



REPORT ON VIRTUAL MEET WITH PORTUGAL

To mark the celebration of International School Library Month (ISLM), an annual event of school libraries worldwide, Bal Bharati Public School, Noida organised a virtual meet with Agrupamento de Escolas de Ourique in Portugal on 14th September'20. Students from 4&5th standard joined the event and exchanged words, culture, music virtually with Ms Maria's class. An array of events marked the celebration – greetings in 5 regional dialects, along with English and Portuguese; an enlightening talk on the importance of reading by the Headmistress of the Primary Wing - Ms Vinaya Pujari and librarian of the Junior Wing - Ms Mamta Maggu; presentation of the classical 'teen taal kaida' on the classical Indian percussion instrument tabla by a student. We wrapped our part of cultural exchange by singing the national anthem with pride. Portuguese students spoke beautifully about themselves and shared their work. Their music teacher played a famous Portuguese folk song on guitar. Students from both the sides enjoyed each others company. It was an hour-long event which concluded with students from both countries clicking a group picture together. The event was telecasted live for all the students of classes IV-V.



An exhilarating cultural exchange between Indian and Portuguese students.



Ms. Vinaya (HM-Primary) highlighting the importance of reading folklore.



Taking students on a fun-ride virtually through India and Portugal.



A mellifluous presentation of Portuguese folksong by our friends.



Ms. Mamta shedding some light on what role books play in our life.



4th and 5th graders greeting their Portuguese friends in the regional dialect and exchanging words, ideas along with their favourite reads.

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Dear Mamta!
I think it is very important to respect other cultures and this cultural tour helped us learn more about your country and the students. I really enjoyed the respect shown by having our flag, the localization of our school (Google) and I loved the fact that it was a student that introduced the other students. I learned a lot because I had never done any activity like this. My students are: Afonso Guerreiro; Ana Palhinha; Diana Chambe; António Barro; Clara Ponte; Dinis Marques; Fabian Marterer; Jéssica Caeiro; João Jesus; João Morais; Júlia Palma; Maria Lobo; Miguel Camões; Rafaela Brás; Samuel Silva. Hope you are all safe and well.
Best regards
Maria Casimiro

A Note of appreciation from Ms Maria



Aditya wooing everyone with his classical performance 'teen-taal kaida' on tabla.