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# NEWSLETTER

CYCLE 1 — OCTOBER '20 ISSUE



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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parent,

As we get into the midstream of academic year 2020, our school community seems to get on top of the new normal and move on with confidence. A lot of this positivity comes from you dear parents who guide our students and support them to get on with life and learning.



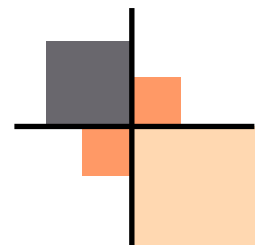
We, at UIS are always expanding into new paradigms of learning. Our current passion and pursuit is to turn our students into high performance learners. We have invested our time, energy and resources into this new framework and are all set to gradually climb the pinnacle of high-performance learning. We cannot do this alone and in isolation. Our GEMS group is supporting us, and I am sure our most learned parents will be a part of this exciting journey.

I will be sharing our ideas and strategies with you and our dear students who will in turn demonstrate the genius in each of them!

Look out for more information on HPL as we move on!

Stay safe, stay Happy!

Warm Regards  
**K. George Mathew**  
Principal/CEO



# VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Valued Students and Parents

Greetings from GEMS United Indian School!

It gives me immense pleasure to share that we are now in our third month of learning-teaching post the summer break and we continue to provide quality education for all our students and a safe and risk-free learning experience for our increasing face-to-face learners.



As always, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all our valued parents who are relentless in their support and patronage. Hats off to all our teachers who continue to work tirelessly for the progress of students under their care. I'd like to appreciate efforts of the entire Administration Team led by the Manager School Operation (MSO) – Mr. Dennis Anthony to keep our school campus and buses safe and risk-free.

As we conclude the Open House sessions for the month, here are few findings gleaned from parent and teacher feedback. These observations could be of immense value to our students. Students who engaged actively in their learning by collaborating and maintaining eye-contact with their teachers have demonstrated increased focus and retention of learning. Also, students who make notes/doodle or prepare mind-maps while lessons are on, have shown improved abilities to link events and make stronger connections with their learning. Capturing learning in graphical form has proven to be successful and we encourage all our learners to record their learning in such fun and creative ways.

Use of digital applications across school has improved significantly by the end of October as compared to end of July this year, which indicates students and teachers are actively and seamlessly using educational applications to support impactful teaching, learning and assessment.

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# VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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As mentioned by Principal Sir in the first newsletter post the pandemic, we are moving into a '*pan-academic*' phase and digital literacy will be the key going forward, I am very pleased to share that we are in a very enviable position as far as tech support for learning is concerned. This is thanks to the heavy investment made by GEMS Education to provide every GEMS student a 'full-access Microsoft Suite' to enhance learning, collaboration and assessment.

As admissions for 2021-2022 are open, I urge our existing parents to take advantage of the GEMS Ambassador Program and recommend families to UIS. Once the referred parent taken admission, our existing parents will get a discount in the fees of their children in UIS. This program has been very successful and we've had the opportunity to provide our proactive parents with up to 25% discount in their fees. Please visit <https://www.gemsunitedindianschool-abudhabi.com/for-parents/ambassador-programme/> for more details.

Here's wishing all members of the UIS family a happy and healthy month ahead.

**Shaikh Murad Sarfraz**

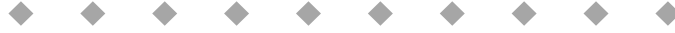
**Vice-Principal**

**GEMS United Indian School**



**GEMS** AMBASSADOR  
PROGRAMME

# SUPERVISORS' MESSAGE



Dear parents

Greetings !

We hope you are healthy and doing well. We are missing our students more than ever! We want to thank our GUIS families for your patience, empathy, and unwavering support; this has been much appreciated by our staff. We recognize that it can be challenging for families to keep apprised of the weekly schedules, assignments and numerous opportunities for students to connect with teachers online. Hence, we've designed this newsletter, which will be sent bimonthly, to help keep our families informed. We encourage parents to reach out to our teachers if your child has questions or needs assistance. Our Cycle 1 school teachers are working incredibly hard to provide engaging assignments, projects, and instruction while also working to be as interactive with our F2F and DL students as they can be to keep them connected and engaged in school. I commend our teachers and staff for the stellar job they are doing considering the extreme nature of circumstances that led to remote and blended learning.



As we continue to develop learning opportunities for our F2F and DL students, we have now come up with **I see - I ask - I wonder strategy** to engage students in conversation. Often one of the most challenging tasks in a classroom is having the students participate in an effective discussion with one another. Therefore, **I see - I ask - I wonder strategy** will be an extremely easy and straightforward activity in the beginning of a lesson when first introducing a topic in order to get students thinking about the content and engage in a mini discussion. Since many students benefit from visuals, **I see - I ask - I wonder strategy** will be a great activity to help them analyze a picture and ask questions.

GUIS is seriously rethinking to identify and nurture special talents in children. The school provides opportunities to participate in intra class, inter class and inter school competitions. **'Star Child of the Week'** is a new programme initiated by the school to promote the achievements of all our gifted and talented students through social media. Class teachers will be reaching out to parents asking for exceptional pieces of students' work in art, creative expressions, performing arts, etc.

During this time of pandemic situation, UIS has ensured that every student of Cycle 1 continue to have access to high-quality curriculum and assignments. Now that we are half way through, we respectfully request you to complete the **GEMS parent survey 2020- Winter by 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020**.

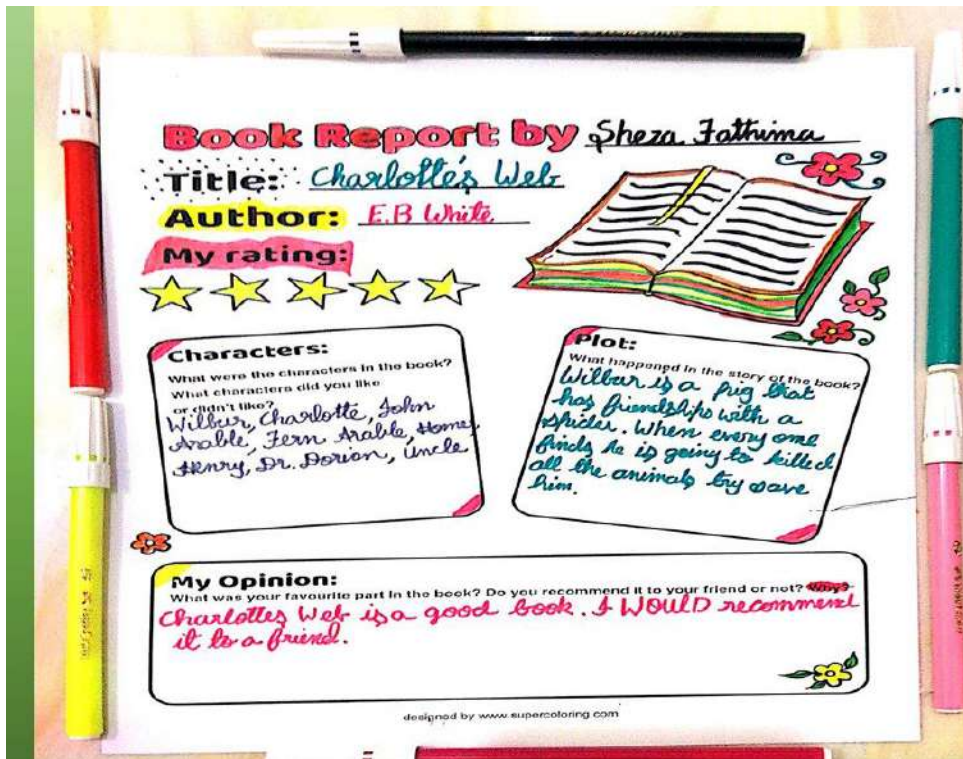
You are requested to access the survey link that was sent on November 3, 2020 from GEMS Education to your primary e-mail address that is registered with us with the subject of the email being "Parent Survey on GEMS United Indian School LLC - Abu Dhabi". With your thoughtful and prompt reply to the survey, we'll move forward with refining, in a deliberative manner to improve our system.

Thank you for all your efforts. Our hearts go out to you as you work to support your children through these changes as well. Take very good care of yourself.

**Yours sincerely**  
**Ms. Priya Sonnakula**  
**Mrs. Chitra Seshadri**

# BOOK-TOBER

Looking for good books to read? Our little bibliophiles at GUIs provide their candid opinions on some of their latest reads from the month of October.

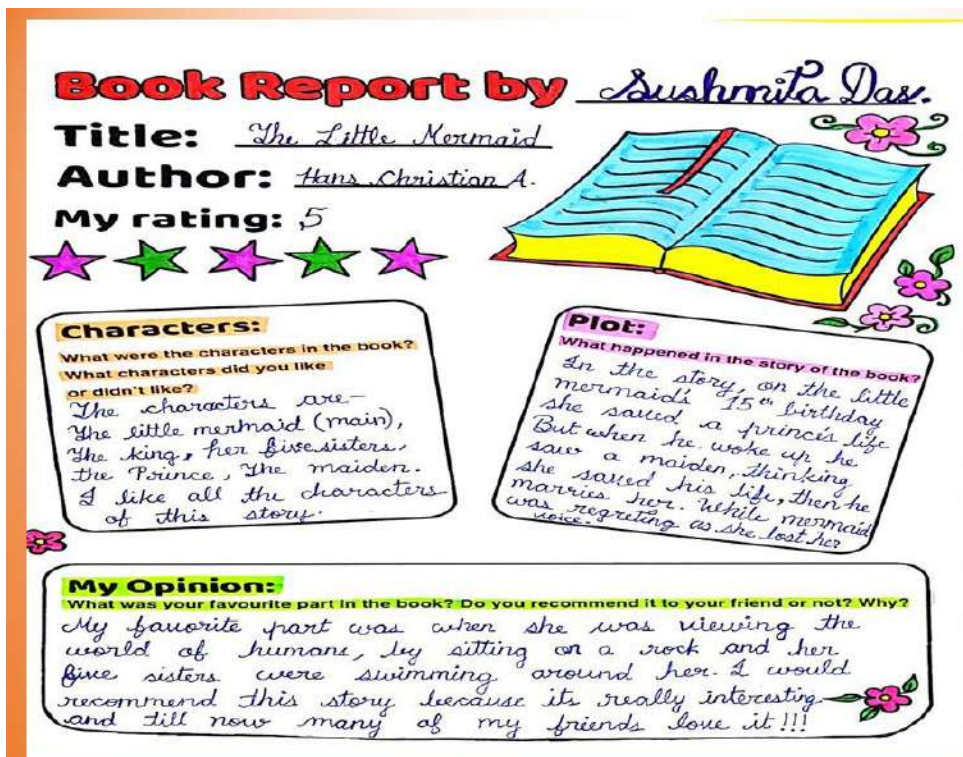


## Book-tober Book recommendations

Grade 5

Sheza Fathima recommends the book- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Charlotte's web is an all time classic that has featured in multiple bestseller lists across the world. A simple read but deep in meaning.



## Book-tober Book recommendations

Grade 5

Sushmita Das recommends the book- The little Mermaid by Hans Christian A.

She recommends it because it is really interesting and a lot of her friends have loved it as well.

You will love it too!

# BOOK—TOBER

## Book-tober Book recommendations

Grade 5

Amna Sharif of class 5A recommends the book- Thea sisters and the chocolate sabotage by Thea Stilton.

She found this book 'mysterious, relaxing and funny'

You should try it too!

**Book Report by** AMNA SHARIF

**Title:** Thea sisters and the chocolate sabotage

**Author:** THEA STILTON

**My rating:** ★★★★★


**Characters:**  
What were the characters in the book? What characters did you like or didn't like?  
I liked Paulina and Collette.  
I didn't like Alvero.


**Plot:**  
What happened in the story of the book?  
In the story a chocolate factory was sabotaged by their opposing company. But at last the opposing enemy was caught with the help of Thea sisters.

**My Opinion:**  
What was your favourite part in the book? Do you recommend it to your friend or not? Why?  
My favourite part was when Thea sisters caught Alvero [the enemy]. Yes I do recommend this book to my friends because this book is mysterious, relaxing and funny too lol.

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**My Book Review**

**Title** - The Mysterious Cheese Thief 


**Author** - Geronimo Stilton 

**Main Characters**  
Geronimo Stilton & Leonid & Irving mouse  
Thea Stilton - Geronimo's sister


**Other Characters**  
Irish Stilton - Geronimo's cousin  
Benjamin Stilton - Geronimo's nephew

**Summary**  
On this story, the Stilton family has been told not to use Stilton in their names anymore as it was the name of a special cheese found in England. When they (Grandfather Williams, Geronimo, Thea, Irish & Benjamin) reached Stilton, a place in England, they wanted to eat some Stilton cheese but they couldn't find any as it was stolen by a thief. They went to the factory & took a tour. Geronimo got locked in a freezing room & saw a mouse who wore black clothes & a mask. She was agile, she stole all the cheese & ran away leaving her sign.

He followed her but the thief found him & hit his head with a giant hammer & he fainted. Later he woke up & along with others started searching for the thief. Finally they found her in a crowded supermarket. She left all the stolen cheese & ran away. They returned the cheese to the factory. The manager asked them if he could do them a favor in return. Geronimo requested him to let their family have Stilton in their names. He agreed & they all felt very happy!

**Rating**  
It was excellent.  
★★★★★ 

I would like to recommend this book to a friend because it is very fun to read. The story is very interesting & mesmerizing.

 **Afsheen-5C**

## Book-tober Book recommendations

Grade 5

Afsheen of 5C recommends the book- The Mysterious Cheese Thief by Geronimo Stilton.

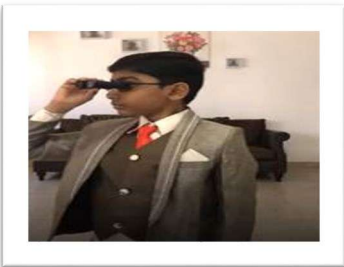
The Geronimo series are a treat to the eye, an exercise to the mind and a great addition to your book collection. Grab one now!



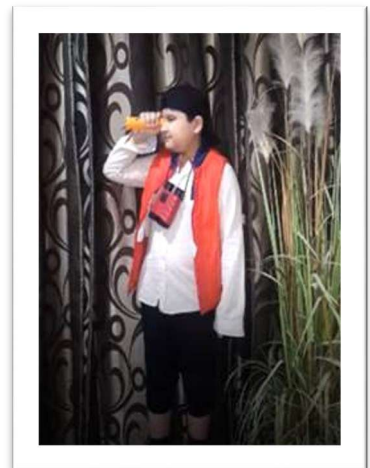
# HANDS ON MINDS ON



*“I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand”*



As part of the English subject enrichment activity, the students of Grade 4 & 5 dressed up as various story characters and summarized the story using first person narrative. This activity promoted literacy skills among the students.





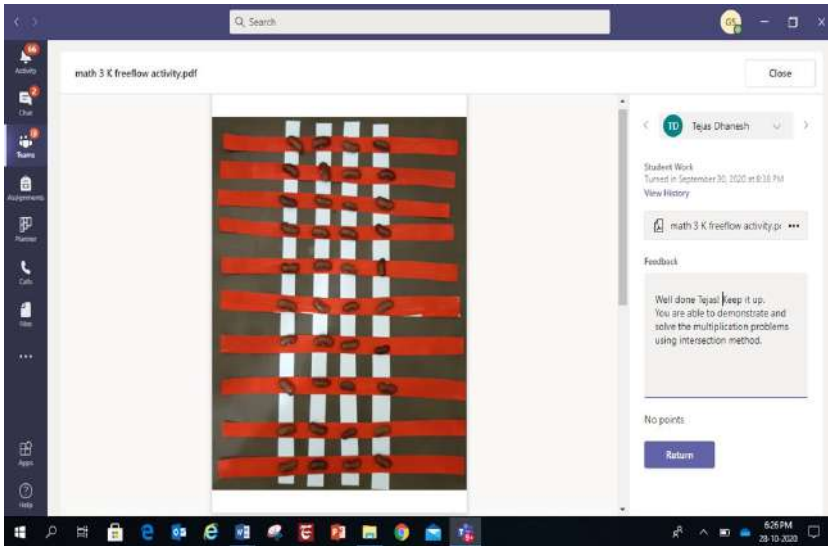
# HANDS ON MINDS ON — EVS



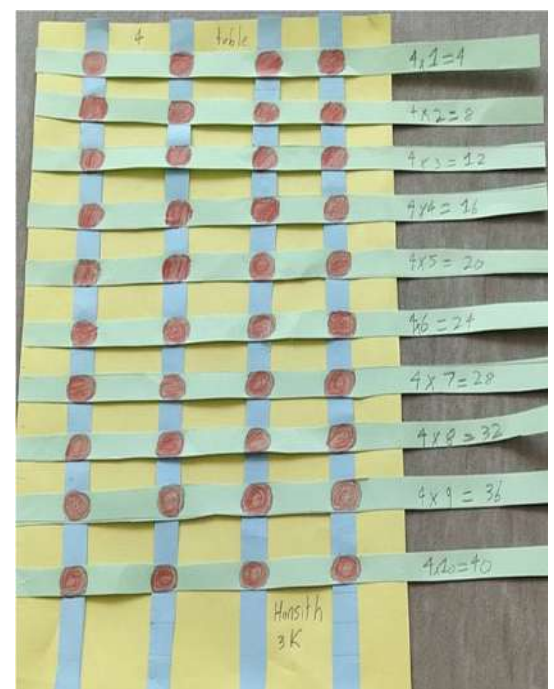
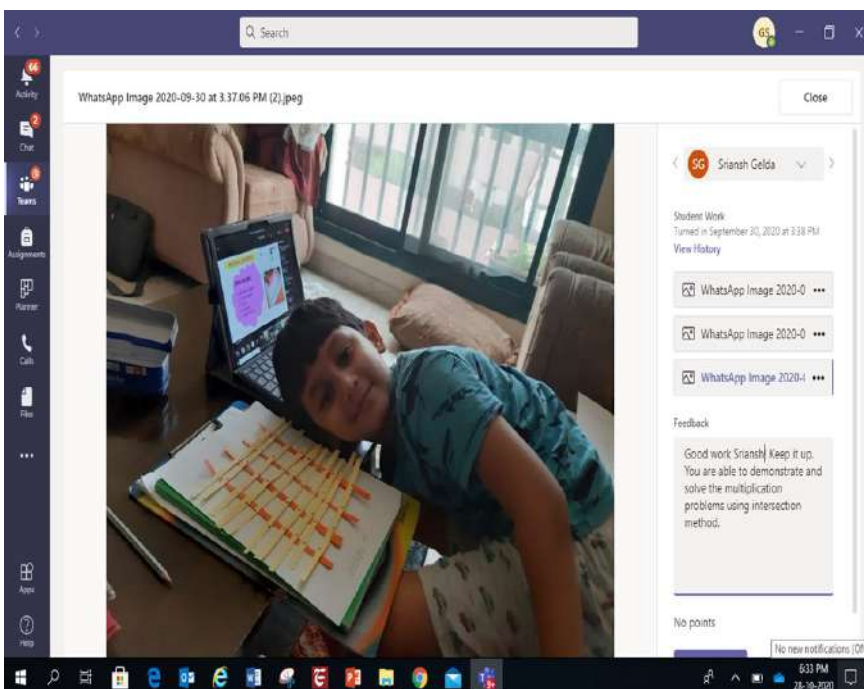
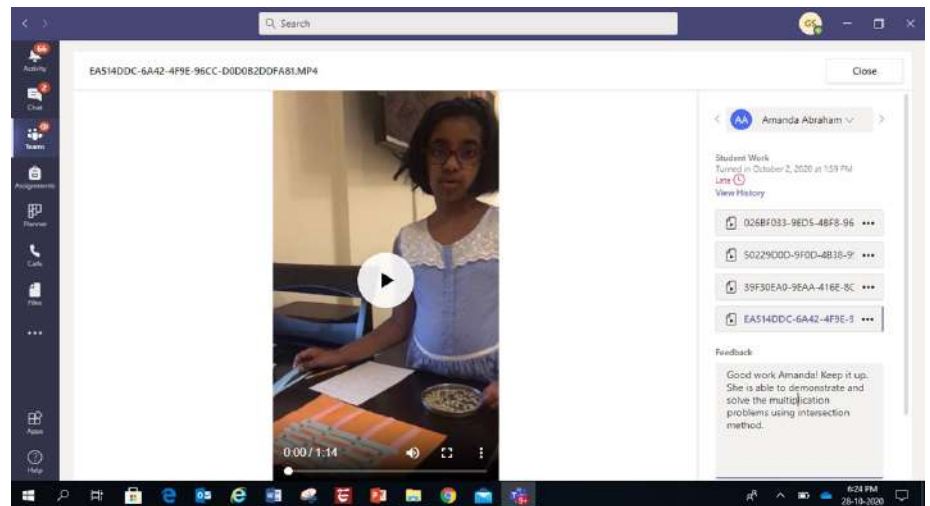
Science is brought to life in Grade 4 by students engaged in making cast fossils and mould fossils using play dough and by engineering a working model of the solar cooker from scratch.



# HANDS ON MINDS ON — MATHEMATICS



Grade 3 students explore the multiplication table of 4 and solve multiplication problems using the intersection method.



# HANDS ON MINDS ON — Grades 1 & 2

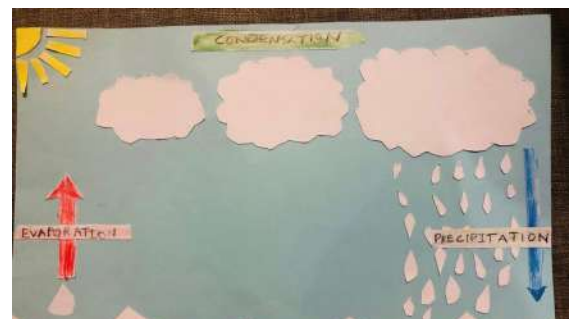
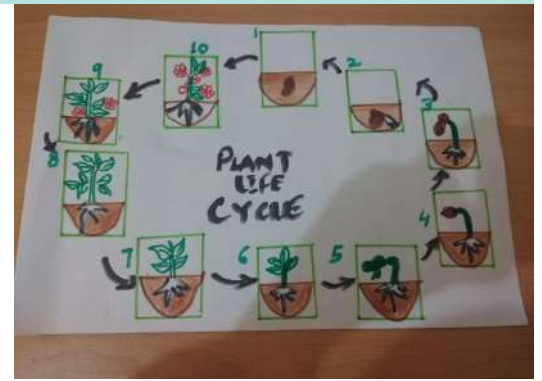


Understanding the “Circle of Life” through seed germination activities

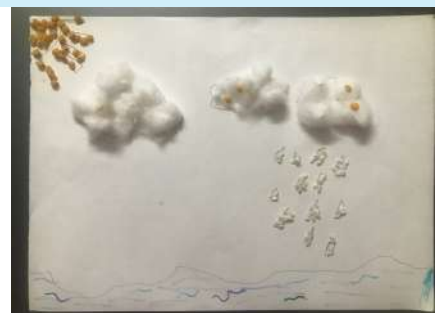
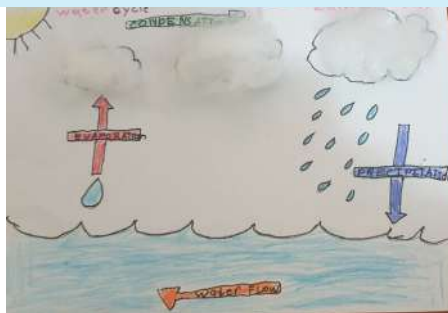
Observation chart: EVS  
Seed germination

NAME: Anshika Suresh GRADE: 2G DATE: 10/10/2020

Kind of the seed used for the experiment	Observation- Day 1 (Date: 3/10/2020)	Observation- Day 2 (Date: 4/10/2020)	Observation- Day 3 (Date: 7/10/2020)	Observation- Day 4 (Date: 8/10/2020)	Observation- Day 5 (Date: 9/10/2020)
Common gram	Plastic cup with cotton wool	Soaked seeds in the form of swimming pool	The seed grows about 1/2 inch above the soil	The seed coat splits off	Young shoot



Tracing the source of all life

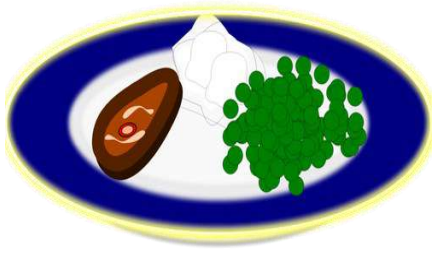




# Mind Full or Mindful?

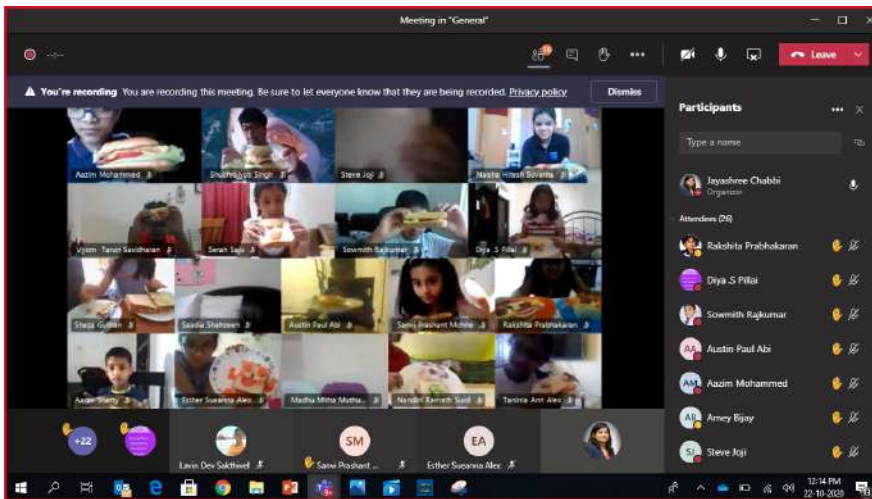
At UIS, we always focus on the holistic development of our students. During this uncertain time, it is essential to focus on our mental health. Mindfulness is the key to achieve this goal. Keeping this in mind we have introduced, 'TAKE 5—an initiative for the wellbeing of the UIS family'.





# World Food Day Celebration

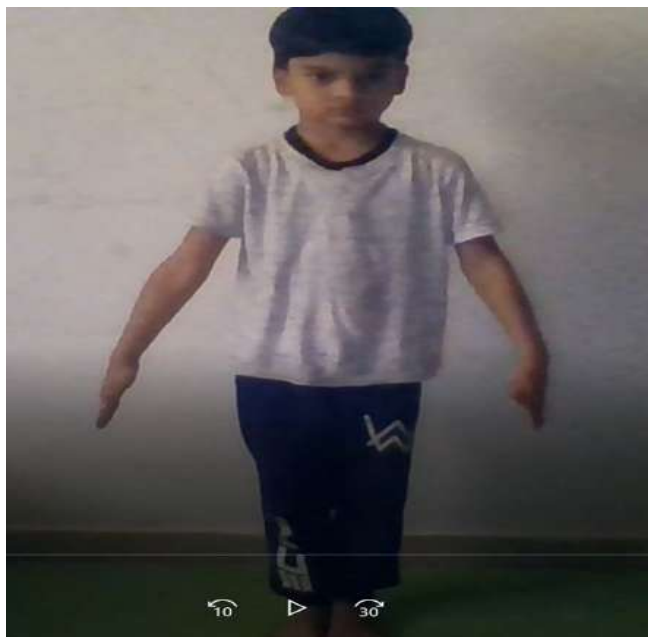
Grade 1, 2 and 3 students celebrated World Food Day on 16th October with a cooking-without-fire activity. Our little chefs came up with a variety of sumptuous, unique and healthy dishes. The students understood the importance of a nutritious diet and the need to respect their daily bread.





# Yoga for Health

Grade 1 students master the different Yoga asanas under the guidance of their PE Teacher to promote a fit and immunity boosting lifestyle.





# Master Strokes

## SCOPE 2020

Gems United Indian School participated in SCOPE (School 'Conference of Parties' Expo) 2020, a forum for students' voice and action against climate change organized by KGS, Dubai on 24th and 25th October. Our students from Cycle 1 swept several winning positions at this event.



*Chris Joseph Deepak and Sushmita Das from Grade 5 bagged the 1st Position in the art event, 'Easels of Earth'.*



*Sajini Varadharajan of Grade 5 bagged the fourth position in the creative story writing event, 'Story of Us' with her original: Smile! Mr. Ocelot*

SCOPE 2020  
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YouTube  
24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October

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# MASTER STROKES

## Kalos Ritmo 2020 - Calisthenics Championship

The primary F2F students of grades 4 and 5 triumphantly celebrated their championship win in the NMS Kalos Ritmo 2020- Inter-School Virtual Callisthenic Drill Display Competition, hosted by Gems New Millennium School on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Under the able guidance of our PE and cinematography team, GEMS UIS won the first position, defeating 5 other competing schools. Our students sure proved that COVID or not, there is no staying away from physical exercise.



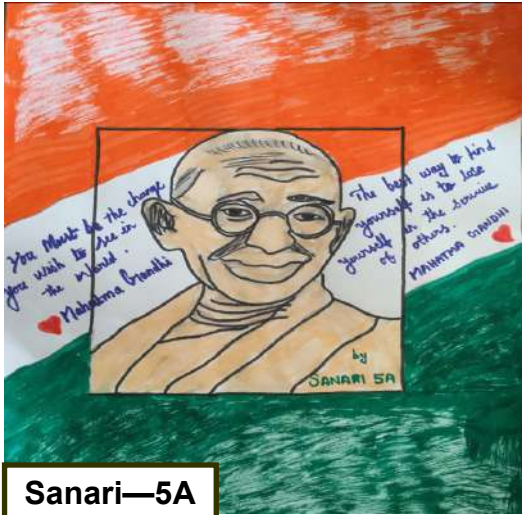
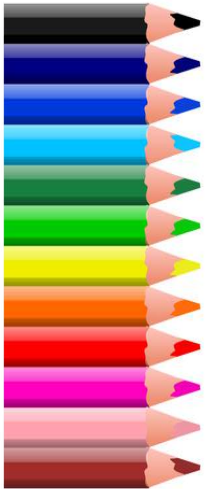




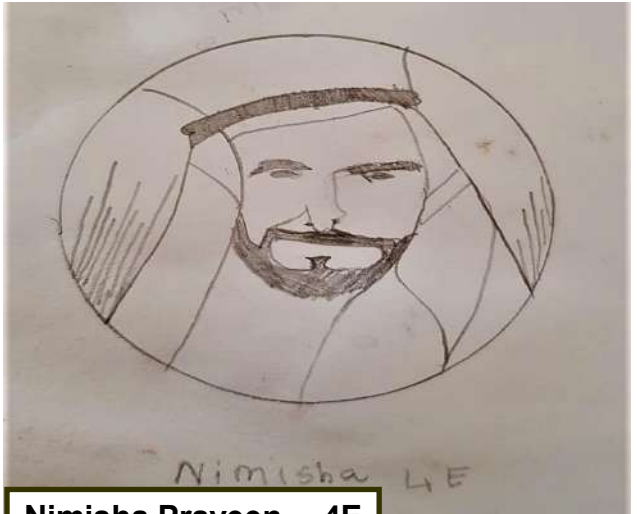
# Art Corner



Yash Gupta—4B



Sanari—5A



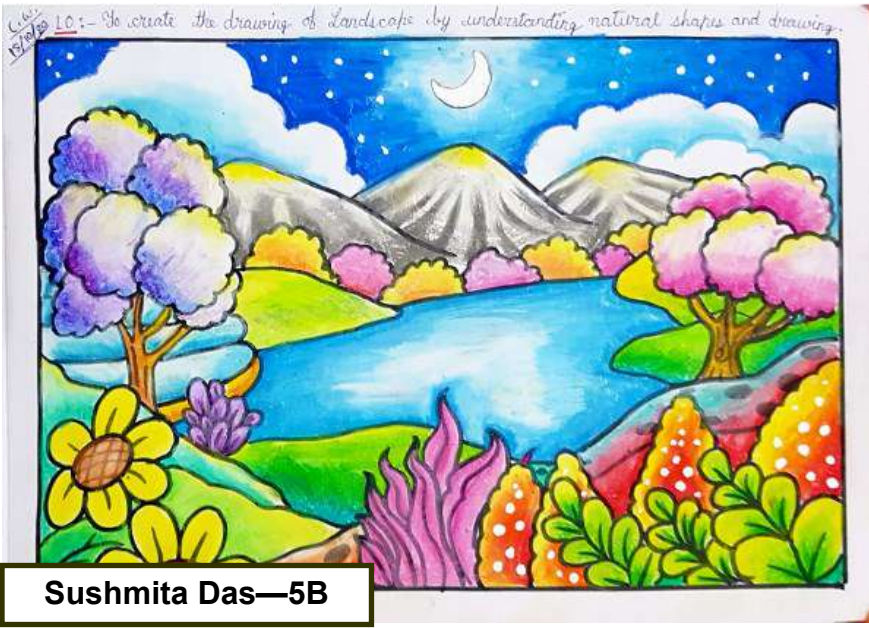
Nimisha Praveen —4E



Jessica Robiston



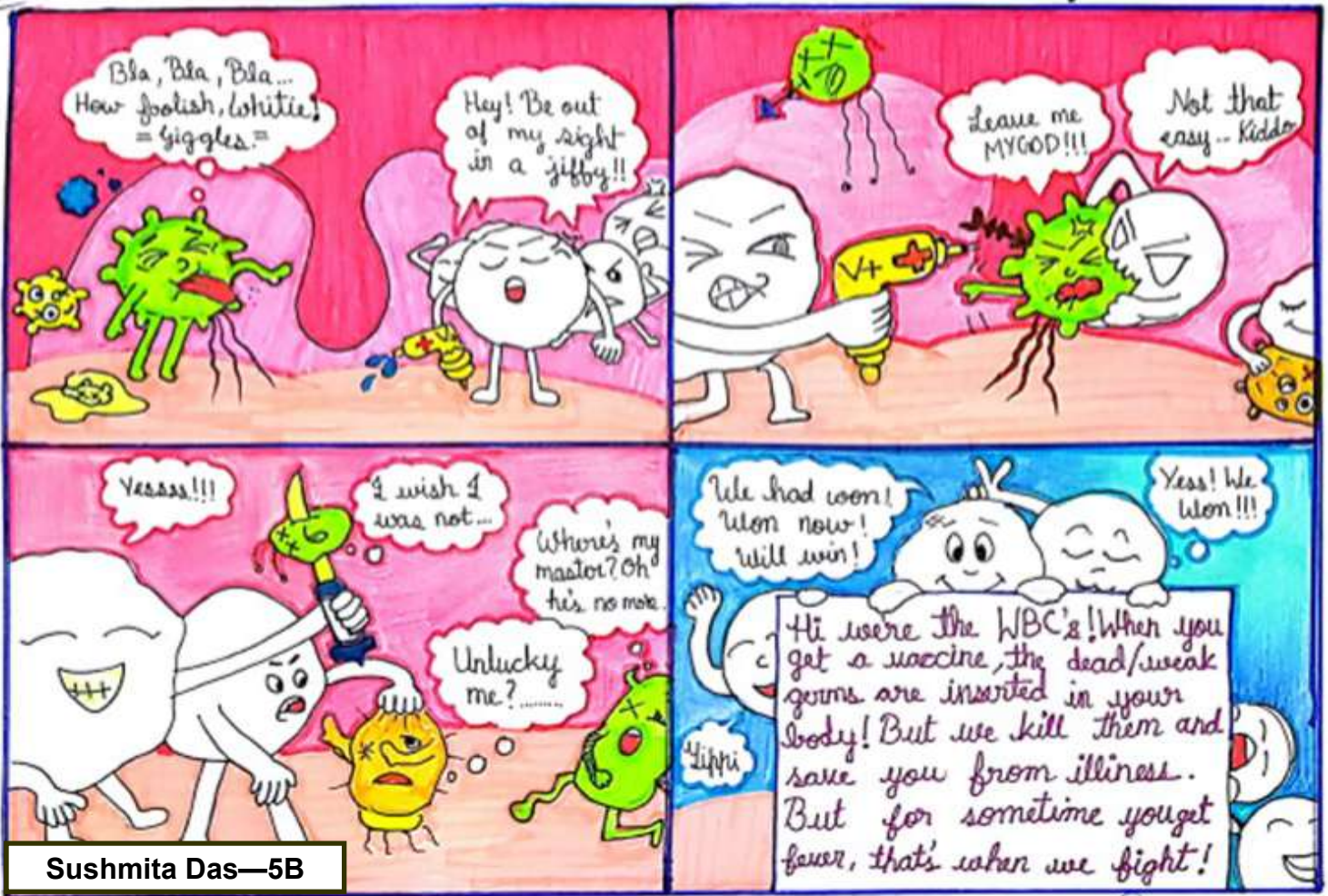
# Art Corner



Irene — 5F

7-10-2020

## Your Vaccination Reaction In Your Body



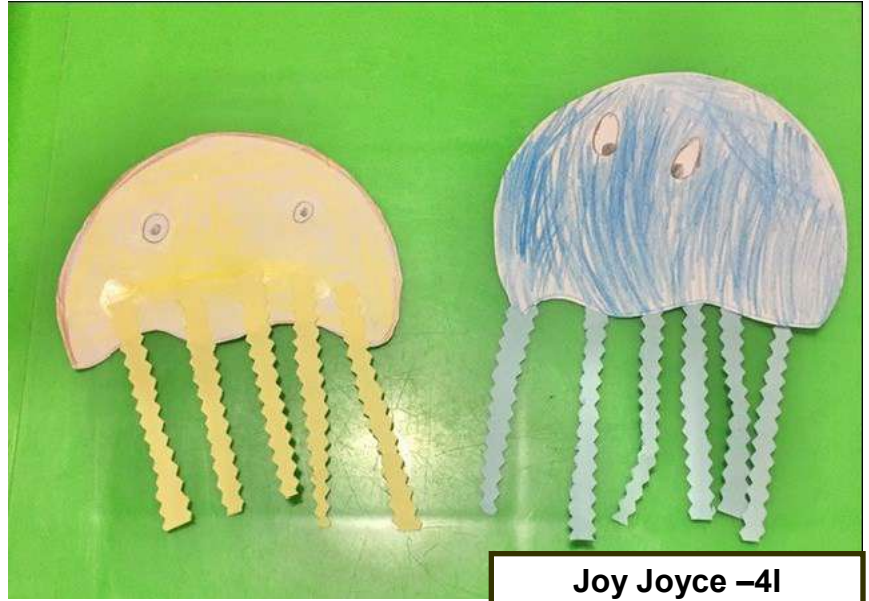
Sushmita Das—5B

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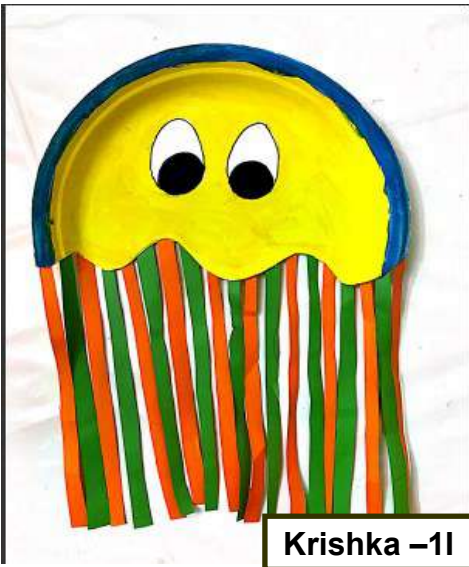
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Adyant Biju — 1I



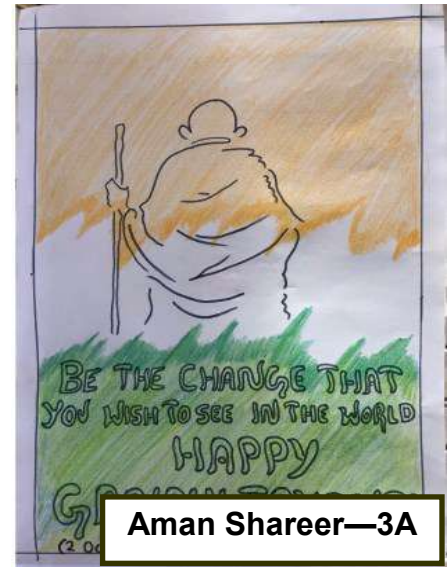
Joy Joyce —4I



Krishka —1I



Nurul—2J



Aman Shareer—3A



Jaivant—1C



Bisma Zayaan—2J

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