



# CHRONICLE - THE MODERN SCHOOL WEEKLY

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Painting by Dhruv Bagri (S2H)



Painting by Mukund Beriwal (S3H)

## IAYP (INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE) WEBINAR

IAYP conducted a series of Webinars from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 from 2p.m. to 6p.m. over the Zoom platform for all Award Leaders. Delegates from several schools

### WHAT'S NEW AT MODERN

- 1. IAYP Webinar (Pg 1)
- 2. International Disability Day (Pg 2)
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Pan India participated in this workshop. Modern School has been organising IAYP workshops for students of class 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> for the past ten years. The leaders were virtually inducted and explained about the various activities that had to be conducted in due course of time. Since the regular physical activities and adventure trips could not be conducted due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the

members were asked to think about certain innovative ways in which they could continue to achieve their objectives and reach out to the less fortunate ones and render community services. The Award Leaders were also introduced to many new and creative ideas. Flt Lt Sunita Dixit (Retd), the teacher in-charge of IAYP of Modern School, Barakhamba Road, attended this webinar. It was a great learning and an enriching experience that instilled the spirit of responsibility and leadership.

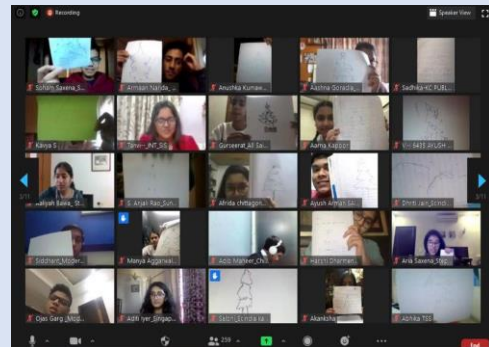


The IAYP Session in progress



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

International day of persons with disabilities, which was organized by SAI International School, Mumbai was celebrated on Monday, 21st December 2020. There were twenty students from Modern School, Barakhamba Road, who participated in this programme. They were mentored by Ms Deepa Kapoor and escorted by Ms Shalini Dahiya.



**The enthusiastic participants**

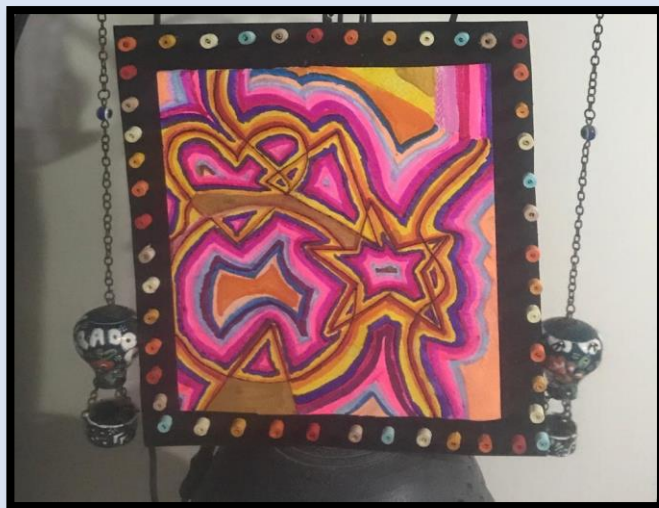
The session began with an enlightening talk by Dr Sruti Mohapatra who in her speech explained the importance of overcoming disabilities with optimism and determination. The students were asked to draw the Christmas tree without using their hands. It was a great learning experience for all attendees as they learnt to value and respect all individuals with disabilities and celebrate humanity with empathy.

## PERIODIC TESTS

Periodic Test-2 for S1, S2, S3 and S4 commenced on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020. On the first working day of every week, a test per subject was held. The last paper was conducted on the 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

The Pre- board examination for S5 commenced on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020. The examination will continue till 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

## CREATIVE CORNER



**Oil paintings by Shriya Gupta (S3B)**



## AMAZING FACTS

by Dia Gupta (S2B)

- Bees can fly higher than the Mount Everest.
- 40 Million years ago penguins were 6 feet tall.
- The entire world's population could fit inside Los Angeles.
- The hottest chili pepper in the world is so hot that it could kill you.
- High heels were originally men's shoes.
- Bees can detect bombs.
- About 4,000 words are added to the dictionary each year.
- A snail can sleep for three years.

## IF

by Bhavya Khanchandan (S3H)

I wonder if I'll ever be able to accept who I am  
If one day my friends will like me for what I do  
If one day I can dress up how I like  
If in future someone will have me to look up to  
And if someday being loved or hated will seem alike

I don't want to care about what others think  
But not caring isn't as simple as it seems  
They'll judge me whether I like it or not  
So the only thing I can do is follow my dreams  
And do whatever they think I cannot.



Paintings by Aadhya Aggarwal (S3H)



## **BRING A DOG FOR LOVE NOT FOR SHOW**

by Prisha Gupta (S3G)

Is there any difference between a golden retriever or a stray dog, both wandering aimlessly without any purpose on the street? Is there really a difference? I don't think so. Sitting beside my windowsill, I introspected and tried to figure out what difference my luxurious purebred spaniel had with that of a roadside dirty stray. My spaniel Bailey wags its tail on seeing me, whines for its treat, cuddles with me, loves me but so does the roadside stray Shiva to his cobbler friend who frequently visits our colony! Shiva too whines and greets him, enjoys the little leftover meals with him, accompanies him till the crossing to see him off. His fondness and faithfulness is equivalent to that of Bailey's, not an inch less, if not more. I wonder why people are after pure breeds? Is it just for a photograph to upload on social media? You know what, the love, compassion, faithfulness, understanding and sensitivity are the same in every breed of a dog. No matter which breed you have, it will always wag its tail and love you back.

I have seen some people buying fancy dogs instead of adopting and some vagabonds who themselves have nothing to eat or drink, feeding a homeless dog on the street. Try leaving some food for an abandoned one and you will observe that even before eating, it starts wagging its tail in admiration for you. People generalize stray mongrels as a menace for the society either for the shabby looks or their litter, but they are just as good as other dogs. They are here because of their circumstances. These circumstances are caused by us. We in our greed for high thoroughbred pedigree, buy them from illegal traders who in turn get them from puppy mills where they are kept in squalid conditions. Further continuous breeding leads to health issues and hence the breed does not turn out to be pure, it's termed a mix breed. On realizing this, the new pup is then left on the road as it does not abide by our 'quality standards'.

It is just not acceptable to objectify dogs into a status symbols. If you want to make a status statement, buy an expensive car! Don't buy a foreign, ornamented dog because of their fancy fur. A stray dog would love you the same as a Husky or a St. Bernard. Dogs are not about status. A house is never lonely where a loving dog waits. Now whether that dog is a stray or a pure breed, it doesn't matter. What matters is his unconditional love. A dog need not to be a purebred to be pure at heart. A true animal lover is one who never discriminates between a purebred and a stray.

When you can spend thousands on buying one purebred and good pedigreed dog then why not spend the same amount to feed a thousand strays? Think about it.