

مدرسة جيمس ميلينيوم الخاصه GEMS Millennium School Sharjah

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I want to begin by thanking our amazing teachers, our superheroes! They have worked so very hard to create engaging learning experiences for our students during these weeks of remote learning. Planning and preparing for online classes is not just time consuming, it is extremely challenging. teachers make it look simple; their warm smiles belie the many hours of work behind the scenes. All credit to our remarkable students for making the best of the situation and shining brightly through. And, thank you to all our parents for the support, feedback and encouragement we have received.

We have learned a lot during these remote learning sessions, including:

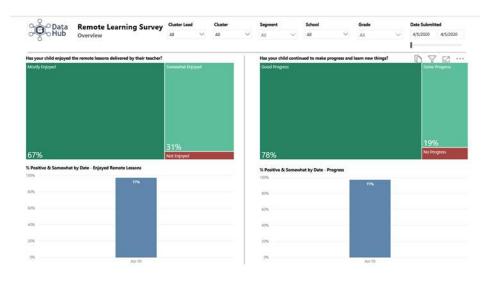
 When conducting remote learning, it's important to allow time for parents and students to adjust to the format. You cannot immediately conduct the same type of learning you did in the classroom on the first day of remote learning.

- Planning and delivering remote lessons is a different skill set for everyone. It has been great for our students to see their teachers as learners and collaborators as we embark on this journey.
- Creating opportunities for positive social interactions during remote learning is not easy but is essential for our children.

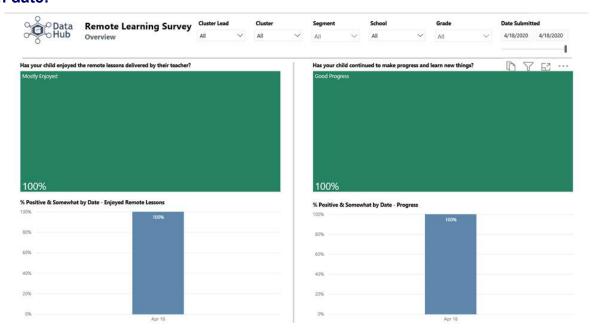
While all of us prefer being with our students in person, remote learning has taught our students and teachers new skills and approaches. A key part of learning is to confront new challenges and work together to innovate and solve those challenges. We have had and will have many opportunities to do just that!

The Remote Learning Survey results indicate a steep learning curve

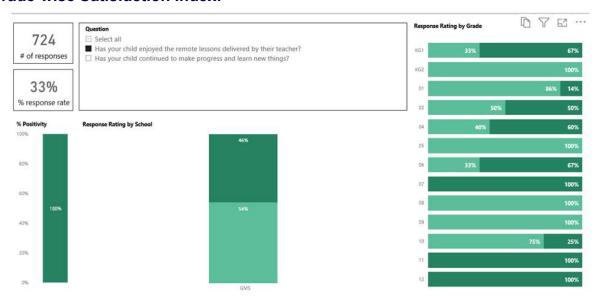
On April 5, 2020:



As on date:



The Grade-wise Satisfaction Index:

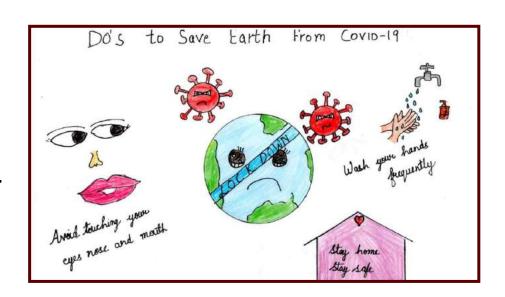


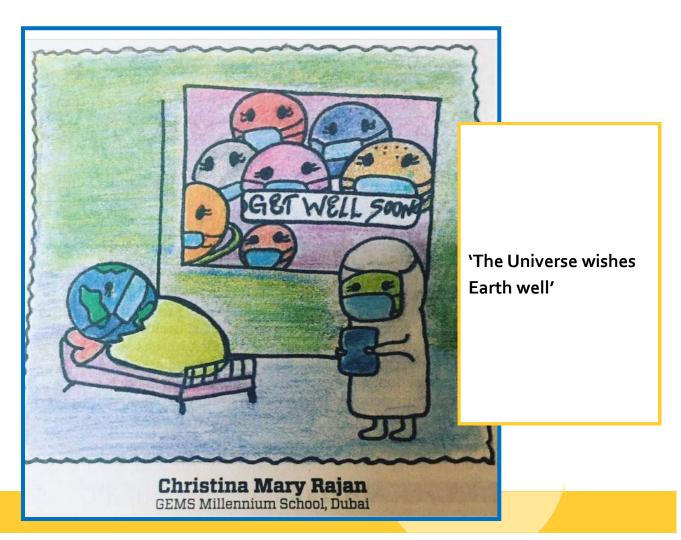
We are committed to every one of our students, and we will be monitoring their progress in every lesson very closely through online tools like Kahoot, Padlet, Quizizz, Socrative, Mentimeter and the like. Senior School students will also take end of chapter tests. In the coming week, we will be rolling our enrichment programmes and personalised intervention and remediation programmes. We are overwhelmed by the very many letters of appreciation that we have received from parents and students. Thank you most sincerely for recognizing the hard work and unrelenting efforts of our teachers.

Thank you for your continued support.

ARTICLES @YOUNGTIMES

Stay Home says
Shriya Garg
#YoungTimes
article # 100 days
of COVID-19





STUDENTS CREATIVE PIECES @FRIDAY MAGAZINE

Life in death Mother,' said one of my kids. I want to soar.' Look,' said a child, pointing at me. A dandelion!' The human plucked me and blew on me. As my little seeds flew away, I withered, satisfied. My children were happily soaring, even though it caused my death. Mumukshya Baitharu We are immensely proud of our students for using their time to dream bigger, create more and be more!! This poignant piece by Fiza Fathima of Grade 11G1 was featured in the Friday Magazine.

Very touching indeed, Fiza - Well Done!!



Staying home means more time to read, write, inspire and be inspired. The more we do, the more we can do. Mumukshya Baitharu of 7G makes us very proud with her excellent piece published in the Friday Magazine.

Wow, Mumukshya - we love it!



From the he(art)

It was Jake's big day. His first artwork was being auctioned. 'Don't come,' he told his mother, not wanting to embarrass her. But, to his surprise, a man bought his work for \$35. Checking the shipping details, a huge grin spread over Jake's face. "Mom" he breathed. Saksham Mishra

Reawaken your sense of wonder. Use the time you have to be curious. Curiosity is the spark behind every great idea. The future belongs to the curious. Everything that is real was imagined first.

Saksham Mishra of Grade 7B2 lets his imagination flow to write this creative piece featured in the Friday Magazine. We are so proud of you, Sakhsham!

MORNING MINDFULNESS @ GMS# LAUGHTER YOGA







Laughter Yoga is not about laughing at others or at jokes. Through a combination of deep breathing, deep laughing and physical movement, Laughter Yoga seeks to create harmony between the mind and body.

The "laugh prescription" exercises enables everyone to laugh, even those who are serious, introverted or who may feel uncomfortable being funny. This forceful, intentional laughing often turns into real, organic laughter during the exercises (after all, laughter is often described as "infectious" for a reason).

https:// www.youtube.com/ watch? v=fxuGRGEfpUM&t=3s

MORNING MINDFULNESS @ GMS #AEROBICS & ZUMBA

Physical distancing and isolation measures, the closure of schools and workplaces, are particularly challenging for us all - as they affect what we love to do, where we want to be, and who we want to be with.

It is absolutely natural for us to feel stress, anxiety, fear and loneliness during this time. Our mental health, physical and psychological wellbeing are very important. Here's a great way to start the week on a happy note.







GLIMPSES OF REMOTE LEARNING @ GMS

There is Never a Quarantine on Learning!



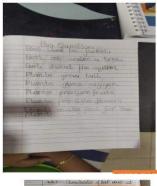


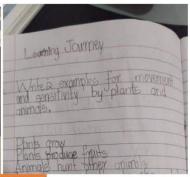












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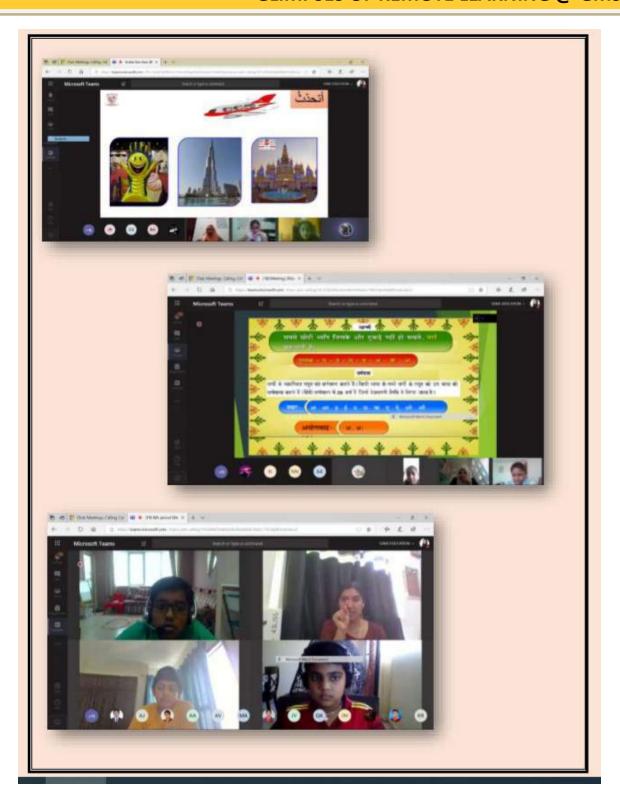
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