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The Lockdown (CAIE and IB Newsletter)

Quarantine Tales

We at Billabong High have been constantly looking at our quality assurance, working hard to live up to and maintain the standard to make it easier for learners to achieve their potential. An essential part of our work is the support we provide for our teachers and how best to support them through professional development.

Our teachers have been using expertise in approaches to learning and teaching to upgrade their skills and keep abreast with the latest developments and requirements in education and technology by investing long hours in getting themselves trained in various fields and attending webinars and workshops on Critical thinking, Career guidance and counselling, virtual labs, Cambridge workshops on Pedagogy in Language teaching Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Global Perspectives and School Based Assesments.

Congratulations to all the Cambridge Staff and the Diploma Programme Facilitators for upgrading their skills and putting the same into practice.

**Vaishali Phatak**  
Cambridge Section Head  
IBDP Section Head



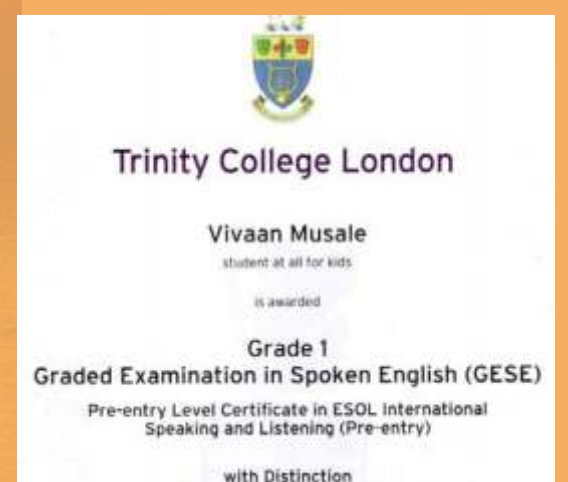
**Sara Prasad** participated in Model United Nations (MUN) conducted by Garodia International School on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Sara got high commendation in the committee which she represented.



Heartiest congratulations to **Amartya Shankar** on becoming India's topper in AS Level Pure Mathematics 2020 series examination.

Congratulations to his Parents, Teachers and all those who have been instrumental in his achievement.



Heartiest congratulations to **Vivaan Musale** (Grade - 1) for his clearing with a distinction in the GESE examination held by Trinity College, London.

Congratulations !!!



This Diwali was little different than what we have celebrated so far but still it was enjoyable. On Diwali day I helped my mother to decorate the whole house with diyas, lanterns and rangoli. My parents gave me new clothes to wear. I wore kurta pajamas. We distributed sweets to our neighbors. We sang prayers to the Goddess Laxmi and God Ganesh. We had a family dinner together in our house. My cousin sister and aunt came over for a family dinner. I was very excited to meet them! I did not burst firecrackers with my family this year because it was not permitted in our housing society. We did not have a Diwali party this year or meet our friends due to coronavirus. Still, this Diwali was enjoyable because all of my family was together and safe, so I thanked God for a happy and pleasant Diwali.

**Nivan Kukreja, III-I**

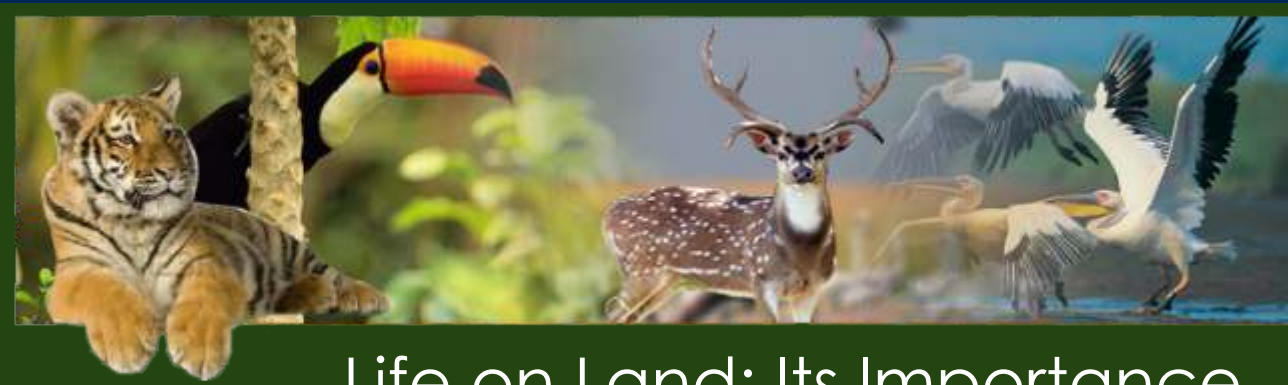
## Getting Excited about Climate Action plan

Caring for the environment is our responsibility, class 7-IG has taken the opportunity to help nature in the best way possible. Our class teacher (Shivani ma'am) had arranged a session to make posters; and express our feelings for mother nature. The posters turned out to be great and helpful. We all had to prepare a speech so that we could spread awareness, everyone's speech was different and had a message. The speech was a splendid idea; made us understand everyone's point of view. Soon an idea popped up, we all had to take pictures of our posters and mail it to one of my classmates; he merged the photos and made an amazing video. Our teacher was so proud of the outcome. This activity helped us understand the situation, taught us to be creative. This one stand can help to make it a better living for us and the environment.

Here is the link for the climate change video

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Faw3oW82Cn-zIbRaGxmx4Ox-zu-SYGuv/view?usp=drivesdk>

Grade 7-IG



## Life on Land: Its Importance

Around 1.6 billion people depend on forests for their livelihood. Being an agrarian economy, we definitely know the importance of forests in building and growing our community. The lush green hills of the Sahyadri, the magnificent Bengal tiger, the one-horned rhinoceros, the Himalayas and Sunderbans – India is diverse, not just culturally, but also by the abundance of its natural resources. There are many unexplored forested areas in our country which provide a safe habitat for wildlife to thrive and make India the home to many species that are not found anywhere else worldwide. However, due to the population boom in recent years, we have seen a dramatic decline in the forest cover. Climate change makes farmers struggle to provide enough food for the country to survive. Negligence, poaching and trafficking have threatened the survival and well-being of fauna species, even accounting for the disappearance of some of them. Pollution causes degradation of the soil, leading to decreased agricultural output. As young minds, we must think of ways to salvage this situation, and take a step in preserving and nurturing our environment. We must take action to reduce the loss of plant cover, protect animals and endangered species, work to prevent climate change and maintain peace and security throughout.

Sara Prasad, IBDP-1

IBDP 1 students organized a CAS - ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEBINAR on 10th November 2020 on a virtual platform to motivate the youth in the audience to think about it seriously as a career option. The guest speaker was Dr. Vandana Sarada, Principal Xynteo India. This programme was attended by high school students (Grades 10, 11 & 12).

The students very well conducted the entire programme covering their creativity skills. It was a collaborative experience for the students to connect subjects like English & Business Management with CAS. Harsh & Dhruv made the e certificates for the participants, welcome speech was given by Khushi, Seher & Tia made a feedback form on padlet and shared, Sara did the vote of thanks and Advika made the e-invite and thank you card for the guest speaker.



Ms. Ajita Bhoir  
(IBDP CAS Coordinator)



## HOW CAN I HELP PREVENT CLIMATE CHANGE ?

Small changes in your own home can make a difference, too. Try switching to energy-saving light bulbs, walking instead of using the car, turning off electrical items when you're not using them, recycling and reducing your food waste. All these little things can make a difference. we both know this isn't the world we had in mind, we still have time to make it shine, we may have lost many things tonight, our better actions can still make it bright.

Ananya Pimple, IV-I

“ Don't judge understand instead ”

- Roy T. Bennett

Understanding is deeper than knowledge. There are many who know you but very few who understand you. Understanding is something that we take great efforts to pursue. I think it does take a lot of will power and patience to understand someone, to be understood by someone and even have a better understanding of oneself. It is a lifetime skill which we need to learn, practice and inculcate.

Daniel Goleman, author of Emotional Intelligence defined 'understanding others' as the first element of empathy. He went on to explain that every child must be taught the essentials of handling anger, managing conflicts, developing empathy and controlling impulses. Understanding as a value does not mean we need to agree to everything one says. It only means that we listen and recognise their point of view and accept that it is different than mine. Non-verbal expressions do create a big impact. Expressing feelings in gestures is also important because our words, actions and habits do affect the quality of our life.

The reality of the other person is not in what one reveals, but in what one cannot reveal. Therefore, understand someone, listen not to what one says but to what one does not say - Kahlil Gibran.

Dhruv Thakkar, IX-I



Gender equality means providing equal opportunities to both man and women in every aspects of life, whether it's educational, political, and economical or health wise. Even in the 21th century, worldwide men and women do not enjoy equal status.

In India, still society does not give equal opportunities to men & women. Women are generally care giver in the family and involved in household activity. There is lesser participation in higher education, decision making and leadership as compared to men. Gender equality helps in overall well being and growth of a nation.

The Government of India has started taking steps to ensure gender equality. Several laws and policies are prepared to encourage girl. "Beti Bachao, Beti Padho Yojana" (Save girl And make girls Educated) is spreading awareness of the importance of girl child. Still we need more awareness about women's rights.

Vaishnavi Jaiswal, IV-I



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