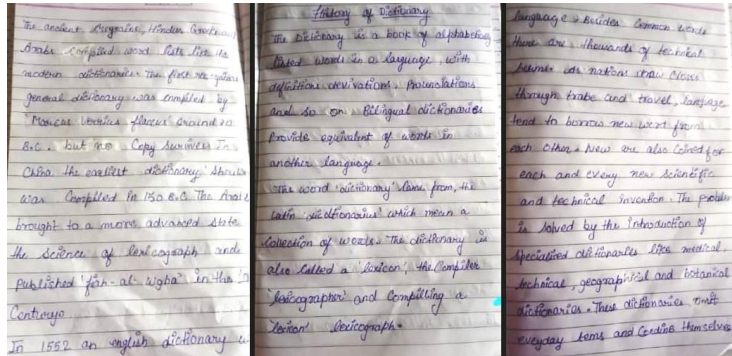




**Newsletter for October - November 2020**

After the completion of Unit Test-2 exams, the regular online classes resumed from 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2020. To commemorate the 151<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and 116<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prime Minister Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri, the school organized a wide range of online activities. Drawings, quotes, thoughts, videos and biography were shared online to make the students understand the 'Principles and Philosophies' of these great people. The students expressed their gratitude to them through beautiful drawings.



On 7<sup>th</sup> Oct., English Handwriting Competition was organized for classes 5 - 8. The objective was to encourage students to improve their calligraphy skills. Since speech plays an important role in development of younger Hearing Impaired children, a Speech competition was held for classes 1 - 3 to assess the speech development of the students and to motivate them to work more dedicatedly on their speech.

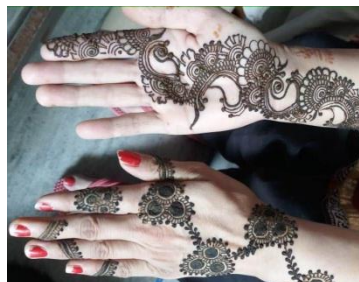
Since the online teaching is on for the students these days, recharging the mobiles with data packs is crucial. However, many of the AAD students can't afford it. To ease their problems, a donation of Rs. 16,400/- was made by Rotary Club of Roorkee Midtown under 'Donate Data' scheme on 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. Mr. Manmohan Sharma (President), Dr. Gopal Rohela (Vice President), Mr. Ramesh Rawal, Ms. Pavitra H. Arora (Secretary) visited AAD to make the much-appreciated donation. AAD is grateful to them for making a very useful contribution.



One of our generous donors from Washington, D.C. (USA), made a donation of Rs. 50,000/- to the school. He also gifted many useful items like a colour printer, Lenovo tablet, LED TV, Vacuum cleaner, canvases for painting, A3 size drawing sheets, water based colours, water based pigment liners, white board etc. Besides these he also donated notebooks, pens, pencils, colors, candles, and Haldiram sweets to be distributed among the students from the poor families for Diwali celebrations. Parents of the students were presented these gifts a few days before the Deepawali, observing the social distancing. He also arranged 1-year membership for our audiologists cum speech therapists to conduct teletherapy classes for speech development. The children are liking the use of that software very much and happily participating in these classes.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October, a PTM was conducted to discuss the performance of the students in Unit Test-2 exams.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Dussehra was celebrated online with great zeal and vigour. Various videos on Ravana making were shared with the students. Many activities like puppet making and drawing were also organized. Students of all the classes participated in Ravana making competition.

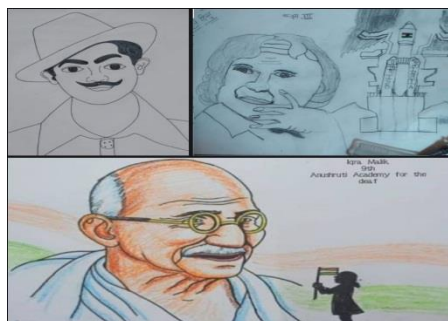


On 3<sup>rd</sup> November, a mehndi competition was organized for students of class 7, 8 and 9 on the occasion of Karwa Chauth. All the students participated in the competition and showcased their skills. Irrespective of experience, they explored and adorned their hands with India and Arabic mehndi designs which helped them in boosting their confidence in the art.

Mrs. Parvati Pandey resigned from the post of Principal on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. due to health reasons. She served the school from 1989-2020. The school thanked Mrs. Pandey for her services to the school and wished her the best. Mrs. Shazia Farhat (Vice-Principal) is serving as the Acting Principal presently.

On 11<sup>th</sup> Nov., an online meeting was conducted on Speech therapy. The main aim was to guide the school teachers on how to conduct speech therapy in online mode. Mrs. Shazia Farhat (Acting Principal) and Ms. Sakshi Sharma (Speech Therapist) presented the details and answered the queries of the AAD teachers.

In order to bring out the creative talents of students and to celebrate the Festival of Lights in its true spirit, the Diya Decoration Competition for Pre-Nursery to 5<sup>th</sup> class was held on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. Many students participated enthusiastically in the competition by beautifully decorating earthen Diyas with colours and beads etc.



On the occasion of National Education day and birth anniversary of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, National Service Scheme (NSS) IITR conducted online competition series “Great Indian Rulers and Warriors” in the form of paintings, monologues, poems and essays. The students of AAD participated in this competition. Harshit of Class 6 and Aayesha of Class 8 won in the essay competition. Shruti Dhiman and Iqra Malik of Class 9 won in the painting competition.

Our school founder Dr. S.C. Handa (Prof. (Retd.) Civil Engg. Deptt., IIT Roorkee; ex-Director General, Quantum University, Roorkee) was bestowed with the “Distinguished Alumnus Award 2020” in the category of excellence in service to the society on 25<sup>th</sup> November, the Foundation day of the Institute (<http://awards.iitr.ac.in/alumni/daa-2020.php>). Prof. Handa is a member of the our school’s Advisory Committee and actively participates in guiding the school staff for its various activities. He has also mentored preparation of many project proposals to raise CSR funding for the school. He has been instrumental in raising funds for this school which runs on Community-supported model. AAD is grateful to Prof. Handa for his regular guidance and support and looks forward to the same in future also.

