



“No matter how hard times are,

We should always continue to teach and educate young people.”

India is experiencing a devastating 2nd wave of Covid and the impact is headline news around world. India is also having a tough time economically and has an fragile health system which has great difficulty coping with the Covid pandemic.

Kings World Trust and Kings Schools have seen an income drop of 60% during the current pandemic both in the UK and more especially in India. This has been mainly due to the complex rules about the level of fees chargeable to fee paying parents of Kings Schools since March 2020.

Kings Schools and all schools in Tamil Nadu State have been physically closed since March 20th 2020, except for exam classes (GCSE & A level equivalent) who came to school for only a few weeks in February / March 2021.

All Kings classes have therefore been conducted online, on Zoom, for around 2000 students. We have had a very reduced income but have still had to pay salaries, overheads and ongoing school expenditure but without the income to sustain this expenditure. In addition, many fee-paying parents have been unable to pay fees due to job losses due to Covid. Kings has supported these families by continuing to educate their children without payment in addition to the very many 'free' bursaries which Kings gives to poor students.



The biggest threat the Kings students are facing is that their families have 'no income' during the pandemic which compels them to go out to work or become child labourers. In this situation it will be very difficult to bring them back to class rooms once this covid war is over. Consequently, the Trust's stated aim of providing full-time high-quality education to disadvantaged children will have been in vain.

Kings Schools' income and cash flow is very stretched and the result is that we don't have enough money to pay the staff salaries and bills from the month of May and beyond. Because India is paying a heavy price due to the second wave of covid and the extended lockdown, we have no idea when the school will reopen. When we reopen, we have no idea how many students will come back to the Kings School so cannot budget for the future.

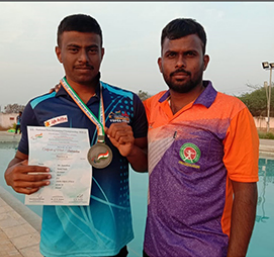
Kings Schools have suffered a number of adult fatalities and serious conditions due to Covid and there is no indication of when this hardship will cease. Schools are not expecting to reopen until the autumn, at the earliest, meaning students will not have physically attended Kings schools for at least 18/20 months. A lot of catching up will be required to ensure there is no long term 'educational' damage to King's students. Government schools and many private schools in India have failed to provide any online education to students during the pandemic. At least Kings Schools' students have been provided with a comprehensive education, including daily classes, tuition, homework and exams throughout the pandemic. Including, in many cases, the provision of tablets and network so low-income students can attend online classes.

We would welcome financial help to provide gadgets and internet connection to disadvantaged students to keep them online and studying during lockdown and beyond.



SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT

National Medal in the 20th National Para Swimming Competition



Jayaselvan of Class 12, bagged a national medal in the 20th National Para Swimming Competition, held between 20 and 30 March, in Bangalore. Jayaselvan achieved his national goal by first qualifying for the state level competition which was held in Coimbatore between 14 and 16 February. Participants came from all over India and took part in the 100m freestyle event, under S6 category. Jayaselvan topped the competitions and won the silver medal.

PROVISION OF GADGETS TO STUDENTS FROM KWTC

The students under the bursary scheme were provided gadgets to continue their education without any interruptions. Mr. Mahesh Mithun Roy, the DEO was invited to distribute the gadgets to the students.



PROGRESS OF THE TRUST STUDENTS

From a Sailor to a Second Grade Officer

Charles joined his first ship as a Merchant Navy Cadet after completing his pre-sea training course at Maritime College in Mumbai. He joined sea in a sponsored cadetship programme organised by one of our child sponsors, Captain Patrick Joseph, who works for BP Shipping in London.

Charles comes from a poor labouring family. His father died at a young age and his mother initially did rolling cigarettes at home to earn a living. Charles went to a government school but later joined Kings School in its initial year 2005. He went on to be the head boy and a star in basketball and swimming.

Charles joined his first ship, a large oil tanker called MT Isis, as a Deck Cadet. So far in his career he has sailed to Singapore, Dubai, Philippines, Vietnam and Australia. He is now the second officer on a board and is en-route to USA. KWTC has set the sail to Charles bright future, who otherwise would have had a very uncertain future.



THANGAPRIYA

Thangapriya joined KWTC under the Residential Care Programme. Initially she attended a Tamil Medium School. After a year, she joined Kings School. She was a quick learner and showed great interest and enthusiasm towards academics and sports.

She was a good swimmer and went up to state level and won several medals besides taking part in other athletic events entering up to district levels on several occasions.

She scored 95.8% in her SSLC Exam and enrolled herself in Maths, Biology group. She scored 87% in her Class 12 final exam. She now pursues her degree in B.Tech, Agricultural Engineering & Research through merit in a Government Engineering College, Coimbatore.



UMA MAHESHWARI

Uma Maheshwari and her two brothers lost their father when she was about nine years old. Her mother was sick and was under treatment. Uma was taken under the Residential Care Programme and attended Class 4 in a Tamil Medium School.

Later she was taken into the Outreach Programme to help her complete her schooling. She proceeded to study General Nursing in Excel College of Nursing, Vallioor, all under the help offered by KWTC. After the completion of her course, she attended a government exam and secured a job.

Now she has been appointed as a Government Staff Nurse in Manalmelkudi Government Hospital, Pudukottai.

JEBASTIN PONRAJ

Jebastin is from a financially poor family. His father is a security staff and mother is a coolie. He has two brothers and a sister. He joined KWTC under the Outreach Programme and attended Tamil Medium School. He completed his Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, with the support of KWTC. Further, he did his BBA course and attended competitive exams.

Jebastin is now working in Muthoot Bank in Vallioor. He has got married to Uma Maheshwari, who has completed her B.Sc. in IT. Jebastin is grateful to KWTC for what he is today. He said, "I was lucky to be under the guidance and supervision of the Trust, which supported me all through my life, giving me good education and making me a disciplined and obedient personality."





MAHARAJA RADHA DULCY

Dulcy, our alumni joined KWTC, when she was eleven, after her father's demise. Dulcy joined Kings School and attended Class 7 in 2006. After her schooling at Kings she received her Bachelor's Degree in English Literature and English Education - all with the support of KWTC. Soon after the completion of her course, she joined Kings School, CBSE as an English teacher and has been working in the school for the past seven years. She got married this year to Mr Melwin Meriton, who works as an Assistant Manager in Huawei Technologies, Bangalore.



ARUL

Arul lost both his parents at a very young age, and was brought up by his maternal grandmother. He was taken under KWTC's Residential Programme. After schooling he pursued his bachelor's degree in Engineering in Einstein's College of Engineering, Aalangulam. He is doing his final year, and has been appointed by Gencor Pacific Automation Pvt. Ltd., Chennai through a campus interview conducted in the college.

MARISELVAN

Mariselvan, joined KWTC and started attending Kings School from Class 12. His father works as a gardener and his mother is a home-maker. After schooling he pursued his bachelor's degree in English.

While pursuing his bachelor's degree he took time to learn western dance. He is now a certified dance coach. He gives regular online and offline dance classes to children. He is excelling in his career as a dance teacher and lives a very happy and content life.



THANGAMARI

Thangamari comes from an economically poor background. She was under the Residential Care of KWTC and attended Kings School from Class 7. She completed her Class 12 with a score of 76.08% in her final exam.

Thangamari excelled in sports especially swimming. She practised swimming constantly in her school days, and has won medals and honours in district and state level swimming competitions. She has won a silver medal in All India University level. She now works as a swimming coach in Euro School, Whitefield, Bangalore. She also holds a bachelor's degree in English Literature.



SELVAPRIYA

At eight, Selvapriya lost her father to cancer. She joined KWTC and attended a Tamil Medium School in Anaikullam. Later she moved to Aloysious School, Kallikulam and completed her schooling.

She joined Nehru Nursing College, and pursued her bachelor's degree in nursing. After completing the course, she worked in Bangalore as a nursing staff for 2 years. Later she got an opportunity to work in Manipal where she worked for another 2 years. She gained a lot of experience and exposure during her time as nurse in Manipal. Lately she got an offer to work in UAE and has been residing there since.



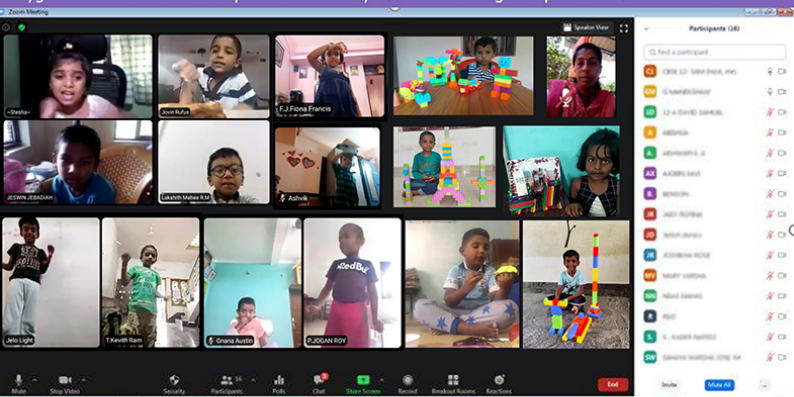
UNHINDERED LEARNING

As mentioned earlier Kings quickly responded to the pandemic by starting online classes to provided uninterrupted learning while ensuring the safety of the students as well.

Online classes for Kindergarten

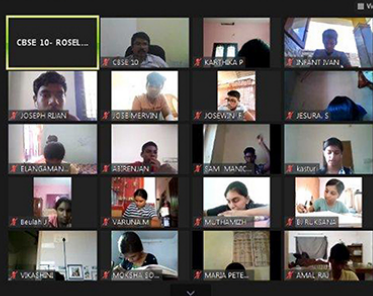
Online classes for kindergarteners were conducted every Thursday and Friday. The classes were brief (30 mins) but effective. The classes were based on activities and were focused towards improving the cognitive abilities of the children.

The Covid-19 lockdown gave opportunities for the parents to actively take part in their children's learning process. The assigned homework brought the kids and their parents together in their journey of learning. This conducive learning environment achieved through online classes greatly amplified the learning abilities of the kindergarteners. Further the teachers sent regular video clips of various learning topics every day for the children to learn at their ease. Apart from academics, there were special storytelling classes which was received well among the kids and parents. As there were no physical classes, children were allowed to extended their love and affection towards one another by sharing their everyday activities after classes. Students were also made to understand the importance of cleanliness and keeping the surroundings hygienic. The online classes proved to be very effective during this pandemic for the little ones.



EXAMS

Exams were conducted periodically for all the classes to test each student's learning progress. Tests and exams were arranged ensuring that students experienced no struggle in answering and submitting their answers.



BOARD EXAM – PRACTICALS

The Central Board announced the practical exam for Class 12 to be started from 12 March, 2021. The practical exams were conducted in the school's respective laboratories with strict adherence to the guidelines issued in the SOP by the Indian Government for schools.



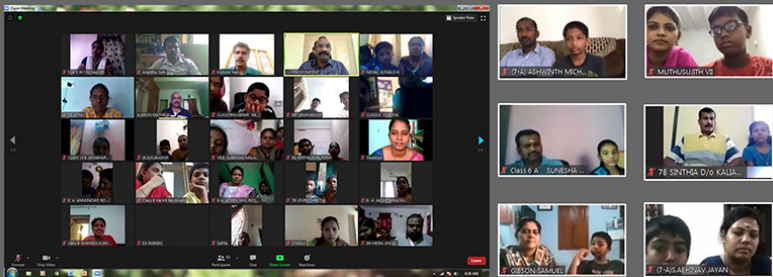
PHYSICAL CLASSES FOR GRADE 9-12

After a complete lockdown of school for about 9 -10 months, the school was re-opened in January for classes 10 & 12 and on February for classes 9 & 11. Though the physical classes were not like the regular ones, both the students and teachers were excited to meet each other. All the classes strictly followed the guidelines given in the SOP ensuring the safety of each individual.



PTA MEETINGS

Parents Teachers Meetings were conducted for all classes to brief the parents about the online classes and the follow ups to be done by students and parents. The meetings provided the management and parents with opportunities to express the challenges and concerns of each other and in ensuring that the students are provided with the same comprehensive education that they would receive in a regular physical classroom. The school received positive notes from most parents for starting the online classes early and keeping the children of all the classes engaged in learning and other activities.



PROGRAMMES AND CELEBRATIONS

Programmes and celebrations for Independence Day, Children's Day and Teacher's Day were conducted online and nothing stopped the students and teachers sitting at home from celebrating these special days.

74th Independence Day

Kings school proudly celebrated the 74th Independence Day by maintaining proper social distancing. Honorary events were conducted inside the school campus in the presence of Uncle Colin, the founder and the chairman who did the honour of hoisting the tri-colour Indian flag. Inside the school campus the programme came to an end with the national anthem. However, there were tonnes of fun filled online programmes and activities for students and parents. Competitions, entertaining and patriotic events were conducted online by the students for their respective classes. The programme's success was marked by the full participation of the students online.



Children's Day

Children's Day is celebrated every year on the birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru. His fondness and love for children is a well-known fact. Nehru once quoted "Children are like buds in a garden and should be carefully and lovingly nurtured, as they are the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow". However, he would perhaps never have imagined how much education has changed this year when schools are shut for almost eight months. Indeed, this was a very distinct Children's Day, that will probably remain etched in the young minds. On this special day, students performed various programs and participated in class wise competitions like drawing, quiz, singing, fancy dress etc. Teachers entertained the students by singing, dancing, reciting poems, and shared fond memories of their school life with the students.



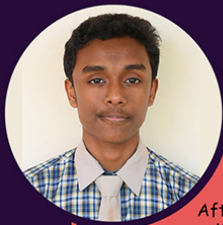
TESTIMONIALS



ALSHIMA SHAFFIA Says....

No one in the world thought that online classes would replace real classes, and they looked like heaven for children, especially for seniors. Of course, the burden was less. There was no dress code or a hairstyle or even a uniform. Place for all, they just wanted us to attend.

But, trust me, "I paid true attention". You don't need to get up early neither do your parents to help you with food. There was, of course tonnes of free time, even though many used it wisely, many wasted it. The hardest part of these classes was missing our friends, teachers and over all our school building. Online classes sometimes tend to be like distraction classes, as we all are human beings after all. Thanks to our school, which handled it really well. Even though these classes taught us to handle situations from the toughest, hardest way ever possible, we should admit the fact it made us lazy.



SHEIK NAVEEDH Says....

After staying back at home for about eleven months, attending online classes, now we have started with our physical classes. Honestly speaking, it was comfortable to me, but yes, I agree in offline classes, I mean the regular physical classes, we could clear our doubt easily - face to face, without any technical issues. Online classes were fun, as it was completely different from what we have ever done. But now, I am glad that the physical classes have started and things are gradually coming to the normal routine. Thanks to our management and teachers, who worked on the backstage making things happen in a very positive, systematic manner, be it the SOP or arrangement of all subject classes.

TESTIMONIALS



ANYA SUSAN MOTHASays...

It's been a hard year for everyone especially for students and teachers shifting their entire practice from offline to online. Teaching isn't the most easiest profession in the world yet our Kings CBSE School teachers braved the feast. But it wasn't the easiest journey. During online classes it was actually up to the students to study even though our teachers tried their best. From distractions at home to the distractions of the internet itself, this generation's greatest friends and untold enemy.

Then comes network problems, which posed a threat to both the teachers and the students all the time. But now that whole time feels like a blur as we're back, we're back to school. Our teachers aren't just people on a screen they are real and they don't glitch and stop mid-sentence. They're the best at what they do. It feels so good to be back.



PERAGATHISays...

Corona is the master class
That brought us online class,
Guys who made use of it topped
Those who didn't flopped
I wasted most of my time
Which later I felt is a crime
I hesitated to unmute
Which put my doubts in mute
I used google a lot
Because I didn't listen what my teachers taught
I wasted my time, which wasn't nice
It spoiled my eyes
They conducted online test
In which everyone gave their best
Online class was my childhood dream
But now it turned into my worst nightmare.

KINGS STAFF VACCINATED FOR COVID-19

The School Management arranged for their staff to be vaccinated for COVID-19 in different batches.

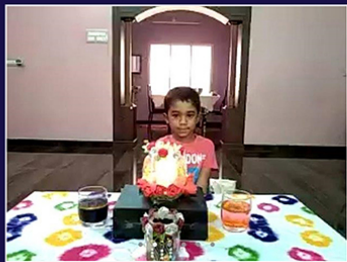


COMPETITIONS

Competitions were conducted regularly to keep the students cheerful and live. The competitions motivated and encouraged the students to participate and express themselves in various creative forms.

CANDLE DECORATION

"Let your light shine and let it shine bright" with this motive Candle Decoration competition was conducted online on 24 November, 2020 for the kindergarteners. The competition brought out the creativity of kids. Kids created amazing candle designs using the simplest of materials present at their home. Students participated enthusiastically in the competition. It was a spectacular event to witness the little hands decorating their candles meticulously and independently.



LKG Winners:

- 1st - Joel Moses & Prafna A
- 2nd - Rishana Joe Arther A & Snow Riya
- 3rd - Kevith Ram, Loreto Riya & Jelo Light

UKG Winners :

- 1st - Hans Davion . J & Ashlee Lovisha. A. J
- 2nd - Prajesh. S & Yashwanth Krishna. M
- 3rd - Prayson . K & Edith Sipora . E



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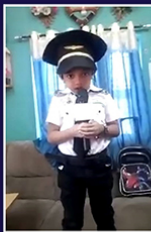
FANCY DRESS

The highly anticipated Fancy Dress competition was conducted for the tiny tots of LKG and UKG on 22 & 23 October respectively. The children dressed up in various avatars including corona virus and shared informative messages through their performances and also recited rhymes to the character they were dressed. The students showcased their talent cheerfully.



LKG Winners: 1st - Joel Moses G; 2nd - Mabel Geosh & Loreta Riya; 3rd - Prajna & Jogan Roy

The students of UKG had their Fancy Dress Competition on 23rd October 2020. They were smartly dressed and participated with enthusiasm and enthralled everybody with their endearing acts. Children were dressed up as a farmer, grapes, trees, coronavirus, butterfly, spaceman, and spoke a few sentences on the character that they depicted. The Competition proved to be great learning experience for the students and gave them a platform to explore their hidden talents.



UKG 'A' winners :

1st - Lakshith Mahee R M; 2nd - Lithick R & Jovin Rufus S; 3rd - Jeffron V.S., Aegan B & Stesha S

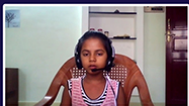
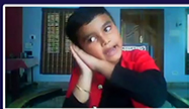
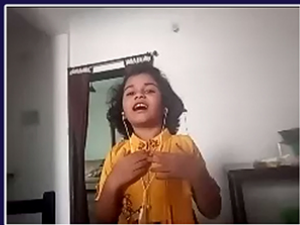
UKG 'B' winners:

1st - Prajesh S & Hans Davion J; 2nd - Edith Sipora B & Josnika S; 3rd - Dijora M & Balakuzhaikathir

COMPETITIONS

POEM RECITATION

Poem Recitation competition was conducted for Class 2 on 12 August, 2020. There were 18 students who recited poems on topics of their choice. Each student was given 2 minutes to recite on the chosen topic. The competition was judged by Mrs. Axilia.



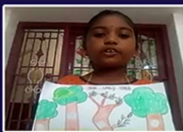
Winners:

Class 2 Section A: 1st - Jeslyn Netania ; 2nd - Anthony Steve Riya; 3rd - Madhumitha.

Class 2 Section B: 1st - Fatise Oliva ; 2nd - Shreeja ; 3rd - Alston Chefeera.

STORY TELLING

Story Telling competition was conducted for Class 3 on 19 August, 2020. The students had to narrate a moral story with the duration set to 3 minutes. The story should carry a moral or meaningful message. 24 students participated and the competition was judged by Mrs. Shanmugapriya.



Winners:

Class 3 Section A: 1st - Alshifa Salma, 2nd - Sathyajith Selvan, 3rd - Anayn Kanishka.

Class 3 Section B: 1st - Maria Agnes Daria, 2nd - Lakshaya 3rd - Raghu Abilash.

COMPETITIONS

FANCY DRESS

Fancy Dress competition for Class 4 was conducted on 20 August, 2020. The theme was mythological characters. Students had to speak on their chosen character for 3 minutes. 11 students participated. Krishna, Radha, Karana, Hanuman and Madasura are some of the highlighting characters of the competition. The competition was judged by Mrs Jeyarani.



Winners :

Class 4 Section A: 1st- Renish Paul, 2nd- Mano Suthan, Ranshika and sana shared the Third place.

Class 4 Section B: 1st - Kavin, 2nd - Rakshitha, Astipha and Haresh Raj Shared the Third place

DOODLE ART

Doodle Art competition was conducted for Class 6. 26 students participated in the competition expressing their creativity through their doodle art. The competition was judged by Mr. Mariappan.

Winners :

Class 6 Section A: 1st - Bharath, 2nd - Swetha and Adhira
3rd - Bebin

Class 6 Section B: 1st - Dharshini,, 2nd - Richil
3rd - Arik Prithvi

SOLO SINGING

Solo Singing competition was conducted for Class 7. The theme was patriotism. 8 students participated and sang songs in the language of their choice. The competition was judged by Mrs. Beulah Mary.

Winners :

Class 7 Section A: 1st- Helen Jessica, 2nd - Asirvou Sebasthi,
3rd- Maria Selva Rani.

Class 7 Section B: 1st - Subiksha , 2nd - Abrar Abdul,
3rd - Antonio Raeyon.

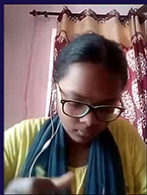
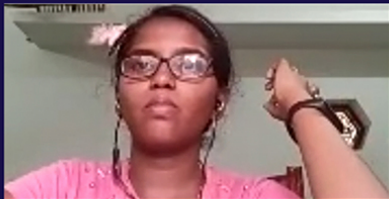


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POETRY WRITING

Poetry Writing competition was conducted for Class 8 and the topic was 'My Childhood'. 10 students participated in the competition. The competition was judged by Mr. Christopher.

Class 8 Winners : 1st - Oviya, 2nd - Melsha, 3rd - Nehal Pragya

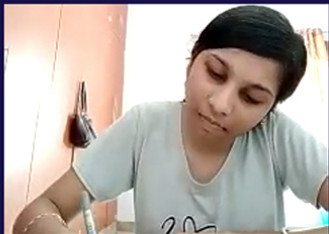


ESSAY WRITING

Essay Writing competition was conducted for Class 9. The topic was 'Bio-War'. 7 students participated. The competition was judged by Mrs. Shantini.

Class 9 Winners :

1st - Lakshya, 2nd - Blessy Florida, 3rd - Shifana Kajal

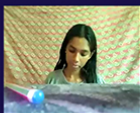
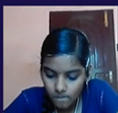


TAMIL POETRY WRITING

Tamil Poetry Writing competition was conducted for Class 10. The topic was 'Self Confidence'. 13 students participated. The competition was judged by Mrs. Radha.

Winners :

1st - Mooksha soroopa, 2nd - Rukshana, 3rd - Akshatha



TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

On 5 September Teacher's Day was celebrated online. Students led the programme and Uncle Colin in his speech appreciated all the teachers for their hard work and wished them a 'Happy Teachers Day'. Further he expressed his happiness on seeing everyone online and gave his heartfelt gratitude to all the teachers for their wonderful job.

The Correspondent, Mr. J Navamani, in his speech, reminded everyone about the motivational words said by the former president of India, Dr. Abdul Kalam, and expressed his gratitude to all the teachers, office staff and other executives for standing beside Kings at all times. He thanked Uncle Colin and highlighted that without his guidance and support things would not have been easy to achieve. He also thanked all the parents and students in supporting the management, in successfully handling the school's academic and non-academic activities. He once again thanked the teachers for their innovative work in shaping the young minds.

Students put up wonderful performances which included motivational speech, songs, heart-warming stories about teachers' efforts and also presented information about the current situation. Further the students of CBSE streamed series of live performances and entertainment for the teachers and parents. The programme was a grand success because of the co-operative effort of students and teachers.



NEW BUILDING OPENING AT CBSE



With prayers and blessings, the new CBSE building was opened for school activities. The new building extends the facilities of the school by providing new and improved art room, music room, library, science laboratories, knowledge centre, 10 new classrooms and an office. The classrooms are built to meet the best standards to create a conducive learning atmosphere.



Office Room



Physics Lab



Biology Lab



Chemistry Lab

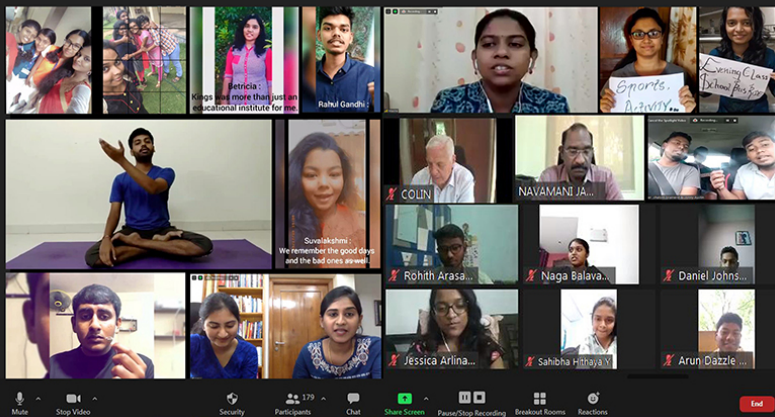


ALUMNI MEET 2020

Kingstonians had been eagerly waiting for the "Alumni Meet 2020", which was held online on Saturday, 19 September, Saturday. About 200 Kingstonians participated, sharing their most cherished moments with their friends and teachers.

Uncle Colin welcomed everyone and expressed his happiness on seeing the seniors after a long time. He was immensely happy to see the formers students settled in good professions and leading a joyful life. The Correspondent, Mr Navamani addressed the alumni meet expressing heartfelt happiness to see them all after a long time. It was announced that a date would be fixed for a regular alumni meet when the conditions get better.

Students expressed gratitude towards the school and their teachers through songs, stories and poems. With a cheerful heart, the programme ended with a vote of thanks from Maxine thanking the management for all the opportunities and memories it has given.



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