

A peep into the activities of the month

International Educational Tour to Bhutan

### "Travelling leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller" - Ibn Batuta

A group of 23 students with two teacher escorts - Ms Deepika Ojha and Ms Aashna Jain under the able guidance of Mr. Praveen Singh Rathore as the teacher Incharge hailed to witness the breathtaking scenic views of Bhutan on 2 June. The journey was planned for the students of Classes X to XII with an aim of collecting memories and not things. The group visited the four harmonious places of Bhutan - Phuentsholling, Thimphu , Phunakha and Paro. They witnessed the highest statue of lord Buddha, Tashichho Dzong, Punakha Dzong, Zangto Peiri Monastery and the Thimphu fortress . The scenic beauty of the Dochula Pass and the adrenaline rush with great hilarity during the river rafting in the Punakha valley was an unforgettable experience. Exploring the unique flora and fauna of the Lamperi Botanical Park and crossing the Paro river while walking on the tremulous iron bridge also added valuable information and thrilled adventure to our trip. Looking deep into the nature and bowing to its majesty during the trek to the Tigers nest at Paro implanted invincible memories. A lush carpet of pine needles or spongy grass is more welcoming than the most luxurious Persian rug we realised this while encountering the blissful nature of Bhutan - the land of happiness. The journey ended on 11 June with a bag full of memories to cherish forever.

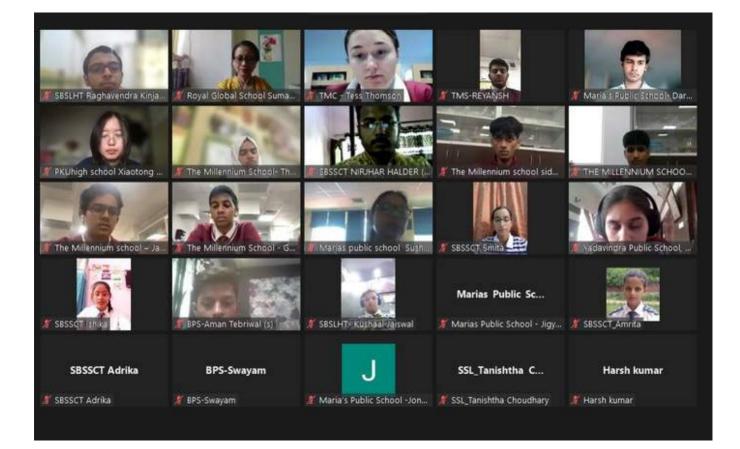




Redlands School, Australia (RS Zoom Postcard)

"All the king's horses and all the king's men will never gather up all the plastic and put the ocean back together again"

On 7th June 2023 a 60 minute RS Zoom Postcard was hosted by Redlands, Australia on the theme 'One Ocean, One Climate, One future-together'. RKK's participants were - Sunehari Birla, Suhani Birla, Mayurakshi Nathawat, Iram Khan, Virika Mehta and Pari Salecha with Student Adult Incharge - Piya Salecha. It was a very informative event. It started with an engaging presentation from the host school, after which students were separated into breakout rooms. Listening to different people's opinion about initiatives taken by different people from different areas was indeed a great experience . Later delegates were asked to present their views about a documentary 'Rubber Jellyfish'. Thereafter everyone was asked to talk about the solutions they think can be implemented to protect the oceans. Later on the host talked to the students about the measures that one should take to replace ballons which harm the marine life with eco friendly celebrations. With this the host gave a vote of thanks and ended the meeting with smile on their faces. It was a very educational and enriching event.





# UWCSEA, Singapore (RS Zoom Postcard)

Team RKK comprising Student Adult Incharge - Adwitiya Saxena and six participants, Lavanya Sinah Deora, Saanui Agarwal, Saanui Jain, Priyal Jain, Vaanya Mehta and Vanishree, under the guidance and mentorship of Maám Sapna Gupta participated in the RS Postcard Call organized by UWCSEA, Singapore. The topic shared with us was unique and very interesting -"INVISIBLE WORLDS". Our first meeting was conducted on 2nd June where the student incharge enlightened us about RS Postcard Calls and solved our queries. We discussed and deliberated about the topic "Invisible Worlds". We were allocated a task to create a document thereby expressing our views on the given topic. Thereafter, all the team members carried out the research and shared their views with the team. The next meeting was held on 5th June, wherein each other's views were discussed and with mutual consent "Transgender" was decided as the main topic. During the next meeting, on 8th June final changes were made in the Postcard and the task of preparing a speech was given to each individual. On 11th June, the next meeting was held, where everybody recited their speech. Last meeting took place on 13th June wherein a mock barraza session run was conducted. A group discussion was held to prepare for the main Postcard Call. On 14th June the Main Postcard Call took place. UWCSEA SINGAPORE invited us and presented a document which shared with us the benefits of hobbies. They talked about power of music and effect of hobbies on our health, mind and lifestyle. Then we were separated into different Breakout Rooms. We introduced ourselves and answered several questions like - What are Hobbies?, Define Hobbies?, Impact of Hobbies?, Requirement of Hobbies etc. We exchanged our views amongst each other and learned about 'Hobbies'. Then we returned to the main meeting and there we played a game called KAHOOT related to hobbies. Thereafter, few Postcards were presented. Finally, the host expressed the gratitude towards all for participating and making the call a success.





#### **International Education Tour to Europe**

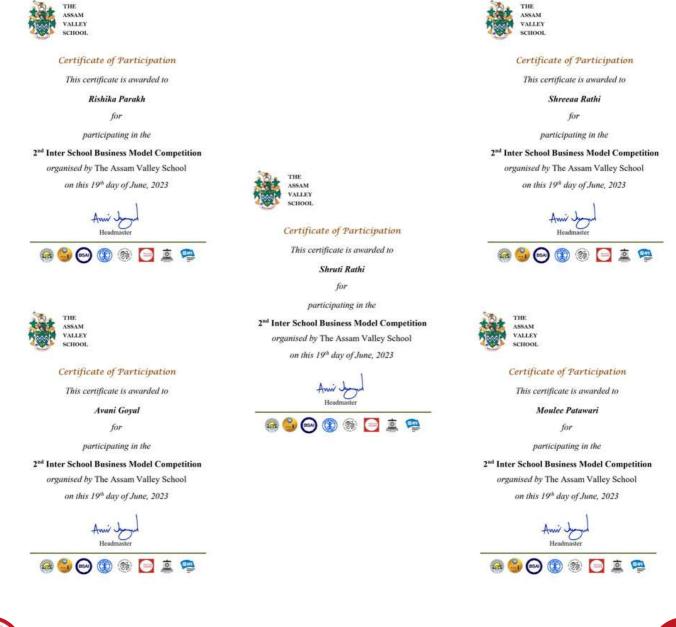
A 16-day Europe trip was organized from 13th June 2023 to 29th June 2023. 18 students escorted by Ma'am Seema Baxi and Ma'am Upasana Rathore from Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School, Jodhpur started their journey on 13 June 2023. The trip covered 6 major countries and various cities and attractions in Paris, Brussels, Zurich, Mount Titlis, Glacier 3000, Lucerne, Geneva, Innsbruck, Munich, Venice, Florence, Rome, Pisa, and Milan with city tours, visits to iconic landmarks, cultural experiences, and leisure activities. The best part being a visit to the 3 of the seven wonders of the world and knowing their stories. Our fourth wonder being, a visit to the UN headquarters in Geneva on the International Yoga Day After celebrations at the UN headquarters at Geneva, we visited the office of The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva where the Indian ambassador interacted with us and also hosted lunch for us. On the first day at Paris, we explored landmarks like Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower and the next day on the 16th, We went to Disneyland and we had the time of our lives by hooting in each and every roller coaster ride and enjoyed the Seine River Cruise in the evening. Mini Europe, Atomium, and guided city tour were the highlights of our stay in Brussels, Belgium. We then visited the heaven on the earth, Switzerland. We were captivated by the scenic beauty of Zurich. Visit to the Mt Titlis and Glacier 3000 will remain etched in our memories for ever. In Geneva we visited the United Nations Headquarters on the International Yoga Day and participated in the celebrations. Nehal Gehlot of our school also addressed the audience as student representative and appealed everyone to prioritize their health and self-care. Later in the day we visited CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research and also enjoyed a guided city tour. In Innsbruck, Austria, explored Swarovski Crystal World Museum and had a guided city tour. Later, on the same day, In Munich, visited BMW Museum, and saw some masterpieces created by the BMW. In Venice, we traversed the beautiful Venice Island, took a gondola ride followed by a guided city tour. Our journey to Rome allowed us to immerse ourselves in the rich history of the city, Vatican City and the iconic Colosseum. We also made a memorable stop at Pisa on June 27th June. There, we had the incredible opportunity to witness the iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa first hand, learning about its fascinating history and unique construction. We couldn't resist taking some photos to capture the moment. The following day, on June 28th, we arrived in Milan, where we embarked on a captivating exploration of the city's renowned highlights. We indulged in some shopping, relishing the vibrant atmosphere, and also had the pleasure of a guided city tour, which provided us with valuable insights into Milan's rich cultural heritage. Team of RKKians to Europe - Palak Kanwar – XII, Mahi Chopra - XII, Gunika Soni - XII, Mahi Soni - XII, Palak Laddha – XII, Nehal Gehlot – XII, Anushka Lohiya – X, Drishti Dwivedi – X, Suhani Baheti – XII, Vurna Saxena – XII, Mahimaba Sarvaiya – XI, Priyamwada Singh Rathore – XI, Nikita Dhariwal – X, Aditi Singhvi – X, Yasha Chopra – XII, Vidushi Digga – XI, Suhani Soni – XII, Kalpana Rathore – XII and Khyati Soral - IX A (Alumni).



The Assam Valley School, Balipara, Sonitpur, Assam (2nd Inter-School Business Model Competition "Business Conclave")

A team of four students participated in the 2nd Inter School Business Model Competition held on **19th June** under AFS Exchange Programs conducted by **Assam Valley School, Balipara, Assam.** In the competition, teams were asked to create their own product and show its production, marketing, financial strategies in a presentation that they had to submit a day before the final day. Each team represented the following posts - CEO, CFO, Production Manager and Marketing Head.

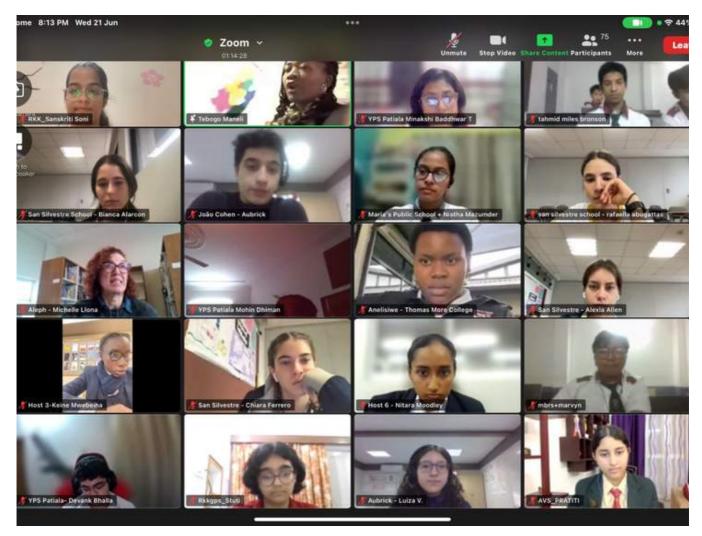
Four students from Class XII participated in this competition - *Shruti Rathi (CEO), Moulee Patawari (Production Manager), Avani Goyal (CFO), Shreaa Rathi (Marketing Head)* under the guidance of their teacher in charge, Mrs Sunita Gupta. Although they were not able to secure any position but they learnt how to co-ordinate with each other as a team and the presentations of other participating schools gave them a better insight of the new models and new products.



St Stithians Girls' College, South Africa (RS Zoom Postcard)

"Democracy is where people are their own rulers. Democracy is where the government is answerable to its people. But, Democracy can so be a regretful or a blessed decision taken by the people for themselves"

With zeal and enthusiasm to learn and leave back the comforts, a group of six girls from Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School attended a RS Zoom Call on **21st June 2023**. The call was hosted by the **St. Stithians College South Africa. The theme - 'Different types of Democracies',** basically emphasized on the working of Democracy in our respective countries and how is it functioning in the current scenario? RKKians took the opportunity to explore and broaden their horizons about other countries and their working systems. The representative students were Sanskriti Soni, Mehayee Kavia, Manui Kataria, Padamshri Deora, Stuti Arya, Yashna Parashar with their Student Adult Incharge- Jayani Singh Tomar. Our girls marked their presence on this international platform and gained recognition by their respective hosts.







"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes." – Marcel Proust

On **23rd June**, 3:30pm onwards **AFS Indore Chapter invited Principals, Teachers and Volunteers** to the monthly chapter meeting at **The Millennium School, Indore**. The Monthly Chapter Meet was conducted by Mrs. Roma Shah – Chapter President Indore and by Ms. Sarita Badhwar. It was a nice collaborative meeting wherein **Ms Amba Singh Jhabua** got an opportunity to meet various educators and AFS volunteers from different schools. A couple of things were discussed in the meeting-

### The venue for the monthly chapter meetings :

- YES Program (scholarship program) will be open to both member schools and non-member schools.
- Shishukunj International School, North Campus promoted one of their initiatives 'Digital Wellness Drive'.
- The drive focused on four areas: Digital Wellness, Digital Citizenship, Digital Etiquette and Digital Safety.
- Ms. Sarita Badhwar Ma'am also spoke on the AFS programs, the ideals of the AFS Intercultural Programs, Diversity and Global Competence Certificate Educator Program(GCC Educator).





# Crusaders of Change ! (Online Quiz) AFS India Activity

## I have learned, You are Never too Small to Make A Difference – **Greta Thunberg**

It's never easy to swim against the tide, but there are so many names from India, who have stood for things they believed in, went against all odds and did things that the world told them was impossible. Today, the communities to which these change makers belong are enjoying the fruits of their struggles, but how much do we know about them!

The activity 'Crusaders of Change' (Online Quiz) was an initiative taken by **'Pragnya Bodhini High School, Goregaon (East)** that invited students from AFS West Zone member schools to take part in an online quiz about 'Change Makers' from India. Firstly, the school registration was done. Only the registered schools took part in the Online Quiz. The participants from our school were **Adwitiya Saxena of Class – IX and Pari Salecha of Class - X.** The Quiz was conducted on the **24th June**, from 12pm-1pm. The participants were expected to answer a variety of questions about Changemakers, and their identity.

The participants did a lot of research work and preparation for the competition. During the process, they learnt a lot about the 'Crusaders of Change' and their valuable contribution towards the society. Seeking inspiration from these 'Crusaders of Change' was indeed a wonderful way to begin West Zone regional activities!





On **28th June 2023, Michael Ham Memorial College in Argentina organised a Round Square Zoom Postcard** event titled "What is the real meaning of Beauty." It aimed to gather insights from students around the world on the real meaning of beauty. Representing RKK were Harshita *Lakhawat, Kruti Rathi, Tanishka Jain, Rudrakshi Solanki, Shaambhavi Gulecha, I Nishika Pagaria, and Student Adult Incharge, Aadirtri Bhattacharjee.* 

During the 60-minute call, the host school, Michael Ham Memorial College, began by sharing a video about their perception of beauty. Subsequently, all participants were divided into breakout rooms, where engaging discussions and other activities took place. Thought-provoking questions such as "What is your understanding of beauty?", "Do you think that beauty is in appearance?", "How can we know that a person is truly beautiful?" and many more were explored. Various games were played, encouraging an interactive and inclusive environment. Returning to the main call, each school's representatives shared their thoughts on a movie or book they considered beautiful. This sharing session provided insights into different aspects and forms of beauty, emphasizing the significance of internal beauty. Furthermore, participants were enlightened about diverse cultural perspectives on beauty through presentations showcasing various countries' interpretations. We were provoked to explore and discuss beauty practices and beliefs in different countries. It was fascinating to learn about the different approaches people adopt to enhance their beauty and their varying definitions of what is considered beautiful in their lands; as the call drew to a close, we bid farewell with a sense of gratitude and appreciation for the valuable insights gained from this global exchange of perspectives on beauty.







Principal, Mrs Neera Singh received prestigious **Women in Education Award** on **22nd June 2023** at Devi Ratan IHCL SeleQtions in Jaipur conferred by **Rajasthan Education Leadership Awards 2023**.



Principal, Mrs Neera Singh was awarded with **"School Excellence Award- 2023"**. She was recognized for her outstanding work in the field of education by **Dainik Bhaskar (Leading Local News Publication)**.





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