GMS NEWSLETTER

JUNE 1, 2020 **EDITION #4**

From the Principal's Desk

June 1st is observed as the **International Day for the Protection of Children** in many countries, and here at GEMS Millennium School, Sharjah, it marks the first day of Child Protection Week. Our focus this week is on:

- promoting awareness of children's rights;
- promoting children's participation in decisions that concern them; and
- encouraging good practice

It is important that our children are self-aware, develop respectful relationships, have their voice heard and are able to contribute to their safety and wellbeing. Let us discuss this in the context of online safety.

Our children's learning experiences are being reshaped by the sudden introduction of remote learning, where technology and virtual platforms are substituting for the classroom and playground. Online games, social media and video chat programmes are providing opportunities for children to connect with and play with their friends, parents and relatives while in lockdown.

While children aged 13 and older may already be familiar with social media, the pandemic has introduced younger children to social networking tools that have not been designed for them. While increased online activity supports children's learning, socialization and play, it also puts them at heightened risk.

Here are a few simple rules to be followed when online:

CHILDREN

- Do not give out identifying information such as Name, Home address, School Name or Telephone Number.
- Do not send your photograph to anyone on the Net without first checking with your parents or teachers.
- Do not respond to messages from strangers.
- *Never arrange a face-to-face meeting* without telling parents or teachers.

Remember that people online may not be who they seem to be.

PARENTS

There is software available to establish time controls for individual users (for example blocking usage after a particular time at night) and log surfing activities allowing parents to see which site the child has visited. Use this software to keep track of the activities of your children.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Do not share personal information in public spaces anywhere online, do not give it to strangers, including in e-mails. Do not use your real name or nickname as your screen name or user ID. Pick a name that is gender and age neutral. Do not post personal information as part of any user profile.

SUGGESTIONS FOR BETTER SECURITY

Use strong passwords. Choose passwords that are difficult or impossible to guess. Give different passwords to all other accounts.

Use virus protection software and set firewalls.

Regularly download security patches from your software vendors.

WHAT YOU SAID /WHAT WE DID

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WHAT YOU SAID

1. Don't toggle between Zoom and MS Teams
2. Prefer synchronous to asynchronous
3. Increase the length of the timeout
4. My child does not get a turn to answer
5. My child cannot keep pace with the class
6. Cannot sit with my child
7. Too many subjects in a day
8. Do not have combined classes
9. Enable chat for asking questions and doubts
10. Reduce the homework for students in Grades 9 to 12
11. Have more of online tests / assessments

WHAT WE DID

1. Moved to MS Teams
2. 95% synchronous lessons from the start of Week 2 onwards
3. Timeout increased from 5 minutes to 15 minutes between lessons
4. Used online 'Spin a Turn' and kept track of students being given a chance to answer
5. Split KG classes into smaller groups based on readiness and abilities
6. Encouraged independence; option to attend recorded lessons
7. Limited to 4 periods in the Primary in a day
8. Stopped all combined classes
9. The chat option will be enabled for all students at the end of the lesson for ten minutes
10. A structured schedule for homework has been shared with students
11. End of chapter test has been scheduled at the end of each unit

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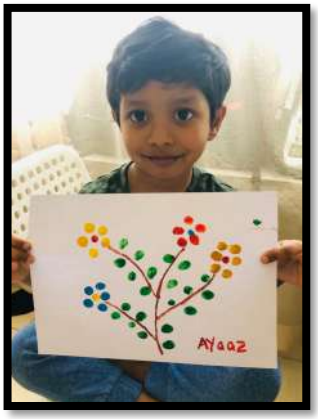

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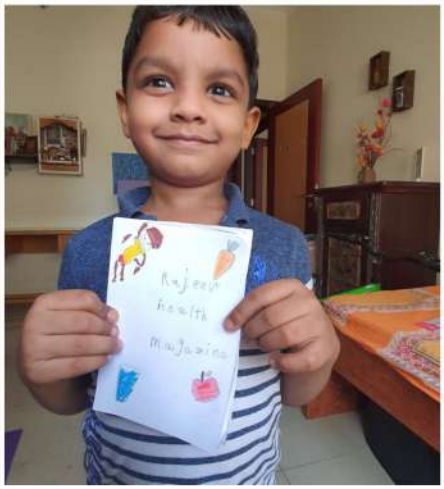
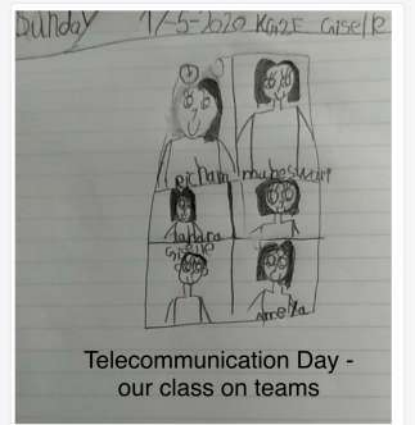


EVS: HEALTH MAGAZINE

MATH : FREEFLOW ACTIVITY

THE SETTING OF A STORY



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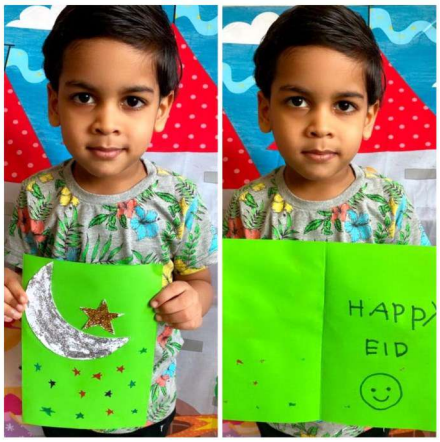

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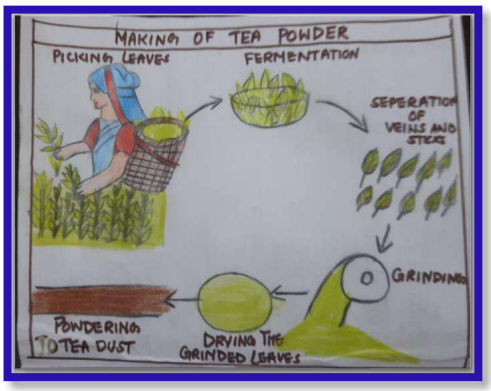

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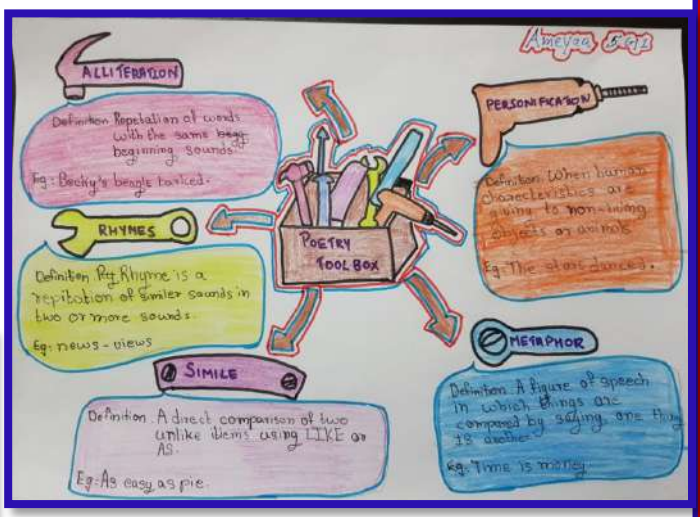

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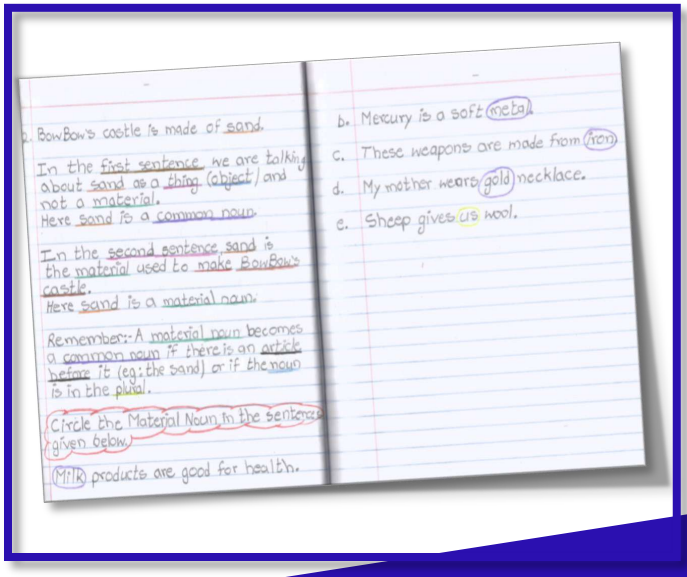

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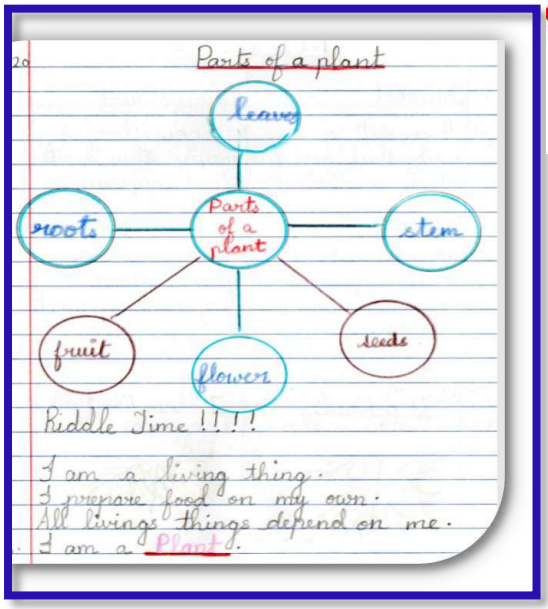

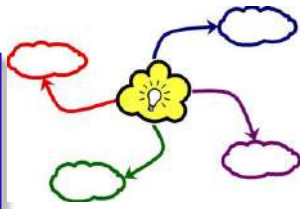

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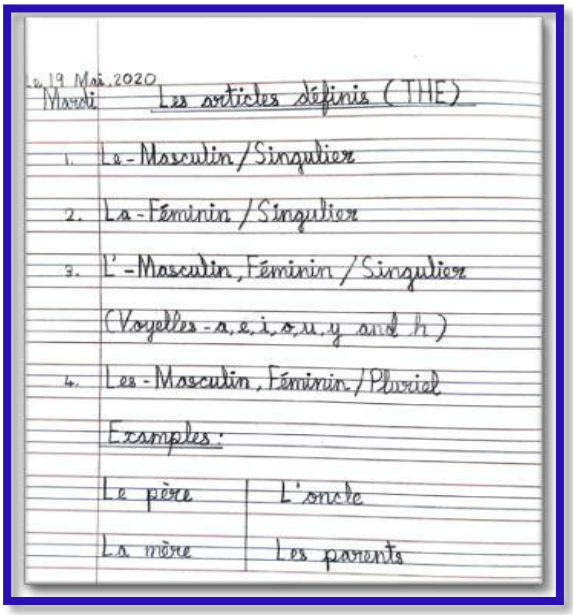

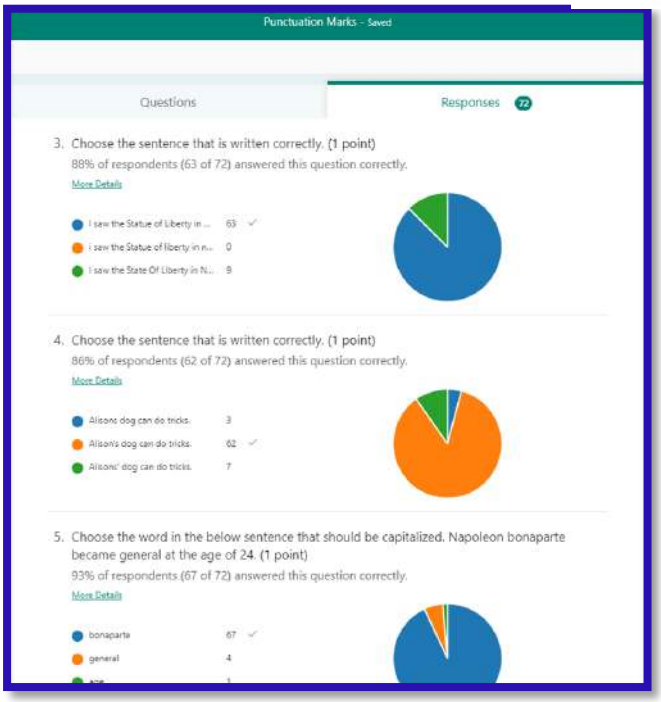

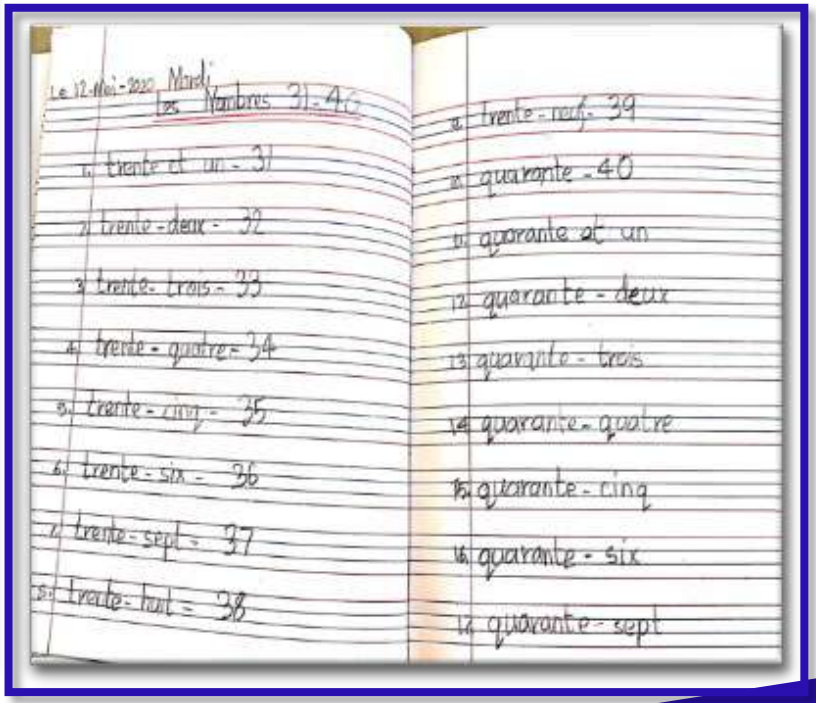

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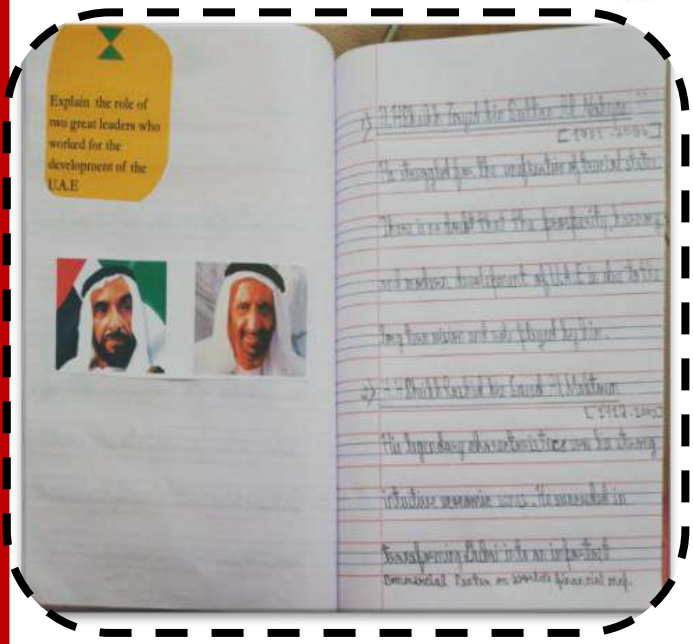

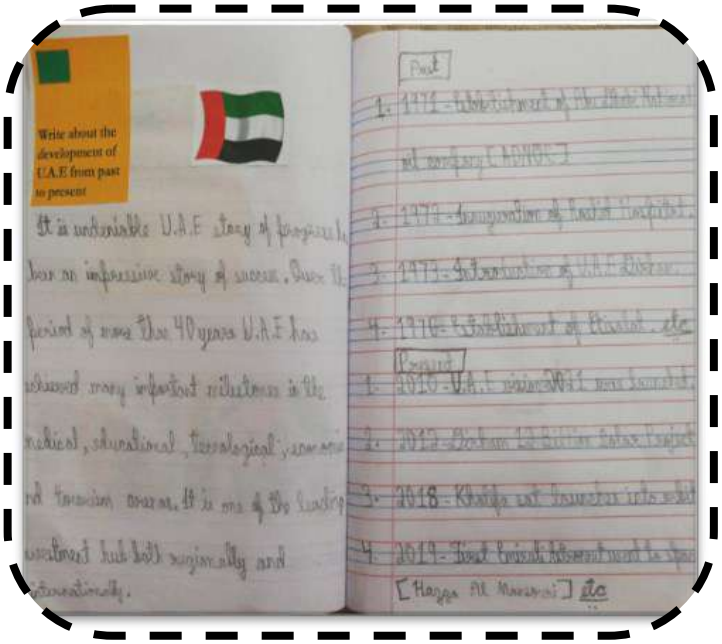

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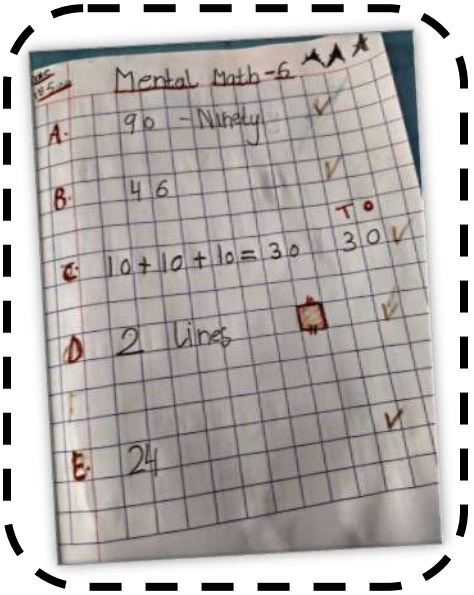

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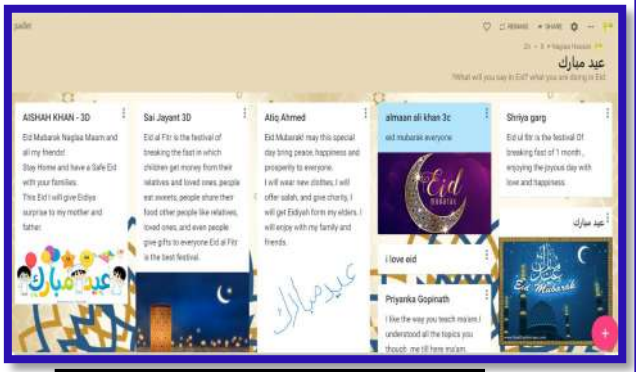

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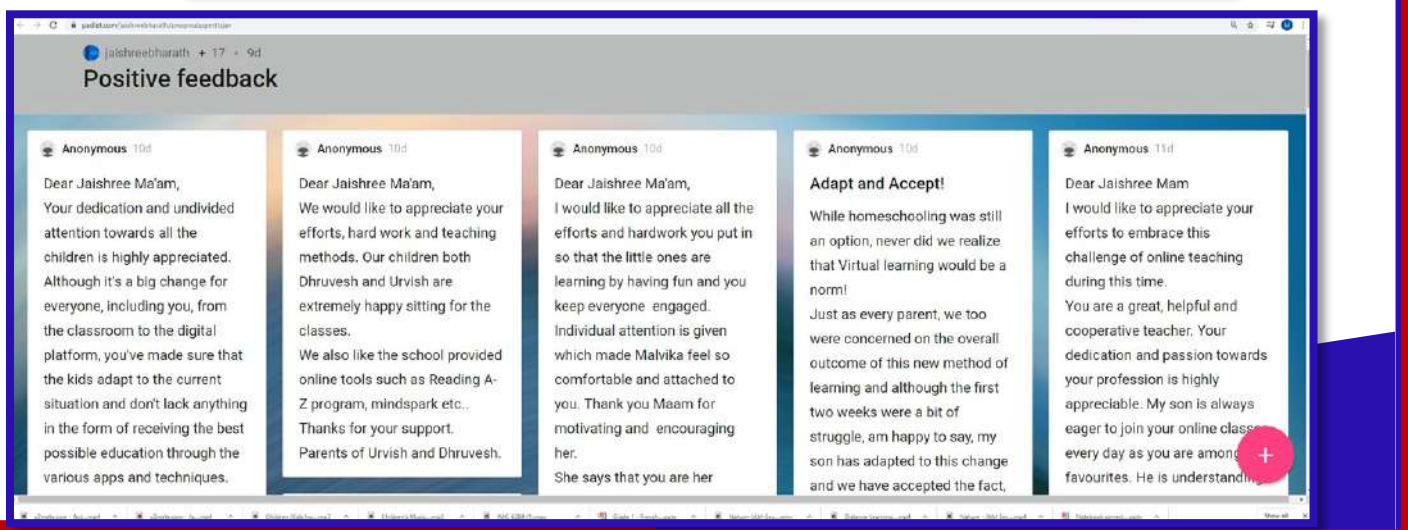

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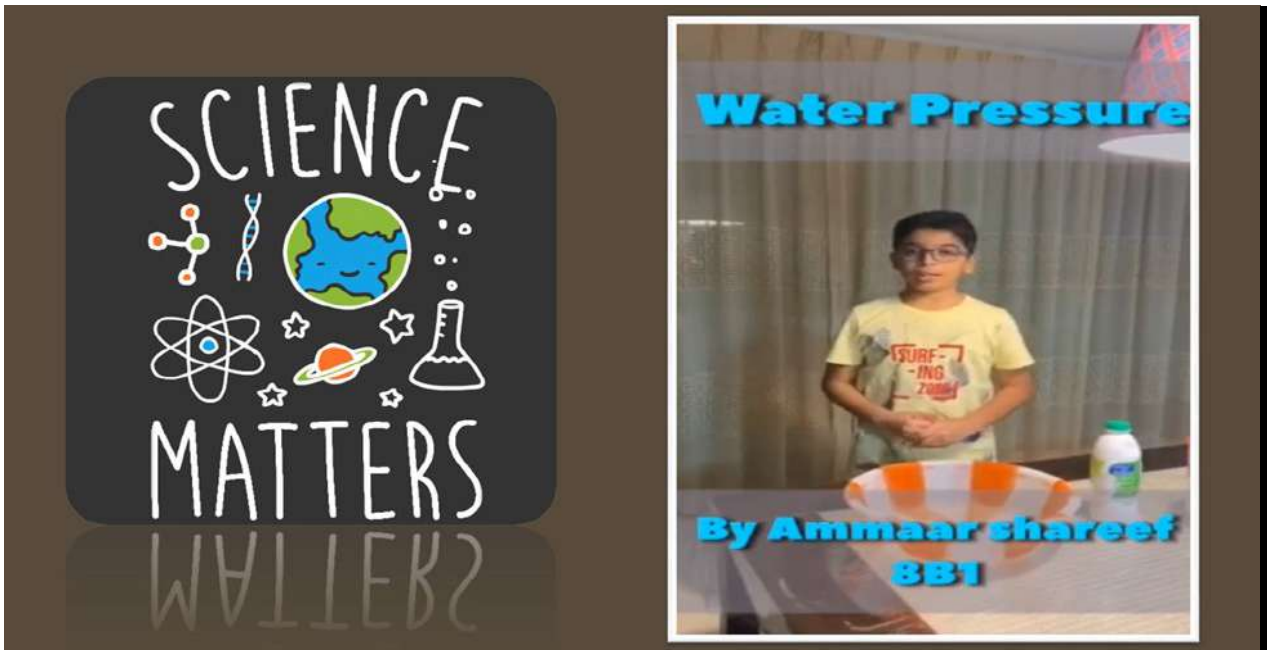

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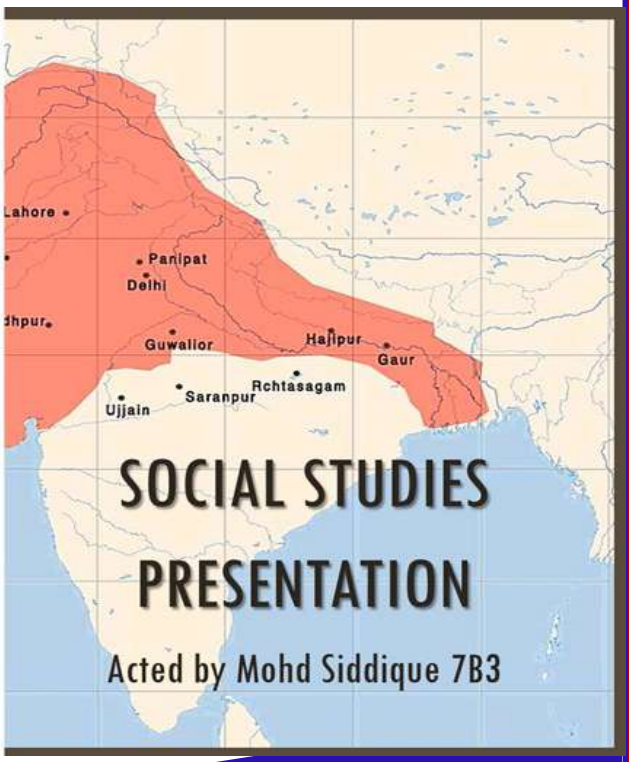

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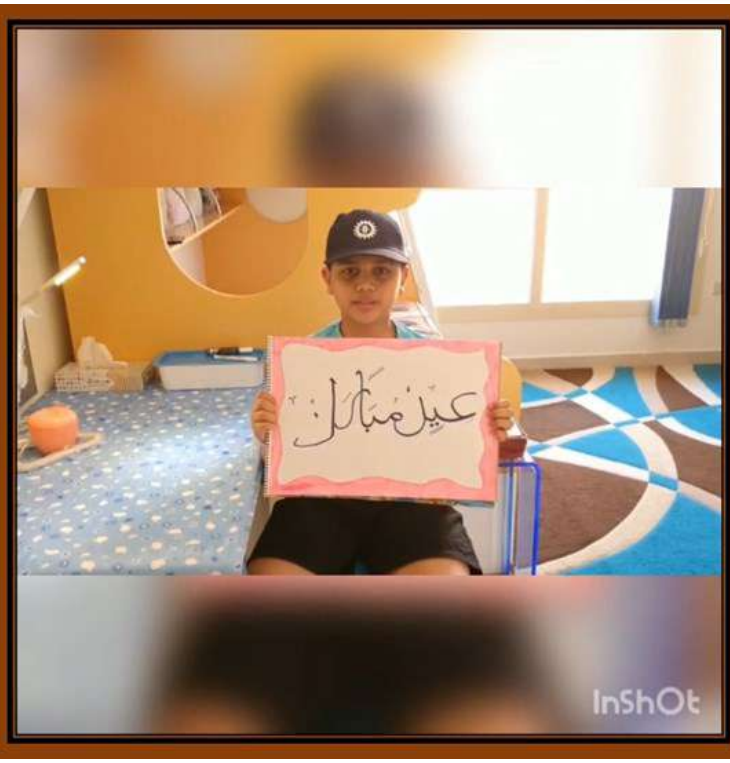

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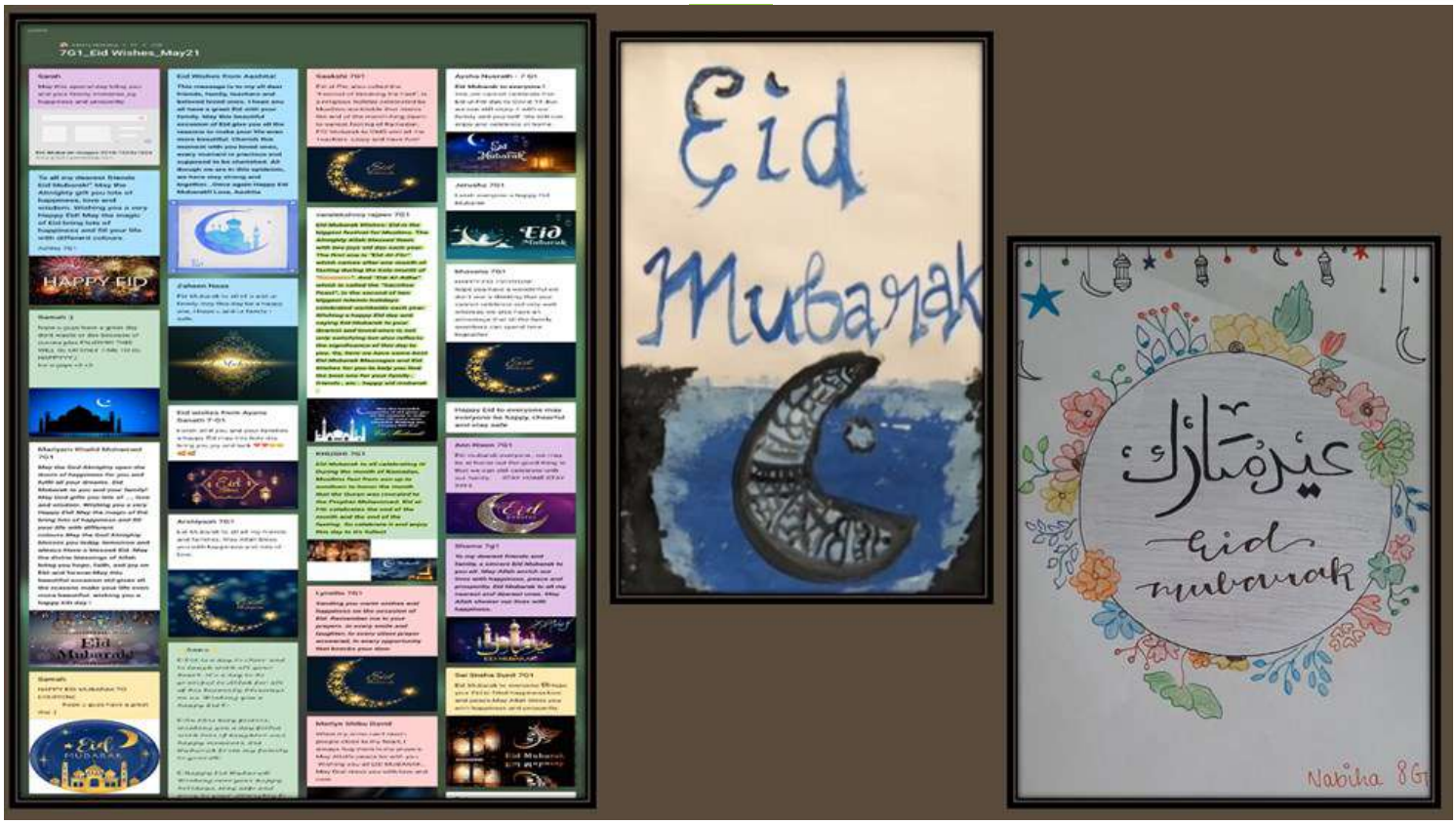

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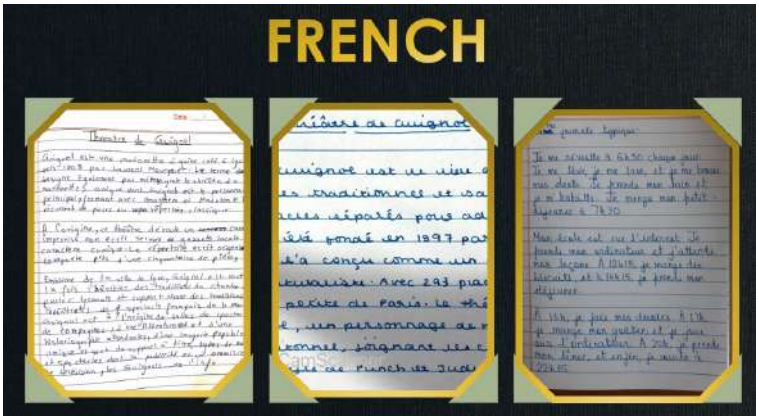

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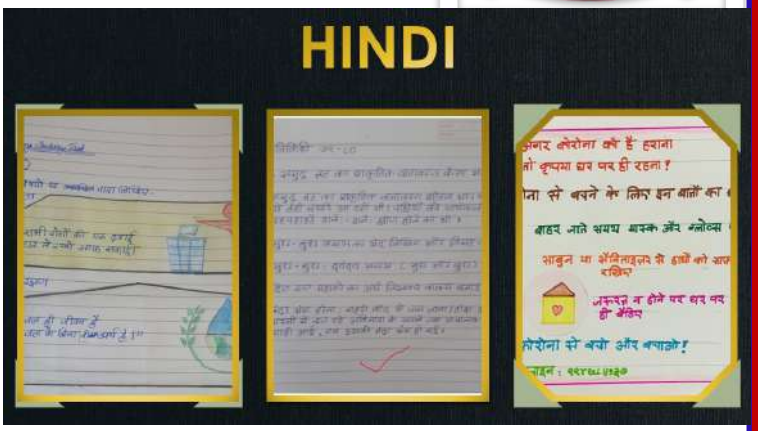

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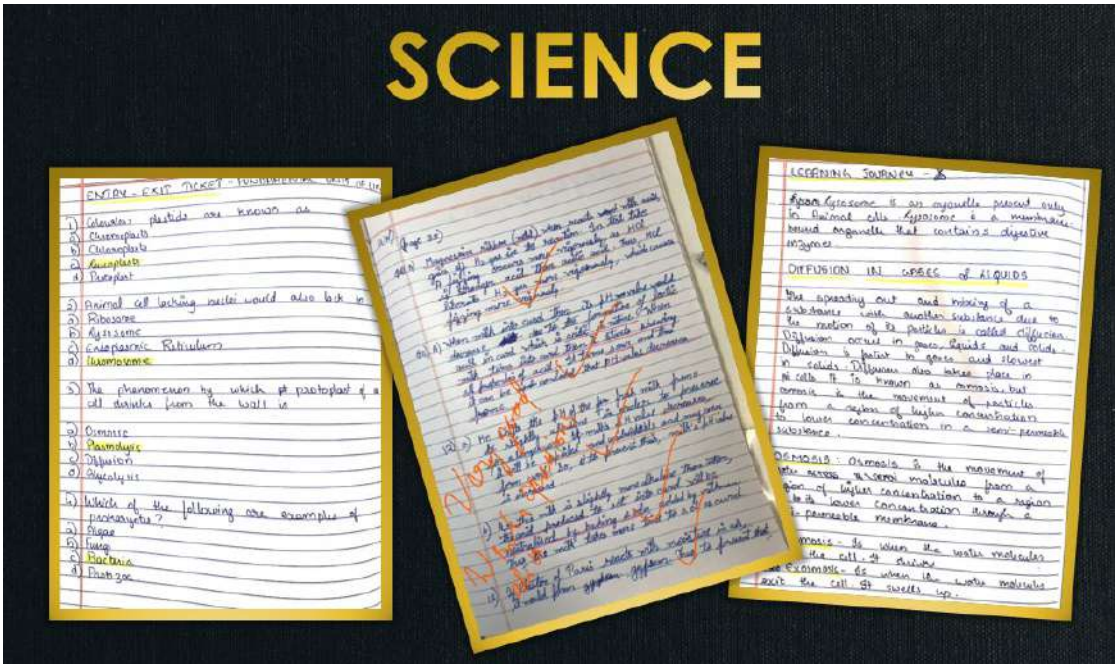

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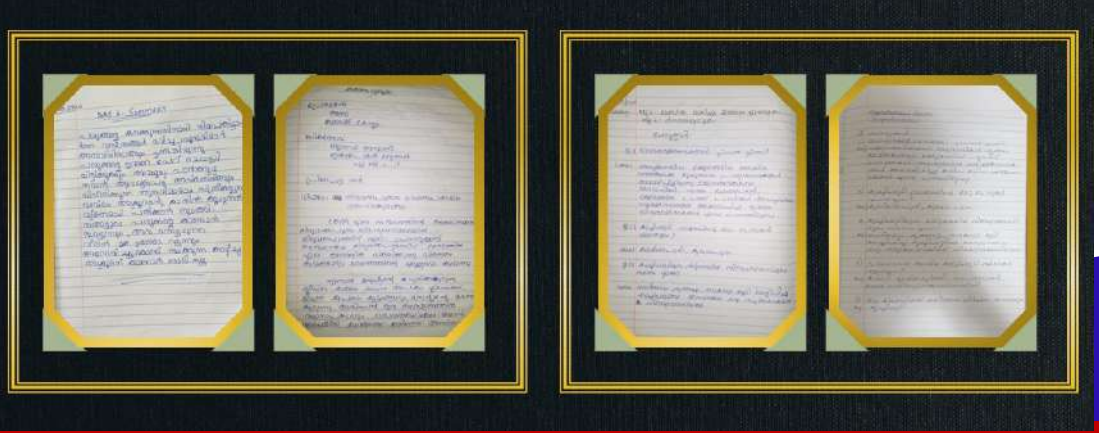

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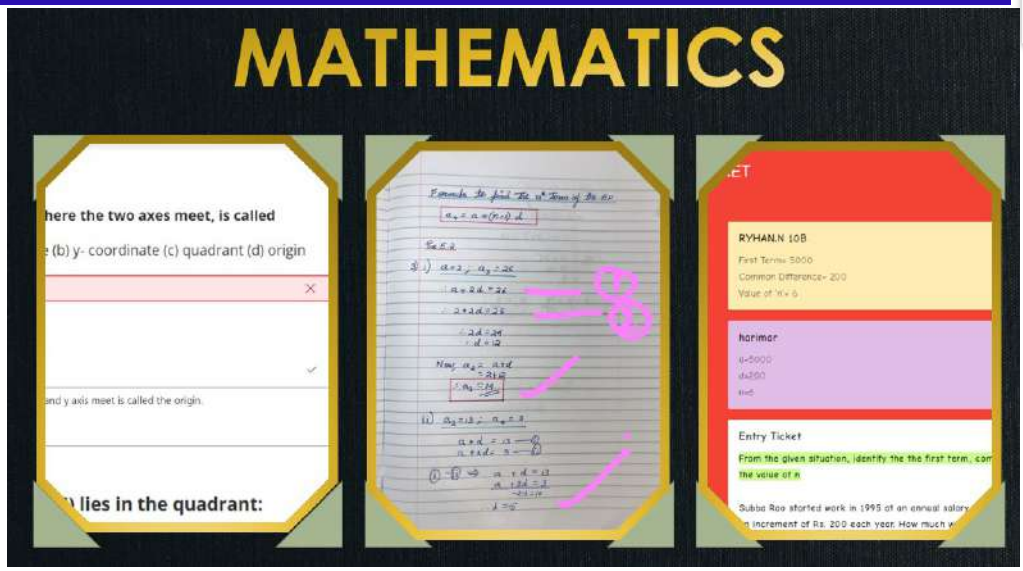

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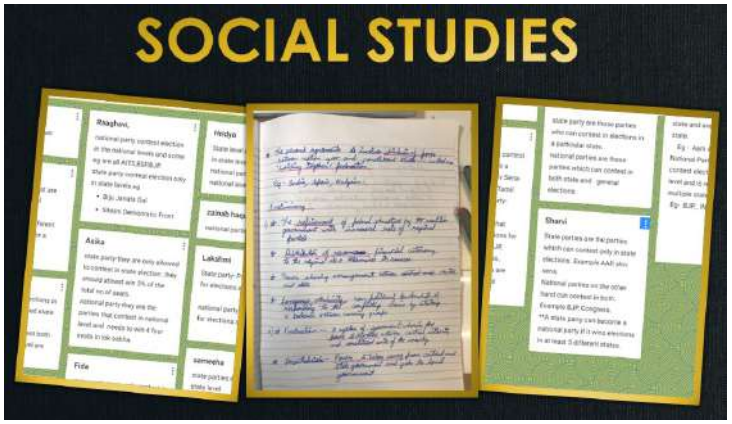

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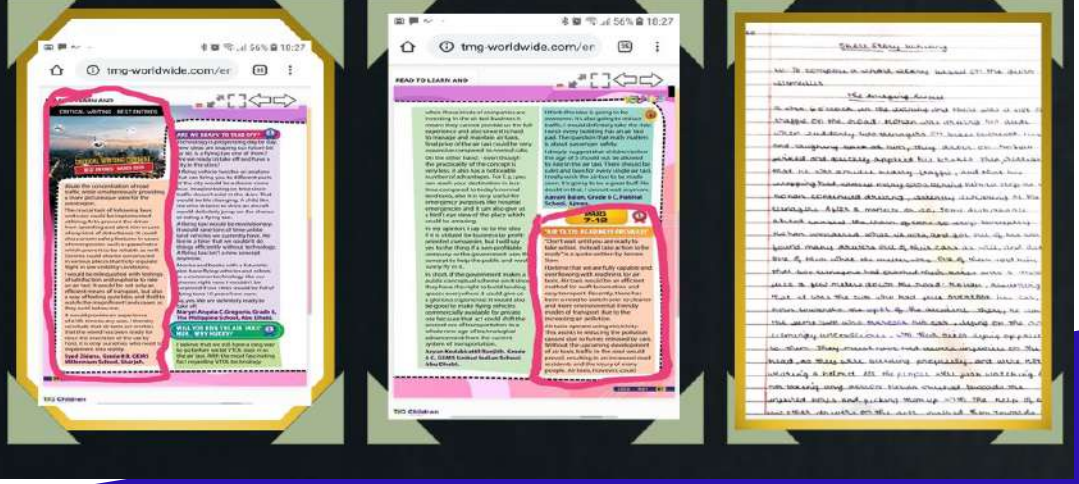

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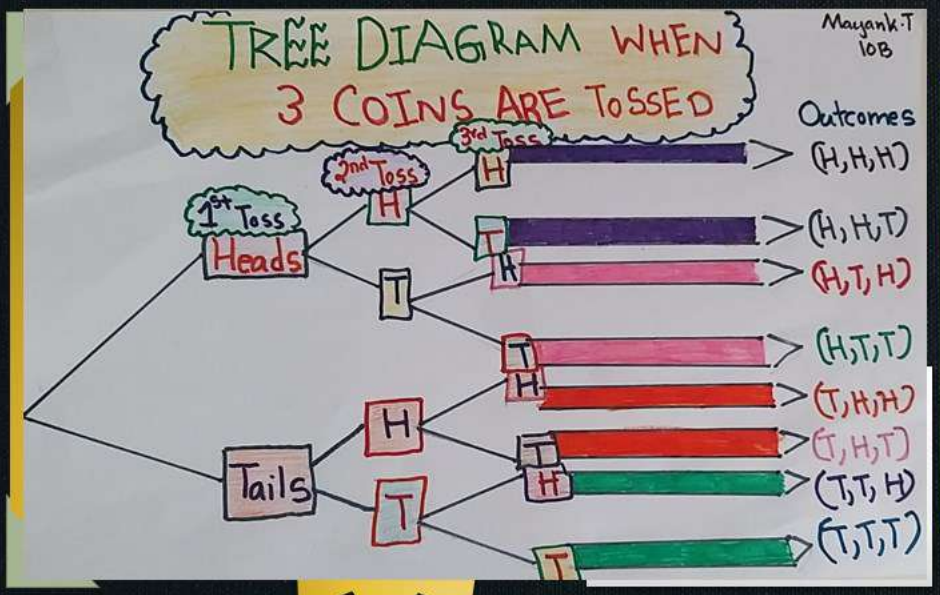

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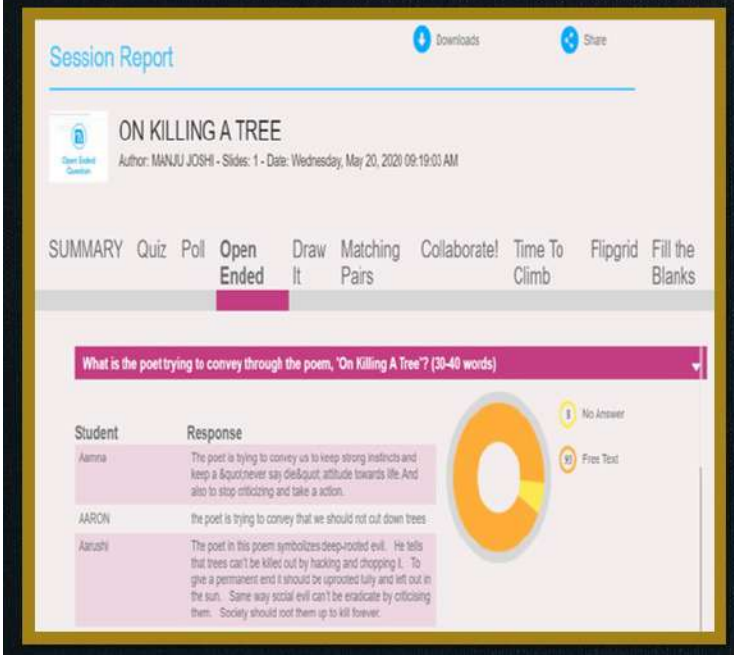

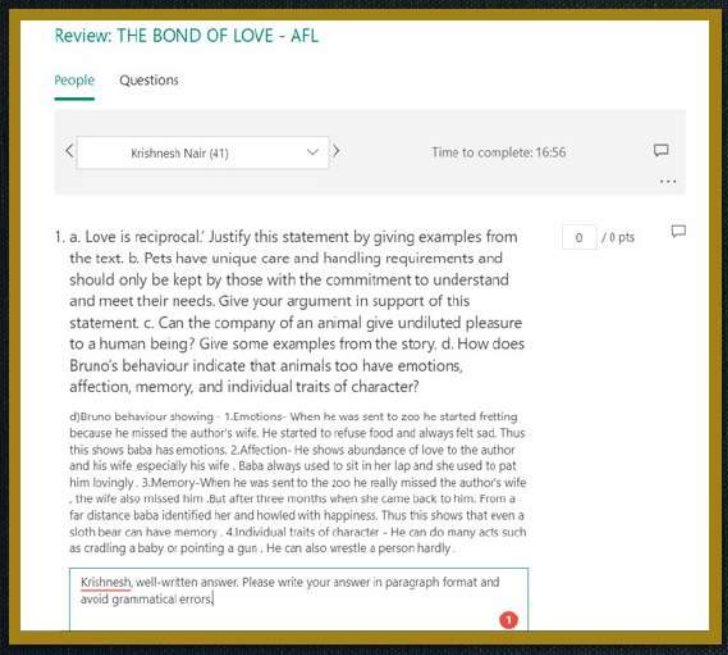

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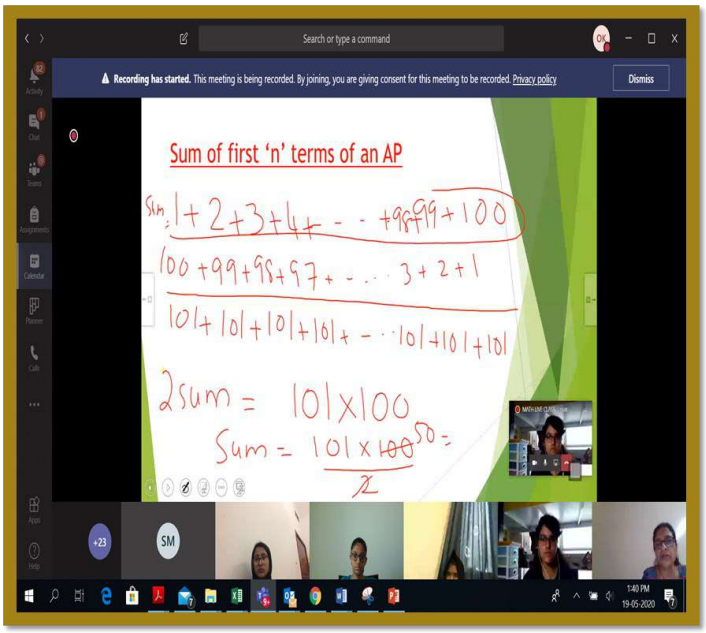

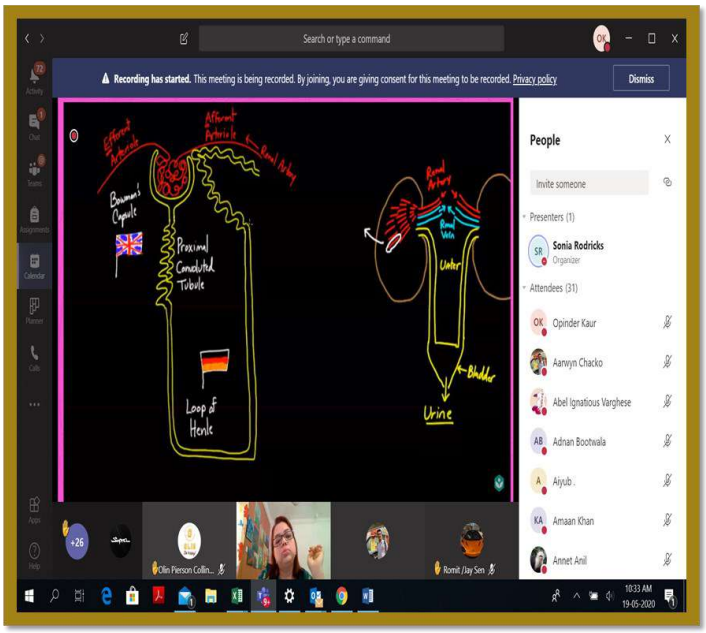

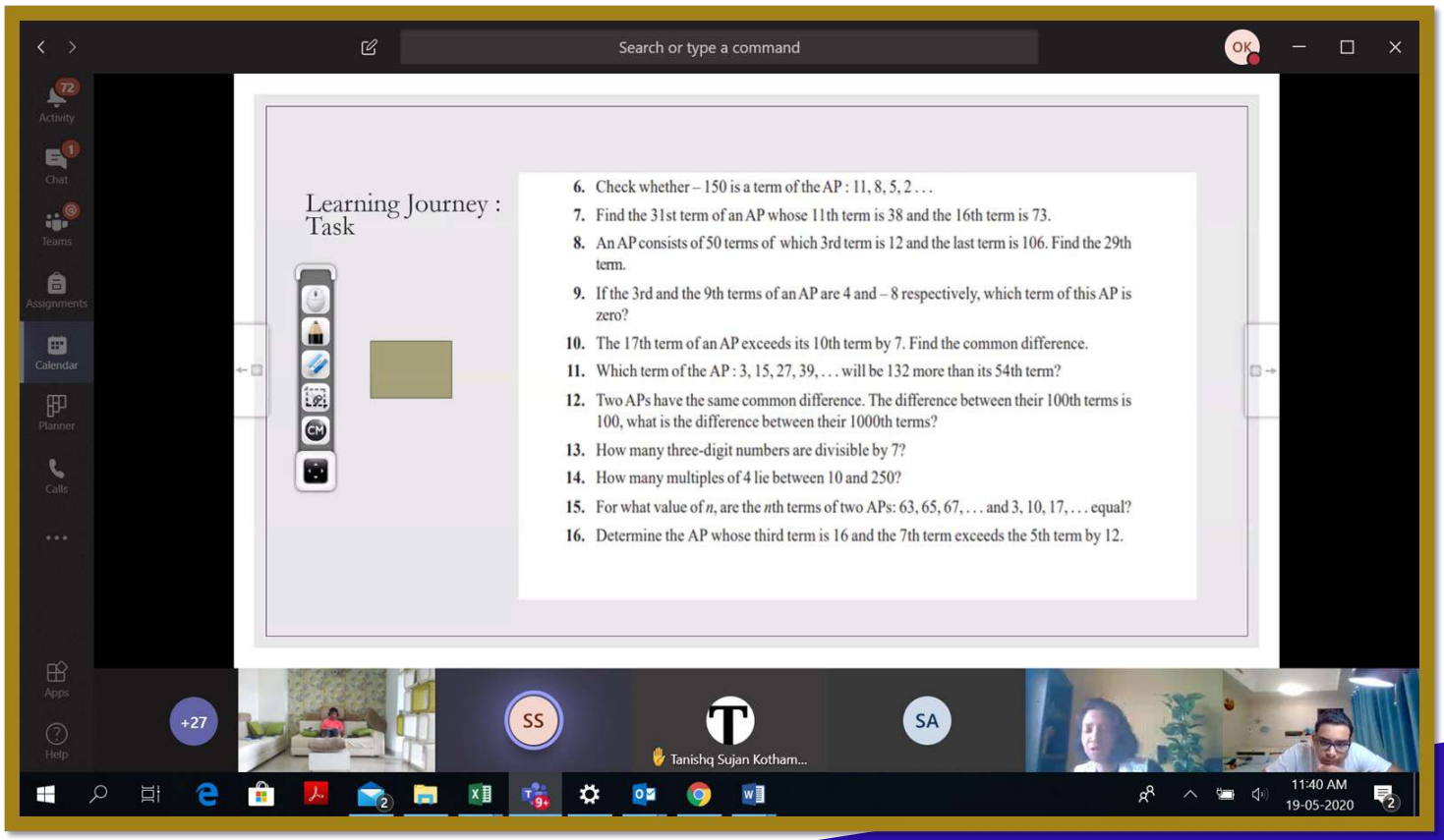

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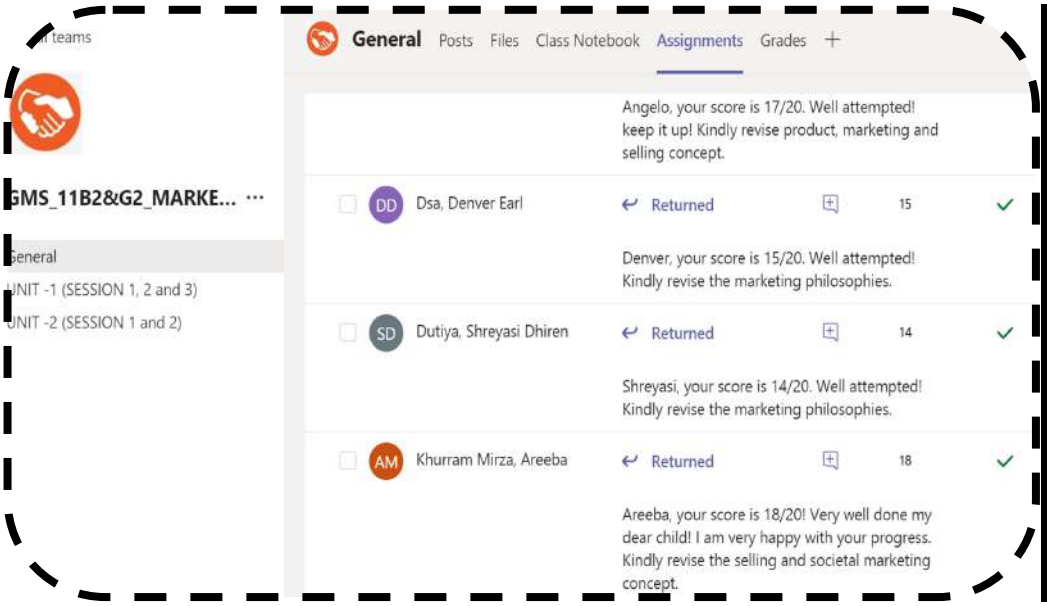

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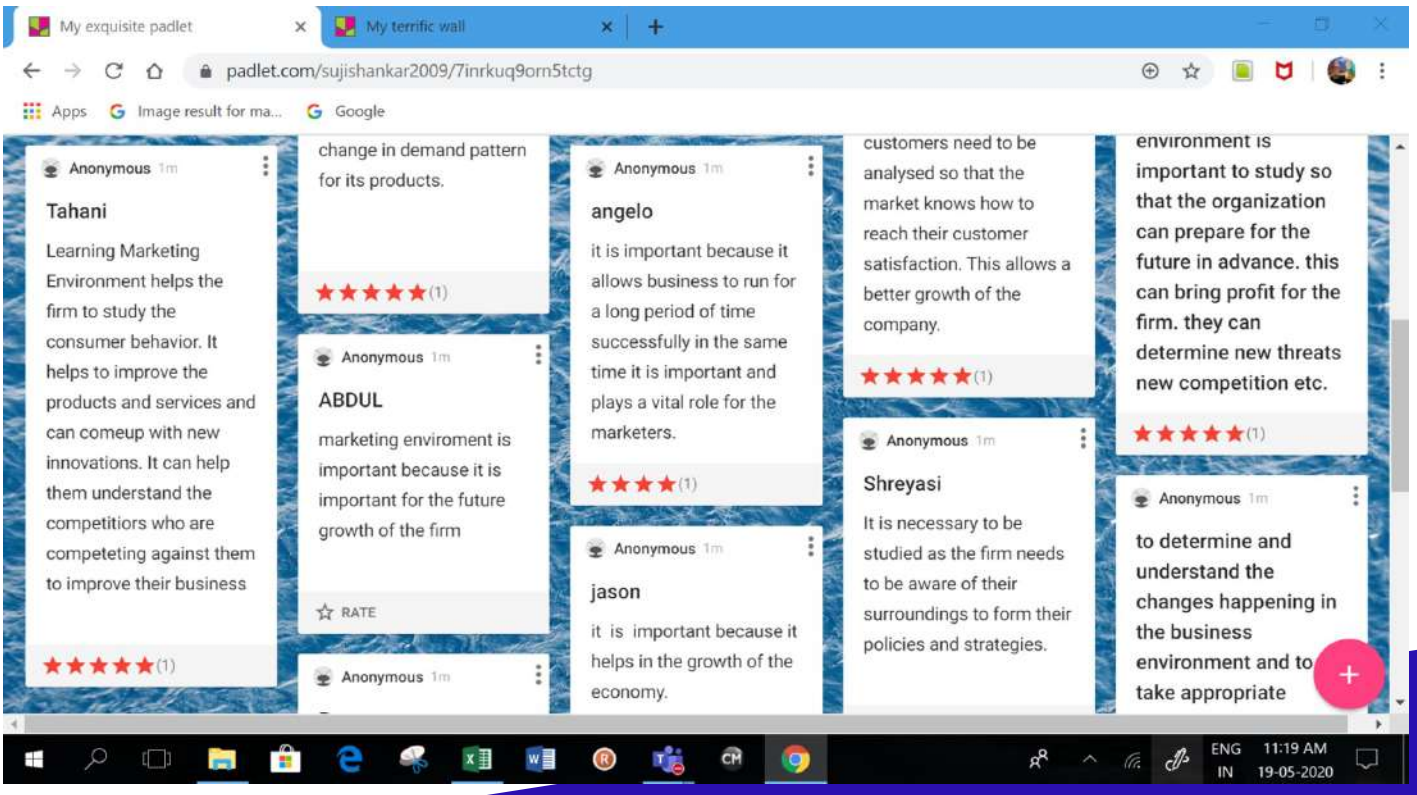
ONLINE STARTER ACTIVITY USING PADLET - GR 11 MARKETING



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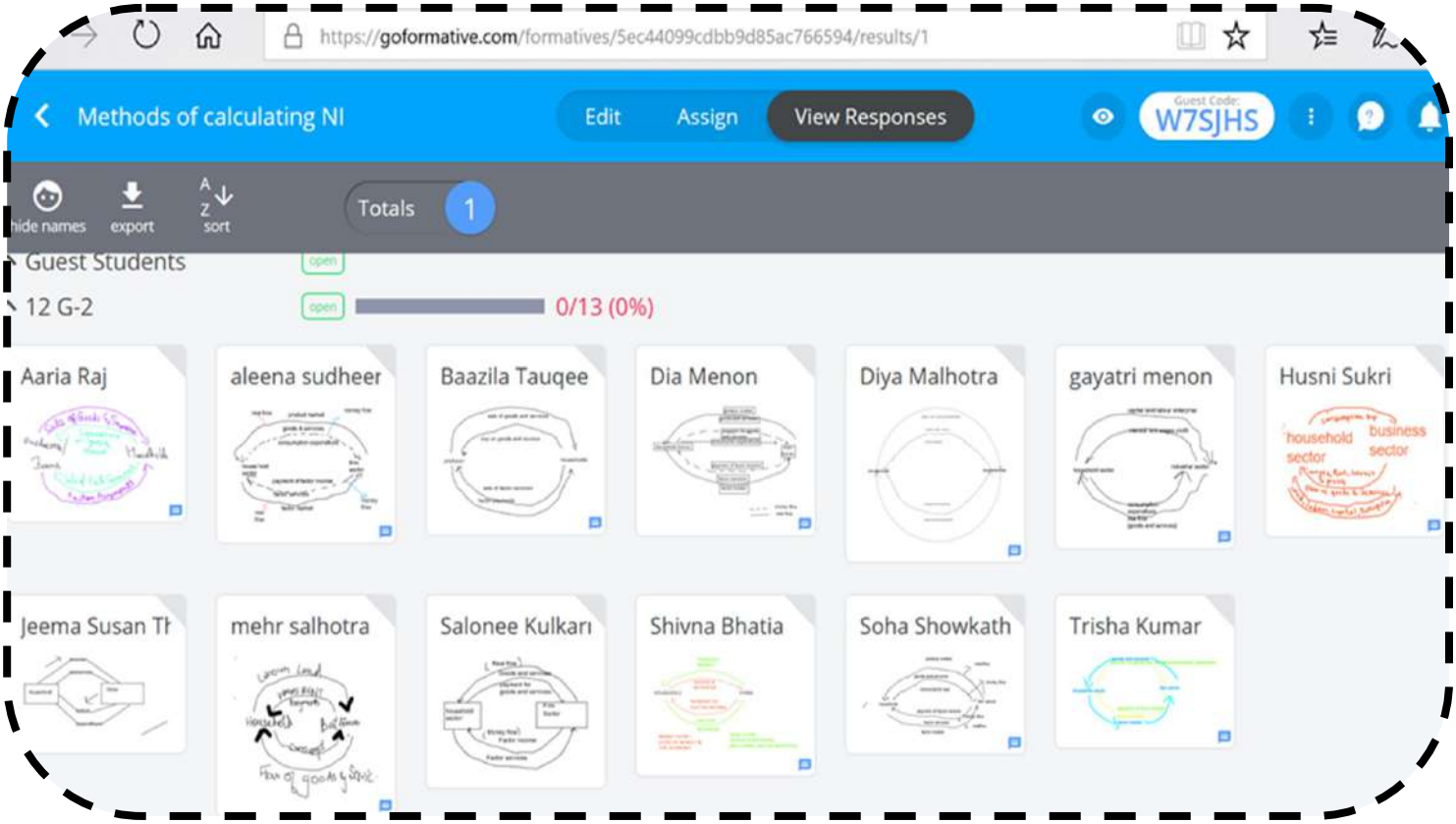

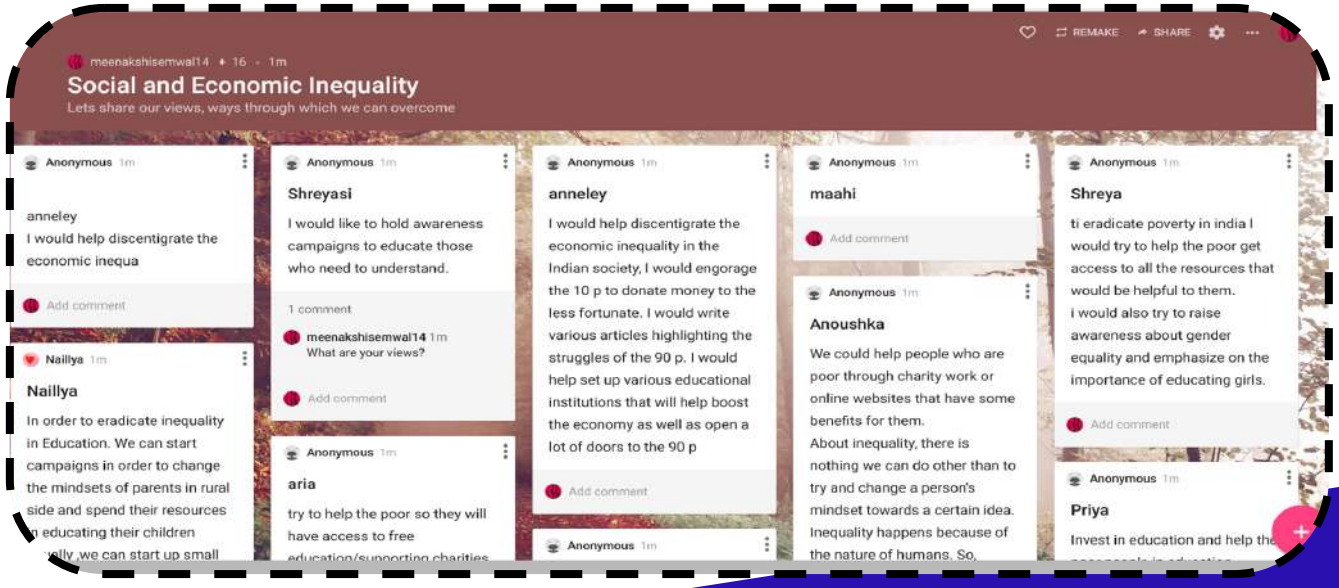

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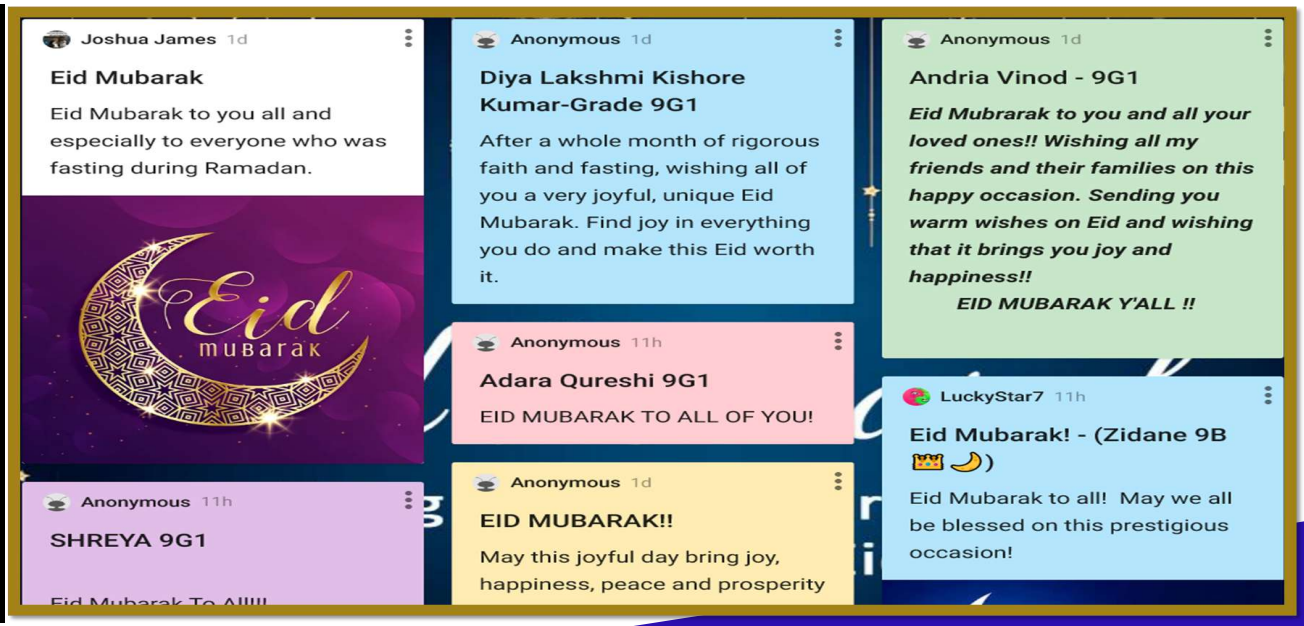

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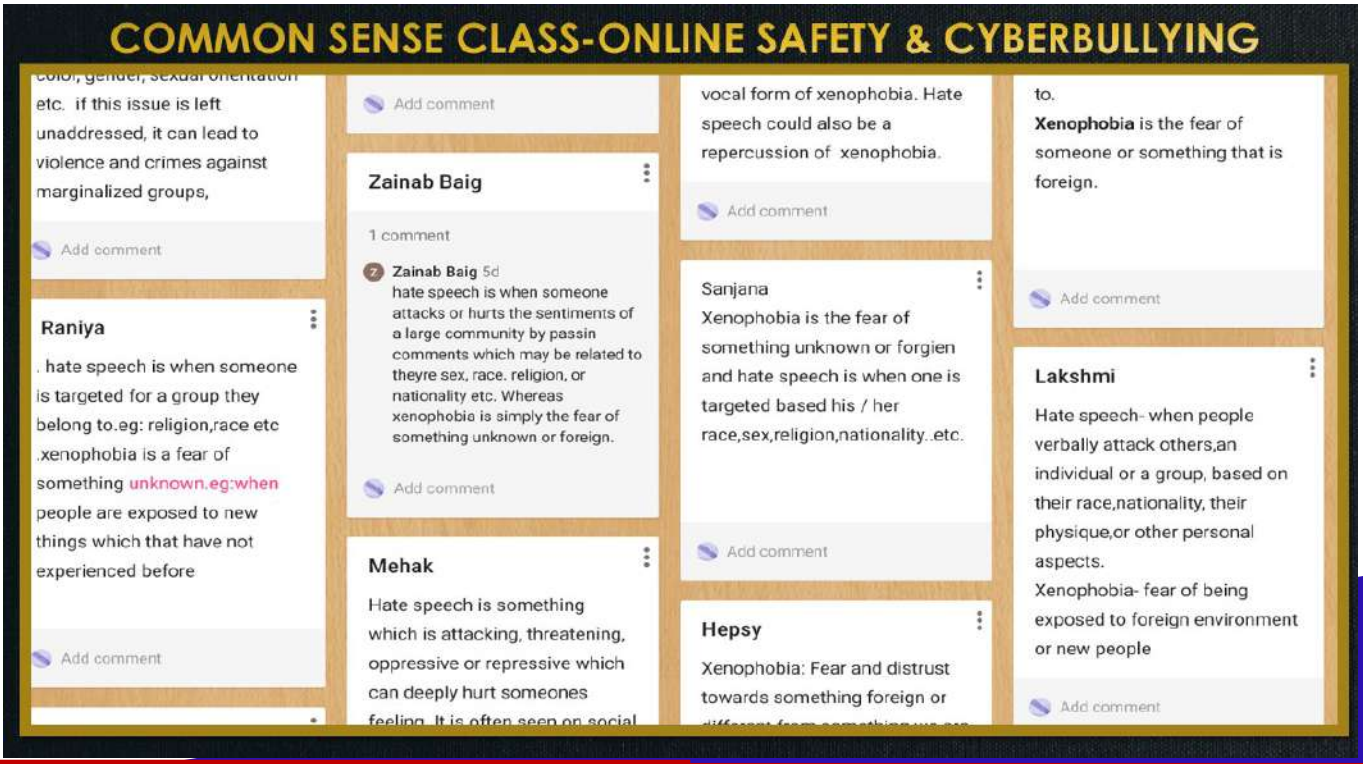

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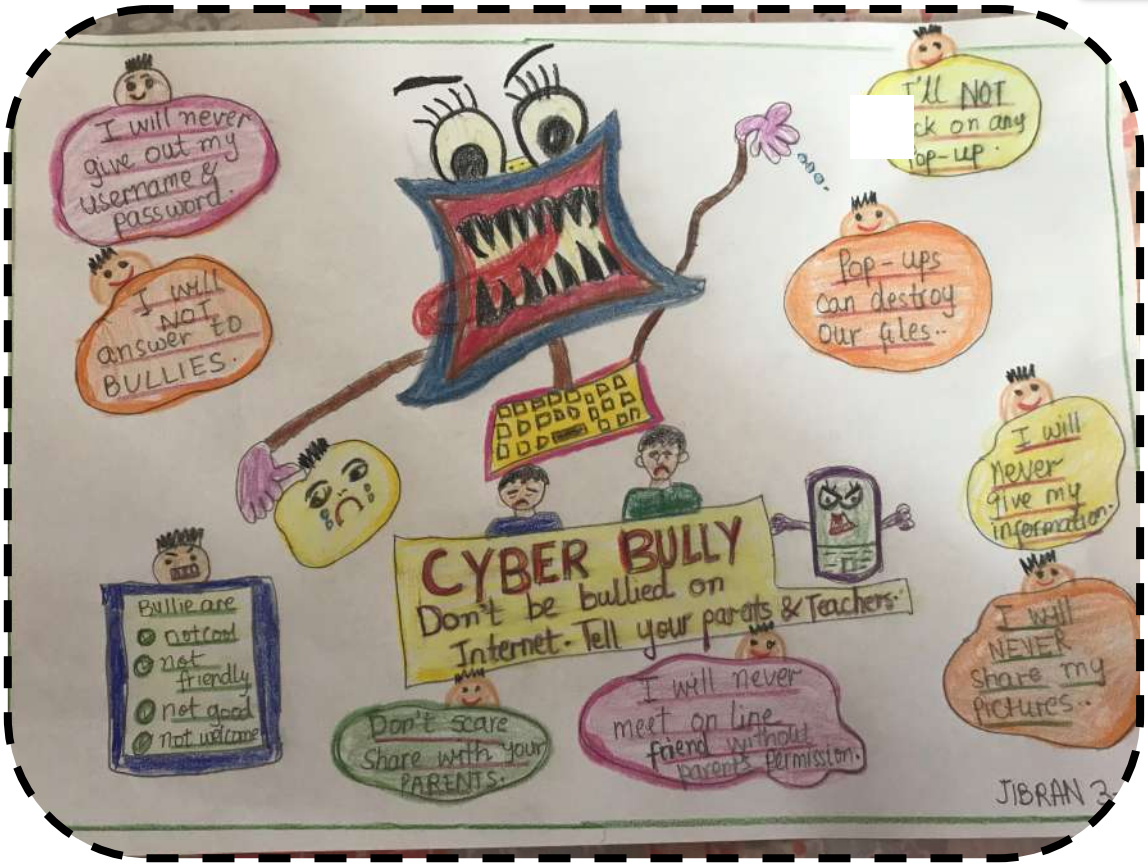

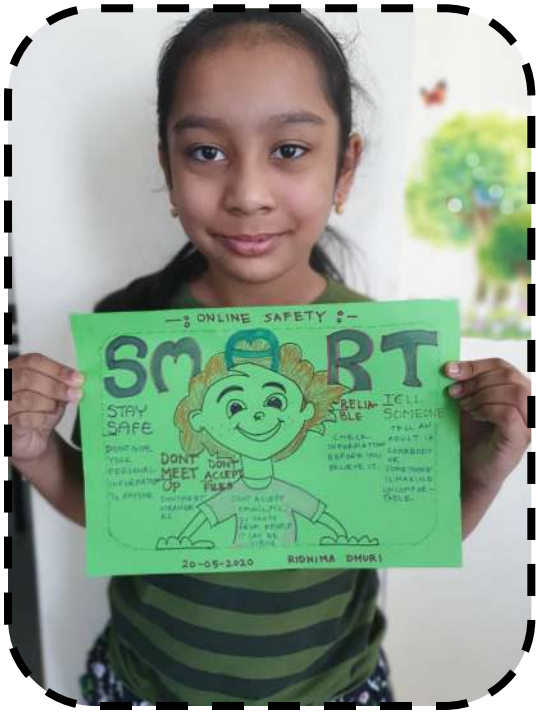

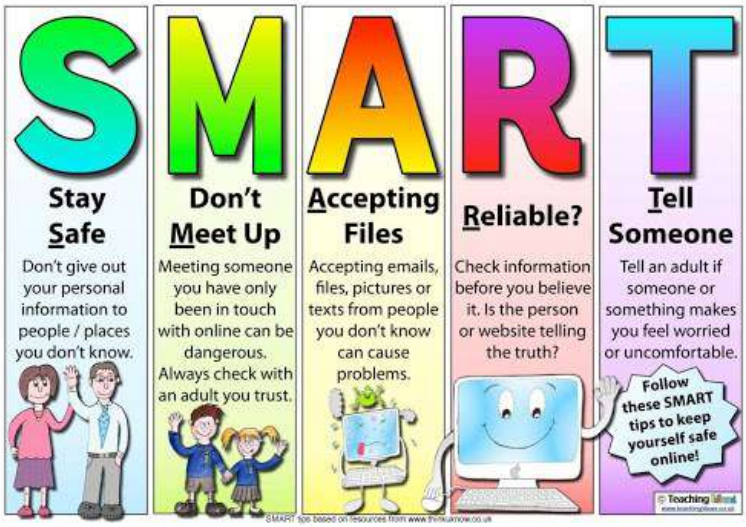

OUR STAR STUDENTS

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Star Student of the Month MAY 2020 – KG 1

ANANYA NARAYANAN

KG1 A

SHAHRAN ABDULLAH

KG1 B

AARUSH PRASANTH

KG1 C

ANSH GUPTA

KG1 D

AUSTIN TOJI THOMAS

KG1 E

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Star Student of the Month MAY 2020 – KG 1

DEVAN SUJAY PATNALA

KG1 F

HAMDAN MUHAMMED

KG1 G

IBRAHEEM JUSHIDDI

KG1 H

SHEIHK MIFZAL AHMED

KG1 I

OUR STAR STUDENTS

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Star Student of the Month MAY 2020 – KG 2

INAYA ASIF

KG2 A

ADIL ABDUL HY

KG2 B

AADHI JIJU

KG2 C

SWASTIK KURUP

KG2 D

VAISHNAV NAIR

KG2 E

MERIN SHIBU

KG2 F

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Star Student of the Month MAY 2020 – Grade 1

REANNA SUSAN ROSHAN
GRADE 1A

RIZWA AIRA KHAN
GRADE 1B

CHRIS SEBESTIAN RAJAN
GRADE 1C

MIZAAN RAZA KHAN
GRADE 1D

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Star Student of the Month - MAY 2020 – GRADE 1

MEHER SAWHNEY
GRADE 1E

ANABIA SAFVI
GRADE 1F

NIHARIKA PRADEEP
GRADE 1G

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Star Student of the Month - MAY 2020 –GRADE 2

ALVEENA PULIKAVALIYAVEETIL
GRADE 2A

JYOTSNA RAMGANESH
GRADE 2B

TASHVI VINEETH
GRADE 2C

DUA FATIMA ASIF
GRADE 2D

SAISHA GANGWANI
GRADE 2E

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MAY, 2020

Star Student of the Month - MAY 2020 –GRADE 3

SAKSHI RAJ KUMAR PANKAJ
GRADE 3A

SOFIA JUSHIDDI
GRADE 3B

AASHAY JAIN
GRADE 3C

MARTIN SHIMMY
GRADE 3D

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MAY, 2020

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RAYANN RAFEEK
GRADE 3E

VAISHNAVI SAHASRA
GRADE 3F

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MAY, 2020

Star Student of the Month - MAY 2020 – GRADE 4

SIDDHANT SETH
GRADE 4B

ARTHUR WILLIAM
GRADE 4B1

CAROLINE MELWIN
GRADE 4BG

RASMIYA BANU
GRADE 4G

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MAY, 2020

Star Student of the Month - MAY 2020 – GRADE 5

DAKSH SHYJU NARAYAN
GRADE 5B

ESHAN TIKAM
GRADE 5B1

LAKSHMI AJITH
GRADE 5G

NETHRA JAYAKRISHNAN
GRADE 5G1

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MAY, 2020

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ALDRIN JOSEPH JOHN
GRADE 6B

SHREEMAN GOPALAKRISHNAN
GRADE 6B1

DHRUV SURESH
GRADE 6B2

JONATHAN ROJER
GRADE 6B3

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MAY, 2020

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NAMRITA SANTHOSH
GRADE 6G

PARVATHI PRADEEP MENON
GRADE 6G1

LAKSHMY ANAND
GRADE 6G2

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MAY, 2020

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MOHAMMAD SHAMAIL
GRADE 7B

ADLER SHAUN ESCRAD
GRADE 7B1

KARTHICK GIRIDHARAN
GRADE 7B2

RIAN AJEETH MOHAMMAD
GRADE 7B3

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MAY, 2020

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MEERA ANJALI
GRADE 7G

JERUSHA ELSA JUBY
GRADE 7G1

DEVANSHI LAXMAN RAMCHANDANI
GRADE 7G2

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MAY, 2020

Star Student of the Month - MAY 2020 – GRADE 8

ABDULLAH SIRAJ
GRADE 8B

DAVID SURAJ AKULA
GRADE 8B1

SIMAR / AMARDEEP SINGH BHATIA
GRADE 8B2

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MAY, 2020

Star Student of the Month - MAY 2020 – GRADE 8

VANSHIKA MUKADAM
GRADE 8G

ISHITHA DEEPAK
GRADE 8G1

HADYA BINT FAISAL
GRADE 8G2

OUR STAR STUDENTS

MAY, 2020

Star Student of the Month - MAY 2020 – GRADE 9

VRISHN VISWA SATHYAMOORTHY

GRADE 9B

SREEHARI KRISHNAN

GRADE 9B1

DHYAN ASHISH SHAH

GRADE 9B2

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MAY, 2020

Star Student of the Month - MAY 2020 – GRADE 9

ANUJA PANSARE

GRADE 9G

SAACHI VIKRAM KANDA

GRADE 9G1

OUR STAR STUDENTS

MAY, 2020

Star Student of the Month - MAY 2020 – GRADE 10

GOUTHAMKRISHNAN SURESH NAIR

GRADE 10B

OLIN JEREMIAH PIERSON

GRADE 10B1

NISHA NADIA

GRADE 10G

HEPSY BERNITA

GRADE 10G1

OUR STAR STUDENTS

MAY, 2020

Star Student of the Month - MAY 2020 – GRADE 11

STEPHERT OLIVER PINTO
GRADE 11 B1

MOHAMMED SHABBIR NALWALA
GRADE 11B2

NAILLYA GANESAN
GRADE 11G1

TAHANI ABDULLAH AL SUKRI
GRADE 11G2

OUR STAR STUDENTS

MAY, 2020

Star Student of the Month - MAY 2020 – GRADE 12

MUHAMMED ADIL MELAKANDY
GRADE 12 B1

ANTHONY JACOB JOSEY
GRADE 12B2

ANNABEL MARIAM BENNY
GRADE 12G1

CHRISTINE REA BINU
GRADE 12 G2

A PARENT GUIDE

RULES OF DIGITAL EYE SAFETY FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS

BY OUR COUNSELLOR - SHERIN JAYAKUMAR

Education has changed dramatically, with the distinctive rise of e-learning, whereby teaching is undertaken remotely and on digital platforms.

Here are a few Rules of Digital Eye Safety

Fortunately, solving screen-related eyestrain doesn't mean throwing your smartphone away or shutting down your devices for good. Changing your technology habits can take the strain off your eyes.

1. Take regular breaks

Taking breaks is important for your eyes. Sitting at your desk throughout is bad for your health. Stand up and get away from your device after every class, even if it is only for a few minutes to stretch or get a drink. Giving your eyes and body a break is something both will appreciate.

If you have to stay glued to your screen, remember the 20/20/20 rule. Every 20 minutes, spend 20 seconds looking at something 20 feet away. Even this short break is enough to reduce eyestrain. Regular breaks can prevent problems in the future.

2. Blink More

Simply blinking more frequently can significantly reduce eyestrain. We tend to blink less when we're staring at a device screen, which can cause eyes to become dry and irritated. Because blinking isn't typically something we do consciously, blinking more often can be more difficult to remember than it sounds.

3. Position your screen properly

Whether you're using a computer or tablet, there is a good chance you have it too close to your eyes or at a bad angle. The device monitor should be 20 to 30 inches away from your eyes — about arm's length. The top edge of the screen should be at eye level, so you don't have to significantly move your neck or your eyes to see what's on the screen.

4. Reduce glare

Be sure your monitor is positioned in a way that it doesn't catch glare from nearby windows or lights. Adjust curtains or blinds, try placing lights in different positions and move your device until you find a spot where you can work without glare or reflections on the monitor.

5. Keep it clean

Clean your screen to ensure text and images stay looking crisp and legible. Never spray liquid cleaner on your screen. Use a dry microfiber cloth or other cleaning cloth designed for screens. If you wear glasses, keep your glasses clean, too. Fingerprints and smudges make it harder to see and put more strain on your eyes.

6. Adjust your Screen Display setting

Adjusting the display settings of your device can help reduce eye strain and fatigue. Generally, these adjustments are beneficial:

- **Brightness:** Adjust the brightness of the display so it's approximately the same as the brightness of your surrounding workstation. As a test, look at the white background of this Web page. If it looks like a light source, it's too bright. If it seems dull and gray, it may be too dark.
- **Text size and contrast:** Adjust the text size and contrast for comfort, especially when reading or composing long documents. Usually, black print on a white background is the best combination for comfort.
- **Colour temperature:** This is a technical term used to describe the spectrum of visible light emitted by a color display. Blue light is short-wavelength visible light that is associated with more eye strain than longer wavelength hues, such as orange and red. Reducing the color temperature of your display lowers the amount of blue light emitted by a color display for better long-term viewing comfort.