

# CARMEL SPECTRUM

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#### **Dear Readers**,



## Greetings of the New Year 2022.

Every New Year provides us with another opportunity to start fresh, look back at the past with thanks and look forward to the future with hope. Due to an increase in Coronavirus cases and a new variant of COVID-19. the New Year will be peaceful this year, and our concern will be to stay safe. The good news is that vaccination is now made available to the students. We hope for the best for a better future. I pray that may we change our direction and not dates, change our commitments and not the calendar. Change our

attitude and not our actions. Bring about a change in our faith. May we live up to the promises we make and create the happiest New Year ever. Have a great year and continue to live by our Vision-Enthuse, Empower, Excel!

### **Christmas Celebrations in Carmel**

As December comes to its close, everyone eagerly waits for that day called Christmas. A lively programme was organised for the staff on 24th December 2021. The staff celebrated the day with great zeal and enthusiasm. The power-packed carol singing competition was held among the staff and judged by our former teachers Harpreet Kaur and Harpal Kaur. The games, exchange of programme included etc. gifts Celebrations with Facebook Live made everyone happy and excited. The students also joined the same. It was a beautiful day. The day ended with a fellowship meal and a token of love and appreciation for the staff and blessings on their families.





#### **Fostering Critical And Creative Literacy**

Teachers attended an online training program on the topic "Fostering Critical and Creative Literacy" conducted on the 16th of December 2021. The seminar highlighted the need to develop the necessary environmental, pedagogical resources. And Strategies by the teachers to foster critical and creative literacy. These skills are the prerequisites in the student's repertoire of skills in the progressive society. The presenter encouraged teachers to focus on project-based and inquirybased learning. To make students think out of the box and then create something new. According to the webinar, inference, inductive and deductive methods are the building blocks of logical reasoning. The entire session focused on igniting the thinking skills of the students. It was a highly informative session.

#### **Adopting Inclusive Practices in Class**

Teachers attended an online training program on the topic "Adopting Inclusive Practices in Class" conducted on the 10th of December 2021. The seminar highlighted the real-world applications of course material, open-ended problems, increasing transparency in courses, continually assessing student outcomes. It aims to provide good quality education to all learners without any discrimination.

#### **Story Telling In Classroom**

COE Chandigarh conducted a seminar on 9th December on the topic of Story Telling in Classroom. Storytelling is a unique way, for students to develop an understanding, respect, and appreciation for other cultures and promote a positive attitude to people from different lands, races, and religions. The key speaker also focused on how storytelling helps with learning.

#### **Importance of Gratitude**

The seminar is a reminder to be grateful for little things in life. It taught the teachers that we have a lot to be thankful for, yet we stress unnecessary things. The key speaker said, that, when one expresses gratitude, it will strengthen the bond by enhancing trust, respect, and love.

#### **Reading Challenge Activity 3.0**

CBSE conducted a Reading challenge 3.0 activity on the DIKSHA Platform from 21st November 2021 to 31st December 2021. A total number of 34 students registered for this activity. They were in two groups. Classes 6 -7 and 8-10. The librarian took an online session with the participants on Whatsapp group and gave them instructions to participate in this activity by using Diksha App. The students were awarded certificates at the end by CBSE.



# ONLINE ACTIVITIES



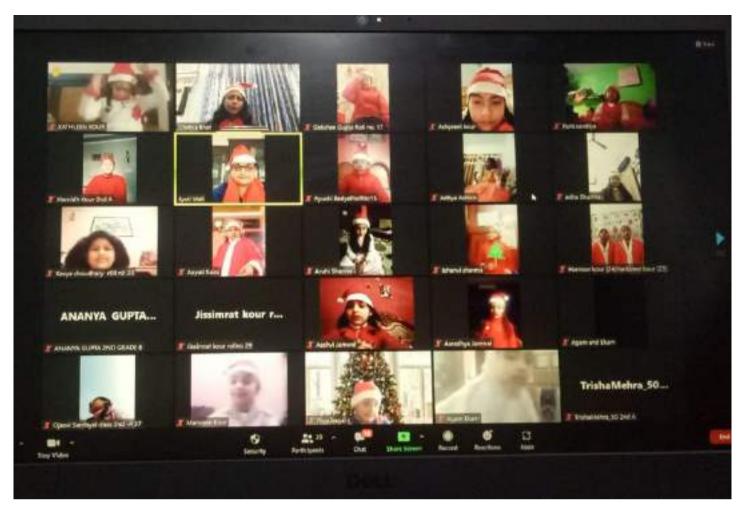
#### **Pre-Primary**

Christmas waves a magic band over this world, and behold everything, is more beautiful. Christmas is a festival of Joy, Sharing and giving. To spread this message amongst one and all teachers of Pre-Primary did a virtual celebration with the students. The programme started with a welcome note and a Prayer, seeking blessing from God, providing peace & serenity to the mind and soul. Principal Sr. Swati graced the occasion with her blissful presence. Children were excited and in a festive mood in their best Christmas attire. Teachers explained the meaning of Christmas & shared some interesting facts related to the festival. Activities conducted by the teachers and the students participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. Everyone enjoyed and danced to the tunes of CHRISTMAS Carols.

#### **Class 1**

A PPT on Christmas and an animated video, on the birth of Jesus Christ, were shown to the students. Students sang carols recited poems and delivered speeches on the life of Jesus Christ. Most of them dressed in Christmas colours. Some as Santa clauses and some fairies. They carried Christmas symbols with them. The celebration concluded with dances performed by students





#### Class 2

To mark the holy day of Christmas, the students and teachers of Class 2 celebrated Christmas Day virtually. "Peace on Earth will come to stay when we live Christmas every day" was the theme of the day. Students made cards and sang carols. A few students even danced. Some delivered speeches on the theme. And others prepared cribs and adorned them with Christmas symbols. The students enjoyed participating in the programme.

#### Class 5

The celebration commenced, decorating the Christmas tree with bells, stockings, candles and gifts. There was a lot of enthusiasm and energy during the activity. The students sang carols dressed in glittery and colourful attires. Teachers appreciated the students for their efforts and wished everyone a happy Christmas.

#### Class 6

It was a pleasure to see students celebrating Christmas virtually with much enthusiasm. They made beautiful cribs. They were all excited in colourful clothes and waiting for the fun activities to begin. The students wrote a message for their Christmas friend. After the fun-filled gifts exchange ceremony, students had several performances, carols singing, dance, skits, drama, etc. A student dressed as Santa made everyone smile with her satire. She talked about the significance of this festival and told a story about Jesus Christ; the saviour was born on this very day. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

#### Class 9

The celebrations of Christmas Day began with a prayer service and readings from all Holy Books. It was followed by Carol Singing by students, a Dance performance on Christmas songs and a Skit with the true meaning of 'Christmas.' In the end, the students showcased their beautiful cards and decorated Christmas trees. The whole programme was filled with fun and joy because of Christmas. Lastly, students and teachers wished each other Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

#### **Class 11 & 12**

Higher secondary students celebrated the birth of Jesus virtually on 25th December. Christmas has always been a very auspicious occasion for Carmelites. From singing Carol's to giving presents, decorating houses to bringing eternal joy into our lives. Christmas has always been one of the most awaited festivals. A quiz related to Christmas was conducted to make the celebration more fun and memorable. Singing Carols was complete bliss.





#### **Never Give Up!**

#### **Netball Camp**

A two-day workshop was organised for the students of Carmel Jammu. The Free Netball Awareness Camp supervised by Akash Batra (certified Coach and A-Grade Certificate Holder from NIS) and his technical team-Akshwan, Maverick Batra, Rohan Verma, and Amit Sharma. The sports teachers Asha Rani, Aashima Pathania, and Rahul Bansh were also a part of it. 22 students participated and learned different techniques like chest pass, overhead pass, lob pass, basics of shooting, and several positions.



