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From the Principal's Desk

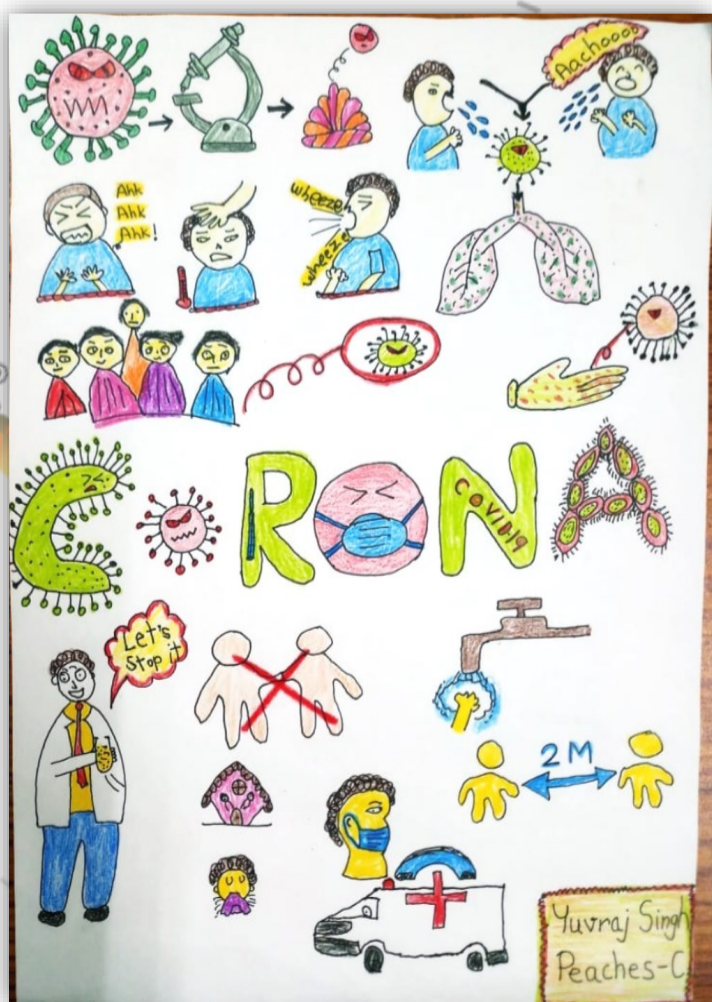
Our 1st semester of Online Teaching for Session 20 -21 is soon coming to a successful close. It has been terrific visiting classrooms virtually and seeing students in dialogue, write with a purpose, reflecting and taking action in this 'new normal' way of teaching and learning. It has been equally exciting witnessing the growth and mind-set of staff using new instructional techniques, advanced technology in MS TEAMS and take up Professional Development Online Certification courses to teach effectively. Due to the collective efforts of the IT team and PYP Coordinator, Ms Mandeep Khaira, we have developed an extremely engaging, versatile and holistic Online Teaching Program. We got recognition from IB team and got covered in their blog for our school's candidacy journey and we also got selected to make presentations for IB webinars in the Asia Pacific region.

We are glad to announce that we are starting our new School Magazine 'CAMPUS BUZZ', which shall be published thrice a year to apprise you of all the events and updates related to the school. Do encourage your children to express their views, write articles and poems through this platform. I congratulate the Editorial Team for this great effort.

In spite of these trying times, we will continue to be proactive and provide routines that allow students to be engaged successfully and look forward to your continued support. On behalf of all the staff of GDGGS, I wish you all safe and healthy year ahead !!



Ms Navina Chadha (Principal)



HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO SURVIVE IN 2020.

- Washing hands frequently. Washing hands with an alcohol-based sanitizer kills viruses and stops the spread of COVID-19.
- Do a good workout and learn a new skill.
- You can do a good workout and learn a new skill like you can take an online coding course and etc.
- Stop watching Negative news and COVID-19 status or updates.
- Maintaining social distancing.
- Wear a mask while going out.
- Save money.
- Start working online



By Aksh Alawat
Grade 4





Supporting Students Social and Emotional Well-Being Remotely

In these unprecedented times, of social distancing and school closures, teachers across the globe are trying to create new routines, schedules and means of connecting virtually with their students. Investing in our students social-emotional needs are part of our daily curriculum. In our regular school environment, our students learn and practice mindfulness strategies for managing and responding to anger, stress, anxiety and for improving their attention span and concentration. Once they are able to manage their emotions and re-center their energies they are better prepared to learn core academic content. We are applying some of the same mindfulness strategies to help students cope with a wide range of emotions during virtual classroom.

Breathing Techniques

Breathing techniques help our students' to relax. In this way, they learn to calm down if they are angry or frustrated. When we breathe deeply, we increase the supply of oxygen to our brains. This stimulates the parasympathetic nervous system, which promotes a state of calmness. Breathing exercises are a great way to relax, relieve tension, and reduce stress.

Stretching Exercises

Yoga and stretching exercises connect students' breathing with movement. When students' are angry or frustrated, the last thing they want to do is sit down or sit still. Stretching teaches them to channel their emotions through positive physical movement. Stretching also helps students when they need something more to calm them down, or when they need to burn excess energy.

Visualization Techniques

Visualization is another powerful strategy that can help relieve stress and anxiety. It involves using mental imagery to achieve a more relaxed state of mind. As students' visualize an item, such as a balloon floating up into the sky, or a jar filled with water and glitter, they listen to positive language and settle into a calm state of mind.

Fun Friday

Fun Friday is incorporated into our timetable. Students' are encouraged to participate in Bingo, Antakshri, Icebreaker activities, Fun dance moves, Crazy faces, I spy games etc to interact and connect with each other virtually.

Regular check- in with students and their families.

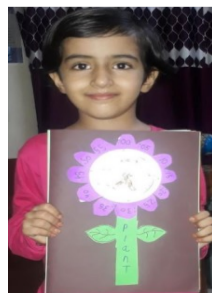
Teachers regularly facilitate sessions with parents and students' to offer support. Teachers help students' by taking one to one interaction, facilitating Three-way conference, Feedback to Forward and orientation sessions to encourage positive teacher-student relationship.

Working together as one community, we can help to create solidarity in addressing Covid-19 together.

*Mandeep Khaira
PYP Coordinator*

MY CLOCK

To strengthen the concept of measuring Time, children of Grade 2 used old cardboard pieces and created their own clocks. This fun activity involved students in learning how to measure time. Students identified the hour and minute hands in their analog clock.

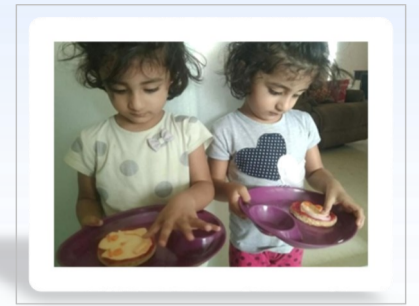




COOKING WITH DADDIES

Cooking with kids in Strawberries, provides practical experience with many essential skills such as following directions and measuring. Getting involved in cooking helps your child to develop fine motor skills, eye hand coordination, and even early concepts of math and science.

Keeping this in mind, we arranged a cooking activity for children where they thoroughly enjoyed making smiley sandwiches along with their daddies!



The New Normal

This article is about what has happened in the past and what is happening right now. In the past, we used to go to work in office and now we are doing work from home. In the past, we used to never wear a mask and right now everyone is wearing it. In the past, we used to go on trips right now everyone is at home. So, the main reason of the new normal is Corona-virus. Earlier people didn't use to store things, but nowadays most of the people are storing things in their houses. Earlier, everyone was using the car, but now there is no pollution as everyone is at home. Earlier, everyone used to go to meet their relatives, but now no one is going out.

By Myra,
Grade 5



CULTURAL DAY

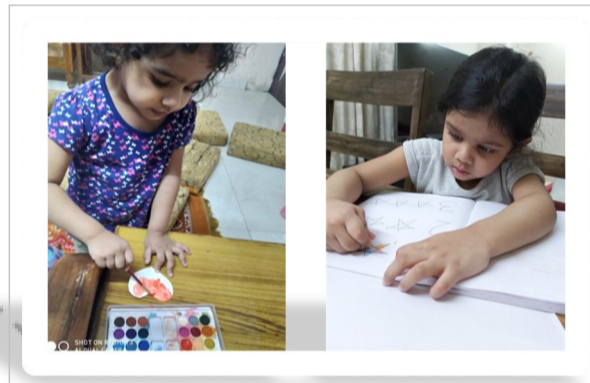
Our cultural diversity is the common heritage of humanity. It is a source of renewal of ideas and societies, through which we open up to others and craft new ways of thinking. This diversity provides opportunities for peace and encourages open-mindedness. The children celebrated this day by dressing up as per their cultures and enlightened each other about their cultures.



SHAPE TREASURE HUNT

Learning about shapes, not only helps children identify and organize visual information, it also helps them to learn skills in other curriculum areas including reading, math and science.

To reinforce the concept of shapes, children painted and colored different shapes. These were then hidden, and then the children went around their house to find them! It enhanced their research, self management as well as thinking skills while reinforcing different shapes in a fun and creative way.



HEALTH AND HYGIENE

Health refers to a person's overall health and well-being – physical and social. Health is the normal and healthy state of the body. Hygiene refers to good practices that prevent disease and lead to good health, especially proper disposal of waste water. It refers to all the activities to maintain good health. Hygiene protects our body from diseases and helps our immune system to become stronger. Fruits and Vegetables have vital minerals. We must wash fruits and cook vegetables before eating. We should drink water at least ten times a day. Milk helps to make our bone's stronger. We should do exercise daily, play outdoor, indoor games and do yoga to keep our body and mind healthy and relaxed. Cleanliness is also necessary. Taking a bath regularly and wearing clean cloth improves our hygiene. Regularly washing our hands to keep germs away. We must cut our nails when they grow long and brush our teeth twice every day. Hygiene and good health also include keeping our surroundings clean. Adopting healthy practices are not just benefiting individuals but society as well. A healthy community makes the nation stronger. We must dispose of garbage correctly and not throw it on the streets.

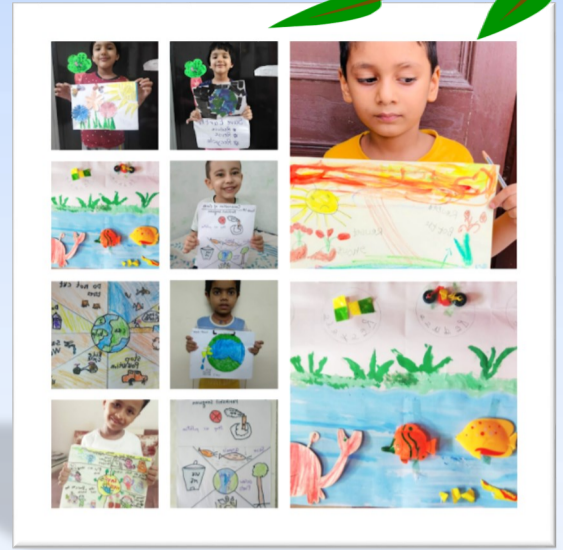
By Agrim
Grade 5





TAKING ACTION ON WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY

World Nature Conservation Day was celebrated on 28th July 2020. Students connected it with living and non-living things and why we need to conserve it. Students drew posters depicting things that one can do towards maintaining the balance in nature. The posters were self-explanatory and depicted some simple habits to implement in our lives that would make a huge difference in conserving the environment. Students also emphasised on reusing things. They suggested that instead of tossing food containers and peanut butter jars into the bins, we could reuse them for other purposes, like storing other goods in them or making showpieces out of them.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Grade 2 celebrated World Book Day on 23rd April 2020 by dressing up as their favourite story book character. Children narrated stories to their friends and teacher online. They displayed the attributes of being good communicators and participated enthusiastically and with confidence.



PROMOTING STUDENT AGENCY THROUGH SHARING THE PLANET

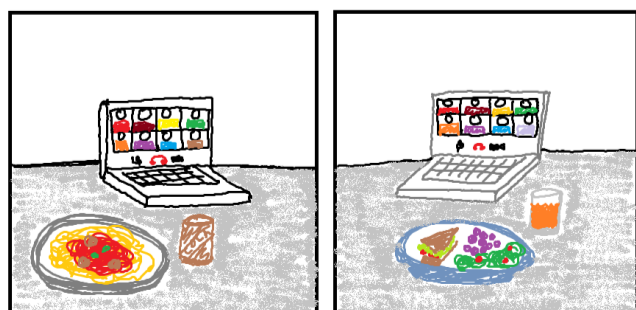
Children learnt about the concept of habitats and adaptations in plants and animals under the theme, Sharing the Planet. Student agency was promoted as they chose their favourite plant and animal and indulged in an in depth inquiry into adaptations and how the environmental changes leads to adaptations in plants and animals. They became knowledgeable and enhanced their research skills while doing this activity.



VIRTUAL LUNCH

Identifying and understanding different shapes that surround us is an important mathematical milestone. We at GD Goenka Global school, took this into consideration and planned an activity "Virtual Lunch" for our Kindergarten children.

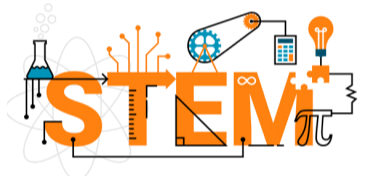
The activity was fun and highly educational in two ways. Children understood the importance of healthy foods and they learned about shapes! They enjoyed the activity thoroughly by making "Shape Sandwiches" and inquiring about different shapes. At GD Goenka Global, we are always looking at ways to make learning more engaging as we apply the Transdisciplinary approach to learning



SCAFFOLDING STEM

STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in an interdisciplinary approach.

Activity-SAVE FRED! Fred was not wearing his life vest and has tipped overboard! His life vest is stuck on top of his boat! To save him you need to: - Have the boat flipped right side up with Fred safely inside and wearing his life jacket around the middle of his body. - NO HANDS, NO POKING/STABBING with the rescue tools and you CAN'T DROP FRED in anything except the boat!



The students tried and successfully rescued Fred by using their Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics skills.

EARTH DAY

Planting seeds teaches young children the responsibility of preserving the environment. Indoor/outdoor planting of seeds and of digging in the soil helps in their fine motor skills. Nursery students planted different seeds on the occasion of Earth Day on 22nd April 2020. They showed enthusiasm while planting seeds, watering them and looking after their plants daily. It was a fun way to teach them the importance of protecting the environment.

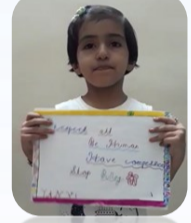
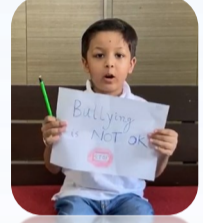




VOICE, CHOICE AND OWNERSHIP

ASSEMBLY ON ANTI- BULLYING

Children of Grade 2 participated in an assembly on Anti-Bullying. They made posters with slogans written against bullying. Children made an effort to raise awareness against bullying and requested everyone to take a pledge to be sympathetic and empathetic towards other fellow beings. Many parents also shared their experiences to further reinstate the importance of sharing and caring towards each other.



TECHNOLOGY SMART



TechSmart

Students are using innovative strategies to reflect upon on their learning. They use ICT as a tool for inquiring and learning new things. Students enjoy using ICT tools for making art samples. Some students were curious to know about space travel and gathered good information through ICT. They have learnt to use and apply various technology applications with each inquiry, through various learning engagements. Students at GD Goenka are very tech savvy and can confidently use and apply the best technology.



WHAT'S IN THE MAILBOX?

Most always, when the postman comes,
With letters, two or three,
They're for my mum or dad,
But never one for me.
I'm going to write some letters though,
That's what I'm going to do,
And then my friends will answer me,
And I'll get letters too!

Pranjal,
Grade 3



ONLINE BREAKFAST

Grade 3 had a virtual breakfast wherein, they made a sandwich and enjoyed eating it with their peers. The purpose was this virtual breakfast (cooking without fire) was to tune them into the concept of narrative writing. As a follow up, they could re-tell (through the medium of writing) the whole event in an orderly manner.



ONLINE LEARNING DURING COVID-19

The COVID-19 has resulted in schools to shut all across the world. As a result, education has changed dramatically with e-learning. Research suggests that online learning has been shown to increase retention of information and take less time. It has changed the way of teaching. It enables a teacher or tutor to reach out to more students more efficiently and effectively. But I prefer to be in the classroom.

By Tejas Yadav
Grade 2





POLLUTION

Pollution is very harmful for humans, fishes and animals etc. It is of many types: water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution and land pollution.

Air pollution: The smoke coming from the factories and vehicles makes the air pollution. Cutting trees is also increasing this problem. It is very dangerous for humans and other animals because they don't get fresh air to breathe.

Water pollution means when we throw wastes, chemicals and plastics etc in the water then it makes water dirty. Water pollution harms fish and other sea creatures. They get trapped in these plastics and die.

Next is the noise pollution. Too much noise harms our ears and we can become deaf. Honking of cars and other vehicles in the cities creates noise pollution.

Land pollution spoils the earth. When we throw lot of plastics and other wastes on the land it creates land pollution.

We should not cause any type of pollution. Also, we should not cut trees. We should plant more trees and remember the 3 R: **Recycle, Reduce and Reuse** the things.

Thankyou

Rian Agarwal

Grade 3



ME AND MY MIND

I want to fly high like a common Crane Am I tiny like bunny, or big like bear.

When I have pizza in my hands, I feel am so dear.

In cricket, wish I play like Kohli so all bowlers fear...

I pray that I find my godly parents and my friends near...

Poem by



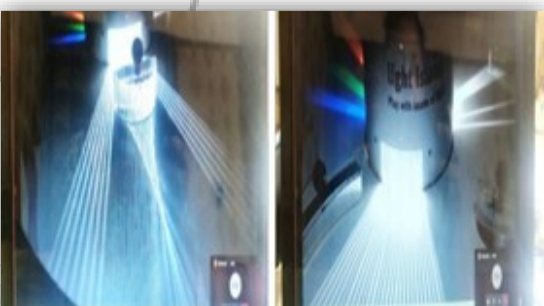
Vanisth Soni,

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EXPLORATORIUM VIRTUAL TRIP

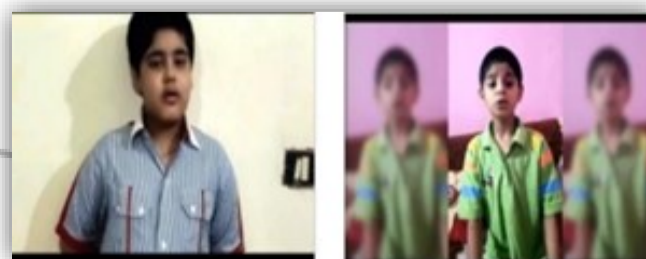
A virtual trip was organized to the Exploratorium, located in San Francisco, California for creating inquiry based experiences and tools that spark wonder; and encourage questions, explorations, and individual discovery.

The main idea was to enhance and transform the way of learning. Learning this way empowers the students to figure things out for themselves—about science, but also about any topic, claim, or idea. They watched soap making, light island and the science behind it. The Exploratorium is a public learning laboratory exploring where the world is seen through science, art, and human perception. The trip focused on making the students as lifelong learners.



VIRTUAL CAMPAIGNING FOR STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Grade 5 students organized an online election campaigning and polling for Students Council Elections. They visited all the classes online and convinced the other students to vote for them. The students displayed their communication and self management skills and developed leadership skills. They thoroughly enjoyed the whole process.



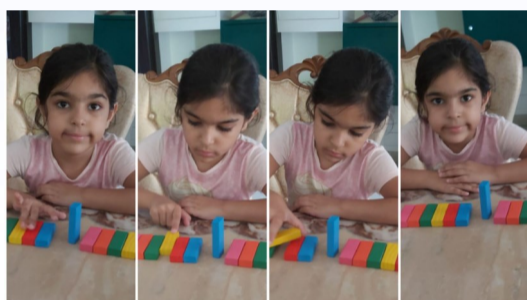


CANVAS DAY

Transitioning to a Virtual platform as we continue to adapt to our new normal. The topic given was "Modern Art on Emerging Technologies". The competition was organized in the school online and the students were given an hour to finish their paintings. The students thoroughly enjoyed the competition.



Mathematical learning begins naturally very early in life with patterns which happen to lead children to great ways encouraging them to boost their mathematical skills. Patterns are arrangements of things that repeat in a logical series, these arrangements could be in various colors, shapes, and nature. While we were learning patterns during the session it helped us to instill in us an understanding of sequencing of everyday routine such as taking turns while playing, following rules, waiting for your turn.



Funny Corner

Q- What does a spider's bride wear?

Ans- A webbing dress.

Q-Where do cows go for entertainment?

Ans- The mooooooo-vies.

Q- What kind of dinosaur loves to sleep?

Ans- A stega-snore-us.

Q- Why couldn't the pony sing?

Ans- Because she was a little hoarse.

By Neevan Aggarwal

Grade 4



OH SCHOOL, I MISS YOU!

Dear School,

This year I could not see you due to lockdown caused by COVID 19. I miss my daily journey in school van and conversations en route with my friends. I miss presence of my class teacher and company of my classmates. The knowledge and lessons given by my teacher are the best lessons of life. I miss the taste of scrumptious food offered in the school canteen.

I cannot wait to swim and dive in the newly constructed swimming pool. I am eager to learn new lessons of Golf and Skating. I want to improve upon my performance on sports day by winning a race.

One day, I had a dream that school has commenced, and I am enjoying with my friends. I pray to God that Corona Vaccine is invented soon and all of us get to attend our school.

There is no fun without School life.

Missing you

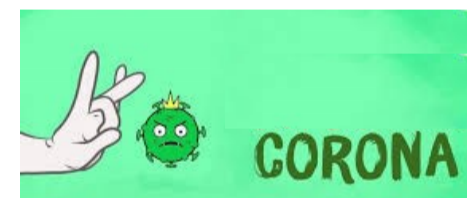
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COVID! COVID !GO AWAY

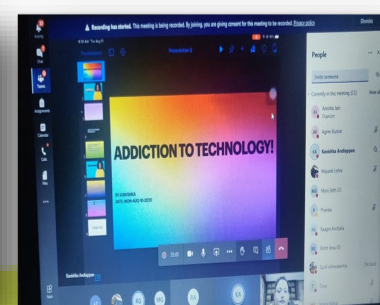
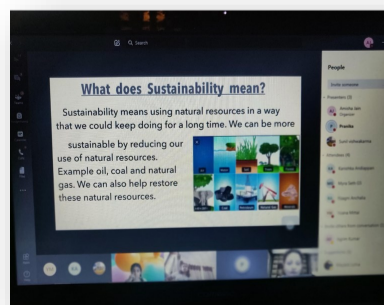
Covid Covid go away...Little Uday wants to play. Take a bath and wash your hands, more than 10 times everyday...2020 is going away... When will things be the same again? I wish I can play in the sun and rain and have lots of fun with my friends again...

By Udayvir,
Grade 2.



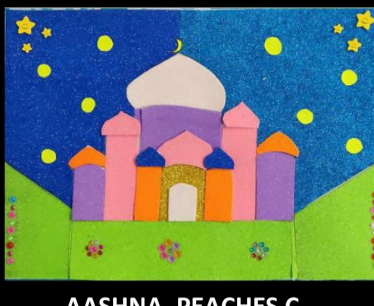
TED TALK ON DIGITAL OWNERSHIP

TED Talk was held on "Addiction of technology" and Sustainable development- The students presented a thoughtful and inspirational TED talk, which is a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or less). The students became the speakers and motivated others to use technology wisely and the ways to achieve it.





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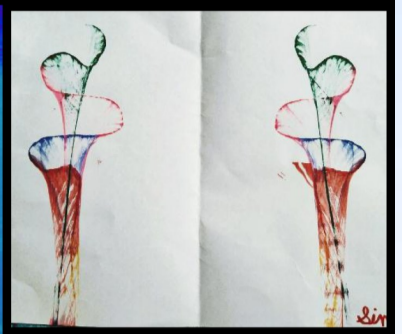
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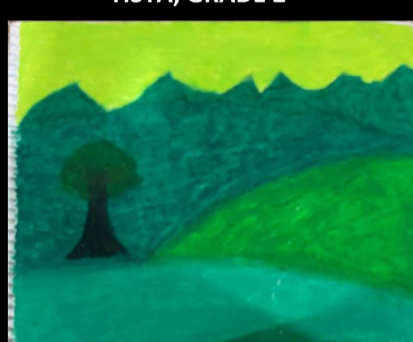
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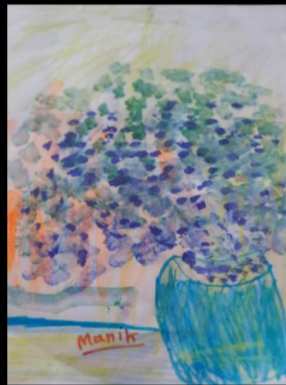
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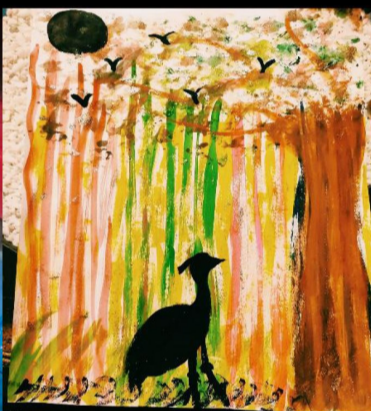
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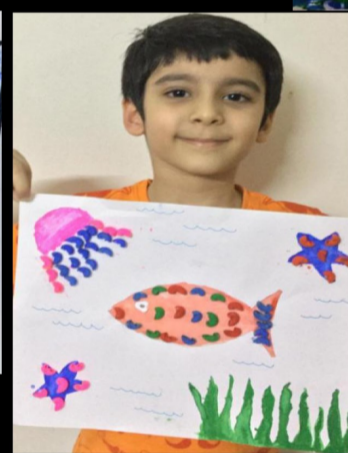
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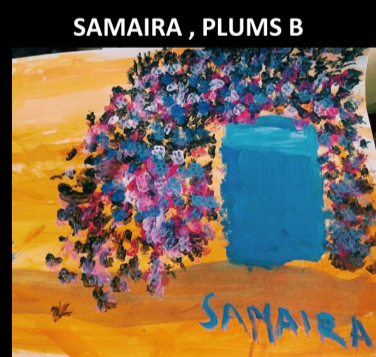
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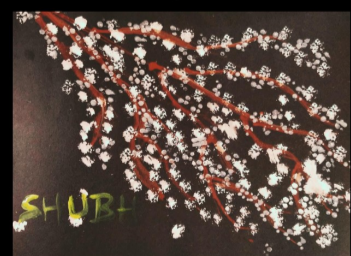
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