

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

# "Education is not filling a pail but the lighting of a fire."

# -William Butler Yeats

# **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**









#### PEDAGOGY IMPLEMENTED

- **Game-Based Learning**
- **Expeditionary Learning**
- Inquiry-Based Learning
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**Game Based Learning** 



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**Inquiry Based Learning** 

# **BOOKS AND STORIES**







**Reading Week** 



**Children Enacted a Self-Written Short Play** 



**Story Telling** 

#### **NEWSLETTER**





SIS# OCTOBER 2021



#### RESIDENT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parente

They say good things come to those who wait. Our children have been waiting for over 18 months to come back to school. So, here's the exciting part – the main campus is almost ready to welcome them with these facilities:



The environment is designed to provide students with a differentiated and enriched learning experience. Educational spaces develop the mind, body and soul. One of the biggest influences on the child's thought process is his/her immediate surroundings. Brain experts say, 'Brainfriendly learning environments strengthen neural connections and aid long-term memory, planning and motivation. To be brain-friendly, they need to be places that are comfortable and aesthetically engaging'. When the environment is conducive, students learn better and retain better. The entire school, including all classrooms, is airconditioned. The school building has many cut outs which integrate the indoors with the outdoors. A la Shanti Niketan, the natural cross ventilation gives the school an open airy feeling and promotes good health. Post Covid, natural ventilation takes on even more importance. It will not be unusual to find a class happening outdoors to enjoy the natural breeze and view.

Air-Conditioned Smart Classrooms- Our Digital Classrooms will assist students in divergent learning strategies like adaptive learning, virtual reality & learning analytics. Each teacher has her own laptop to impart the lessons effectively. The classrooms are air conditioned, spacious and are furnished with ergonomically designed furniture.

Computer Lab- Each student will have access to one computer. All the computers are intra-connected through LAN as well as servers to access high speed internet and backup facility. The lab is well equipped with all required updated versions of hardware and software.

Math Lab- Many students are paranoid about Math. Handling manipulatives in the Math Lab will help them grasp concepts easily and make mathematics fun-filling and enriching experience. Our Math Lab is spacious and well equipped with all the updated instruments, gadgets and charts. It helps students improvise their mathematical





SIS# APRIL 2022



#### ESIDENT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



#### HEADMISTRESS' MESSAGE

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Students have probably had the most exceptional experience these past 2 years. Campus closure, abruptly saying goodbye to their life as they knew it, moving their learning and community life online within days - these are just some of the challenges that they faced. Then there was the uncertainty around whether and how they could make it back to their school. What a journey it has been

Finally, the dawn is here when they have returned to school physically.

We thus have double reason to celebrate – 1) their return. 2) And in the bigger school! The building has been under construction for over 4 years – hit by the pandemic, the immigrant worker migration, unusual weather conditions but finally it is ready to welcome all the little ones and promise them the best years of their life.

The big school will serve our current school families as well as the surrounding community. One of the best aspects of this opportunity has been our ability to design the space from the ground up, exactly how we want it, basing it on the most current research on how children learn best. The building's unique open features include large indoor/outdoor classrooms and play areas, skylights, abundant natural outdoor space, and a completely enclosed and secure parking and drop-off area. The labs, libraries and other spaces will provide opportunities for experiences that will reflect children's passions and interests, hands-on exploration, investigation, collaboration, and reflection. Core educational experiences lay the foundation in literacy and numeracy, music, visual arts, and social-emotional learning, reflecting SIS core values.

We will continue to embrace a child-centred philosophy taught by a highly knowledgeable and experienced faculty. The hallmark of true education has been recognised by all parents and many experts and award givers.

This momentous occasion has been possible by the Grace of the Almighty, the relentless work by Mr Rajiv Agarwal, who now joins us as a School Managing Committee member, Ajoy Guha – our Project Manager and blessings from Shri Hari Prasad Budhia, our Chairman.

Keep showering our children and us with your love and blessings.

Shubho Nabobarsho to all of you!!

As our school steps into its 7th year and into its new campus, we are delighted to be accredited with the prestigious International Dimensions in School (IDS) for 2022-25 (formerly known as the International School Award) by the British Council.

Swarnim has the distinction of being the youngest school in winning the International School Award in 2018, when it was barely 2 years old. And getting the accreditation for the second time in a row corroborates our claim to be a school which embeds the essential skills of the information age in its curriculum and fosters an international ethos in the school.

The school carried out the activities for IDS 2021 in the online mode and successfully completed those despite the limitations and challenges posed by the pandemic situation worldwide. The exigent demands of the IDS program could not have been met without the unflinching support of the parents alongside the enthusisam and diligence of our students and teachers.

This project is undertaken periodically by the school because of its multifarious benefits for our children. Students develop an increased knowledge, awareness and tolerance about other countries, cultures and languages, confidence in communicating with people from different backgrounds and more skills to successfully live and work in a global and mobile society. It also helps in creating important links with schools abroad to exchange knowledge and skills.

The IDS coordinators nominated by the school undergo training by the British Council and are certified by them to spearhead this onerous project. Elaborate and explicit guidelines are set by the Council for the teachers and the topics and related action planning are based on these. The IDS program enriches and enlightens teachers in the areas of lesson planning, cross-curricular projects, art and STEM integration in daily lessons, evaluation rubrics and most importantly incorporates internationalism in the school curriculum.

This year Swarnim collaborated with four foreign schools for 2 projects, namely, Government Elementary School and Government Girls Model Higher Secondary School in Hafizabad, Pakistan, Kirkby on Baine River Primary School and Monk's Abbey School in the UK.

Swarnim is committed to ensure that our pupils are involved in a myriad of learning activities with national and international exposure as they progress through the school.

# **OLYMPIAD**



NAME	CLASS	SUBJECT	ACHIEVEMENT
Prince Om Shah	IV	General Knowledge	Medal of Distinction
Sohalia Singh	II	Mathematics	Gold Medal of Excellence
Aarushi Patel	II	English	Gold Medal of Excellence

### **INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION**







Monks Abbey School, Lincoln, U.K.

# **INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION**



**Food, Crops and Culture Comparison** 



**Dressing Up Dolls** 

## **DAAN UTSAV**





Thanks to our students and parents for their contribution for the Daan Utsav. As we prepared for the festivities, it was nice to feel that somebody else was also happy. Here are glimpses of the support staff sorting, packing and sending to Goonj, an NGO.

Students of our school organized events while trying to understand the concerns regarding 'Our Environment'. The events created awareness and plan of action for the protection of the environment. They focused on the role that environment plays in providing the essential infrastructure to support life on earth and human development. Students implemented innovative methods to reduce the use of the non-biodegradable products and replace those with





Students made use of biodegradable products and utilized the existing non-biodegradable ones in a creative way to reduce the waste generation. This empirical exercise helped them to understand the importance of the 3R's: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle.





The students enthusiastically portrayed how they have inculcated small changes in their lifestyle to create a better world through posters.





Students learnt the 'Tie and Dye' technique of printing where they used organic products to make dyes. They learnt the technique of dyeing clothes with natural colours like henna, turmeric, beetroot, rose petals etc.



# **EVENTS AND CELEBRATION**



**Founder's Day** 



**Poila Baisakh** 



**Earth Day** 



**World Laughter Day** 



**Mother's Day** 



**Rabindra Jayanti** 



<u>Eid</u>



**International Dance Day** 



**World Health Day** 



**Father's Day** 

# **EVENTS AND CELEBRATION**



**World Yoga Day** 



**Doctors' Day** 



**Sing Along** 



**Independence Day** 



<u>Rakhi</u>



**Janmashtami** 



**Teachers' Day** 



**Grandparents' Day** 



**Hindi Diwas** 



**Durga Puja** 

# **EVENTS AND CELEBRATION**



<u>Diwali</u>



**Children's Day** 



**Christmas** 



**Netaji Jayanti** 



**Republic Day** 



Saraswati Puja



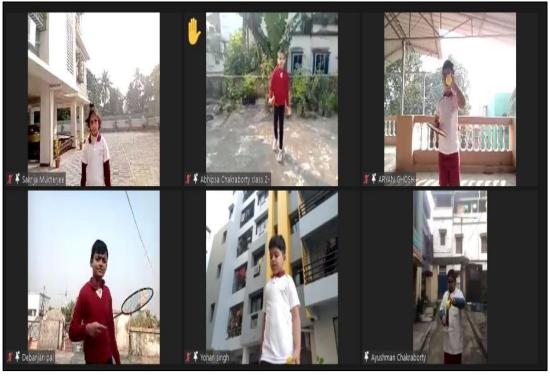
**Show and Tell** 



**International Mother Language Day** 

# **ANNUAL SPORTS MEET (ONLINE)**





# STUDENT LED CONFERENCE

The annual Student Led Conference provides a platform for our students to review and showcase their academic progress to their parents. For the parents, it presents a unique opportunity to be a part of their children's learning process and feel proud as they see their children explain complex concepts with candour and clarity.

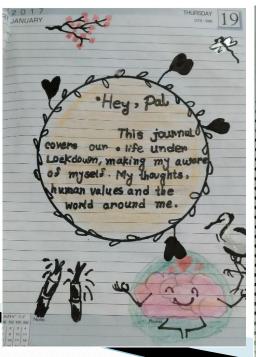
Owing to the pandemic, this year the conference was conducted at home on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January. The primary students had devised games and activities in different subjects with the guidance of their teachers. Children challenged their parents to participate in these games which involved the application of concepts they learnt in the class.



## **LOCKDOWN JOURNAL**

Covid hit the entire world like waves on a rocky shore. Everything was shut down initially but we encouraged the students of our school to engage in activities that would allow them to keep steady with the indomitable curiousness that ignites within them and share their experience with each other in the form of journals.











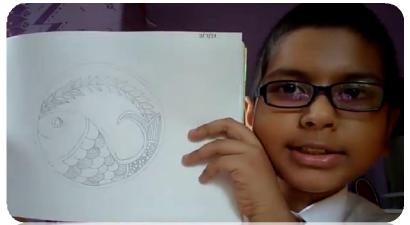
# **BACK TO SCHOOL**







# **WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS**



Art Workshop by Ms. Chhayya Agarwalla



Storytelling Session by Ms. Sandhya
Venugopal Godey



Fitness Workshop by Ms. Swati Poddar



<u>Digital Workshop by</u> <u>Ms. Aditi Jhunjhunwala</u>



#### Webinars and workshops attended by teachers:

- ECA guidelines for remote blended learning conducted by:
  - Ms. Suman Sood
  - Ms. Harsha Girish Ramaiya
  - Ms. Sneha Gupta
- Design like a pro, digital marketing tools by:
  - Ms. Aditi Jhunjhunwala



A webinar for the teachers on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 by – CENTA (Topic – Data Interpretation).



A workshop for the teachers on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021 by Mindspark (Topic – Assessment).



A workshop on ASK model and imparting education in collaborative environment was conducted for the teachers on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 by Smt. Moushumi Banerjee, Founder Principal of Future Campus School.

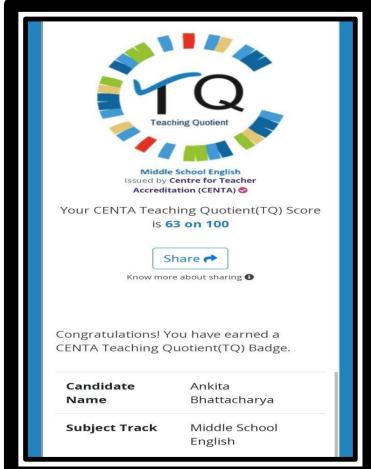


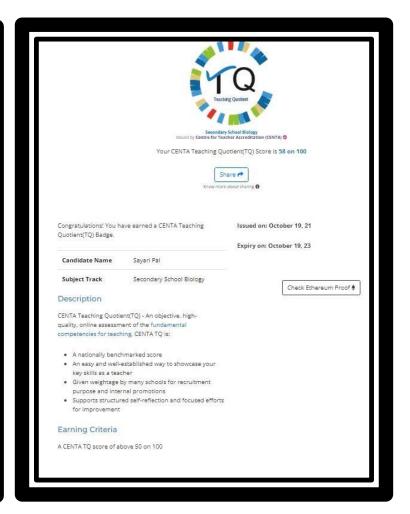
#### Teachers also attended the following workshops/ webinars:

- On 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021 by CENTA (Topic Importance of Communication between Schools and Parents)
- On 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 by CENTA (Topic Reading Comprehension Skills)
- On 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 by CENTA (Topic Effective Classroom Management)
- On 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 "Teaching of spoken Hindi in school: status and suggestions by Sharda Bhasin" organized by Orient Black Swan
- The CENTA Webinar Series on the topic of "Making Thinking Visible" by Dr. Meenakshi Narula on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2021
- Asian International School Webinar on "Life Skills" on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.
- "ECA-APER Post Covid Safe School Reopening Guidelines" on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 by ECA Kolkata Territory.
- A webinar on "Enhancing Public Speaking Skills" by CENTA on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2021
- A webinar on "Enabling Self-Expression for all" by IICP Kolkata on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

# **TEACHERS' ACHIEVEMENTS**

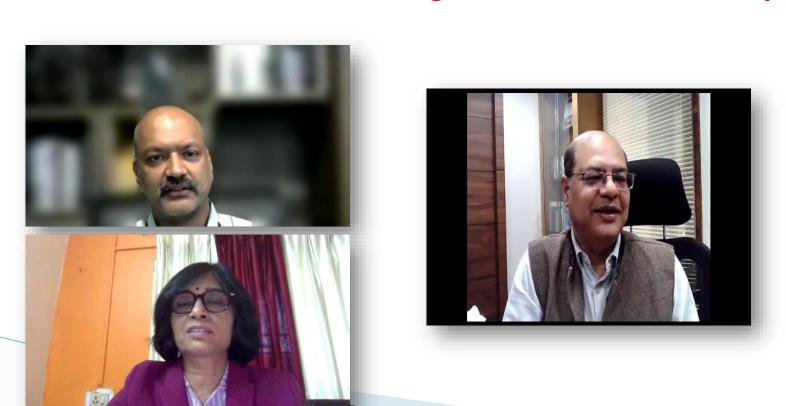






# SCHOOL MANAGING COMMITTEE (SMC)

The First SMC Meeting was held on 18th January, 2022 in the virtual mode.







# Thank You