



### PARENTING AND MENTORING

There is no magic wand required that can turn you into mentors. Just spending time with your child helps you become a mentor. You can do ordinary things with your child, by being together. The important part is that you do things together, which includes communicating with one another.

Be honest about your own strengths and weaknesses. All humans make mistakes; you have, and your child will. Your child can benefit from hearing about your mistakes, including what you thought before you made them, how your thoughts changed after you made them, and how you changed your thoughts or behaviors to avoid them in the future. A child who thinks his or her parents are perfect, builds expectations that parents can't possibly live up to.

Respect your child's thoughts and opinions without judging them. Even if you don't agree with your child, make it clear that you want to know what his or her thoughts are, without the threat of punishment. If your child is afraid of being punished, he or she may stop sharing things entirely. Remember that there is an important difference between, "I disagree with you," and "You're wrong."

Support your child's interests and strengths, but don't force things. Kids spend their childhood trying to figure out who they are, how the world works, and how they can fit into the world. Make sure your child has enough room to explore. If your child has no interest in an activity or topic, don't push. Your child will soon begin to dread the "forced activity" and will find ways to get out of doing it.

Introduce your child to things that you like to do. This is a useful way for your child to learn more about you. It's sometimes hard for kids to picture their parents doing things that other people do, like playing an instrument, volunteering at a nursing home, watching movies, playing a sport, or knowing about art. If your child sees you doing these things, you become more of a "regular person," rather than "just a parent."

**"Enjoy parenting with your child as a mentor"**

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### “Difficult Roads Lead to Beautiful Destinations”

Online teaching & remote learning are the key to success in lock down.

During this challenging time, amidst the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19, planning has been commenced for continuous education based on the situation, need and requirement. Teachers, parents and students are trained to use the online teaching portal to its maximum potential. The whole school community is now on their mobiles, iPads, laptops, desktop, tabs and so on; working round the clock to create and welcome the e-learning process, which became the buzz word within no time. Online teaching and learning has been a success in the school right from kindergarten to grade-10. Live online classes are being conducted not only in scholastic subjects but also in co-scholastic subjects like yoga, music, dance and sports. Teamwork, commitment, connecting with each other, sharing best practices, guiding each other and getting to know each other better are the traits which has propelled the team ahead.

Although COVID -19 has surged fast, affected all and created chaos. We, the Balsam Team are able to face the challenge and has been moving ahead with confidence, to create a success story for years to remember. Many worthwhile lessons have been learnt during these times.

சவால்கள் நிறைந்தது இவ்வகம். உலகம் தோன்றிய நாள்முதல் இன்றளவும் அறிவியல் நம்மை மகத்தான பாதையில் வெற்றி நடை போடச்செய்திருக்கிறது. சிறு அலகு கொண்டு கூடு கட்டும் தூக்கணாங்குருவிக்கு புயல் காற்றையும், பெரு மழையையும் எதிர்கொண்டு வாழும் வல்லமையை யாரும் கற்றுத்தந்தாரில்லை. மழைக்காலத்தில் நிம்மதியாய் உணவு உண்ண, சேமிக்கும் வழக்கத்தை எறும்பினங்களுக்கு யாரும் கற்றுத்தந்தாரில்லை. இவை அனைத்தும் நாம் கேட்டறிந்த செய்திகள்தான். ஆனால் இவை ஒவ்வொன்றிலும் அறிவியல் உண்மை புதைந்திருப்பது எத்தனைப் பேருக்குத் தெரியும்? பருவ மாற்றங்களுக்குத் தகுந்தார்போல் வாழும் வாழ்க்கைச்சூழலை தகவமைத்துக்கொள்ள ஒவ்வொரு உயிரினமும் சவால்களை எதிர்கொள்ள வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. அறிவியலோடு ஆராய்ந்துப்பார்த்தால் வாழும் வாழ்க்கை அத்தனையும் சவால்களே! அறிவியலை சுவைக்கவும், சிந்திக்கவும் செய்த மாபெரும் புரட்சி கல்வியே என்றால் மிகையாகாது. ஓலைச்சுவடியில் பதியப்பெற்ற எழுத்துக்கள் ஒவ்வொன்றும் தாள்களில் தவழச்செய்ததும் அறிவியல்தான். இன்று பல சாதனங்களில் வலம் வரச்செய்ததும் அறிவியல்தான். எத்தனை எத்தனை இடர்கள் உலகையே வலம் வந்தாலும், ‘கல்விச்செல்வம்’ நம் அனைவரையும் சீர்பெறச் செய்திருக்கிறது.

கேடில் விழுச்செல்வம் கல்வி ஒருவற்கு மாடல்ல மற்றையவை. – என்றென்றும் அழியாத நிலைபெறும் செல்வம் கல்வியே! கல்வியைத் தவிர மற்றப் பொருள்கள் சிறந்த செல்வமாகாது என்பது வான்புகழ் வள்ளுவரின் வாக்கு.

**"வெள்ளத்தால் அழியாது வெந்தழலால்  
வேகாது வேந்தராலும்  
கொள்ளத்தான் முடியாது கொடுத்தாலும்  
நிறைவன்றிக் குறைவுறாது  
கள்ளர்க்கோ பயமில்லை காவலுக்கோ  
மிக எளிது கல்வியென்னும்  
உள்ளத்தே பொருளிருக்கப் புறம்பாகப்  
பொருள்தேடி யுழல்கின்றாரே!"**

அதாவது, சிலநாளில் தோன்றி, சிலநாளில் மறைந்து போவதாகிய இம் மக்கள் உடம்பில் பிறந்தவர்களான நாம் எந்த வகையான செல்வத்தைப் பெறுதற்கு முயலல் வேண்டுமென்றால், என்றும் அழியாததாய் நம் உடம்பு அழிந்தாலும், தான் அழியாமல், நமது உயிரோடு சேர்ந்து நம்மை எல்லாப் பிறப்புகளிலும் தொடர்ந்து வருவதாய் உள்ள அழிவில்லாப் பெருஞ் செல்வத்தையே அடைவதற்குக் கண்ணுங்கருத்துமாய் இருக்க வேண்டும் என்ற விவேகசிந்தாமணி கருத்துக்களுக்கு நாம் சற்றே செவி சாய்ப்போம்.

கற்றலும் கற்பித்தலும் ஒவ்வொரு காலமாற்றத்திலும் புதுமைகளைத் தாங்கி உழன்று கொண்டிருக்கிறது. இணையத்தில் இணைந்த நம்மை மீண்டும் பள்ளிச்சூழல் இனிமையாய் வரவேற்கிறது! கல்வி கற்றல் ஒரு மனிதனை மேம்படுத்துகிறது. நிலையில்லாத இவ்வகையில் என்றும் நிலையாய் தலைநிமிர்ந்து நிற்கச்செய்யும் மாபெரும் புரட்சி கல்வி மட்டுமே! காலங்கள் மாறினாலும், சூழல்கள் மாறச்செய்தாலும் மாற்றங்களுக்குத் தயாராவோம்! மீண்டும் கல்விச்சாலையில் பாதம் பதிப்போம்! கல்விக் காற்றை சுவாசிப்போம்! சாதிப்போம்!

## FROM HOD'S DESK



**ர. கஜாதா**  
தமிழாசிரியை



## My Experience on Art Integrated Project with JNV School

*"Friendship improves happiness, and abates misery, by doubling our joys, and dividing our grief."*

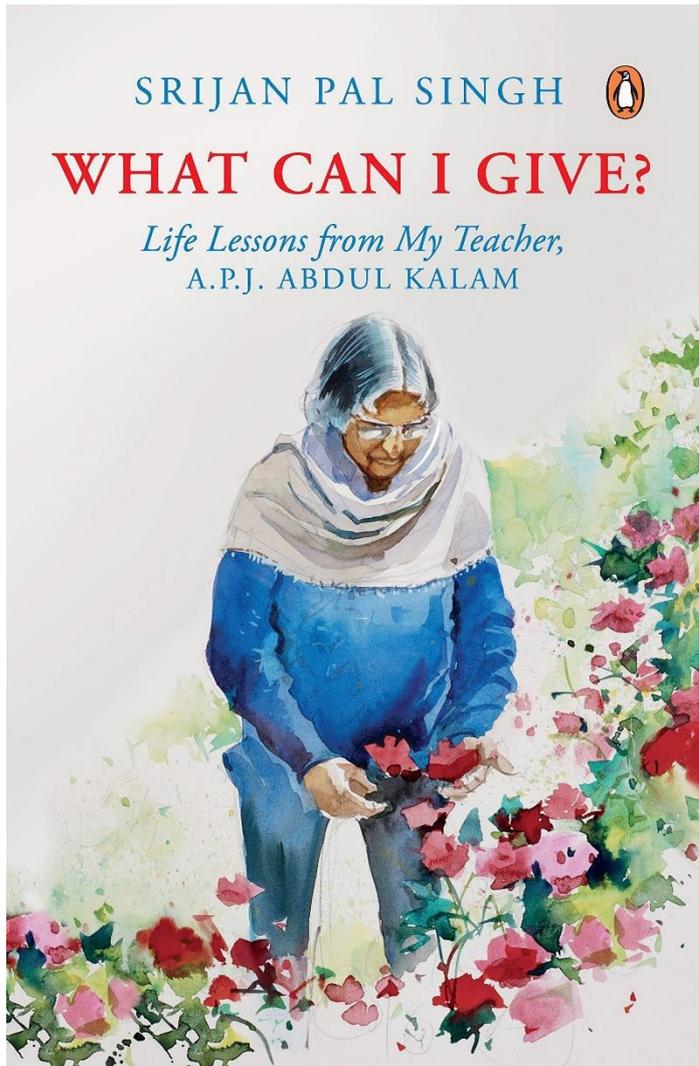
*– Marcus Tullius Cicero*

Relationships are formed to create more opportunities to get friendship, love and affection. They are the main means to attain them. I was overwhelmed with the idea of meeting friends from Jammu and Kashmir. But my happiness was blocked by their blind spot of regrets. Their regrets and concerns are always repressed and unsung. I realized it, when I interacted with them. Their attitude and kindness towards us made us elated. They manifested their geographical conditions and the unknown wonders of the world. By their talks, we were so eager to see them, online. The bonding after conversation was phenomenal. They were proud that they were the brave survivors of the detriment condition. We are proud to get their acquaintance. Their cultural heritage and tradition are as unique as ours. The nexus we got lasts eternity. This is a onetime opportunity that we enjoyed



**Sai Sathya Krishna**  
Grade 10-A

## Worth A Read



### What Can I Give? - Life lessons from My Teacher - Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam by Sriranjana Pal Singh

This book is written and dedicated to Dr. Abdul Kalam by his student Sriranjana Pal Singh, who worked closely with him until the last moment of Kalam's life. This book about Kalam as a teacher is at par excellence inspires the reader through his words, thoughts and life. The author has recollected the values and messages of Dr. Kalam, his mentor, to the youths of our nation. This book helps its readers to peek into Dr. Kalam's daily routines, travels, his reflections on various national and international issues and anecdotes. The readers will get up close and personal to one of the greatest Indians of our time.

## ASSESSMENTS

Assessment and Reporting are integral parts of the teaching and learning program, which combine to support students to achieve high standards and to contribute to the efficacy of learning programmes. A wide range of assessment strategies have been implemented both in online and offline mode. The use of Google Classroom, online quiz, projects, oral, written and digital presentation reflects understanding, development and learning amongst students.

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

Parental involvement is one of the most important factors in a student's success in school. This pandemic made parents as educators, facilitators, and coaches.

A Virtual Parent Teacher Conference was conducted in our school.

The PTC provided an opportunity for an interaction between the parents and teachers. The parent's role in this pandemic was appreciated. The Principal delivered a message on COVID-19 awareness campaign and preparedness for reopening. The home room teachers unfolded the progress and achievements of the year. An appeal from SMC, partnership for success and online volunteering were the other few discussions which emanated from the teachers. Our parents expressed their gratitude to the teachers for their immense service during this period. We also clarified their doubts and enquiries.

# WHAT IS YOUR LEARNING STYLE?

## VISUAL LEARNERS

Visual learners will typically retain more information when they can see something that graphically depicts what they are trying to learn. Prefers pictures, images, diagrams and movies.

### Study Tips:

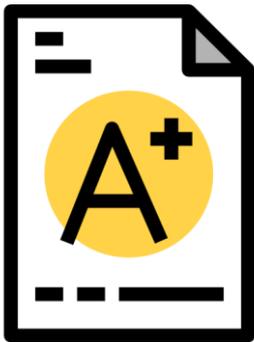
- Use different colors to create study notes.
- Make study flashcards to use for review.
- Create mind maps, charts, and diagrams when studying.

## READING\WRITING LEARNERS

Read/Write learners learn best by reading and writing. Prefers textbooks and taking and writing notes.

### Study Tips:

- Write study notes out by hand.
- Create checklists to guide studying.
- Organize study notes using headings and lists.



## EXAM TIPS

### 2 Weeks Before:

- Make a plan.
- pace out in smaller parts.
- as often as little as possible.

### 1 Week Before:

- Look over study materials.
- Find someone to study with.

### The Night Before:

- Don't cram all the information at once.
- Do a review.
- Relax and get good sleep.

### An Hour Before:

- Relax and hang out with friends.

### A Few Minutes Before:

- Take a deep breath and stay calm.

### After:

- Don't over-think it and move on.

## Exam Tip from Students' Counsellor



Ms. Sneha Shaji  
Students' Counsellor

## AUDITORY LEARNERS

Auditory learners will retain more information when they hear something. Prefers music or auditory activities, lectures and discussion.

### Study Tips:

- Recite study notes out loud.
- Make up rhymes, songs, or stories when studying.
- Talk through areas your child is struggling with.

## PHYSICAL LEARNERS

Physical learners will retain more information when they use the "Hands on" approach. Prefers hands on activities or experiments.

### Study Tips:

- Create practice tests to use while studying.
- Turn studying into a fun activity or game.
- Squeeze a stress ball while studying.

# YOUNG INNOVATOR CONTEST

*“Creativity doesn’t wait for that perfect moment. It fashions its own perfect moments out of ordinary ones.”*

Hub of Learning - Young Innovator Inter-School Contest was conducted keeping in mind the aim of CBSE and pursuance of children’s natural curiosity and imagination to quench their thirst of creativity. With this event, we attempted to provide a platform for the schools in Collaborative Learning Hub to share innovations and new experiences with the community.

Balsam Academy has always believed that education must ensure students achieve higher-order cognitive skills, students be encouraged to challenge prejudices and dive into a subject that they are passionate about, most importantly, foster innovation and creativity.

Participants were expected to make an Idea Presentation on the topic, '**A Path to Sustainable Future**' in 8+2 minutes. They had to opt among the following key issues.

- Alternative sources of energy
- Prevention of air pollution
- Bio-water purifiers

The program was witnessed and judged by an eminent personality Dr. Santosh, Assistant Professor Department of Physics, Thanthai Periyar Government Institute of Technology, Vellore. He motivated the young minds to apply their knowledge and skills to improve their research skills and boost their confidence by analyzing the reason for failure and insisted the students to find valid solutions for the existing problems.

The day was made remarkable by the participation of 8 individuals from four different schools

## **Vedavalli Vidyalaya, Ranipet**

- **Jerry Gerizim** of Grade 10 presented on “Alternative Sustainable Energy”
- **Sonam Kumari R.** of Grade 9 offered ideas on “Prevention of Air Pollution”.

## **SKV International Public School, Kesavanakuppam,**

- **Gayathri V.** of Grade 10 shared her idea on “Prevention of Air Pollution”
- **Divya shri V.** of Grade 9 submitted her idea on “Bio Water Purifiers”

## **Balsam Academy, Ranipet**

- **Karunya Lakshmi H** of Grade 10 had chosen “Prevention of Air Pollution” and submitted her idea of converting carbon monoxide into carbon dioxide using copper oxide and platinum insulators.
- **Pushpanathan R.** of Grade 9 had worked on “Alternative Sustainable Energy”. He had provided his idea on integrating Nano Diamond Batteries with graphene batteries which would integrate the characteristics of both and thus serve as a reliable energy reserve.

## **Bright Minds Vidhyodaya, Walajapet**

- **Sugantha M.** of Grade 10 presented her idea on “Alternative Sustainable Energy”
- **Janathul Firdose M.** of Grade 10 presented her idea on “Alternative Sustainable Energy”

All the participants received feedback, suggestions and ideas from the jury member and also got e-certificates for making it. The prize winners received cash prizes which they collected happily and were very glad to be a part of such a wonderful contest. They accepted that this platform served as a best place to tap their scientific skills and felt lucky to be chosen best among their counterparts.

**I PRIZE-PUSHPANATHAN R., BALSAM ACADEMY.**

**II PRIZE- JANATHUL FIRDOSE M., BRIGHT MINDS VIDYODAYA, WALAJAPET.**

**III PRIZE-SONAM KUMARI R., VEDAVALI VIDYALAYA, RANIPET.**

# SPECIAL DAYS

## FOUNDER'S DAY



Balsam Academy is founded under the stewardship of Smt. V.B. Saroja, Founder Trustee of Balaram Memorial Trust. Late Shri. K. Balaram, was an active learner, a futuristic thinker who played a key role in creating entrepreneurs and developing the economic conditions of people in the village. Treading in the footsteps of late K. Balaram, Smt. Saroja Balaram, has involved herself in the development of Aaiylam, a village near Arcot. Her contributions to the village include paving roads, renovation of Government schools and building temples.

“A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be. – Rosalynn Carter”

20th of October is celebrated every year as Founder's Day. We expressed this gratitude of ours to our Founder, Smt. V.B. Saroja Balaram, who harnesses the determination of teachers and focuses on leaving a positive and a sustainable mark.

Wishes and greetings were delivered to Our Founder through the virtual platform.



## NATIONAL CANCER AWARENESS DAY

National Cancer Awareness Day is celebrated every year on November 7th to commemorate the birth anniversary of Madame Curie. One of the icons of Modern Science, Madame Curie's discovery of Radium and Polonium helped in the fight against cancer. Her contributions helped in the development of nuclear energy and radiotherapy for the treatment of cancer. A series of activities were organised on National Cancer Awareness Day by the Himalayans House, to create an awareness about cancer prevention and early detection among students. The students from 6 to 10 actively involved themselves to exhibit their creativity and concern for the prevention and detection of early cancer. Using the available resources at home, students of grade 6 and 7 prepared colourful ribbons to highlight the different types of cancer. Students of higher grades presented slogans on the topic "Prevention of Cancer" and collected information on the number of people affected by cancer in different states of India from the year 2014 to 2019 and created a graphical column chart. Their presentations reiterated the fact that students are capable of learning and gaining a meaningful experience when they are provided with the freedom to explore.

# WORLD TSUNAMI AWARENESS DAY

5th November is designated as World Tsunami Awareness Day, to raise awareness among the communities and countries and share innovative approaches to risk reduction to save millions of lives in future disasters.

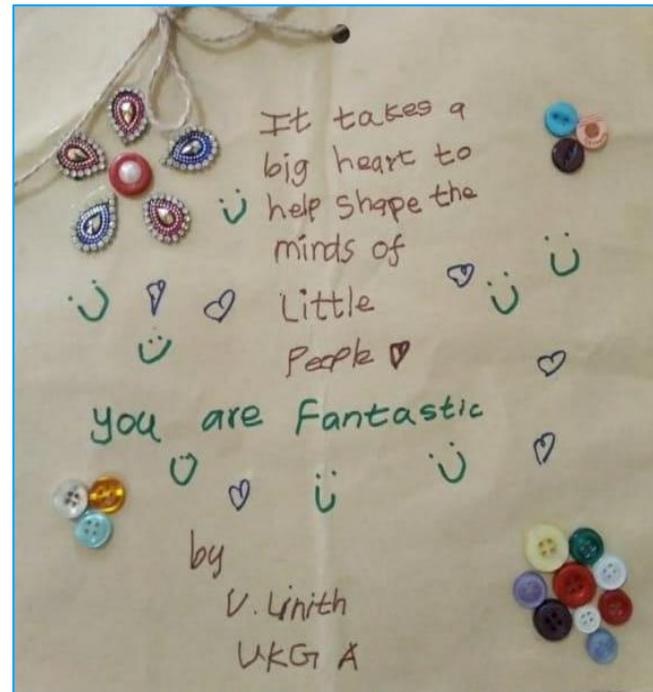
To educate the children on "Strengthening Disaster Risk Governance" the theme of this year's World Tsunami Awareness Day, the Grands house assigned an activity on making posters on the topic "Trigger Factors of Tsunami" for grade 6, 7 and 8 and Quiz was organised for grade 9 and 10.

World Post Day is observed on October 9<sup>th</sup> to mark the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union- 1874 (UPU). The celebrations has created an awareness of the role of the Postal sector in the day to day lives of people.

Balsam, perceived this as an opportunity to recognize the contribution of the postal sector in the development of business and economic activities globally.

A series of activities marked the day. Students studied the history of post offices, the current statistics of post offices and the benefits of the various postal schemes. Students discovered the pleasure of letter writing, they carved their love for their grandparents in the form of a letter. Students also posted letters with their drawings and loving notes to their class teachers.

# WORLD POST DAY



# NATIONAL INTEGRATION DAY

"Even if I died in the service of the nation, I would be proud of it. Every drop of my blood... will contribute to the growth of this nation and to make it strong and dynamic" these were the words of the first woman Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi.

To venerate the pivotal role played by Mrs. Indira Gandhi in strengthening the unity among people diverse in culture and creed, National Integration Day is celebrated on November 19 every year.

Several activities marked the National Integration Day at Balsam. Students from grade 6 to 10 spread their wings of knowledge to assimilate the history of Mrs. Indira Gandhi and her policies. The culture of different states, its food and language was imbibed by the students of grade-6. Students of grade-7 showed their artistic skills in portraying Mrs. Indira Gandhi. The topics "Indira Gandhi and Emergency" stirred a discussion among the students and their grandparents expounded, what they had learnt from Indira Gandhi. Topics like "Policies of Indira Gandhi Integrated/ Disintegrated India" aroused excitement among students as they presented their views online.

# SAMVIDHAN DIVAS

*"Constitution is not mere lawyers document, it is a vehicle of life, and its spirit is always the spirit of age"*

Constitution Day (National Law Day), also known as Samvidhan Divas, is celebrated in India on 26th November every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar prepared a Draft Constitution for India. On 26th November 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the Constitution of India, and it came into effect on 26th January 1950.

To mark Samvidhan Divas, the students demonstrated their creativity by designing the preamble of our Indian Constitution in their own explicit ways. Other activities like reciting the preamble, preparation of 'Timeline of Making of the Constitution and an online quiz promoted a better perception of the preamble to the students.

# UNITED NATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND DAY

United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund Day is observed on 11<sup>th</sup> December to provide humanitarian and development aid to children and women all over the world.

"The children and young people of today – are taking the lead on demanding urgent action, and empowering themselves to learn about, and shape the world around them. They are taking a stand now, and we are listening. The children and young people are the leaders of the future. They inspire us. We want to work together with them to find the solutions that we need to tackle the challenges of today, to build better future and the world will inherit."-UNICEF Executive Director, Henrietta H. Fore

To bring a better understanding about UNICEF DAY the Grands house assigned an activity on attending the comprehension for grade 6 and 7. In order to encourage providing funds to UNICEF, we assigned making UNICEF cards on the topic "Women empowerment and child safety" for grade-8. Essay writing for grade-9 on the topic "Women empowerment through UNICEF" and worksheet for grade-10, that is integrated with Social science. These activities stimulated the awareness among the students, where they understood the importance of UNICEF DAY.

## CELEBRATION

### GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATION

A brief presentation on Gandhiji was shown to the students of G-9 and G-10 at the end of the regular session on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Teacher talked about Gandhiji and the essence of his principles in the relevant situation. He suggested students to focus on personal cleanliness and importance of Shramadhan.

Students paid tribute to Gandhiji by cleaning their study room/kitchen / living room and garden. They shared their experience in the group. Ms Shubha Joshi, non-executive director, appreciated their initiatives. Level Monitor Mr. Prabakaran applauded the student's good work.



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Christmas is celebrated with eagerness and enthusiasm by children as they receive gifts from their parents and look forward for Santa Claus, who will be carrying gifts for them. People decorate their house and feasts are prepared.

A variety of activities adorned the Christmas celebration.

Our kids made cakes using clay of different colours, hands-on activity which helped them to develop their fine motor skills. Kids also collected twigs and made a Christmas tree, a eco-friendly activity, where their creativity came into play.

As part of the Dussehra Festival, Ayudha Puja is a day to give thanks and respect to the tools of one's trade.

The staff members offered the pooja for recognizing the functionality and efficacy of tools, objects and devices that is used in day-to-day life, as we believe that being filled with reverence for everything makes life so full.

We celebrated it not only to bring deep sense of involvement towards the work we do emphasizing that the quality of life is not just in how much we harvest but also in experiencing how joyous the process is.

## DUSSEHRA CELEBRATIONS



*"Let us celebrate the victory of good over evil, the victory of humanity, the victory of justice, the victory of truth"*

The objective of the activity is to know the importance of celebrating Navratri. The significance of the nine nights and the stories behind each and every activity was observed by the students from 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 - 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

Through the art of dancing or cleaning their home or setting up the Golu they are absorbing the essence behind the traditions associated with the Indian festival.

Students of early childhood learn by imitating the surroundings. By celebrating such ethnic traditions, we are inculcating the generations of history in the minds of our students.



## ASSEMBLY

*"Happiness is a state of mind. It's just according to the way you look at things."*

The theme of our assembly was **Happiness** through positive attitude, character and personality. Our 10 B students came with innovative ideas to take the assembly through. The motto behind the theme was to inherit happiness through positive attitude and character and to acquaint themselves to imbibe these values in their lives.

This assembly served as a platform for young talents to foster innovation and creativity. The compering was wonderfully done by Sreevarshini. Team of eight students gave positive thoughts, School Song "Where the mind" was beautifully rendered by the school choir, a story on the theme was narrated excellently by Sivaranjani and a scintillating dance performance was given by Suparna. Overall, it was a combo of education and entertainment. The video editing and sound effects were perfectly done by Pradeep and Madhan Kumar.

A memorable assembly in their last year at Balsam.....



## FIT INDIA PROGRAM

To enhance our health and wellness, we introduced the fit India program for 4 weeks for students and parents starting from November. The objective of the program is to promote health and fitness and to make our India fitter. We provided a set of activities that could be used by the students of kinder to grade -10 as a video for reference.

The video was uploaded in a YouTube channel named Balsam Academy.

These activities consist of general coordination, balance, strength and power, speed and agility, breath control.

# STUDENT WORK

## ORIGAMI FINGER PUPPET

Pretend play promotes creative storytelling and skills they require to be good readers and writers. The finger puppet sparks interest and skills like learning cause and effect, developing characterization, creating narratives, using language for a purpose. The act of drawing faces on the blank faces of origami puppets leads children to develop a cast of characters with their own personalities, wants and desires, an essential part of storytelling. Our juniors loved this simple folding technique that created a platform for igniting their imaginations.

Learning about the shape and features of animals with the things found around us was the objective of stone fish activity for our juniors.

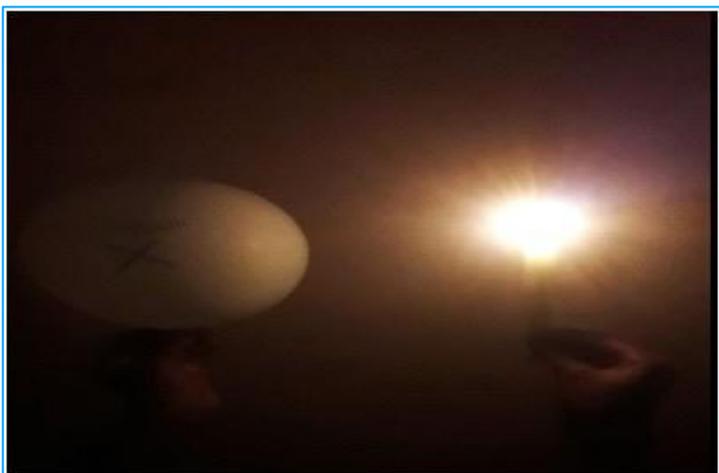
Students learnt different types of fishes and connected them with nature around us. The outcome of the activity was to make students learn the concept of creating fishes out of pebbles found everywhere in a fun filled way. Students got hands on experience by searching for the stones themselves and brought out their creativity into play, painting them as fishes.



## STONE FISH ACTIVITY



## ON A PATH OF DISCOVERY...



“Every day, the Earth spins once around its axis, making sunrises and sunsets a daily feature of life on the planet. It has done, since it has formed 4.6 billion years ago, and it will continue to do so until the world ends.”

Grade-6 students performed an activity on the occurrences of day and night. The activity helped them to understand, why the sun rises in the east and sets in the west. They understood how the earth rotates and how long it takes for the earth to rotate and they realised what make the stars appear to rise and set just like the sun does.

# WEEKLY RHYTHMS

## A Day's Rest for My Mom



Weekly rhythms are activities that have a common theme for a month. Creating weekly rhythm will help the children thrive on early literacy skills. Once established, it can keep the children on track and help the whole family live a balanced and productive life.

“In the Family there is strength that all the power in the world cannot undo”.

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

### Teach-a-Thon

Genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains and competitions do test its flair. Indian Institute of Education and Management conducted Teach- A - Thon. The wherewithal of Balsam Academy's facilitators came out efficaciously well.

It was an open competition for teachers around India. More than 3000 participated. A finalist of 60 members from each department went through an exigent phase and assimilated their talents in the milieu by bragging more than 15 awards enlisted below.

#### ENGLISH:

Mr. Vigneshwaran Thangarathinam,  
First Place in Online Delivery.  
Jury Special for overall submission  
Data Analysis Special Mention



Mr. Vigneshwaran Thangarathinam

#### Maths:

Ms. Hemakumari,  
Second Place in Lesson Plan



Mr. Prabhakaran

Mr. Prabhakaran,  
Second Place in Lesson Plan  
Third Place in Assessment Design



Ms. Hemakumari

#### Social:

Ms. Prasoon Bodduluri,  
Second Place in Lesson Plan



Ms. Prasoon Bodduluri

Mr. Yatheesha Achar,  
Overall Third Place  
Third Place in Online Delivery



Mr. Yatheesha Achar

<https://www.iiemglobal.com/events/teach-a-thon/>

# CPD SESSIONS

Teachers prove to be more effective when they discover new teaching strategies and extend them to the classroom to better suit the students. The CPD sessions conducted by our Non-Executive Director, reiterated the significance of professional development. Knowledge and experience alone cannot help in increasing student outcomes, professional development enhances the learning of the teachers and helps them to support the students with different instructional strategies.

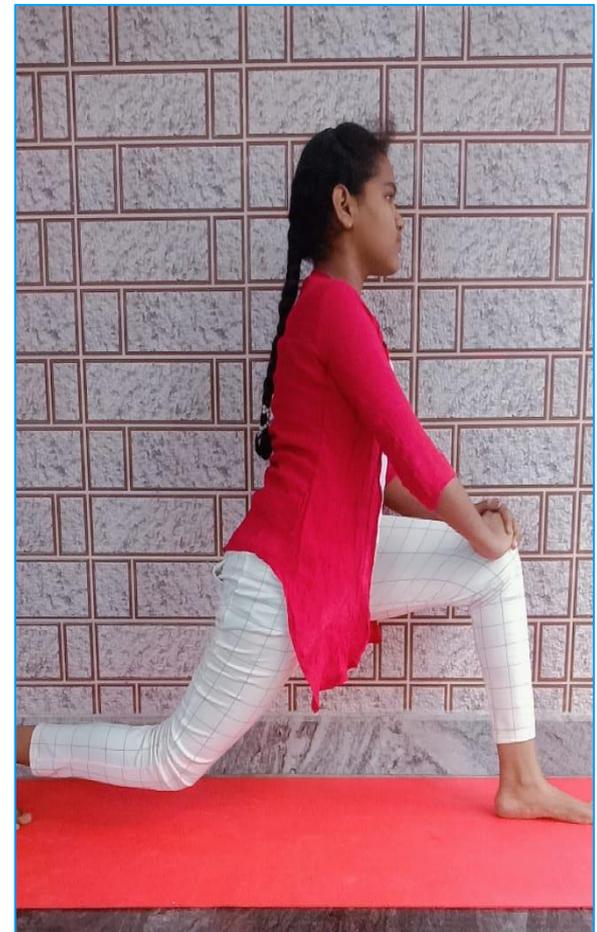
## CPD Sessions for Level 1 & 2

Date	Hosted by	Topic
3.11.2020	Ms. Sudha (KG)	Correction tips - Improvisation of students' work through corrections.
5.11.2020	Ms.Sudha. P	Teaching strategies to help struggling learners
10.11.2020	Ms.Kalpana.S	Strategies to enable children to learn, write and remember spellings correctly
12.11.2020	Ms.Devi	Math tricks to find the day
17.11.2020	Ms.Sudha.M	How to use proverbs.
19.11.2020	Ms.Suganya	R-controlled vowels
24.11.2020	Ms.Acharya Bharathi	Tips to become a smart learner

## CPD Sessions for Level 3 & 4

Date	Time	Hosted by	Topic
3.11.20	4:30 PM	Ms.Jayasudha	Learning Outcomes and objectives
5.11.20	4:30 PM	Ms.Bharathi	Projects and Rubrics
10.11.20	4:30 PM	Mr.Zakir	Creative and Innovative teaching
12.11.20	4:30 PM	Mr.Vigneshwaran	Inductive learning using new online teaching tools
17.11.20	4:30 PM	Mr.Prabakaran	Subject Integration
24.11.20	4:30 PM	Ms.Sujatha	Easy grammar game and Tongue twister

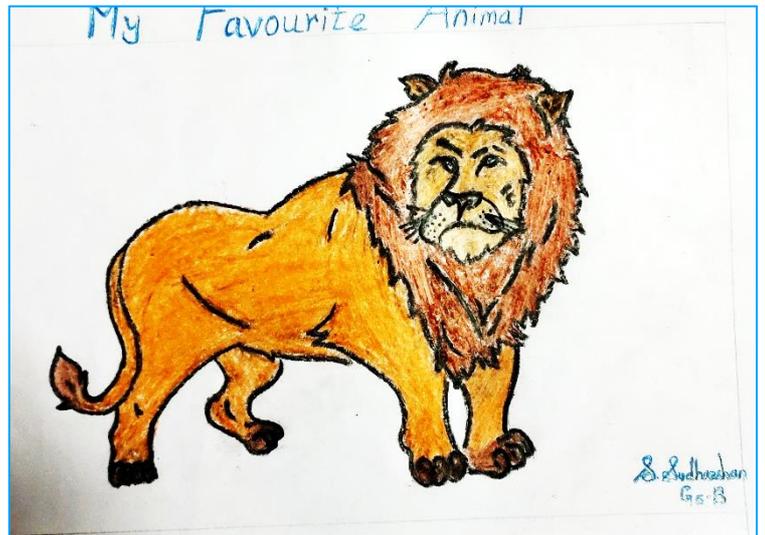
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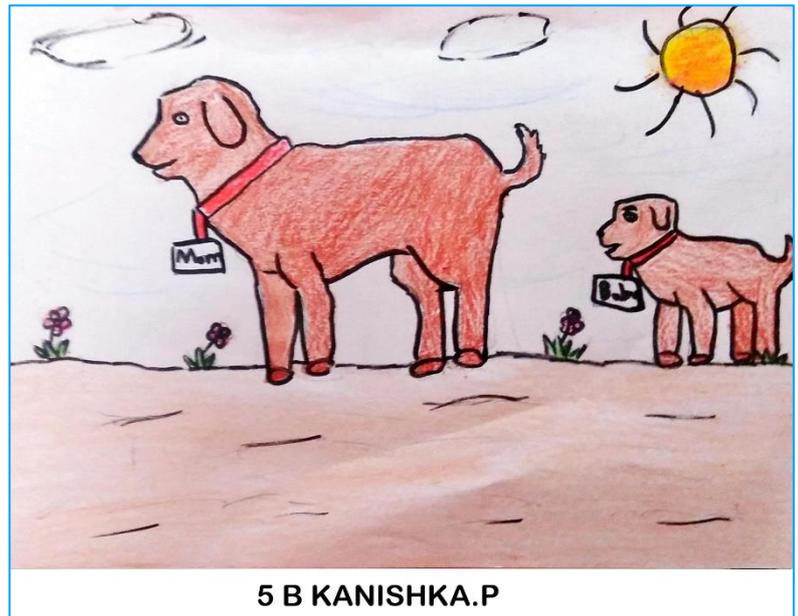
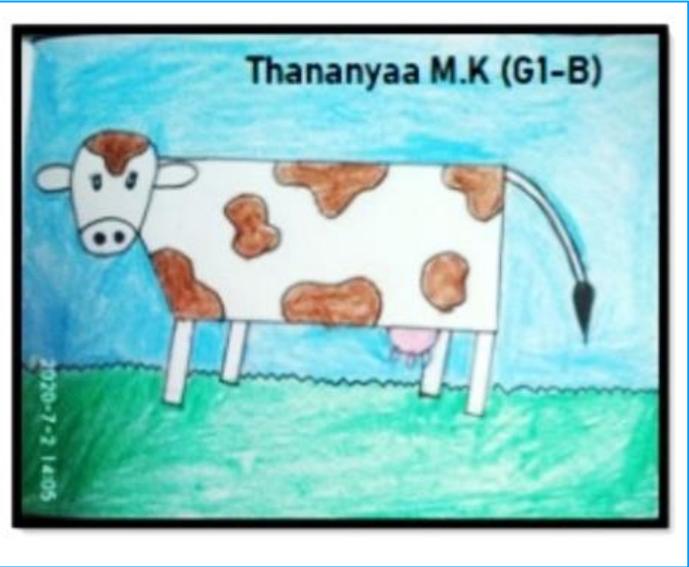
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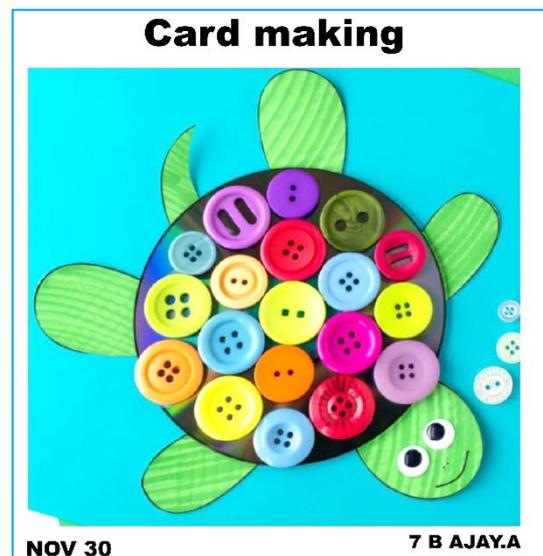
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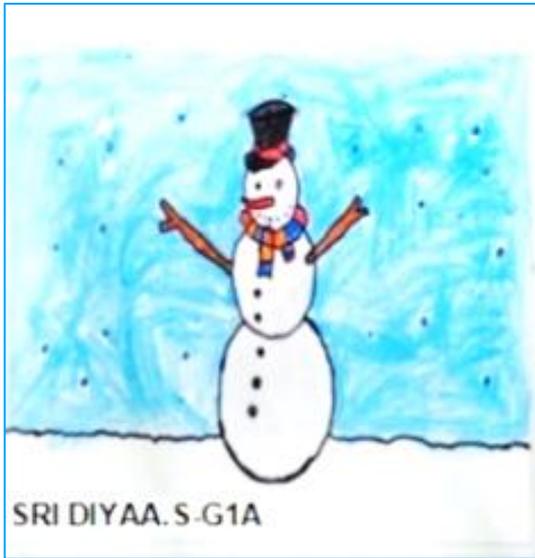


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7 B AJAYA



## UPCOMING EVENTS

