



MILESTONES

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Himakshi Saroha, VI-C

EICHER SCHOOL FARIDABAD

A Goodearth Foundation School

REOPENING OF SCHOOL

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic schools had to be shut down for the safety of students. After almost a year's gap the school reopened for classes X and XII following COVID safety protocols and with all healthcare measures in place. The students were given a warm welcome by the Principal and teachers. They went through thermal check using non-contact temperature assessment devices and were sanitized at the school gates. With big smiles visible beneath their masks, they entered school with an enthusiasm that showed how much they missed being here.



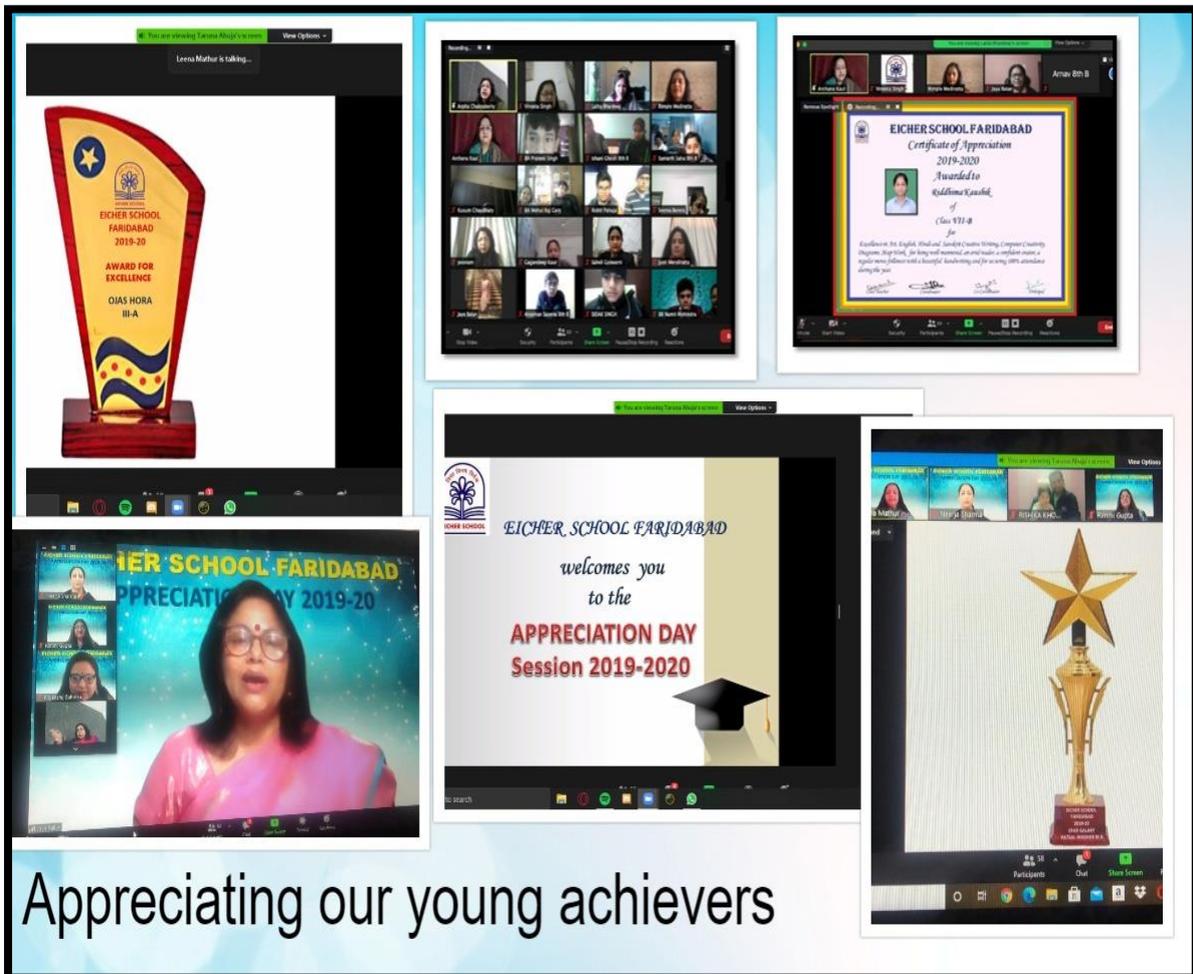
Welcome back to school.....



APPRECIATION DAY (CLASSES III - VIII)

Appreciation Day for classes III-VIII was organised virtually to appreciate students for their outstanding academic achievements, participation in co-scholastic activities and for exhibiting virtues and values during the session 2019-20.

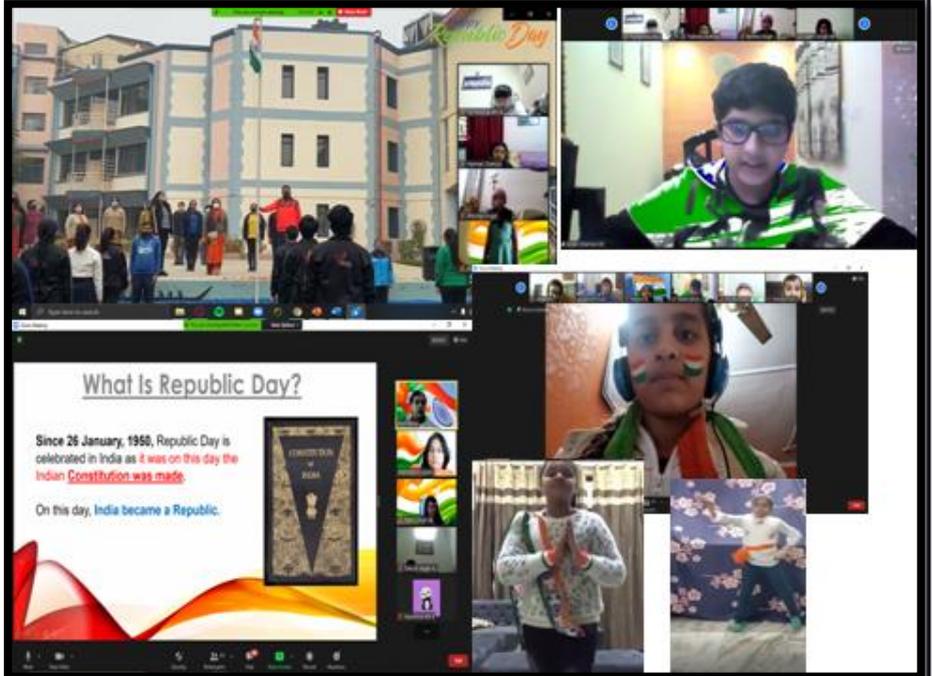
Students were overjoyed to see videos of the memorable moments spent with their friends in school, their certificates, trophies and Star Galaxy awards. Parents kept pouring in virtual reactions throughout the session to encourage and applaud the children for their accomplishments. Principal Ms Arpita Chakraborty thanked the parents for their continuous support in the new teaching - learning process and congratulated all the young achievers. She also motivated them to continue their hard work and strive to attain higher goals.



SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

REPUBLIC DAY

Republic Day is celebrated to honour the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect on January 26, 1950. To commemorate the 72nd Republic Day, a special assembly was organized on January 25, 2021. It was an endeavour to inculcate the feeling of patriotism among the students. Principal Ms Arpita Chakraborty hoisted the tricolour in the school premises and addressed the gathering. The event was streamed live on ZOOM. Speaking about the historical significance of the day, she stressed on the role of students in shaping our nation and taking the legacy forward. A short cultural programme including patriotic songs, dances and speeches was organised online. Some students also gave live performances. It was a wonderful sight to see all the students and teachers dressed in the colours of the Indian flag. Foundation Years' students created colourful craft pieces in orange, green and white.



BASANT PANCHMI CELEBRATIONS

Basant Panchmi was celebrated on February 16, 2021. To mark this auspicious occasion a small ceremony was held in the school wherein teachers and students worshipped Goddess Saraswati and sought her blessings for a bright future.



'UDAY'
ANNUAL DAY
FOUNDATION YEARS

This academic year brought out hidden potential in each of us. An unprecedented academic session became the springboard for new discoveries, taught us to adapt, renew and made us more determined to carry on no matter how strong the stormy winds blew. Dark nights changed to bright new days with the sun promising unlimited possibilities. Each and every corner of the world was illuminated by its rays.

Our students, parents and teachers displayed the resilience, courage and tenacity to rise up to the challenge presented by the current times. To appreciate the hard work of each student, the Foundation Years presented UDAY- an awakening for everyone to remember that no matter how bleak and cold winter is, spring is bound to come. Arising anew with strong determination each class, through their respective short plays, depicted that they wanted to rise and shine.

<p>Nursery & LKG - Emotoons</p> <p>This presentation was about the moods that the students had gone through during the pandemic. They had experienced a lot of changes to which they had to acclimatize. The short play endeavoured to showcase that students can adapt to changes in order to keep moving forward. Nothing can stop them.</p>	<p>UKG- Jungle Humdrum</p> <p>This was a story of life which taught us to be courageous in following what is right and not blindly believe what others say. The students conveyed the message that we must logically think and seek evidence before we act.</p>	<p>Class I -Diverse but One</p> <p>The show presented the unique features of India. It depicted the vivid culture of our country and stressed on the fact that despite our diversities, we Indians stand united. Together we can face any storm and come out victorious.</p>	<p>Class II - #the change</p> <p>This segment depicted that change can come into our lives as a result of a crisis, as a result of choice or just by chance. Our resilience in life can only grow stronger when we embrace change. We must learn to manage these challenges in a positive way, rather than hiding away and ignoring the opportunities that can bring about a change in our lives. Students urged everyone to embrace change and rise with inner brilliance.</p>
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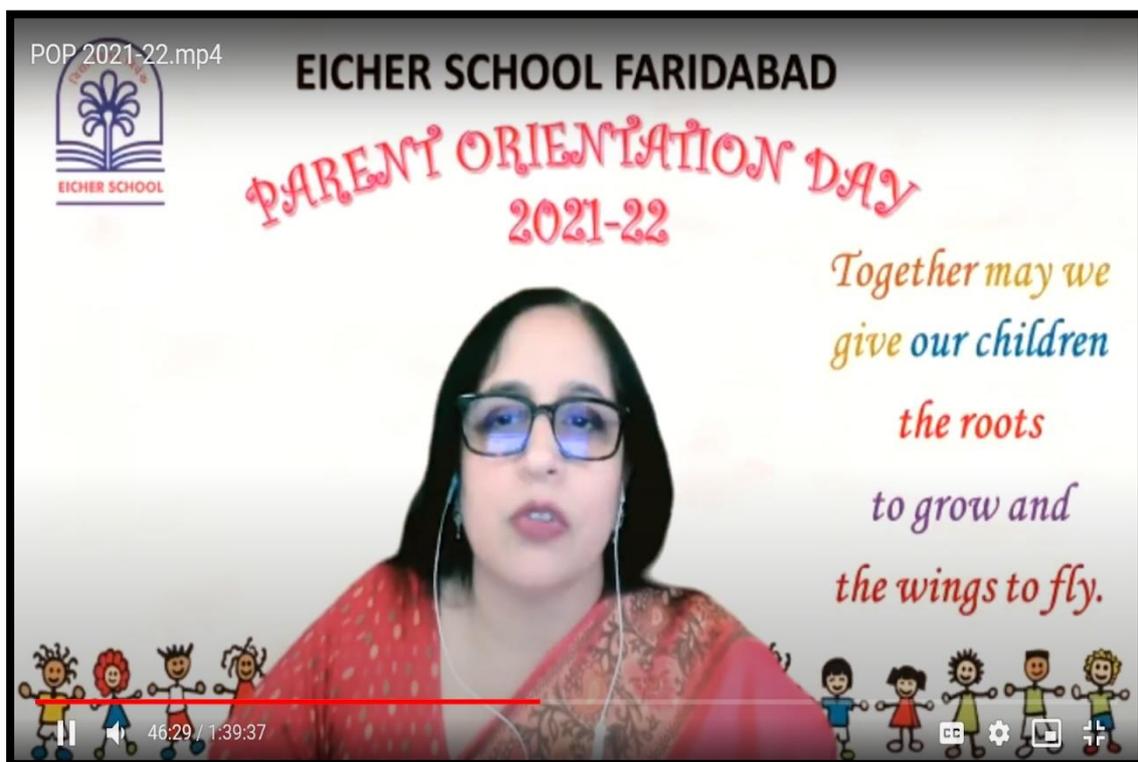


UDAY - rise and shine

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME
FOR NEW ADMISSIONS 2021-22
FOUNDATION YEARS

An online Orientation Programme for all new admissions in classes Nursery – II was organized in the month of March. The academic coordinator Ms Anu Walia gave an overview of the journey that students would undertake in the academic session 2021-22 in ‘Foundation Years’. This was followed by an informative presentation on pedagogy, USPs of the school and NEP 2020. Parents and children participated unanimously in exciting art integrated activities. This restated the belief that integrated learning done in early childhood programmes focuses upon the inter-relatedness of all curricular areas and helps children acquire basic learning tools. Art integrated learning is experiential in nature and makes all children respond with their imagination and emotional strength. Teachers also gave the required screen break and introduced a beneficial and valuable tool called ‘Brain Breaks’.

Our dance teacher Mr. Manav showcased how a concept can be taught by integrating it with dance and foot-tapping music, making learning real fun for all. The session was then open for Q & A. All participants got to witness a glimpse of the Annual Appreciation Day of class II. The event was a success and a super beginning to the next academic year.

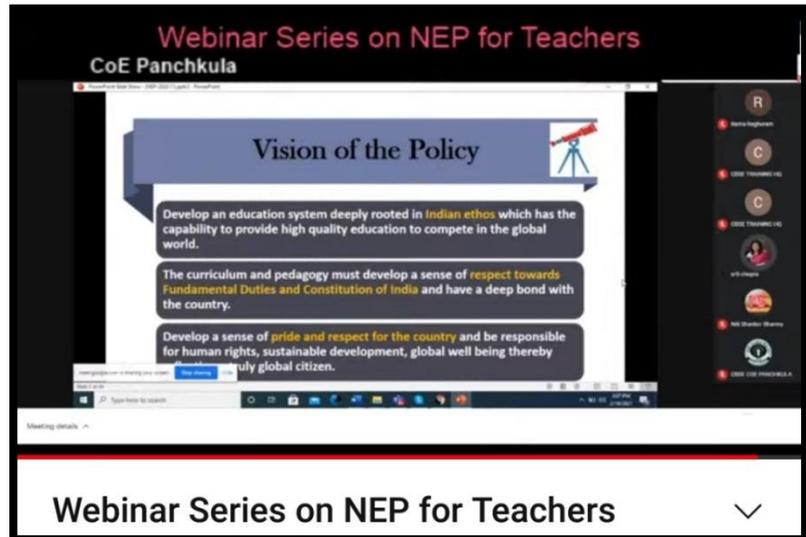


TRAINING PROGRAMMES

NEW EDUCATION POLICY

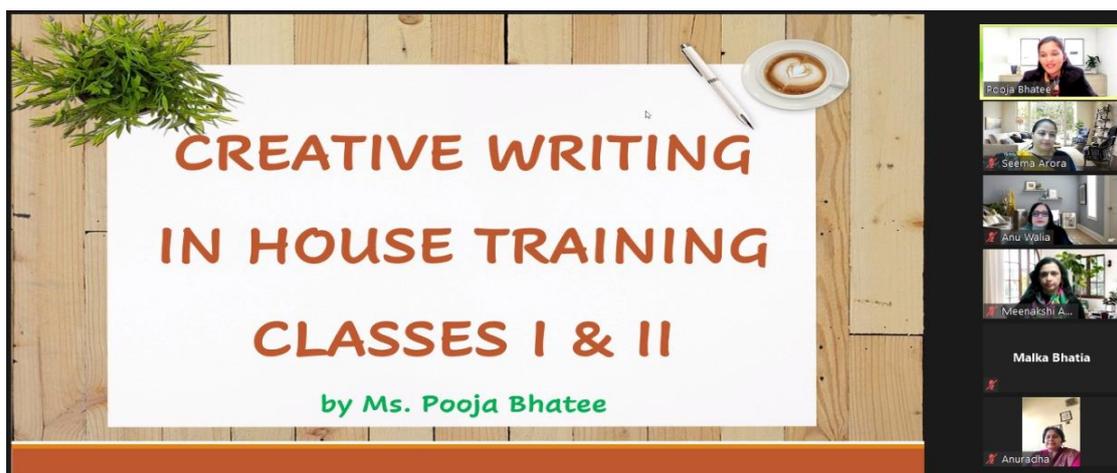
A professional training session on NEP 2020 was organised by CBSE on February 19, 2021. It was attended by all the teachers of the school. The key principles of the programme included-

- respect for diversity and local context
- community participation
- emphasis on conceptual understanding
- critical thinking and creativity
- emphasis on vocational education
- health education
- transforming assessment for students' development
- redesigning report cards
- encouraging 21st century skills in the classroom
- curtailing dropout rates and ensuring universal access to education at all levels



SESSION ON CREATIVE WRITING

An in- house training session on 'Creative Writing' was taken by Ms Pooja Bhatee for the teachers of classes I and II. Various forms of creative writing were discussed and story writing was taken up in detail. The four stages of writing during foundation years were shown through audio-visuals.



LAKSHYA#3

EVENT MANAGEMENT

Creating Lifetime Events- A Flair to Remember

In current times, career counselling is a dire need as most students pick commonly known domains as their vocation. Goodearth Foundation's career awareness series- Lakshya aims to provide students with insights about modern-day career choices as per their interest and academic streams. The idea behind this programme is to rope in working professionals so that they can talk at length about the nuances of their work areas. They are the right people to share about the challenges they have faced and the success they have found.

After the success of the first 2 webinars, the third edition of Lakshya focused on **EVENT MANAGEMENT- Creating Lifetime Events- A Flair to Remember**. It was held on February 27, 2021 and the speaker for the day was ESF alumna, Ms Shagun Kaul, Assistant Manager with Chapter 2 Events.

In the present times, physical events have taken a bigger and broader dimension. Glimmer and glamour have now become almost synonymous with large-scale events. To give people an unforgettable, out-of-the-world experience, it is the Event Managers who work tirelessly. Taking care of the minutest details, they are the ones who seamlessly put the show together. Keeping in mind the up-market demand for specialists in this field, the session dealt with the various dimensions of Event Management as a career. The session was an eye-opener for students aspiring to make a mark for themselves in this field.



LEARNING IN A DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENT – THE ZONES

Teachers from our sister school APS [Alwar Public School, Alwar] visited our campus and interacted with our Foundation Years' teachers. The day-long visit provided them with valuable insights into one of our USPs – the Zones- Learning in a different



environment. Palette Planet, Treasure

Island, Digital Hideout, Out of the Box and Number Ninjas are the zones that have been designed to cater to various learning patterns.

During the day different activities were conducted by the host teachers - Ms Meenakshi Arora, Ms Meesha Srivastava, Ms Monica Malhotra, Ms Vandana Saxena and Ms Pooja Bhatee- to share how these zones are used by the young learners. Under the guidance of our respected Principal ma'am, the session provided a know-how to tap multiple intelligences in children and proved beneficial for the attendees.

SELF-CARE WORKSHOP

A session on 'Self-Care' was conducted for the staff of ESF by the school counsellor Ms Priyanka Tripathi on February 13, 2021. The workshop focused on the importance and need to begin the journey of self-care. The participants were enlightened on how self-care leads towards a better balance in different dimensions of life. It also emphasized on taking time out for oneself from the busy schedules in order to de-stress and improve one's overall health and wellness. Simple and doable techniques such as maintaining an emotional journal and positive affirmations were shared during the interactive session. Everyone present found the workshop very interesting as well as meaningful.

What is self-care?

- More than having a hot bath.
- Self-care refers to activities undertaken with the intention of enhancing energy, restoring health and reducing stress.
- Benefits:
 - greater capacity to manage stress
 - increased resilience
 - reduced symptoms of mental health problems.



Carving a niche...

COVID-19 pandemic restricted our students to their homes. But they left no opportunity to explore new avenues and showcased their immense talent to win acclaim.

- With their enthusiastic participation in a variety of Melio competitions, Eicherites found success in different categories.
- Faisons was organised by Bharti Public School, Mayur Vihar. Students from the Foundation Years participated in a wide range of creative activities like Expressions, Pasta Challenge and Flamingo Challenge and won many awards.

Student's name & class	Name of the host school	Name of the competition	Position attained
Akshaj Sharma II Balsam	Eicher School Faridabad	Melio, Spelling Bee Challenge Level 1	III
Akshaj Sharma II Balsam		Melio, Speed Math Challenge Level 1	III
Aarav Malik II Golden Shower		Melio, Speed Math Challenge Level 1	III
Aihraan Roy I Palash		Melio, Speed Math Challenge - Beginners	II
Akshaj Sharma Class 2 Balsam		Melio, Speed Math Challenge - Beginners	II
Aanya Chaudhary II Daffodil		Melio, Speaking Challenge - Beginners	III
Vidhi Sengar UKG Sunflower		D.A.V. Public School, R.K.Puram	Faisons -Le, Expressions
Abhiroop Poddar UKG Hibiscus	Faisons -Le, Expressions		II
Nirmit Sharma Class 1 Palash	Faisons -Le, Flamingo Challenge		III
Yuvaan Tewatia LKG Rose	Faisons -Le, Pasta Challenge		III

DEVANSHI'S WINNING STREAK CONTINUES

XX-National Para Swimming Championship 2020-21 was held at Zee Swimming Academy, Whitefield, Bangalore from March 20-22, 2021. Devanshi Satija, our champion swimmer from XII D, took part in 50m freestyle, 100 m freestyle and 100m butterfly and won 3 gold medals. We're proud of her achievement and wish her all the best for future championships.



