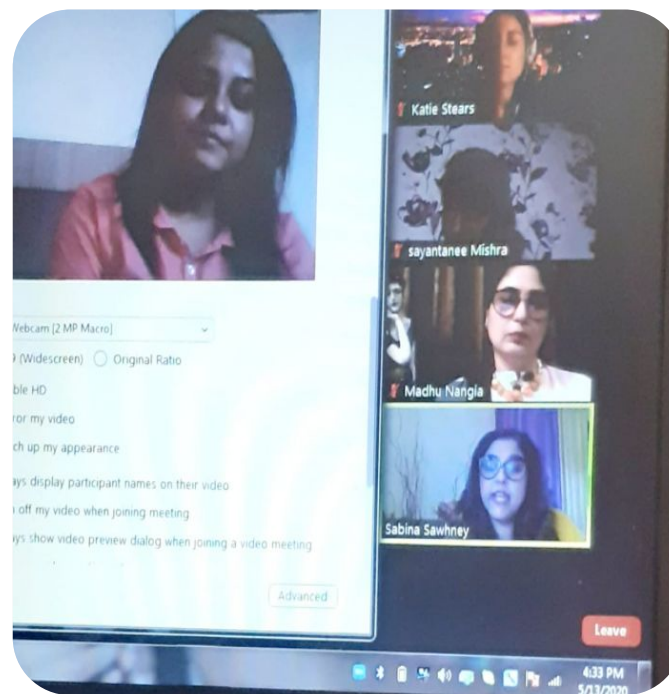


Gardening Workshop



Self-Defence Workshop

# WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS



ISA session	Activities	Original dates	Revised dates (tentative)
April 2020 – February 2021	Mid-year review	September / October 2020	December 2020
	In-house and collaborative activities and dossier compilation	April – December 2020	July 2020 – May 2021
	Dossier submission	28 February 2021	1 June 2021

People

Currently in this meeting (30)

- AD Arna Bose Dasgupta
- AS Anikita Singh
- AS Annie Sirsa
- AS Anupama Singh
- FA Anwar, Fatima (India) Organizer
- AB Arundhati Bhattacharjee
- BA Beena Anil
- DS DEEPTI SINGH
- DB Dhriti Bera
- EM esha mishra
- EB Eti Bandyopadhyay
- GP Geetanjali Pal

# WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS

**WHEN STUDENTS AREN'T PROGRESSING**

- Pre-teach
- Peer-teach
- Re-teach



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Pallavi Dhody

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## CERTIFICATE of PARTICIPATION

This certificate is awarded to Anindita Chakraborty

for the successful participation in the workshop titled

**Maths Pedagogy Workshops by Kelly Lim**

organised by Scholastic India in May 2020.

**Professional development hours: 1.50**

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Neeraj Jain  
Managing Director, Scholastic India Pvt. Ltd.

# WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS


The teachers utilised the lockdown period in upgrading themselves. They attended several webinars conducted by renowned personalities and organisations in the education field. Some of the Webinars attended by the teachers are as follows:

- ❖ Schools after lockdown: redefining existence by Prof. Rajaram Sharma
- ❖ British Council Meeting for implementing ISA action plan
- ❖ Math pedagogy webinar series by Kelly Lim (Scholastic India)
- ❖ FICCI Arise---topic -Teaching for the new normal. (Primary)
- ❖ FICCI Arise--Designing online assessment (secondary).
- ❖ FICCI Arise---Building parental involvement mental well-being (secondary).
- ❖ A special edition 2 day course by Dr Swati Popat Vats on IQ and EQ in early and Primary years.
- ❖ Spoken Grammar and other features of speaking conducted by British Council

# TEACHERS ACHIEVEMENT



Middle School Maths

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## Exemplar Teacher Award

*This certificate is presented to*

**Ankita Bhattacharya**

*in recognition of exemplary performance as a teacher for the year 2020*




**Suchi San Basu**  
Founder & Director  
Little Papillons






**Surojit Basu**  
Co-Founder  
Little Papillons



Primary School Hindi

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Subject Track	Primary School Hindi

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