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GEMS UNITED INDIAN SCHOOL CYCLE 1 NEWSLETTER

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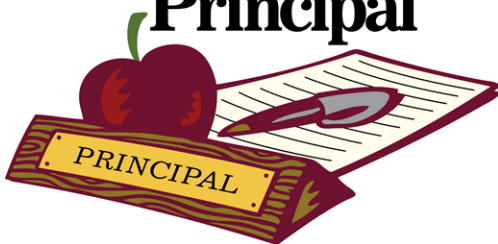
Special points of interest

- EARTH DAY celebration
- Extra curricular and co curricular activities through remote learning

Mr. George Mathew



From
the
Principal



Ramadan Kareem
to all members of the
GEMS United Indian School
family!



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,
We are now midstream using Online-learning portal. Teachers and students have picked up strings of Remote Learning and are steadily improvising new skill sets. Terms such as Synchronous and Asynchronous have now entered the learners' lexicon.

Our journey so far has been both challenging and exciting. Nevertheless, our resolve for pitching the best practices will be evident through our programs that cater curricular and co-curricular learning opportunities in the digital space.

GEMS Education parents who successfully applied for the COVID-19 Relief Package have to date received discounts on the current term's fees ranging from 25 per cent all the way up to 100 per cent in cases of extreme hardship. More than 26,000 students across the GEMS network are set to benefit from the financial assistance designed to support families that have been adversely impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak. Our school has dished out relief packages to 320 families so far!

We do not take arbitrary decisions regarding the relief provided. Every application is screened and we take a decision based on the circumstances of the family. It is important to note that we, as an educational provider, must also take into consideration the best interests of our teachers and non-teaching staff, several of them being parents themselves.

Our teachers and education leaders have been working tirelessly to deliver the highest quality remote learning for all our students, and we are committed to honouring our obligation to continue to pay our teaching staff in full. With the help of parent feedback, we are also continuously looking at ways to improve and refine our E-learning programmes. Our mission is to provide the best education possible during this extremely testing period - an education that assures the academic success, well-being, health and happiness of our students. I am confident that you as partners in our endeavour will support us through your unstinted co-operation.

Thank you and Stay Safe!

Firstly I would like to thank you and congratulate you and all the personals of Gems UIS, for the effort and care towards each and every child on this critical situation. I really appreciate the entire team for this fabulous work. We are really happy to see the children with much enthusiasm on this RLP.

UIS Parent

Message from the Vice Principal

Dear Students and Parents,

Here's wishing you all a peaceful and blessed month of Ramadan!

The Leadership team and teachers cannot thank you enough for all the sincere efforts you have been making to ensure the Remote Learning Program is a resounding success! We are now truly sailing smoothly in these winds of change and I thank all the teachers and leaders who have made this possible.

Staying at home can be a challenge and we all have realized this more now, than ever before. While it is in our best interest to stay home, it is also important to keep ourselves active and healthy. I request all eligible student groups to log onto the ACTIVE KIDS portal and engage with the fitness activities planned exclusively for GEMS students.

Parents who have signed up for TMG have appreciated age-appropriate stories and activities that keep children engaged and motivated. Here are some links to their current (free) digital edition for you to read out to one another at home and have fun while role-playing.

KG 1 & 2: Mekids Junior: <http://tmg-worldwide.com/emagazine/aprilmkj/index.html>

Grade: 1 - 3 Mekids: <http://tmg-worldwide.com/emagazine/aprilmk/index.html>

Grade: 4 & above - The Youngest: <http://tmg-worldwide.com/emagazine/apriltyme/index.html>

The e-magazine files are downloadable and printable for convenient and future use. Competition pages have the topics for the month and submission related details.

I'd like to close by encouraging all students to set weekly goals (for academics, fitness, creativity, relaxing and helping about at home) for themselves and work towards achieving them. This will keep you motivated and sharp.

Remember, even while in lockdown, you can still be kind and respectful to all around you thus keeping the flame of our UIS Jewels of Kindness & Respect burning bright!

Till next time,

Shaikh Murad Sarfraz
Vice-Principal

RLP



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISORS

PARENT FEEDBACK

I am writing this to let you know that the school is running well and thank you that it has got wonderful teachers this year. You are doing a good job. I look forward to (Fayyadh) continuing to progress. Thank you for all your efforts, and those of your staff.

-Mother of Mohd. Fayadh.

First of all we would like to thank teachers for their effort in preparing materials and teaching the students.

1. I like the way teacher prepare the content.

2. We Like the forms prepared chapter wise.

- parent of Monisha Vani

Dear Parents

Ramadan Kareem! May the Almighty give all you a healthy life and bless you with wealth and happiness.

As remote learning becomes part of the fabric of our current reality, we continue to thank you for being partners with us during these difficult times and wish God's continued blessing over you and your loved ones. Your understanding and patience as we make adjustments to refine our teaching practices and the enormous effort required of you to help and support your children in accessing lessons and assignments is recognized and deeply appreciated.

As we begin week five, we wanted to let you know that we are thinking about and planning ahead for a variety of intra class and inter class competitions for our little champs to evince their prowess in literacy and performing arts .

Learning app galore !! Broadening the definition of learning to honor a range of stu-

dent growth and development, teachers are focusing on the most important learning goals, competencies and assessments for the subjects and grade-levels they teach. Alongside, we are pleased to offer you free access to two famous learning app – BYJU'S APP (limited for 15 days) and MINDSPARK(limited for 2 months) in order to get the taste of the quality of educational apps that help teach kids and make the process of learning a lot easier.

We will continually assess and revise our remote learning approaches and practices so as to provide the best possible education for our students. We value parent feedback and appreciate the many emails, photos, questions, and suggestions we've received.

Thank you for flocking virtually to support our students, our schools and one another.

*Mrs. Priya Sonnakula
Mrs . Chitra Seshadri*

Parent of 5E

Thank you for all the efforts you and your team did in preparing and conducting the virtual class rooms. We parents know it is extremely difficult to spend long hours to prepare and organize the learning work, but the result was very successful and meaningful. The Remote Learning Program was implemented smoothly and there were no impacts in studies, learning for the students.

I wanted to thank you and teachers for providing amazing learning experience for our son Ambarish (Grade 5 E).We parents are so pleased with their continued professionalism while approaching students and parents. I am certain that you will be passing on the appreciation to all the subject teachers in the same way, as they were instrumental in your planning and success.

I could see the teachers are focusing constantly for Proper usage of Channel to fit the purpose.

- Innovative Usage of MS Forms that encourages students to participate with ease.
 - Sync / A-Sync mode of teaching that gives a students a stress free ergonomic study environment.
- Interaction and Opportunity given to each and every student to shape their confidence level.

Thanks again for a Job well done and keep up the good work. GEMS UIS continue to set the standard of success very high as always.

PARENT FEEDBACK



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Syeda Ayesha Farheen F

16-04-2020

Re: April Feedback

Good day Dear ma'am

As far as now there is no issue. And iam happy that asynchronous classes has also started. This will reduce the computer timings randomly for the kids.

During this stressful situation You guys are doing a great job keep going

Thanks to all the teachers who are encouraging the students and doing tireless work

Thanks and Regards ma'am
AmeenFathima

Parent of Arshad Ammen 5C

Dear mam,

I am Nisha Fathima, m/o N. Arshad Ameen. With the current situation, i believe the RLP is welcomed. I also believe that the teachers are doing their best in our GEMS United. The sync and a-sync calendar is also working well.

Appreciate if the teachers call out the students and check if they are attentive in the class. Please call out fr Arshad and check if he is really attentive and takes the notes taught by the teacher. This is our humble request.

English - Happy with the teaching.

Maths - Gives time to the students. Hears all the students questions and clarifies them patiently. Thanks to the teacher. As a parent, we are not sure if there is any home work or task sheet given. Appreciate your revert on this.

Hindi - Happy with the teaching. Really appreciate the way the teacher checks each and every student at the start and end of each day. Please continue this.

Please check Arshad's attentiveness and the understanding. Since we are not from a Hindi background and we could not help much when the class is on.

Arabic - Happy with the teaching. Please check Arshad's attentiveness and the understanding

General Science - Happy with the teaching.

UAE-SST / SST - Happy with the teaching. As the lesson topic (Globe - e.g: Latitude, Tropic of Cancer etc) is new and most interesting / important to the student, please revise frequently on the concepts.

Please check Arshad's attentiveness and the understanding.

Mam, Please feel free to contact me for any updates / comments

Regards

Nisha Fathima

Parent of 3A

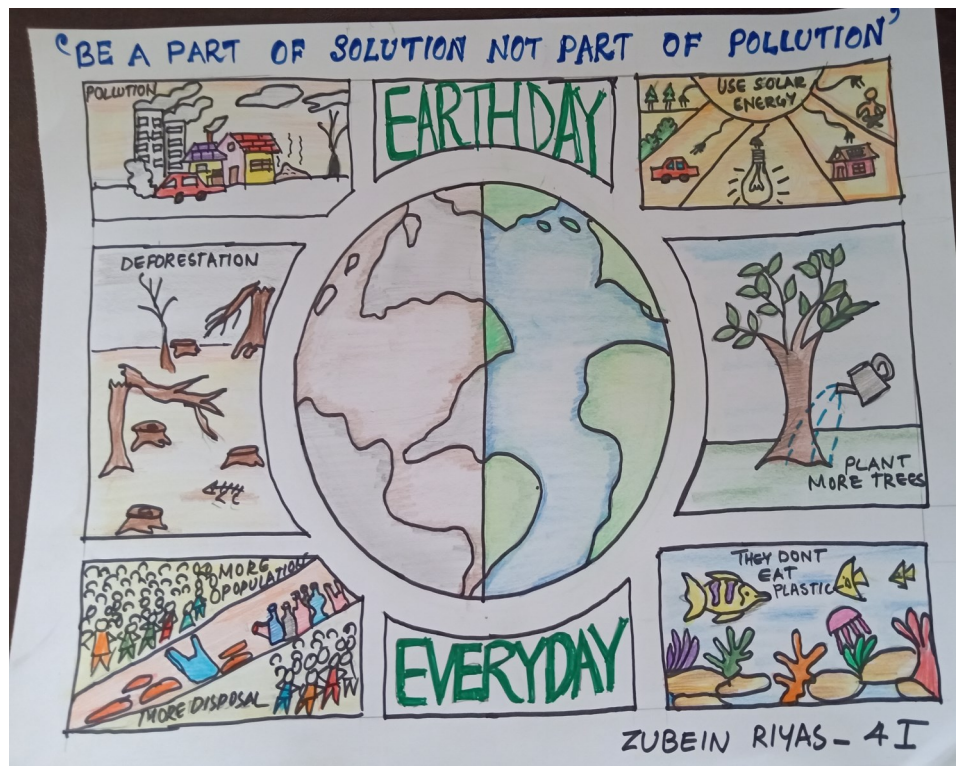
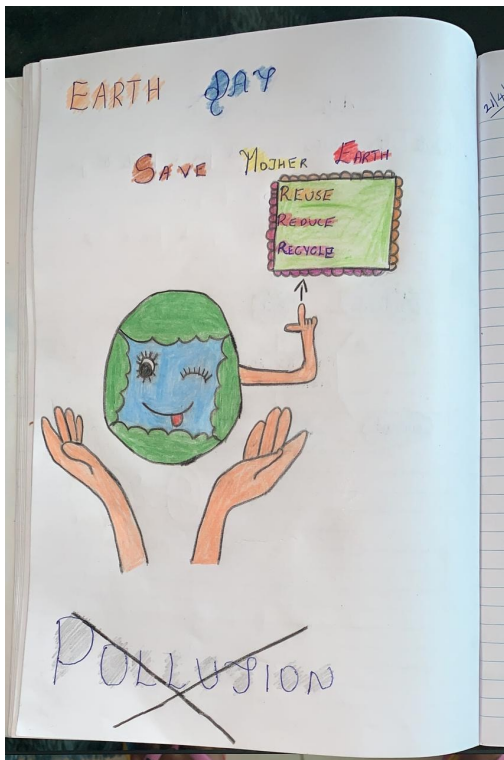
Please do accept my heartfelt appreciation to all the subject teachers of Zarah and most of all to you, for all the hard work and efforts that all of you truly put in to make this remote learning a success.

To be honest with you, I am very happy, confident, and satisfied with all the work that you all do. I can see that you've been all working until late hours in the evening in order to send updates to your students which is totally unbelievable.

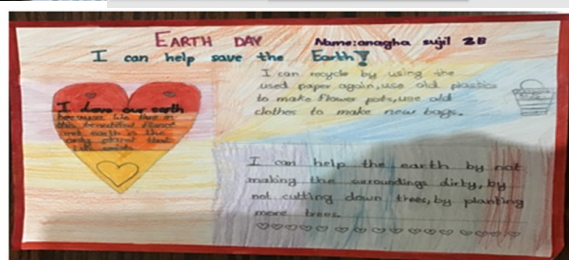
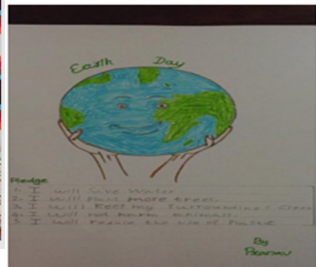
So, I totally salute all of you for doing what you've currently been doing. For being so easy to approach whenever we have questions in mind or problems with regards to the remote learning during the first week where there were missing folders, unable to view groups, and all other connectivity issues that gets resolved so quickly because you were also very quick to address every concerns, be it out of your working hours which we sincerely appreciate.

The quality of learning that our children received even during this pandemic is unbelievable. Their engagements with their teachers and classmate remain intact despite of the distance. We couldn't imagine that this is actually possible. That the children could still achieve the best education even through remote learning and all the credits goes to all of you, the most diligent teachers!

And I couldn't thank you enough for all that you've done. I do hope that you'll all be blessed with more courage to do your daily job, your love and care towards your students, good health, safety, and everything that you all deserves!



EARTH DAY activities



I faced two problems in this learning program, here are they:-

- 1) Even though I could see my friends, I couldn't talk to them, so I missed them. This problem was solved because my friends would call me to talk, so now I don't miss them anymore.
- 2) The second problem was that I have too much work to do and I often forget them, I solved the problem by using sticky notes.

I have enjoyed remote learning because it is fun . I like a-synchronous classes because madam gives us activity links and ppt presentations . I also like synchronous classes because madam teaches and explains the topic. My favorite part is I get to chat with my friends in breaks . I also learn to type on keyboard every-time. It is very fun if you think about . I just wish we could have remote learning in the

STUDENT FEEDBACK

My favorite part about it is A-sync learning. It keeps me encouraged and active by doing your work independently without anyone telling us to, with relaxation and peace. I am not actually enjoying e learning because it's all radiation activities which I don't like. I really don't watch a lot of electronic equipment but in this E-learning I need to adjust but it is hard so I pretty much don't know what to do. Anyways the way all the teachers teach me and guide me correctly what to do in this A-sync learning is what I call a supportive teacher, but I will not promote E-learning here

Remote learning is different from classroom learning because in remote learning we can't interact with our friends and we can't see them. So i prefer classroom learning because in remote learning we have to spent most of our time in electronics and we can lose our vision but in classroom learning we can stay fit and make new friends and we can spent more time with teachers and get to know them but in remote learning we don't get to know our teachers properly and we can study better ask our doubts properly. So i like classroom learning more than remote learning.



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Co-curricular activities remotely

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