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From the Principal's Desk



Dear Readers,

I am delighted to write for this March-April 2023 edition of the School Newsletter.

We are always striving to think in a better manner, and I feel that the quality of our thinking depends on our mental models – how we understand a situation, form connections and the opportunities that we explore. It is very important to reflect on our thought process and it certainly helps us to think effectively and make constructive decisions. To be able to think mindfully, we need to challenge our intuitive perceptions and use it effectively; we can master our mental model by following a few steps:

- 😊 Reflecting on our thought patterns and trying to unlearn them.
- 😊 Questioning ourselves thought provoking questions to be aware of what we are thinking.
- 😊 Resisting in drawing conclusions and suspending our assumptions.
- 😊 Inquiring into other people's thinking and challenging their views.
- 😊 Seeking information to challenge our thinking with the facts.

So, let's introspect on the circle of competence and enhance our second order thinking for a more holistic outcome.

We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them—Albert Einstein

Happy Reading
Syamali Chowdhury

21st CENTURY SKILLS – THE NEED OF THE HOUR

21st century skills reflect the idea that the world has changed so fundamentally in the last few decades that the roles of learning and education in day-to-day living have also changed forever.

-Bernie Trilling and Charles Fadel



The aim of education is not just cognitive development, but character building too. Today, the world requires a multi-dimensional approach to teaching-learning offered by schools. Student engagement with hands-on and interdisciplinary learning are championed over conferring information. Hence, classrooms are no longer spaces for content and knowledge acquisition and rote memorization but they have transformed into learning labs where the focus has shifted to developing transferrable skills and competencies **to prepare students for the jobs that are yet to be created.**

National Education Policy 2020 outlines the importance of equipping students with the 21st century skills in order to nurture holistic and well-rounded individuals capable of steering themselves into the next era.

21st Century Skills are a range of competencies integrated into the curriculum that give students the quintessential skills they require to navigate the constantly evolving world. These include; the **Learning Skills** (4Cs) – Critical Thinking, Creativity & Innovation, Collaboration, Communication; the **Literacy Skills** (IMT) – Information Literacy, Media Literacy, Technology Literacy; and the **Life Skills** (FLIPS) – Flexibility & Adaptability, Leadership & Responsibility, Initiative & Self Direction, Productivity & Accountability, Social & Cross-Cultural Interaction (*adapted from 21st Century Skills- A Handbook*).

Our School has always been forward thinking. Many activities had been initiated to enhance the various skills in the students and to provide them with a variety of learning experiences that are challenging and futuristic in order to arm them with the required skill sets. To name a few, first and foremost questioning skills are encouraged to promote curiosity and the spirit of enquiry. Discussions on various topics are encouraged in every classroom to ensure sharing of individual perspectives and thoughts. The teaching-learning activities are designed to be research based, interactive and experiential, keeping in mind the learning outcomes which should align with the skill development of each student.

Moreover, the classroom learning sessions are creative, collaborative, and exploratory for students to develop a deeper understanding of the concepts and to adopt a global growth mindset. Children thrive in our multicultural environment and gradually learn to take accountability and ownership of their learning. At the end of their schooling at Birla Open Minds International School, they metamorphose into versatile future ready global citizens, capable of taking on any challenge that they may face or assuming any new role that may come their way.

Beena Govind
Vice Principal

EXPRESSIONS

THE POWER OF FICTIONAL CHARACTERS

Fictional characters have been a part of our lives since we were children. From comics, to movies to cartoons, we're exposed to a myriad of characters every

single day. But have you ever stopped to think about the psychological impact these characters have on us?

Fictional characters are created to be relatable, whether they're superheroes or everyday people. They have personalities, quirks, and emotions that are meant to create a connection with the audience. Hence, we become interested in their stories and find ourselves thinking about them long after the book is closed or the movie is over.

One reason for this is because fictional characters can serve as role models. They can show us how to be brave, kind, and compassionate, or they can show us what not to do.

For example, Harry Potter's bravery and loyalty are traits that many readers admire and mimic. On the other hand, the manipulative and selfish actions of characters like Voldemort can teach us what not to do. Another way fictional characters can impact us is through their relatability. We often see parts of ourselves in these characters. Whether it's their struggles, triumphs, or personality traits, we can often relate to them in

some way. This connection can make us feel less alone and more understood.

For example, many viewers of the series "Stranger Things" saw themselves in the character of Eleven, who struggles with feeling like an outsider and not fitting in with the people around her.

But the influence of the fictional characters can also have negative psychological effects. For instance, unrealistic beauty standards portrayed in some media can lead to body image issues and a distorted perception of beauty as well as complexion shaming.

Additionally, characters with problematic behaviors can lead to the

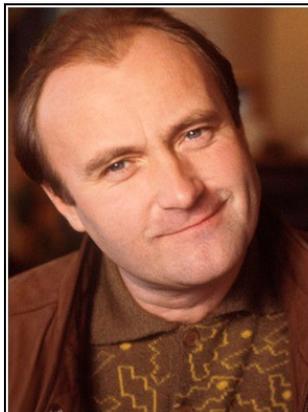
normalization of harmful actions and attitudes like anger issues, crimes, cult behavior etc.

In conclusion, fictional characters have a profound psychological impact on us. They can inspire us to be the best version of ourselves or reinforce harmful beliefs and behaviors.

As consumers of media, it's important to be aware of the messages that fictional characters are sending and to critically analyze their influence on us.



Sai Sri Aishwarya Grade 12A



Before you write - remember that every speech has something of 'you' in the writing. Don't take that away when you write. Be yourself. Be comfortable in your own skin.

— Phil Collins —

AZ QUOTES

EXPLORE YOUR INNER SELF

We all have a zone, don't we? The one we are happy and comfortable in. Generally, no one likes coming out of this zone as it provides security in doing what we love. What if I told you, your comfort zone is a dangerous place for you to be stuck in, what a turn of events, isn't it?

Beyond your comfort is where the actual magic happens. It's where we can grow, learn, and develop in a way that helps us do things beyond what we thought was possible (for us to do). Now back to where our comfort zone is a "Dangerous Place". For me, an example of being beyond my comfort zone is WRITING. Believe it or not, I am scared of writing as I used to score less in creative writing. But, today, I am here writing this article for the school magazine. Being stuck in your comfort zone stops you from achieving all the things you can achieve and makes you blue. So I have a few tips for you to step out of your comfort zone which are as follows:

- Positivity is the greatest cure for one's fear towards a certain issue, so try 'Positivity'.
- Tell yourself that you're trying this new thing, or you'll "take away" another daily activity you enjoy.
- Some good self-talk can be helpful in moments that scare you to step out of your comfort zone.
- If you are very comfortable doing something, then it's time to move away and try new things.

In conclusion, all I want to say is that staying in the bubble wrap may seem sweet and sturdy, but coming out of it and letting yourself grow and do legal things is much more lively.

Havya Puppala

THE MORNING STROLL



Once I took a morning stroll
It purified my body whole
There was a little bird singing
on a tree
Happy and flourished,
warm and free.

The sun rose up in a happy
smile
I could have walked up to a
mile
Took little steps with a light
rustle,
Saw the naughty rain had
made puddles.

Jump, Jump, Jump!

Thump Thump Thump!
My shoes were wet,
But I was in no mood to go
home yet!
Dewdrops shone in the
light
Dawn now ruled over the
night.

This was the time I really
loved
Birds flew over me above.
I might have loved a vaca-
tion in the west,
But this experience was
the best!

Thwisha
Grade 7C



REFLECTION OF THE SUN



A beautiful
dawn sky
with the sun rising,
wakes up everyone with a
morning smile.
birds chirping with
delight,
bright colours of orange
and yellow across the sky,
reflecting on water
like diamonds
with gorgeous,
shimmering light

Sanafia Mohamed Ansari
Grade7B



DAWN



Oh! The beautiful dawn!
In sometime, it'll be gone!
All the birds chirping away,
Saying, "What a good day!"
Over the world
Counting its charm,
Yet it brings no harm;
Oh! The enchanting
dawn!
Soon it shall be
gone!

Alaap Chakraborty
Grade – 7B



Dawn is the time when darkness
becomes light,
A time when darkness disappears
from sight,
The purple veil slowly fades away,
To reveal another brand new day.

Up in the trees,
the little birds awake,
And a pretty chorus, they do now
make.
There is no other music on the
Earth,
As quiet, as
sweet...
As their cheerful
chorus of twitter and
tweets.

Harshita Kuna
Grade - 7B



SCIENCE AND STUDENTS

Science is the key to our modern world,
It's the reason we can fly high and low.
From atoms to galaxies, science reveals,
The secrets of nature that it conceals.

In the hands of students,
science is power,
To make discoveries,
and to never tremble
With curiosity and a quest to explore,
In the hearts and minds of students
who embark,

On a journey to learn and understand,
Science education ignites a spark
Science teaches students
to think critically,

To question and analyze, And to solve
problems that persist.
In science, we find the solutions,
To the problems that plague our daily
motions.



From climate change
to medical advances,
Science gives us the tools
to take chances.

Science is hope,
To create a better world
and help us cope,

With the challenges that we face today,
And build a brighter tomorrow without delay.

So the students who have the fire,
To pursue science and its wonders,
let us encourage and inspire,

And to become our future
scientists and ponderers.

Gauhar Naaz
Grade - 12 A



THE GIRL IN THE DARK

There she goes,
With the golden deer at her toes.
The forest reminds her
Of the whisper inside,
That she had cast aside.
The darkness in the forest keeps getting
spookier.
But even the growth of the darkness
Is nothing compared to her fear.
Suddenly she realizes
That she had made quite some sacrifices.
And now the deer has left her,
standing alone in the forest
There is no sight of its golden fur.
Not surprisingly, she wants
to stop
But she knows she has to
keep going
And keep the RIVER OF life



DAWN FROM MY WINDOW

Misty morning's dawn arises
The birds chirping everywhere,
The Sun and hopes
are rising
To start a new day!

It's shining bright
and radiant,
glowing big and
colourful,
With mixed up colours together
Like red, orange, yellow...
With a bit of golden hue altogether.



It stays up all day
and gets so tired,
That it falls asleep at
dusk,
And a new dawn awakens
tomorrow.

Akshaya Kora
Grade - 7A



A TALE OF THREE KNIGHTS

There once was a
king who had three
knights, Three
brave knights who
were born to fight.



The Kingdom was happy with
Darkness out of the way, Well,
that is what they say.
An enemy with a heart
as cold as ice,
Had invaded to make the
kingdom pay a price.

A price for defeating them be-
fore, The three knights knew he
wanted more.
The three strong knights fought
as hard as they could,
But they knew It was them
who should,
Sacrifice a special object each,
For they knew Evil would reach
They each gave a Gift, Each be-
ing from the king,

Knowing at the end,
They did not have a
choice.
First knight gave A goblet,
Filled with the water of
happiness, Saying it would
bring joy,
At times others can't.
Second knight gave a
compass, That pointed to-
wards success,
Saying It would help make
hard decisions, Which
would help know what to
do and what not.
The Third Knight gave a
robe,
A Robe of compassion.
Saying if worn,
Will give them a boost to
do what they can achieve.

Arohi Kini
Grade - 6D

MY DAY IN DAWN TIME

The morning sky is pink and
blue,
A day which is totally new.
Forgetting the past and being
the first,
Beautiful sounds of animals
which are loud,
As your heart pounds on the
open grounds.
Looking at the fog and sitting
on a log.
Knitting a cloth besides a moth,
Land full of cheers whistling in
the ears,
The sky is now purple and blue,
Until it goes totally new .

Vrinda
Grade - 7B





WORLD HEALTH DAY

The students of Grade-6 organized a special assembly to commemorate the 75th year of World Health Day. Learners shared their perspective on what good health meant to them, how to take care of health and concluded with an aerobic session followed by an oath to Stay Healthy.

The young minds made use of this opportunity to create awareness among their peers and provided suggestions to tackle the health challenges faced by the world in this 21st Century.

RISE AND SHINE

WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY



YES! WE CAN END TB! - the theme for this year's World TB Day.

Reaching people early with care can prevent death and suffering was the message conveyed by the students on World TB Day, 24th March. Students of Grade 10 B raised awareness to step up efforts to end the global TB epidemic.

The students spoke about the symptoms, prevention and cure of the disease. The programme ended with a quiz conducted by the students.

AMBEDKAR JAYANTI

“Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence” - Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

A special assembly was conducted on 13th April 2023 by the students of Grade 10 D to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar and his contributions to the people of India. Baba Saheb was the voice of the socially oppressed and dedicated his life to the upliftment of the marginalized sections of society. His iconic life and noble thoughts continue to guide the nation. The highlight of the programme was a powerful skit presented by students depicting the important aspects of Dr. Ambedkar's life. The students read the preamble and the choir sang a patriotic song.

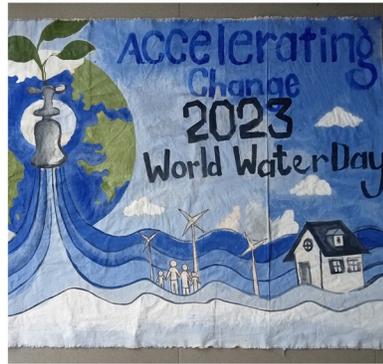


WORLD WATER DAY

The World Water Day is all about accelerating change to solve the water and sanitation crisis.

On the occasion of World Water Day, Grades 9-12 got together to create awareness on the importance of water conversation.

Grade 10A presented a special assembly spreading the importance of saving water through a short talk, a poem recitation and a captivating dance performance. Students across Grades 9-12 participated in a collaborative art work on canvas to endorse their commitment to Water Conservation.



SELF DISCOVERY

BLOCK CENTERS

“ Play is the work of the child”

Kindergarten students creatively built castles and models with the blocks in the classroom “Block Centres”. Children playing with blocks create a wide variety of developmental skills, including manipulating objects, creating structures, and working together.



RED COLOUR DAY



The ‘Red Colour Day’ was observed to introduce the Pre -Primary kids into a realm of hues. The tiny tots looked stunning in their red outfits. The ‘Red Day’ celebration was a wonderful learning activity which helped children to sort and classify objects based on their colour thereby reinforcing cognitive skills.

FINE MOTOR DEVELOPMENT



An activity Paint with Me was conducted to develop the fine motor skills of students of K2 . They painted the picture using Cotton Buds in their art activity class.

FUN WITH MOVEMENT



Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning’
The young energetic learners of Pre-Primary participated in an outdoor activity - ‘ Fun with Movements’ with the various patterns and shapes designed by the teachers. This activity was conducted to challenge their ability to balance well and to coordinate their movements.

OUR SENSE ORGANS



“All our knowledge begins with the senses.” - Immanuel Kant
The five senses - sight , taste, touch, hearing and smell- collect information about our environment that are interpreted by the brain. Our young learners of Grade 2 had a fun-filled hands- on activity to reinforce the topic covered in the Theme “All About Myself” and learned that sense organs help our body to respond to different stimuli.

SANDWICH MAKING

Fostering life skills in kids is a great way to encourage independence, develop fine - motor skills, and promote self-confidence. A sandwich making activity was organized for our young learners. While cherishing their first successful attempt in making their own sandwiches, they also learnt and understood the importance of maintaining good hygiene while preparing food and eating healthy food.





VISIT TO NEIGHBOURHOOD

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”

School field trips provide every student with real-world experiences. Our grade 1 students visited different ‘Neighborhoods.’

They visited the Petrol Bunk, Railway Station, Railway Police Station, Bank and Super Market.

This hands-on experience helped the students to understand the topic better as they got an opportunity to interact with the Station Master, Railway Inspector and Bank Manager.

FIELD TRIPS



PRISM HOSPITALITY

“ Don’t just tell children about the world, take them around.”

Our Pre- primary students visited Prism Kitchen and Bakery to experience new venues. Students visited the Kitchen, Store Room and Bakery. They observed how cupcakes, bread and rotis are made using different machines. This field trip helped them in making connections with the world around them.

MINI HUMANOID ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

"The best way to predict the future is to invent it". This quote stands true on the basis of robotics, an engineering marvel blended with AI, machines and coding. It breaks the boundaries of the 21st century, creating an ecosystem of ideation and innovation. Robotics has been changing the way we live every aspect of life. It has the potential to revolutionize the world as we know it now and create a difference in the world of tomorrow. "Robotics is the future in the palm of your hands".



Robotics has the potential to transform students with appropriate knowledge into future pioneers in the world of AI and Machine learning. Taking this as an initiative, a two- day Mini Humanoid Workshop was organized on 20th and 21st March 2023 to focus on enabling the child's potential and creating a common ground for exploration and innovation. While day one helped in evoking the participants' learning potential, day two put their intelligence to test with 10 teams working hard to make their own robot through coding, machine arrangement and innovation. This led the top 5 teams to the national round conducted at



IIT Hyderabad on 15th and 16th of April 2023. The Tchradiance Mini Humanoid Championship featured participation from various schools around India and consisted of three rounds. Round 1 consisted of a multiple-choice exam, Round 2 consisted of a presentation and live demonstration, and Round 3 consisted of live task-based programming. The event attracted 3000 students, unimaginable stakes, infinite ideas and an undying passion which was truly an experience to be cherished for life.

ECONOMICS IN DAILY LIFE

Economics is everywhere and understanding economics can help you take better decisions and lead a happier life- Taylor Cowen

Students of Economics of Grade 12 took part in a Group Presentation on National Income and Related Aggregates providing them a better understanding of the concept.

Economics has a great influence on life. As economy goes through rapid changes, it becomes important to understand Economics well through hand on learning.

While doing so, it is imperative to provide students opportunities to acquire analytical skills to observe and understand the economic realities.



BIOLOGY FIELD ACTIVITY

Learning is not a product of teaching. Learning is the product of the activity of learners.

Hands-on activities are the best way to learn Biological Science.

The students of Grade 12 were provided an opportunity to understand vegetative propagation in the school's Botanical Garden. The study included propagation by stem, root and leaves.

The students also got an opportunity to study the sexual reproduction in maize, sweet pea and sunflower planted especially to give a real learning experience to the students.



VISIT TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

“Democracy is not merely a form of Government. It is primarily a mode of associated living, of conjoint communicated experience. It is essentially an attitude of respect and reverence towards our fellow men.” - Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

Our students were invited to the Legislative Assembly of Telangana on 12th April 2023 for an amazing learning experience. They witnessed the announcement of the first ever Under -18 Elections.

Samaira Chadha of Grade 12 and Gatik Mehta of Grade 10 were thrilled at the opportunity they were provided with, to articulate their views on politics in front of the audience. The students even had the privilege of a tour of the Telangana Vidhan Sabha (Legislative Assembly)- the lower house of the legislature.



ROLL AND SLIDE

“ Pure Mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas.”

As a part of the Bridge Course activities, Grade 2 students recapitulated the topic ‘Objects that can Roll and Slide’, through a practical experiment .

The students explored the kinds of shapes that could roll and slide using various objects. This activity helped students to discover some of the attributes of solid shapes.



ART INTEGRATION IN MATHEMATICS

“Everything around you is Mathematics”

- Shankuntala Devi

As a part of the Bridge Course Activity, Grade 2 students recapitulated the topic, ‘2D and 3D Shapes’ in Mathematics through Art Integration. The students used their creativity in making beautiful houses using different shapes. This “Collage and Shape” activity helped the student to learn about design, pattern making, dimension, composition and also develop their concentration skills.

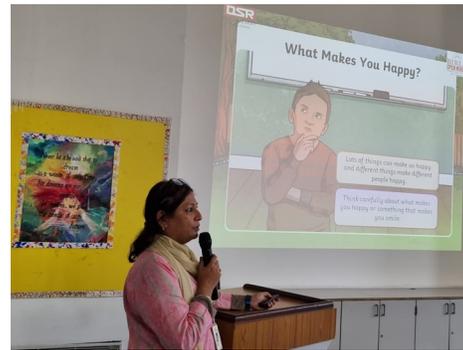




CULTURAL DIVERSITY

“Diversity: the art of thinking independently together.” Malcolm Forbes.

The Grade 4 students presented the theme ‘Cultural Diversity’ with great enthusiasm and joy bringing out the message that beauty of the world lies in the diversity of its people. Once you understand and appreciate other people’s cultural backgrounds, then you can connect with them better.



INTERNATIONAL HAPPINESS DAY

Happiness depends upon ourselves."-Aristotle.

"Be Mindful, Be Grateful, Be Kind."

Students celebrated the “International Day of Happiness” by sharing their happiness and gratitude with their family, friends, teachers and peers. A reflection activity helped the students realize their own amazing attributes and cherish them. They also understood how important it was to lead a happy life and suggested various ways to create happiness for oneself and for others. The takeaway was that sharing happiness with everyone, noting and appreciating what we must be thankful for, even these little things would make us feel happier and more fulfilled. in life.

VIRTUAL VISIT TO THE MUSEUM



“A visit to a museum is a search for beauty, truth and meaning in our lives. Go to museums as often as you can” - Maria Kalman

The students of Grade 7 attended a session which was conceptualized by Dr. A.P. Jayaraman, founder of the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) Academy in collaboration with Dr Bhau Daji Lad Museum.

The students enjoyed a virtual tour of the 150 year old museum. An interactive session was delivered by Huzaifa Sarang with an introduction to the origin of shields, types of shields and the physics involved in making the shields.

The session concluded with a thought provoking question “Can we use liquid alloys to make shields and weapons?”

INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Learners of Grade-6 participated in Trash to Treasure competition keeping in mind the Theme of 2023 “Invest in our Planet”. This activity enabled the creative hands to reuse items to design masterpiece artifacts to treasure them and help in reducing the trash footprint.



Our Environmental Stewards of Grades 1 and 2 enthusiastically participated in the Inter House Competition to sensitize and create awareness about the importance of Earth Day Celebration to promote conservation and sustainability. Students thoughtfully presented their picture talk on various topics about protecting Mother Earth and conserving the Environment.

OUR CELEBRATIONS

UGADI CELEBRATION



Ugadi, a new Samvatsaradhi, is a joyous celebration that signifies the fading of cold days as the warm weather sets in. The Ugadi Pachhadi that's made especially on this auspicious day also teaches us that life is a mix of all emotions and we should accept it in its real sense. The glimpses of CBSE Grades 6-8 celebrating Ugadi at school on March 21, 2023, speaks volumes about the gaiety, grandeur and hope with which the Telugu New Year is welcomed.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

“The Earth is what we all have in common.” Wendell Berry



The Grade 1 and 2 students celebrated ‘World Earth Day’ through a skit presentation on ‘Happy and Sad Earth’ by the teachers.

Students participated in ‘Hug a Tree’ activity, by expressing gratitude to the trees and plants for all the things they get from the trees.

The students learnt that it is important to conserve trees for a healthier life and a happier future.



The students of Grades 9-12 participated in Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competitions, reflecting on the theme for 2023 - Invest in our Planet.

The activity was also conducted as part of CBSE initiative-Mission Life Style for Environment.

GRADUATION DAY

Graduation is an exciting time. It marks the ending of the carefree school life and the beginning of the exciting college life. It's warm memories of the past and big dreams for the future.

The Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2022-23 was organized on 15th April 2023. The students were presented with certificates of recognition.

A detailed report of the student's academic and co-curricular achievements were presented before the proud parents who were present to witness the ceremony.

It was a day of accomplishment and joyful reflection, a day to reminisce the good times spent in school with your friends and teachers.

Congratulations Class of 2022-23!



FAREWELL - GRADE XII- 2022-23 BATCH



'Set your goals high and always dream big. Because you are only as big as the dreams you dare to live.'

Every ending has a new beginning. A farewell party was organized for the Class of 2022-23.

The students had a gala time with their batch mates in the school premises. They participated in fun games organized by the teachers.

Each student was conferred with a title, based on their strength and personality. As their title was called out each student ramp walked towards the dais.

Students danced on their favourite numbers and enjoyed delicious food arranged for them.

PRIDE OF BIRLA OPEN MINDS

PRAMERICA'S EMERGING VISIONARIES 2023

'To be realistic today is to be a visionary. To be realistic is to be starry-eyed'.

Hubert H. Humphery



Sai Sri Aishwarya, our student of Grade 12, won the silver medal in Pramerica's Emerging Visionaries 2023 contest. This is a national recognition program that awards student change makers who bring about a positive impact on their communities with their innovative solutions to financial and societal challenges. Sai Sri Aishwarya was recognized for her "Content for Public Awareness & Consumption." She created multiple comics as creative tools to spread awareness and address issues such as Covid vaccination, lifestyle diseases, gut health, oral health etc.

HEALTH & NUTRITION



"In health there is freedom. Health is the first of all liberties."

At the threshold of World Health Day, on 4th of April, a session by Dr. P Venkata Swathi Ramani, Consultant Pediatrician, Asthma & Allergy specialist at CARE hospital was arranged for Grades 5 to 7 to provide them a sneak peak into Health and Nutrition.

Students enjoyed listening to the speaker's tips on choosing healthy food and discussed with her healthy habits and eating goals that can lead towards a sound lifestyle.

SPARK SPEAK

KREA UNIVERSITY SESSION

Critical Thinking is a journey of, articulating and evaluating- through a series of phenomena taking place around us. It helps in developing the student's logical reasoning skills while throwing light on research and observation.

Through the workshop conducted by Ms. Neha Mishra, faculty of Centre for Writing and Pedagogy, KREA University, students understood the process of converting doubt into trust and working forward to create an ecosystem of ideating, researching and reaching a judgment while defying all odds and achieving their goals.



PARENT ORIENTATION

At the end of the day the most overwhelming key of a child's success is the positive involvement of the Parents - Jane D Hull

Birla Open Minds believes in shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents. It is important to apprise the parents and orient the parents about the expectations of the curriculum for the Secondary Years and the ideologies and goals of the school. The Parent Orientation was conducted for CBSE Grade 9 focusing on Scholastic and Co Scholastic details, Assessment Policy, Summer Internship Programme, Career and College Guidance & Support and the expected code of conduct for the students.



ANTI-BULLYING

"Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it. Right is right even if no one is doing it." - St. Augustine

An Anti-Bullying workshop was conducted by the School Counselors to raise awareness on bullying, its consequences and how to prevent it.



SPORTS / YOGA



YOGA— THE SCIENCE OF SOUL

"Yoga is a mirror to look at ourselves from within." - B K S Iyengar

A child's all-inclusive and all-embracing growth begins with better health.

The students had an engaging session on Importance of Yoga in Daily Life on March 27, 2023 as part of their Life Skills subject – Soul Science. Students enjoyed performing Surya Namaskar along with other Yogasanas. The school believes in showing our young generation ways to achieve better health which is the primary necessity towards a better world tomorrow.



MALKA LAKSHMI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 2023

***“Talent wins games but teamwork and intelligence wins championship”-
Michael Jordan***

Our students added yet another feather to their cap by clinching the U-14 Boys’



Runners up trophy, while U-14 Girls’ Team and U-16 Girls’ Team secured Third position in the Malka Lakshmi Inter School Basketball Tournament 2023 held at Pallavi International School, Gandipet, Hyderabad on 12,13, 19 & 20 April



2023.

Our Basketball Teams gave a tough competition to their rival teams and exhibited team spirit and camaraderie to clinch the Silver and the Bronze.

Kudos to Team BOMIS for yet another stunning performance !



CODING SESSION

‘An Hour of Coding for a Lifetime of Knowledge.’

“Most people won’t grow up to become professional computer scientist or programmers, but those skills of thinking creatively, reasoning systematically, working collaboratively- are things that people can use, no matter what they’re doing in their work lives.”

To equip our young learners with these skills, a session on coding was conducted for pre- primary teachers by Ms. Priti Ambekar, Head of Preschool and Early Childhood Care Education - ECCED “



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION

LEADERS AS COACHES

A Coach speaks a universal language that brings about change and learning.

A marvelous session on ‘Leaders as Coaches’ was conducted for the leadership team by our CEO, Ms. Pratima Sinha. The session focused on the transforming leaders as coaches.

Coach, being the center of the team, unlocks the person's potential to maximize their performance.

It’s imperative for coaches to empower the team members and help them become leaders and coaches of tomorrow.



CAREER GUIDANCE

The future depends on what you do today –Mahatma Gandhi

The marvelous academic year 2023-24 commenced from March 2023 with a huge cohort of students. Birla Open Minds strongly believes in providing a stimulating environment to the students to recognize and achieve their fullest potential, empowering them and making them future ready. Various sessions were organized for the students and parents on the same lines in the month of April 2023 .

- Orientation, introduction and CIALFO platform launch for students and parents of Grades 8 -12 was organized on 6th April 2023.
- Right Fit University, an online session was organized for the students of Grade 12 by Team CIALFO.
- CIALFO University Destination Survey was conducted to understand the preferences of the Grade 12 students for university admissions which would help render support during their university application process.
- Clever Harvey: Entrepreneurship Master Class was organized for the students of Grades 9-12 which gave an insight into the Junior MBA programmes.

PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT SESSION

‘Dress the way you want to be addressed so that you can manage yourself before others manage you.’

A session providing an amazing insight into the importance of grooming was conducted for the Leadership Team .

The session emphasized on the fact that well groomed people create an ever lasting impression and grab the first opportunity to exhibit their performance and to create success story for themselves. The focus was not on changing oneself but on adapting to the environment.



“Education must move towards less content, and more towards learning about how to think critically and solve problems, how to be creative and multidisciplinary, and how to innovate, adapt, and absorb new material in novel and changing field.”

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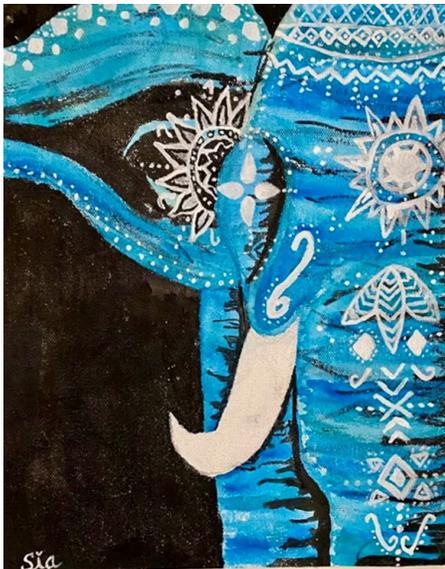


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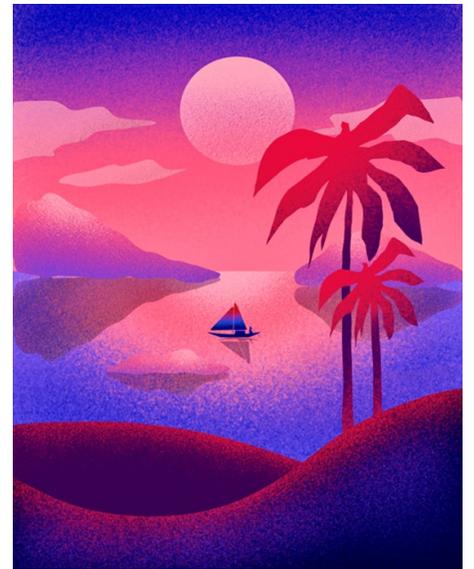


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Pedagogy must evolve to make education more experiential, holistic, integrated, inquiry- driven, discovery—oriented, learner—centered, discussion- based, flexible, and of course enjoyable.

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