

Welcome to the world of The Birla Buzz ! Our Quarterly News Letter!!

I am glad to share the opening article of our newsletter , The Birla Buzz. I would like to take this moment to express my gratitude to my exceptional team for their tireless support in bringing our school's vision to life. Their unwavering commitment has played a pivotal role in our success throughout the past academic year.

Birla Open Minds has come a long way since opening its doors in 2012 and is now recognized as one of the most preferred schools PAN India. Our commitment to continuous improvement remains strong, with a focus on

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providing the best learning and teaching practices. We strive to offer a curriculum that emphasizes not only on academics



but also on sports, music, performing and visual arts, ensuring our students have access to well-rounded experiences. This balanced approach is at the heart of what makes us one of the top international schools PAN India.

The enthusiastic support from our parents has been truly heartwarming. Your active participation in school events has fostered a collaborative spirit, and we are eager to build even stronger connections with you in the upcoming year. I am particularly keen to explore new ways to improve communication and strengthen the partnership between the school, parents, and students, which is the foundation for ensuring lasting success.

I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished a brand that is most sought after and I am deeply grateful to our staff and students for their commitment, passion, and energy. I wish all of you a happy reading and give a treat to your eyes.

Warm Regards

Nirvaan Birla

Managing Director





Welcome to the Third Estate of Birla Open Minds—The Birla Buzz, our quarterly newsletter!

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. As I reflect on recent years, it is evident that the journey has been nothing short of a roller-coaster ride. We have experienced tremendous growth, not only in our network of schools but also through a suite of initiatives aimed at enriching the educational experience.

In this issue, I want to share some of my thoughts on education and schools. Teaching about the culture of our society, as well as instilling a sense of social responsibility in children, is essential to building strong communities. By nurturing tolerance, understanding, and respect for diversity, we pave the way for harmonious social living, which is vital for creating resilient societies.

A Blended Approach to Learning

At our schools, we strive to blend academic rigor with a focus on citizenship education, aiming to provide a well-rounded and open-minded perspective on life and society. This approach emphasizes empathy, kindness, and the promotion of positive values. By engaging children in hands-on activities, we ensure their holistic development—physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and resilient—so that they are prepared for the challenges of life.

In reflecting on current education systems, I am reminded of the phrase, "New Cover, Same Story." This captures the dilemma many schools face today. Too often, education is confined to rote learning and standardized testing. However, education should evolve to encourage creativity, critical thinking, and personalized learning.

The Dilemma of Traditional Education

If you were to ask me whether I went to school, my response would be, "No, I was sent to school." This statement reflects the experience of many students today who are passive recipients in a rigid system. In classrooms, a few outspoken students dominate the conversation, while others remain disengaged, their potential untapped. The question is: Are these silent students failing, or are we, as educators, failing them?

Too often, we fall into the trap of judging students based on our own past experiences and biases. When students struggle, we focus on what they cannot do, rather than nurturing their potential and helping them grow. This is where the "old mindset" takes over, causing us to label and rank students without understanding that their struggles are a reflection of our inability to connect, inspire, and nurture them effectively. In reality, the failure is not the student's; it is a sign that we, as educators, have not provided the right support or methods.

The Role of Teachers: Facilitators, Not Just Knowledge-Givers

To foster genuine learning, the role of the teacher must evolve from being a mere distributor of knowledge to a facilitator of thought and creativity. This requires a shift in mindset and a willingness to step outside of our comfort zones. As educators, we sometimes fall back on familiar routines, lesson plans, and traditional teaching methods. But real learning happens when teachers remain curious and open-minded, embracing collaboration with students and fostering an environment of discovery.



Learning is not a product to be delivered; it's an experience to be shared. It's not about teaching a subject; it's about creating a shared experience of exploration and joy. The emphasis should be on fostering creativity, critical thinking, and curiosity. Assessments should not be limited to measuring memorization; they should nurture a child's imagination. Formative assessments, which guide children through their learning journey, are essential for meaningful growth.

Reinventing Ourselves as Educators

The real challenge we face is reinventing ourselves as educators and engaging students as active participants in the learning process. Although habits are hard to break, we must be willing to let go of old routines and focus on nurturing the next generation of creative, critical thinkers. Instead of focusing on grading assignments, we must concentrate on correcting misunderstandings and building a sense of excitement about learning.

Words matter. The language we use in the classroom can either uplift or wound. Many of us remember hurtful remarks from our school days more vividly than the lessons themselves. These words leave a lasting impact and can shape a child's perception of learning. Harsh comments can erode a student's self-esteem and create lasting emotional scars.

Creating a Positive and Optimistic Learning Environment

To foster a positive, optimistic, and growth-oriented learning environment, we must move away from outdated habits. We must use language that builds students up, replacing criticism with encouragement and rigidity with flexibility. We must create spaces where students feel free to explore, make mistakes, and grow from their experiences. This requires a collaborative approach where creativity is encouraged, and ideas flow freely.

It's not just about reforming the curriculum—it's about transforming the entire approach to teaching and learning. We must let go of preconceived notions and become co-learners alongside our students.

In conclusion, our journey as educators requires continuous reflection and growth. Together, we can nurture young minds to embrace the challenges of the future, foster empathy, and cultivate the skills necessary for success in an ever-changing world.

Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to shaping a brighter future for our children.

Wishing you all the best

Yatharth Gautam

Director & Chief Operating Officer



“Where little minds bloom and hearts grow,
welcome to our kindergarten- where curiosity
meets kindness.”

At Birla Open Minds Preschool we believe in the power of early education to shape the future. Within the walls of our school, we don't just teach, we nurture the seed of curiosity and watch as the flower of knowledge bloom in each child's heart. Every day is an opportunity to inspire, and together, we are sculpting a future filled with the joyous echoes of laughter and the footsteps of eager learner.

NIDHI GOYAL

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We are pleased to be a part of The Birla Family. Though this is our 1st year it has been successful and the parents are highly receptive. At Birla the focus is on holistic development of the child. It is not on just on Academic development, it focuses on overall development. This journey is possible with all my beloved teachers and parents who have embarked on this.

We believe that today's children are tomorrow's leaders!

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As the Centre Head of the school, I am both honored and privileged to be associated with an educational institution that embraces the concept of lifelong learning for all stakeholders. Each day presents a new opportunity for learning and exploration. We consider ourselves a community of learners, where the growth and development of our teachers, parents, and staff are equally valued.

Our commitment to maintaining high standards is unwavering, as we continuously seek to enhance and refine the educational process through collaborative strategies, with a primary focus on fostering student success in both academic and extracurricular domains.

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“Arise, awake and don’t stop till the goal is reached”
– *by Swami Vivekananda*

Keeping in tune with this thought we are successfully cruising through this academic session. It was a year of achievements and victories, of facing new challenges and reaching greater heights. Our curriculum and practices are continually gauged to corroborate the most updated and best practices which address the future needs of our students. It is our responsibility to pass on the legacy of education to our future generations where it sets children to grow personally, professionally and socially. It can awaken joy, curiosity, a deep desire to solve problems and to be self-responsible individuals. We believe in inspiring and paving the way for our students to develop their inbred qualities as academic succeeders, liberal thinkers and potent communicators making them independent global citizens.

As we step further, I hope the journey of our excellence continue to progress in the forthcoming sessions as well. Having said that I would also like to stress on the fact that besides academics, our school gives equal emphasis on developing the co-scholastic side of the students and one important medium to bring out the latent artistic talents of the students is through the school newsletter. Our newsletter is a platform for all the budding artists, creative writers, young poets, painters etc. to showcase their talent. I wish all the members of the Editorial team the very best for the upcoming editions.

On this note, I would like to appreciate every member who has contributed towards the growth and glory of this institution and wish all the very best for the upcoming endeavors.

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Fostering Confidence in Children:

A Guide for Parents and Educators



Building confidence in children is essential for their overall development and well-being. Confident children are more likely to take risks, overcome challenges, and develop healthy relationships. Here's a comprehensive guide on how to nurture confidence in young ones.

1. Encourage Exploration and Independence

Children learn through exploration. Allow them to engage in new activities, whether it's trying out a new sport, joining a club, or exploring nature. Provide a safe environment where they can experiment and make decisions. This independence helps them develop a sense of competence.

2. Praise Efforts, Not Just Achievements

While it's important to celebrate successes, focusing solely on outcomes can lead to fear of failure. Instead, praise the effort, perseverance, and strategies used to tackle challenges. This reinforces a growth mindset, teaching children that improvement comes from hard work and practice.

3. Set Realistic Goals

Help children set achievable goals. Break larger tasks into smaller, manageable steps. As they accomplish these smaller goals, their confidence will grow. Celebrate each milestone to reinforce their sense of achievement.

4. Model Confidence

Children often emulate adult behaviors. Demonstrate confidence in your own abilities and decisions. Share your experiences of overcoming challenges and the lessons learned. This modeling can inspire children to adopt similar attitudes toward their own challenges.

5. Create a Supportive Environment

A nurturing environment is crucial for building confidence. Encourage open communication and let children know it's okay to express their feelings. Listen actively and validate their emotions. A supportive family and community foster a sense of security, which is essential for confidence.

Fostering confidence in children is a gradual process that requires patience, encouragement, and support. By creating a nurturing environment, praising efforts, and teaching resilience, parents and educators can help children develop the self-assurance needed to navigate life's challenges. Remember, confident children are more likely to embrace opportunities and pursue their passions, setting the foundation for a successful and fulfilling life.

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The Power of Kindness in Daily Life



Kindness is one of the most important things we can share with each other. Whether it's a small smile, a kind word, or lending a helping hand, kindness can make a big difference in someone's day.

How Kindness Spreads

One amazing thing about kindness is that it can spread like ripples in water. When you do something kind for someone, they often want to do something kind for someone else. It's like a chain reaction that keeps going and going, making more and more people feel happy.

Kindness Makes Us Feel Good

Being kind doesn't just help others—it also helps us. When we do kind things, we feel proud, joyful, and peaceful. This happens because our brain releases chemicals called endorphins that make us feel good. So, when you do something nice for someone, it's like you get a reward too!

Kindness Takes Strength

Sometimes people think that being kind means you are weak or too soft, but that's not true at all. It actually takes a lot of strength to be kind, especially when someone is being unkind to you. Staying calm and choosing kindness instead of being mean shows that you are strong and care about making the world a better place.

Kindness in Everyday Life

Kindness isn't about doing big things; it's about the little actions we take every day. Saying "good morning" to your teacher, sharing a snack with a classmate, or helping your parents at home are all acts of kindness. These small acts may seem simple, but they can have a big impact on the people around you.

At school, kindness can help make friendships stronger and the classroom a happy place to learn. When we are kind to our friends, teachers, and classmates, everyone feels safe and included. This makes school more fun for everyone!

Being Kind to Yourself

It's also important to be kind to yourself. This means treating yourself with care and understanding, just like you would with a good friend. If you make a mistake, don't be too hard on yourself. Everyone makes mistakes, and it's okay to learn from them. Being kind to yourself also means resting when you're tired and taking care of your health.

Conclusion

Kindness is a powerful thing. It brings people together, makes the world a happier place, and helps us feel good about ourselves. It doesn't take much to be kind—just a little thoughtfulness each day can brighten someone's life. So, remember, kindness is something you can share with everyone, and it can make a huge difference in the world around you!

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अनुशासन: सफलता की कुंजी

"अनुष्ठानं नियमानां, अनुशासनमुच्यते।

विनयः शीलसम्पन्नः, सुखं यांति पदे पदे।।"



अर्थात् नियमों का पालन करना ही अनुशासन कहलाता है। जो व्यक्ति विनम्र और अच्छे आचरण से युक्त होता है, वह जीवन में हर कदम पर सुख और सफलता प्राप्त करता है।

अनुशासन जीवन का एक ऐसा मूल मंत्र है, जो व्यक्ति को अपने लक्ष्यों तक पहुँचने में सहायक बनता है। यह एक मार्गदर्शक सिद्धांत है, जिसके पालन से हम अपने कार्यों को व्यवस्थित कर पाते हैं और जीवन में शांति एवं सफलता प्राप्त करते हैं। अनुशासन का अर्थ है—नियमों, समय और मर्यादा का पालन करना। यह केवल व्यक्तिगत जीवन ही नहीं, बल्कि

सामाजिक और राष्ट्रीय जीवन में भी उतना ही आवश्यक है।

अनुशासन हमें समय और कार्यों के प्रति सजग बनाता है। जो व्यक्ति अनुशासित होता है, वह अपनी दिनचर्या को संतुलित रखता है और किसी भी कार्य को समय पर पूरा करता है। यह आत्म-नियंत्रण और धैर्य का विकास करता है, जो आगे चलकर जीवन की चुनौतियों से निपटने में मदद करता है।

स्कूल और शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में अनुशासन का बहुत महत्व है। एक अनुशासित छात्र समय पर स्कूल जाता है, पढ़ाई में ध्यान लगाता है और शिक्षकों का सम्मान करता है। अनुशासन से विद्यार्थी में आत्म-नियंत्रण और जिम्मेदारी की भावना विकसित होती है, जो उसके उज्ज्वल भविष्य की नींव रखती है। सफलता और अनुशासन का गहरा संबंध है। दुनिया के महान व्यक्तियों ने अपनी सफलता का श्रेय अनुशासन को दिया है। चाहे खेल हो, कला, विज्ञान या किसी भी क्षेत्र की बात हो, अनुशासन ही व्यक्ति को अपने सपनों को साकार करने में मदद करता है।

अनुशासन हमारे जीवन का आधार है। यह हमें न केवल सफल बनाता है, बल्कि समाज और राष्ट्र को भी मजबूत बनाता है। हमें बचपन से ही अनुशासन का पालन करने की आदत डालनी चाहिए ताकि भविष्य में हम एक आदर्श नागरिक बन सकें। अनुशासन से ही जीवन में वास्तविक सुख और सफलता प्राप्त होती है।

अनुशासन ही धर्म है, साधक का ये मीत।

पालन जो इसका करे, जीवन हो अतीत।।"

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My Experiences in Education Throughout My Life



My experiences in education throughout my life have greatly influenced me in my decision to go into the education field. I have had many positive influences in my life that have helped create my desire to help shape young minds. I have seen what a difference teachers can make, and having the opportunity to be the person who makes that difference is so rewarding. I have also seen some of the challenges that come with the teaching profession. My past, present and future in education have all affected and will continue to affect me as I progress further along this path. My past experiences in education have greatly shaped my view of the teaching profession. I have had many influential teachers and teacher figures in my life.

I met several teachers who influenced me. They guided me and inspired me in many ways. I saw what an influence teachers could have on students through their examples.

I received amazing opportunities that really helped lead me to the path of teaching. As a teacher, I got to lead group activities, read with children, work with those who were struggling and really see what goes on behind the scenes. These experiences were one of the biggest influences as far as my decision to become a teacher. I found how rewarding it can be to work with children and have an influence in their lives. One of the most rewarding feelings was watching the students understand a concept after working on it with them. While I saw how challenging teaching could be, I also realized how important it is.

Looking at the different kinds of metaphors that could represent teaching, one that I feel relates well is looking at a teacher as a gardener.

Since the time I have been promoted to be the Academic Coordinator, I see myself in all the teachers and cherish the beautiful moments I spent as a teacher that will last a lifetime!!

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Curriculum at Birla Open Minds



The Never-Ending Journey of Learning (and why that's a good thing)

Let's face it: we've all had that moment when we realize our favourite pair of jeans no longer fits and is out of style. Luckily, education isn't stuck in outdated trends. At Birla Open Minds, our curriculum is constantly evolving, like a well-tailored suit designed to fit students' unique learning styles, backgrounds, and future challenges. It's progressive, dynamic, and built to help students thrive in a fast-changing world.

What Does That Look Like in Practice?

In today's classrooms, students aren't just passively listening—they're doing, creating, and collaborating. Active learning transforms lessons into hands-on experiences. With differentiated instruction, teachers customize lessons for each student's learning style. Active teaching strategies offer real-time feedback and keep students engaged. It's far from the traditional "sit-and-get" method—more interactive, and honestly, more fun!

Shifting the Focus: From Facts to Skills

At Birla Open Minds, learning isn't just about memorizing facts—it's about developing critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills. A student might not recall the name of the 34th Prime Minister of India, but they could easily organize a school talent show. They may not remember every detail of a science experiment, but ask them to plan a weekend trip, and they'll nail it. The future isn't about memorization; it's about adaptability, real-world application, and the ability to solve problems.

Learning How to Think, Not What to Think

Today's students aren't just learning "what" to think—they're learning how to think, adapt, and continue learning throughout their lives. In a world where change is constant, this mindset is essential. Whether you're a 5th grader or a 45-year-old teacher, we're all learning something new every day.

Reinforcing Knowledge for the Long Haul

Simulations, case studies, and strategies like spaced repetition and retrieval practice help students retain knowledge. By breaking down complex material into small, manageable chunks, they ensure that learning sticks over time.

The Future: It's Not About Perfection, It's About Progress

The curriculum will always evolve, and that's a good thing. We're not aiming for perfection, but progress—preparing students to be lifelong learners and critical thinkers, ready for whatever the future brings.

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Every Child is a Treasure Waiting to Shine



In a bustling classroom, a little boy couldn't sit still. His fingers drummed on every surface, filling the room with an endless rhythm that annoyed his classmates and tested his teachers' patience. Over time, his tapping became a "problem," and the boy often found himself in the principal's office for disrupting the class.

Then one day, one of his teachers, Mr. Jensen, asked him to stay back after class. Expecting yet another reprimand, the little boy sat nervously. Instead, Mr. Jensen looked him in the eye and said something that would alter the boy's life forever.

Pulling out a pair of drumsticks from his desk, Mr. Jensen handed them to the boy and said, "You're not a problem; you're a drummer." That simple moment of belief ignited the young boy's confidence. That little boy who was reprimanded

and shunned is Clint Pulver, a celebrated drummer, a workforce expert, and an author who inspires countless lives. All because someone took the time to see the good in him—something Clint himself hadn't seen in himself too.

This story reminds us of the tremendous power we hold as parents, teachers, and caregivers, especially during the preschool years. These early years are not just a time for children to learn letters and numbers; they are the foundation for building their confidence, character, and dreams.

Children are like seeds, each carrying the potential to grow into something extraordinary. But they need nurturing, love, and the belief that their uniqueness is a gift. It is our words, actions, and how we choose to see them that shape who they become. A kind word, a moment of patience, or simply recognizing their strengths can light a spark that changes their lives forever.

Let's embrace our role as guides and cheerleaders for these young souls. Let's look beyond the challenges and discover the beauty and brilliance within every child. After all, the greatest gift we can give them is the belief that they are capable of greatness.

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बच्चों में वैज्ञानिक सोच कैसे विकसित करें?



परिचय –

वर्तमान युग विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी का युग है। इस आधुनिक दौर में, जहाँ वैज्ञानिक और तकनीकी प्रगति ने मानव जीवन को अभूतपूर्व सरलता और कुशलता प्रदान की है, वहाँ वैज्ञानिक दृष्टिकोण का महत्व बहुआयामी और अनिवार्य हो गया है। वैज्ञानिक सोच मात्र आविष्कारों और अनुसंधानों तक सीमित न रहकर, यह हर व्यक्ति के जीवन के विभिन्न पहलुओं में एक मार्गदर्शक सिद्ध होती है। यह सोच का ऐसा पथ है जो तर्क, विश्लेषण, और प्रमाण पर आधारित है। वैज्ञानिक सोच किसी भी समस्या के समाधान या निर्णय लेने की प्रक्रिया को व्यवस्थित और सुदृढ़ बनाता है। बच्चों में वैज्ञानिक सोच का विकास न केवल उनकी व्यक्तिगत और बौद्धिक प्रगति के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है, बल्कि यह उन्हें एक उत्तरदायी और जागरूक नागरिक के रूप में समाज के समक्ष प्रस्तुत करने की नींव भी रखता है।

बच्चों में वैज्ञानिक सोच विकसित करने के उपाय –

बच्चों में वैज्ञानिक सोच विकसित करने के कई तरीके हैं। माता-पिता, शिक्षक, अभिभावक इन तरीकों की

सहायता से अपने बच्चों में इस सोच का विकास सहज और सरल रूप से कर सकते हैं :

1. प्रश्न पूछने की आदत –

बच्चों को प्रोत्साहित करें कि वे अपने आस-पास की चीजों के बारे में प्रश्न पूछें। जैसे, "आकाश नीला क्यों होता है?" या "पौधों को पानी की ज़रूरत क्यों होती है?" उनके प्रश्नों का उत्तर देने के साथ-साथ उन्हें स्वयं उत्तर खोजने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करें।

2. प्रयोग आधारित शिक्षण –

बच्चों को प्रयोग करने का अवसर दें। उदाहरण के लिए, पानी और तेल क्यों नहीं मिलते? इसका प्रयोग करके उन्हें समझाइए। प्रयोग करने से बच्चे साक्ष्यों को महत्व देना और खुद परिणामों का विश्लेषण करना सीखते हैं।

3. कहानियों और खेलों का उपयोग –

बच्चों को वैज्ञानिक सिद्धांतों को समझाने के लिए रोचक कहानियों और शैक्षिक खेलों का सहारा लें।

निष्कर्ष –

वैज्ञानिक सोच बच्चों के समग्र विकास का आधार है। यह न केवल उन्हें व्यक्तिगत और शैक्षिक रूप से मजबूत बनाता है, बल्कि उन्हें समाज और देश के लिए एक उपयोगी नागरिक बनने में भी मदद करता है। बच्चों को तार्किक, जिज्ञासु और समाधानकर्ता बनाने की दिशा में हर छोटा प्रयास एक बड़ी सफलता का आधार बन सकता है।

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HALLOWEEN-DIWALI CELEBRATION

This year, Birla Open Minds International School Ayodhya road, hosted a unique Halloween-Diwali celebration, transforming the campus with beautiful decorations that captured the essence of both festivals. Lanterns, lights, and festive Halloween props adorned the school, creating an enchanting atmosphere for students, teachers, and parents.

The day began with a small Diwali pooja, bringing a spiritual start to the festivities and offering everyone a chance to reflect on the values of Diwali. Following this, students participated in a spooky ramp walk, showcasing their creative costumes inspired by Halloween and Diwali themes. Their unique outfits drew applause, adding a fun, lively spirit to the day.



In a special storytelling session, the school librarian shared the rich history and significance of Diwali, deepening students' appreciation for the festival's message of light overcoming darkness. A spooky potluck, hosted by the students, featured Halloween-themed treats and traditional Diwali sweets, encouraging everyone to share in the joy of both festivals.

The event closed with lively performances by students dressed as favorite characters, as they danced and entertained the audience. The Halloween-Diwali celebration at Birla Open Minds was truly memorable, blending cultural appreciation and festive joy in an unforgettable day for everyone involved.

Birla Open Minds International School
AYODHYA ROAD



PODIPOORAM 2024



"Podipooram 2k24" Onam celebrations at BOMIS Kollam were the epitome of extravaganza, splendour and vibrant energy. The festivities spanned two days in our campus. The first day was dedicated for games for students, followed by Onam sadhya arranged for them. The second day featured our main celebration which included Chendamelam, Vallomkali & Thiruvattira

Birla Open Minds International School
KOLLAM

BONALU 2024



Students participated in ornament-making and flower decoration activities, carried out performances on traditional Telangana songs and dances. Teacher conducted enthralling storytelling sessions where they painted vivid images of Goddess Mahankali's significance in history. Students also offered prayers and received traditional sweets as Prasad.

Birla Open Minds Preschool
KOKAPET

ACTIVITIES BY Birla Open Minds, Gomti Nagar



Birla Open Minds, Gomti Nagar is a school that endeavours to provide its children with holistic development. Towards this, we conduct many activities while celebrating various festivals, such as organizing colour days, role play activities involving modes of transport, outdoor and indoor activities to learn critical thinking and multimodal sensory experiences.



Birla Open Minds Preschool
GOMTI NAGAR

DOCTOR'S DAY CELEBRATION

Doctors are an invariable part of our lives today. We need a doctor in our life from birth to death. At Birla Open Minds we decided to honour the doctor's role in our life by organising a Doctors day.



The day helped students learn how integral a doctor's role is in our lives, the necessary care provided by them, and the efforts undertaken by them to nourish and rejuvenate our health, and get us back to our healthy self-post illness. Students improved their speaking and listening skills while participating through this activity.

Birla Open Minds Preschool
BATTARHALLI

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS



The 78th Independence Day of India was commemorated with immense zeal and patriotism at BOMIS Kollam on August 15, 2024. The festivities began with the raising of the National Flag by our esteemed Chairman, Dr. Abdullah Alim Nizar, cultural programs were presented by the students that included patriotic songs, dances and skits showcasing their talent and love for the nation.

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FAB DAY CELEBRATIONS



The phrase "Hakuna Matata, no worries at Disneyland. Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, Zip-a-dee-ay" evokes a sense of carefree joy. Additionally, the invitation, "Come little children, I'll take thee away into a land of enchantment," sets a magical tone. The Mentor Mamas at BOMIS KOLLAM warmly welcomed the young children to the delightful FAB DAY, filled with enchanting surprises. Students were encouraged to select and don the attire of their favourite Disney characters.

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KOLLAM

POTTERY PLAYDATE with Wandering minds gallery



A pottery PLAYDATE was conducted which aligned with the theme of mud and introduction to community helper – Potter. The playdate aimed to develop fine motor skills and encourage imaginative expression in young learners. We had a wonderful time at the pottery workshop at Wandering Minds Gallery. Our nursery kids truly enjoyed playing with clay, letting their creativity flow as they shaped and molded their own unique pieces. Those little hands were busy exploring textures and colors, resulting in a joyful atmosphere filled with laughter and artistic expression.

Birla Open Minds Preschool
DIMAPUR

EXPLORING THE WILD Preschool Field Trip to Mrugavani National Park

Our preschoolers embarked on an exciting field trip to Mrugavani National Park on Friday, September 13, 2024. This educational outing aimed to foster curiosity, exploration, and learning beyond classroom boundaries.

Highlights of the Trip:

- Guided tour of the park, focusing on various animal habitats and characteristics
- Interactive sessions with park rangers, teaching children about conservation and wildlife preservation.
- Observation of diverse animal species, including deer, peacocks, and monkeys
- Fun-filled activities, such as nature walks, bird-watching, and outdoor games

Teacher's Message:

"Our field trip to Mrugavani National Park provided a unique opportunity for our young learners to connect with nature and develop essential skills like observation, inquiry, and critical thinking."



"I saw a deer eating leaves! It was so gentle!"
- Taneesh, Nursery

"I learned that peacocks have beautiful feathers and can make loud calls!"
- Sridhan, K1

Birla Open Minds Preschool
KOKAPET



TRADITIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our preschool community came together to celebrate Traditional Day, a vibrant event that highlights the rich cultural heritage of our families. Children arrived dressed in colorful attire representing their unique cultural & traditional diversity, showcasing everything from traditional dresses to festive accessories.

Parents joined in the festivities, sharing their traditions and encouraging the children to explore and appreciate diversity.



The event was filled with laughter, learning, and a strong sense of community, reinforcing the values of respect and understanding for one another's backgrounds. We look forward to continuing this celebration of diversity in the future.

Birla Open Minds Preschool
DIMAPUR

HINDI DIWAS

हिन्दी सबसे सहज भाषा है। अपनी भाषा के प्रति प्रेम न केवल आज, बल्कि हर दिन बांटें। हिन्दी दिवस की शुभकामनाएं!....

Respecting every language & encouraging kids to hone up their language skills is a daily routine at BOMIS. Hindi Diwas was celebrated on 14th September 2024. Principal gave a short speech on the importance of Hindi as a national language. This was followed by speeches, poem recitations, and songs.

Birla Open Minds International School
KURNOOL



GLITZ GALA

The children consistently discover the Talent Fest Glitz Gala, as a remarkable platform that allows them to showcase their hidden abilities. At Birla Open Minds International School, we foster the growth of our children not by shaping them, but by revealing their true selves. The children, with their unparalleled energy and individuality, left the audience in awe, providing a breathtaking experience.

Birla Open Minds International School
KOLLAM



SOUL SCIENCE

OLD AGE HOME VISIT

Old age is just a record of one's whole life." Give yourself entirely to those around you. Be generous with your blessings. A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal. "Child should be sensitized to situations and should understand the feelings of compassion, sharing, understanding feelings of others and should understand the need and joy of giving and taking. "To enhance these qualities of the hostel kids were taken to an Old Age Home where kids interacted with the residents who shared their life memoirs with the students, and enjoyed the happiness of giving and sharing. They students also showed them the play which they did on the social Dogmas & every resident could connect it with their real-life incidents. Their anecdotes left an indelible mark on our young one's minds, they promised to bring a change in the society they live in.



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School
KURNOOL

PRIMARY YEARS PROJECT: NATURE WALK

Soul Science is a groundbreaking approach designed to cultivate emotional intelligence, self-awareness, and spiritual development in children, transforming them into joyful, confident, and compassionate individuals.



At BOMIS Kollam, we embarked on this project with great enthusiasm. The students relished the nature walk, engaging with each plant, chasing after fluttering butterflies, and gently kissing the flower petals.

We made certain that this initiative, true to its name, resonated deeply with the souls of our cherished Bomisites.

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AVINYA

“A mind that is stretched by new experiences can never go back to its old dimensions.”

— Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr

Professional development programs help realise this very truth. At Birla Open Minds we truly believe that training is transformational and when done well can lead to our teachers becoming empowered educators who are innovators in the classroom.

The ripple effect of teacher training can never be emphasized enough. As a teacher one has the power to touch the lives of the hundreds of students who pass through one's hands. As a trainer the impact is multifold.



Keeping this in mind, Birla Open Minds launched Avinya- Innovations and more, this year in the month of August. This is a cluster training for preschool teachers where we meet together not just train, but to discuss best practises and find solutions to common issues.

The first Avinya of the year was held at Open Minds School, Danapur in Patna. 150 teachers and their respective centre heads attended the program taking back with them rich experiences of better classroom techniques and skills. The second edition was held at Birla Open Minds, Shaheedpath in Lucknow. 50 plus teachers attended this session and imbibed the values of Growth Mindset, the use of phonics and story telling as tools to language learning.

The third edition was held at Birla Open Minds Preschool Durganagar in Kolkata. 25 teachers attended this session where language learning with focus on LSRW along with creating Growth Mindset classrooms were key takeaways.

Such sessions broaden the vision of the teacher making her better equipped to deal with the students in discussions on how to handle behavioural issues of students

who are both neuro typical and neuro divergent help teachers navigate their classrooms with more power.

Learning and growing is the ask of the day. This rightly begins at our schools with the teachers.

The training team is looking to develop more such clusters not just in preschools but also for primary, middle and high schools so that the Birla schools lead innovation in the classroom through their teachers and facilitators. Here's wishing more power to every teacher in the organisation.



WeCare

Safe Spaces, Bright Futures

A child safety initiative by Birla Open Minds

Child safety is a crucial concept in schools because schools play a central role in shaping a child's environment and experiences. Ensuring safety at school not only protects children from physical harm but also fosters an atmosphere where they can feel secure, respected, and valued. When children feel safe, they are more likely to engage positively in learning, form healthy relationships, and develop self-confidence.

As an organization that runs schools, we are looking to roll out the WeCare program that will reinforce the idea and importance of child safety.

Child safety has multiple aspects to it. As a child who deserves a safe environment, one needs to focus on the safety of the child at home, school and in other public spaces. Children are entitled to an abuse free life. Abuse can happen in the form of physical, emotional and sexual. It is pertinent that adults around the child be made aware of what abuse comprises of.

In fact, research shows that the lack of awareness of what abuse is causes it to be prevalent among adult behaviour to children. As children most adults of today would have had experiences of being slapped, or spanked at home or school. This is physical abuse. Threatening children of abandonment or death in the name of punishment is emotional abuse. Inappropriate behaviour with children such as touching private parts is sexual abuse. Such incidents cause trauma that can be lifelong.

It leads to growth of children into adults who have no trust in people around them because of what they have undergone.

The idea of WeCare is to create a community and society that is aware of abuse and the long-lasting impact of this. The intention is to create an abuse free school community with all stakeholders to



WeCare

Safe Spaces, Bright Futures

participate in the programs and pledge to handover a safe world to the children.

WeCare programs will be rolled out to schools in the year 25-26. The programs will include induction and awareness camps for teachers, non-teaching staff and parents of Birla Open Minds Schools. It will include activities for the schools to run on days of PTMs and other annual events.

Awareness is the key to transformation. It is this transformation that we are aiming with the WeCare Program.





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Word Search



Dog Monkey Emu Deer
Tiger Lion Zebra Koala
Elephant Panda Bear Giraffe

Trivia Quiz



1. What is the capital of Australia?

- a) Sydney b) Melbourne
c) Canberra d) Brisbane

Answer: c) Canberra

2. Which planet is known as the Red Planet?

- a) Venus b) Mars
c) Jupiter d) Saturn

Answer: b) Mars

3. Who wrote the play "Romeo and Juliet"?

- a) Charles Dickens b) William Shakespeare
c) Mark Twain d) Jane Austen

Answer: b) William Shakespeare

4. What is the largest ocean on Earth?

- a) Atlantic Ocean b) Indian Ocean
c) Arctic Ocean d) Pacific Ocean

Answer: d) Pacific Ocean

5. In what year did the Titanic sink?

- a) 1910 b) 1912
c) 1914 d) 1916

Answer: b) 1912

6. Which element has the chemical symbol "O"?

- a) Gold b) Oxygen
c) Osmium d) Oganesson

Answer: b) Oxygen

7. Who painted the Mona Lisa?

- a) Vincent van Gogh b) Pablo Picasso
c) Leonardo da Vinci d) Claude Monet

Answer: c) Leonardo da Vinci

8. What is the largest land animal?

- a) Hippopotamus b) Giraffe
c) African Elephant d) Rhino

Answer: c) African Elephant

9. Which country is known as the Land of the Rising Sun?

- a) China b) Japan
c) South Korea d) Thailand

Answer: b) Japan

10. What is the currency of the United Kingdom?

- a) Euro b) Pound Sterling
c) Dollar d) Yen

Answer: b) Pound Sterling

Quiz

1) What part of the human body can continue to grow throughout your entire life?

Answer: Your nose and ears! Cartilage continues to grow as you age, which makes these body parts appear larger over time.

2) Which animal has the longest lifespan?

Answer: The ocean quahog clam can live over 500 years!

3) What is the smallest bone in the human body?

Answer: The stapes, a tiny bone in the middle ear, is the smallest bone in the human body.

4) Which creature is known to have blue blood?

Answer: The horseshoe crab has blue blood due to the presence of copper in its blood, unlike humans who have iron-based red blood.

5) What percentage of the human body is water?

Answer: The human body is made up of about 60% water!

