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Graduation Day - K2

EVENTS

Alpha to Omega

Birla Open Minds International School was completely enthralled by the enthusiasm of the Primary students on Saturday, 1st of February 2020. The students and teachers displayed grade wise the vertical integration of the topics like Human Evolution, Communication, Transportation, Plants as primary source of food, Traditional and Modern Games, Health, The five elements of life - Air, Water, Sky, Earth, Wind. It also included Natural Calamities, Inventions and Discoveries, Zoology, Our Universe, Human Physiology and Human Anatomy.

The presentations were wonderful display of extend learning beyond the four walls of classroom . All the students were given an opportunity to demonstrate with the help of working and static models and flash cards. There were a lot of Eureka moments for the students! The purpose of the activity was to foster scientific temper in our students and kindling the joy of learning through activities, enhance their confidence and learn to work in collaboration.

Grade 1 students beautifully demonstrated the need to follow the traffic. In Human Physiology the students explained all the five senses in the human body while Grade 2 students introduced the different organ systems in the body, like the digestive, respiratory systems. The Grade 3 students explained the process of respiration in our body which was demonstrated with a working model of the Respiratory System. The Grade 4 students assembled the different parts of digestive system and thoroughly explained the functioning of the same.

The spellbinding integration through a soulful musical performance on “Biography of Universe” – the mesmerizing presentation of the Universe, the Solar System, different constellations and other celestial bodies is worth mentioning.

To raise awareness on importance of fitness regime, the Grade 3 and 4 students conducted Zumba and Aerobic sessions for their dear parents. The proactive Quiz Master shared his Quiz Bowl to keep up the competitive spirit of the parents.

A wonderful coordination, team spirit and an amazing conviction of the students to share their knowledge with the their parents was highly appreciated. The encouragement of the parents goes without saying which boosted the spirit of each and every child.



Club Culmination



“Experience is a culmination of the past, an awareness of the present, an indication of a future beyond knowledge”

Clubs at Birla Open Minds International School has been an integral part of the curriculum to provide work experience for the students of Grades 5-11. The Culminating Activity was conducted on Saturday, 1st of February 2020, for the students to reinforce and showcase the skills mastered in the academic year.

The students opt for different club activities - Cuisine Club, Artisan Club, Technology Club, Literary Club, Citizenship Club, Music Club, Theatre Club, Eco-Warriors Club, Math-A-Ron (Jr. Club) Club, Scienstation Club (Sr. Club), Interact club (Sr. Club). The students get an opportunity to develop the right attitude and focus on skill-based learning and boost their self-confidence through active learning.

The Cuisine Club Members proactively involved in Shram-daan Programme and raised fund by selling lip smacking food items. The Revenue generated was used for buying Braille Papers which was donated to Devnar School of Blind Begumpet . The student representatives of Interact Club and Cuisine Club visited Devnar School of Blind to handover the Braille Papers and interacted with the students of the school who are successfully doing well in their professional career.

Graduation Day Celebrations - K2



Graduation Ceremony marks the commencement of a series of beginnings. The Principal, Ms. Syamali Chowdhury addressed the Grandparents, Parents and the Students about the learning experience that the students have enjoyed at Birla Open Minds International School. “We nurture our students with kindness and love so that they bloom their creativity, curiosity, intelligence and leadership skills.” she said. The proud graduates donned their Graduation gowns and caps and took to the stage to receive their trophies and scrolls marking the achievement of first milestone - completing the Pre-Primary years successfully. The K2 students staged a wonderful presentation based on theme “Sharing is Caring” while the Primary students welcomed the young graduates to Primary Years. We wish them the very best for their future endeavours.

An amazing audio-visual presentation for the parents to catch a glimpse down the memory lane, where the students were at their best learning spaces -the different corners showcasing their experiences and moments they would cherish for life. The confident young graduates matched steps on the Dynamite Song track to celebrate this Special Day – all ready to take charge of the next step.

The appreciation extended for each student by the Academic Coordinator, Ms. Sneha Jaiswal and the Vote of Thanks extended by the Headmistress, Ms. Kausar Ladiwala concluded this solemn ceremony on an emotional note.

We wish to see our students grow as deep-rooted adults with self-confidence, strong values and beliefs. May God shower his choicest blessings on each one of them.

Grand Parents Day Celebrations

‘Grandparents are a family’s greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, and the keepers of traditions.’

Birla Open Minds International School values every relationship and so do we honour our very special grandparents.

The Theme of Grandparents Day celebration was “Back to School”. Many games and activities were planned to take them down their memory lane of their school days. The musical notes of 80s and 90s emoted a ret-ro mood with the foot tapping music and dance steps. The creative hands of the grandparents along with their grandchildren passionately designed the photo frames for the special moment captured with their dear grandchild.



Orientation for Parents for the Mumbai-Pune-Panchagani Trip

It is important to set the expectation of the travel experience while you plan for a trip and more so if it is an adventure and educational trip.

The tour organizer, Mr. Sharukh Shroff, Founder and Director of Adventure Education Tours Pvt. Ltd. oriented the Parents and Students on various aspects of the trip.

The day wise itinerary, some guidelines for safety and security of the students, things to carry, accommodation details, to and fro travel details were meticulously briefed. The students were divided in small groups and their respective Teacher – In Charges were introduced to the Parents for taking complete care of each and every child during the Trip. All queries of enthusiastic students and anxious parents were addressed satisfactorily.

FIELDTRIPS

Fieldtrip to Hindustan Coca Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd.

On the 14th of February, Cambridge International students of Birla Open Minds International School visited Hindustan Coca Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd. Plant at Miyapur. The objective was this educational field trip was to get first-hand experience of learning about pasteurization, blow house bottling, packaging technology and testing of carbonated water and sugar syrup. The students were fascinated with the machinery and the neatly organized process of manufacturing the beverages. The beautiful green ecological campus added to the learning pleasure.



Fieldtrip to Farm in Tellapur - K1 & K2

An educational trip to an Agricultural Farm at Tellapur was organized for the students of K1 and K2 as an extended learning activity of Habitat. The students had a unique farm experience observing different farming tools, sugarcane fields, different types of plants like eggplant, sapota, banana, papaya, beans and also interacted with the farmers. The young learners were excited to see the biogas plant and have watched how water is boiled without a gas stove. It was a great fun playing around with the hens, roosters, puppies and the sight of animal homes.



Visit to Devnar School

The Cuisine Club students demonstrated wonderful team work by raising funds using their culinary skills and sold delectable food items. The fund has been utilised to donate Braille papers for the students of Devnar School at Begumpet.

Interacting with the visually impaired students was truly inspirational as they are doing so well in life against all odds. Our students were pleasantly surprised to listen to the success stories of these students – they have been appointed by MIT, while some others are now working at IIT and few others hold responsible positions such as Deputy General of State Bank of India. It was amazing to see the determination of the students of Devnar School, where they do not hold the dreams for their physical challenges but pursue their goals with unwavering focus. The students of Birla Open Minds International School felt blessed that God has been so kind to them and also realized that nothing is impossible in this world, if we have the determination to achieve it.



“They are well-disciplined, really kind and thanked god for the opportunities given.” – Sanjana P, VIII A

“We learnt that there is nothing impossible in this world” –

Pritika C, VIII A

“One may think that blind people cannot do anything because of their impairment but the reality is that they are capable of doing things better than normal people” –

Venya, VIII A

“Many children are top rankers which is surprising and wonderful” –

Sri Vaishnavi, V B

IHC

Inter House Monologue Competition - the Inner Soul of a Character

The students of Grades 5 – 11 participated in the Inter House Monologue Competition on 7th February 2020. The students staged the chosen character with their body, mind and spirit. It was tough decision for the Judges to select the winners as the many students enthralled the audience with their commendable dramatic skills and wonderful performance – the clarity in speech, mind blowing expression, well-paced delivery and intonation.

SPORTS

The much-awaited Sports Week was conducted from 4th to 6th February 2020 with great zeal and excitement. There wasn't a single bleak moment with adrenaline rushing faster than rapids. We were honored to have Mr. Atif Hyder, the Director of the Hyderabad Football Academy, for the Inauguration program. The Opening Ceremony was marked by the formal Torch Run by the Sports Champions of our school. There was an array of Team Events and Individual Sports played by the students of Grades 1 to 11. Enthusiastic students represented their respective Houses with their best spirit to bag points for their House. Each student got an opportunity to participate in one Team Event and one Individual Event. The Team Events were Basketball, Football, Cricket and 4X100 Relay Race. The Individual Events included Table Tennis, Tennis, Sprint Races (100 mts., 200 mts., and 400 mts.), Obstacle Race, Long jump, Pick and Drop, Chess and Tug-of-War.

The Closing Ceremony was graced by Guest of Honour, Mr. Kamaljeet Singh, a Footballer who represents Hyderabad Football Club in the Indian Super League. The students were encouraged by our CEO, Ms. Pratima Sinha to take active interest in Sports and demonstrate sportsmanship spirit at all times. Our Director, Ms. Sharmila Reddy and CEO, Ms. Pratima Sinha felicitated the Winners with Medals, Trophies and Certificates. The Runner's Up Trophy has been awarded to Ambition House and the Best House Trophy has been bagged by Legacy House.



EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The Competitive Exams conducted by different external bodies gives a boost to the logical and analytical thinking, reasoning aptitude, linguistic and comprehending mastery along with content knowledge. Congratulations to all the outstanding achievers who have proved their mettle of excellence:

1. Turag Sharma of Grade 1 F for achieving International Rank 7 in SPELL BEE INTERNATIONAL Exam- ination.
2. Sidharth Nimmagadda of Grade 7 A for achieving Zonal Rank 3 and International Rank 42 in SCIENCE OLYMPIAD FOUNDATION-INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

National Rank Achievers in R.D Birla Scholarship Examination

1. Niravadya A.J - Grade 1 E - Rank 7
2. Arnav Verma - Grade 1 E- Rank 4
3. Tanypatrhy Vedanth Gautam - Grade 2 B- Rank 4
4. Alaap Chakraborty - Grade 3 A- Rank 2
5. Anshika Sharan - Grade 3 D- Rank 3
6. Ritwik Reddy Gaddam - Grade 4 E- Rank 4
7. Neil A Jain - Grade 4 D- Rank 9

Zonal Rank Achievers in R.D Birla Scholarship Examination

1. Venya Reddy D - Grade 8A – Rank 1
2. Kannishk Naidu G - Grade 8A – Rank 2



Mumbai - Pune Trip

The educational and adventure trip to Mumbai- Pune- Panchgani was a perfect combination of experiential learning and entertainment. It was amazing to explore IMAGICA - the Theme Park in Mumbai, a short trekking to the table land at Panchgani, followed by the amazing experience of handpicking strawberry in the farm, visiting Parsi Point and Mapro Factory. It was really very exciting to visit the Bhagyalaxmi Dairy Farm which is one of the second largest farms, observing milking the cows followed by visiting Go Cheese factory to experience the cheese making process.

The experiential learning at Kidzania to take up different roles, earning Kidzos (Kidzania Money) and thoughtfully spending the money inculcated the values of dignity of labour.





CREATIVE MINDS

Aarushi Dhar of CBSE Grade 8A has written this insightful poem on the pandemic - COVID19 and its effects.

“Life in a Pandemic”

*Big things come in small packages;
Its capable to force humans back into their cages.
However it is an entity so tiny,
even the virologist would exclaim,”there are so many!”*

*A child’s captivating imagination has been succeeded by boredom,
but all this while family-time was a wholesome.
Otherwise, an object naked to the eye is wringing the economy to its
fullest
and mommy’s food was the most ‘joyfullest’.*

*Its little distressing to be blocked away from friends,
but it was a different feeling to try out the new fashion trends.
On the other hand there has been an upgrade! Its a pandemic!!*

and this certainly affects the new year of my academics

*Honestly, there is a lot to take away home.
I am sure things will get better in Rome.
There is always a little room for hope;
no matter what happens, you have to keep climbing up the rope*



- Aarushi Dhar 8A

Quarantine Thoughts

-By Aditi Sinha Grade 10A

*Here I am
In complete isolation
'Self-quarantined' as they call it
With nothing to do,
I read the news
And watch as the death count increases
I go down to the supermarket
Only to find all the shelves empty
I wish people wouldn't panic so much
They are only worsening the situation
Hoarding supplies won't help
If you don't practice basic hygiene
So let us all come together
To help our fellow doctors and nurses
By taking care of our health*

Alekha Settipalli of CAIE Grade 8A has written a beautiful poem on keeping positivity alive in these desperate times.



Light in the dark

- Alekha Settipalli, VIIIA CAIE

*When the whole world is dark,
You can be the light.
When all the colours fade, you can be happy through black and white.
You can have faith where others don't.
You can help those in need, when others won't.
Through the thorns you can see the rose.
You can be an open door when others close.
You can be the sunshine in the rain.
You can be the medicine for the pain.
You can be a smile for their face.
You can be the love through all the hate.
You can be happy and that's enough;
For sometimes all that the world needs is some more love.*

Anish Nukala of CAIE Grade 5A wrote this cute poem about finding the Perfect Book



The Perfect Book

By: Anish Reddy Nukala, 5A CAIE

*It is not easy to find the perfect book,
for this you must search every cranny and nook.
The perfect book is not the same for everyone, everybody has their own.
You and your perfect book is like a dog and his bone.
So if you need a perfect book which fits your every need,
To the library you must proceed.*

Anjika of Grade 10A poetically tells us about the place that best suits her.



The Place Best for Me
The place best for me here I come,
to a place not wonderful to some.
Where butterflies fly unaware of the surrounding,
the peace and silence is abounding.
The place best for me here I come,
to a place where bees hum.
Where surroundings are green,
and the air is full of the aroma of coffee beans.
The place best for me here I come,
away from the place where pollution comes from.
Where people play chess,
while eating cress.

Anjika grade 10 A

Anya Rao of CAIE Grade 8A writes a poem about finding the silver-lining amidst all the recent turmoil we have been facing.



Poem

The pandemic that the world is facing
today is exhausting,
And truly dehumanizing

It's hard to find light in these times of
darkness
But we can use this as an opportunity to
spread awareness

Ever since we've started social distancing
Things have been quite outstanding

The murky waters of Venice have started
to clear again and is blue in color
So clean, that residents claimed to have
seen dolphins in the water

In cities like Delhi, miracles have been
happening
After many years people can witness a
clear bright blue sky dazzling

Think of it as Mother Nature's way of
rejuvenating
Trust me, you're not hallucinating

But at the end of the day it is our
responsibility to contain the virus
In such a crisis

So stay safe and self quarantine
And tomorrow the world will shine.

Aparaajita of Grade 10B uses the moon to inspire us in these difficult times.

The Moon
The moon shining in the night
So beautiful and bright
Chasing away the dark
Until it disembarks

The light shines down
It makes me reach up from the ground
And see the wonder that lingers all around

It gave warmth to the cold
Strength to the weak
Joy to the bold
And hope to the lost



*But remember that
In this combat
Between day and night
Black and white
Death and life
Even the moon has a dark side*

By- Aparaaajita 10B

A poetic note by Armaan Naqvi of CBSE 5B on the topic of Positivity

POSITIVITY



*When we wake up every day, we should be thankful in every way.
When the sun rises every day, we should be positive with every word we say.
When our day is gloomy and we are feeling down, if we are positive, every-
thing will turn around.
Let's remove that frown off your face and put a crown on your head.
When we are sad and everything is going bad, do not worry, stay calm,
then.....comes a charm!
Remember that there is no negativity around you if you are full of positivity.*

*By Armaan Naqvi
Class 5B
Open Minds*

Ratnika of CBSE Grade 7B has written this insightful poem on COVID19.

CORONAVIRUS



*Come everybody lets fight together
To save ourselves from COVID-19 forever
Let's sanitize our hands everyday
To keep the germs far away

Don't be a part of the bigger population
Preferred & recommended to be in isolation
These are distressed times for the entire world
Faith, hope and Prayers will help us to be bold

This is the time to spend time with your family
So everyone can have thoughts that are happy*

-B.S.Ratnika - 7B

DON'T GIVE UP!!!



*Let us sing against the tune of this virus,
and stay positive during this crisis;
Worrying and panicking will not help,
If the promise of staying hygienic cannot be kept;
Sanitizer is not the only thing we need,
Wearing masks is also not what we need;
The important thing is, we must stay away from each other,
maintain social-distance;
But most importantly,
we must be healthy and happy;
We sit like prisoners at home,
having absolutely no place to roam;
But obeying the Prime Minister's orders,
is going to make our life sweeter and longer;
If we suffer of boredom,
and yearn for freedom;
We can always look out the window,
and appreciate nature, our hero!
The clouds dancing to the sweet melody of the birds,
are such a treat to the eyes and ears,
that to describe it, there are no words.
But I do want a chance,
to get out of this lock down;
This world needs your help,
and not just my own;
So come on! Give me a five!
Let us keep ourselves and this environment clean,
and together end COVID 19!!!*

Janani Narayanan 8B

Jeevika Puri of CBSE Grade 8A has written this mesmerizing poetry on the present crisis.

I pen my thoughts on the World Poetry Day

*I wake up to the sounds of birds chirping
Wondering if I was still dreaming
What's special, I ask my mom in times of virus and flu
With a broad grin on her face she says, it's Janta Curfew*

*Bemused, I step out on the porch
Not a single human on the road
What's going on, I ask my mom again
It's what you call a curfew, my sweetheart she explains*

*Curfew, no one outside, isn't that bad
No, thunders Mother Earth this time, this is what humans asked.
Puzzled, I ponder on her response
I get all my answers from where chirping birds, dolphins and swans came from.*

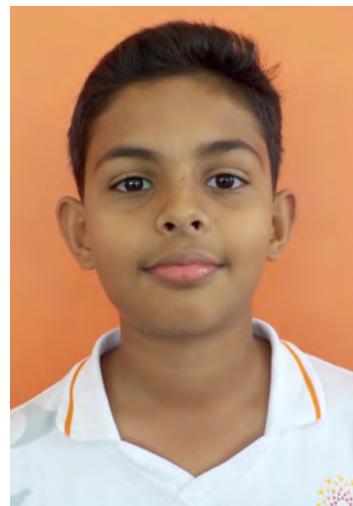
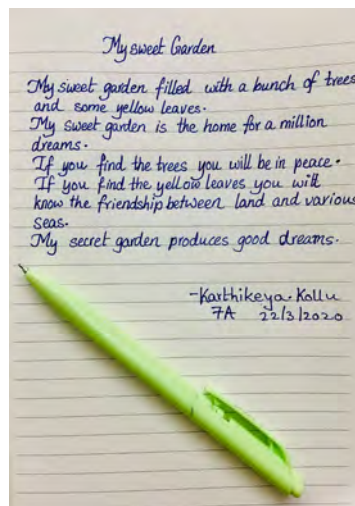
*Does it take a corona and a curfew to see your beauty Mother Earth, I asked
No my child, said the mother with a gentle smile
You take care of me, I'll walk with you till the last mile.*

-Jeevika Puri - 8-A

Kabir of Grade 4 has created these mesmerizing art works.



Karthikeya Kollu of CBSE Grade 7A poetically tells us about his secret garden.



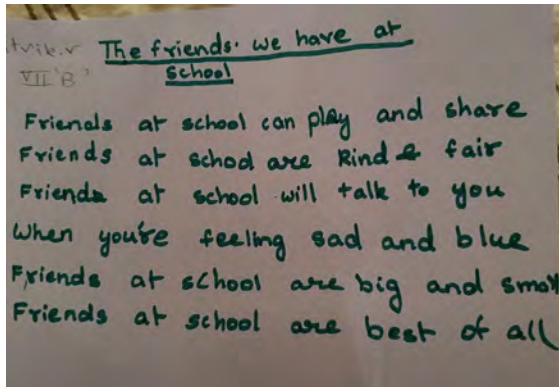
Raj Arush of CBSE Grade 7B tells us what all he has done during the lockdown.



*The Earth is sick
The world is on a pause
There's chaos everywhere
They say Corona is the cause
The sunny side up is I'm helpin' my Mom
I'm learning how to cook and how to clean the floor
I get more TV time n I play in my new Xbox 1
I tease my brother even more and then i hear him roar
It is a war against the deadly virus
I know Earth will emerge a Phoenix
just stay strong, just hold on
As there's always light on the horizon*

Raj Arush 7B

Ritvik V of CBSE 7B, tells us about the friends at school in this lovely poem.



Sai Sri Aishwarya of CBSE Grade 9A has poetically penned this note of Gratitude for the most cherished individuals in her life.

GRATITUDE

*To my parents, grandparents and pet,
I want you to know I am eternally in your debt.
Here I come to thank you with all my heart,
Our bond will never fall apart.
At times I could have been tough and my behaviour could have been rough,
In spite of this, for standing by me I can't thank you enough.
Be it a curfew or be it the flu,
With my family around I never feel blue.
My life would be tough without you,
I would be a driftwood without a clue.
Through this poem I want to express my gratitude,
Do know that in my life you are the most valued.*

*With regards,
Sai Sri Aishwarya - Class 9A.*

Sai Tej of Grade 9 points a ray of hope in the current crisis.

Corona Times

*The world is burning with fear,
So people are not coming near.
Darkness is filled in the hearts of the people today,
But there will be light someday.*

*Panic everywhere,
Corona virus is here.
People are scared to come outside,
Some have fever and stayed inside.*

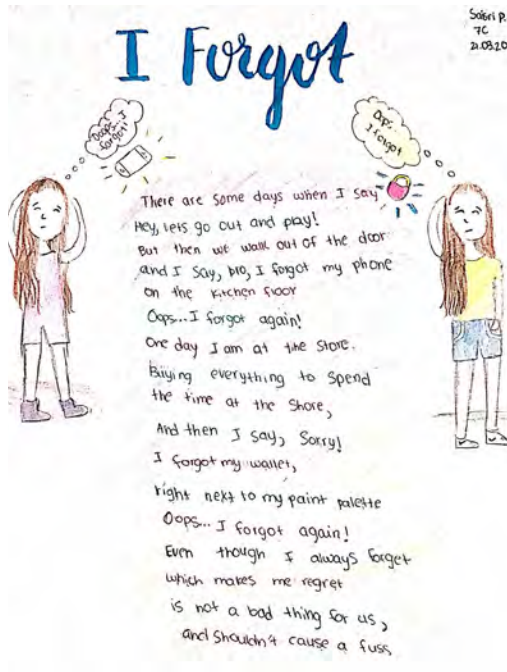
*No one is daring to face the outbreak,
But we should hope to face it someday.
Sanitizers are out of stock,
But don't stop washing your hands.*



*Eclipse won't stay for long
We must have hope.
Bad days will be over soon
Good days are ahead...*

-Sai Tej - Grade 9

Saisri of Grade 7C has penned this poem on forgetfulness.



A beautiful poetic description of the Water cycle by Sharbani Jha of CBSE Grade 5C

THE WATER CYCLE

*When I was a little kid,
I had a little pig,
Me and my pig used to think,
The rainwater came from the sink.*

*But, then I used to try and try,
to think "Why do clouds cry and cry"
But now I'm older, and I know,
That water comes from rain and snow.*

*It stays there, waiting in the sky,
In clouds above our world so high.
And when it falls, it flows along,
And splashes out a watery song.*

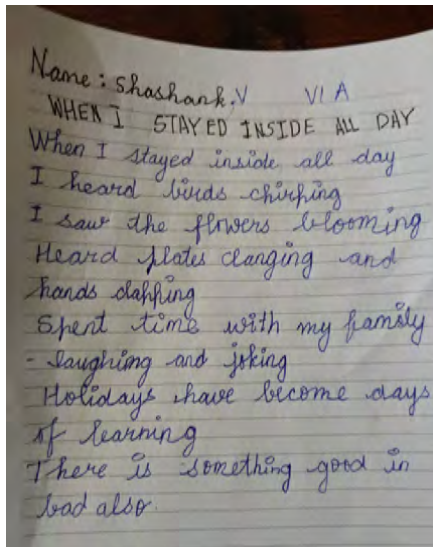
*As each raindrop is joined by more,
And rushes to the ocean shore,
Or to lake, a brook, a stream,
From which it rises just like steam.*



*But while it's down here
What do you think?
Let's go get drenched and wear something pink.*

By :Sharbani Jha 5 C

Shashank of CBSE Grade 6A shows us the silverlining within the lockdown.



Shaynn Asher Mathew expresses his feelings about the lockdown by this poem.

Did it have to be today?

*Stuck at home,
can't go out,
feeling really bored,
just wish I could go out to play,*

*lay on the sweet grass,
ride my bike over the hills,
score a century or score 5 goals.*

*Just To Say.....
Did it have to be today?*



Shaynn Asher Mathew of Grade 8A

A poetry filled with inspirational positivity by Tanisha Basani of Grade 10A



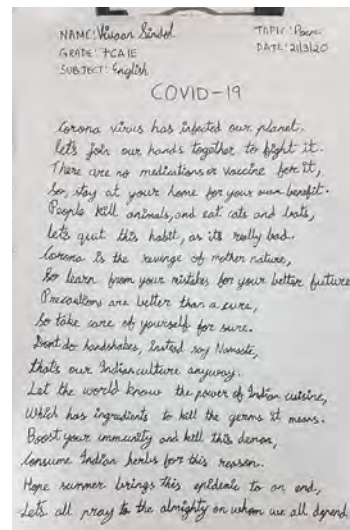
*When everything seems to be going wrong
take a deep breath, relax and sing a song
Know that things will change soon
you're in the midst of stars on the way to the moon
remember that it'll all be over fast
its not tough times but the tough people that last
hope might just be a four letter word
but its power is mightier than that of a sword
in yourself you must always believe
a pattern of positive thoughts you must weave
remember it always seems impossible until its been done
in the end a battle against despair you will have won*

Just To Say.....

Did it have to be today?

Shaynn Asher Mathew of Grade 8A

Vivaan Sindol of CAIE Grade 7A has written this informative poem on COVID 19.



Kushagra Maheshwari of CAIE Grade 7A, writes a soulful poem to Mother Earth as a tribute for everything she does for us.

I need some place, a corner in your heart

I wish for a new journey to start.

To live I need a place

To survive, need some space.

You are my mother,

I call you as nature.

I am your son,

A small creature.

Even when I sleep,

on my bed,

I feel your hand

On my head.

I'll be happy with grace

If you give me some space

With your beauty let my mind blow.

Give me some space in stars who glow.



***You have everything even
The Earth, water and the breeze.***

I need some space in these.

In summers let me dry,

In winters let me freeze.

The seasons are yours,

I need some space in these.

*Like a butterfly
Let me fly in
Air, wind or breeze,
I need some space in these.*

*In the mountains, seas, valleys
Or the lava you release
Give me some place in these.*

*I need some space in your love.
Or your heart, or with you.
Please which none can seize.
Give me some space in these.*

Kushagra Maheshwari

Birla Open Minds Preschool

Learn My Way

Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations. Student Led Conference was held at Birla Open Minds Gachibowli for Grades Pre-Nursery, Nursery and K-1. The three 'R' elements promoted through students involvement in conferencing process were: Relevance-what we are teaching the kids; Responsibility- making students responsible for learning; Reporting- to parents about student's progress. It helped students to engage in self reflection, self evaluation and presentation skills. Lot of activities and concepts were displayed for parents to understand our methodology of teaching based on the multiple intelligence theory of Howard Gardner, experiential learning theory of Lorris Mallaguzzi and play way method of teaching laid by Maria Montessori. It was a time for parents to celebrate the learning of their child, explore, inspire, empower and educate one self.



'Student Led Conference' as part of 'Farmer's Market'.

February was a month of 'Everything We Love' at Birla Open Minds Preschool Jubilee Hills. Children of all the classes showcased their love for reading on 'Read Aloud Day', Love for stories by enjoying 'Story-Telling Sessions' by Ms. Haritha and Ms. Neha as part of Parent Involvement, unconditional love for their Grandparents by dancing & singing for them on 'Grandparent's Day'. It was a day filled with enthusiasm and memories to cherish. When Chef Ratish visited the school for an interactive session as 'Community Helper' with K1 & K2 children, there was excitement in the air, as children shared their common love for food! The cherry on the cake was however the culmination of theme where the confident children of K1 & K2 displayed their learning and skill development through 'Student Led Conference' as part of 'Farmer's Market'.



Effective communication for school-parent partnership

“Communication is a two-way street, not a highway”. MatshonaDhliwayo.

Effective communication is essential for building a school-parent partnership. Parents benefit by becoming more confident about the value of the school. Parents develop a greater appreciation for the important role they play in their children's education. Our CEO Ms Pratima Sinha interacted with our parents & shared a few tips about parenting and also spoke to them about building a strong partnership with the school.



Confident steps towards future

It was a proud moment for the entire Gopanpally team as their Kindergarten -2 level children graduated on Saturday 29th February 2020. The team celebrated the culmination of years of hard work and the acknowledgement of successes achieved as this batch was the school's second pre-nursery batch from the year 2016. Earlier in this month, the Nursery and K2 children, actively participated in the 'Inter-Class Exchange Program' where the Nursery children explained the projects they had made at home on farm animals to the K2 children in the K2 classroom. The K2 children also took part in the 'Brown colour day' celebration as a part of the exchange program where they kept stalls with games, concept explanation through related to the colour brown. All our K2 children were very empathetic towards the young ones of Nursery. It was a true learning experience for all the children of Nursery as well K2 level.



Field Trips - A connect between classroom learning and real world.

Nothing beats an exciting and magical field trip! Field trips bring about a break in the routine, prepare the children for an adventure, act as a tool to launch questions and research, and provide authentic experiential learning opportunities where children connect what they are learning in the classroom in the real world context. Children of Birla Open Minds Preschool Nallagandla learnt the art of making a bouquet, understood the difference between analog clocks, electric clocks and digital clocks, smelt and experienced the authentic Indian rural farm and the many seasonal crops grown in it, pretended to be Chefs and became a part of the

pizza making process, played the role of a ‘mechanic’ and also a fruit and vegetable vendor, during their field trips to a Florist Shop, Clock showroom, Farm, Dominos Pizza, Tata service station and Nature Fresh fruit and vegetable store respectively. Their anecdotes and memories of their field trips were expressed on templates through their colourful drawings, thus maximizing their learning and creating life long memories.



Grand Parents Day

Grandparents are a family’s greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, the keepers of traditions. Grandparents are the family’s strong foundation. Through their special love and care, grandparents keep a family close at heart. To mark the special occasion children performed dance and sang songs, they thanked their grandparents for their love and support.



Memorable March

The month of March has been quite eventful at Birla Open Minds Pre-school, Jubilee Hills. Sparking a passion for stories from a young age by the parents and teaching community enables children to learn more about life, the world, and themselves. Our Nursery level parents Ms. Neha and Ms. Harika enthralled the children narrating stories as part of parent involvement.. Keeping the children well aware about the current volatile scenario, an interactive session on ‘Health and Hygiene’ was conducted by Ms. Vandana and Ms. through a live demonstration on the methods of washing hands, sneezing ,coughing to reduce the spread of germs and infections. Our batch of Kindergarten 2 children celebrated their ‘Graduation Day’ - the culmination of years of hard work of the children, the outstanding work of the staff and the parents .It was a fun filled and memorable day for all of us as the centre also celebrated ‘A Decade of Excellence’.



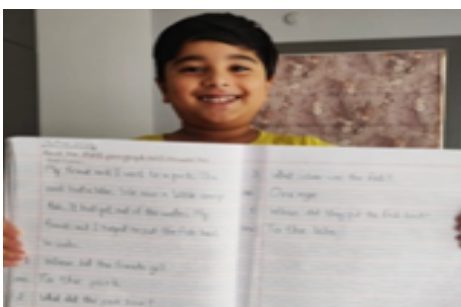
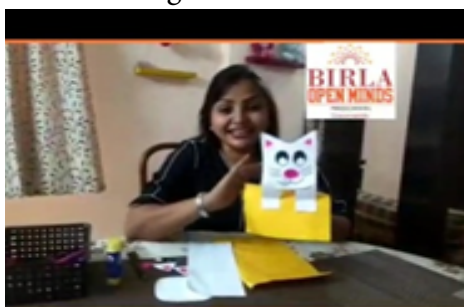
Meaningful Parent involvement

Parental involvement from the preschool level has a number of lifelong benefits, such as establishing the importance of education and developing a network of helpful connections. Parental involvement at this critical point provides the child with a springboard that makes the move to primary school a more tranquil transition. Parents who are involved in their child's education create a connection between the home and school. Guest speakers have become an important part of the educational experience for students. They expose students to real-world life experiences from the position of someone who has been there. Students build important connections between what they are learning and the real world. At Birla Open Minds Preschool Chandanagar we encourage parent involvement as it creates a positive experience for children and helps children perform better.



A Master Leap From School Learning To Home Learning

The medium of imparting knowledge has witnessed various changes from the ancient times. However, few things have remained constant-teacher, student and information. Right from traditional schooling system to technology equipped classrooms, the process of teaching has evolved tremendously. In spite of the recent global challenge, our entire Gopanpally team, parents and students have been working collaboratively towards the continuation of the learning process. During this period, our online curriculum related classes, art and craft videos have engaged our parents and students to spend quality time together. "Nothing can stop us from learning" is the mantra of our dear children.



A Moving and Grooving Graduation Day

K2 Graduation Day was celebrated on 7th March, 2020. The tiny tots wore their graduation robes and caps. Children sang songs which was appreciated by everyone present. Our Centre Head Ms. Nikkila Reddy felicitated the students with the certificate of Graduation. The K1 students gave a farewell to their friends of K2 by dancing on marvelous songs. It was indeed a joyous and proud moment not only for the parents but also the teachers as they witnessed their children receiving the Graduation Certificates. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks from the Kindergarten Coordinator Ms. Manisha.



Momentous Day of Accolades and Memories

On 7th March 2020, the students of K-2 at Birla Open Minds Preschool Gachibowli, expressed their gratitude towards their mentors who guided them through the progression of learning since they joined the pre-school. The spellbound performance of the kids about their journey from 'Move with me' to 'Build with me' to 'Achieve with me' till 'Excel with me' made parents awestruck. Their melodious Thankyou songs for the teachers and parents and coordinated dances were appreciated with rapturous applause from the audience. Later they walked down the ramp flamboyantly, adorned in convocation gowns and caps and received their scrolls of merit. It was a moment of pride for the teary eyed parents watch their little ones graduate. They captured the moment not only in their cameras but imprinted it in their hearts and minds.



Magnificent Mega events of March

Innovation, design thinking, emotions and musical good byes were the highlights of March at Birla Open Minds Nallagandla. Children and mums designed their dolls and mannequins with scrap materials respectively setting an example of collaboration, creation, and innovation. Parents reminisced and shared with children their emotions of receiving their first watch during the lesson plan of 'Time'. The colourful and safe Holi cheers spread the message of living life in all its colours in the most ecofriendly way. Last but not the least the children of Kindergarten 2 bid adieu to their preschool journey singing rhymes in the most fun and humorous way and accepted their well deserved certificates with dignity pride and grace.





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