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Dear Readers,

It is always a pleasure to share my thoughts in the School Newsletter and this June to August edition is very vibrant with all activities, events, and celebrations.

While the art of communication and collaboration is now perceived to be a survival skill, it is a priority to focus on emotional literacy. Making the students identify their emotions, developing a sense of controlling them and expressing their emotions considering the situation, is indeed rewarding; It empowers them to deal with pleasant and unpleasant experience and sets them ready for a self-driven learning.

Let's nurture emotional literacy for fostering an empathetic environment; let the happy minds spread happiness among people around them.

*"People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be."
~ Abraham Lincoln*

Happy Reading

Syamali Chowdhury
Principal

The rise in social media has changed all our lives significantly. This led to several people contemplating whether its effects are good or bad, giving rise to the popular question, "Is technology a boon or a bane?"

Social media's influence on society is predominantly positive. It enables global connectivity by bringing people with different backgrounds close together and promotes cultural exchanges. Moreover, social media helps to amplify the voices of the people. For example the #G20 and #BetiBachaoBetiPadao movements have had a huge impact on people and helped create significant change. This has allowed more diverse people with different genders, cultures and races to step up and express their opinion freely.

Furthermore, social media has helped several artists and creators show their work online through platforms like Instagram and YouTube, giving them a means of income and livelihood. Additionally, social media also serves as an educational resource. The only reason we could make it through the pandemic was social media. With Byju's, Physics Walla and other channels, students can learn for free as long as they have access to the internet. Social media has also helped raise awareness on the achievements of different countries. The Chandrayaan-3 and the Aditya-L1 were both broadcasted live on social media for the world to see!

To add to this, social media plays a vital role in crisis management. The government has several ways of spreading out crucial information through Enterprise Application System and Emergency Broadcast Systems during urgent times. It also nurtures the sense of community through numerous online groups, support networks and charitable activities. Lastly, social media provides accessibility to pop culture and entertainment, ensuring that a broad range of audience can engage with the content via streaming platforms, virtual events and online galleries.

We all know, with great power comes great responsibility. We need to learn how to use social media wisely instead of succumbing to its flaws.

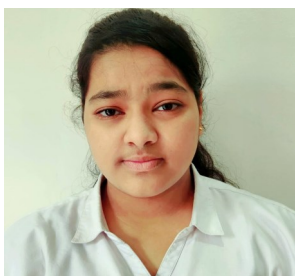


Sai Sri Aishwarya (12A)

Social media has undoubtedly revolutionized the way we communicate and share information, we must critically examine the negative consequences of its pervasive influence. One of the most significant downsides of social media's influence is the erosion of authenticity. On these platforms, individuals often present curated versions of their lives, carefully selecting and editing content to project an idealised image. This curated reality can lead to a loss of genuine human connection, as people strive to maintain a facade rather than sharing their true selves. It blurs the line between reality and fiction, making it increasingly difficult to discern what is genuine.

Numerous studies have linked the use of social media to negative mental health outcomes. The constant exposure to carefully constructed images of success, beauty, and happiness can lead to feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem. The pressure to garner likes, comments, and followers creates a never-ending cycle of seeking external validation, often at the expense of one's mental well-being.

The invasive nature of social media platforms should be a cause for concern. They often collect vast amounts of personal data, which can be exploited for targeted advertising or, in



some cases, fall into the wrong hands. This has serious implications for our privacy and security, as the misuse of personal information can lead to identity theft, fraud, and other digital threats.

Social media platforms are designed to be addictive, using algorithms to keep users engaged for as long as possible. This leads to excessive screen time, sleep disturbances, and a lack of real-world engagement. It contributes to a culture of distraction, hindering our ability to focus on meaningful tasks and reducing overall productivity.

Gauhar Naaz
Grade - 12 A

INSPIRATION FROM MAHATMA

“Strength does not come from winning. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength.” quote by--Mahatma Gandhi

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was a 'Mahatma' not just for us Indians, but the rest of the world too. To a majority of Indian youth, Gandhi may have seemed relevant only in the last century. They may reason that his principles worked in a different era. However, what they don't realise is that moving away from the principles of honesty, non-violence and truthfulness has led the world to become a difficult place to live in.

Let me share with you all if we try to imbibe some of his qualities. Firstly, 'Satyamev Jayate' or 'Truth always triumphs. Secondly, An eye for an eye will make the whole world blind.

Today, we suffer from anger fits and other frailties. It is a cause for a number of social problems like bullying, abuse and road rage leading to numerous crimes, which are followed by years of regret. We fail to realise that anger and hatred can never help achieve anything. Their outcomes have always been negative.

Thirdly Forgiveness is nobility, Forgiveness is a trait of the strong, not the weak.

Fourthly Eat simple food in the right quantity. Fifth Cleanliness is next to godliness. Sixth - Be the change you want to see in the world. You can never force your teachings on others unless you follow what you preach. Last but not least The mind is stronger than the body. Youngsters need to realise that physical endurance is important, but mental strength is crucial.

Atiksh Yapachettu - 5D



Familiar Warmth

Words Whispered in The Ears of Mother Nature

Mother nature,
You are fair and green
For all the thing that
you have given me,
The tall trees,
flowers so bright
The birds that sing,
all bees that light.

The Sun that shines,
Rain that showers
The wind that blows,
snow that hails,
The rivers clear,
the oceans deep
That fish
w h i c h
swims,
all whales
that leap.

Asha
Gummadi



Not the ones whose blood courses through your veins,
But the ones whose love and
affection caress your cheeks,
Not the ones who leant on and
used money as a weapon,
But the ones who impart upon you the values of life.
Not the ones who hiss at every step you take,
right or wrong,
But the ones who sing you a lullaby to sleep every night,
Not the ones who abandon you to your own company,
But the ones who worship your dreams as their own.
Not the ones who build you a counterfeit personality,
But the ones who peel off your shield to
reveal your inner self,
Not the ones who deceive you, blame you
or bamboozle you,
But the ones who take the blame and trust you more than
themselves.
Not the ones whose words blind you to
the world's harsh reality,
But the ones whose words are the light
to your darkness.
This is my family!!!

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Kairavi Jalan - 9 A





INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

International day of Yoga

"Yoga is the science of well being." - Swami Vivekananda

Together, we observed the International Day of Yoga at Birla Open Minds International School! On this special occasion, students and staff joined millions around the globe in embracing the power of Yoga. Yoga not only promotes physical well-being but also nurtures our mental and spiritual growth.

We stretched, breathed, and found harmony within ourselves. Students and staff embraced this ancient practice and discovered the amazing benefits it brings to our lives.

RISE AND SHINE

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

Humanitarians are united by a shared mission to save and protect lives. The students of CBSE Grade 9D presented a special assembly on the occasion of World Humanitarian Day to endorse their commitment to never compromise on humanitarian principles. The students orated the speeches of Nelson Mandela and Malala Yusafzai to inspire the classmates and took a pledge to spread awareness on 2023 Theme for the World Humanitarian Day— Dignity, Justice and Freedom for All.



VAN MAHOTSAV CELEBRATION

We can learn a lot from trees: they're always grounded but never stop

reaching heavenward— Everett Mamor



As a part of Van Mahotsav celebration keeping in mind the Theme: "Save our planet" the students of Birla Open Minds International School presented an assembly to bring out their emotional response to environmental degradation, discussing the consequences of their action on the environment and their role in saving the environment. Students of Grade 2, 3 and 4 spread awareness by singing and dancing on planting more trees and all the students took a Green Pledge for being an "Eco Friendly Green Global Citizen".

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

"Child labour is a violation against the rights and dreams of children. Let's unite to break this cycle of poverty and injustice." - Kailash Satyarthi

Today, on World Day against Child Labour, CBSE Grade 7A students at Birla Open Minds International School conducted a special assembly to raise awareness on the theme of "Social Justice for all, End Child Labour."



To create a lasting impact, they shared their understanding with a powerful Nukkad Natak, captivating their peers with a compelling portrayal of a child

labourer's journey. By sharing these snippets, our students aimed to sensitize their peers about the significance of eradicating child labour and promoting social justice for all.

RISE AND SHINE

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

The students of CBSE Grade 7C organized a powerful assembly to raise awareness on the International Day against Drug Abuse.

The creative minds mesmerized the audience with an impactful skit, illustrating the dire consequences of using wrong substances and unleashed their artistic talents through captivating posters.

Their posters aimed to educate and create awareness among Grades 5-8 about the dangers of drug abuse. They proved that even at a young age, they could make a difference in society by fostering a culture of care and responsibility.

These young minds closed with a powerful quote: "Choose life, not substances. On this International Day against Drug Abuse, let's stand united in breaking the chains of addiction and embracing a future filled with hope, health, and happiness."



HANDS ON OBJECT MEASUREMENT



The capacity to learn is a gift, the ability to learn is a skill, the willingness to learn is a choice-Brian Herbert
Unleashing the inner Scientist with hands-on object measurement!
Engaging in a tactile, real-world activity has always proven to be incredibly refreshing and educational. Measuring objects isn't just about numbers and units; it's a journey that encourages critical thinking, problem-solving and a deep understanding of the physical world around us. Towards this our learners of CBSE Grade 5 gained the skill of measuring objects, using various instruments like force meter and weighing scale. They conducted a fair test and

understood the difference between mass and weight in group and developing their social skills as well. They calculated the ratio of weight to mass and gained conceptual knowledge that will last forever.

SELF DISCOVERY

LIFE CYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY

Exploration is curiosity put into action -
Dan Walsh

As part of their English Language Art topic "Lifecycle of Living Beings", our young learners of Grade 1 took their learning to new heights with their latest project on the life cycle of a butterfly! From tiny eggs to beautiful butterflies, our students explored the fascinating journey of these winged creatures. With their creativity and imagination, they also created stunning craft work that showcased their understanding of the life cycle of a butterfly.



ASCENDING & DESCENDING



"Hands-on activities are the bridge that connects theory and practice, transforming knowledge into meaningful experiences". Students of Grade 1 participated in a hands-on learning session as part of their Mathematics topic on "Ascending and Descending Order." They were engaged in building towers in both ascending and descending order. This activity enabled students to develop their visualization skills, represent numbers accurately, and arrange them in the correct order. The hands-on approach enhanced their concentration levels and nurtured the growth of critical thinking and logical reasoning abilities.

WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY-CHAT SHOW



It may be easy to fly, but it takes a lot of skill to soar the sky. To the un-pathed skills and un-screamed talents, skills are the requisites that can facilitate to create the future. A very happy World Youth Skills Day, a day so important to nurture our students' as tomorrow's future leaders. This celebration at Birla Open Minds International School, has contributed to this global movement, with an astonishing atmosphere of reciprocity between the students, alumni and our CEO Ms. Pratima Sinha in Resonance: The Chat Show. The opinions were so deep, that it built waves of impact in the school, leading to a successful day filled with motivation, ideas, interaction and inspiring to initiate, innovate and transform.

SELF DISCOVERY

SHAPES & PATTERNS

RANGOLI MAKING

Mathematics plays a major role in a child's development and helps children make sense of the world around them.

The students of CBSE Grade 2 explored the concept of shapes and patterns through Rangoli making activity. This activity helped students to measure and develop their own spatial awareness and understand shapes and patterns by making their own visually appealing Rangoli patterns in both simple and complex ways using coloured chalks.



MY PERSPECTIVE



"If no one tries to change things, things simply are never going to change."

The students of Grade 7 and 8 CBSE conveyed their innovative ideas of making a change through their creative strokes using Painting and Caption with reference to the given photo. Their innovative depiction of a coracle filled with people symbolized their potential as game changers, inspiring positive change in the world. Let's acknowledge that the young minds hold the power to shape a better future!



MOBILE SCIENCE EXHIBITION

Our own genomes carry the story of evolution, written in DNA, the language of molecular genetics, and the narrative is unmistakable.” ~ Kenneth R

‘Genetics is not just a subject of research; it has become a part of our culture.’ Indians are very prone to genetic diseases due to the high number of carriers of genetic diseases in the population.’- by SEAR: report of an Intercountry Consultation, Bangkok, Thailand, 23–25 September 2022. In connection to this and to bring awareness amongst the students, the school has organized The Gene- Health connect



mobile science exhibition (in collaboration with CCMB & CSIR). A bus with 20 exhibits on genetic diseases gave an opportunity to Birla Open Minds International school, Kollur students to delve into genetics. The students from Grade 9 – 12 CBSE, CAIE & IB gained knowledge of genes and genetic disorders through hands- on exhibits.

LEARNING COLOUR



“Colours are the smiles of Nature” - Leigh Hunt.

Our Kindergarten class celebrated Green Colour Day by dressing up in shades of green and learning all about the colour of Nature! The children had so much fun making green art, reading green themed books, and even planting some green seeds. The colour day celebrations have created an awareness of various Colours in the children and helped them to identify primary and secondary colours, to develop fine motor skills through colouring and painting activities, and developing their creativity and imagination.

SAVE THE EARTH

Students of CBSE Grade 2 participated in the poster making activity on the theme ‘Save the Earth’ as part of their English Language Art. They learnt the importance of a clean and green Earth. The activity created awareness among the students that it was time to nurture Mother Earth so that we could have a better future. They made creative posters to save the Earth from pollution & plastic. This activity also taught them how one could plant more trees as well as save water to make the world a better place





TRIBAL MUSEUM

"The best introduction to art is to stroll through a museum.

The more art you see, the more you'll learn to define your own taste." – Jeanne Frank

Our learners have a million questions as they wonder, discover, and explore. Learning is not something that happens within the four walls of a school. Our curious learners of Grade 5 CBSE Birla Open Minds International School, Kollur got

the opportunity to explore the Nehru Centenary Tribal Museum as an educational trip as every corner is a new curiosity.

The field trip was full of learning, fun, excitement and refreshing. The staff at the museum shared the knowledge with the students about the indigenous tribes.

FIELD TRIPS

INTERNATIONAL TIGERS DAY @ KBR NATIONAL PARK

"Tiger is a symbol of beauty, bravery, strength, and Nationality. So, save the Tiger. Save the Nation Pride." – Uzma



Wildlife Conservation Society-India (WCS-India), Hyderabad Tiger Conservation Society (HyTiCoS) along with Telangana Forest Department hosted 'International Tigers Day' at KBR National Park on Monday 31st July 2023.

Our students were invited to attend the programme. There were interactive learning exercises with customized games for children, poster exhibitions, group discussions, skits, art for tigers, and interaction with conservation ground staff.

Our students Nivriti Ranjan and Srimanasvitha Nallanchakravarthula Grade 9 CBSE presented their paintings to the Officials from the Telangana Forest Department and got special appreciation for their beautiful artwork.



NO BAG DAY

“Vocational courses: Where passion meets purpose, and skills ignite success!”

Middle School Learners, from Grade 6 to 8, embarked on an exhilarating Day-1 of NO BAG DAY, where they embraced the freedom to choose their skill development journey. This is an essential step towards nurturing their chosen vocational courses and carving a path towards their future careers.

Mask Making: The day began with a creative plunge into the world of mask making. These young artists unleashed their creativity, diving deep into art, culture, and self-expression, designing unique masks that blended history with the development of fine motor skills.

Handicraft: Students immersed themselves in the basics of handicraft, focusing on the art of jewellery making. They sketched initial designs, setting the stage for an exciting learning adventure in the world of artisanship.

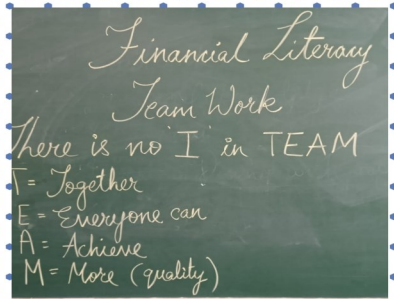
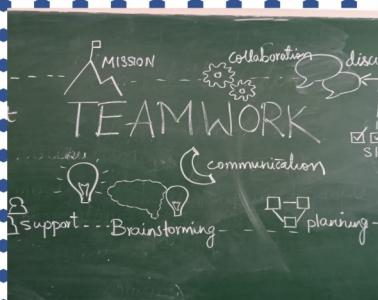
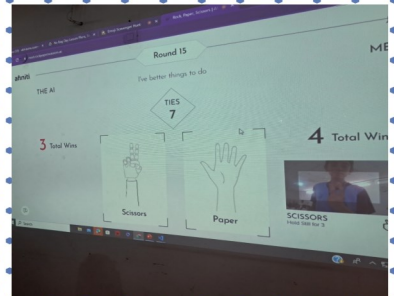
Travel and Tourism: Through thrilling role-plays and discussions, students explored the motivations behind travel, discovering both internal and external driving forces. From health and leisure to business and adventure, they unravelled the rich tapestry of travel motivations.

Financial Literacy: The financial wizards of the class dived into teamwork, recognizing its significance. They engaged in hands-on team-building activities, sharing their effective strategies for creating successful teams.

Design Thinking: Creativity soared as learners explored design elements and story creation, fashioning expressive 3D characters using fundamental design shapes and forms.

Artificial Intelligence: In a riveting group activity, students explored the distinct domains of AI: Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, and Data for AI. They saw how these elements coalesce to form the concept of Artificial Intelligence and identified real-world applications in their daily lives.

Stay tuned for more inspirational moments from our talented students as they continue to innovate and learn!



G20 ADOLESCENT

LIFE SKILLS SUMMIT

Under the National life skill and school wellness program G20 ADOLESCENT LIFE SKILLS SUMMIT organized by Central Board of Secondary Education , in collaboration with Hyderabad Sahodaya Schools Complex , and Expressions India on the 10th and 11th August 2023. Three Students of Birla Open Minds International School- Ayman Siddharth, Chakilam Sragvi and Kairavi Jalan attended the Summit and presented the School Safety Club activities to the representative of about 300 schools.

They participated in “Yuva Sansad-Adolescent Wellbeing Parliament, “National School Health and Wellbeing Exhibition, Whiz-Quiz, Pathshala Nukkad ki (street play), Utopia (on the spot painting) and Rhetoric (young orators) well spread over the two days.

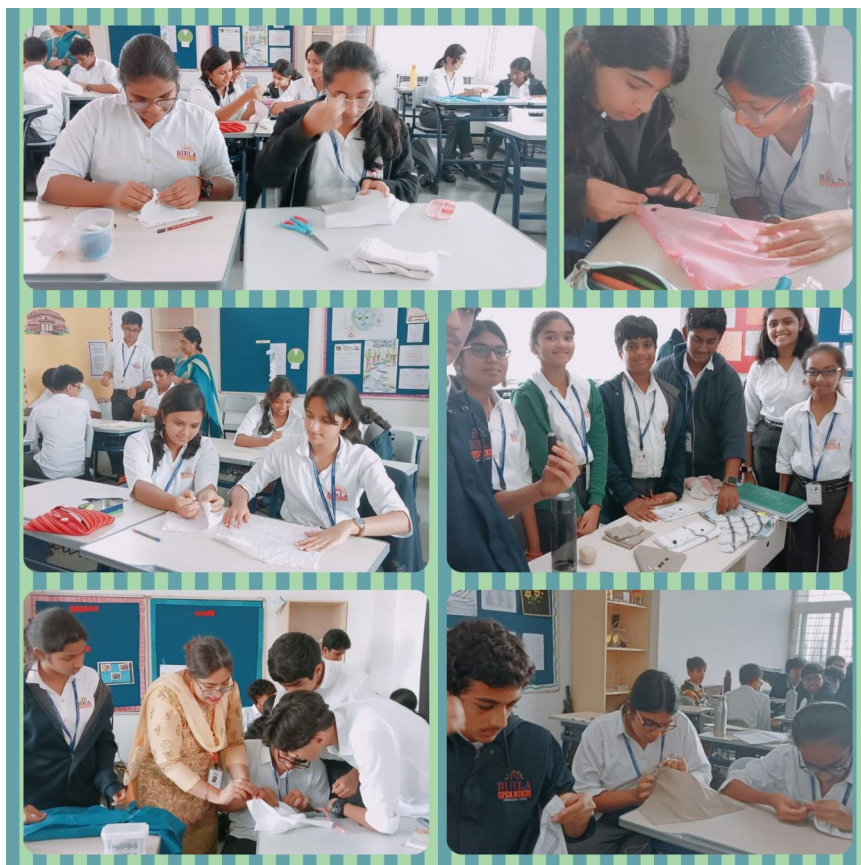
This summit has been nothing short of exhilarating, enlightening, and entertaining, as students explored the realm of essential life skills in the most creative and engaging ways possible.



STITCHING IS FUN

Life skills are art of living, which helps to draw a personal and professional sketches of life
- Rajeev Ranjan

Empowering yourself with the art of sewing does not mean you have to be perfect at it. It means that you are bright enough to learn a skill that makes life easy. Students of CBSE Grade 9 were trained in basic stitching skills which will help them mend their clothes independently. The activity was enjoyed by both Girls and Boys.



DROP EVERY THING AND READ



"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers." - Charles W. Eliot

At Birla Open Minds International School, we immersed ourselves in a day filled with excitement and enthusiasm as we celebrated DEAR Day! Students, accompanied by their dedicated teachers, found a cozy spot of their choice and delved into the captivating world of their favourite books.

The atmosphere was filled with the blissful sound of turning pages, as our young readers explored new adventures, expanded their knowledge, and embraced the joy of reading. Here's a glimpse of the delightful DEAR Day celebration, where students and teachers alike indulged in the magic of books.

PEG PAIRING ACTIVITY



"What the hand does the mind remembers"

- Dr. Maria Montessori

The tiny tots of Kindergarten-1 enthusiastically participated in the "Peg Pairing" activity. Children learnt how to sort the colours and match them with pegs and ice cream sticks. The objective of the activity is to help children develop their counting and matching abilities and enhance their concentration, dexterity and hand-eye coordination. The activity also strengthens their fingers and develops the all-important pincer grip that is essential for writing.

DIRT DETECTIVE

"Children are naturally curious and full of wonder. Let's encourage their sense of exploration and help them discover the world around them".

The natural explorers of Kindergarten probed into the 'Dirt Detective' activity. Analyzing the dirt with magnifying glasses, the BOO learning. It's a great way to get kids dig deeper into Science and Nature.



NUKKAD NATAK



Trees are our closest relatives, what trees exhale, we inhale
What we exhale, they inhale. They are half our respiratory system. – Jaggi Vasudev
We want our children of today to inherit a planet that is healthy and green. There is nothing we can do to change the past; we can only try to create a better and brighter future. Everything begins with a shift in perspective. Children must realize that each thing on this Earth has a place and each thing in Nature has a purpose.
The students of Grades 9 - 12 participated in the Street Play Competition as a part of Van Mahotsav Celebration keeping in mind the Theme: "Save our Planet". The street play focused on the sub themes like

- Save our Rivers, Invest in Renewable Energy, Green Economy – Sustainable Development, One Less Spark– One Less Wildfire, Ban Single Use Plastic, Leave a Legacy – Not a Carbon Footprint.

IC3 UNIVERSITY FAIR

SHOW AND TELL ACTIVITY



Kindergarten kids celebrated the cultural diversity of our world with a show-and-tell activity. With the help of their teachers and parents, the kids put together creative and unique presentations that showcased the cultural heritage of different countries. From traditional clothing to dances and songs, these little ones are proving that diversity is what makes the world beautiful.

The more you are exposure, it will open up the doors of possibilities and enable you to develop different perspective. These are the exposures in different ways that help challenge our own choices and encourage growth. With this belief Birla Open Minds organized the University Fair 2023 on 25th August 2023 in collaboration with the IC3 movement with a wonderful participation of more than 35 Indian and Global Universities. The fair helped students discover a wide range of academic disciplines, from cutting edge science to creative arts. The fair definitely gave the chance to explore programs aligned with the passion and ambition of the students.





IC3 CONFERENCE

The International Career and College Counseling (IC3) Movement is an International Campaign designed to establish career and college counseling in every school, with the mission to support the young minds required for purpose and direction in their lives. IC3 organizes Annual Conference to sensitize educators regarding the need of college counseling, elevate teaching faculty so more people take counseling as career. The Annual International Career & College Counseling (IC3)

Conference & Expo was a hybrid gathering, held between 22nd -24th August to bring together leaders from high schools and higher education for a constructive discourse on concerns that drive solutions in career and college counseling methods. Breakout sessions and networking opportunities are provided for school leaders, counselors, teachers, University Leaders, University Admission Officials, and educational groups to learn, interact, and establish partnerships during the conference. Birla Open Minds International School, was a pompous host for the conference and our students, Karthikeya Vankineni, Jessica Yachel Teressa Voola, Mythili Warriar, Koushik Vatsavai, Rishit Sood were the student volunteers extending their support for managing the sessions, helping the delegates and interacting with the Universities.

- **Fauzia S Siddiqui**

Career Guidance Coordinator

STUDENT COUNCIL 2023-24

Every Vote Counted! Each vote played a crucial role in shaping the Student Council 2023-24, the imminent of our school. A remarkable turnout of voters, and the votes truly reflected the passion for positive change, every student's voice to be heard and counted during the Student Council elections at Birla Open Minds International School! Congratulations and good luck to the newly elected Student Council, united by the power of democratic choice!



A GREAT LEARNING SESSION BY FLINT UNIVERSITY



Opportunities don't happen but we create them, which takes us to the path we would like to flourish in. An exploration session of the careers options and the programmes

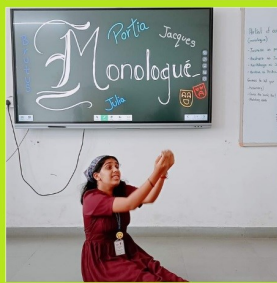
offered by University of Michigan, Flint, was organized for the students of Grade 11 & 12 CBSE and Grade 11 IB. A truly enlightening session to carve the choices of our students with global exposure.

LITERARY FEST

The month of August saw celebration of literature, a celebration of culture and of celebration language. A day which gave each student a chance to enjoy and demonstrate what they learnt; with magazine covers, games, stalls, pop culture references, monologues and poem recitations, a fun but an interesting way of learning.

The Literary Fest is an amazing and productive way of team building, which has created a special place in their hearts. It's so truly said, 'With language you are at home anywhere'. Edmund De Waal.

The Literary Fest 2023 organized for



the students was an incredible show of creativity and testament of the school's commitment to nurture young minds capable of making a mark for themselves on the global stage. With a delightful blend of humour, eloquence and literary exploration, the event left an indelible imprint on all who attended. It was indeed a reminder to embrace the power of words and self-expression.

Students presented thoughtfully curated activities in English, Hindi, Telugu,

Spanish and French. Monologues from

Shakespeare, magazine cover designing, spell bee, works and life of authors and poets, poetry writing, declamation, enacting scenes from mythology, creating advertisement pages, flip speaking film shows, role plays, quizzes, language games were the highlights of the event that made their learning experience attractive and enjoyable.

It was indeed a roller coaster ride into the world of creativity and imagination and gave the educators an insight into students' love for literature and language.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY AND ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION



The 77th Independence Day was celebrated with great patriotic fervour and boundless joy. The school was decorated with Tricolour and adorned with a festive look. The School Student Council for the year 2023-24 was invested with their duties.

The Chief Guest on the occasion was Dr. Jaya Prakash Narayana, Former IAS and Former member of AP Legislative Assembly & Founder of Lok Satta Party, who inspired everyone to uphold the values of unity and progress that our great Nation stands for.

Mr. D. Sudhakar Reddy, Chairman-DSR Educational Society, Dr. Pratap Reddy & Mr. C. S. Reddy were the Guests of Honour; Ms. Sharmila

Reddy, Director- DSR Educational Society; Ms. Pratima Sinha, CEO- DSR Educational Society graced the momentous occasion.

The occasion also witnessed the Investiture Ceremony of the newly elected Student Council for the academic year, 2023-24.

The gamut of dance and song performances showcased by the students resonated with patriotism and pride.

The Toppers of CBSE and CAIE Board examination, Check Point High Achievers were felicitated. Academic Excellence Awards for the year 2022-23 were presented to the class



toppers. Teachers were honoured for their valued contribution towards achievement of excellent results in Board Examination.

Kathikeya Kollu GRADE – 9A (CBSE) won the coveted Champion of Champion Trophy. Spirit House was declared the Champion House and Ambition House the Runner up for the Academic year 2022-23.

The day ended with a special interaction session for the STUCO with the Chief Guest Dr. Jaya Prakash Narayana.



OUR CELEBRATIONS

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

It was a day filled with pride and unity as our students embraced the spirit of freedom through a spectacular event to commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The event, organized as a part of Har Ghar Tiranga Program, commenced with our school song, setting the tone for a memorable day. The principal's impassioned speech stirred little hearts and emotions were stitched while paying homage to the Freedom fighters.

Vibrant performances took center stage, reflecting the diversity and talent of our students. From the harmonious rendition to the heartfelt patriotic melody each performance resonated with patriotism. It was indeed a proud moment to witness the Birla Open Minds community come together to celebrate our country's independence



JOY OF BONALU



"Festivals with their gaiety and colour bring us joy, hope and teaches us to be grateful to the divine forces".

It's the auspicious month of Ashadha and the time to display devotion and celebration of a lively festival. The students of CBSE Grades 2, 3 and 4 celebrated Bonalu Festival in the traditional way. This special celebration of Bonalu was marked by a riot of colour, customs, song and dance. The students were in traditional attire, carrying Bonnam - new earthen pots, adorned with Neem leaves, Turmeric (Haldi) and Vermilion (Kumkum) - on their heads in a procession led by Pothraju.

RAKSHA BANDHAN—FESTIVAL OF BOND OF LOVE

"A bond of love, a bond of togetherness. It's a thread that binds our lives and hearts"

The Grade 2 CBSE students totally nailed the Raksha Bandhan celebration at school with an incredible skit, mesmerizing performance of song, and enlightening talks about the significance of Raksha Bandhan, They left everyone in awe.



OUR CELEBRATIONS

TELANGANA DAY CELEBRATION



"Telangana's journey , from a dream to reality, is a testament to the power of unity, resilience and the unwavering spirit of its people."

Telangana Formation Day was commemorated with gaiety and zeal at our school to mark the formation of the State in 2014, to honour ostrich cultural heritage, to celebrate the spirit of Telangana and to acknowledge the remarkable progress made by the State.

The Principal Ms. Syamali Chowdhury, hoisted the National Flag followed by National Anthem sung with patriotic fervour. Members of Staff spoke about the importance of the day and contribution of people and personalities who contributed in the formation of Telangana State.

The event concluded with the melodious rendition of the Telangana song symbolizing our deep rooted pride in our rich heritage and our commitment to work towards the brighter future of Telangana.

SWARAJ – THE SAGA OF UNSUNG WARRIORS



Theatre has the power to move, inspire, transform and educate in ways that no other art form can. Theatre reflects both the extraordinary diversity of cultures and our shared human conditions, in all its vulnerability and strength— Irina Bokova. The students of Grades 8 to 12 witnessed a spell-binding and mesmerizing theatre performance titled Swaraj – the Saga of Unsung Warriors by the Team from Nishumbita School of Drama. An adaptation of Manoshi Sinha Rawal's, Saffron Swords, the play performance was a tribute to the unknown, unsung freedom fighters and warriors who laid down their lives during India's struggle for freedom. It was indeed a great learning experience for the students as they time travelled through India's historical past. The heart wrenching scenes depicting the cruelty meted out by the

British made the audience really emotional and created an ambience of patriotism echoing with chants of 'Vande Mataram' by the performers as well as the audience.

SPARK SPEAK

POWER OF STEAM: STEPWELLS WORKSHOP

"Preserving the past, empowering the future."



Our brilliant students of CBSE Grades 6 and 7 explored the revival and significance of Stepwells, understanding their crucial role in addressing the issue of diminishing groundwater in India. The session, led by Ms. Jasvinder Kaur, provided valuable insights and sparked a sense of responsibility among our young minds. The Museum's education team also introduced captivating village dioramas, enriching the students' understanding of historical contexts and architectural marvels.

We believe in nurturing an appreciation for heritage and encouraging our students to be the change-makers of tomorrow. Together, we can revive the past to build a sustainable future! Here's

a glimpse of this illuminating STEAM workshop, where knowledge merged with curiosity to create a powerful learning experience.

CAREER COUNSELING SESSION BY MR. GANESH KOHLI



Create a path for yourself and walk on it. It should be a path created from introspection and with hard work and more importantly a path of your choice; the choices that you are proud of, the choices that come deep from your heart.

Focusing on this concept, Mr. Ganesh Kohli, founder of IC3 Movement created waves in our campus leading to a thought provoking interaction with students, parents and the teachers on the importance of career guidance in schools. Success is not really achieved unless you are happy. Mr. Ganesh implored the student .

SPARK SPEAK

AUTHOR INSPIRATION

"If you don't see the book you want on the shelf. Write it" - Beverly Cleary
Students of CBSE, Grade 5 of Birla Open Minds International School, Kollur got valuable insights on beginning as a young author. Mr. Sourabh De, an avid quizzier, a corporate coach, and an Author had an interactive talk with the students inspiring them to begin their journey as a young writer. Speaker focused on consistency, perseverance, and belief in self for starting the journey as a writer. Students were actively engaged in the interaction with Mr. Sourabh for his guidance on overcoming the challenges as a beginner.



" TIGER PHOTOGRAPHY - CONCENTRATION AND FOCUS".

Passion is energy. Feel the power that comes from focusing on what excites you!
The students of CBSE Grades 9 to 12 had a very interesting session with the Guest Speaker Prof. Jitender Govindani, who is a passionate Wildlife Photographer and has won many accolades internationally for his clicks and captures. He has helped Kanha Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh publish a Tiger Identification Book, two Coffee Table Books and One each for Corbett Tiger Reserve & Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve. He spoke to the students on the topic " Tiger Photography - Concentration and Focus". The event was conducted to commemorate the 50th year of Project Tiger, an initiative of the Government of India to conserve the Tigers.



COMPETENCY BASE TEACHING AND ASSESSMENTS



The end of education is to see men made whole, both in competence and in conscience.'

A two-day workshop on 'Implementing Competency Based Teaching Learning to Strengthen Competency Focused Assessments' for the Middle and Senior Section Teachers (CBSE) of Birla Open Minds International School was conducted by Ms. Pratima Sinha, CEO, DSR Educational Society. Focusing on Bloom's Taxonomy, the Workshop emphasized on the significance of fostering competencies in children and highlighted the importance of assessments and evaluation practices which are considered to be the pillars

supporting learners' growth and development. The need for assessments to not only measure conceptual understanding but also foster critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity was clearly enunciated. Thoughtful evaluation was acknowledged as one of the most important requirements to create an environment that would promote continuous improvement, celebrate progress, and ensure equitable opportunities for all learners.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AESTHETIC LEARNING

'Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.' - Aristotle

A very insightful and enriching session on 'Aesthetic Learning' was facilitated by Ms. Pratima Sinha, CEO, DSR Educational Society for the educators of K1 to Grade 4 on 6th June 2023 and for Grades 5 to 8 on 7th June 2023.

The sessions highlighted the various teaching concepts that could be followed to incorporate the aesthetic elements into teaching-learning. The educators were guided through various activities to understand how our children could provide the direction of thought towards appreciating and understanding the aesthetic value of everything around them.

The sessions concluded with a beautiful takeaway for the educators. "Teach your children to find beauty in everything around them, allow them to listen to the rhythm of the world, let them learn through their senses and that's how you create every space into a happy learning space for your children".



CBSE WORKSHOP ON INCLUSION AND INCLUSIVE STRATEGIES

I don't need easy, I just need possible'. Bethany Hamilton

A two-day interactive and informative session on Inclusion and Inclusive Strategies was conducted by the CBSE Resource Persons; Dr Sanjeev Nampally, Principal, Fortune Butterfly Senior Secondary School and Mr. Prasad Nukala, Principal, Meluha School.



The session primarily focused on the need for inclusion and its importance through various interesting games and engaging activities. The highlight was the detailed understanding of the examination provisions and exemptions provided by CBSE for children with special needs, the SOP for availing the concessions, the flexibility in choosing subjects for CWSN, the role of a Special Educator and Counsellor in schools through interesting role plays. The resource person also discussed in detail the model lesson plans to cater the needs of a diverse classroom.

The two day session emphasized on the value of collaboration , cooperation and commitment of educators towards making the school inclusion friendly.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION

PENMANSHIP

‘I saw that bad handwriting should be regarded as a sign of an imperfect education.’- Mahatma Gandhi

A very creative session on ‘Penmanship’ was conducted by the Academic Coordinators Ms. Ami Iyer and Ms. Maitreyi Kotian.

The session focused on creating handwriting - a fun learning experience for the children. The educators were guided on the challenges faced by the students like letter spacing, line adherence, speed and cursive writing and the best ways to overcome them. The interactive session also included warm up activities and exercises to improve fine motor skills, strengthening of arm muscles, improving pencil grip and the importance of correct posture to acquire legible handwriting.



PRIDE OF BIRLA OPEN MINDS



Congratulations



Miss Ahana Bhatia
Grade 8 (CBSE)

for bagging Second Prize in 'Poetry Writing Competition' conducted as a part of SYAHI - Art & Literary Fest organized at Meridian School, Madhapur on 01st August 2023.

The Birla Open Minds Fraternity is proud of your excellent accomplishment.

Let's celebrate your success!



Congratulations



Miss Aahana Poddar
Grade 2 (CBSE)

for securing First Prize in 'Lab Experiments Competition' conducted as a part of SYAHI - Art & Literary Fest organized at Meridian School, Madhapur on 01st August 2023.

The Birla Open Minds Fraternity is proud of your outstanding feat.

Hats off to your success!



Congratulations



Master Advay Singh Parmar
Grade 5 (CBSE)

for bagging First Prize in 'Declamation Competition' conducted as a part of SYAHI - Art & Literary Fest organized at Meridian School, Madhapur on 01st August 2023.

The Birla Open Minds Fraternity is proud of your exceptional accomplishment.

Kudos to your success!



Congratulations



Master Sai Rithvik Kakarala
Grade 7 (CBSE)

for bagging Second Prize in 'Doodle Art Competition' conducted as a part of SYAHI - Art & Literary Fest organized at Meridian School, Madhapur on 01st August 2023.

The Birla Open Minds Fraternity is proud of your excellent accomplishment.

We applaud your win!



Congratulations



Miss Tavishka Mazumdar
Grade 2 (CBSE)

for bagging Second Prize in 'Fancy Dress Competition' conducted as a part of SYAHI - Art & Literary Fest organized at Meridian School, Madhapur on 01st August 2023.

The Birla Open Minds Fraternity is proud of your excellent accomplishment.

Three cheers to your success!



Congratulations



Master Venumala Trishal
Grade 9 (CBSE)

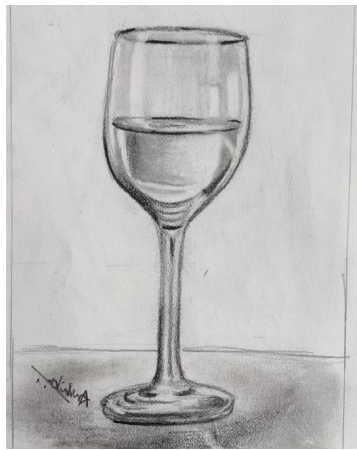
for representing the Telangana State Basketball Team in the Sub Junior Category at the Nationals, being held at Puducherry from 01st August 2023 to 11th August 2023.

The Birla Open Minds Fraternity is proud of your outstanding & commendable achievement.

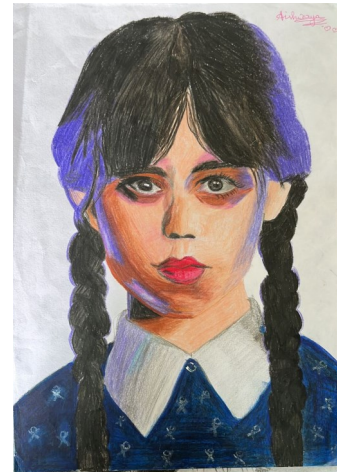
Kudos to you and your success!



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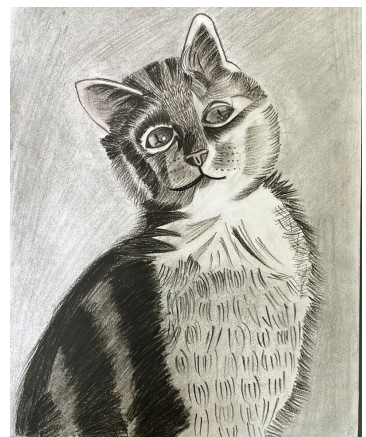
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