

Happiness at Primary



Oshwal Academy Nairobi Primary

End Term Brief

Term 2 2020/2021



Temperature checking zone at arrival



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Dear Parents

The immediate crisis ushered in by the lockdown has taken many of us unawares. Just as we were settling down in the **blended** learning with the hope of increasing the **physical days**, comes the vagaries of the **third wave** and the associated new rules of the **lockdown**.

Our **wonderful** and **committed** senior leadership team as always took the changes in their stride and have quickly put the new timelines and mode of learning in place. We were blessed that the terminal exams at most campuses have ended and we were in fact going through the **end of term** formalities when the **ugly** side of the pandemic struck.

Each campus Head has duly shared the individual end of term programmes with you. Please ensure that you adhere to the directives spelt by them. I am also happy to inform you that almost 70% of our staff have taken their first covid-19 injection and the rest should be able to take theirs by the end of the week. I also **encourage** all the parents to also do the same in order to assist us in creating as **safe** an **environment** as possible in our school.

This is also to inform all parents that as per the President's directive, all examination candidates are allowed to sit for their exams **in person**. If any of them are stuck outside Nairobi and need to travel from the Red zone, then we shall provide official letters to facilitate their movement by indicating their candidacy and the exams they are sitting for to assist their travel. I however advise the **Boarding** students to stay in the Boarding during the duration of the exams.

During these challenging times, please remember you may have occasions to meet many who will go out of their way to help, to assist and make your life easier.

We often owe our lives to angels, don't we?

People often walk into our lives and change it.....some with a kind word and some with a cup of tea, some with a few shillings and some others with a signature at the bottom of a page. Some of these can be the **Heads** and the **teachers** of your children or the **support staff** who hold your child's hand as they guide them to their cars.

These angels come in all sizes and shapes, from all religions and regions, from different professions and various educational backgrounds. They remind us that there is **togetherness** that **binds** us. At Oshwal, we are blessed with so many of these.

Our little tots - the year 6 students are **bravely** geared up to sit for their **check point exams** next week on **6th, 7th and 8th April**. Maybe years later, they will look back at these first public examinations sat under the most **challenging** of circumstances and how they overcame this hurdle with **flying colours**.

All the best Year Six learners.

Stay blessed dear parents. We shall endeavor to try and assist and accommodate your wishes as much as possible.

With regards,

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Message by the
Academic Consultant

Message by the Head Teacher

When patterns are broken new worlds emerge.....Tuli Kupferburg

Ironically true ...and such has been the fate of many educational institutions in the recent past.

Education has been hit particularly hard by covid 19 pandemic with schools shutting all over the world. Globally over 1.2 billion children are out of their classrooms. As a result, education has changed dramatically with distinctive rise in e-learning where teaching is undertaken remotely and on digital platform.

When education is interrupted it affects everyone. All of us pay a price as education is the foundation for expanding opportunities, transforming economies, fighting intolerance, protecting our planets and achieving sustainable development goals. We need to step up our efforts to re-imagine education, training teachers and bridging the digital divide and equipping learners with skills and knowledge to flourish in our rapidly changing world.

There is no one-size-fits-all pedagogy for online learning. The pedagogy for online teaching are different for varied subjects and different age groups. But we have set up our mindsets to take one step a time and set it right.

We have come a long way and now are sure of bridging these gaps in time and space by recreating, redeveloping our approach into a more efficient and user friendly one that continues to focus on teaching and learning and gives our learners a new system that simulates all possible areas of development in education.



At such times we as a global community need to rise up to this need of the hour and look at how best to support this new normalcyonline/blended learning system.

Commendations to the entire teaching fraternity at Oshwal Academy for the tireless efforts put in and adapting seamlessly to situations that propped up. An applause to all our champion learners for all the great going so far. A pat on the back for all year 6's who gracefully took up the checkpoint exams in their stride. A note of appreciation to all parents and caregivers for the support through the difficult times and for motivating the learners all through our blended/ online learning program this term. It isn't any more about how much we can do. It is about how well we can adapt to a diminutive difference in these rapidly changing times.

Ms. Anjana Vijayan
Head Teacher

End of Term 2

As we draw the curtains for term two 2020/2021, we take an interval and applaud for the milestone the school has achieved during this period. For this was the term whereby we ventured into various first with the key being the introduction of a successful hybrid teaching and learning program. A program which had the students take their lessons from home as well at school.

The hybrid program was well structured that it catered for both online and physical learning with success. A testimony to this was the conducting of both online and physical assessments and the just concluded end of term exams.

As a school, we were also elated to have our learners back to school for physical learning after 10 months of off-campus hiatus on virtual teaching and learning. It is in this term that our year ones were able to experience the physical feeling of being in school at the primary campus. A feeling that was clearly seen in their gleeful lovely smiling faces punctuated with a missing tooth or two -a sign of growth.

Apart from the year **ones'** who were having their moment in school, the older students got a feel of their new classes with the new IT infrastructure that was installed while they were away. Yes, this term we fully switched to IT-supported classrooms, an achievement that is worth being proud of.

This term too, the teachers also got their fair share of joy as they got to physically meet their home fed, well rounded and an inch taller student after a term of virtual off school learning. The student got their fair share too of the teachers' same look.

We also put into practice as a school the most common new phrase "**Keeping** all Covid Protocol **observed**" and made it our way of life.

This meant that we made changes to our teaching and learning program based on our Health and Safety needs and resolve in safeguarding of our school community.

This meant a sudden change in our timetable schedule. We are glad that despite the difficulties experienced, all changes were taken in good faith by our students, parents and the community at large and for this, we are grateful for their unwavering support.

The icing cherry on our term was the year 6 students sitting for their Cambridge International Checkpoint Exams. This is the first group of candidates ever presented by the school for the Cambridge International Examinations series.

For sure this has been a term full of new experiences, wonderful teaching and learning experiences for all of us. A term that, the phrase '*plan for the unexpected, plan for any **eventuality***' came into play. But despite all the ups and downs, we wrap the term with our heads high up and full of confidence that our students did have a positive learning experience.

As I sign out, I pose the greatest term two question from a six-year-old student that to date I still **don't** have an answer to, so I need your help

Question: "*Sir, how come mobile phones have a radio but radios **don't** have phones?*"

Good food for thought.

Renison Mungai

Pastoral Coordinator



Planning and Strategic Management Team



Students arriving in school



Class session going on



Lunch time chats



Field time games



Literacy week Spelling bee time



Thank you Ms Wanja Michuki for the motivating talk!



Year 6 mock exam



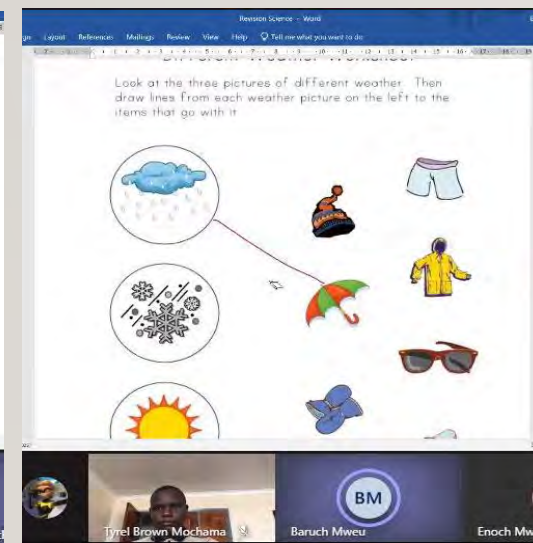
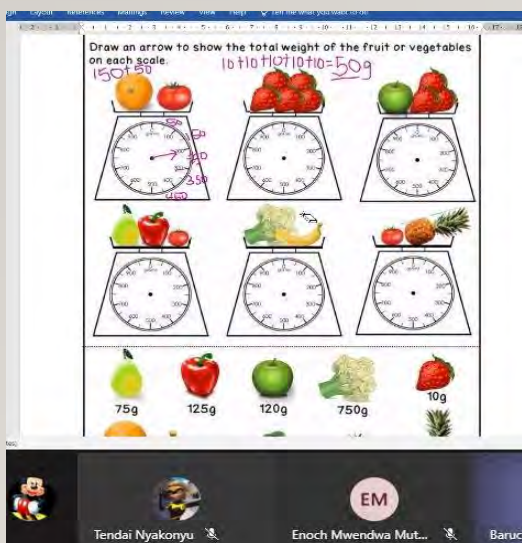
Drop Everything And Read

Our IED Learners



Online Revision Lessons

Congratulations to our little champs for their insight, imagination & creativity



Special captures – A learner's day



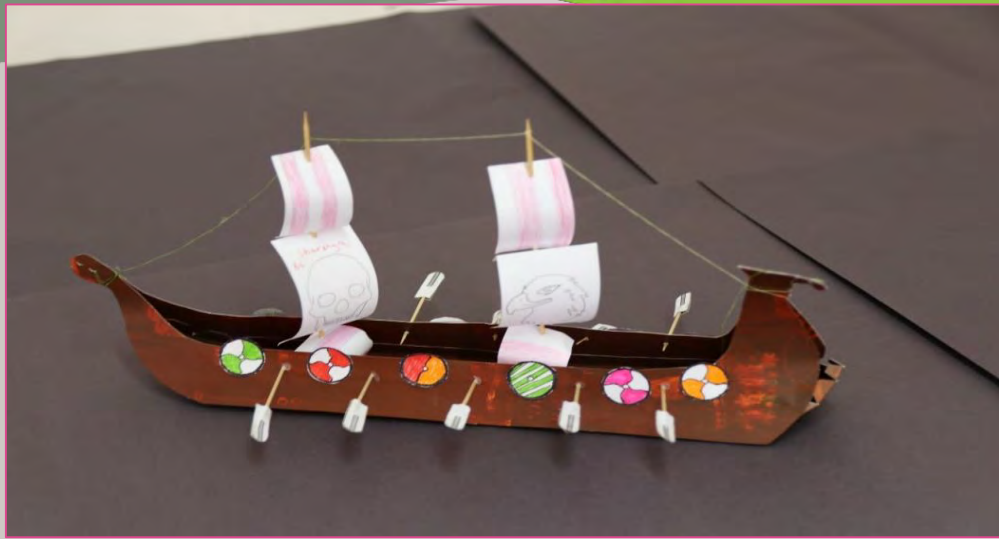
Keep in touch - ties that grow stronger through difficult times



Open Day for New Parents



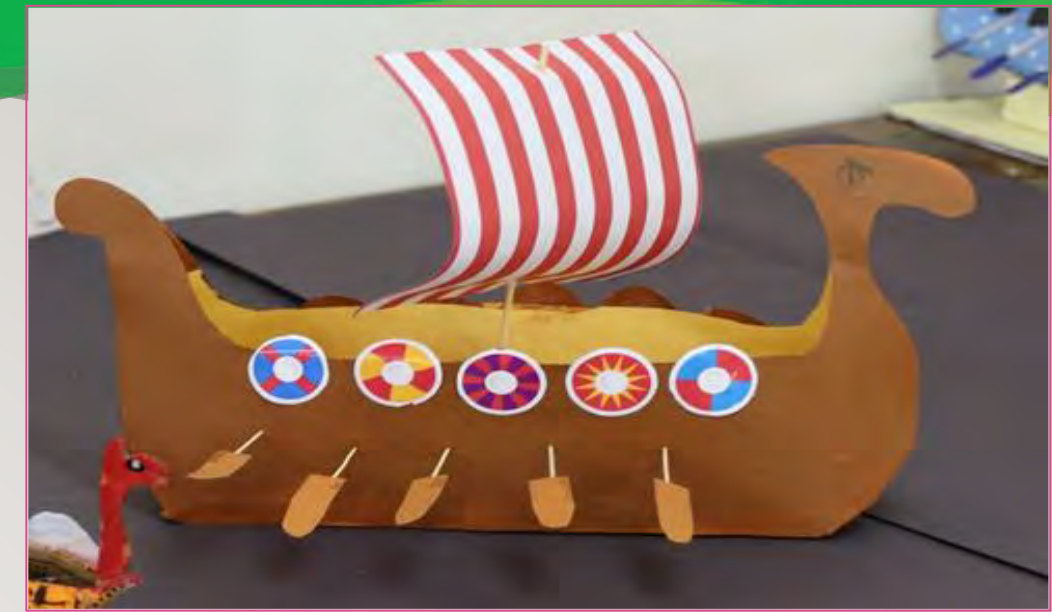
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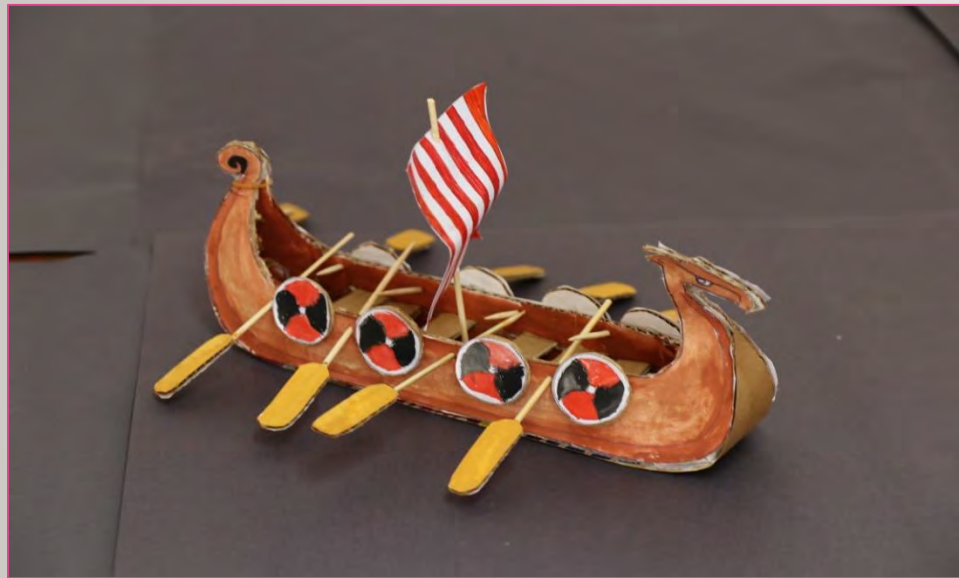
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Nishi Karania 6F

Our Imprints & Expressions

I wonder? By Zeya Shah 2C

I wonder when Covid will be over?



And I shall be able to go to school again!

Online classes are great but,

I wonder when I shall sit at my desk again!



I wonder when I shall hug my teacher



And share my break with my best friend

Talking to friends on screen is great,

But I wonder when I can play catching to catch with them again!

I wonder when I shall walk without a mask.



And not worry about social distancing

Keeping safe is good,

But I wonder when Covid will be gone for good!!



MY ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

I really like this term because of hybrid learning but mostly I like physical classes because I get to meet my friends and get to play with them. But Due to COVID-19, I **can't** get 1.5 meters next to them which is so sad and I **don't** like it but I like it when we have classes because I understand everything my teachers say and they always help me when I need it.

Next, I hate online classes because you **can't** meet your friends so I **don't** like it and you **don't** understand what your teachers are saying and if your internet or power goes OFF, you can miss an entire lesson but if **you're** lucky, you get your network or power fast so then you have to copy all the notes the teacher displayed. You have to copy them in the afternoon, but if **you're** fast, you can finish the notes

Hiten Kumawat 3F

MY MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

My most memorable experience was being able to study and learn from home. Staying with my family and getting my parents to be part of my work, as we stayed at home being safe. I can still learn through the internet on my own all through the lessons. I do miss going to school and seeing all my friends although we can still talk through the internet. This time will always be memorable for all of us.

Urja Nagda 2A

Our Imprints & Expressions

MY EXPERIENCE IN HYBRID LEARNING

I was very excited when my parents told me that in the 2nd term, we would start going to school physically.

One day before physical learning started, I looked at my timetable and saw which books I had to carry. I prepared my pencil pouch and colouring pouch, got my sanitizer and put it in my bag and lastly got both of my masks ready. The next day, I woke up got ready and went to school. When I stepped into the classroom, I was already excited and found a place to sit. Then I got my pouch rubber and pencil ready. When classes started, the teacher came into the classroom said good morning to us and started the lesson. All the lessons went on well. When it was time to play, I had so much fun playing with all of my friends after such a long time.

Physical learning is very good as stated below

- In class with the teacher there are no interruptions.
- Nobody can talk when it is class time because the teacher will hear and see whoever is talking.
- It is easier to understand what I was taught in class than in the online classes.
- It is also easier to ask the teacher questions when you do not understand something.
- When we learn in school we can play together.

But if you miss school in physical learning you will miss all the classes and notes which is not good.

The good thing about online classes is, if you missed 1 class you can still join other classes, you get more time to relax and sleep. If I missed a few notes I can go to files and complete them there.

But there are many challenges in online classes that I had as indicated below

- Internet problems occurred at times.
- Students start chatting/calling me when the teacher is talking in a class.
- Students delete some notes that the teacher posted.
- In classes when students were presenters they muted people and also kicked people out of the meeting.
- Students interrupted the teachers when being given instructions.

In online class you can't meet your friends physically, you can't play with your friends but you can just talk and send messages to them.

CONCLUSION

Physical learning is better than online learning; hence we can keep a balance of having 3 physical classes and 2 online classes weekly I would love that.

Aahil Ahmed Sheikh 3D.

Our Imprints & Expressions

HOW LEARNING HAS BEEN IN THE COVID TIMES

The playgrounds are asking about us,

There are no classes no schools,

No guests, no friends, no parks, no peace of mind.

Empty and sad streets,

Diwali came and we could not go to the Temple

I'm afraid that my family and friends will get sick.

I miss being in class with my friends and teachers, I miss our group hugs.

I miss looking at the white board.

Oh! how I miss my freedom, the freedom to be a child to just run and play.

Online classes were fun in the starting but later on they have become tiring as I have to stare at the screen for a long time.

It has taught me how to use the computer and the other apps better and I can stay in touch with my friends.

Time is becoming timeless, seconds, minutes, months are flying.

I want it to stop.

I am happy to have more time with my parents. I play and do my homework.

I dream of a day when masks aren't needed.

All this will pass, we will be fine.

Because together we are stronger.

Hemil Shah 2C

I am going to tell about my online study experience during covid 19.

I am afraid of COVID, so please stay away from me.

COVID has stopped my school.

School at home is as hard as a rock.

School is so hard without teachers physically

School is so hard without my friends.

I really miss my school, playground and friends.

I really miss swimming classes & group projects.

Social distancing has made life so difficult.

I really miss those gatherings and picnics.

I really miss my school trips which we would have taken.

I wish COVID goes away as fast as it came.

Naitri Thummar 2C

BACK TO SCHOOL

I was in Year 1 when the virus started. It started in march in 2020. Then in December, they announced that the Virus is going down and I was very happy. I will now get to go to school and meet my friends. We are told to go on Tuesday and Wednesday every week. Meeting my friends, learning in school and playing in the field was my most memorable moment of the Pandemic period. But now, the virus is increasing a lot. Then the school said that we are going to be doing online classes again. I cannot wait for the school to open again. I hate Covid - 19 Pandemic!

Jasmeer Singh 2A

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COVID, COVID

Wow! we are at school,
Wow! we are having fun,
I met my friends,
I met my teachers,
Wow! we are at school.
Oohh no!
Oohh no!
In the **morning'**
Tejvir Reel 2C

Woke up and prepared for
school,
No physical learning,
Back to online classes
Oh no! no! no!
We are not at school,
Covid! Covid! who sent you?
Go back as fast as you came.
Tejvir Reel 2C

MY EXPERIENCE OF HYBRID LEARNING

On my first day of year 2, I was so excited to meet my teacher. She introduced herself, **“My** name is Miss Jane Maina.” and then asked us to introduce ourselves one by one. I was excited to meet my new class mates but sad not to have my old friends in the same class. Virtual learning was exciting, we learnt many things including doing assignments and projects online. There were some challenges like network issues, and electricity problems. The teachers were recording the classes and we could always go back and see what we missed when experiencing challenges. I also missed playing with my friends in school.

In the second term of year 2, I am happy that we can go to school for some days. During this time, we keep social distance while playing with my teacher and class mates. We also sanitize our hands every time we touch any surface. The school provides us with sanitizer in the classrooms. There is plenty of water and soap to wash our hands.

We carry our lunch to school as the school is not providing hot lunch. I like to plan my meals with my mum and to pack my snack for school.

I look forward to the days that we go to school physically.

It was so sad when I heard that no more going to school.

I enjoyed learning both virtually and online.

I love my school Oshwal Academy Nairobi Primary.

Tilak Sanghani 2E

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Going back to school made me feel excited. Learning in school is much better than online classes, we understand more, the teachers are great.

Studying at home is fun I get loads of warm food, but at the same time if we have internet issues, we miss the class and this is not fun! Going to school is better since we get to play with our friends on the field which gives us more space than home.

I use to love Tuesday and Wednesday the best because I got to go to school on these days, I wish we could go to school every day.

Tilak Sanghani 2E

HYBRID LEARNING

Hybrid learning is when we use online and physical medium of schooling. We started our hybrid learning from this term. Initially, we started by going to school once a week (Wednesday) and then we started going twice a week (Thursday and Friday). I am enjoying my hybrid learning sessions because of the following points: My Virtual classes helps me as follows: I can check my notes on files at anytime, Visibility is better than physical classes, We watch clips and videos on the various topics and My computer skills have improved a lot .

The physical schooling gives me the opportunity to: Meet my teachers and friends whom I have not met for long. I also meet my best friends Parv and Amana, I talk and solve my problems with my teachers, I see and appreciate that my teachers and staff are working very hard to keep us safe, I Enjoy the break time with my friends, we Learn without worrying about internet issues ,my screen-time is also reduced and this makes me feel confident that together we all can beat CORONA.

Tanush Dey 3D

Our Imprints & Expressions

My online and physical experience

Virtual and physical has been a wonderful experience throughout this term. When I first started my online lessons I was informed that I would be having physical class every Wednesday, I got nervous but still excited. On my second day, I met every teacher even my class teacher and my friends in person.

I thought we exchanged class members when I first came but then remembered all the faces of my classmates. Sometimes it is hard to remember my classmates because of a mask. Later we exchanged physical days to Thursday's and Friday's.

After Lunch I would go to the field to play with my friends. We will play tag and tag and have so much fun.

Every time I would always play Pencil war with Hiten, Viaan, Khian, Eashan and Satvik

I am also ready for anything at any time. I love physical classes more than Online classes and I can't wait to resume classes fully.

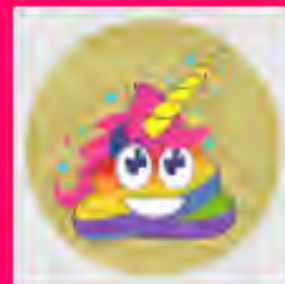
Thank you Michael Keyan 3F

Title: MY EXPERIENCE IN HYBRID LEARNING

My hybrid learning was very fun going to school and doing online lessons. It is more fun going to school as I have to meet my teachers and see my friends we play together in the field during lunch hour break. I also get to talk to my friend's every time.

When I go to school we are taken temperature every Thursday and Friday before

virus will be no more. I will be happy because I will go to school every day.



getting in class and we sanitise every time. In physical class, I can sit and talk together with my friend's observing social distance. I am also happy to go to school and meet my teachers. I can also learn and do everything nicely near my teachers. In online learning sometimes, I am not able to do everything nicely especially when lights and internet are not there. During lunch break I can play catch and catch with my friends. When corona

Rohini Sharma 3D

Our Imprints & Expressions

TITLE: MY EXPERIENCE IN HYBRID LEARNING

My hybrid learning was very fun going to school. Sometimes in online classes the internet goes and that is why I don't like online classes. Physical learning is good for me because we can learn in school. I am excited going to school, I meet my teachers, friends and be in my classroom. At lunch hour I play with my friends keeping social

distance. In Online lessons I cannot play with my friends. I take my break and lunch alone at home.

When Covid 19 will be gone I will feel so happy and go to school every day I will learn more at school.

Rohit Sharma 3E

ONLINE AND PHYSICAL EXPERIENCE STUDY

Online study experience is fun, exciting, learn so many new things, I can enjoy.

I did project e.g. art projects (seahorse painting), assignments, etc.

It was awesome by now and this term I got another drama project and also other subjects. In few projects and assignments I got nice marks. I learn new topics and they were interesting from different subjects.



Physical study is more fun than online study, because we can avoid too much screen and we get time to play with our friends and meet our teachers also. We keep safety e.g. wearing our mask, using sanitizer, keeping social distance when we are playing and doing other things. And our

teachers take care of me and everyone else. But I like physical school more than online study.



Vrishti Gada 3E

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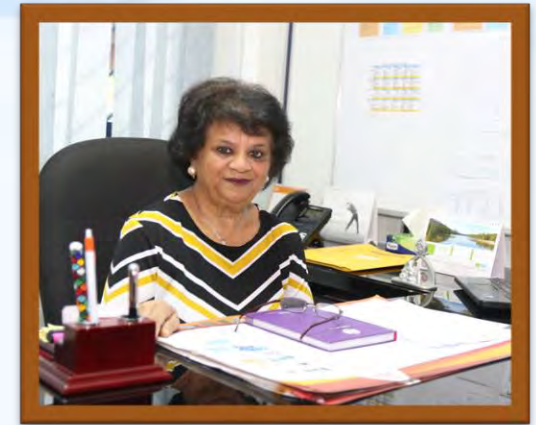
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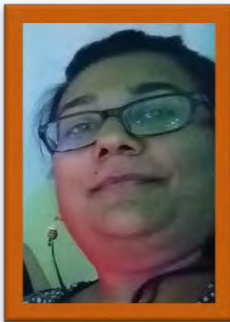
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