

DAFFODILS HIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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RAM NAVAMI



On Friday, 8th April 2022, we celebrated Ram Navami in the school by showing the students a video on the significance of Ram Navami. The festival commemorates the birth of Lord Rama, the seventh avatar of Lord Vishnu on the ninth day of Chaitra Navratri. According to legend, Lord Rama is considered the seventh incarnation of Lord Vishnu as he was born to King Dashratha and Queen Kaushalya in Ayodhya in the Treta Yug. According to the Hindu calendar, this festival falls in the Shukla Paksha (brighter half) of the Chaitra month.

MAHAVIR JAYANTI



Mahavir Jayanti is one of the most important religious festivals in Jainism. It celebrates the birth of Lord Mahavira, the twentyfourth and last Tirthankara of present Avasarpiņī. On 12th April 2022, the school celebrated the day with great fervour. Students watched short movies and videos on the life and teachings of lord Mahavira.

According to Mahavira, to live a righteous life one should follow the following principles:

- Nonviolence (Ahimsa) causing no harm to the living beings
- Truthfulness (Satya) to speak the truth
- Non-stealing (Asteya) not to possess things that do not belong to you
- Chastity (Bramacharya) not to indulge in sensual pleasures
- Non-attachment (Aparigraha) not to get attached to material things. His teachings are the main pillars of Jainism, also known as 'Jain Agamas'.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday was observed on 13th April 2022 in the school premises. The students were shown videos on the significance of Good Friday. It is on Good Friday that the Christians commemorate Jesus Christ's crucifixion. It is a day of grief, penance and fasting for Christians all over the world. The day is also known as Black Friday for the same reason. Good Friday aka Holy Friday also marks the end of Lent which is a 40-day fasting period for Christians.

It is observed on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday. "Good Friday" comes from the obsolete sense "pious, holy" of the word "good."

SKY AND SPACE EXPLORATION PROGRAMME

Humans have always looked at the heavens and wondered about the nature of the objects seen in the night sky. With the development of rockets and the advances in electronics and other technologies in the 20th century, it became possible to send machines, animals and then people above Earth's atmosphere into outer space.

Catering to the curiousness of the students about Sky and Space school had organised <u>SKY AND SPACE EXPLORATION PROGRAMME</u> for the students of Grades III, IV, V and VI in the school premises. It was an evening activity as the students had to explore the sky using Telescopes.

The programme started at 5:00 pm with introduction to basics of Astronomy and then the students were virtually connected live to the International Space Station, where they were able to see the astronauts working at that moment. It was followed by Rocket making and Launching activity. Then the inquisitive eyes of students moved to the Terrace of the school for the Sky Exploration activity through different types of Telescopes.

Grades V – VI – Wednesday, 20th April 2022 5:00 pm

Grades III and IV – Thursday, 21st April 2022 5:00 pm

The students went home excited after exploring the secrets about Sky and Space.

<u>SPACE BUNNIES PROGRAMME – Be an</u> <u>Astronaut for a Day.</u>

Our school had arranged for a virtual trip to Space through <u>SPACE</u> <u>BUNNIES PROGRAMME – Be an Astronaut</u> for a day for Grade I and Grade II on 30th April 2022.

Highlights of the programme were:

- Introduction to space and astronomy
- Know your solar system planets.
- Phases of the moon.
- Hands on rocket making activity.
- ISS live

The session started by showing the students the Sun... The Moon and the Stars. Then the students were taken on a virtual tour of our Solar System.

Students experienced the different phases of Moon virtually. Rocket making activity was done.

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Thus our Space Bunnies virtual trip was a visually impactful session. Students looked motivated and engaged throughout the session. At the end of the session the students had explored the secrets about Sky and Space.

MAHARASHTRA DAY



Maharashtra Day is celebrated to commemorate the formation of the state of Maharashtra after its division from Bombay State on May 1, 1960. 1st of May is also celebrated as international Labour Day or workers day.

Maharashtra Day was celebrated physically this year. The students of Grades V to VIII participated enthusiastically in the activities planned

for Maharashtra Day.

All the students were dressed up in White Kurta, Pyjama with orange dupatta tied round their waists. The celebration started with the flag hoisting ceremony. Our Trustee Mr. Amarjit Singh Nandrajog unfurled the National flag. The students of Grade IX sang the National Anthem and the Dhwaj Geet.

After the Dhwaj Geet, all the students dispersed and took their positions in the corridors to watch the students of Grade VB's spectacular performance with lezims. Engrossed in the performance, everyone moved to the Auditorium for the rest of the performances. The first performance was by Grade VII. They depicted the history of formation of the state of Maharashtra through their disciplined performance. It was followed by energetic Dance performances by Grades VA, VI A and B and Powada by Grade VIII, which mesmerized the audience.

MARTIAL ARTS

Martial Arts can be a great activity to get our children into for a whole range of reasons that have nothing at all to do with fighting. Martial arts offers many benefits for young children. Improved physical fitness, superior mind-body coordination, endurance and self-discipline are just some of the characteristics of a martial art practitioner that immediately comes to mind. Learning new skills increases children's confidence and self-esteem.

School has introduced **Martial arts** as a part of the curriculum for Grades I to X. The objective is to develop skills such as Discipline, self-control, focus, concentration, flexibility and endurance as well as self-defence and sense of responsibility among students.



RAM NAVAMI PICTURES







MAHAVIR JAYANTI PICTURES









GOOD FRIDAY PICTURES





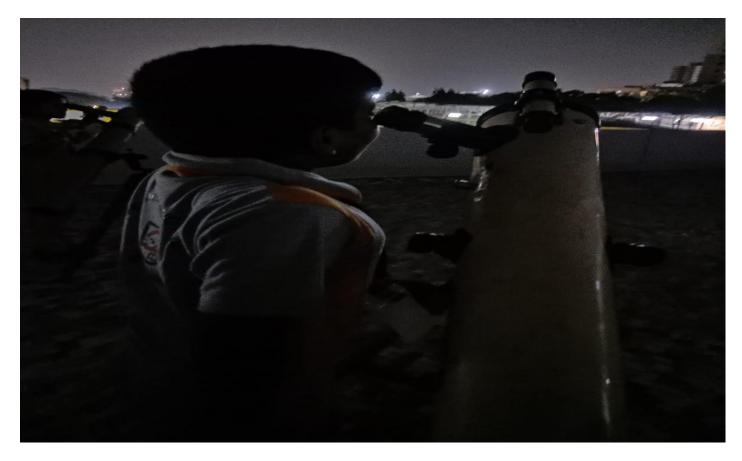
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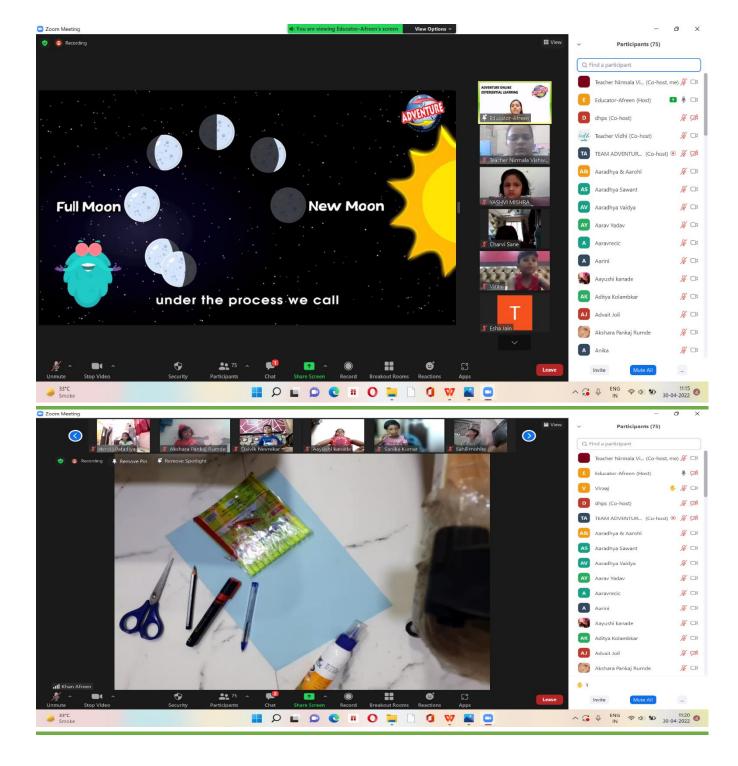


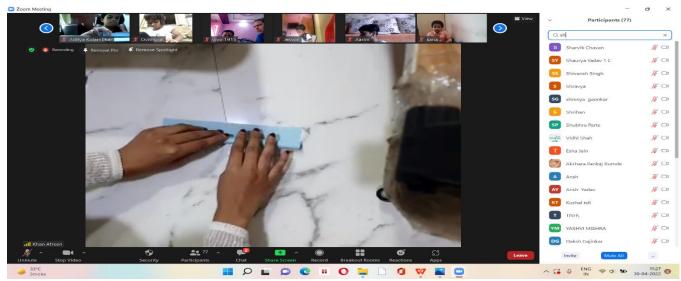


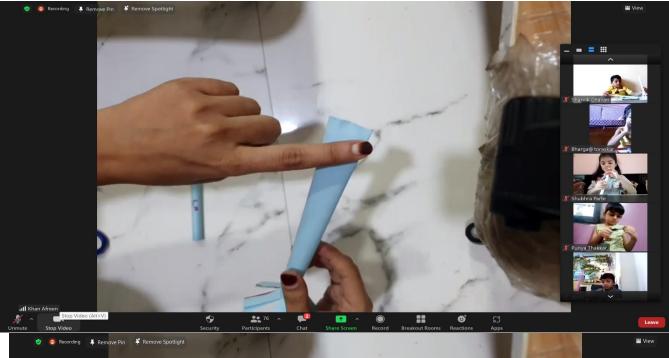
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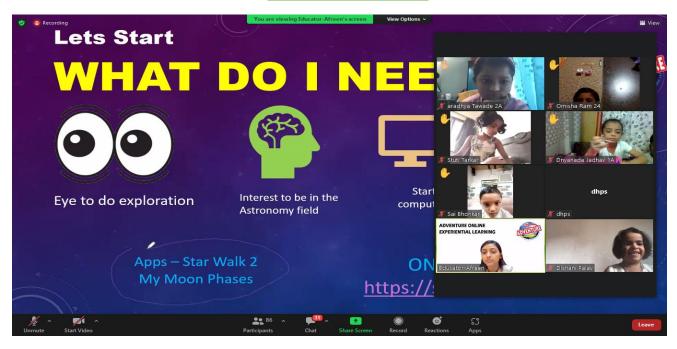
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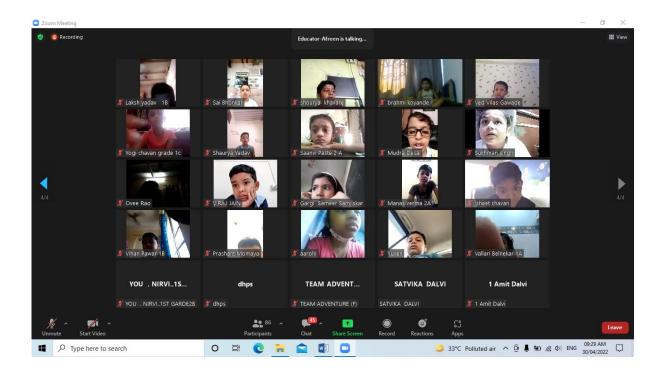
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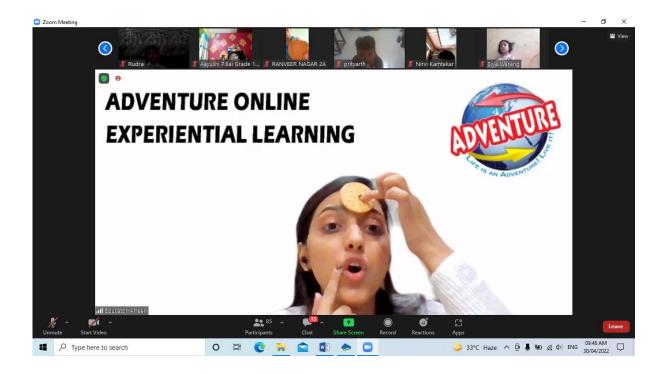
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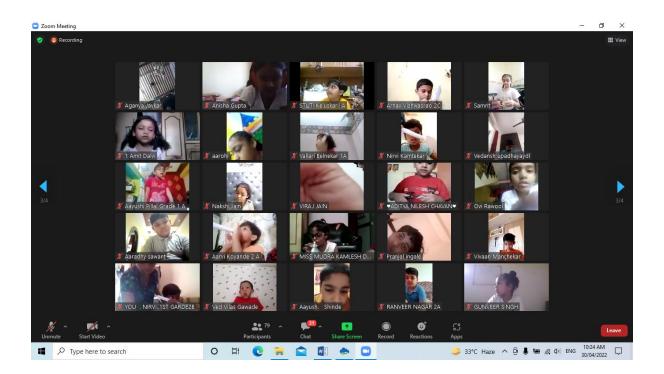
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