



IRA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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VISION

Our vision is to provide happy and caring stimulating environment where children will recognize and achieve their full potential so that they can make their best contribution to the society.

We are forward thinking school aiming to prepare children developing their skills in the corner stone of education we offer.

MISSION

We aspire that our students must transcend the boundaries of Race Culture Religion Nation to become universal citizens upholding the spirit of equality, fraternity, liberty ,scientific temper and harmonious co existence. We take pride to create everlasting bond of mutual trust faith and understanding with our parents who jointly collaborate with us to make a progressive individual.

Ira International School thank God for his faithfulness and watchfulness over our lives these days when the whole world went into a sudden Novel Corona virus disease COVID - 19 lockdown last year which scared each and everyone the old to young to infant what will happen now ... in this stand still, as it shuttered off many schools and slashed incomes of many. As a result, education needed to make changes with the rise of e- learning whereby teaching is undertaken remotely and on digital platforms. At first we struggled on education disparity but a while well were able to cope with COVID - 19.

The interference in the education system due to the continuous COVID-19 was a reminder that there is a need for transformation. For years, we've been talking about digital transformation and well that future is here! The Shift: From Thinking Digital to Being Digital. We are glad to inform that Ira International School has seamlessly integrated online learning with e-learning modes to build a unified learning system for children. Our staff has been using the Synchronous and Asynchronous form of learning which made our students innovative apart from strengthening them academically. The experience of the pandemic has shone a stark spotlight on the technology where the parents and teachers came up with a positive way to education and to keep their children safe at home.

The way of teaching to be changed completely. We knew that our students don't own computers. However at least some members of the families due to lockdown were also at home which meant our students could use their phones at most times for education. There were many challenges to overcome by the parents, teachers and students. Teachers were facing formidable challenges, whether educating students in masked up, socially distance classrooms or virtually from computer screens.

Teachers found guidance from their principal, folks reaching out to help, sharing perspectives of learning technology. Teachers attending various teaching programmes. Teachers switch to Zoom meeting, Skype, Google classrooms to deliver the lessons which made learning online effective.

The school still kept their students engaged in the activities and regular homework. Now the school has made all plans for post COVID Schooling.

ACADEMICS

“Learning is a Treasure that will follow its owner everywhere”.

Excellence is not being the best, it is doing the best & Ira International School has always been doing its best and show cased excellence in academics.

In the academic session 2019- 2020, our students made us proud by scoring 100% results in Grade X and XII. The highest aggregate of 98.2% was scored by Singana Sai Shri Krishna Sai. The 2nd highest of 96 % was scored by Kaustubh Rakhade and the third highest was scored by Priya Jha.

The highest aggregate of 95.4 in Science stream was scored by Samiksha Kamble, 2nd highest of 92.2% was scored by Ruchika Sheshkar, The third highest of 91.8% was scored by Master Divesh Dongre. 87.8% in commerce stream was awarded to Mayank Agrawal.

The credit of excellent performance goes to the efficient teachers, laborious students and dedicated parents. We are eagerly waiting for the results of the academic year 2020-2021.

The Challenging 2020-2021 did not deter us rather we stood strong holding our kids and imparting learning through online mode.

FESTIVALS & CELEBRATIONS

Each festival has its own cultural importance and young minds are made to remember the significance of Indian festivals by celebrating them with the kids and demonstrating the sense of togetherness. We arranged for virtual celebrations this year.

Where there is will, there is a way. The teachers and students here at Ira International School decided that distance and pandemic would not stop them from celebrations.

Our Indian Festivals have many interesting facts and figures which are vital for the students to understand. The students celebrated Gudi Padwa and Holi in a virtual manner to keep the traditions and culture of the festival alive positively. The Science and Hindi teachers took the mentorship & shared the

information on its significance, rituals, culture and how to celebrate these festivals. This event definitely enhanced the knowledge of our kids.

'Gudi Padwa' signifies the arrival of spring and the reaping of Rabi crop, also symbolizes Lord Rama's victory over Ravana. The festival commemorates the celebration done for Lord Rama after his return to Ayodhya after completing 14 years of exile. The Marathi household celebrate it to welcome the New Year.

Students excitement had no bounds as they celebrated Gudi Padwa online with teachers and friends. PPT presentation and videos enhanced their knowledge as to how it is celebrated in MAHARASHTRA. Spiritual and scientific significance was explained. Few legends and beliefs were narrated. Students made beautiful drawings to mark this event and urged every one to stay safe and healthy . It was a treat to see all the students in a festive mood.

'Holi' is the unique and vibrant celebration of various myths, legends and deities related to it. This festival of colour is incredibly significant for our lives and body in various other ways than providing fun and joy, eating delicacies, playing with herbal and organic colours. The teachers played music, showed videos, narrated poems, gave suggestions and tips to students to have a safe and enjoyable experience amidst the pandemic.

The celebration brought in immeasurable enjoyment and excitement to all, filling the minds with a colourful atmosphere virtually! Information focused on the importance of family and friends and how we can spread joy during special occasions. Students participated wholeheartedly sharing their happiness during this spring season festival while also cautioning the audience to not play in large groups and to be safe during the pandemic.

The success of the activity could be seen by the smiles on the children's faces and the delight in their hearts.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!! Let's salute the nation!! Let's remember the sacrifices!! Let's value our freedom!! Ira International celebrates the 74th INDEPENDENCE DAY on a virtual platform with a great fervour and enthusiasm. It is a great occasion for all of us. The young came forward to show their love and respect for nation and paid tributes in their own ways.

ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS

BRITISH COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION SCHOOL AWARD

As world has become a global village, transcending boundaries for learning is the need of 21st century education. In the world that we live in, no one is an island to itself, so global exposure is a must for the young learners.

To fulfil this dream & desire, British council IDS programme is an amazing platform for schools. With the aim to expand the curriculum & foster international dimension in schools, British Council is a bench mark scheme that accredits schools.

Ira started its IDS journey in 2019 with teachers brain storming to get the best action plan under the benevolence supervision of Principal Mrs. Reena Dargan & they could do it and it got approved . The voyage was amazing ! But a little challenging too. Teachers got into their tasks with their kids who were super excited. Seven interesting activities with their own fun and challenges were on the table.

But the actual challenge was to search a partner& we were fortunate enough to get them who did a splendid work with us. The collaborative activities indeed helped to bring two school children together and learn two different cultures .

It was a treat to eyes for the ones who witnessed kids standing with grace and poise and presenting their exhibits . The memories to cherish were when they got together to make the models , crafts, paintings & display boards.

With utmost responsibility students did not leave a stone unturned. The young ones on the chaupati, the elder ones on the road with street play grasping the attention of the public made Ira proud. The tiny tots with their stories dressed up for fairy tales and learning to greet was a real treasure for Ira to cherish.

Curriculum was blended brilliantly with the learning outcomes. Students resilience and never give up attitude was the most fulfilling 'X' factor even when teachers were asking something more each time. Every passing day was equally demanding of more enthusiasm from students and teachers

Every member of Ira family celebrated learning which resulted in phenomenal success !



"Music is the essence of life"

✚ *Inklink education Music Competition* – Inter School Singing Competition was organized on 13th September 2020. Our students recorded their songs and sent them for judgement. Sankruti Jichkar sang Hindi Classical Song & was declared First Runner Up. She won cash prize and certificate.

Our students participated in Live Jam 'Open Mic' Virtual Music Competition on 11th October 2020. Second prize was won by Sanskruti J. She sang semi classical song. Kunal Khodke & Rudraksh Nagpure played Bollywood songs on keyboard, Ojas Chopde played "Sare Jahan Se Accha".

'Natya Sangeet Pratiyogita' was organized by Balarangbhumi Parishad, Nagpur on 26th April 2020. Video recording was sent to the organizers. Participating certificates were awarded to the students.

Vande Bharat—fest virtual singing competition ,our students Sanskruti Jichkar and Kunal Kodke brought laurels again.

Sanskruti Jichkar bagged 1st prize. ‘Shri Ram Bhajan Spardha was organized by Sanskaar Bharti Nagpur. 3 Students participated in the virtual competition ‘

E- Centunes’ Inter School online singing competition by Centre Point School, Nagpur was organized on 11th January 2021. In Indian songs category 8 students & in the category of western singing, 2 students participated. They were awarded certificates.

Students were motivated to participate in Creative Writing Competition. The essay was written by Ms. Kanderi, Mst. Harsh Patankar and Ms. Neha Talokar. We are sure this challenge not only sparked their imagination but also was the springboard for deep reflection on how our acts are impacting nature.

Ms. Rashmi Gupta and Ms. Alzera Braganza participated in essay writing competition on “Online Education System “ Its benefits and how it can be improved further.

Hindi Divas was celebrated to mark the importance of this beautiful language. Intra school competitions were organised by the Hindi department. Fancy dress for grade 1, Story telling competition for grades 2 and 3, Extempore was organised for grades 4 & 5 6 &7th, One Act play for grade 8 were arranged.:

Though organising the event was a wonderful challenge, the spirit and zeal of students to perform was most appreciating.

Sports competitions inculcate positive challenges and sportsmanship among students. Our students participated in sports events.

- ✚ The most incredible students on the field did not leave a chance to show case their talent on the fields. Volleyball team of Ira participated in Balbharati Volleyball association matches organised by Butibori Police department on 29th January 2021.
- ✚ The Maharashtra Volleyball Association trials were conducted by Volley Ball Association, Warora for under 17 girls. Anjali Barewar & Sanyukta Sakharkar participated in the trials.
- ✚ Volley association matches were organised at Nagpur for under 14 girls team at Mahila Mahavidyalaya. Ira girls team secured 2nd place.

🏐 Volley ball girls state trials were conducted on 16th February 2021, where in Ira's 3 players were selected for state matches. The proud girls were Anjali Barewar, Nidhi Dakhore and Sanyukta sakharkar.

Patriotic fest 2020 was organized by AIELS to celebrate 74th independence day , Ira students attended the webinar on motivational talks and also presented dance which was shared through a video recording.

Community Prayer

Prayer an act of communication by human with the scared or holy God are found in all religions in all times. The staff and students of Ira International School held twice an evening prayer sessions at their respective houses praying in front of their respected Gods to heal the world by this Corona virus which is having a devastating impacts on us.

A small gesture turning towards God to bless us all and to heal us all. The students lit oil lamps, candles to prayed to the world from global pandemic, & to bless good health, strength and courage to all the brothers and sisters in the most marginalized communities and Healthcare workers with a believe and aesthetic feeling.

Participation in Pariksha Pe Charcha

Students and Teachers participated in the Pariksha Pe Charcha, the unique interactive program of Hon'ble, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in its 4th edition on My Govt. There were various competitions and topics where students participated with great zeal and pen down their ideas and thoughts.

Quiz competition

To make the students aware of the significance of the Indian constitution, unity and integrity , Central Board of Secondary Education Conducted various competitions for school students as part of Republic Day Celebration. Our students of grade 9 & 10 participates and received certificates

ORIENTATION

Teachers are learner too. Being a lifelong learner plays an important role in the educational process. We took utmost care to upkeep the skills of each teacher and provide them training in the areas they are most interested.

Apart from the subject specific courses the teachers undertook to strengthen their areas of interest and we had several sessions organized that were specially designed to up skill our teachers, viz. Virtual Platform, Teaching and Learning, Interdisciplinary Learning, Curriculum & Innovation Culture, Goal Setting, Deep Reading, Design Thinking Process Online, Service Integration and Altruism, Assessment to Learning, Making connections across the curriculum through etc.

Teachers attended various webinars, Diksha training, learning the new investments in knowledge, Blended Technology, CBSE Trainings, Ebility webinars, Capacity Building Development Programme, In house trainings, NACRT Workshop , certificate courses and so on ..

Ira's Super Kids unlocked their potential in lockdown

We at Ira International School put to good use Sir Isaac Newton's laws 'Each and every action has an Opposite reaction' in-short the Boomerang Principle. The management and the team of teachers motivated one another and as the saying holds true, You can only give so much as what you have received. Our motivated teachers rose to the occasion, adapted to the requirements of the new holistic educational online model appealing to the mind, emotion while banishing ennui, despair to the furthest. They disseminated the lessons with carefully thought about activities.

Teachers held a fire less cooking Cuisine activity where the kids prepared Sandwich while the teachers drove home the importance of eating vegetables in their natural. This led to the kids helping at the kitchen to the extent of rolling Paratha dough, making vibrant and colourful salads to name a few.

Good health is a fine balance of the Body, soul and mind, tapping into the universe of imagination our teachers put together a fun-filled fitness regimen for the kids.

Shakespeare said “The World is a stage” and our children said “The World is our stage”, our teachers discovered budding authors, artists, poets, singers, dancers and broadcast their talents through videos.

The Spring of 2020, will be a season in history which will be remembered forever by all life on this planet, when animals roamed with new freedom, Humans were locked behind closed doors and the demons of their minds. In the end of it all, looking back, we can take heart from the saying “The Past is frozen and no longer flows, and the Present is all lit up with eternal rays.” – C S Lewis.





SUGAR PLUM

Academic Report of Sugar Plum
pre-primary division comprising of Nursery, LKG, UKG of Ira International Society,
Nagpur.

The Sugar Plum division is blessed with a team Teachers who bring to the table in-depth knowledge of the subject, high degree of motivation and providing encouragement to Children to traverse through, acquire, master and recollect knowledge. Teachers' unity was evident when they embraced each other's strengths and weaknesses, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with each other in these unprecedented times.

The Teachers focused on disseminating concepts in the novel ways to keep the children interested and engaged. The teachers sparingly used homework, only to get a first-hand feedback to measure the grasping of concepts by the Child. The home assignments were only sent on Tuesdays and Fridays this not served to check the progress and also made learning enjoyable

The challenges of changing seasons also bring about new necessities. Our team of teachers interacted online with parents from the comfort of their homes. The interactions brought to surface various issues and fears they faced. The humane approach of our teachers allayed the fears of parents and also embraced the need to accept the changes in the Educational Model. They were all briefed in detail about the progress made by the child and scope for improvement.

Sugar Plum has rich tradition of fun filled activities, in continuation of the same even though we didn't meet physically, we ensured all the fun and frolic did not abate. We conducted the Red day, Blue day, Green day for nursery and the children dressed up in the attire colour to match the day. Apart from these days the Fancy dress competition was held online which saw all the children participating

Co-Curricular Activities were welcomed and the children participated enthusiastically. Recitation competition helped the teachers identify the future orators and also gave them an idea in the areas which need improvement. Fireless cooking, a variety of Vegetable Sandwiches were prepared by the children with the help of their parents. The teachers were quick to make a value addition by means of engaging the children in a meaningful dialogue about vegetables, seeds etc.

Holi festival was conducted responsibly keeping in mind the civil rules. This was done to promote harmony and camaraderie between the children while requesting them to maintain safe distance. As a mark of respect to the Indian farmer, Pola activity was conducted and the meaningful significance of the festival, traditions were explained to the children.

Concept learning- Germination activity was conducted and the children were guided in the first steps of germination of a seed into a plant. At a personal level to grow up as healthy citizens mental and emotional foods were explained at length in the concept learning sessions of Happy & Sad dispositions, Benefits of Healthy food vs Junk food.

EMOJI PARTY

Ira International conducted a Virtual Emoji Party for the tiny tots of grade Nursery

Emotions convey our action, thoughts, and feelings as well as help us to communicate with others. Emotions are what make us human. They help us connect with others and assist in making stronger and happier relationships, reduce problems and increase resilience. The tiny tots were dressed in yellow dresses and carried their emoji pillows, caps, toys for the party. The party began with a song which introduced them to different emotions using emojis. This was followed by the activity 'I am feeling like...' where the students were motivated to express their happiness and excitement. They made a happy face with play dough on a face cutout and were excited to see their own creation.

They were very excited to make a love emoji with paper plate to express their love for their facilitator. The activity ended with the learning experience for the children as they got to explore and know how a small digital image can be used to express various emotions.

Towards the end of the year sufficient revision of the years syllabus was conducted before the assessments. Each child performed excellently in the recollection of the concepts that were taught round the year. We ended this year on a positive note although the times have been a test of our resilience and look forward to eagerly to our next batch of children.



