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### OM FOUNDATION

Newsletter

#### **SCHOOL REOPENS AFTER 18 MONTHS**

After nearly 18 months of students learning and teachers teaching through online classes, as well as facing numerous challenges and attempting to overcome them, we are pleased to announce that OM Foundation School has been reopened for students and teachers once again.

While parents and students expressed their nervousness and concerns, our school administration had assured them and we were excited about the students' return to physical classrooms. We are adhering to all social distancing rules and ensuring that all students are adhering to them as well.



# WE ARE DELIGHTED TO SHARE THAT OUR STAFF HAS GOT FULLY VACCINATED omfoundation.in

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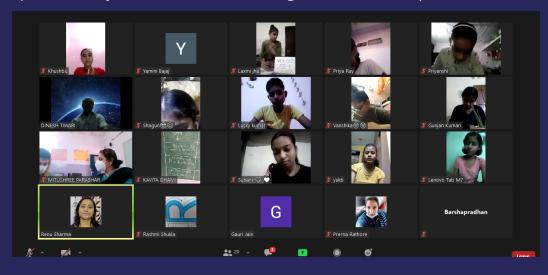
#### TEACHERS VACCINATED

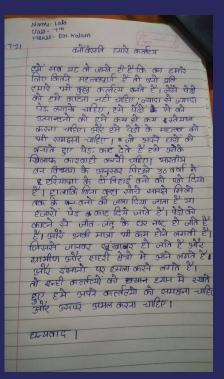
The past two years have been extremely difficult for everyone, especially since the lockdown occurred and schools were closed due to the pandemic. Despite this, our students and teachers have never given up hope that things will return to normal and they will be able to return to school.

We are now delighted to share that all of our staff members have been fully vaccinated and are adhering to all social distancing norms.

#### HINDI ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

We held an Inter-House Hindi Essay Writing Competition online for the students of Classes 6th-8th. The topics were shared with them on the spot and they showcased their writing skills in the competition.





#### **EID CELEBRATIONS**

We organized a small event online to celebrate Eid with the students. We talked about why it is celebrated and some students sang Qawwali songs to mark the special occasion with joy and enthusiasm.



### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

#### WITH EXL SERVICE

We celebrated 75th Independence Day virtually with our corporate partner **EXL** and its employees as our esteemed guests. Our students and their employees performed on various patriotic songs and made the day memorable for everyone.

We express our gratitude towards EXL Team and our students and teachers for putting in so much effort to make this event successful.

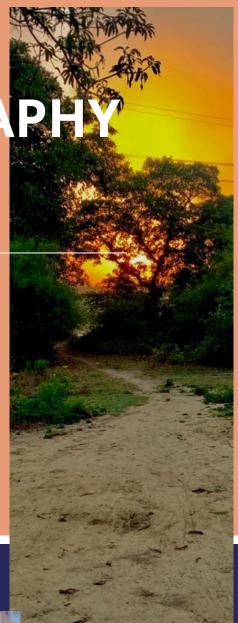


## WORLD PHOTOGRAPH DAY

"Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. It remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything."

On 19th August, our students celebrated World Photography Day and we were overwhelmed with the results.

Here are some beautiful pictures clicked by the students of OM Foundation.





## HANDMADE RAKHIS ON RAKSHA BANDHAN

On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, our students celebrated the lovely relationship and bond of brothers and sisters by making handmade rakhis, cards and decorative thalis for their siblings.



#### POT PAINTING SESSION

We conducted an online session of Pot Painting for the students of Class 9th and 10th. Students were quite happy to participate in the competition.

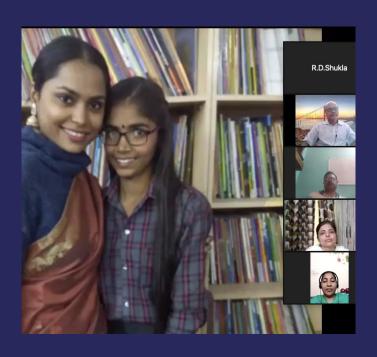


## 19TH FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATIONS

We are happy to announce that OM Foundation has completed 19 years of providing education to underprivileged children in Noida. We had a small celebration online on zoom where our students celebrated it & made this day special for all of us.

On this special occasion, we would like to thank our staff for always giving their best in the school, our board members and advisors for contributing so much to the school and all of our corporate partners and individual donors who have supported us in so many ways in these past 19 years.

### TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS





Teachers play a very important role in shaping our lives. They can be our friends, philosophers and guide us through the thick and thin of life. We celebrated Teacher's Day online in view of the COVID situation. The students wished with a heartfelt gratitude to their teachers through their different performances.

In this crisis, teachers have shown, as they have done so often, great leadership and innovation in ensuring that #LearningNeverStops, that no learner is left behind.

## ANTAKSHARI WITH EXL SERVICE

Antakshari is a game that almost everyone must have played or heard of in their life.

Students of OM Foundation participated in Antakshari competition with EXL Service. They enjoyed a lot and all thanks to everyone at EXL Service.

The Antakshari was based on Hindi Film Songs.







#### **MEET NISHA KUMARI**

I was recently promoted to the tenth grade. I belong to a middle-class family and my father is a small business owner, and my mother is a housewife.

When the pandemic began and my school was closed as a result, I found myself with a lot of free time and had no idea what to do at home all of the time. I used to help my mother with the housework, but I got bored after a while.

Then our school began offering online classes, and I was relieved that I would be able to resume my studies. Attending online classes was a new experience for me, and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

After a while, when our school organised extra classes for us, such as coding classes, foreign language classes, communication skills classes, and so on. I truly began to enjoy attending all of them. I enjoy learning new skills and expanding my knowledge. I am confident that all of this knowledge will be useful for us in the future.

Everyone used to say I was a shy girl who used to hesitate when talking to everyone, but after attending these classes, I believe I have gained the confidence that I previously lacked. I am extremely grateful to have received these sessions. I want to thank all the teachers and OM Foundation from the bottom of my heart who organise these sessions.

## COMPUTER AS A SKILL PROJECT

This year, we partnered with **Imbue Education** for this project with the objective of re-designing the Computer curriculum as a skill with practical application for the students of Grade 4th – 8th.

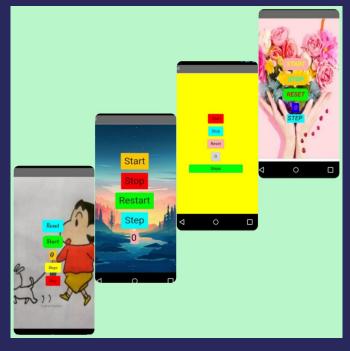
The Features of the Curriculum include hands-on experience, social skills, personalized growth and reallife projects. Our Teacher at Om Foundation implemented the program under Imbue mentorship. Our computer teacher was trained in experiential Pedagogy.

Project-based learning helped the students to understand the applications of their learning.

The outcome of this project was students that the learned computational thinking and are now create software applications to improve efficiency. Some students have created applications such as Talk to Me App, Pedometer App, etc. with a little guidance from the teacher, trained in experiential Pedagogy.







## TEACHER'S INTERVENTIONS

This year, we encouraged our teachers to begin implementing interventions in their classrooms. For the students, something out of the textbooks.

As a result, primary school teachers began their interventions on topics such as social-emotional learning, where they discussed simple emotions and expressed gratitude through show-and-tell activities. Some teachers have begun to teach their students about healthy food and eating habits.







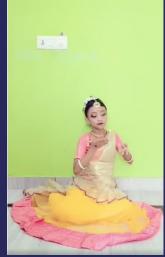




#### JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS

On the auspicious occasion of Janamashtami, the students of OM Foundation celebrated it by dressing up as Radha and Krishna and performing beautifully on various songs.







#### **GET INVOLVED**

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