

IMAGINE

THIRD QUARTER



KINDERGARTEN

Our tiny tots had as wonderful assembly theme **OPPOSITES** on 9th October .Opposites help children in learning how to describe different things. It is true for most children; if they are not having fun, then they are not learning. If they are learning while having fun, then they obtain so much more information.

Assembly plays one of the vital role for our kids to know more about the specific topic. Our senses are the way that we explore the world and understand what is going on around us. Our K2 kids had an **SENSE ORGANS** assembly on 8th October in the multi-utility hall. Kids experienced their five senses through different activities in the assembly.

Love is one of the most profound emotions known to human beings. Relationships are the most meaningful element in their lives, providing a source of fulfilment outside of ourselves. Our kids had a magnificent opportunity to know more about rapport through a **RECEPTIVE RELATIONSHIP** assembly on 15th October and understood the importance of relations and their roles in their family.

RECITATION. Oh! What a beautiful way to express something through innocent words and actions in a melody with all smiles and giggles. This is what our all tiny scholars of Nursery did on 23rd October with all their confidence and curiously to stand in front of everybody and say it loudly to mark their presence felt.

MOVIE DAY is the perfect opportunity for our kids to connect with our past and to move the conversation about preserving our cultural heritage into the future. Our petite kids had a awesome fortune on 19th October to specialize and get more informative by looking at the videos.

BOP BOP BOP.We reached near the electrifying day that our tiny dancers showed their bop performance in the stage on 27th October. It was really a special day to know our kids dance knack in a fussy day. Our kids encouraged their associates to make a complete show.

Field trips are not only lots of fun but they can also be very valuable learning experiences for young children. In connection to our ongoing concept on “Transport”, children of K3 were very much excited while they set off from school on 31st October to **RAILWAY STATION**. Children were screaming out of joy and they were able to differentiate between a goods train and a passenger train. The purpose of this trip was to show them a special mode of transport which move on tracks very fast and carry more passengers at a time. Children observed foot over, signal, tracks (parallel lines), wheels which are very big and heavy, the engine in the station. On the way they could see lot of road transport. It was indeed a wonderful trip.

Our K2 kids went to visit the **TILES SHOP** on 31st October .The trip was much productive and very informative for our kids. They touched and felt the tiles surface and got excited looking at attractive colorful tiles. Kids differentiated with colors, size, structure etc.

CHILDREN ARE GOD'S GIFT! AND CHILDHOOD IS ALL ABOUT INNOCENCE AND LIVELINESS. IT IS ABOUT HAPPINESS AND FREEDOM

We attain a time for festivities and a day to rejoice for our young ones that is our childrens day celebration. childrens day celebration is all about giving the child the right kind of knowledge and freedom to enjoy, so that they can grow as healthy and educated citizens of the country. Along with this, we had a fun way of teaching our child the important values of sharing and caring of animals, and animal sounds they understood the way to respect the animals . All these values are of great importance for the well-being of your child as they were the future of our country. All such activities brought smiles on the faces of little wonders,also made us to smile too.We the kinder teachers entertained our kids with dance, skit and games.. Finally the celebration is over and done by proffering gifts to them.

Memory Game for Kids will learn how to pay attention and train their brains in a funny way. Kids love memory games and it was very productive to their age level to improve their short-term memory and speed recognition skills. Our K2 kids had a wonderful opportunity to have exercise their memories through the **MEMORY POWER CONTEST**.

The students of K3 A and B put up a splendid assembly on **COMMUNITY HELPERS** wherein some of the children came dressed up as few of them, such as doctor, nurse, firefighter, policeman, teacher, baker etc. The assembly commenced with the prayer and the thought for the day. Further it carried on with the the introduction of all the community helpers and the role they play in our community.

LOWER PRIMARY

FUN WITH WORDS. It was so funny made students to laugh and also help kids learn how to recognize and pronounce common words. Children can get a feel of the English basic vocabulary, and have fun doing it. They learnt and practice a diverse range of words from different categories.

Students performed a simple skit where the concept was clear if the words were misspelled with the names of the alphabets not the sounds “ Eg- is- land for Island, His- tory for History “ by Miss Lathika.A and Master Yeshwanth .R. And the song using vowels helped students to know the spelling and pronunciation rule.

TADPOLE TO FROG. It help children broaden their concepts of living things as they learn more about the metamorphosis and development of frogs and children develop an understanding of the basic needs of animals through the study and care of tadpoles as they develop into adult frogs .They had idea about The importance of frogs in their local ecosystem and Why a frog is uniquely suited to its habitat. Miss. Eagrthya , Miss. Aathirai

Master Dharnesh and Master Carlmarks shared many interesting Facts about Frogs and their Lifecycle. Students sang the koren song for entertainment Master Tharunperiyar ,Miss Vaishnavi and Miss Evagenlinshana Sang and danced for it . The theme of the song was Life cycle of the frog. This assembly will help the students to understand that all animals, including humans, go through different changes. And that it is important to know about these changes so that we can care for each other and other living things.

CLUB ACTIVITIES:

Students used the basic tools to enhance their skills that they use in day today’s life. The ability to use measuring tools, rulers, thermometers, scales, and to estimate with these tools are necessary skills that enable us to quantify the world around us. Basic measures of distance and time allow us to calculate speed and acceleration and ultimately tell us how fast we need to project a rocket to allow it reach the Moon, and how populations change and grow. It also provides links between mathematics and other school subjects. Measuring skills, especially estimating, have an important place in many games and sports.



In addition to being required in many science investigations they also play a part in some artistic and musical experiences.

DANCE CONTEST

This helps the students to learn dance steps, how to properly use different locomotor skills such as walk, slide, gallop, skip, jump, hop, etc., as well as non-locomotor or axial skills such as twist, turn, push, pull, stretch and bend, etc in the dance routine. The goal of using these skills is to enable students to meet objectives in the psychomotor domain. All the students were trained and did their audition and the selected students have participated in the finals. Vanquishers are

Grade 1 - Miss Elavarasi, Miss Diviya, and Miss Yashica

Grade 2 - Miss Thanikaashree, Miss Pratheeba and Miss Rakshana.

“Great dancers are not greater because of their technique; they are great because of their passion.”

The inter house **SOLO FOOT LOOSE** contest took place on 05th of December, 2015 in the school's multi-utility hall. The students literally gave their heart and soul..An absolutely awesome stage performance. They were judged on: timing, expression, choreography, presentation, costumes and props. For the dance competition, the judges were Mrs. Hemakumari and Mrs. Bharathi they had the most difficult task to do since the competition was extremely close and therefore difficult to judge. They were certainly not the object of envy. The dances were full of enthusiasm and vigour. Finally the results were announced which were as follows:

In dance, 1st position was Lathikasri, from Grands, 2nd position Jyotsna from Himalayans and 3rd Moksha from Alpines.



SPELL BEE CONTEST

The spelling bee took place on 07.12.2015 .It provides a valuable educational experience for your child, but also allows them to engage in healthy competition. Spelling bees do not merely involve rote learning of words. Rather, preparation for a bee is a comprehensive learning process that allows children to learn the definition, pronunciation, and roots of the word. It enhances the Vocabulary. The ability to understand more words will allow children to become literate and enjoy reading an extensive range of material.

Students all were prepared well by calculating their timing the winners are listed out.

G1	Harish S	Nafees M	Kawin S
G2	Kalyan Sree V	Jishnu K	Thanika Sri
G3	Egarathya K	Mehanaaz Taraa S	Shanjanan P

A child's confidence level is usually boosted after entering into such competitions. A spelling bee helps them gain the confidence they need to speak in public and accept their mistakes, while also getting the applause their hard work deserves.

UPPER PRIMARY

THE DOG AND THE DOLPHIN. Friendship is a relationship that all the individuals can create by themselves. Though it is not a god gifted relationship like that of the relationship of a mother, father, sister, brother or any of the other family but still it is one of the best relations an individual can possess. People who have true friends consider themselves as the luckiest individuals on earth.

To know the value and importance of friendship a small skit on friendship was performed during the assembly . Karunya and Reshie of Grade 5 shared their own poem on friendship in the assembly .

PARENTS-TEACHERS MEETING. We had a short conference between the parents and teachers of students to discuss children"s progress at school and find solution to academic or behavioral problems. This time we had one – on –one meeting between a parent and a teacher. This type is used when different subjects are taught by different teachers and parents meet the teachers for all different subjects individually.

A Valuable Learning Experience which provides a student an opportunity to connect abstract classroom learning to experiences in the world. When students make connections between what they are learning in their classroom and real life experiences, learning makes an impact on their lives. As a part it students of G4 and G5 were take for the clay modeling **FIELD TRIP** in Arcot where the students observed how the clay was prepared to make the model that we need , how the wheel spins and how the models were created .

They got an opportunity to learn and understand the procedure of making diyas and other objects.They also got to know about their lifestyles

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS. Water is our most precious natural resource and something that most of us take for granted. We are now increasingly becoming aware of the importance of water to our survival and its limited supply .To make the students aware of it students made rainwater harvesting model and explained the process to their classmates.

For recycle of products , students made 2-D model for recycling of products.Fabric painting is such a fun activity for young children. Kids of any age can turn ordinary

things into something special. To learn about the kind of fabrics and how it can be made special and beautiful our kids done fabric paintings.

Shapes are parts of our life and it"s present all over the world we can"t imagine our world using shapes. To relate the shapes with human life students of Grade 4 designed man using shapes.

Inviting friends for a party is always a happy note for the kids how about designing a invitation by their own .Students were very enthusiastic to design their own invitation for the celebrations

Approximately one third of the land surface of the earth is **DESERT**, and such environments are typically either termed "hot" or "cold" and are found on all continents. Due to the unique environment of deserts, the biological organisms which exist there often have unusual characteristics, when compared with organisms in temperate and tropical environments. So to get knowledge about deserts and the organism that lives in the desert we had an assembly on topic deserts and students shared more facts about the living things on desert and its temperature. Students actively participated in the quiz that happened during the assembly.

India is the only country where there dwell diversity amidst unity .People of not only Hindu religion wait very eagerly for this special **FESTIVAL OF DIWALI**. It is the most important and favorite festival of everyone especially for kids and children of the home .We haved planned to diwali in the school on 09. 11.15 Monday but non fortunately the celebration have turned as a long leave for diwali.



Folkdances in India represent diverse cultures and traditions having each region of the country as a unique culture, specific folk music and dance, which proves to be a wonderful way of expression of their community and its traditions. Though these folk dances are not as complex as the classical dance forms ,they are very beautiful, because of specific deep sited beliefs and traditions of a particular culture in them. We had an **INTER-HOUSE DANCE CONTEST** for G4 and G5 students Alpines won 2nd place ,Grands won 3rd place, Himalayans won 1st place in the contest.

ALPINES



GRANDS



HIMALAYANS



We had great decimal and place value activities to help and show the child the fun side of learning! we have the decimal multiplication and addition activities which needs to help the children understand this important concept. Measurement tools and skills have a variety of uses in everyday life. The ability to use measuring tools , rulers, and to estimate with these tools are necessary skills that enable us to quantify the world around us. We had a **MATH LAB ACTIVITY** to estimate and measure the objects and record it.

CHRISTMAS is a season of praise and thanksgiving for the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, which begins with Christmas Eve (December 24 after sundown) or Day and continues through the Day of Epiphany. The name Christmas comes from the season's first service, the Christ Mass. Epiphany comes from the Greek word epiphania, which means "manifestation. We had a grant Christmas celebration in our school where a video which symbolizes birth of Jesus and his importance was shown and the hero of the day Santa appeared in front of the children and danced with them. We had Carol contest as a part of celebration.

The custom of singing Christmas carols brings joy to the holiday season unlike any other tradition. And every December's Vocal Essence celebrates this tradition by championing today's young vocalists. Through this **CHRISTMAS CAROL CONTEST**, students of G4 and G5 exhibited their talent and team work and the winner of the contest - GRANDS.



MIDDLE

LIFE SKILLS can be defined as the “abilities for Adaptive and positive behavior that enable individuals to deal effectively with the demands and challenges of everyday life”. This assembly thus paved way for the students to learn three important aspects or values of life such as

- Think Differently
- Team Work
- Stay cool and analyze the situation

Small skits were launched in order to inherit these three values. Many students from both Grade 6 and 7 participated. It was conducted by Meherunnisa.

Assembly on **ACCENT** was conducted by M. Jayashree. It was mainly about the difference in pronunciation of words across different states and countries. various presentations were disclosed to know the variations across.

PARENTS-TEACHERS MEETING. We had a short conference between the parents and teachers to discuss about children’s progress at school and find solution for few of the academic and behavioral problems. This time parents had an opportunity to meet all the subject teachers at one go.

EXHIBITION

It was an organized presentation and display of models of ancient monuments and paintings of various sculptors and buildings of India. Students had prepared exotic 3D and 2D models of various monuments like Tajmahal, Red fort, Golgumbaz, Qutubminar, Char minar, Tanjore Brihadhishwara temple, India gate etc.

All the graders were invited to have a look and they got an opportunity to learn and understand about the history and significance of these monuments.

November began with rain. Rain lashed from the beginning of the month and it’s still continuing. School was declared holiday on several days due to non-stop rain.

“Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass it’s about learning to dance in the rain.”

FOOT LOOSE CONTEST. Students of grade 6 and 7 were taken to witness the Final dance competition held on 7th November 2015. It was a fun filled event.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE OZONE LAYER 2015

We celebrated the day by conducting various activities to sensitize the students for the preservation of ozone layer.

- Grade 6 students collected information about CFC free products and displayed it on chart.
- Grade 7 Students made posters conveying message for the protection of ozone layer.
- Students depicted the importance of Ozone Layer on their charts and posters.

They collected all possible information about Ozone and its protection. They displayed various other derivatives which can be used instead of CFC's that help in protecting ozone.

MATH LAB ACTIVITY. Students of both G6 and G7 prepared various real life models to represent the types of angles. They got themselves involved enthusiastically in preparing and presenting their work.

MATH CONTEST was conducted on 20th November 2015. Proportion recipe was the topic for Grade 6.

They had to find the secret recipe for biscuit and lemon juice for 10, 15 and 24 members and the nutrient value each person gets out of 3 biscuits and 1 cup of juice.

Math Banking was the topic for Grade 7. They had to consolidate the bank ledger of three customers of Bank of Balsam.

FLOOD RELIEF CONTEST

Our School took an initiative to help the poor and suffering people in and around Kanchipuram by donating generously. Mrs. Asha Rani Balaram, Our Director kick started the fund raising by donating 25,000 Rupees, followed by our students.

“HELP IN NEED IS A HELP INDEED.”

AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE WAS OBSERVED FROM THE PARENTS AND THE STUDENT'S SIDE WHEN THE CIRCULAR WAS SENT FOR COLLECTING FOOD, CLOTHING AND DONATION.

People wrapped their love and care also along with their offerings to the flood affected people of Chennai. It was awesome to see the flood of people's compassion towards the affected kith and kin.



SECONDARY

It was an exciting show of the other side of the human face the mysteries behind serious clownish acts in anthropology. The students of grade-10 portrayed in an ardent manner the intricacies of **CLOWNISH ACTS** with mind blowing mimes and skits.

INDIAN HISTORY rewritten in the annals of Balsam secondary division with grade-8 students debating on the democracy and its institutions. Krisheega Varsha coordinated the entire assembly with her enchanting compering. The real history spoke wonders on the historical richness of our country followed by thought provoking video shows on famous Indian kings and famous Indian aspects of historical importance.

REMEMBERING KALAM

It's time to pay tributes to one of the greatest statesman of India and the people's President. The student's recalled his famous quotes and also penned down their favourites with a spirit of upholding his vision. The faculty also inspired the students with memories down lane.



With a view of empowering our mother parents, a workshop on self defence was organized in the school under the aegis of Balaram Memorial Trust as part of the **FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS'** 2015. Mrs. Bhuvaneswari, a martial arts trainer from Vellore imparted some basic and essential skills in self defence to the participants. Around 76 parents of all levels thronged the premises with full of enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. The trainer was quick enough to bring them all focused with the main idea of the program. After giving a brief introduction and the need for such a program she straight away plunged into the basics of the skill development.

All the parent mothers were surprised to know the simple and useful techniques to defend themselves in their day to day life. They appreciated the way the trainer trained them and they also lauded the efforts of the Balaram Memorial Trust and the management of the school for organizing such a wonderful program for their benefit. At the end the Community Outreach Vice-captain Janani Shakthi proposed the vote of thanks and the program culminated with a spirit of fulfillment.

CREATIVITY CONTEST. The students knew no bounds when they had the opportunity to showcase their creativity. The students of grade-8 displayed floral arrangement, while the grade-9 students came out with wonderful vegetable carving. To add some spice the grade-10 students exhibited their creativity with colourful face painting.



It was time for a fresh approach to the **MORNING TIME ACTIVITY** in the secondary level. The students were involved in various interactions and activities related to science and geo, knowledge quest and values and also mental math and language development. Students of grade-9 especially Mr. Yaser demonstrated his research skill by explaining his new combat defence vehicle which he has done it for the social exhibition.

Mr. Mohankumar of grade-10 demonstrated the possibility of water level indicator by using simple physical principles. It was quite informative and inspiring for everyone present out over there to come out with such interesting programs.

The following concepts were taken for presentations during the morning activities.

- Language - Poems and poetic devices
- Science - Experiment on buoyancy
- Social - Countries and boundaries
- G.K - Recent trends in research
- Math - Avogadro"s number and arithmetic progression

The wisdom of the wise, and the experience of ages, may be preserved by quotation.

- Isaac D'Israeli

QUOTES are used to illuminate the meaning or to support the argument of the work in which it is being quoted, to provide direct information and to invoke philosophical thoughts and inspiration.

With the start of the fresh month, students of Grade 8 presented an assembly on the theme 'Quotes". As it is said, "A fine quotation is a diamond in the hand of a man of wit", the witty students outshone others by enacting a skit based on quotes on "Faith" and the boys of Grade 8 mesmerized the audience by performing a mime show and brought to light the importance of water conservation by means of quotes .This was followed by a quiz on quotations of famous personalities. The Balsamites of secondary classes gave open responses enthusiastically and the display of quotes created an insight among the students that paved way for derivation of inspiration.

"A disaster is a natural or man-made event that negatively affects life, property, livelihood or industry often resulting in permanent changes to human societies, ecosystems and environment."

CONSTITUTION DAY. With a view of propagating the ideals of the constitution of our country and hail our parliamentary democracy, we at Balsam Academy committed ourselves to celebrate the occasion with a patriotic fervour and adore the living document. The Social sciences department took the lead in organizing and coordinating a special assembly on 26th November . It all started with a patriotic song “Raghupathi Ragava Rajaram” by the school senior choir followed by a special address by the Principal who highlighted the inspirations of our constitution adopted from other fellow constitutions of the world and emphasized the need to incorporate the ideals and ambitions of the constitution in our day today life.

A poster contest was conducted for the students on the theme “Preamble and its Relevance in Today’s World”. Students took part enthusiastically and submitted their creative posters based on which the best of three were selected.

The winners of the poster contest were awarded the specially designed. Rufus Daya Andrews of grade-8, Subash of grade-10 and Praveen Rajesh of grade-7 took the honours in order for exhibiting creativity in their thematic display of the posters.

The pledge on the “Preamble” was taken to uphold the spirit of it.

TOY DONATION DRIVE. With a view of a undertaking a meaningful community outreach program the students planned to take a drive on toy donation to be handed over to the inmates of the cancer institute in Kanchipuram. Students were delighted about this initiative and contributed with lot of toys. This collection of toys would be handed over to the director of the cancer institute shortly.

And as imagination bodies forth
The forms of things unknown, the poet’s pen
Turns them to shapes and gives to airy
nothing A local habitation and a name.
– William Shakespeare

CHILDREN’S DAY WITH A CAUSE. At times, nature’s forces shape our dynamic planet and endanger the people around the world. This has become true in case of districts like Chennai, Kanchipuram and Cuddalore in Tamilnadu. The devastating flood has taken the lives of many and thousands of people were stranded on rooftops waiting to be rescued.

“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”

- John Holmes

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”

- Mother Teresa

It was time for community outreach team of the school to set in with an action and it happened with a spark of an idea by the community outreach captain Mr.Subash to mobilise funds from the students, parents, teachers and the well-wishers. The students were taken into surprise and felt proud and thankful for given an opportunity to sell their children’s day gift and contribute to the fund. The response was awesome. The community outreach team is planning to forward this fund to the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund which will support the government in its path of recovery and rehabilitation to the flood victims.

CBSE WRITING SERIES. An essay contest on various aspects of the Constitution was conducted by the CBSE in the month of November. Students of various levels including the secondary participated in the essay writing contest. They participated enthusiastically and tried to draft in an essay with their fair knowledge on the understanding of the constitution and its relevance today.

Words are lens to focus on one’s mind. We had an opportunity to focus on our students’ creative minds by means of their essays. The **INTER-HOUSE ESSAY WRITING CONTEST** was conducted for the secondary students during the month of December by the English department wherein all the students participated actively.

There is no gate or lock for child’s imagination and thoughts. Students exposed their architectural writing skills in the form of the essays. A prior notice was given to the students regarding the contest for their preparation. Students of grade 8,9 and 10 were given the topics, “Luck has nothing to do with success”, “A new subject to choose” and “Can the voting age be lowered to 13?” respectively. Students’ views and ideas oozed out through their fingers from their minds. As it is known that the water does not flow until the faucet is turned on, students cannot exhibit their talents unless they are given the opportunities, This contest served to be a wonderful opportunity for the tremendous works of the students. Students’ essays were judged by a group of English teachers and the winners were selected for the first 3 prizes.

“I can never satisfy myself until I can make a mechanical model of a thing. If I can make a mechanical model, I can understand it”.
-Baron William Thomson Kelvin

AUCTION. The students of grade 8 had displayed the models of materials used by our former Chief Minister Late. Sri. Kamarajar’s used materials, models of Kohinoor diamonds and models of villas for the auction sale. The contest helped the students to showcase their marketing and mathematical skills.

Students of grade 9 used this opportunity to learn the basic ethics and rules of jumble sale and also well developed their marketing and socialising skills by means of this contest.

Students of grade 10 had a better understanding of the mathematical concepts by preparing exclusive models based on the concepts such as hyperbola, diameter etc., This contest inspired a greater interest in the subject and love for learning.



MATHEMATICS is not about numbers, equations, computations, or algorithms; it's about understanding.

-William Paul Thurston

Mathematics is an indispensable subject of study. It plays an important role in forming the basis of all other sciences which deal with the material substance of space and time. The **MATH CONTEST** organized in the month of December enhanced the secondary students' confidence and aspiration for Math. Students of grade 8,9 & 10 were given the topics, 'Auction Sale', 'Jumble Sale' and 'Working model on Hyperbola' respectively. Students of grade 8 and 9 were encouraged to participate in groups and the students of grade 10 had taken individual participation.