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### *From the Principal's Desk*

Dear Reader,

It has been a long and refreshing break from the monotony of the whole year. The summer holidays are now over, and the students now appear to be coming out of hibernation to resume their walk along the academic path. The whole juggernaut rising from the slumber and getting ready to move on its journey is a fascinating thing to witness.

After the euphoria of a good result in May, a kind of sluggishness had overtaken the whole system which was well-punctured by the energising asanas and pranayamas on the International Yoga Day on 21 June, 2023. These exercises set the tone for the coming workweeks and set the ball rolling.

The heat waves, on the other hand, necessitated the online classes to keep the academics on track. And the smoothness with which everything was conducted displayed the comprehensive and impeccable planning as well as preparation behind the whole process. The entire OMK team displayed utter dedication going beyond their limits to ensure things turn out as anticipated.

As the weather looks up and hopefully the offline classes are to resume, each of us needs to be on toes ensuring every cog in the wheel functions properly to keep the entire system running for the betterment of the taught.

We feel contented bearing in our minds the progress Open Minds has made by imbibing in its students an educational learning technology to produce a generation that is well in-formed and emotionally sound. After all this is the only faith our families have shown in us to make a difference in their child's schooling and we stay committed to it.

Wish you a happy reading!

Yours truly,  
Reshma Singh

*"Hope is a waking dream" - Aristotle*



## From the Sands of Time

One of the youngest known Holocaust  
Victim.....



# Anne Frank

**Born:** June 12, 1929 • [Frankfurt am Main](#) • [Germany](#).

**Died:** February 1945 or March 1945  
(aged 15) • [Bergen - Belsen](#) • [near Hannover](#) • [Germany](#).

**Notable Works:** "[The Diary of a Young Girl](#)"

**Notable Family Members:** father  
[Otto Frank](#)

Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!

....Anne Frank



Pages from  
'The Diary of A  
Young Girl'



## *Anne's first years*

Anne Frank was born in the German city of Frankfurt am Main in 1929. Anne's sister Margot was three years her senior. Unemployment was high and poverty was severe in Germany, and it was the period in which Adolf Hitler and his party were gaining more and more supporters. Hitler hated the Jews and blamed them for the problems in the country. He took advantage of the rampant antisemitic sentiments in Germany. The hatred of Jews and the poor economic situation made Anne's parents, Otto and Edith Frank, decide to move to Amsterdam. There, Otto founded a company that traded in pectin, a gelling agent for making jam.



## *Nazi Germany invades the Netherlands*

On 1 September 1939, when Anne was 10 years old, Nazi Germany invaded Poland, and so the Second World War began. Not long after, on 10 May 1940, the Nazis also invaded the Netherlands. Five days later, the Dutch army surrendered. Slowly but surely, the Nazis introduced more and more laws and regulations that made the lives of Jews more difficult. For instance, Jews could no longer visit parks, cinemas, or non-Jewish shops. The rules meant that more and more places became off-limits to Anne. Her father lost his company, since Jews were no longer allowed to run their own businesses. All Jewish children, including Anne, had to go to separate Jewish schools.

## *Anne has to go into hiding in the Secret Annex*

The Nazis took things further, one step at the time. Jews had to start wearing a Star of David on their clothes and there were rumours that all Jews would have to leave the Netherlands. When Margot received a call-up to report for a so-called 'labour camp' in Nazi Germany on 5 July 1942, her parents were suspicious. They did not believe the call-up was about work and decided to go into hiding the next day in order to escape persecution. In the spring of 1942, Anne's father had started furnishing a hiding place in the annex of his business premises at Prinsengracht 263. He received help from his former colleagues. Before long, they were joined by four more people. The hiding place was cramped. Anne had to keep very quiet and was often afraid.



## *Anne keeps a diary*

On her thirteenth birthday, just before they went into hiding, Anne was presented with a diary. During the two years in hiding, Anne wrote about events in the Secret Annex, but also about her feelings and thoughts. In addition, she wrote short stories, started on a novel and copied passages from the books she read in her Book of Beautiful Sentences. Writing helped her pass the time.

When the Minister of Education of the Dutch government in England made an appeal on Radio Orange to hold on to war diaries and documents, Anne was inspired to rewrite her individual diaries into one running story, titled *Het Achterhuis* (The Secret Annex).



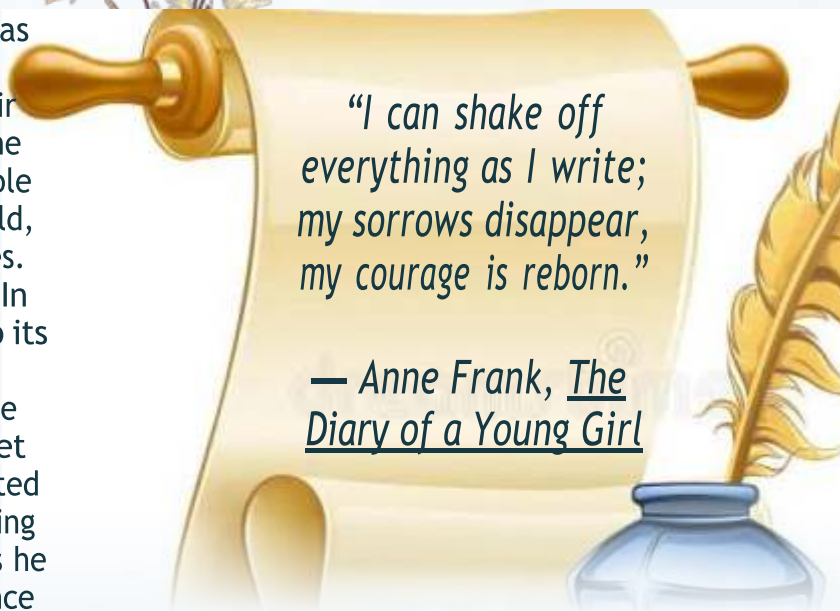
## *Anne dies from exhaustion in Bergen-Belsen*

Anne dies from exhaustion in Bergen-Belsen. In early November 1944, She was deported to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp with Margot. Their parents stayed behind in Auschwitz. The conditions in Bergen-Belsen were horrible too. There was a lack of food, it was cold, wet and there were contagious diseases. Anne and Margot contracted typhus. In February 1945 they both died owing to its effects, Margot first, Anne shortly afterwards. Anne's father Otto was the only one of the people from the Secret Annex to survive the war. He was liberated from Auschwitz by the Russians and during his long journey back to the Netherlands he learned that his wife Edith had died. Once in the Netherlands, he heard that Anne and Margot were no longer alive either.



*"I can shake off everything as I write; my sorrows disappear, my courage is reborn."*

— Anne Frank, *The Diary of a Young Girl*





## The Union with Universal Consciousness

The word yoga has been taken from the Sanskrit term 'Yuj' which signifies the union of soul with universal consciousness. This union expresses itself in a perfect harmony between mind and body, human and nature.

It puts all the clamour of the mind to rest and purifies the whole system of one's existence. One's understanding of the creation around one widens and life becomes a smooth sailing through the worldly affairs.

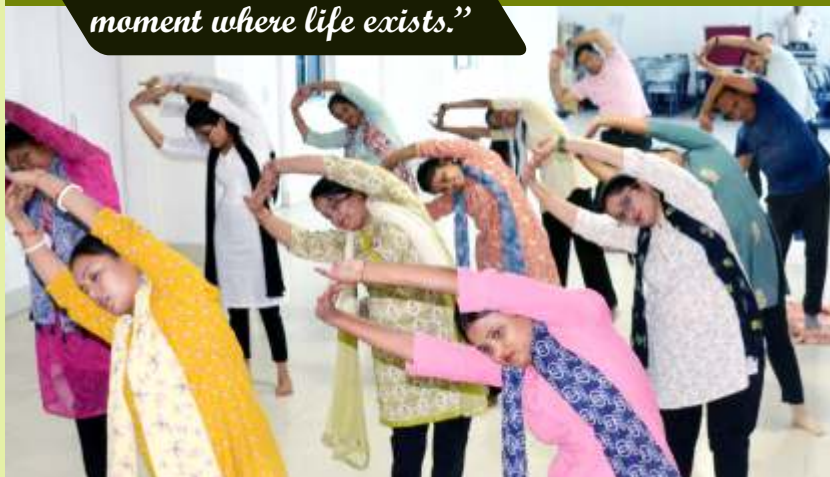
OMK too got into the yogic mode and expressed its solidarity with divine in impeccable postures and observance of the stances of yoga on the International Yoga Day (21 June, 2023). A glimpse...



*“Yoga is a mirror to look at ourselves from within.”*



*“Being into the present moment where life exists.”*



YOGA  
day

*“Not a work-out,  
it is a work in.”*

# YOGA day



"A journey of the self, through the self, to the self."



"Adding like to their year!"





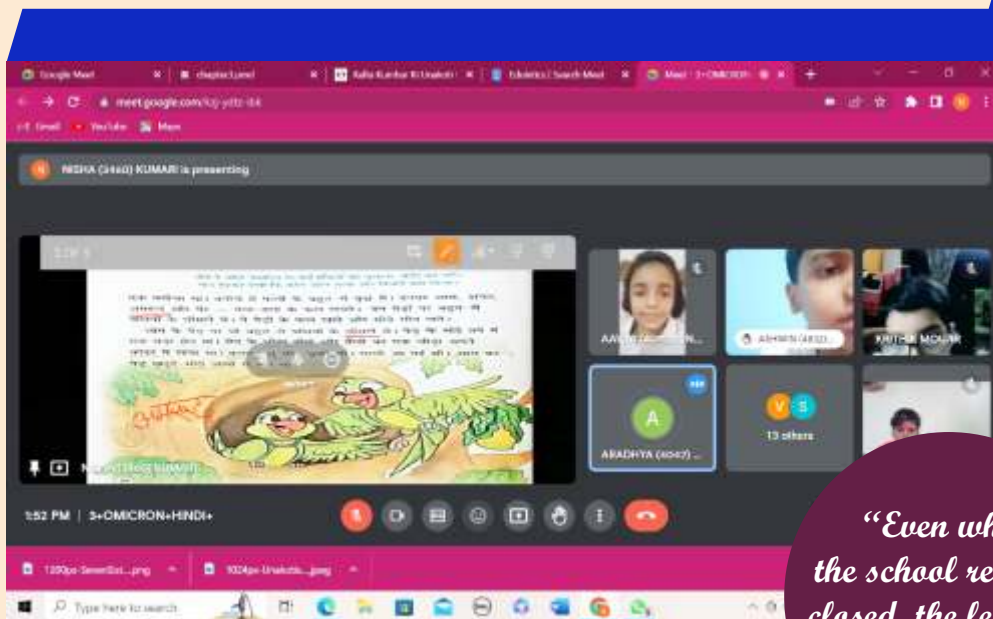
# Online Classes

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## The Summer Heat and the Online Classes

A journey once begun must not be giving in to obstructions like the treacherous heat of summer or the biting cold of winter. Staying true to this saying the OMK team got down to the nitty-gritty of the online classes when the city administration extended the summer holidays beyond the sanctioned deadline keeping in view the heat wave conditions prevailing in the northern part of the country.

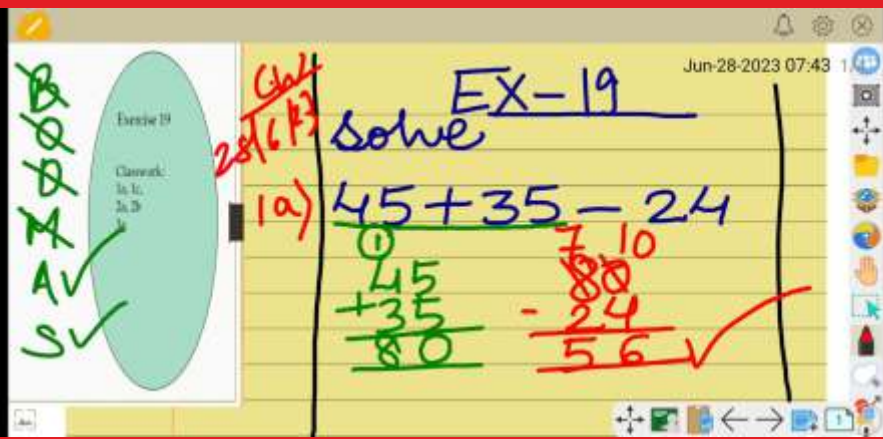
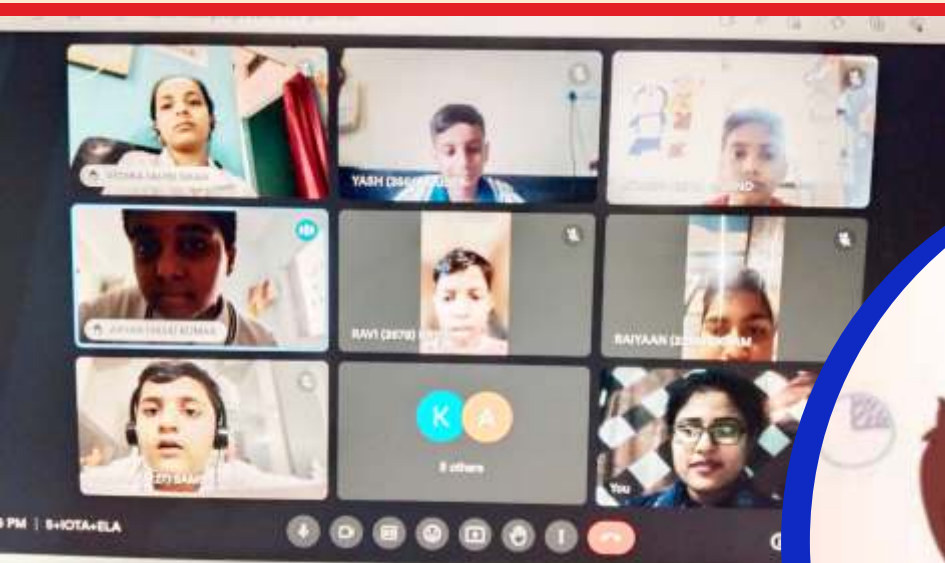
The entire team analysed the needs to conduct the same, made adequate preparations and conducted the online classes from 21 to 28 June, 2023 with notable success. A few representative images give the idea of the entire expedition...



*“Even when  
the school remains  
closed, the learning  
must go on.”*

Online  
Classes

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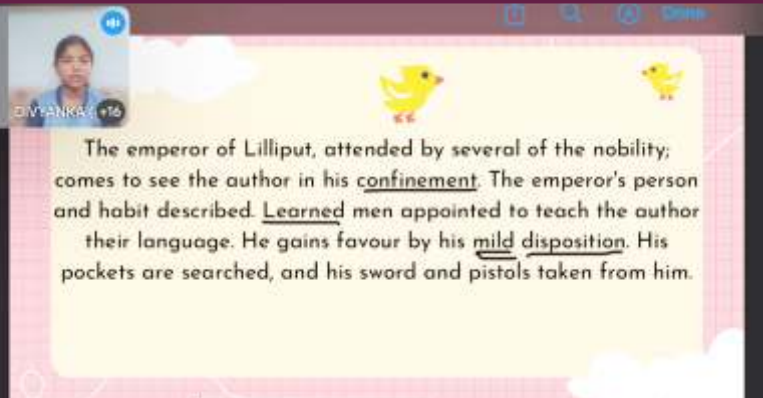
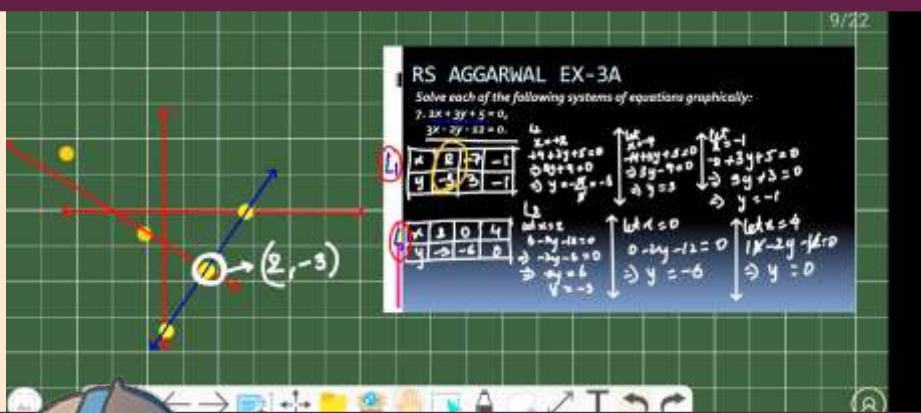
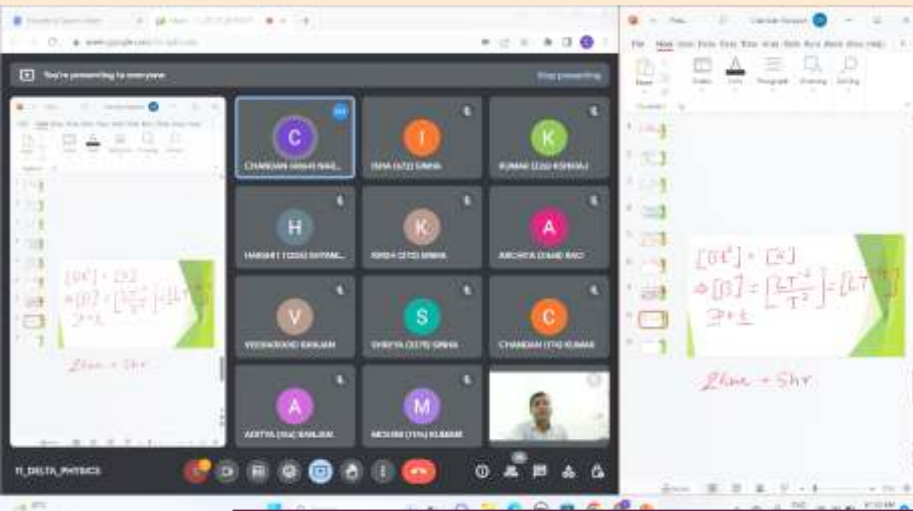


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“Offering the flexibility of learning from home with robust technology and innovative educators...”

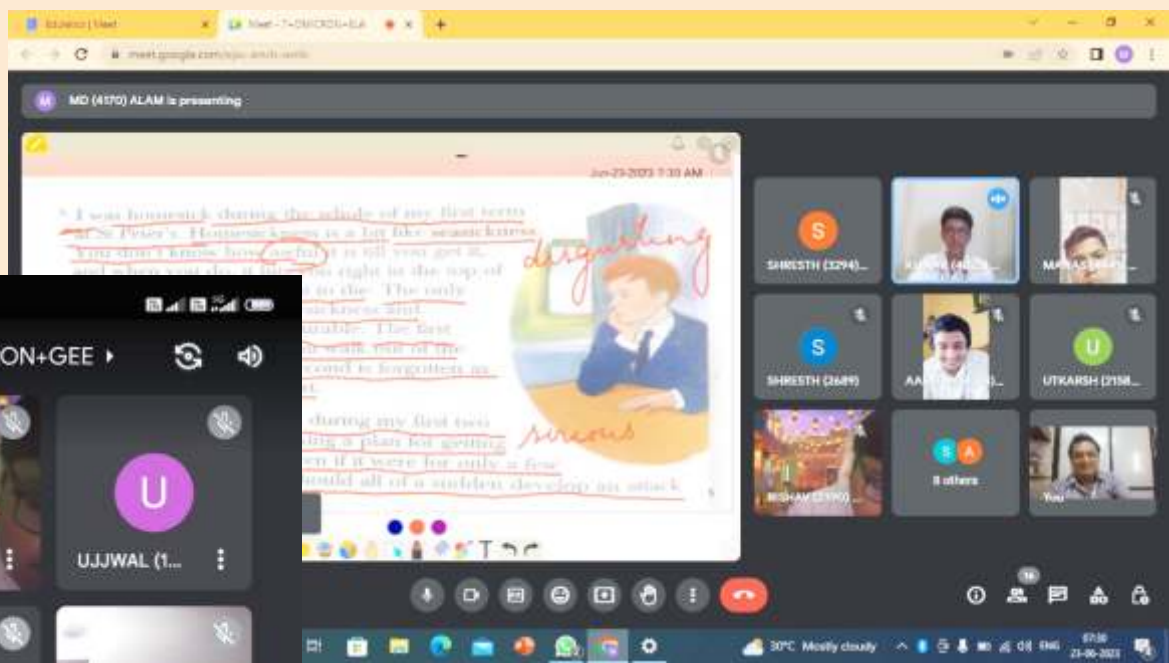


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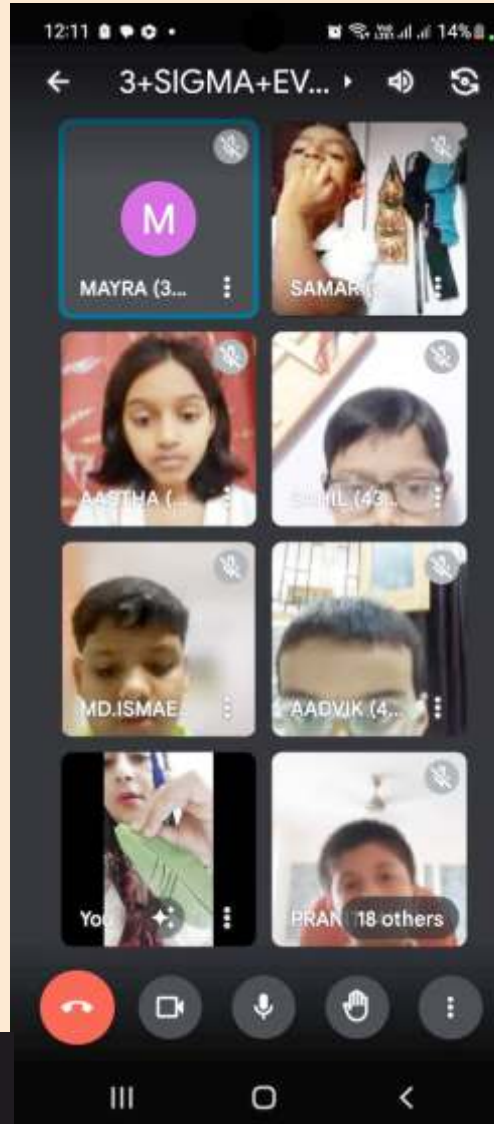


*"Online education is like a rising tide, it's going to lift all boats."*

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*"Bringing learning to pupil instead of pupil to tearing..."*

People come and go, but the memories they create stay forever. The same was to be witnessed in the sudden demise of an indispensable comrade of the OMK fraternity. One of the members of the security team, Jay Prakash, set off on a journey to infinite leaving all those behind him bereft and inconsolable.

A diligent and dutiful soul, he played his professional role with elan and integrity to the very last day of his life. His dedication to work and sincerity of purpose will always inspire us all to do our best through the thick and thin of our lives.

*Gratitude for your contribution!*

### *Soulful Tribute*

## **Late JAY PRAKASH**

11.01.1973 - 22.06.2023

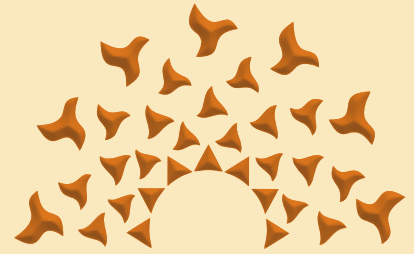


*“Greatly loved, deeply missed..:”*



*...Condolence Meeting...*





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