

DAIS PARTICIPATION IN ROUND SQUARE POSTCARD

School Motto, Culture and Community - St. Phillips College, Australia

On 26th July 2021, DAIS delegates attended the Australian Postcard, hosted by St. Phillips College on 'School Mottos, Culture and Community' whose objective was to facilitate discussion on the logos of different schools and the morals they aimed at inculcating within their students. Students were then encouraged to speak about the meaning of their school motto and logo and what they meant to the learners. Some students spoke about how their institution valued honesty, some shared that their school cherished independence or respect, or knowledge, or diversity, amongst several others. Perhaps the most important reflection from the postcard on 'School Mottos, Culture and Community', was that although globally, we all share similar values, the specific morals that schools prioritize over each other is what make each community and culture unique.

DAIS Delegates: Dhruv Bhatia, Anika Singi, Paarth Ambani, Sanya Shah and Ananya Srinivasan



Understanding Unconscious Bias - St. Cyprian's School, South Africa

On the 16th of February 2022, a few students from Dhirubhai Ambani International School participated in a Round Square Postcard hosted by the St. Cyprian's School, centred around a theme that has great relevance in our world today – 'Understanding Unconscious Bias'.

The Postcard began with a panel discussion with a teacher and three members of the host school's student body. The delegates had the chance to understand the ways in which unconscious bias has infiltrated our society. Then, delegates segued into their Baraza groups where they had the chance to understand that unconscious bias is not wholly negative. The delegates also enjoyed bringing in a biological perspective to this psychological impediment, giving the discussion a greater layer of depth.

In conclusion, the Round Square postcard on unconscious bias was an exciting experience and allowed delegates to ask challenging questions about their own thinking.

DAIS Delegates: Sriya Bodapati, Aashna Parikh, Aisha Patel, Ira Kulkarni, Suryansha Sheth



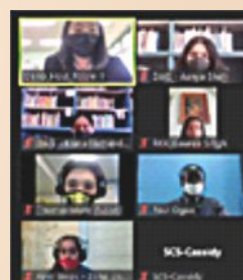
Masks Around the World - Okinawa Amicus International School, Okinawa

The pandemic was an unprecedented experience that forced us to adapt to a new world, ironically one that was confined to the four walls of our house. So, amid this crisis, there arose a universally understood new normal: Masks. DAIS students attended the Okinawa Amicus International School Round Square Postcard, on 2nd March 2022 and discussed the importance of masks with countless children from different schools and countries.

While pondering on stimulating questions about the mandate of masks in their countries and the point at which they believed relaxing government regulations on masks was acceptable, delegates came across diverse and interesting opinions.

Not only did the discussion urge the delegates to explore this new normal, but it also enabled them to learn that masks can be a cultural accessory. Overall, the delegates felt that this Postcard widened their horizons, understanding both the use of masks as a hygienic tool and the social impact they have had on the world.

DAIS Delegates: Kavya Sinha, Aanya Shah, Kiana Fernandez, Ria Chawla, Vikram Karra and Atishaya Gupta.



Mental Health and Happiness - St. John's Ravenscourt, Canada

On 9 June 2021, five students from DAIS attended a Postcard themed 'Mental Health and Happiness' hosted by St John's Ravenscourt, Canada. Through presentations and engaging Baraza discussions, participants reflected on the positive impact service and kindness to others has on one's own mental health. Furthermore, participants shared their perspectives on the importance of encouraging open dialogue about mental health and destigmatizing it. The interactive Baraza discussions on 'kindness' allowed delegates to understand the importance of helping others, leaving delegates to reflect on how small deeds can make a big impact.

DAIS Delegates: Devika Kothari, Dhruv Bhalla, Sriya Bodapati, Vihaan Mangat and Vivaan Turakhia.



Warp and Weft in Weaves

On 19 January 2021, ten DAIS students along with 145 delegates across five countries participated in a postcard – 'Wrap and Weft in Weaves' hosted by Mayo college. The delegates had the chance to discuss with other students the varying styles of clothing that are observed in their respective countries.

The discussions were woven around fast fashion and its impacts on the environment, the different kinds of clothes worn all over the world, and how the delegates, on a personal level can contribute to sustainable fashion and reduce textile waste.

Thrifting, donating, and recycling clothes is the way forward for a clean and sustainable world. The postcard and its keynote speaker, Ms. Kaveri Bose, left them inspired to think about the steps they need to take as the generation of the future.

DAIS Student Delegates: Reya Mehendale, Nastassia Bokdawala, Jiana Shah, Vedant Vora, Tanisha Joshi, Neerja Desai, Rhea Jain, Ranveer Nangrepatil, Anika Garg, and Neil Jhunjunwala.



Nirgun - Music & Poetry for the Soul

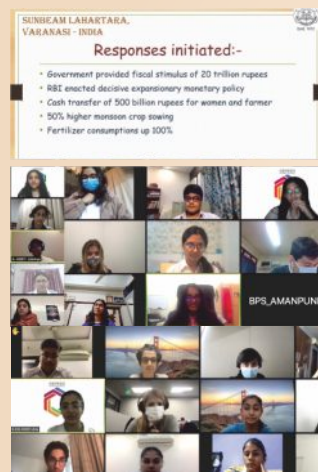
On the 26th of January, six students from DAIS attended a virtual Round Square Postcard, titled: 'Nirgun - Music & Poetry for the Soul'. Keynote speakers - Sunita Bhuyan and Ronojit Bhuyan commenced the event with a live and enthralling singing performance accompanied by the Violin and Piano. The performance was followed by a discussion about the interrelation of music and poetry and the employment of music as a universal language and medium of expression. The discussion delved deeper into the similarities between Indian and Western Music culture.

The delegates were then divided into smaller Baraza sessions in which they interacted with each other on their personal anecdotes and experiences with music as well as the impact of music on their life. The Postcard was an enriching experience where delegates dived into the depths of divine music and poetry.

DAIS Delegates: Aashna Parikh, Anoushka Kapoor, Aryaa Meghani, Jiwanshi Shah, Ruchika Bhuyan and Survansha Sheth.



Dynamics Of World Economics In 2020



SUNBEAM LAHARTARA, VARANASI - INDIA

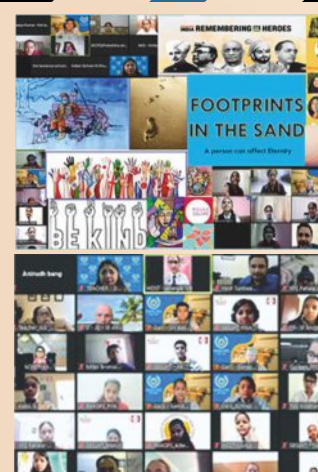
Responses initiated:-

- Government provided fiscal stimulus of 20 trillion rupees
- RBI enacted decisive expansionary monetary policy
- Cash transfer of 500 billion rupees for women and farmer
- 50% higher monsoon crop sowing
- Fertilizer consumptions up 300%

With the advent of the coronavirus, the mechanism of world economy changed dramatically. Genesis Global School from Delhi, India hosted a Round Square postcard titled 'Dynamics of World Economics in 2020' to discuss, evaluate, and debated the changes the world had undergone along with the policies implemented to battle them. As a Pre-task, all participant schools were to prepare a two-slide presentation on the impact of COVID-19 on their country's economy and the consequential policies taken by the Government. The Postcard session started with a keynote speech by Ms Malini Sharma on the impact of the pandemic on the global economy, describing the two-fold crisis-health and economy. Then, in Baraza groups the delegates moved onto in-depth discussions of how governments responded to the pandemic. Discussing policies allowed delegates to see the real-world impact of these policies, not just its academic evaluation. The Round Square Postcard was a unique opportunity of exposure to different students, cultures, and, hence, points of view on the economic impacts and policies for the COVID-19 pandemic - the most significant world event of our time.

DAIS Delegates: Ahaan Jindal, Sidharth Wagle, Vivaan Singh, Manthan Rao, Arav Dalwani, Mira Dasgupta

Footprints in the Sand



FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

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On the 7th of July 2021, five DAIS students from Grade 6 shared inspirational stories about local heroes or people who have made a positive impact as part to the society in the Round Square Postcard hosted by Sunbeam Suncity (School & Hostel), Varanasi.

The theme 'Footprints in the Sand' highlighted the achievements of persons who could affect eternity. It was an enriching experience as the delegates learnt about different local heroes and that even small acts of kindness go a long way in making the world a better place just as a few drops of water help to fill the ocean.

DAIS Delegates: Samika Khanna, Neil Agrawal, Sohrab Daver, Vir Bakshi and Sanaya Shetty