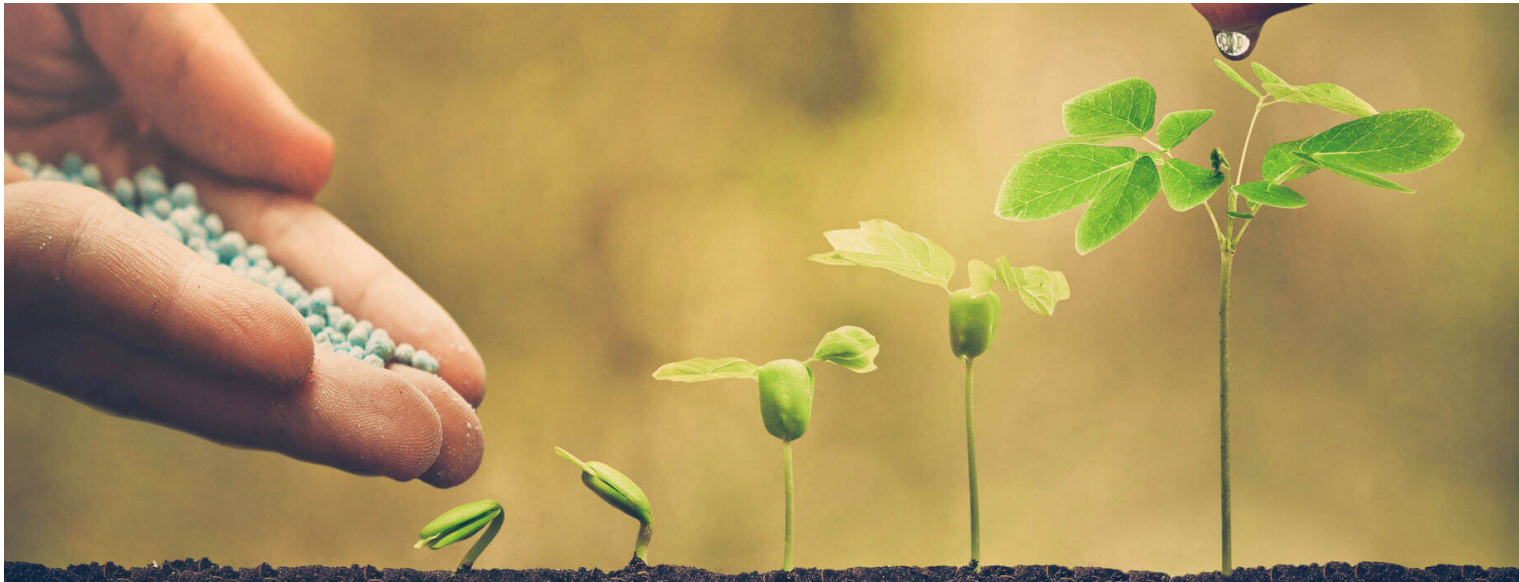


HIGH - NOTES

CHRONICLES OF SECONDARY SCHOOL



FOREWORD

by Ms Akila Srinivas, Principal, Secondary School

Hello Parents,

Greetings and welcome to what promises to be a wonderful year!

It gives me immense pleasure to connect with you all through our secondary newsletter, HIGH NOTES. We all agree that the last academic year was a challenging one, and the current year continues to be in its own ways. Yet, all students, teachers, and staff have been amazingly resilient to put their best foot forward to overcome all the challenges that they have faced. The result of this is some fantastic outcomes witnessed during their learning journey in the last three months. Through this newsletter, we bring you snippets of efforts, contributions, and success of our students and teachers from their various experiences from June to August 2021.

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WHAT'S BUZZING?



*“A whole new world
A new fantastic point of view
No one to tell us, “No”
Or where to go
Or say we're only dreaming”*

- Rice, Timothy Miles. "A Whole New World" - Aladdin (1992). <https://youtu.be/0eWUhXPhIaE>

Wondering, why this song? Well, here is the story. As we are successfully stepping into the pinnacle of our 10th year at Akshar Arbol International School, even in the midst of such unprecedented times, it is only apt to say that it is a ‘A Whole New World’ ahead steering us towards more opportunities, interesting horizons and novel perspectives. We, at Akshar Arbol have come to a consensus that our 10th-year celebrations will thus focus on the endeavors to explore the zillion possibilities of this Whole New World.

LOGO LAUNCH

As vibrant as the theme, “A Whole New World”, our Logo this year, ideally encompasses the essence and the spirit of the theme. We recognise and believe that the only constant in life is change. On that note, we strive to represent this ever-changing, dynamic world by preparing our students towards a realization of the challenges and opportunities that this Whole New World has in store for us.



*Designed by Ms Sudhanya Nair,
Faculty - Art & Design*

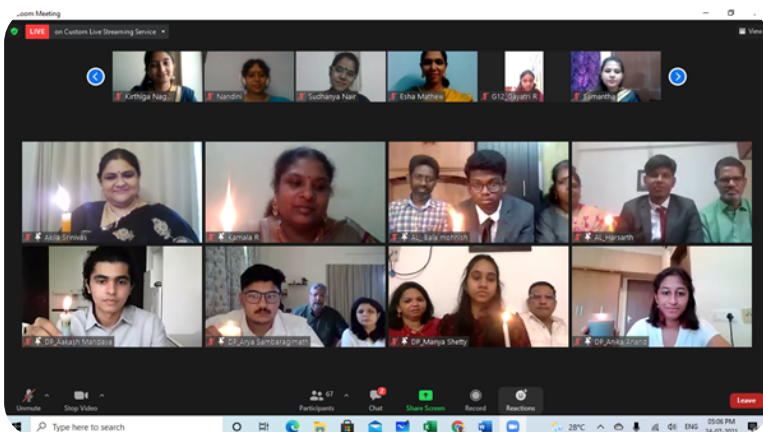
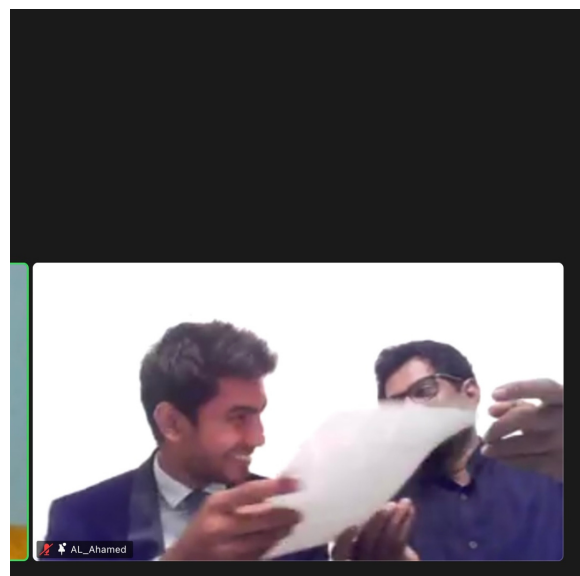
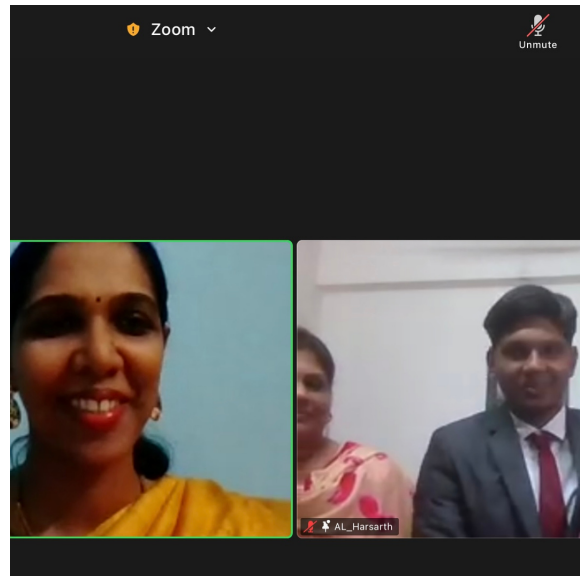
ACADEMIA

A PROUD MOMENT AT AAIS (GRADUATION DAY - CLASS OF 2021)

Graduation Day is an occasion of rejoicing as it signifies the culmination of many years of hard work in the relentless pursuit of knowledge and achievement.

A formal ceremony was conducted among the members of our AAIS family to honor our 18 graduates of Class 2021. There were 11 graduates from the Cambridge AS/A level Programme and 7 graduates from the IB Diploma Programme. The ceremony took place on a virtual platform, in compliance with the pandemic restrictions.

These were moments of fond memories, especially as *G Logesh* and *T Bala Mohnish*, two of our oldest students were given a special mention by Ms. Prabha Dixit, Principal, *Primary Years Programme* and Ms. *Latha Muthukrishnan*, Coordinator, *Primary Years Programme*.



CAMBRIDGE 2021 EXAMINATION RESULT

"With hard work and effort, you can achieve anything."

- Antoine Griezmann

We are pleased and proud to share highlights from another set of outstanding results of the Cambridge Examination. Once again, our students have earned a comprehensive range of remarkable individual scores with a composite average that epitomizes excellence and hard work in the 2021 examinations!

OUR TOPPERS
ECR CAMPUS - 1ST BATCH

 SARVADH SATHIARAM IGCSE GRADE A* - 8 subjects, A - 1 subject	 PALANI THEVAN RAJAN IGCSE GRADE A* - 4 subjects, A - 4 subjects	 RAMANUJAN VENKATARAMAN IGCSE GRADE A* - 2 subjects, A - 3 subjects
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IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME 2021 EXAMINATION RESULT

Our students of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme strived through the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic and graduated in flying colours through their consistent efforts and hard work in the 2021 examinations.

Cambridge 2021 Examination Result
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OUR TOPPERS

 ASAD NABI MIR A LEVEL GRADE A* - 3 Subjects	 G LOGESH A LEVEL GRADE A* - 3 subjects, A - 1 subject	 K R HARSARTH A LEVEL GRADE A* - 2 subjects, A - 2 subjects
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OUR TOPPERS

 ANTONY SAJU DAVID AS Level GRADE - a in all subjects	 ZAIBA HADIYA AS Level GRADE - a in all subjects	 T S NIDISH AS Level GRADE - a in all subjects	 G R MANAS RAGHAV AS Level GRADE - a in 3 subjects, b in 1 subject
 CHIRAG VINID IGCSE GRADE A* - 7 subjects, A - 1 subject	 APARAJITHA S IGCSE GRADE A* - 2 subjects, A - 4 subjects, B - 2 subjects ICE - Distinction	 MILAN CIJO IGCSE GRADE A* - 3 subjects, A - 5 subjects	

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Congratulations

AAIS IBDP TOPPERS

 ARYA SAMBARAGIMATH ENGLISH A: LANG AND LITERATURE HL 6 SPANISH AB INITIO SL 6 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT HL 7 ECONOMICS HL 7 ENV. AND SOC. SL 7 MATHEMATICS APPLICATIONS AND INTERPRETATION HL 7 THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE 7 EXTENDED ESSAY - ECONOMICS 2 TOTAL 42/45	 AAKASH MAANDAVA ENGLISH A: LANG AND LITERATURE SL 6 SPANISH AB INITIO SL 7 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SL 7 PHYSICS HL 7 MATHEMATICS APPLICATIONS AND INTERPRETATION HL 7 VISUAL ARTS HL 5 THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE / EXTENDED ESSAY - PHYSICS 3 TOTAL 42/45
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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

We at AAIS always encourage our students to take their learnings outside classrooms into the world.

Here are a few glimpses of how they do it.

'AT HOME' SCIENCE:

As a part of their learning the students of grade 9 from the ECR campus were asked to carry out real-life practical experiments at home by breaking the virtual barrier during the block holiday.

It was about exploring the concept of diffusion and osmosis using food colors and potato cubes by analysing the factors affecting it, including altering pH levels using salt and the temperature via boiling.

Below are glimpses of the recorded moments from the experiments by Vel Thiaga Rajan and Krish Umang Patel of grade 9. Their insights from this experiment was quite in depth and detailed. From this experience they were able to interpret density which can be analysed in greater detail in their future classes.



REVAS

BUSINESS SIMULATION GAMES

BIZZ BUZZ - LEARNING BUSINESS MANAGEMENT THROUGH SIMULATION

Revas is a simulation game where our budding entrepreneurs of the IB Diploma Programme were divided into two teams and through skills of active collaboration deepened their learning.

Through this game real world connections were explored in areas like decision making for large turnovers,

What our students have to say

"Client bases gives hands on experience to handle business. I must say I prefer game based learning. It is a great practical learning tool."

" I believe that this business simulation is the activity that has been the closest to actually running a real business. Roleplays only looked at one aspect at a time and were not as regimented as the simulation was. The fact that this was a competition made it all the more exciting. "

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

INDEPENDENCE DAY



YOGA DAY

Learning goes beyond academic concepts. At AAIS, we believe in holistic development and grab every opportunity to take it to our students.

The International Yoga Day was celebrated virtually on the 21st of June, 2021. During this event, our Head of School Ms. Priya Dixit shared her thoughts on the benefits of practicing yoga daily for a healthy lifestyle.

Mr. Ramji, our physical educator demonstrated various yoga asanas to our students and guided them on the benefits of the same.

As a school community, we believe in yoga as a way of living and not just a form of exercise. Teachers often engage and encourage students to follow simple yoga exercises in between classes that help them towards better learning experiences.

The 75th Independence Day of our country was celebrated at AAIS on the virtual platform to reiterate once again the historic occasion that marks our gratitude to the many martyrs because of whom the country finally broke the shackles of oppression and gained independence.

The event commenced with an insightful introduction of our Theme of the year, A Whole New World. A video was put together entirely by the students of Grade 8 to bring out the connection of the theme to independence. The occasion was celebrated in the presence of the Chief Guest, Captain Ramaswamy. The celebration was an expression of patriotism and a representation of the various cultural aspects of the country replete with colors, songs, dance, skit, and instrumental music. The event concluded with the National Anthem played on the Mridangam by Santino R Samurai, our grade 8 student.

Click [here](#) to watch the Independence day celebration



INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2021

“A leader is one who knows the way, shows the way and goes the way”. Building leadership qualities in our learners and providing opportunities to exercise them is one of the vital aspects of the teaching learning journey, that we at AAIS believe in and strive to promote at various stages in our students.

Our first online Investiture Ceremony was held on the 30th of July. Though different as a virtual celebration, it was exciting to watch each student council member stand proud, prepared to shoulder their responsibilities with vigour and enthusiasm. The student council members took their oaths where they pledged to follow the principles and values of the school.

Ms. Priya Dixit, Head of School, announced the results of the elected student council members.

The student council members are as follows:

STUDENT COUNCIL 2021-22 TSS CAMPUS



STUDENT COUNCIL 2021-22 ECR CAMPUS



Click [here](#) to watch the Investiture ceremony

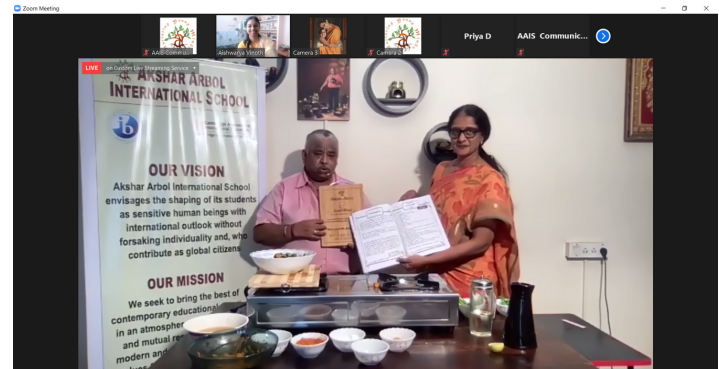
CURD RICE- FOR THE EDUCATOR'S SOUL

“A recipe has no soul. You, as the cook, must bring soul to the recipe” - Thomas Keller.

Despite the pandemic having a negative impact and taking a toll on people’s physical as well as mental health, it has also shed a positive ray of light into the minds and hearts of our staff members, parents and our dear students. All of them shared their precious moments through various recipes- inspiring and cheerful anecdotes through the edition of Curd Rice.

We were delighted to have Chef Nikhil Nagpal who signed the printed copy of “Curd Rice” and the well renowned legendary, and esteemed celebrity Chef Dhamu also graciously contributed a signature dish recipe to our release - Curd rice for the Educator’s Soul - Edition 1.

All the teachers, parents, students and their families enthusiastically participated in this event where meals and memories were definitely made in the kitchen spaces



Ms Priya Dixit, our Head of School handing over the 'Curd rice for the educator's soul Edition I' book to Chef Dhamu

Click [here](#) to watch the event

We welcome you all to contribute to Curd Rice Edition II - click [here](#)

A GRADE 8 SERVICE INITIATIVE

We aim at inducing social responsibility in our students throughout their learning journey at AAIS. Students have ample opportunities to explore and learn. Here we have our student Thulikha Krishna from grade 8, sharing a thoughtful idea.

"I was thinking one night about my annual fund raising project which I never fail to do each year. But this year I was out of ideas! I was talking to my mom and she told me to think about what I love doing. And then it struck me ! COOKIES ! And from there, I figured that I would bake, sell and start a fundraiser to help the dogs - Blue cross! I raised Rs. 12000 and it was overwhelming after a point because so many people wanted to support my cause. This experience taught me how to start a business (kind of), how to bake in wholesale (60 cookies per day) and how to price and sell these cookies at an optimum price. I am very grateful for this opportunity and will definitely continue making people happy in a way that makes me happy too."



THULIKHA KRISHNA, GRADE 8



SNEAK PEEK

International Day of the Girl Child - October 11

Students of grade 7 and 8 to create an intersectional video. This will be a tribute to women breaking various barriers across societies.



LAURELS



WORLD ECONOMICS CUP

At AAIS, we look forward to healthy competitions that help to sharpen our knowledge and skills; we are forever fuelling such competitive spirits to greater heights at various levels.

Our students **Ayush Samuel Kumar** of the second year and **Sarvadh Sathiararam** and **Ramanujan Venkataraman** of the first year of the IB Diploma program, along with **Arfan Khan Jeelany** of grade 10 participated in the World Economics Cup 2021. They completed two modules individually on 'Fundamentals' and 'Deep Comprehension'. The third module on 'Thinking' and 'Innovation' was a team effort where the students were given a real-world problem and had to analyze varied perspectives to solve complex issues related to the problem. Our students were placed 3rd overall in the competition.

International Model United Nations

On the 3rd and 4th of July, our second-year student of the IB Diploma Programme, **Ayush Samuel Kumar** participated in the Chennai International Model United Nations as an Assistant Director. Some of his key interests lie in the field of debates, MUN's, public speaking, and other economics-related ideologies. He believed this was a great exposure for him to utilize all his skill sets on this platform.



Thulikha Krishna of grade 8 participated in the Area Idol's singing competition on 20th June, 2021.

Thulikha's experience and takeaway:

"I was intimidated at first but everyone in the competition was very supportive, and in the end, it was all about having fun. Another important lesson which I learned was that winning does not matter, but participation and experience does! I was thankful that I got this experience and it helped me gain confidence".

