

ECHOES



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Blessing Ceremony - Grade X

EVENTS

Blessing Ceremony

“When you focus on being a blessing, God makes sure that you are always blessed in abundance.”

– Joel Osteen

The Management & The Staff showered their blessings on the students of grades X & XII with utmost love and affection on 18th January 2020. We look forward to see our students grow as an independent individual who can demonstrate righteousness in their actions and dignity in their ways. Let their words bring happiness to others and their actions bring hope. Let them be cheerful today and always and let them spread their goodness all around. The CEO, The Principal, The Heads & Teachers made this day a very special one for all students by felicitating and blessing them. The Teachers and students shared their feelings and thoughts about what their future holds & how best they can use their potential. An audio-visual presentation was shown which captured the special moments spent by our dear students at Birla Open Minds International School. **May God Bless them always.** The skills and personality traits of the students were meticulously observed by the teachers and felicitated by our CEO, Ms. Pratima Sinha and Principal Ms. Syamali Chowdhury.

“May blessings and happiness attend every step of your progress in this world”- Swami Vivekananda



Fire Evacuation Drill

On 10th January 2020, fire evacuation drill was conducted for the students and staff to adopt precautionary measures during unforeseen emergency situations.

The periodical drill conducted twice in the academic year helps each and everybody to be physically & mentally alert to deal with emergency situations. The students no longer panic during fire alarm announcement, they are aware of the emergency evacuation, the pathways to follow, to remain calm during an emergency situation and assembling in a safe place after evacuation.

It is a very important life skill to be responsible and equip each and every student with leadership skills for being ready to take charge of their own safety and others as well. The meticulous planning and execution of the evacuation team, first aid team and counselling team made this drill a success.



Makar Sankranti



The harvest festival, Makar Sankranti marks the end of winter solstice. To experience the festivity, the energetic teachers organized the celebration with great zeal and enthusiasm. The Special Assembly was dedicated to our farmers, the importance of this festival was highlighted through the display of Bommala Koluva (thematic display of dolls and toys, rangoli making & cooking the sweet pongal). The students dressed in traditional attire danced around the bonfire while the teachers sang the traditional songs to add to the festive spirit. Students enjoyed many fun activities, traditional games & watched a short movie while munching popcorns and eating scrumptious traditional lunch. May the Makar Sankranti fire burn all the moments of sadness and bring joy, love and warmth being together with family and friends.

Republic Day Celebrations



The Patriotic Spirit was well displayed by the students. They came dressed as National Leaders and Freedom Fighters expressed their love and affection towards our mother India. The students demonstrated Unity in Diversity while they represented their own state – the food, culture, dance forms etc. through the innovative Show and Tell Activity taking pride in the rich cultural heritage of India. Flag hosting was conducted by the Principal Ms. Syamali Chowdhury.

Theme Culmination

The ‘Theme Culmination of Theme 3 and 4 was beautifully executed by integrating all the core subjects. The event began with the Physical education activities like Yoga display by grade 2 students, Lezim performance displayed by Grade 4 students, Aerobics by Grade 1, Dumbbells by Grade 3 students and finally Zumba fitness exercise by our adorable Grade 1 students. Thereafter, parents were invited to see the demonstration of young learners, sharing knowledge on the topics learnt during the themes. The students were excited to demonstrate hands on activities with great confidence in different learning domains both in scholastic and co-scholastic during the ‘Theme Culmination’.

Our heartfelt gratitude to all the sincere parents who patiently attended all learning sessions facilitated by our enthusiastic learners and make this event a grand success.



EXTERNAL EVENTS

Make a Wish - ZPHS Bhanur

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

- Winston Churchill

When we are able to fulfil somebody’s wish, it is a great feeling of empowerment and blessing. Our students of Interact Club were able to raise funds to fulfill the wishes of the students of Zilla Parishad High School, Bhanur. The students contributed School Bags, Sports Equipment and Accessories, Stationery Items, Examination Guide Books, Notebooks and Wrist Watches. Our sincere gratitude to the generous contribution done by all the parents to make this noble endeavour of our dear students a great success.



FIELDTRIPS

Birla Planetarium

A trip to Birla Planetarium gave good insight to Grade 3 and Grade 4 students to develop concrete understanding of the concepts learnt during the theme “Our Universe”. It has been an experiential learning for the students as it gave an opportunity to gather more information on planets, celestial bodies, formation of Universe, satellites and concepts related to space.

A Planetarium is a specially designed dome-shaped theatre for viewing educational and interesting astronomical shows. The students enjoyed the mesmerizing show on “Biography of Universe”, which helped the curious minds to connect and enhance their knowledge on the concepts that always wonder them.



Coco-Cola

It was a delightful outdoor spree and a wonderful experiential learning experience of the students at the HCCB Coco Cola factory, Miyapur. The Plant Manager oriented the students about the operating procedure of the Plant. The keen observers of Grade 6 were fascinated by the different huge equipment, the process of pasteurization, blow house bottling, packaging and testing of carbonated water and sugar syrup. Above all, visiting the lush green ecological campus added to the learning pleasure.



Decathlon



Sports have a vital role to play in one's life and so does the sports gear for the comfort and safety. It is very important for the students to understand the significance of sports and exercise in their daily life and to instill the habit of playing sports. The students of Grade 2 of Birla Open Minds International School went for a Field Trip on 2nd January, 2020 to "Decathlon", Hyderabad.

The students were amazed to visit the Departments and variety of sports equipment used for cricket, tennis, badminton, table tennis, golf, indoor games, camping and hiking, cycling and skating, swimming and gymnasium. The staff members explained in detail about every equipment and introduced the names of the accessories used in various sports.

They specially emphasized on the safety measures to be taken while playing the sports such as helmets, knee pads, elbow guards and gloves. They learnt about different kinds of shoes worn for each sport. It was a great experience for our sports enthusiastic Children enjoying various sports.

Green Building

Birla Open Minds International School always believes in promoting environmentally friendly activities. The students of Grade 7 visited the Green Building at Madhapur on 6th January 2020 to sensitise on eco-friendly projects. The students were briefed about the need of the Green Building, structure, materials used, reuse of aluminum for making frames of windows, open space and using vertical garden, alternatives for energy, installation of solar panels, water saving techniques, rain water harvesting as environment friendly initiatives.



Car Showroom



The car enthusiast K2 students had an experiential learning session during their visit to a car showroom. They had a visual treat of different models of cars. The children were shown the internal parts of the cars, their accessories and various parts of a motor engine by the staff. Not only did they observe the inner design and built of a car keenly, but also enjoyed sitting inside the car. They were fascinated to see the elevator which carries car to different levels of the building. They also interacted with a loving car mechanic who demonstrated fixing of different spare parts of a car. They were thrilled to see the people learning to drive on the simulators kept in the store. It was fascinating to watch car washing at the car wash bay.

Kitsons Stationery Store

Visiting a Stationery Store with classmates is something special – so much to Question and so much to Wonder! The students were super elated to see the wide range of toys and birthday party items, stationery items like pens, pencils, notebooks, crayons, paint boxes, geometry boxes, colourful gift wrapping papers etc. The creative minds were super excited to see the variety of paintbrushes, canvas, clay, paints, drawing books etc. To add to the excitement was the Book Corner where they could readily identify ‘The Pepper and Bruno series’, their all-time favourite stories.

The young customers keenly observed the billing section transaction, adding items to cart read by bar coding machine, generating bills and finally processing payment by swiping the cards. Our sincere gratitude to the Store Manager who patiently addressed all queries of our young ones.



Police Station by members of Citizenship Club

Citizenship club of Birla Open Minds International school visited the Lingampally Police station on 10th January 2020 for an interactive session with the Police Officers. The students were taken to the reception first, where the First Information Reports are lodged for different cases. The students were taken through step by step process that is followed after a case is registered. This helped the students to understand how the cases are studied, people involved and identified, conduct inquiry to infer the truth.

The students visited the prison and witnessed inmates as their investigation is in progress. The students met the Section in-Charge who explained how the police stations operate and the equipment they have for the safety and security of the public in their area.

The students interacted SHE Team in-Charge Ms. Padma, who briefed about responsibilities entrusted on her team, like the safety rules, women protection policy etc. Our students were highly appreciated for their thoughtful questions and received a badge as a token of appreciation for being so mindful.

WORKSHOPS

Demystifying Teaching on Artificial Intelligence

As a part of Government’s initiative of introducing Artificial Intelligence in CBSE Grades 8 and 9 as a vocational subject, Birla Open Minds International School hosted a Workshop for the Teachers of all CBSE Schools facilitated by Microsoft & JuanaTech™ a Gold Partner & Global Learning Partner for Microsoft (India) in Education and M/s Pitambar Publishing Company Private Limited, New Delhi.

The Resource Persons, Ms. Swati Ganguly and Mr. Bibhuti Bhushan Sinha shared the vision of extending experiential learning through Artificial Intelligence. CBSE has been at the forefront in innovation and transformation in education, giving impetus on AI learning and we are all set to offer Artificial Intelligence to our students in Grade 8 and 9 in forthcoming Academic Year 2020-21.



CBSE Nodal Examination Trainer's Training

An Annual Training cum Orientation program for Nodal Examination Trainers Training at Sister Nivedita School, Ameerpet on 20th January 2020 was attended by Senior Headmistress, Ms. Anitha Kamal. The key Resource Persons for the training programme were Mrs. Jayanthi Venkataraman, Principal, Sister Nivedita School and Dr. M.V.V. Prasada Rao, Director, CBSE, Kakinada . A detailed guidelines for conducting the CBSE Examination and Evaluation Process at the Nodal Centres were shared with all the participants.



Spark Speak-Road Safety



On the 20th of January 2020, Mr. Sanjay Ram, the Project Coordinator at Indian Development Foundation organized a session on Road Safety Awareness for the Cambridge students of Grades 5 to 7.

The session was about using statistical tools to bring about awareness on Road safety among the young generation of our country. Students were quizzed on various road signs and interpretation of various gestures used by the Traffic policeman. Mr. Sanjay invoked the need of following safety guidelines while on the road by introducing researched facts on the road scenarios in India. Facts like every day approximately 250 vehicles get added to Hyderabad roads and how and why road accidents are the major cause of death amongst individuals of the age group of 15 to 29 years. Students learned about the strict measures that the Government of India has adopted to curb deaths due to negligent attitude on the road.

The session was an eye-opener for all the students and the students of Grade 6 CAIE have pledged to create an awareness drive for the junior students of the School.

INTER HOUSE COMPETITION

IHC - Kite Making

Birla Open Minds International School always take the opportunity to embrace the Indian culture and reinforce through celebrations organized in School. The creative hands and imaginative minds had put in their heart and soul to participate in the Uttarayan or Kite Festival. The students showcased their talent and creativity by making colourful scintillating kites. Wonderful presentation of creativity and collaborative work done by the students; all House Members wanted to outperform the other team.

Let your dream fly like a kite and see where it'll take you. – Katrina Mayer



SPORTS

Extra-Curricular Tournaments

The students of Birla Open Minds had a brilliant sports season for the year 2019-2020. From participating in multiple tournaments back to back and earning their well-deserved victories, these athletes have certainly proved their mettle as the true blue “Hunters”. For the month of January 2020, the students took part in the following tournaments -

School Football League

The School Football League was organized by Trugame in association with Hyderabad Football Association (HFA). Participation came from different schools such as Phoenix Greens, Indus International, Pebble Creek, Sreenidhi International and many more. 7 teams from Birla Open Minds fought it out in the league stages and made their way towards the semi-finals or knock-out stage. The tournament took place for a grueling two months and our “Hunters” trained hard to take the top spot.

Out of the 7 teams representing, U11 and U13 Girls gave it their best shot but did not make it past the semis and among the Boys teams, aside from the U13 Boys, the remaining categories of U11 and U15 pushed their way into the finals. The U15 Boys lost their match against Oakridge school but gave their best performance. The U11 Boys, on the other hand, gave an amazing performance and showed genuine Hunter spirit as they went after their opponents with all their strength. The U11 Category had 3 representative teams from Birla Open Minds - Team A, Team B, and Team C. The U11 Team A lost their match but emerged as runners-up for the League, while Team C emerged as winners of the Achiever’s Cup after defeating their own school Team B. The students of Team A also received an award for winning every single game they played during the league and being undefeated in their group.

The athletes are already pumped and preparing for the next season of the School Football League and are determined to bring back more trophies home.

HFC, School Football League join hands

SPORTS BUREAU
Hyderabad

Hyderabad's biggest league for students, School Football League (SFL) and ISL club Hyderabad FC announced a mutual partnership for the new edition in a bid to help grow football among schoolchildren in the city.

Talking about the partnership, Varun Tripuraneni, co-owner of HFC, said it is important to develop the game at the grassroots level to tap the right talent. “We will send our teams to participate in the youth leagues. We are also open to forming a women’s team as we look ahead,” he added.

Atif Hyder, founder of Hyderabad Football Academy, said the students are excited about the new partnership. “Schoolchildren have a tendency to look at ISL players as their heroes. When they get to interact with the players closely, it will improve their game as well,” he added.



Hinarshu Charan, CEO Trugame, HFC player Adil Khan, HFC assistant manager Mehrajuddin Wadoo, co-owner Varun Tripuraneni, Pratima Sinha, CEO Birla Open Minds School, Marhe Kligallon and Atif Hyder unveiling the new jersey.

“School Football League is the only platform where students from various syllabuses can compete together, be it CBSE, State level or ICSE. This is a golden opportunity for us to revive football in the city,” Atif said.

Pratima Sinha, CEO, Birla Open Minds International School, said parents are

more open towards joining their ward in sports. “We ensured good facilities and security for children. It instilled confidence in parents and the result is really promising,” she added.

Hyderabad FC assistant manager Mehrajuddin Wadoo stressed on the need to find quality coaches. “A good coach can make the

game more exciting for students. So we need our coaches to keep working hard to produce good talents.”

Hyderabad FC players Adil Khan and Mathew Kligallon also spoke during the event. School Football League(SFL) is a joint initiative of Trugame and Hyderabad Football Academy



School Basketball League

The School Basketball League is also being organized by Trugame in association with Sreenidhi International School (SIS) and the Telangana Basketball Association (TBA). Top schools from the city are participating in the tournament and Birla Open Minds students are paving their way through the competition to make their way to the top. The tournament will take place over a span of two months with the league and knock-out matches.

At the current stage, the students of U11 (Boys and Girls), U14 (Boys and Girls) and U16 Boys are awaiting their turn to fight for the Achiever's Cup, while the U16 girls have a shot at the Championship Trophy.

The Open Minds U11 and U14 Girls team stand third in the points table and also have to play against other teams for the Achiever's Trophy. The U16 team stands second in the points table and has a shot at winning the Championship Trophy. The semi-finals and finals of the league are expected to take place on the 8th and 9th of February and the teams look forward to bringing trophies home.

Golden Baby Leagues

The U11 Boys Team A is also taking part in the Golden Baby Leagues organized by Sreenidhi International School for the U9 and U11 Category. Just as they did in the School Football League, this team has truly out shown their skills by winning every match they have played so far and are currently tied for first place with another opponent school in their group.

The team is now preparing hard for their next set of matches for this league and are determined to make it to the end and we wish them the best of luck!



Pride of Birla Open Minds

Laxmi Siri Grade 7A won Tennis AITA Championship series 7 days tournament(13th Jan -17th Jan) held at Sania Mirza Tennis academy. She was the winner of U-14 singles, U-16 runner up and U-16 doubles winner.



Sidhanth Joshi of Grade 11 has clicked the following picture of the solar eclipse on a cloudy day in Hyderabad



Kabir Saini of Grade 4B won the IKEA drawing competition. The following are the articles from various newspapers on achievement.

कबीर सैनी आइकिया सॉफ्ट ट्वॉय ड्राइंग प्रतियोगिता के राष्ट्रीय विजेता

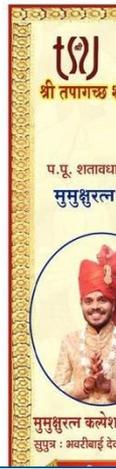
हैदराबाद, 4 जनवरी-(श्रद्धा विजयलक्ष्मी) स्वीडिश होम फर्नीचरिंग रिटेलर आइकिया द्वारा आइकिया सॉफ्ट ट्वॉय ड्राइंग कम्पेटिशन-2019 का राष्ट्रीय विजेता चुन लिया गया है। आइकिया हैदराबाद स्टोर में आज आयोजित



कार्यक्रम में प्रतियोगिता के राष्ट्रीय विजेता के रूप में हैदराबाद के कबीर सैनी का नाम घोषित किया गया। कबीर सैनी ने पीले-नीले-हरे तथा गुलाबी रंग से सजे 'क्रैयान' नामक चरित्र को बनाकर यह जीत अपने नाम की।

उल्लेखनीय है कि बच्चों की कल्पनाशीलता तथा रचनात्मकता को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए आइकिया द्वारा वार्षिक रूप से अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर सॉफ्ट ट्वॉय ड्राइंग प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन आइकिया फैमिली मेंबर्स के लिए किया जाता है। इस वर्ष प्रतियोगिता का छठा संस्करण था। इस प्रतियोगिता में 0 से 12 वर्ष

तक आयु के बच्चों को अपने ड्रॉम ट्वॉय को कागज पर उकेरने का अवसर मिलता है। प्रत्येक देश से ऑनलाइन वोटिंग के माध्यम से 15 सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रविष्टियों का चयन किया जाता है। इनमें से एक को राष्ट्रीय विजेता घोषित किया जाता है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर श्रेष्ठ 6 कृतियों का चयन करते हुए उन्हें सागोस्कॉट कलेक्शन के तहत साफ्ट ट्वॉय का रूप दिया गया है। इन खिलौनों के संकलन से प्राप्त पूरे धन को आइकिया फाउंडेशन के बाल अधिकार से जुड़े वैश्विक अभियान 'लेट्स प्ले फॉर चेंज' के लिए प्रदान किया जाता है। नवंबर, 2019 को आइकिया सॉफ्ट ट्वॉय ड्राइंग प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन आइकिया हैदराबाद स्टोर में किया गया था। ऑनलाइन वोटिंग के माध्यम से भारत से सर्वश्रेष्ठ 15 प्रविष्टियों का चयन किया गया। राष्ट्रीय विजेता का खिताब क्रैयान नाम के चरित्र को बनाकर कबीर सैनी ने हासिल किया। अगले चरण में कबीर का मुकामला अन्य देशों के चयनित राष्ट्रीय विजेताओं के साथ होगा। अगर कबीर का क्रैयान सर्वश्रेष्ठ छह में स्थान बनाने में सफल रहता है, तो उसे आइकिया द्वारा सॉफ्ट ट्वॉय का रूप दिया जाएगा। आइकिया हैदराबाद स्टोर में आज आयोजित कार्यक्रम में विजेता कबीर सैनी सहित अन्य प्रतिभागियों को भी प्रसन्न किया गया।



City lad is national winner of IKEA drawing competition

CITY BUREAU Hyderabad

Swedish multichannel retailer IKEA has announced Kabir Saini from Hyderabad as the national winner of the IKEA Soft Toy Drawing Competition on Sunday.

The competition was held in November 2019 where kids (up to 12 years) of the members of IKEA family participated and drew their dream toy on the paper.

Kabir Saini was declared the winner from India from the 15 shortlisted entries through online voting. He received an IKEA gift card worth Rs 10,000 for shopping at IKEA Hyderabad store, and his drawing will become IKEA Family's emailer mascot for 6 months. He will now compete with the winners from other countries and have a once-in-a-lifetime chance



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for turning the dream toy into a real one.

The 15 entrants, who have been selected from India, have received a participation certificate from IKEA India and a gift bag with IKEA products. The entries from India and the final six international winners will

eventually become a part of the limited edition 2020 SAGOSKATT collection, a range of soft toys designed by kids, for the kids.

The IKEA Soft Toy Drawing Competition is in its sixth year and engages thousands of children across the world.

బకియా చిత్ర లేఖన పోటీ విజేత కబీర్

రాయచోటి, మ్యాస్ టుడే: బకియా సైని 4వ తరగతి బిచ్చం దినం సందర్భంగా ఆన్లైన్లో చిత్ర లేఖన పోటీలో విజేతగా నిలిచారు. ఈ పోటీలో 15 మంది పాల్గొన్నారు. వారిలో కబీర్ సైని విజేతగా నిలిచారు.



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విజేతగా నిలిచిన కబీర్ సైని. అతను గీసిన చిత్రం

సైన్లో అమ్మకాలు కొనసాగిస్తున్న విషయం తెలిసింది. కాగా, ఈ ఏడాది హైదరాబాద్ నుండి కబీర్ సైని సాఫ్ట్ టాయింక్ విజేతగా నిలిచారు. విజేతకు బకియా రూ. 10వేల విలువ చేసే షాపింగ్ ను ఉచితంగా అందజేస్తున్నట్లు యాజమాన్యం పేర్కొంది. డ్రాయింగ్ పోటీలో పాల్గొన్న 15 మందిలో కబీర్ సైని చిత్రం విజేతగా నిలిచింది. కబీర్ సైని చిత్రం బకియా సైన్లో నిజ రూపంతో అమ్మకాలకు అందుబాటులోకి తీసుకురానున్నట్లు పేర్కొన్నారు.

Birla Open Minds Preschool

Interactive Student Led Conference

Sankranti vacation was very well spent by the children of Birla Open Minds Preschool, Gopanally with their parents through a collaborative project work session at home. Children of Kindergarten-I level displayed their confidence in front of the parents during a 'Student Led Conference (SLC)' by explaining their projects. The event was conducted for two days on Monday and Tuesday, 27th January and 28th January 2020 respectively at school. The children of Nursery level also amazed all the teachers with their projects through a 'Show and Tell' activity. These little initiatives at school have started building up the confidence of speaking in the heart of the little ones. All the students during the conference created a joyful atmosphere by calling each spectator to visit their stall. Ms. Natasha Baruah, Centre head, Gopanally shared, "I am elated to see the active participation of all the parents and the children expressing their thoughts in this event. The school will be conducting these events more frequently in the coming academic session."



Spirit of Togetherness

Students at Birla Open Minds Preschool Gachibowli participated with cheerful enthusiasm in the bonfire organized on 10th January 2020, to celebrate the spirit of togetherness. Laughter and giggles echoed in the school campus as the kids enjoyed and immersed themselves in various activities like musical chair, puppet show and movie time. The highlight of the evening was when the kids danced with zest and swayed to the lively beats and foot tapping music. The scrumptious and lip smacking dinner was relished by the children too. Such gatherings support the social and emotional growth of children and help them to have high self esteem, be more cooperative and become better problem solvers. A natural affinity for stewardship is developed and kids also build their confidence to explore the nature.



Project based-learning

Our K2 of Birla Open Minds Preschool - Manikonda children had a long conversation about plants and what they need in order to grow their own micro greens. "There were interesting questions by children; can we grow a garden in our classroom?"

Children kept digging. That's when the teacher introduced about micro greens and how we can grow them? Children were excited when they saw the seeds. Children took turns adding soil to the planters and sprinkling seeds across the surface. They were careful not to overwater, we set up a station. Children ensured to check on the station each day to observe the growth of plants.



4C'S of the 21st Century

The 4 C'S OF THE 21ST Century @ Birla Open Minds Nallagandla branch Creativity, Collaboration, Critical thinking and Culture was the predominant features of this month. The age old story of 'The thirst crow' underwent a twist and was retold as 'The thirsty Pigeon' during the 'Grey' colour day celebration. It expanded their imagination and critical thinking of the students.

The cultural and jaw dropping atmosphere of Sankranti and Bonfire Night on the same day just made our little stars of Birla Open Minds Nallagandla screaming and crying for more. 'Haridasu' made a special appearance and showed us to care for our culture.

Mock Parliament winter session presided by our K2 children just added a special touch to our efforts to imbibe the 21st century skill of 'Collaboration'. Three bills were passed – 1) Only 'fun' reinforcement work must be given to children. 2) Parents must provide toys which they can play with their children 3) Screen time can be everyday for 30 mins only.



Audio Visual Learning

Audio-visual aids are more stimulating for students than simple lectures. Excellent teachers understand the importance of audio-visual aids in the learning process. Audio-visual aids are teaching tools that we at Birla Open Minds Preschool - Chandanagar use to complement their academic lessons.

Howard Gardner of Harvard University -- who advanced the multiple intelligences theory, which suggests individuals learn things differently -- identified seven learning styles: visual-spatial, bodily-kinesthetic, musical, interpersonal, intrapersonal, linguistic and logical. While some students may learn more effectively through hands-on activities, others may learn through musical or visual responses. As we focus on multiple intelligence (MI) and the overall development of a child, we use various audio-visual aids to cater to the needs of all children.



Experiential Learning

Birla Open Minds Preschool Jubilee Hills kick started the year with a flurry of events that were creative, colourful, communicative and full of learning. We had two major Theme Culmination days planned up for the month of January- 'Visit to Old Mc Donald's Farm' and 'Visit to Florist. As a part of the Culminating events, our school had set up a Farm and Florist shop. A unique story wall was also crafted by our creative teachers depicting the story, 'Spot goes to farm.

The children loved the beautiful set-up created by their teachers and were excited to visit the Farm and the Florist. To mark the 71st Republic Day, our children from K1 came dressed up as Freedom Fighters and National leaders and K2 children dressed up representing different states of India. The public speaking skills of our Kindergarten children were showcased.

Our experiential teaching methodology created a realistic, interactive and sensory stimulating learning experience for our children.





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