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BALSAM
ACADEMY

IMAGINE

“The future of our country and the world depends upon children. This present generation is relying on us to mould them with proper education and high moral education”

- Satchidanandaji Msharaj

We express our happiness and gratitude for the overwhelming response and the appreciation. In this issue, we present the details of the academic and co-curricular performances of our illustrious students; their achievements. We earnestly hope that these creditable performances of our students will not only make it delightful to read but also inspire the students to keep up their brilliant work.



Assembly on the theme “Farm animals” was conducted on 9th October which turned out to be an enthusiastic event. The kids dressed up as farm animals such as rabbit, geese, cow, horse & goat. They played the role of the particular animal they dressed up as. An informative farm story video was displayed from which the kids learnt about the activities in a farm from morning to night. The song ‘Old MacDonald had a farm’ was played and the kids danced for the rhyme. The event was resourceful and enjoyable.

GENDER EQUALITY

Students of Grade 3A presented an assembly on ‘Gender Equality’ on 13th October 2017 in which they participated with fervor. This was a sensitive issue that has always been debated upon. Therefore, we made an effort to ingrain this value in an early stage, possibly in a funny way.

The class presented a short skit about two friends talking about what is gender equality. Students performed a street play to show the equality. Then the boys pledged to respect all women as equals and treat them with dignity.

DENGUE AWARENESS INITIATIVE

The secondary students involved themselves in spreading awareness about dengue in their locality for a week starting from 9th October 2017. The students designed an awareness flyer depicting the precautionary measures to be taken to eradicate mosquitoes. They emphasized on the cleanliness of the surroundings in their locality. The students of Grade 9 presented videos and powerpoint to the public with the help of technology available. The students also spread awareness in shops and business establishments around their locality.

On the 12th of October, an assembly was conducted on the theme 'Stop Bullying' to bring an awareness about the difficulties faced by the students who are forced, threatened to abuse because of bullying. The assembly started with a speech on bullying and its ill-effects. The students of grade 9A enacted a skit highlighting the physical and emotional effects of bullying. This was followed by a dance depicting the sufferings of the bullying victims. Anti-bullying laws were discussed through a questionnaire session and the assembly came to an end with a motivational video against bullying.



TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

Teacher training program for the parents began on 14th October 2017. Mothers who were interested in taking up teaching were encouraged to sign up for the training program in which they were trained by Mrs Shubha Joshi on a weekly basis. A fair number of candidates enrolled themselves for the training and have been attending classes on Saturdays in school.

"The more that you read the more things you will know"

READING TREE

Reading tree contest was conducted on 16th October 2017 for Grade 1. It was conducted to ensure that children have a firm grasp on the basics before formal reading and spelling instruction begins. Evaluation was done with the criteria - phonics, word recognition and fluency in reading for the passage "Max the dog".



The festival of lights - Diwali is celebrated throughout India and abroad with immense splendor and grandeur. Marked across five days, one gets to witness colorful and lively varieties of diyas, sumptuous food varieties, pujas, and people in their new clothes. Diwali is not just about enjoying the numerous festivities, it is also about celebrating the victory of good over evil and light over darkness. Students from Grade 1 to 5 made this colorful festival even more bright and vibrant by presenting their talents through songs and dances. For the event of Diwali our students of LKG were involved in an activity of Diya making on 17th of October.

"Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later"
- Og Mandino

Founder's Day was celebrated on 20th of October 2017 in a productive manner. Saplings were planted near the Veppur Government School. To create an awareness among the people of the village, the transport staff along with some other members of Balsam cleaned up a pond and a temple in Veppur. The usage of cloth bag against the polythene bags was emphasized by the Balsam Academy facilitators along with other school teachers on this auspicious day. While the staff members were engaged in community programs, the students showed their positivity towards the environment within the school by tidying up the campus.



ONLINE LABS WORKSHOP

Online labs workshop was conducted by Ms. Amirtha from Vishwa Vidhyapeetam University, developed by CDAC. It was headed by Mr. Suresh, senior supporter. It was on 25th of October 2017 at the Parampara Academy campus, Arakonam. Staff members Ms. Kalpana and Ms. Suganya from Balsam Academy participated in the workshop. OLABS was created with the intention to enable the children to practice the experiments individually. The session was informative and progressive.

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

Program on "Individual attention" was held on 25th Oct 2017 by Mrs. Shubha Joshi from Bangalore in our campus. The session was quite interesting where the facilitators received valuable inputs about the importance of paying individual attention to the students. This noteworthy session kindled about the value of appreciating everything about the students and colleagues.

HINDI WORKSHOP

Members of the Hindi department participated in a workshop which was conducted on 28th Oct 2017 by Madhuban Publishers at The Residency Tower, T-Nagar, Chennai. The Resource person, Mr. Pradeepkumar Jain emphasized on giving importance to the Hindi language and how it plays a vital role in one's life not only to communicate but also to express oneself.

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP



Capacity building workshop was conducted by Centre of Excellence - CBSE on "The class room management" headed by Shree G.S. GANESHAN, Principal of Maharishi Vidya Mandhir CBSE school, Chennai and Shree N.S. DINESH, Senior Principal, Taruwin Vidya Mandhir CBSE School, Dharpuri on 20th and 21st October 2017.

Teachers from Balsam Academy and schools in and around Vellore district participated. They were provided with the expertise of the resource people in the field of Education. The objective of the workshop was to create a good environment for teaching and eradicate boredom and confusion in learning. To help students gain behavioural, social and academic success in a structured environment that caters to tolerate exemplary behaviour and learning.



Students of Grade 5C presented an assembly on 'Jonas Salk' on Wednesday, 25 October 2017.

This assembly was presented with the purpose of creating awareness on Polio. Various topics related to polio like its symptoms, vaccines available, Non-paralytic polio, how it infects someone, prevention and its history were addressed. A student dressed as Jonas Salk spoke about his contributions and achievements. This attracted more attention from the audience towards the assembly

SPORTS COMPETITIONS

An Inter-School Sports Competition was held on 27.10.17 in Geekay World School, Ammoor. Around 17 schools participated. Manjari M of Grade 5C won the Silver medal and Bronze medal for Skating U-8 category. Thrisha P won 2 Gold medals for Skating U-14 Category.

The TVSSC Inter-CBSE Schools games and sports competition was held in Vidhya Peetam, Sholinghur on 10th November 2017.

- Hezron Deva Kirubairaj S.D. (G10), Moses Paul M (G9), Lokesh Raj T (G9) and Vijay Sathappan M (G9) finished 3rd and won the bronze medal for the senior category 4x100m Relay.
- In the junior category 4x100 Relay for girls, Sumyuktha Sakthi (G8), Swatee K of (G8), Drisha.P (G8) and Harinipriya of G7B won the Silver medal.
- V. Tharan Vijay of G8B won the silver medal for junior category 200m track.

NATIONAL VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

The Department of Social Sciences observed the National Vigilance Awareness Week in accordance with the invitation extended by the Union Government and CBSE from 30th of October to 4th of November at Balsam Academy. Students of grade 9 and 10 were engaged in a poster competition on this year's theme "My Vision-Corruption Free India". The students came out with creative ideas to project the theme in their own way which carried lot of messages. The posters were displayed in the second floor where all the other level students had a glimpse of it. It was a rare opportunity for the students to have exhibited their involvement in social issues of national interest.

SAHODHAYA MEET

The 23rd National Annual Conference of Sahodhaya School Complexes was held on 2nd November 2017 at Madurai Raja Muthaiyah Mandram, Madurai on the theme 'Quality Education'. The program started with a speech from Mr.Tharun Vijay, an Ex-Member of Rajya Sabha. It was a two-day program consisting important talks from the several guests associated with CBSE. On the first day, students from Madurai Sahodhaya presented the "Madurai Gatha" which brought the history of Madurai on stage. On the second day, there was an interaction on the best practices being followed in different schools to bring holistic changes in the life of the students.

Mr. Promod Kumar, Joint Director of COE, Kochi concluded the informative conference with a speech.



Sardar Vallabhai Patel's birthday is celebrated as 'Rashtriya Ekata Divas' on 31st October. This year the students of G5 to G10 gathered for an assembly and shared many information about Rashtriya Ekata Divas. The students performed a skit, dance, a song and some speeches. This occasion provided an opportunity to reaffirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand the actual and potential threats to the unity, integrity and security of our country.



NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY

Assembly on India's First Education Minister was conducted on 8th November 2017 by the LP1 students for the "National Education Day" which is observed on 11th of November. The assembly started with prayer song followed by a role play which calibrated the life, history and the contributions of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad towards the education system in an independent India. G1 kids performed for 'school chale hum' (let's go school) song – which empathized how children take joy in going to school.



RADIO

The All India Radio aims to broadcast information which is both educational and entertaining. On 9th November 2017, the students of Grade 7B had a broadcasting session which began with the akashvani tune. Radio was an important instrument which was used to foster the sense of unity and integrity among the people. Having acknowledged that, this broadcasting session had various programs like a debate on modern and olden radio, a speech on Thenkatchi Ko. Swaminathan, Food for thought, joke of the day, talks on the inventions and the history of AIR. The school head was interviewed for her views on the English language development through broadcasts and the involvement and desire among the people to learn about other cultures and values. Students were fascinated by the things being broadcasted on some radio channels.



QUIZ BOWL

Inter-House Quiz Competition was conducted for the students Grade 3 on 9th November 2017. With the rules being explained to, the competition began and the students slowly got into their stride and gained confidence over time. Students worked well together and understood the importance of teamwork.

Winners

G3A – Himalayans

- Keerthana P
- Thaksha Sri E
- Shreelekha S
- Ujjwal P
- Arun Vasanthan
- Charan Kumar H

G3B – Alpines

- Niranjana P.L.
- Mahika A.P.
- Sudharshini S
- Akhila Kounain
- Aakarsh A
- Praneeth N.R.
- Muhamma Saif
- Nithish Varma R

***"We need a new system of values, a system of the organic unity between humankind and nature and the ethic of global responsibility."
-Mikhail Gorbachev***

GARBAGE TO GOLD!

A Community outreach program was organized by Balaram memorial trust on "Waste Management - Garbage to Gold!!" to create an awareness in the society through small groups of Balsamites. It was organized in Balsam Academy campus on 11th of November 2017. Mr.C.Srinivasan, Director, Indian Green Services, Vellore, provided much needed insights on the need for efficient waste management in our country. The motto of the session was "Garbage to gold". He motivated the young minds of Balsamites to join their hands for 'A Clean Vellore!' Students responded with great enthusiasm.



INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION

With a view of building competitive culture and team spirit, students of Balsam Academy participated in an Inter-School quiz contest held at Vedavalli Vidyalaya, Walajapet on Nov 11th, 2017. Prithviraj, Shanjai and Sushmitha of Grade 9 participated with a zeal and greater enthusiasm. They got good exposure having tried their mettle with around 15 school in and around Vellore district.



ART COMPETITIONS

Students participated in the District level Art competition for Children's Day conducted on 12th, November 2017 at the Vellore museum. Mehanaz Thara of Grade 5 received a shield from the District Collector for her work. With the same energy, our student again participated in the art competition topic as 'Save nature and national leaders'. Our students participated in junior and senior level among 300 participants. Mukesh Kanna of G7B was presented a trophy for his remarkable art.

In order to motivate and equip our students for the board exams, Mr. Yatheesha from Bangalore was invited on 11th November 2017. He provided some valuable insights about how they could prepare for the exams and to manage time. He explained to the students about the importance of goal-setting and how to work towards achieving it.

I LOVE TO WRITE

Writing is one of the most important transferable skills that each one possesses. Keeping this in mind, Grade 2B students participated in an assembly 'I love to write' on 15th November 2017. In this assembly, the importance and the essence of writing to express their feeling, ideas and concepts was emphasized.

ANAIKATTU DAM

Students of G4 were introduced to the concept of a dam and its potential benefits, which include water supply, electricity generation, flood control, recreation, irrigation, a range of economic, environmental, and social benefits, waste management, navigation, and wildlife habitat.

To make them understand better, they were taken to Pudhuppadi Anaikkattu on 15th November. Everyone were energized by the excitement of leaving the school environment for a change. They had the opportunity to see new things and learn about them in an unstructured way. Students experienced a more holistic and integrated picture of a dam.



ACER

Students from grade 3 to 10 took up the 'International Benchmark tests' conducted by Australian Council for Educational Research on their subject of interest such as English, Science and Math on Nov 16th, 2017. Children took interest in exposing themselves to competitive exams which will help them to excel in their life apart from academics.



TOLERANCE AND HUMANITY

Student of Grade 8B conducted an assembly on Tolerance and humanity on 16th November 2017. Students enacted a skit to show how a father is tolerant towards his son and how when the child grows he loses his temper towards his father. They also performed role plays of doctor, teacher, nurse, student to show how they should be tolerant. A song and a speech on tolerance was added to it. The assembly ended with a pledge. Students visualized the respect and care that each individual owns.

“There is nothing more joyful than watching a kid smile”

CHILDREN’S DAY

It was a splendid day which started with the kids marching down the hall in their colorful dresses. After a warm welcoming speech by principal Mrs. Chitra Madhavan, we had our teachers vocalizing their love for the kids through a song in three different languages. Followed by that, there were a series of dance performances by all teachers in different genres. The kids were really excited. Later, one of the House-keeping staff, Mrs. Nagamma recited a poem she had written wishing the kids. The celebration ended with the Grade 10 students gifting books to the kindergarten students who rejoiced it to the core. Prithivi Raj, the School President proposed a vote of thanks to all the teachers, staff and the management on behalf of the students. The whole day was fun-filled and made our hearts leap in joy.





PROJECT SHOW

'Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children.'

It's the time of the year where some incredible talents were exhibited through a Project showcase for the Kindergarten and Grades 1 & 2. It was organized on 18th of November 2017 on various themes according to the levels of the children. Kinder took up the themes 'Seasons' and 'Transport'. Their classrooms were filled with facts, artifacts and models made by themselves, related to the different seasons and the modes of transportation. It was a real treat.

Grade 1&2 picked 'Clothes' and 'Plant Kingdom' respectively. Projects were based on the students' multiple intelligence. Children were delighted to expose their adventitious talents. It was also a good opportunity for the facilitators to enhance and highlight the children's talent.

The projects done by the students reflected their effort, interest, involvement and hard work. We were tickled pink to see the colorful performances. In a nutshell, we understood how well they came up with creative ideas to work collaboratively and at the same time, learn the concepts that were focused, ultimately preparing themselves for future challenges.





VELLORE FORT

Field trips are recognized as important moments in learning. A shared social experience can deepen and enhance classroom study that provides the opportunity for students to encounter and explore.

Students of Grade 3 were taken to the Vellore fort on 22.11.2017. They eagerly gathered all the information about the rocks, statues and the history of the temple. They also visited the museum, where they were amazed to see statues. They gained some knowledge about stamp collection, animals, ornaments, dress, stones, statues, swords, etc. Students were very much excited about the trip especially when they came across some dinosaur statues.

To understand various adaptive features of animals, the students of grade 5 visited Amirthi forest in Vellore District on 24/11/17. They observed different kinds of animals like monkey, owl, cobra, porcupine, tortoise, wolf, deer, ducks, peacocks, Pelicans, swan, crocodile, etc. in the forest. They understood how the physical features of each animal are related to how to adapt to the environment. Students were asked to reflect on their observations and enjoyment in writing.

ESSAY CONTEST

“Start writing no matter what. The water does not flow until the faucet is turned on” – Louis L’Amour
 Essay contest was conducted for the middle school on 28th November 2017. Each student was given opportunity, they enthusiastically participated. Reshimuhan S of Grade7A, A.Priyadharshini of Grade7A and N.Pavishree of Grade 7B won the prizes.

HABITAT

The aim of the assembly was to understand the correlation between environment, habitat, food chains and why animals live in particular habitats and also to learn the impact of changes in the world on animal life.

The assembly highlighted the harmful effects that the humans have brought to their environment. The various habitats were displayed by the students with appropriate accessories. It was a visual treat for the audience. They also reflected on ‘How best we can save our nature, various habitat and save our future generation?’

A song to embark the significance of ‘Habitat’ was rendered by the Grade 8A girls. Following which a video about the Habitual deeds of man was showcased. The assembly came to an end with an oath to safeguarding the environment.



மாணவர்களுக்கு முக்கியத்துவம் தரும் வகையில் இச்செயல்திறன் நிகழ்த்தப்பட்டது. பள்ளிக்கல்வியில் நாடகத்தைக் கற்பித்தல் கருவியாகப் பயன்படுத்தும் போது மாணவர்களின் தன்னம்பிக்கை, செயல்திறன், மொழிவளம், தொடர்புத்திறன், படைப்பாற்றவுடன் கூடிய விமர்சனச்சிந்தனை ஆகியவை மேம்படுகிறது. இத்திறன்களை வெளிகொணரும் பொருட்டு ஆறாம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களுக்கு நாடகங்களில் நடிக்க ஊக்கப்படுத்தப்பட்டது. பின், எது பெரிய உண்மை? என்ற கதையை நாடகமாக நடிக்க குழுக்கள் பிரிக்கப்பட்டது. மாணவர்கள் தங்கள் குழு மாணவர்களிடம் கலந்துரையாடி அவ்வவர் தங்கள் கதாப்பத்திரங்களை முடிவு செய்தனர். பின், மறுநாள் மாணவர்கள் தன் கதாப்பத்திரங்களுக்கான உரையாடல்களோடு தயாராக வந்தனர். ஒவ்வொரு குழுவும் நாடகத்தை சிறப்பாக அரங்கேற்றினர். இக்கதையை நாடகமாக நடித்ததில் மாணவர்களுக்கு மனநிறைவுடன் கூடிய மகிழ்ச்சி ஏற்பட்டது. அப்பாடவேளை மகிழ்ச்சியோடு இனிதே நிறைவடைந்தது.

CONSTITUTION DAY

The constitution day was observed with great zeal and patriotic fervor this year. A poster competition on the theme 'Moving towards Constructive Democracy' was conducted for the graders from 7 to 10. The students participated with utmost enthusiasm and came out with wonderful posters. The higher order interpretation on the constitution and democracy that reflected in their posters was commendable. The posters were displayed in the corridor for a week for the rest of the school to have a glimpse of it. Certificates and prizes were given to the three best posters in each category.

Winners:

Junior Category

- 1st Place - Alisha Maria Manojof (G7B)
- 2nd Place - T Reshma (G8A)
- 3rd Place - T Harish (G8A)

Senior Category

- 1st Place - Sainarendran (G9B)
- 2nd Place - Bryce John Samuel (G10)
- 3rd Place - T.Asha (G9A)

Principal Mrs. Chitra Madhavan distributed the certificates and prizes and also gave a speech on the Constitution Day. The secondary head, Mr. Madhavan highlighted on the application of democratic principles in day to day life and hail the essence of constitutional practices.

POLLUTION CONTROL

Grade G3B students presented an assembly, 'Pollution control' on 29.11.2017. The goal was to educate all the students on how to control pollution and to save the Earth. Students conveyed how pollution should be controlled through their performances. The teacher shared her view on how to avoid plastics, reuse it and to control waste generation in their surroundings. In the end, students took an oath to contribute to a clean and safe environment.



SEXUAL HARASSMENT AWARENESS

The Sexual Harassment committee of our school headed by Mrs. Bharathi conducted an awareness program across different levels on 29th November 2017. Girls and Boys of grade 7 and 8 were briefed on the prevailing situation and how best we can remain safe. Girls were counselled to take their attire and attitude in a way not to distract others and to carry themselves with right decorum.



The students of Grade 6 A presented their assembly on 'ITS YOUR STORY DON'T LOSE IT' on November 30th. The assembly started with a prayer and a quote emphasizing the need to change ourself before advising others to. The students enacted a mime depicting a farmer's life with the moral "If we save the nature, in turn our life will be protected". This was followed by sharing some information on 'The World Heritage Day'. This assembly depicted the importance of culture and heritage of our country.



To understand the procedures of a bank and the applications of simple and compound interest, Grade 8 students were taken for a field trip to the HDFC bank, Ranipet on 30th November 2017. They pretended to be customers, to learn how the bank works. This trip to HDFC bank was an attempt to show kids how math skills can be applied in everyday life and work when they grow up. The manager briefed the students on how they performed their everyday tasks like opening bank accounts for new customers, use of credit and debit cards, role of percentages, simple interests in various banking applications. The trip was very informative and interesting. The students realized where they will use the mathematical concepts that they learn today in their future.

TECHNO TALENT EXHIBITION

Students of grade 7 & 8 had an opportunity to be part of an impeccable Talent show which was held in Jeeva Velu International School, Thiruvannamalai on 7th December 2017. They built models for various themes and presented it to the judges.

KARUNYA LAKSHMI.H & HARINI.A built a model of hydraulic bridge which opens and facilitates water transport. The vehicles that ran on the road made use of bio-fuel. They received First prize under junior category for the theme Transportation and Road Safety.

NIKHIL B.S. & VIJAI SARAVANAN R.G had built a hydraulic car lift for workshops and car showrooms which makes use of renewable energy. They won Second prize under junior category for the theme Renewable resource of Energy.

PRASANTH.B & VISHAL RAM K.N. designed an obstacle sensor that senses an obstacle and stops before the collision.

The prizes were distributed by Dr. V. Ramanathan, Director, Arunai Engineering College. He gave a motivational speech on how to develop inquisitiveness in children and also urged the students to think creatively.

BIRLA PLANETARIUM

Birla Planetarium is one of the popular attractions of Chennai that provide an insight in to the cosmic world. This Science Centre is a part of Periyar Science and Technology Museum. The students of G8 visited this planetarium on 9th December, 2017 to learn about the Solar System, cycle of stars, sky and seasons. Science park, traffic park, science on wheels etc were the highlight of this Science Centre. Students also enjoyed the other galleries which dealt with physical science, electronics and communication, energy, life science, innovations, transport with over 500 exhibits. It turned out to be an inspiration for the students to develop their interest in science.

MAHABALIPURAM

Students of Grade 6 went for a field trip to Mahabalipuram on December 9th, 2017. Around 73 students were accompanied by six staff members. Students were mesmerized to see the beauty of sculptures in seven Ratha temple and the elephant cave, and were eager to learn about the King Pallavas and recalled the characters of Mahabharat.

In the wake of increasing child sex abuse across the country and the imminent need to sensitize people on this, an awareness session was conducted for the non-teaching staff of Balsam Academy on 14th December 2017. The members were briefed about the ignorance in this issue, and were updated with various legal provisions in terms of child protection like the POCSO ACT. The members were enlightened about the values in Child-Staff Relationship and integrity. The session was co-ordinated by Mrs. Bharathi from the sexual harassment committee and was conducted by the principal, Mrs.Chitra M and the Secondary head Mr. Madhavan.



BEAUTIFUL INSIDE

The students of G6B held an assembly on 'Beautiful Inside' on 14th December 2017. The Assembly started with a beautiful quote on true beauty that elicited a good response from the students towards the topic.

“Beauty is not in the face; beauty is a light in the heart.”
“Beauty is how you feel inside, and it reflects in your eyes. It is not something physical.”

Student presented an amazing skit on “The most beautiful heart” through which they expressed their views on the definition of true beauty which gave the audience a moral, ‘Many give importance and respect to physical beauty. Yet, real beauty is not physical!’

The students were able to understand that the real essence of beauty lies in how you behave, respect and treat others with politeness.



GANDHI PARK

Grade 1 went for a fun outdoor culmination – field trip to Gandhi Park, Walajapet on 15th of December 2017. It was a great learning opportunity for the younger minds. When the students were made to play on different rides they were on cloud nine. We, the facilitators discussed about the importance of sharing, spending quality time with friends and about the things available around them. Students shared their snacks and enjoyed with their friends.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

As a part of Christmas celebration in our school and to impart the quality of sharing, the Grade 5 students visited the Deenabandhu Orphanage on 15th December 2017.

Students organized a food drive. Each student contributed to raise enough food for the students of the ashram. Students shared their food and love with them. It was an unforgettable experience for them.

Grade 2 kids visited the Gandhiji Old Age Home near Arcot on December 13, 2017. Students organized a cultural program to entertain the elderly. People at the Ashram enjoyed the day with the kids and were happy to see them showcase their talent and willingness to make that day a memorable one. The main objective for visiting this place was to cultivate the habit of respecting the elders and the fellow beings.



விற்ப்புணர்வு விளம்பரங்கள்

இன்றைய சூழ்நிலையில் மக்களிடையே விழிப்புணர்வை ஏற்படுத்துவதில் மாணவர்களின் பங்கு அதிகமாக உள்ளது. அதனை உணர்த்தும் விதமாக மாணவர்கள் இன்றைய கழலில் மக்களுக்கு அத்தியாவசியமான விழிப்புணர்வை ஏற்படுத்தும் நதிகளை இணைத்தல், சுற்றுச்சூழல் மாசுபாடு, விகாசக்கள் ஒழிப்பு, விதைப்பத்துகளின் முக்கியத்துவம், நீர்மாசுபாடு போன்ற தலைப்புகளில் தங்கள் கருத்துக்களை ஒலி- ஒளி வடிவத்தில் சிறப்பாக எடுத்துரைத்தனர்.



In an effort to create awareness among the students who have become vulnerable to obesity due to post-globalization lifestyle and eating habits, a workshop on 'Obesity Awareness' was conducted on 16th of December 2017 at Balsam Academy. Mr. V. Mariappan, fitness professional, threw some light on the basic understanding on the lifestyle's impact on obesity. Later he demonstrated a few exercises which could largely benefit the students to minimize the effect of obesity and keep themselves fit.

WORKSHOP ON 3D PRINTING TECHNOLOGY

With a view of sensitizing the student community to emerging technologies, an interactive workshop on 3D printing technology was conducted on 16th December 2017. Mr. Revanthe from Intech DMLS, Bangalore demonstrated the mechanism of 3D printing with a prototype. The students were excited to have been exposed to such a wonderful program that kindled their interest levels. Students were incepted with an exciting idea of incorporating this technology with their learning process in any means possible. It proved to be one of the most innovative student programs in the annals of Balsam Academy.



INDIA

The tiny tots of UKG had assembly on the theme INDIA on 20th December 2017. The assembly started with the school song. India is a land of variety. India as well as its people bear differences in a various aspects like language, lifestyle, habitat, climate, culture etc. India is divided into different states. The UKG kids orated the names of 29 states in alphabetical sequence and danced for the song 'My name is Madhavi...'

A brief introduction on many national events was given.

This was followed by patriotic songs 'Sare Jahan Se Accha' and 'Vande Mataram'. Colours in the national flag and the significance of each colour was discussed. The Pledge is an oath for every Indian to abide. To instil a sense of patriotism amongst kids, they took the pledge which bound them together.

By the end of the session they realized what keeps Indians united despite all the differences was the spirit of being an Indian.



Dr.C.L.N.Prakesh, senior consultant of ELT(English Language Teaching) who is associated with the British council and is also a team leader for Cambridge English language assessments, conducted a workshop for the facilitators on 20th December 2017 in the school. The role of the Global English books in enhancing the language skills was explained through practical experience of handling the students at various levels with different kinds of activities. It was an effective and thought-provoking workshop.



NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY

“Mathematics is not about numbers, equations, computations or algorithms, it is about understanding”

Math is one of the most basic skills we expect our children to master. With a key focus towards literacy skills - reading and writing, the arithmetic skills or the mathematics is often lost in the shuffle.

Children who are taught Math early, who learn the basics at a young age are set up for a lifetime of achievement in all aspects of their academic performance. Considering the above aspects,

National Mathematics Day was observed on 22nd December in our school. Students performed a skit to bring out the message that Math plays a virtual role in daily life followed by which we had a short biography of Dr. Srinivasa Ramanujan, the mathematical genius. Students were very happy to listen to the mathematical concepts in form of a song and finally our Balsam geniuses exhibited their mathematical talents by answering complex multiplication problems. The students promised to enhance their mathematical skills and produce more mathematical geniuses from Balsam.



E-MAIL TO PARENTS

The aim of this assembly was to understand the prominence of e-mail in the lives of parents and children, as a tool of communication to express oneself. The assembly started off with a prayer and continued with a skit which enhanced an alternative option of penning down ones thoughts and feelings.

A video on “Respecting parents” was screened. A carefully choreographed dance performance was dedicated to all the lovely parents and the God, who is above us all. Later, the students agreed to send beautiful greetings to their parents wishing them for the upcoming New Year.



On the 27th December, thematic assembly on 'Watch what you say' was conducted by the students of G2B. The assembly started with a National song followed by a speech by the students on the importance of respect and politeness in our lives. The students were educated on the usage of magic words in their day to day life. This was followed by the teacher's song. 'Have you got the sunshine smile'.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

"Christmas is the perfect time to celebrate the love of God and family, and to create memories that will last forever"

Special assembly on Christmas was celebrated in a grand manner at 10.00 a.m on 22nd December. The whole program focused on 'The True meaning of Christmas' which included carols, fusion of songs, dance, a skit about 'What is Happiness!' and 'Thanksgiving'. Finally the arrival of Santa Claus added a sparkle of joy to the entire celebration. The crowd danced with enthusiasm to the beats of 'Jingle Bells'. In connection to Christmas, the students of G2 visited an Old Age Home and distributed snacks. The students of G5 visited Deena Bandu Ashram for a 'Food Drive'.

