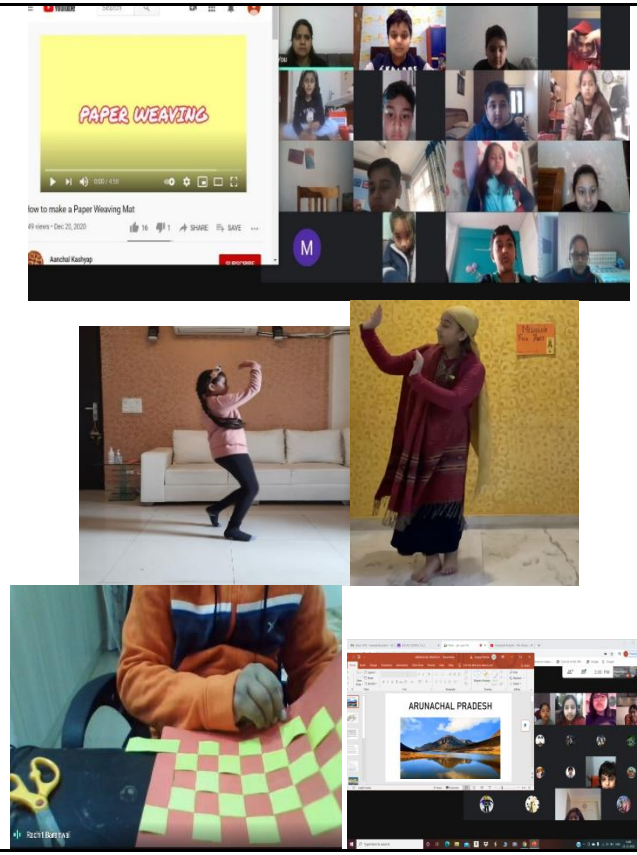
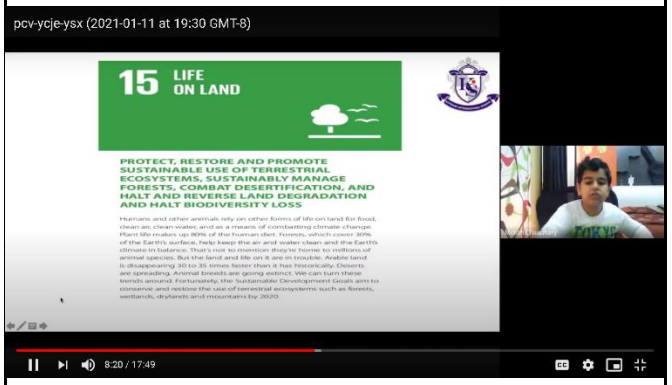
Kothari International School

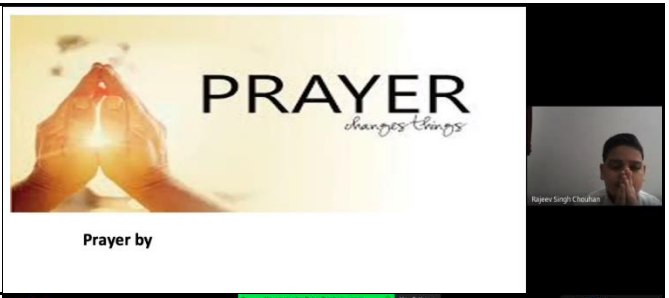
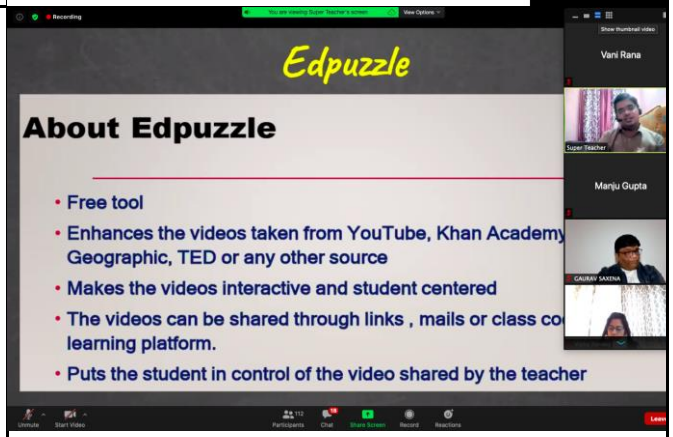
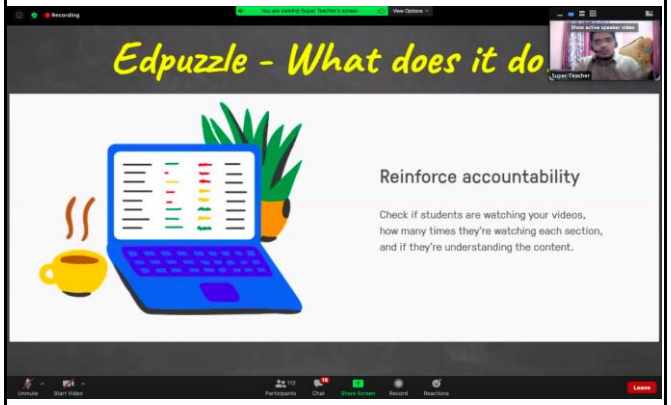
Grades 4 & 5 Session 2020-21

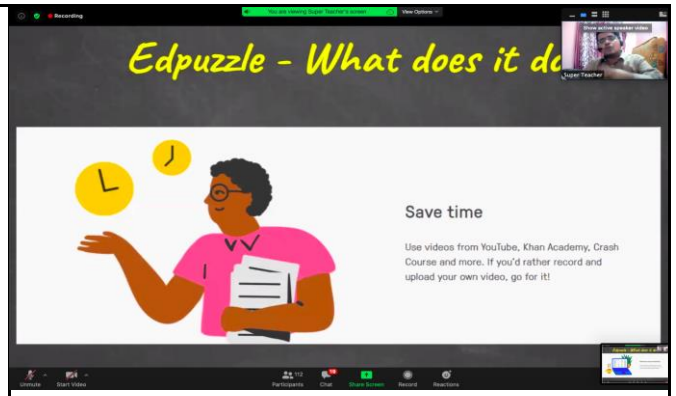
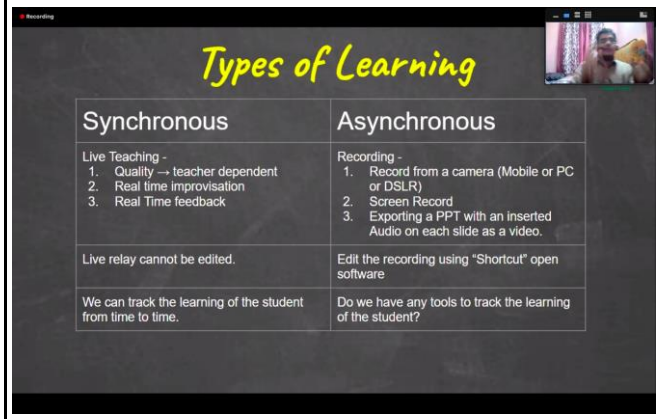
DATE/MONTH	EVENT	GRADE	FEEDBACK	PHOTOGRAPHS
	INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD OF VALUE SYSTEM, HEALTH AND WELLNESS	**4&5**	The students of Grades 4 and 5 of Kothari International School participated in the International Olympiad of Value System, Health and Wellness on 28th November, 2020 which was conducted online by Zenik Olympiad. It is the world's first Olympiad which enhances critical thinking, problem solving and health & emotional well-being skills in students. Some of the Essential Skills which were enhanced in our students during the preparation for this Olympiad were Emotional Intelligence, Time Management, Self-Awareness, Goal Setting, Stress & Anger Management, Effective Communication, Success Skills, Global Awareness, Healthy Eating, Immunity & Healing, Environmental Health and many more. 7 students from Grades 4 & 5 were nominated to become the Value Ambassadors for this Olympiad. All the students made us very proud and we are happy to announce that Asmi Saini of Grade 5 and Shikhar Agarwal of Grade 4 have been awarded the School Topper award securing and 98.42respectively. Asmi has also secured Global Rank 2 with a percentile of 98.42. In	

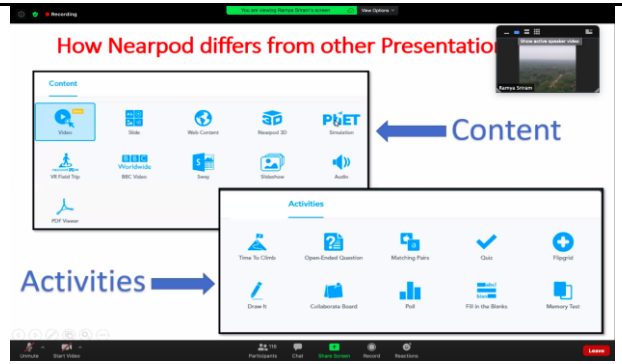
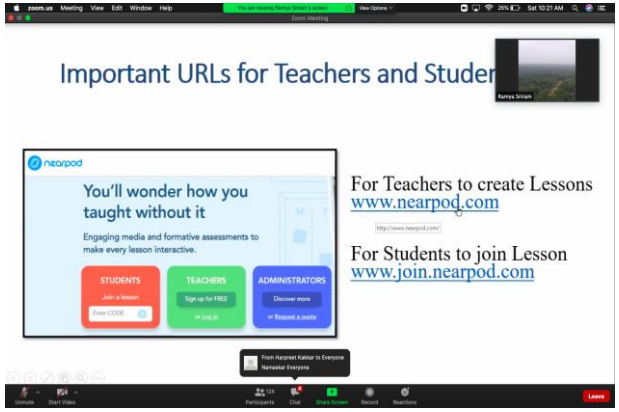
			recognition to the invaluable contribution to the students in developing essential skills Kothari International School has been awarded as the Inspiring School for Excellence in Values and Success Skills.	
	EK BHARAT SHRESHTH BHARAT PROJECT	**4&5**	Trans disciplinary learning is the exploration of a relevant concept that integrates the perspectives of multiple disciplines in order to connect new knowledge and deeper understanding to real life experiences. Keeping this in mind, children of Grades 4&5 executed EK BHARAT SHRESHTH BHARAT PROJECT given by CBSE,during their online sessions. They gained knowledge about their partner state/ UT – Arunachal Pradesh/ Meghalaya. They enhanced their skill of paper crafting, article & poem, report on their feelings, group discussion on their art, culture and tradition, studied about their climate & water, learned about their music & dance & also learned how to compile all the knowledge and present it in their respective classes. They were very anxious and had many questions to ask which when answered, they were very expressive of their feelings while sharing them with each other.This also resulted in building meaningful and enduring understandings for students.	

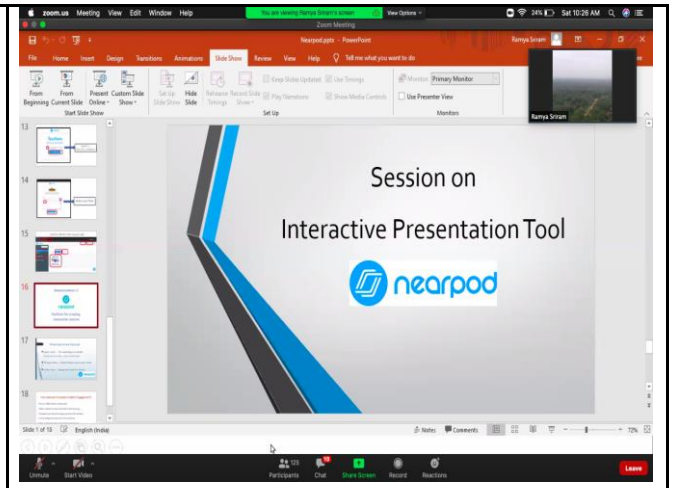
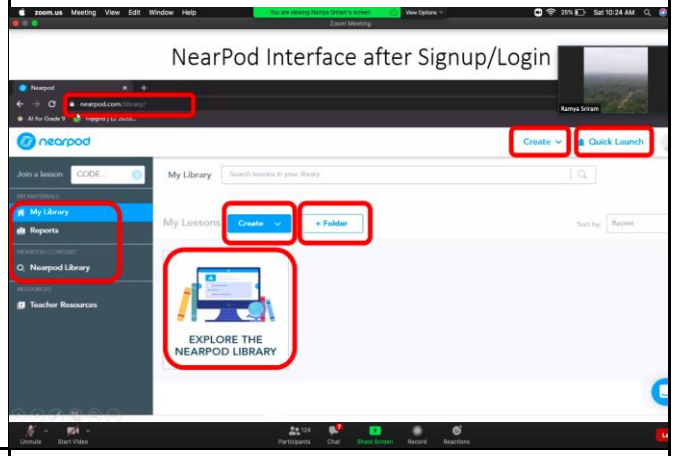
	ONLINE EVENT BY SANCHETNA (BILLABONG HIGH INT. SCHOOL, NOIDA)	**1-9**	Students of Rainbow Department participated in an Online Inter School Competition organized by Sanchetna SEN wing at Billabong High International School. The Event was organized to provide an opportunity to CWSN to showcase their skills and to gain confidence and visibility during the times of Pandemic. A total of 10 students from grades 1 -9 working under support from Rainbow Department sent their videos for participation. 7 schools participated in the event.	
9th January 2021	**SUPER TEACHER ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION**	**K1-12**	We cannot underestimate the significance of teachers in our lives and in society. While passion for teaching cannot be learned, there are other skills and knowledge which can be developed and shared to improve as a teacher and impart better learning. The Connect, Create, & Innovate with Flipgrid livestream was presented on January 9, 2021. Ms. Ramya, Mr. Sairam and Ms. Swathi enlightened us about Flipgrid. The points covered in the workshop were as follows: • How to access Flipgrid, • How to log in, set up grids and topics, • How to access grids already created. *All of us had such an insightful and interesting time at the Super*	

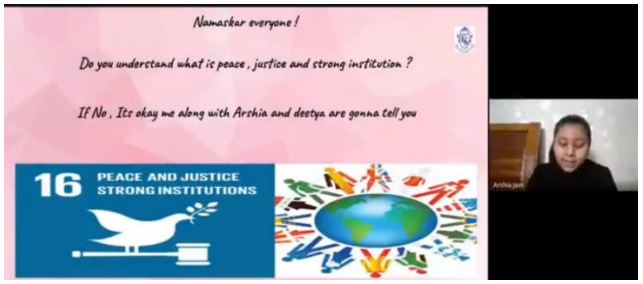
			Teacher Workshop. We were all amazed by the trainer's experience and achievements. She delivered some brilliant ideas on how to make our videos more interesting and meaningful by using various tools. *A hands-on practice session was also conducted wherein we were made to practice how to create Flipgrid groups and assign them.* *We look forward to more such workshops from inspiring trainers like these.*	
12th January 2021	**ASSEMBLY – LIFE ON LAND**	**4&5**	**"A flourishing life on land is the foundation for our life on this planet."** Our fate as species depend on the survival of the most important habitat-land. Our future is linked to the survival of land ecosystem. Economic and social progress over the last century have been accompanied by environmental degradation, deforestation, pollution, global warming etc that is endangering the very systems on which our future development — indeed, our very survival — depends. Thus, an Assembly was conducted by the students of **Grade 4 & 5** at **KOTHARI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (KIS), Noida** on 12th January, 2021 which provided the students the opportunity to build recovery plans that will reverse current trends and change	

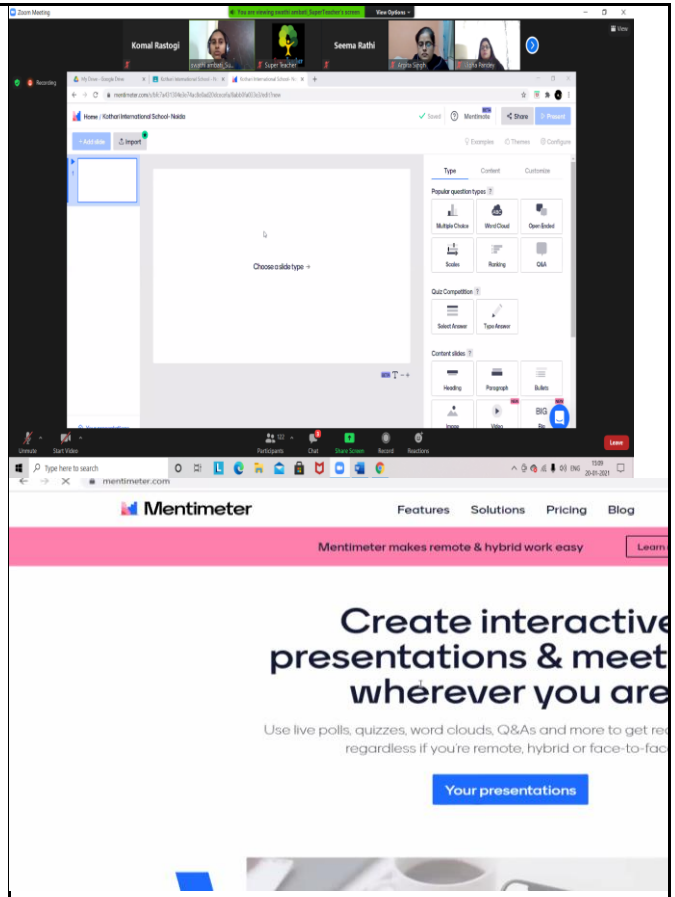
			our land ecosystem towards a more sustainable future. Students discussed the different things we can do to protect, restore and promote our planet's plants, insects and animals.	
13th January 2021	**SUPER TEACHER ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION**	**K1-12**	Effective educators know that they cannot use a "one-size-fits-all" approach to teaching and assessing students. Differentiated Instruction makes allowances for all individuals in the classroom to learn. It allows educators to consider the readiness, interests, and learning profiles of each of their individual learners. What methods can educators use to find out and analyze the needs of their students based on the readiness, interests, and learning profiles? How can educators use this information to teach and assess ALL learners in their classes? To answer these questions, a 2 hours workshop by 'Team Super Teacher' on 13th January,21 provided possible solutions to these questions in an interactive hands-on session. The session began with a quick recap of the previous workshops followed by introduction to 'EdPuzzle'. EdPuzzle is a free assessment-centered tool that allows teachers and students to create interactive online videos by embedding either open-ended or multiple-choice questions, audio notes, audio tracks, or comments on a video. Edpuzzle interactive videos can be made	 

			with videos from a number of websites, including YouTube, TED, Vimeo, and National Geographic. The workshop included how teachers can create online classes and upload original videos or select online videos, add interactive features, assign those videos to students, and send the video assignments to students' email addresses by providing either access code or a link. EdPuzzle enables teachers to keep track of how many students watched the video, what percentage of the video students watched, when they watched it, what questions in the video students answered right or wrong. Through the course of the workshop, the app and website EdPuzzle was explored as a tool for enriching formative and summative assessment for learning, by the teachers. The faculty members were familiarised with the website, its functions and features. After which they were divided into breakout rooms to practice the task in a more hands-on manner and trim out any queries and doubts. The meet proved to be highly informative for the development of teachers and school at large The workshop proved useful for all and the faculty members look forward to further enriching sessions.	 

16th January 2021	**SUPER TEACHER ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION**	**K1-12**	Growing numbers of educators contend that online teacher professional development has the potential to enhance and even transform teachers' effectiveness in their classrooms and over the course of their careers. Enhancing Professional Development for Teachers suggests that teachers be active participants in planning and implementation of any new technologies that enhance professional development. For the same, the 'Super Teacher Team' successfully conducted their fourth workshop for the faculty member of Kothari International School on 16th January,21. The session started with an introduction to yet another wonderful platform 'Nearpod' for teachers to make their lives easier and student's learning interesting. Nearpod can help with virtual learning by helping teachers engage students and get instant insights into learning, even when classrooms aren't together. The session began with a step by step procedure on how to use nearpod for teaching followed by an interactive hands on session to practise and reflect on their learnings for today. The workshop included how teachers can make every lesson interactive, create a lesson knowing it will run on any device. It includes a variety of activities for the students to choose from for online teaching and a variety of ways to share the content too. The best part about Nearpod is that it enables the teachers to see the live participation followed by the student reports for each and every individual student of the class to check on their level of understanding.	 

			Through the course of the workshop, the website Nearpod was explored as a tool for interactive teaching and assessment for learning, by the teachers. The faculty members were familiarised with the website, its functions and features. After which they were divided into breakout rooms to practice the task in a more hands-on manner and trim out any queries and doubts. The meet proved to be highly informative for the development of teachers and school at large. We hope to see some of the techniques and methods introduced in all our online classrooms.	 
19th January 2021	**ASSEMBLY - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**	**4&5**	**" True peace is not merely the absence of Tension. It is the presence of Justice."** Peace enriches our communities and individual lives, as it directs us to embrace diversity and support one another to the fullest extent possible. Through caring, generosity, and fairness we provide a cornerstone for attaining a sustainable and, just, meaningful, vibrant, and fulfilling personal community life. We cannot hope for sustainable development without peace,	

			stability, human rights and effective governance, based on the rule of law. Yet, our world is increasingly divided. Some regions enjoy peace, security and prosperity, while others fall into seemingly endless cycles of conflict and violence. Thus, an Assembly was conducted by the students of **Grade 4&5** at **KOTHARI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL , Noida** on 19th January, 2021 to address this issue which provided the students the opportunity to discuss the different ways in which we can reduce violence and ensure that we live in a peaceful and harmonious way.	 
20th January 2021	**SUPER TEACHER ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION**	**K1-12**	We cannot underestimate the significance of teachers in our lives and in society. While passion for teaching cannot be learned, there are other skills and knowledge which can be developed and shared to improve as a teacher and impart better learning. As schools start to move teaching online, Mentimeter provides the opportunity to work remotely to ensure you can still easily engage with your students. Ms. Ramya, Mr. Sairam and Ms. Swathi enlightened us about Mentimeter.	

			The points covered in the workshop were as follows: ● How to access Mentimeter, ● How to log in, set up slides and topics, ● How to access presentations already created. Using Mentimeter for remote learning allows us to continue to conduct sessions or cover any situation in a remote online setting. Mentimeter is easily accessible wherever your students may be located. You can also track how many students are connected to a presentation. Use Mentimeter to: ● Engage and interact with using live polls, word clouds, multiple-choice questions and more ● Collect feedback in order to continually improve, both pre- and post-a session ● Ensure everybody is heard even in online classes ● Enable Q&A so that queries and questions can be discussed to avoid misunderstandings ● Collaboratively rank and prioritize questions and initiatives All of us had such an insightful and interesting time at the Super	

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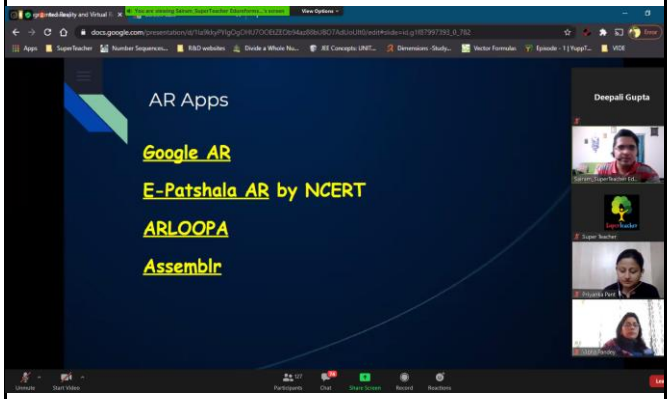
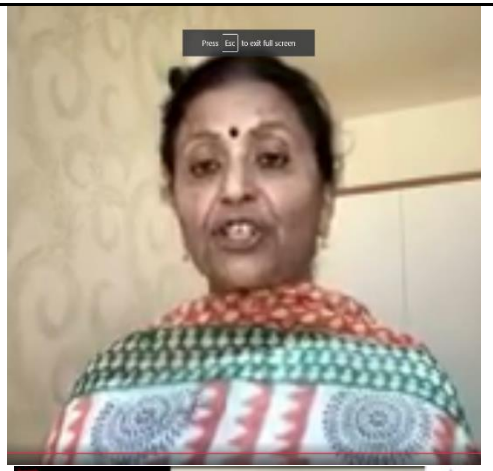
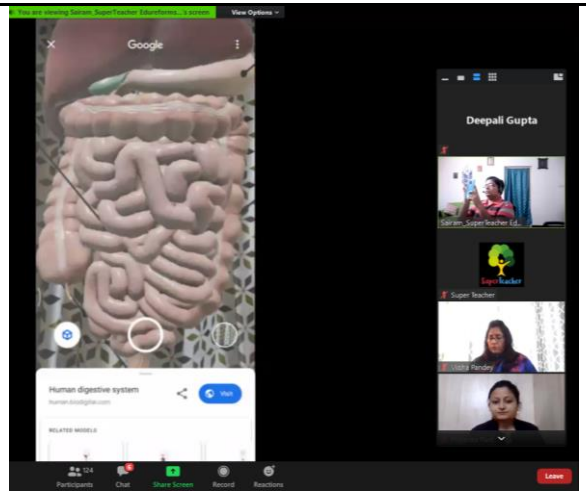
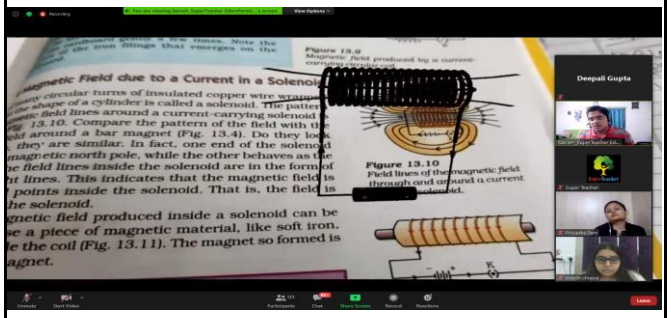
20th January 2021	**INTER-SCHOOL ART COMPETITION**	**5**	Kothari International School Noida grade 5 student, Asmi Saini, participated in SMALL HANDS BIG ART 2021, a Mega Online Painting & Art Competition conducted by J M International School, Greater Noida West on Wednesday, 20th January 2021. The category participated in was Poster Making where children were to design a poster on paper. The theme of this poster making competition was a Back to School- post COVID-19 pandemic. The competition was conducted offline and the entries were later submitted through a suggested online medium. It was a new way of participating and an engaging learning experience for the students to showcase their talents. Asmi Saini bagged the consolation prize.	
23rd January 2021	**SUPER TEACHER ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION**	**K1-12**	As a part of the ongoing professional development course for teachers, Kothari International School Noida in collaboration with Super Teachers organisation organised another fascinating workshop where the teachers were introduced to the nuances of augmented reality and virtual reality, its applications in subject classrooms and creating relevance to real life, on 23rd January	

			2021. The workshop started with a revision of the concepts and tools practiced in the previous classes and continued to introduce the idea of virtual reality and augmented reality in detail with the help of apps and tools like , AR Loopa, AR e-pathshala, Assemblr edu and google expeditions. The teachers found the applications of developing such realities to create a more interactive and engaging classroom which is more effective in terms of providing students with a more interesting and hands-on experience to keep them engaged. The workshop, after the demo and discussions, then moved into different breakout rooms, towards the practice areas where teachers themselves tried their hands on creating augmented and virtual reality through mobile phone applications and softwares. The workshop provided teachers with a tool of the present as well as future to keep their classrooms at par with the changing times and developing technology.	 

26th January 2021	**GREEN OLYMPIAD**	**4&5**	GREEN Olympiad is an annual written examination on environment initiated by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). The examination is conducted by Environment Education & Awareness Area (EEA) of TERI and attracts participation from school students across India and abroad. The exam was held on 26th November and the students of our school participated with lots of enthusiasm. Our students performed very well in this exam and got the certificates of distinction and merit too.	

26th January 2021	**REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION**	**K1-12**	Our school celebrated India's 72nd Republic Day with great éclat. The students took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity. The programme began at 9.30am. The Management members, Principal, Staffs and students were welcomed by our house captains. The students educated all about the Constitution of India and its importance. The students performed a cultural programme including a dance performance by the students of grades 4-8, choir group presented the patriotic song followed by folk dance performance of various states. The Principal, Mrs. Manju Gupta, addressed the students and urged them to do their best and feel proud to be Indian. The students brought the stage alive with their passion and love of the motherland through their speech. We also had an inspiring poetry recitation in Hindi by our Hindi Faculty. A beautiful Nukkad Natak presentation was held by students of Grade4-5 titled 'Desh ko Aage Badhao'. The online platform reverberated with patriotic fervour and enthusiasm by our school choir song. The celebration came to an end by singing the National anthem. The program concluded with the image of the fluttering tricolor on the virtual platform. May we continue celebrating this day forever!	

27th January 2021	**SUPER TEACHER ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION**	**K1-12**	As a part of the ongoing professional development course for teachers, Kothari International School Noida in collaboration with Super Teachers organisation organised another fascinating workshop where the teachers were introduced to the nuances of augmented reality and virtual reality, its applications in subject classrooms and creating relevance to real life, on 27th January 2021. The workshop started with a revision of the concepts and tools and practiced the idea of virtual reality and augmented reality in detail with the help of apps and tools like Assemblr edu. The teachers found the application of developing such realities to create a more interactive and engaging classroom which is more effective in terms of providing students with a more interesting and hands-on experience to keep them engaged. The workshop continued to explore Google Earth Projects to make classrooms more interactive and engaging for students all the while being able to not just imagine but see and experience different places on Earth. The workshop, after the demo and discussions, then moved into different breakout rooms, towards the practice areas where teachers themselves tried their hands on creating augmented and virtual reality through mobile phone applications and softwares. The workshop provided teachers with a tool of the present as well as future to keep their classrooms at par with the changing times and developing technology.	 

30th January 2021	**SUPER TEACHER ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION**	**K1-12**	G Suite for Education is a set of cloud-based tools that enables educators and students to work together online. This version of G Suite includes all the core Google apps such as Gmail and Google Docs, with the addition of some school-oriented tools such as Google Classroom. If you work in an education setting, G Suite for Education won't cost you a cent — and Google has pledged that it will remain free forever. As schools start to move teaching online, G-Suite provides the opportunity to work remotely to ensure you can still easily engage with your students. Ms. Ramya, Mr. Sairam and Ms. Swathi enlightened us about G-Suite. The points covered in the workshop were as follows: 1. Google Form 2. Google Sheets 3. Google Slides 4. Mind Maps 5. Google sites Using G-Suite for remote learning allows us to continue to conduct sessions or cover any situation in a remote online setting G-Suite is easily accessible wherever your students may be located. You can also track how many students are connected to a presentation. Use G-Suite to: ● Engage and interact with using live polls, word clouds, multiple-choice questions and more ● Collect feedback in order to continually improve, both pre- and post-a session ● Ensure everybody is heard even in online classes	

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