End Term Brief

Term 1- 2020/21





Message from the Academic Consultant



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Dear Parents

Years afterwards when we shall **look back** at the year **2020**, we shall always remember it as a **century marker**; a year that became a **catalyst** for some **lasting** changes. Human beings by nature are wedded to the past. We are pinned to the **comfort zone**.

When covid-19 heralded a **tidal wave of uneasy changes**, we were **shaken** to the core, as this pandemic wiped out many of the excuses we used for the slow digital adoption. As I address you dear parents at the end of what I would still call a very "successful" term, I am **proud** of our beloved students who have **seamlessly** adapted the **remote teaching** and **testing**.

This term shall go down in the annals of the school as the first to implement digital examinations and digital reports. I must confess that there were moments we were filled with trepidation, but our wonderful children stood up to the challenge and did us proud. With an exception of a few minor hitches, overall the examinations were conducted smoothly and efficiently. Reports will be dispatched to parents digitally before the closure of term. I urge the parents that this December vacations are a little different from the past. Due to the obvious restrictions, travel will be curtailed. The excitement of seeing a new country, a new resort may not happen. However, this loss can be replaced by more quality time with children, more play time, storytelling time, more walks together, milk shake or ice cream dates, watching a fun movie on Netflix or Amazon, picnics or simply reading a favourite book together.

Covid has taught us to **relive** our childhood, the way we used to through our children. And who knows? - Years later our children may look back on December 2020 as the **best vacation** they ever had **with their parents**.

In keeping with the government directive, we shall adopt a **partial physical learning** in January 2021. This is a brave step which we are courageously taking with maximum **precautions** to safeguard our children. The first **two weeks** of the term will have a programme that is geared towards creating a **comfort zone** for our learners and staff. Each campus shall:

- (i) Give priority to adult children reporting on more days compared to younger learners. Each stream will report to school only one or two days a week, except for examinations and senior classes. (Year 13, Year 11 and Year 6). On the rest of the days, the Academy shall offer virtual teaching as is the current practice.
- (ii) We shall have staggered pick up and drop off times, as well as staggered break and lunch times.
- (iii) The timetables for the learners of each stream and their pick up and drop off schedules will be shared by individual campuses with you.



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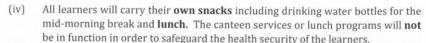
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- (v) Parents will only drive through to drop the learners but will **not alight** from the vehicles when doing so.
- (vi) You are strictly advised to adhere to the timings allocated to you during drop offs and pick-ups. This is to avoid congestion and uphold safety of our children.
- (vii) Each learner must carry two (2) face masks and a small bottle of sanitizer (100ml). This is in addition to the various hand washing stations and sanitizers availed in school.
 Failure to carry these may result in barring the learner to enter the school.
- (viii) It is imperative that learners are picked on time to avoid obstruction and bottleneck jams.
- (ix) On any given day, only one form of teaching will be offered; either physical or remote. If a child is unable to attend school physically for any reason, he/she will be assisted with written notes. However, no special tutors will be provided to catch up on lessons missed.
- (x) Parents are strongly advised to report any cases of ill health or of a child suffering from covid-19 symptoms. This information must be shared with the Head of School only.
- (xi) All learners will be placed in their bubbles (groups). As far as possible they will maintain remaining in these bubbles to avoid wider social contacts.
- (xii) All learners are expected to report to school in school uniform.

The **IED** students of Primary and Junior High will start the physical school after two weeks once the mainstream children have settled down.

The **return** to school should not be interpreted as **"business as usual"**. Rather, it is a call for parents to **step up** personal **responsibilities** and **protective** measures as we settle into the **post pandemic "new normal"**.

Together dear parents, we shall have to **support** each other to ensure that our learners are safe.

We shall slowly try and bring the **fun** of the school life back to them, introduce sports and other activities which are **safe** in term of social distancing and try and endeavour that their loss of the **"happiest days of their life"** is **minimal**.

May I please beseech you parents to exercise every **caution** during this **festive season**. In our zeal and ardour to get away from the confines of four walls, let us remember the **precious** lives of our **loved** ones.

Wishing you a safe and happy vacations with your children.

With regards.

Mrs. Jyotsna Chotai Academic Consultant

Message from the Head



The only constant in life is Change.......said the Greek Philosopher Heraclitus. Well, Heraclitus would have been amazed if he had to look around today. What would surprise him most? The digital world, the virtual classrooms, the smart phones or how we now work together in 1.5-meter society? Much has changed recently and will continue to at an even faster mode. And change happens when we give people space for renewal and innovation.

This quantum leap into this virtual arena has happened fast and steadily. Education has changed dramatically with distinctive rise in e-learning. We are where we are today only due to our commitment and a never give up attitude. For this remarkable accomplishment, I appreciate and thank the able Oshwal Education and Relief Board, Primary Campus Committee, Academic Consultant Mrs. Jyotsna Chotai, ICT team support, the SMT, the much dedicated and creative teachers, the clever learners and the enterprising and cooperative parents.

Like frills to a well-crafted dress, we very creatively added many activities that can be done remotely this term. The idea was to make learning fun filled and engaging enough to look forward to. Our calendar of Virtual learning Term 1 should have a close semblance to the real term one calendar....was our desire.

Starting from the puzzles & quizzes during the Numeracy week, rhythmic expressions during Poem Recitation by year 1 &2, Eloquence in speaking for Year 3 & 4, the art of debating by Year 5 & 6 and word building and spelling proficiency during Literacy Challenge conducted virtually added new flavors to learning. The online orientation for new parents, reception parents and the Keep-in-Touch interactions between teachers and parents strengthened the seams of collaboration. The Annual School Day 2019-2020 conducted virtually, added a feather to every student's cap as every child felt happy and proud of his/her achievement. Overall, we cruised through this term quite emphatically and efficiently.

But as they say, there is no job done to perfection, if one strives to continuously improve. I wish our teachers, admin staff and the SLT great triumph in all our future endeavours. My good wishes to our all parents for a successful year ahead. I would also like to assure you that: No matter what comes our way, we will work towards advancement of our learners Together we can give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly........

MS. ANJANA VIJAYAN HEAD TEACHER OSHWAL ACADEMY NAIROBI PRIMARY



We all need a shark in our pool'. Covid-19 came into our lives like a shark jumping into the comfort of our pool at the least expected time, causing panic and leaving everybody on their toes.

Teachers like other professionals had reached very high levels of complacency; they knew what to do, when to do it and how to do it- Teaching and Learning had become a mere routine. They had become their own masters. Covid-19 became a game changer; 21st century approaches to learning that had forever been publicized with little or no implementation plan in many institutions became the order of the day. Everyone became IT savvy overnight in an attempt to mitigate the challenge. Microsoft Teams became everyone's cup of tea at Oshwal. We did it, we will do it again and again. Thanks, Oshwal Education and Relief Board and the Primary Campus Committee for providing us with all that we required. Our virtual teaching and learning is nothing short of success.

MR. ANTHONY WACHIRA- DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER OSHWAL ACADEMY NAIROBI PRIMARY



As we wind up the year 2020, I must say I am proud of what we have achieved despite the ups and downs that will forever be synonymous with this year. Just like the ophthalmologist would tell you, a vision of 2020 is a perfect vision with the clarity and sharpness of vision desired; the year 2020 has opened our eyes and shown us the clarity and sharpness of what we are capable of at times of need.

we have transformed how we communicate, trade and the most interesting how' we go to school' from the comfort of our houses. and sanitize, and the most interesting-the artful skill of

breathing and talking with our colorful face mask on.

We have come to learn that hands-free, no handshake does not mean no hellos neither helping, that staying at home isn't staying away from our responsibilities, neither is it a holiday, I can work from here.

We have learned that our finger can do shopping for us, do banking and yes, do classwork without a pen and send homework to be marked and graded from the comfort of our homes.

We have learned social distancing means physical distancing but keeping close social links with the ones we love and the world at large -

But above all, we have learned that we may be scared of the unseen little bug as humans, but we haven't lost our humanity.

As we break for our festive season this December, remember to be human, keep your social networks of family and friends alive. And while at it, remember to stay safe safeguarding yourself and others. Be grateful for the much you have achieved this year.

On the return to school by our learners, we are working round the clock to ensure that we are all systems go for our January 5th, 2021 reopening of school. In line with ensuring and realizing our commitment to our safeguarding policies, a lot has been put in place by the OERB to ensure that we are a safe learning environment. As stakeholders in your child's learning and development process, we shall keep you posted on any new developments that arise as we march steadfastly to the physical reopening of school next term.

Dear parents, students, and staff thank you for being a wonderful support system throughout the year.

And as I sign out, I wish you all a happy and joyful festive season, a merry Christmas, and happy New Year 2021. God Bless.



Last term adapting to the new online technology was the primary challenge I had to overcome. This term, being familiar with the technology I came across a different challenge when I had to teach learners that I had never interacted with in person before.

As face-to-face interaction is limited during online classes, I wondered how I would establish a strong positive connection with the new learners.

However, by the end of the term a good bonding, by two-way communication, was formed and an interactive atmosphere was created.

MRS. KALPANA VORA.
TEACHING AND LEARNING COORDINATOR.

KISWAHILI KITUKUZWE

Mengi yametukia tangu mtandavu wa korona ulipoukumba ulimwengu mzima. Lugha geni ilizinduliwa chapuchapu na kuongezwa katika kamusi ya Kiswahili kirasmi. Wataalam wa lugha na wasomi wa ngazi tofauti walishirikiana ili kuyakubali maneno haya mapya kuwa rasmi na sawa kutumika katika mawasiliano ya aina yoyote ile. Maneno haya yametia fora katika vyombo vya habari aghalabu runinga, redio na hata masomoni.



Baadhi ya maneno haya yametumika katika maelezo yafuatayo.

Ili kujikinga na virusi ambo vya korona katika mtandavu huu, inabidi kila mwanadamu, mkubwa kwa mdogo kuvalia barakoa inayofunika mapua na mdomo.

Ni sharti kila mmoja anawe ganja lake vizuri kwa maji yanayotiririka huku akitumia sabuni ya majimaji. Ni vyema kwa msafiri yeyote kujihami na kitakasa au kieuzi chake kidogo kwenye chupa, ndani ya mfuko au kipochi ili aweze kujitakasa anapogusa pahali popote pale ndani ya gari la usafiri ua kuwekelea mkono wake mezani, kugusa pesa au bidhaa dukani na sokoni. Mtu akishukiwa kuwa na virusi vya korona atalazimika kujiweka au kuwekwa umwali hadi atakapopata nafuu kabla ya kuruhusiwa kujumuika na wengine.

Wanafunzi na walimu vilevile hawana budi ila kuvumilia kuvalia barakoa au kwa lugha nyingine kitamvua kila wakati, na kuhakikisha kuwa kuna takriban hatua isiyopungua mita moja unusu kati ya watu wawili.

Darasani, madawati yamepangwa vivyo hivyo huku ishara na maelezo mbali mbali yakionyeshwa sakafuni, kutani, vyumba vya maamkuli, maktabani hadi msalani. Mara kwa mara inalazimu sehemu hizi kupuliziwa kiambukua ili kutia kinga.

Ama kwa kweli, Mola si Athmani. Amewafanikisha wanasayansi waliojifunga kibwebwe na kutumia muda wao mwingi katika maabara wakitafuta dawa au chanjo za virusi hivyo hatari vya korona. Huu umekuwa uvumbuzi wa kihistoria.

Tunasubiri huku tukipiga magoti, kuona hizi chanjo zikienezwa kote ulimwenguni na kuupiga teke mtandavu huu.

Ahlaan Wasaalan

IED Department



IED ART LESSON



RUQAIYYAH TARWADI DRAWING



NJERI IED MAKING VEGETABLE SOUP



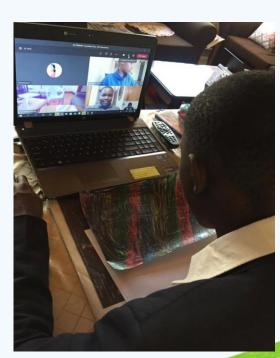
LEAF PRINTING LESSON



TENDAI SERVING SOUP



TAMIKA MAKING CORN SALAD



JOSHUA IN A LESSON



BREMER SERVING SOUP

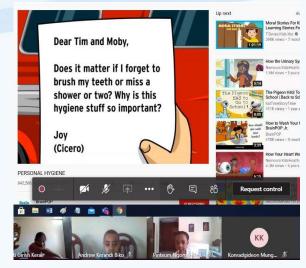
Year Group Pictorials



IED LESSON

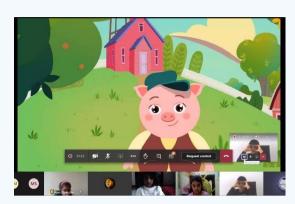


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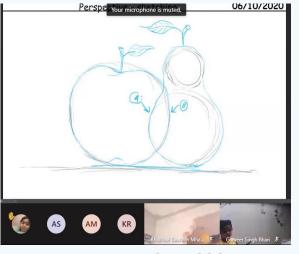


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YEAR 2 ART LESSON



YEAR 2 ARTS LESSON



YEAR 2 ENGLISH LESSON

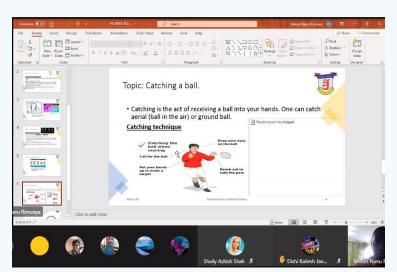


YEAR 2 ART LESSON

Year Group Pictorials



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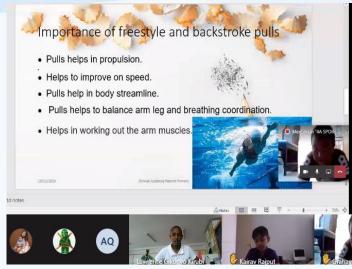
YEAR 4 SPORTS LESSON



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YEAR 4 SPORTS LESSON



YEAR 4 SWIMMING LESSON



YEAR 4 ICT LESSON

YEAR 4 MATHS LESSON

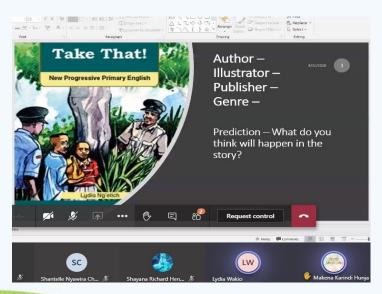


YEAR 6 ENGLISH LESSON

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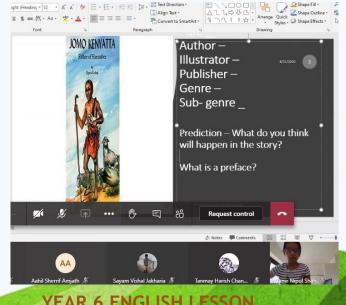
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YEAR 5 ENGLISH LESSON

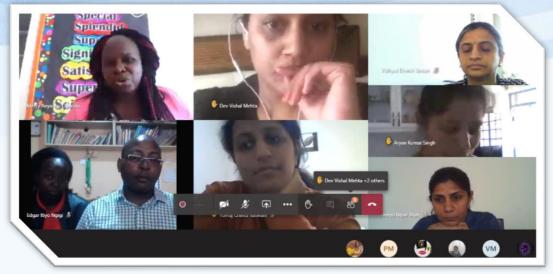


YEAR 5 MATHS LESSON



YEAR 6 ENGLISH LESSON

Main Events during Term 1



VIRTUAL KEEP IN TOUCH - PARENT CONSULTATION DAY



YEAR 1 PARENT DURING COLLECTION OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DAY CERTIFICATES



PURPOSEFUL PARENTING DURING COVID TALK



INTER-HOUSE DEBATE FINALS

Virtual Annual School Day









Rangoli, Arti Thali and Diwali



NAAVYA SHAH 1A



AARYAN MISTRY 1B



ARNAV KARIUKI 2A



VRITTI SHAH 3A



ANGELA NGIGI 4A



AARVI SAVLA 4C



VIANA SHAH 4F



SIYA NAGARIA 5F VIDHI SAGHANI 5C



VARCHASV GUPTA 6F



YUVRAJ VASWANI 6D



AISHANI MITTAL 6E KRISHNA MITTAL 1B

Projects





MAIA SHAH 1B



CONDENSATION

CONDENSATION

PRECIPITATION

CONDENSATION

TRASPIRATION

SURFACE
RUMOFF

EVAPORATION

ACCUMULATION

Henry & Lestie

DAIWIK MALDE 1B DRAMA

BREMER TWAHIRWA IED SCIENCE

WATER CYCLE AUM CHANDARAMA 5F



SAMAIRA HARJANI 1B DRAMA



SHREYASHI MISHRA 1C ICT



AARAV SHAH 2F ICT

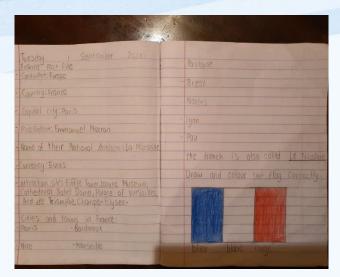


ANDY OPENDA 2D ART

Projects



SHAYANA KAUR 5F



FRENCH FACT FILE JOAN KIRABO

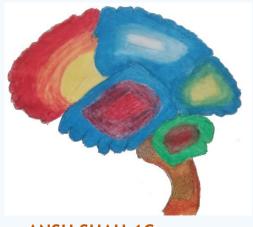


HISTORY PROJECT JOAN KIRABO



DYLAN SHAH 2A

Khush Raval 2F



ANSH SHAH 1C



Ayaan Harunani 2F



DYLAN SHAH 2A



LAKSHI METHA 3B





HAMAN GUDHKA 1B





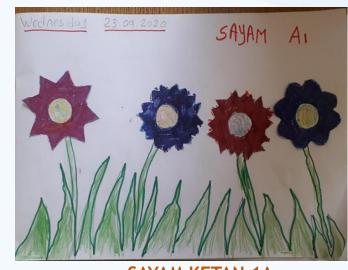
NAITRI THUMMAR 2C

Projects









SIAN NIKIL 1C

LARA RAO 1D

JEET AMAR 1A

SAYAM KETAN 1A









KAIRAV RITESH 1B

SHEHA SHAH 1A

ZOYA OSMAN 1D

WENDO GATHONI 1A

E-Learning Experiences - Our Students



During my online classes I learn Math, English, Science, History and Geography. I also do Art, Music, ICT, Gujarati and Kiswahili. My class teacher is Miss Alice.

Before we start our classes first, we pray to God. Every day we have Math and English. In my online classes I have made new friends. We talk to each other before class starts. I like doing Art and Gujarati. I also like drawing and painting on MS Paint during my ICT class. I enjoy doing P.E. with Mr. Lawrence but I miss playing in the field and swimming in the pool. I like eating lunch with my friends, but I cannot do it because we are not going to school. I like online classes, but I miss going to school.

HELI VARSANI 1A



My name is Naavya Shah. I study at Oshwal Academy Nairobi Primary School. I am in Year 1A. I like studying online because I get to use the computer by myself.

I learnt how to use all the parts of a computer. I learnt how to work on Microsoft teams, Education city, and MS Paint. Typing on a keyboard was fun but a little slow as I had to find the letters on the keyboard. I like my teacher, Ms Alice and answering the questions online. I get to see all my friends as well. But I miss going to school and sitting in a classroom.

NAAVYA SHAH 1A



My online experience has been very good.

I learnt how to use Microsoft Teams. I keep social distance while learning due to Covid-19.

After class I can chat with my friends online, in addition I also can send some of my homework on Microsoft Teams.

MAIA SHAH 1B



I love online classes every day. Online classes are fun. When my teacher gives me creative writing I do it properly. I feel happy doing online classes, but when internet goes away, I don't like it.

I see my friends and teachers from the screen of my computer. I didn't know how to use a computer before online classes but now I know how to. I am missing my school and my friends because of covid-19. I love to greet my friends from the screen.

JAINI BHUPEN 1A



We had to do online classes because of COVID 19. I liked online classes because I got my own laptop and got to learn stuff on it. I even liked it because I got to chat with my friends.

I never liked it because it was not fun when I finished my work quickly and there was a bit more time left for the class to finish. My favorite online class is Art.

I want to continue online classes because I learn a lot of things. I answered so many questions. We had Exams in all subjects except Gujarati, History and Geography.

I want to go back to school because it is more fun and you get to meet your friends and teachers.

I might not like to go back to school because I have to wake up too early and sit in traffic.

JEET AMAR 1A



I am Sneha. I like to go to school, but I can't go to School because of Corona. Our school started online classes. First, I do not like to do online classes because I can't meet my friends and teacher and I can't play with my friends.

But I can easily talk online with my friends and teacher. My teacher teaches me very well and I learn easily. I miss my school. I wish to go to school soon!



I like to study online. It is fun studying at home but I miss school a lot. I love 1B because my teacher Miss Swalha is very kind to everyone. When I am confused,

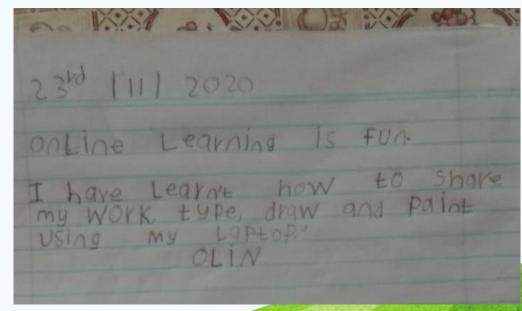
I ask Miss Swalha my question and Miss Swalha always answers my question. I hope this pandemic ends and I can meet my teachers and my friends back. I have learnt a lot from online classes. I have become a good student.

SIDDHI VISHAL 1B

SNEHA SHAH 1A



RUQAIYYAH TARWADI IED



OLIN MUTHINI IED



On my first day in year 2, I was so excited to join the class. I got up early from the bed and got ready fast. I joined the class early because I wanted to see my class teacher. I saw her introducing herself like "My name is Cecilia." She asked every pupil to introduce themselves.

I had introduced myself by saying "Hi everyone! My name is Viviana Reddy B. I like math and science subjects. I like to be a vet. I like travelling and pets". So funny here is I also like travelling, I told this because I want to attract my teacher.

During first two weeks, the classes were boring because every teacher insisted us to write rules on some papers. I was eagerly waiting to see my new notebooks and exercise books. After a few days, my mother went to collect my books. After seeing my books, I said "Wow! I got whole lots of books but in Year 1 I haven't got so many books."

After a week then I felt like real school started. The online school had started. New topics in each subject had been taught, the kids were talking, and the teachers were instructing every pupils "Kids if you want to talk and say something" then "Raise up hand" there is a button down on the taskbar. During a lunch break, I started feeling tiredness. I did not want to join online class. My eyes were itching and felt like sleeping. But I have to study well and want to score first in the class. I remember my parents always tells me that "You have to study well. You must have a job and money and you have to be a vet or pediatrician".

Then I decided, "I should not be feeling bored or tired anymore, I should be always active in the class". I should prepare myself for each and every class. And I can make my parents happy by doing so! :-) More days passed! Weeks passed! Again, I started feeling like "I am missing my school, friend, playground, teachers and library... everything".

I want to go to school just like last year. I felt so sad sometimes when I miss my school a lot!!! I asked my mom "when I can go to school", she said next term. I replied her "but you told me the same in last term also".

My mom looked at me and said "Viviana, I know what you are feeling now. I can understand your feelings well". Pray to God! Every day that corona virus should go away. Pray to him by saying I should go to school from next year! God listen to kids. He will fulfil your wishes.

I felt bad about so many other things also like my parents stopped me from watching my tab they give tab for very less time. I felt very bad and cried. My parents says, "Your eye-sight will go" if you continue watching the tab videos even after the classes. Corona is bad! I hate corona virus because I cannot do whatever I can do! I cannot go down to play, I can't go to my friend's place, I can't watch my tab, and I can't go to visit my grandparents in India because of corona virus".

But I don't want to be sad. That's why I started playing with my pet. His name is Oscar. He is like my brother and playful friend during this time. I feel very happy when I am with him. I started playing with my parents also. Then I focused on online classes, exams and revisions. My exams came and am happy that I did my exams well. Because I studied all the topics and revised very well. I scored in all subjects, full marks except science paper 1. I felt very happy.

So my experience during online class is that "I feel good, happy but also I feel bad and sad!!!



I am narrating my experience with online learning. Today, to prevent the spread of coronavirus, many schools and other learning.

institutions around the world have had to adjust their teaching to now be carried out online in the wake up of the Covid-19 pandemic.

From my view, the school did an amazing job switching to online learning. I am generally good with IT skills. Therefore, it was very helpful for me to receive instructions on what to do. The online learning has helped me to be independent, manage family time and school - work.

I miss going to the school and the communication with my teachers and making long-lasting friendships, which is extremely important for me during school time.

The fact that we have to stay home does affect everyone, not just me. We all need to meet up with friends, laugh and share with them. But since it's done for our safety, we have no other option but to sit inside and listen to every rule that has been implemented.

Feelings!!



When I switch on my laptop in the morning,

I see the blue icon of teams.

When it is my turn to say the Morning Prayer,

I am grateful.



When I present my project well,

I am all smiles.

When I add my numbers correctly,

I am pleased.



When my internet drops,

I am frustrated.

When I want to answer and not get

a chance,



I feel sad.

The most thing I wish is for is,

Covid to GO! GO!

ZEYA SHAH 2C

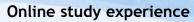










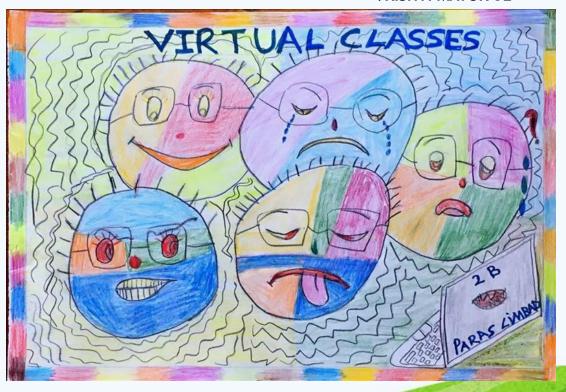




online My study experience has been awesome and especially the Elocution, Drama

art projects. All my assignments and guizzes have been easy although some were difficult, I had good experiences. I learnt new topics and a new language: FRENCH

VRISHTI MAYUR 3E







When my parents told me the world was affected by a pandemic called Corona Virus, I did not understand what it meant. I only knew that the virus is dangerous, and it can infect many people, so that's why I could no longer go to school.

Then the online learning started, it was a different experience for me. I was confused, happy and sad at the same time.

Learning online forced me to learn how to use a computer. I learnt many things and how to be independent, although I am struggling to type fast. I am still proud of myself that I know how to start a computer, copy, paste and attach a document and save a file. Virtual learning is fun but frustrating especially when the internet connection is bad, when everybody talks at the same time, I couldn't understand what the teacher was saying, and the teacher is also not able to see who is speaking and who is misbehaving.

Virtual learning has been fun and interesting, but I want to go back to physical learning. I want to see my school again, I get to see my new classroom and play outside in our new field. I can see my classmates and friends whom I really miss, and of course my teachers.



In my online experience, I learnt so many things. I learnt how to do presentations on PowerPoint and how to communicate with others. My teacher taught me how to open files and folders. My friends taught me how to share a screen.

My friends taught me how to share a screen. This is my positive experience.

In my online experience I did not enjoy that much as there was no physical presence and attention of the teacher, so sometimes I didn't do my homework, I did not complete my notes. I also did not listen to my teacher many times. In my online classes, I experienced a lot of pain in my eyes as whole day I had to look at screen. Also, my neck was paining a lot every day. This is my bad experience.

DHANYA MITESH 3C



It was an interesting experience because we could raise up our hand using an emoji, type in a quiz instead of writing. The multiplechoice assessments were also fun to do.

It was also fun to attend school wearing home clothes instead of school uniform. We also did not have to carry heavy school bags. For me, because I used to have packed lunch, virtual learning allowed me to have hot lunch at home. There are also things that I did not like such as I did not get to meet my friends and play with them during break time and lunch time. I miss doing P.E lessons and Swimming lessons physically. Overall, it was an interesting experience. Thank you.

GAVNIT SINGH CHANNA 3D

ANYA MOUDGILL 3A



In this corona pandemic, every student has to take classes online since March 2020. I was so lucky my father just gifted me a laptop in December 2019.

I was not using it so much, but from March 2020, it became something that

I used every day. Because of online study in this pandemic every student needs to have one gadget for online learning. At the beginning of online learning, we were explained very well about online classes rules. I am really enjoying the online classes. It makes me familiar with all the apps. During the projects of different subjects, I learnt power point presentation by myself. Still with all these good things, I really miss school and all the activities we do e.g. swimming lessons, playing with friends, drama play, annual day, sports day etc.

RIVA VORA 3C



I enjoyed online classes but one subject I really loved was History. In history, I learnt about Egypt. There were many topics that we learned. Every history lesson we would be introduced to a

topic and then play a video to make us understand. Most of the topics were very interesting e.g. King Tutankhamen was the pharaoh of Egypt in the 18th Century. King Tutankhamen was born in 1341BC. Tutankhamen was the 12th pharaoh of Egypt. The British Archeologist called Howard Cater found king Tutankhamen's tomb and some strange animal paintings, sandals, statues and gold. I learnt about Farming in Egypt and Egyptian bread. These topics were about ancient Egypt. There was also the Nile River, Blue Nile and White Nile, Irrigation in Egypt, Roles of Pharaohs, other Pharaohs etc. These topics were interesting to learn more about olden days. I have enjoyed being an online student.

MOUKTHIKA MURALIMOHAN 3D



Virtual learning has been a wonderful experience throughout this year. This is because I can access lesson recordings, assignments, presentations, my test grades, post my homework, have online group discussions with my group members

contact my teachers and classmates at any time to get assistance whenever I need it. If I missed any notes in class, I can go back to the files and into the subject folder and search for the notes there.

We can have group discussions outside school hours online. Therefore, we can achieve more. I learnt to play the National Anthem and jingle bells on the recorder by practicing with my classmate Khian after the lessons.

Online learning has improved my digital and ICT skills. I have learnt a lot on Microsoft Teams, Word and Paint through virtual learning and use of computer daily. I can now type a document very fast unlike before.

During the lessons I can communicate with my teachers through the meeting chat on Teams. They can know if I have a question or a problem during the lesson.

However, the teachers call can drop randomly during the lesson. Sometimes the Zuku internet in our house disconnects so I miss the class. I also miss the physical classes because I miss my friends and teachers. Thank you.

MICHAEL KEYAN 3F



In early December, 2019 the outbreak of corona virus began. This was one week before our end-term exam. I was very disappointed because I had studied hard for them.

In the month of March 2020 our school started online learning on a platform named Microsoft teams. At first, I was super excited because I was getting to use my own gadget to attend classes. After about a month of learning online, I started to have different thoughts. I started getting headaches because of spending lots of time on screen. I also started to feel bored at home because I could not physically play with my friends. I was not getting concepts at school well because I did not get to see my teachers physically. I also had fun because my mother and father had to work from home, and we enjoyed our time together as a family. I also liked it because we got breaks and in school, we had no breaks. As soon as one class finished the other teacher would come in.

The covid-19 pandemic has taught me that life may throw in challenges at any time, but we must be strong and face the circumstances.

DIHAN SHAH 4A



Online classes started when I was in year Three in Second term. We had our exams starting and suddenly Corona Virus came, and we had our exams cancelled.

I got to know we were to start online classes and I logged onto Teams. We had some classes and were given our timetable. We later graduated to Year 4. I was very curious about how we would do assignments, but it all was very hard for me at first. Soon I got used to it and the ICT lessons came in handy. Now I am used to it, I take printouts and copy images by myself!

AADYA CHANDWADKAR 4E



My class teacher is Ms. Rahab Ruguru. We have been having online classes for 8 months now. It was all new at the beginning, but this new academic year has been good.

All the work the teachers, school, parents and students have been putting has been amazing. My experience with online class has been very good the only bad thing is the power and the internet sometimes keeps going away and that means my mum and dad needed to have a backup plan for me.

This was the 2nd online term that we have done and by now all the students know how it works so it has been easier. It is still a lot of fun doing Science experiments, History, Geography and Drama projects, English, Art & Music. We had ongoing assessments that kept me on my toes. Whenever I need help, my teachers or classmates are there for me. When I had a question for any of my teachers and needed help, I would write to them on chat and they would respond straight away. I would still like to go to school soon because I miss my friends, but online learning has been fun. I am very grateful to all the teachers and School that have made it possible for us to continue studying; I know many children haven't been able to go school or have online classes since Covid-19, so thank you very much!

BOON DURING PANDEMIC



I study in OSHWAL ACADEMY NAIROBI PRIMARY. During middle of February 2020, we heard the first case of Corona Virus in Kenya.

The head of Kenya decided to close the schools immediately. Our Oshwal Education Board decided to start Virtual School i.e. Online schools from Home. The school sent a mail about the app - Microsoft Teams to be used for the online classes with user id and password individually with in a short period of time. The teachers were also provided with sufficient material to carry out Online School smoothly and effectively.

It is a very different experience as I have learnt many things like online research, Power Point presentations and the submissions, doing online individual and group projects, giving online examinations etc. The online school has made me understand how technology is important in today's world. Many of my doubts, questions are answered easily and quickly with minimum supervision.

I am also thankful to my teachers for the guidance, support and patience during the Online schools.

My virtual lessons in Covid 19. I was having a wonderful day at school but then suddenly came a polite rule.

We had to do virtual lessons but I wanted an actual school.

I hopped skipped and jumped and gave the news to mum.

The next day I started learning online but I was keeping on decline.

I could not hear the teacher it made me look at the creature.

I had a hard time online.

I want the covid to go and school to glow.

NEELANSHI CHOUDHANY 4F



I learnt a lot about technology and time management from online classes. Initially, I was a bit hesitant to learn through online classes and was difficult to learn the ways using TEAMS.

But slowly with the help of teachers and my mother I started enjoying using the laptop and TEAMS and also word document presentation in the class through individual projects and group projects.

Also, the exams conducted online were very different, but it was good learning for me. The online classes also made me learn to also do some house work and help my mom. Online classes made me more organized. I used to have some free time after coming from school before, but staying at home nowadays, am always busy doing something at home after school, but I still love physically going to school and studying from there.

LAKSHI MEHTA 4F



Online learning was fun!
There were lots of new things to learn.
Different exciting topics!

Though staying on the screen was tiring, my teachers made it interesting.

And I got used to the long hours.

I know it is safer this way.

I pray Covid19 ends soon ,so I can see my teachers and dear friends

I enjoyed learning this term it was just like a rainbow, different colors different things

JASMINE MUTHONI 4D

NEEYAM JANKHARIA CLASS 4D



DAVID WAITITU 5E

ONLINE SCHOOLING AND CHOVID-19

Now online school has been eh, awful. All the time having horrible, horrible internet, everything you can find, not being able to get out of your door for 2 reasons (1.

Quarantine 2. With all that food I think we would have to go another year without eating!) We have gotten so unhealthy that I think we can't even touch our toes, (or even see them) do a sit up, for us P.E should be named torture class! I have a strong feeling that we will tear our clothes by just wearing them. Though online schooling is quite horrible, it doesn't come with its advantages. (didn't say they are many.) There is only one I can think about. If you are sick you can still go to school! So, for me online school has been both good and bad. I'm not going to lie, I kind of enjoy it! So, I am fine with the way I am and I love my life So, for me online school has been both good and bad. I'm not going to lie, | kind of enjoy it! So | am fine with the way | am | Quarantine is over and I love my life

How do we get out?



DEEKSHA SHAHANI 5E

Children have you finished your work?" Network goes to sleep and the microphone becomes a cat.





Miss, I need to go home my foot is paining," and when miss says, "Leave your book!" They get ready to be a frog.



MISS IT!!!!

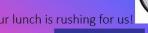
Children's mind improves and the teacher's mind assigned that he is growing intelligent.

"MY STUDENT HAS NOT CHEATED," but unfortunately!!! What



Doing there?

The time rushed, but she never rushed. How could



she understand that our lunch is rushing for us

When we do an online meeting. but when the time exceeds the meeting ends. She is my

special teacher but still

I MISS IT!

Planets Song

We all come from a place, the entire human race, depends upon our planet, racing through outer space and there are Eight Planets that orbit around the sun. Come on we'll introduce you and name them one by one. Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune[X2].

















I'm Mercury, the smallest planet, you see. You humans could never live on me. My atmosphere's too thin, and I orbit too fast. My days are long. (About sixty earth days as a matter of fact.

I am Venus, my atmosphere's Super Hot! I spin backwards in a way the earth does not! I'm closest to the Earth in distance and size. I have no moons <u>so_I</u> hope you can sympathize!

I'm Earth, the planet that you're on ya know. I'm terrestrial, but covered in H2O. I collide with things I can't avoid, but my atmosphere protects me from meteoroids.

I'm Mars and you can jump higher on me, Because I have a third of Earth's gravity.

I hear you plan to visit soon. I'll be your first destination since the moon.

I'm Jupiter with my 79 moon crew. Like Io and S/2003 J2. Yea you could say I have a pretty large girth. Here's a storm twice the size of your momma, Earth. (ohhh!)

My name's Saturn, check out my pretty rings. These rings are few of my favorite things. I'm a giant made of Hydrogen and Helium. And please stop hitting me with things.

My name's Uranus, and I'm an ice giant. I was the first planet found with a telescope. I rotate backwards, and on my side. I smell like rotten eggs but that's just the hydrogen sulfide.

I'm Neptune, I'm the windiest planet around. I've got supersonic winds. That's faster than sound. An ice giant with 13 moons. And a dark vortex that may go away soon.

I'm Pluto, And I will not be forgotten! (Director) Pluto, Pluto, Pluto, Pluto....

Beautiful, but um... yeah, we've been over this, <u>and...</u> you're considered a dwarf planet these days, sooo... (Pluto) Gurl, I'm the biggest object in the Kuiper belt.

Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune.

(Sing along real strong for the next tune!)

Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune.

And, I guess, not Pluto.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL POEM

I switch on my computer,
And get ready my pen and paper,
Miss Nyapola comes online,
Children, are we all on time?
There is math, science and grammar,
Then we enjoy drama,
We jump and stretch for P.E,
But I miss my friends really,
I wish I was in school,
Playing with my friends,

And swimming in the pool.



ABBIE KORI 5E





Since we began learning from home I have developed better computer skills because we are always on the computer and whenever we get stuck we ask our mother to help us

learn new skills.

Whenever we want to do a project all together we use a word document, power point for presentations and Microsoft teams.

I am happy with the way the teachers have really tried to make the online experience easy for us, but I am not happy that I cannot see my friends and teachers physically. I miss playing in the playground, P.E. and swimming. I would love to get back to school and meet all my friends and teachers especially Mr. Gabriel.

Some of the advantages of learning from home are that I can at least wake up later and eat whatever of my favourite breakfasts i.e. pancakes. I can play outside with my neighbours and visit my grandparents who stay across me.

ARIANA MAGAN 4D



How my experience has been with online schooling

Online learning has been a great way to keep in touch with my key requirements around my education/studies during this pandemic.

At times, it was stressful in the beginning, but it turned out to be a great source of learning throughout this challenging time. I'm grateful to the school for opting to on-line learning and saving us all from losing our precious years of our learning in life.

As the whole world has been struggling through this new normal way of living and learning, online learning process has proven to be the key for students like us and across other nations to remain engaged and active with our required curriculum. Every new thing/process has got its own challenge but what matters is how to embrace and overcome those hurdles and get involved with the best out of those challenges. Though I sincerely miss meeting my teachers, friends and everyone during all our school activities, I am thankful for online learning to keep us all connected during this pandemic until everything goes back to normal.

AANISHKA KAUR 5F



Online learning has been great. I have learnt many new things such as how to use Microsoft teams and meeting application. Using computers has given me a lot of practice and helped me discover many new functions of the computer.

Online lessons encouraged me to research and experience different learning ways such as, using videos in Geography and History. I appreciate the balance between learning and free off screen time as well as a chance to ask questions and interact with the teachers.

My classmates have all been really kind to me despite not meeting them in person having joined the school at the onset of the pandemic. I have learnt from those who were very active during the class online sessions. It's interesting that we did and presented group work and projects online.

The teachers often patiently answered my questions. Because of this great experience I have been motivated to do and finish all my work. Despite online classes being great I miss the physical interactions and the sports activities.

I also experienced poor network connections and power shortages making it hard to consistently follow a class. Overall, I am greatful that I am able to continue learning.

JOAN KIRABO 5B



The experience of this class must be nothing but positive. There never was any confusion on assignments, which is always a plus with online courses. For me, I learn and retain much more

like an open book. To be honest, there is nothing that I disliked about online classes. I will definitely be taking another online lesson from you! Thank you to all the teachers, management staff, and Microsoft teams for making online classes very successful.

RIYA SHAH 6E



Online learning has been great and very efficient. I love the way we continue learning during this pandemic.

We also continued our term activities like debate and our prefect selection.

But online learning has some disadvantages like an increase of screen time which can lead to eye problems. I hope that this virus can be controlled so that we continue learning smoothly. Even if no one was infected, all are affected in one way or another.

Overall, I think online learning is great.

AARNA PANCHAL 6B HEAD GIRL



Hello everyone, my name is Sayam Vishal Jakharia. I am from Year 6B and I am going to share my experience of term one in my class.

Being in year 6 with awesome teacher's teaching is just a once in a life-time experience.

Well, I have got it in year 6B, having Mrs. Linet Ombara as my class teacher and the other best teachers, is just so...amazing!

When it was the first lesson, I just heard Miss Linet's and my other awesome teacher's voices, and I knew that all my teachers were the best I have ever got. Their voice is kind and audible enough, they are just perfect!

Whenever someone asks a question, our great teachers respond to it and, they are always there for us. Though online, our brilliant teachers make us feel that we are in school. I have really enjoyed this term with all my fellow students, and I am eagerly waiting for more brilliant teaching and learning!

SAYAM JAKHARIA 6B HEAD BOY



During this <u>Pandemic</u> we have had to switch our way of Learning. Now, instead of communicating physically like we would usually do in a classroom, we are using an online platform to study.

At times, this hasn't been easy due to certain reasons. For instance, when we have power outages and Network problems, we have been cut off from our learning. In addition to that, excess usage of anything could be harmful. Too

much light from our devices can be injurious to our eyes. As we try to see the screen clearly, we often tend to strain our back and neck causing stiffness at the end of the day.

However, Online learning has been a wonderful experience for us all. My classmates and I have been able to learn a huge amount on how to use our gadgets. We have been able to complete online assignments, assessments, projects and even our examinations which I know has truly been an extremely big success.

Our teachers have been able to send as back our marks on our various assessments and projects in due time and have corrected any mistakes.

I strongly feel that our school has done an amazing job, helping us continue our learning. Hats off to the school management!

In conclusion, I want to say that even at this time of the Coronavirus Pandemic "Every phrase of life must end, whether joy or misery" One Day, this TOO SHALL PASS!

E-Learning Experiences - Our Teaching Staff



Limits only exist in the mind and it's only in the mind, that they can be overcome. I got to understand this quite well after virtual learning outdid the learning in a physical classroom. Who would have thought that virtual

learning would be this fun? It's unbelievable how most learners got a chance to exploit much of their hidden potential. A few became my co-teachers thus my role as a facilitator was eased. Hats off to all learners of whom teachers challenged with new activities virtually; be it elocution, debates, poetry recitation, name them and they embraced every idea that came along. My plea to all learners is that we may continue to conquer ourselves as we endeavour to conquer the world around us. 'Tujishinde Tushinde'

EUNICE WACHIRA 3F



As you already know, science is an extremely practical subject and therefore teaching online was always going to be difficult. Consequentially, we have attempted to still allow for

effective experimentation by encouraging students to try and do many experiments at home. Additionally, because of the comprehensive nature of the subject matter, the science department has used many audio -visual aids in order to facilitate a better understanding of the syllabus.

SHRADAHA THAKKER HOD SCIENCE YEAR 6F

EDUCATION NEVER ENDS.



Elimu haina mwisho' Online learning environment has been wonderful and amazing since the change from physical learning. 'The learning has continued to be more effective day by day

as it is accompanied by various teaching aids. The learners take an active role to show case their use of technology during the lessons. It is impressive to see learners and parents attending the lessons. We learn Swahili language together and nurture the learners reading skills. As iron sharpens iron, let us keep the notch higher as unity is strength. Asante!



When I heard that we were going to start online classes, I was paralyzed by fear of the unknown. I could not imagine how the children were going to follow the learning and implement the given instructions.

Due to this fear, I became among the first ones to volunteer to teach in preparation for what was to become the new normal. The senior management and the OERB were there not only to provide the resources but to cheer us on. Now when I look back in retrospect, I see growth both for me and the learners. It has been a journey full of challenges and yet the triumph has been sweet. The parents have become invaluable allies in these successes and there never has been a time when their partnership was more evident. The parents have shared their time, knowledge and resources. Many times, they have stepped in to solve a problem during classes. We have the responsibility of finding ways on how best to promote the young children's development and learning with online communication tools. Online teaching and learning require us to redesign and organise for better learning experiences and creating distinctive learning environments, with the help of digital technologies. What was daunting and apparently impossible then has become possible. We have scaled the mountain that is online teaching.

ALICE MWANGI YEAR 1A



A wise man adapts himself to circumstances, as water shapes itself to the vessel that contains it."

The Chinese proverb above captures the present reality in more powerful facets than the mind can conjure. Do you ever imagine adaptability devoid of fearsome sighing? This term has been a canvas of sorts with different strokes painting it in strokes unimaginable. From the first day, it has been a journey of unlearning and relearning; mostly learning to maneuver the new normal that is online teaching/learning. Boy, hasn't it been an adventure!

There's no learning experience like a challenge. There's equally no triumph sweeter than a challenge overcome, and lesson learned. Each dawn heralds a new walk with my learners which I look forward to knowing that in tandem we shall achieve the unattainable.

NJONJO KAHATO YEAR 4D



In the age of the COVID-19, education as a whole, has taken on a new look. Mathematics, in particular, has been greatly affected as it requires student

centered approach, providing repeated exposure to content and opportunities to explore the concepts in various ways. We have had to change our approach in giving mathematics instructions in order to accommodate learning during these unprecedented times.

We have made great milestones in content delivery and students' engagement. The quality of the Numeracy week presentations was a true reflection of learning. Students did excellent work in research while having fun applying concepts learnt in class. A big thank you to the students and the parents who assisted in any way.

Teaching math digitally has its own set of challenges, but for the most part, it has offered me the opportunity to learn and continue to teach quality lessons. So, math instruction in the age of the coronavirus is in a constant state of flux, but teaching and more importantly, learning, are still going on.

PAUL NDUTI HOD MATHEMATICS YEAR 5F

The world of learning went online with the pandemic. Just like any other concerned institution, we had to learn how to teach online and make l'enseignement à distance interesting for students to learn online.



I can positively say that we have found the way to make it work for us and our students, where they don't feel like the online alternative is simply a temporary solution but rather a new learning opportunity.

Every storm has a good tiding. Through the online lessons, we have fully embarked on improving our language by ensuring that students sit for an oral examination and see how they interact with other interesting French material.

We sometimes had technical problems that slowed down the class/progress, such as poor microphones, Wi-Fi connections and frozen images among other technological issues. Also, to hear French language from a computer screen is challenging for some students. The sound is not perfect. Although it's frustrating, we all got used to it.

I deeply believe that learning only requires the right teacher, the right method, and the right commitment. We are very lucky to have students that are inquisitive and determined to learn the new language.

The online classes make French learning accessible to students who by chance might have missed a lesson. We are really seeing this time not so much as a time for damage-control but one for new opportunities that can enhance our techniques no matter the circumstances.

MAUREEN NASIMIYU 2ND LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT



You know what they say: practice makes perfect. Most of our students have really perfected their learning skills through the online classes' platform. I believe the online classes have become more fun to both students and teachers as time moves on. Virtual learning has made me fully appreciate technology as a very important

tool in the teaching profession.

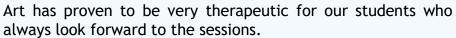
I have noted that during the virtual lessons, learners have cooperated and participated in the activities with enthusiasm.

The online interactive games and activities had really boosted the mental strategies of most learners. I have seen some of my learners excel during this period.

All said and done, my current online students may not be having enough time to argue, socialise and interact with one another as my former students did or writing as many essays as possible, but they are LIVING history right now. But they're learning so much — resilience, time management and how to be responsible for their own learning.

JOSEPH MUSYIMI HOD HISTORY GEOGRAPHY YEAR 5B

Considering what the world is facing, we just have to dwell on the positive side of life to guide ourselves and move forward harmoniously. Recently, my aim has been to teach children art through which they can express themselves, have fun and in the process learn Art and craft skills.





Being able to meet the students during this pandemic and enjoy online classes with them has been a blessing. Despite the challenges faced by our students, they managed to produce remarkable pieces of artwork. These art pieces are a representation of our students' perseverance and aspirations of greatness during the pandemic: They have successfully pursued goals that are greater than themselves, which have motivated me as a teacher to set up interesting art sessions and enjoy their virtual presence. To all my students, 'cherish the unique individual that you are'.

URMILA PINDORIA ARTS DEPARTMENT



March 15th is a date not likely to be forgotten by many soon. The announcement by the president that schools will be closed came with mixed feelings. Mostly the anxiety and uncertainty that followed was very worrying. No one knew how, or where to start from. Our able ICT experts were at it very fast, that sometimes I wonder how they managed..

Teachers were trained, children were added to online classes and parents bought gadgets.

This certainly was a sign that learning had to be given priority, despite the pandemic.

Oshwal Academy ran smoothly. It felt like nothing had happened. Teachers learnt on the job and within a few days we all became experts. Kudos to the ICT team who worked tirelessly.

I have never looked back because, every day was a new learning experience. Things get better every day. We continue to thank our management team that have been supportive and very patient throughout this period.

LINET OMBARA YEAR 6 COORDINATOR



Yes! The sudden switch to 100% online teaching was challenging equally for both teachers and students. E- learning from home is not an easy task. To start with, those long hours of online training for teachers to learn Microsoft teams (the online teaching platform) still managed with trial and error.

Challenges in terms of availability of stable internet for students and faculty, Booking Classes, calling students to attend the classes, some get late, following them to submit their projects, finishing their assessment in time, following the parents for their children to attend classes and making sure they submit their projects in time and not assisting them during assessments and exams. All these challenges were really challenging!

All in all, it has been a mixed experience. I have learnt a lot digitally and committed myself fully to remote follow ups and learning. Last, but not the least, sitting for hours together at same place on the laptop which strains the eyes, and the back required a lot of endurance. All my pain goes when a parent comments: "My child is waiting for your lesson to commence"

I am eagerly awaiting to see children back in the classroom for face-face interactive learning.

PRITI PUJARA HOD 2ND LANGUAGES

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