

IMAGINE

FOURTH QUARTER

Nobody can help having feelings - they are part of everyone. We feel different things all day long as different things happen to us. Our K3 kids had an opportunity on 21st Jan, 2016 to assist children to explore **FEELINGS** through reflection. They responded for demotions. They explored their own emotion while listening to a story.

INCREDIBLE INDIA. India is a country filled with interesting facts ranging from its geography to its religions and to its culture. They have the clear knowledge of food, clothes, languages, capitals and dance form of different states. They showed their unity by performing dance for the patriotic song. They stood on the outline of the India as if they were the regiments of army, navy and air force.

Farming is important for our life. Farm animals produce many things for our life. Our K2 Kids had a great opportunity to know more about **FARM ANIMALS.** children learnt how farm animals helps us, Who and how to take care farm animals. Children love this theme as it was connected with animals and farm animals can provide lots of fun opportunities to practise sounds and phonics.

WONDROUS WHEELS was our assembly theme Students understood the common uses of the wheel. And where given exercise to brain to think about the revolutionary invention Examples are can you imagine a world without the wheel? Can you imagine a world without a printing press to communicate the best writing in the world? Can you imagine a world with no useful computers?

We celebrated our 67th Republic Day on 26th Jan, 2016. We celebrated the **REPUBLIC DAY** with great enthusiasm and spirit. Our Principal was honoured to hoist the National Flag followed by salution to the National Flag and pledged by upholding the honour and integrity, diversity and uniqueness that is " India". The speech on Republic Day in Tamil and English was presented along with the patriotic song . Celebrations came to an end with distribution of sweet.

We all gathered in the utility hall for assembly. We introduced the topic and we told the interesting facts about **SILKWORM.** We introduced the lifecycle of silkworm with the images silkworm will lay their eggs and the eggs hatches into larva, The larva spends four to six weeks feeding on mulberry leaves until he grows to about 3 inches. The white caterpillar molts its skin many times during this stage.

Knowledge about the solar system is more important than ever. It helps us appreciate the Earth. It gives us incentives to preserve and respect our natural resources. Our tiny tots had a moment to know about the **SOLAR SYSTEM.** This theme helped our kids to understand important issues, such as how global warming will affect the Earth or how life originated on our planet.

They got clear idea about the wheels and Everything that came after the wheel, and everything that is to come, depends on the greatest invention in history. The wheel! Then they watched a video how how wheel is manufactured in the factory. Students closed the assembly with famous rhyme "Wheels on the bus go round and round" they learnt about wheels , analyzed its importance and enjoyed with activities.

Phoenix - "Sometimes you just have to die a little inside in order To reborn and rise again as a Stronger and Wiser version of You!"

It is interesting topic to the young minds, **PHOENIX** bird. The topic created great energy to the students the assembly started with the conversation about the bird , mythology it symbolization such as renewal and resurrection. The clip from "harry potter movie was played to show that the tears from the phoenix bird can vanish the wounds and after death it rises gloriously from the ashes and flies away. Students implicit about a mythical bird with fiery plumage that lives up to 100 years. And watched a video about how it is a fledgling phoenix rises - renewed and reborn.

Saving **PAPER** in school is a good way to help save the environment. If you can ignite the passion of your fellow students and garner the support of teachers and staff, you can make a real impact in reducing waste and saving natural resources. We had a assembly on 22nd Jan.

காகிதம்

தமிழ்த் தாய் வாழ்த்துப் பாடலுடன் நிகழ்ச்சிகள் ஆரம்பமானது .தினமும் நாம் பயன்படுத்தும் காகிதம் மாணவர்களின் கைகளில் கப்பலாய், கவிதையாய், பலவண்ணஓவியமாய், மாணவனின் எதிர்காலமான விடைத்தாளாய், கசக்கி எறியும் சிறு பந்தாய், அவன் எண்ணங்களின் வெளிப்பாடாய் விளங்குவது காகிதம். காகிதம் உருவான காலம் மற்றும் தயாரிக்கும் முறையினை ஆசிரியர் விளக்கினார். மாணவர்கள் முக்கிய கருத்துக்களை கூறினர். காகிதம் தோன்றிய வரலாறு, பல்வேறு நாடுகளில் காகிதம், இந்தியாவில் காகிதம் தோன்றியவரலாறு, காகித தயாரிக்கப் பயன்படும் பொருட்கள் ஆகியவற்றை படித்துக் காட்டினார். ஆசிரியர் காகிதத்தைக் கொண்டு ஒரு சில செயல்பாடுகளை செய்துகாட்டினார் மேலும் ஒருநாள் வகுப்பில் மாணவர்கள் வீணாக்கிய காகிதங்களைக் கொண்டு ஒருகூடை ஒன்றினை செய்துகாட்டினார் .பின்மாணவர்கள் எங்கள் கைகளில் காகிதங்கள் அதனை நாங்கள் மாற்றுவோம் அடிகிய வடிவங்களாய் ஓவியமாய், வியக்க வைக்கும் மாதிரிகளாய் என எம்மாணவர்கள் பல்வேறு வடிவமாதிரிகளை செய்துமுடித்தனர். பின் காகிதம் வகுப்பில் வீணாக்க மாட்டோம் என்ற உறுதி மொழியினை மாணவர்கள் ஏற்றனர்.மரம் மனிதனுக்கு கிடைத்த வரம் .மரங்களை பாதுகாக்க நம்மால் இயன்றவரை காகிதங்களை வீணாக்காமல் இயற்கைக்கு கைகொடுப்போம். இவ்வாறு வழிபாட்டு கூட்டம் நிறைவு பெற்றது.



காகிதங்களை வீணாக்காமல் இயற்கைக்கு கைகொடுப்போம். இவ்வாறு வழிபாட்டு கூட்டம் நிறைவு பெற்றது.

Every Wednesdays CIRCLE TIME were exhilarating with interesting topics. Students took extra efforts to showcase their talents.

Republic day 2016 is being celebrated on 26th of January, at Tuesday. In 2016, India is celebrating its 67th Republic Day. We Balsamites celebrated it all the balsam members were assembled in the ground, Started with flag song and flag was hoisted by Mrs. Chitra Madhavan and followed by Hindi patriotic song. Mrs. M. Jayashree shared few things like, what is Special on Republic Day of India 2016 and Mr. Madhavan gave short and valuable message that as teachers what is our duty to the nation.



Healthy foods are rich in fibre, natural vitamins and minerals. Food is a vital element for all human. We should not eat less food we should eat the right food rich in nutrients. Students brought different types of healthy food. Their parents guided and helped them a lot. From this **SCIENCE CLUB ACTIVITY** students learnt about the importance of healthy food and how to prepare the healthy snack, breakfast and lunch on their own. They will bring this food regularly in a right quantity for healthy life.

Popular harvest festival of South India, **PONGAL** was celebrated with pomp and pageantry in Balsam as well. Various contests were hosted across levels. Middle team was parted with Inter-house Rangoli (G7) and Folk song contest (G6). Students showed great zeal and interest in participating.

Teachers also explored their dance talent in the contest. Breeze upheld its breath for a while to gaze at these gorgeous ladies dancing.



Students learnt about their place, its history, area, distribution, significance, major industries situated and their contribution. They also composed and sang a song on **RANIPET** which was admirable.

CIVIC SENSE is the positive perception, understanding, attitudes, towards society or community. It also has to do with law-abiding, respect for fellow men and maintaining decorum in public places. Students prepared beautiful posters on civic sense and also hosted a skit on it.

Students of grade 8 also joined the assembly sharing their knowledge with their juniors. Rare information and facts about **WHITE HOUSE** was shared. 44 Presidents list was provided with a lovely song.

CONTESTS

SPELL BEE CONTEST:

Difficult spellings were sorted from all subjects and Preliminary round was conducted on 5th Jan. The selected candidates took up a final round on 19th Jan and winners were announced.

ESSAY CONTEST:

An essay writing contest was held on the topic "Canned food" for Grade 6 and "Separate classes for boys and girls" for Grade 7. Most of the students took active part in the contest. The best essay was chosen.

SCIENCE CONTEST:

The topic given to Grade 6 was "Colour vs. heat absorption". There were 17 entries altogether. Students came out with innovative and creative ideas to demonstrate their experiments. Some even explained it skilfully.

The topic given to Grade 7 was "Fun with organic acids". 40 students had registered for it. They had real fun with organic acids. From neutralisation, volcanic eruption, elephant's toothpaste, generating electricity to bubble bomb blast. These were few of the experiments performed by passionate young scientists of Balsam Academy.

MOCK EXAMS were planned for both Grade 6 and 7 and revision sessions began for the same. Syllabus of all the subjects were completed as per the schedule and revision plan was launched.

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT IV was successfully completed with the co-operation of students and teachers. Most of the FA"s were integrated with other subject based on its relevancy. Social science was clubbed with Science, ICT with Math and so on. Students vehemently contributed their ideas in a team and presented their work extraordinarily.





The first week of February went in preparation for sports day which was held on 12th of this month, Friday. **SPORTS DAY** was celebrated with pomp and pageantry in our school campus.

It was a fun filled day as the spirits of the students stayed high be it receiving award, certificate or playing fun games. They felt they own the world.



S.Sri Ramakrishna Sayee was the guest of honour while ever-jubilant spirit of our school Asha mam, symbol of love Saroja mam, Pillars of our school Chitra mam, Sundar sir, Anitha mam sudarshan sir and Madhavan sir were also there to witness the celebration along with all the facilitators, parents and students.

NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY was celebrated on 27th of February. Students from Grade 5 to 10 participated in various events organised to bring in the scientific fervour among our kith and kin.



What is Science?
 What are the wonders of science?,
 Who is CV. Raman?,
 What is conservation of water?,
 How can we preserve our earth for future generation?,
 were the few of the questions whose answer were sought during the assembly. It was a pleasant day with a slow rhythm of scientific pulse in all the young brains trying to seize the world of tomorrow.

AWARDS DAY. The grade 7 students were awarded on 24th of march along with secondary students while grade 6 students were awarded along with LP AND UP TEAM.

FIELD TRIP. Students of grade 7 were taken to visit the science express train which halted in Vellore cantonment on march 3rd. The express rendered the information about climatic changes and its impact on life of indian people.

Students of grade 6 were taken to visit the district research Centre on march 5rd. THE STUDENTS GOT A CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF SCIENCE AND THEY ALSO WATCHED AN INTERESTING 3D MOVIE.



Social Club activities are conducted to promote and cultivate the talents of students in our Secondary level. This paves way for fostering leadership qualities and developing responsible citizenship among the students of grade 8,9 and 10. As a part of this, a multidisciplinary poster making activity based on the theme **SOCIAL PONGAL** was taken up by the students of grade-9 on the day of Pongal celebration. Students participated in pairs and the best poster was selected by a group of teachers and displayed on secondary notice board. The poster of B.Bhuvaneshwari and T.SubhaArthi was an exclusive Social feast with the ingredients of Democracy in it.

The students of grade-8 took part in an awareness campaign on 25th January the **NATIONAL VOTER'S DAY** as part of their social sciences club activity. They carried a pamphlet containing an awareness message and met all the teachers in the school and created awareness among them.

The desire of knowledge, like the thirst for riches, increases ever with the acquisition of it. - Laurence Sterne

Knowledge is the torch that illuminates the world. Such knowledge of secondary level students were used to torch our Pongal celebration. Of course, we know that Pongal is a harvest festival to thank Mother Nature, we organized an **INTER-HOUSE QUIZ CONTEST** on the theme, „Agriculture“. Students of all the three houses (Alpines, Grands & Himalayans). This contest served to be a platform wherein it was an evident to prove that our students” minds are furnished with knowledge. The three houses competed with each other with rapid responses. Finally, the Himalayans House led by T.Lakshmi HariPriya of grade 10 has won the quiz with the highest scores.



Everything is theoretically impossible, until it is done.

– Robert A. Heinlein

Our students exposed their experimentive and innovative knowledge by way of participating in **INOVIT** Science Contest at VIT in Vellore. It is a mega annual event launched by VIT University to create and encourage the scientific spirit in the young minds. M.Subash of grade-10 and Mohammed Yaser of grade-9 took part in this state level inter school science exhibition and contest.



Both the students worked on a prototype model of security system for electronic gadgets. The visitors appreciated the work of the students and also registered their valuable feedbacks. The students' inventive thinking and active participation proved that science of today is the technology of tomorrow. The other students of the secondary level were taken for a visit to the science exhibition as a part of their field trip. It served as an inspiring exposure that could trigger their scientific passion and inquiry.

It's no wonder the **EARLY BIRD** activities we do in the morning become a favourite and special session for our students. This morning activity lends the students to terrific opportunities for quality social interaction and enthusiastic learning.

The secondary head conducted an early bird program on **WORLD CLOCK**. He took up two interesting activities like noting down the timings from different students watches and exposing the variation within the same area and also related to the variations which could happen throughout the globe due to the time zones. He also made a human world clock using the students and explaining how time changes to various countries by the rotation and revolution.

Secondary faculty Mrs. Priyadharsini conducted an early bird session on **LETTER JUGGLES** and **PLURAL NOUNS**. Students were made to frame different words with 6 different set of letters by juggling them. Students found it interesting as the activity kindled their thoughts to dig more words by juggling the letters. This activity was followed by a song on „Plural Nouns“ to help the students understand what a plural noun is and how it can be formed. Students learnt to apply the rules in making a plural noun with a suitable suffix.

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire”

- William Butler Yeats

Education can be imparted in a different way too. This was brought to light by way of an assembly on the theme, **HOME SCHOOLING** which was co-ordinated by the secondary faculty Mrs. Bharathi. The assembly started with the school prayer song. The students of grade 10 briefed the gathering what is home schooling. The students analysed the causes for home schooling catching up fast in the recent years. The students discussed about the advantages and limitations of home schooling and the type of schooling they prefer. A video was played to highlight the causes of homeschooling and how it becomes more prevalent.

SPELL BEE CONTEST. Contests are always a motivating tool of Balsam Academy. It encourages our students to bring out their hidden potentials to do their best. After several days of arduous preparation by our secondary students, spelling bee contest for the academic year 2015-16 was held in the first week of February. A preliminary round was conducted to give the competitors a chance to familiarize themselves with the working of the Spelling Bee from grade 8 to 10. Students were tested on words taken from the vocabulary of their respective grades and they did us proud. Knockout rounds were held until only three contestants remained from each grade. These students competed in a final round leading to a winner from each grade. K.Ashwini, S.Harini and K.Nirmal kumar of grade 8,10 and 9 secured the first, second and third place respectively. The contest has been a challenging and interesting experience for the students as it enhanced their word power.

The second annual meet of **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF BALSAM ACADEMY** was organised to give a witty inspiration to the Alumnae by means of a surprising reunion of befriended thoughts after a long separation. The function was started with the welcome speech by the Principal, Mrs. Chitra Madhavan. Then, the Secondary head, Mr.Madhavan briefed out the objectives of AABA. The alumni members cherished their memorable moments in Balsam Academy by means of the video that was played to bring back their days in the school.



This was followed by the felicitation of the student of the year 2014-15, Miss. M. D. Nandhini by our Director. Mrs. Asha Rani Balaram. Our honourable director released the logo and motto of AABA. A celebration is never said to be complete without fun.

To make this true the Alumnae enjoyed fun filled games and also joined the teachers in a colourful and energetic dance performance. The alumni then had dinner with the staff . The function was declared ended by the Principal, with a sweet hope of meeting again with Alumni next year.



Science is a way of life and a perspective. It is the process that takes us from the state of confusion to precise, predictive and reliable understanding. And scientists are the torch bearers for the discovery of scientific knowledge in us.

On 28th of this month, our school commemorated the **NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY** in honour of the great scientist Sir C.V.Raman for his legacy, who discovered the Raman Effect on 28th Feb 1928. The objective of the celebration was to inculcate a spirit of scientific temperament and to create an appreciation on scientific skills for the development of the nation. The students of Middle and Secondary division welcomed the gathering and started the celebration with the prayer song. Later students from grade 6 and 7 presented speeches on the importance of science, life history of C.V. Raman and Raman Effect. Later various activities and demonstrations related to the themes waste water management, rain water harvesting, pollution were presented by the students of grade 6 to 10. The main attractions were miniature robot, smart phone projector and lava lamp. The celebration ended with an oath taken by the students and staff.



HINDI

G2 के बच्चों ने तिरंगा झंडा बनाया और उसके महत्व को समझा। 26 जनवरी के उपलक्ष में उन्होंने बड़े उत्साह और उमंग के साथ “रघुपति राघव राजा राम” गीत भी गया। **G3** के बच्चों ने भी “कोशिश करने वालों की कभी हार नहीं होती और हमने हर कभी मनी नहीं ” जैसी प्रेरणाजनक व सीख भरी कविताएं गाईं। **G4** के बच्चों ने अनेक प्रकार के ग्रंथों व उनकी पुस्तकों के बारे में जाना और बहुत ही सुंदर तरीके से उनका चित्रित्वर्णन किया। **G5** और **G6** के बच्चों ने प्रदूषण पर पोस्टर बनाकर प्रदूषण से होने वाली हानियों से अवगत कराया और इसे रोकने के उपाए भी बताए।

FIELD TRIP. Students can learn quite a lot by means of field trips. In particular, enriching field trips contribute to the development of students with more knowledge about art, commerce and stronger critical- thinking skills. Students can exhibit increased historical empathy, display higher levels of tolerance, and have a greater taste for consuming art and culture. The students of grade 8 got the opportunity to visit Sara Leathers International located in Ranipet, as a part of the extended learning activities. Students were exposed to the manufacturing processes involved in a small scale industry. It was quite informative and exciting for the students to have had a different kind of learning endeavour and new perspectives.



STRESS RELIEVER SESSIONS. The approach of examination develops fear in the minds of students to face it . This results in stress. But our institution knows that meditation and yoga can nourish our students' minds and help them overcome stress.To help the students approach the Board exams with ease and stress free, stress buster physical activity blending yoga and meditation was conducted for the secondary students by the P.E department. The objective of the session is to relax and sharpen the minds of the students to have a lot of attention and expanded consciousness. Students enjoyed the session as they had mind refreshing minutes. Before the dispersal, the students assured to imbibe yoga and meditation in their daily routines.

