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CREATE THE HIGHEST, GRANDEST VISION POSSIBLE FOR YOUR LIFE, BECAUSE YOU BECOME WHAT YOU BELIEVE - OPRAH WINFREY

Sustainable Mountain Tourism

'To walk in nature is to witness a thousand miracles'-Mary Davis

With their soaring peaks, remote locations, and majestic beauty, mountains have long been a powerful attraction for visitors from all walks of life, who are drawn by the often colorful traditions of local communities, the opportunities for sporting activities, and the spiritual solace to be found in highland landscapes. Developing sustainable tourism in mountains requires reducing its negative environmental and social impacts and addressing the challenges posed by climate change. The COVID-19 pandemic has already brought about major changes in the mountain tourism sector and substantial losses for communities and businesses. However, consumer appetites for destinations that are outdoors and less crowded have increased in the wake of the pandemic, and these changes usher in new opportunities for mountain destinations to rebuild a greener and more sustainable form of tourism and rethink their products and services. For this to happen, the following measures will be critical: innovation and development of year-round tourism experiences; investments in infrastructure, particularly for the digitalization of



mountain tourism services; strengthening multi-level-governance, partnerships and active community participation; and ensuring regular assessments of the impact of tourism on mountains, the effective management of waste and resources, and clearer practices for defining and managing the carrying capacity of highland destinations. Thus, the important role that tourism can play in valuing the natural and spiritual heritage of mountains, and the cultural diversity and traditional practices of mountain peoples. Particularly when linked to nature and rural tourism, mountain tourism can make a valuable contribution to promoting sustainable food systems and adding value to local products.

Special events in December

World AIDS Day



World AIDS Day is an international day, observed every year on December 1 to educate people and honour those who have lost their lives due to this deadly disease. Acquired

Immunodeficiency Syndrome or AIDS is a life-threatening disease in which a person's immune system becomes weak and needless, thereby causing it to easily get affected by various common infections which in most cases lead to death.

Theme of this year

The theme of this year was “End Inequalities, End AIDS”. They highlighted the fact that as much as the virus itself, the social stigma attached with it also greatly affects people. Now, COVID-19 is exacerbating inequities and disruptions to services, making the lives of many people living with HIV more challenging. With the continuous efforts of various government and health organizations across the globe, this day has become the most highlighted healthcare day around the world.

Human Rights day

The Theme of human rights day of 2021 is “Equality – Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights”, which focused on “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.” The principles of equality and non-discrimination are at the heart of human rights. Right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the

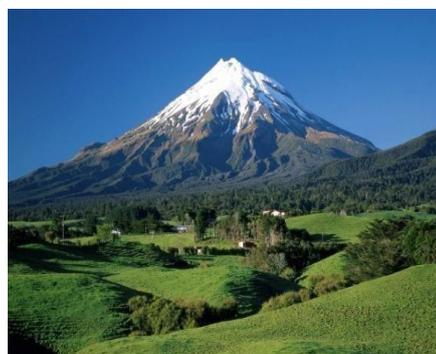
right to work and the right to education are the 5 basic human rights. Everyone is entitled to



these rights, without discrimination. Right to health, education, family life, play and recreation, an adequate standard of living and to be protected from abuse and harm, are the basic rights for children all around the world. Many countries have agreed to grant their citizens these rights through the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

International Mountain Day

The International Mountain Day, which aims to encourage conservation and sustainable development of mountains. In our world, mountains cover 25 percent of the world's land surface, and directly support 12 percent of the world's population living within mountain regions. The mountains of the world are very important, they provide essential ecosystem



based services to global communities as well as inspiration and enjoyment to millions of people. And

also mountains are particularly important for their biodiversity, water, clean air, research, cultural diversity, leisure, landscape and spiritual values.

The Prominent soldier

The chief of Defense General Bipin Rawat was born in Uttarakhand(16 March 1958). He completed his school education at Cambrian Hall School in Dehradun and St. Edward's School in Shimla. He got 'the Sword Honorary' in the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. He was honored with a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, for his research in strategic studies of military resources. On December 16, 1978, CDS Bipin Rawat was assigned to the 5th Battalion of the 11 Gorkha Rifles, the same unit as his father Laxman Singh Rawat. Bipin Rawat assumed the role of commanding general of the 19th Infantry Division in Uri when he was promoted to the rank of major general. He was appointed 27th Chief of Staff of the Army by the Government of India on December 17, 2016. He was also the 57th and final Chairman of the Heads of State Committee -Major of the Indian Army. He was also appointed first CDS on December 30, 2019, and took

office on January 1, 2020. During his career that has gone through

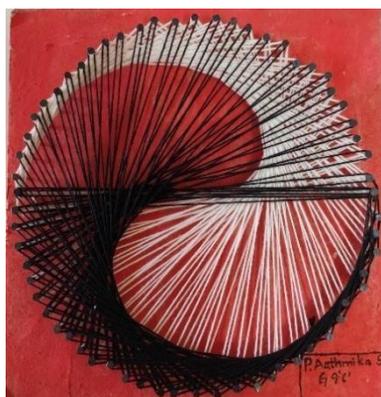


more than 40 years with so many ranks, ie..Second Lieutenant, Lieutenant , Captain , Major , Lieutenant Colonel , Colonel, Brigadier , Major General , Lieutenant General , General (COAS) , General (CDS) and he has received many medals and honors for distinguished service. As an army commander, he played a key role in the formation of the army. He was instrumental in restructuring the military to reduce administrative interference, reduce duplicity, and increase combat potential. He also played a vital role in the modernization of the army. He died when he was aboard the IAF Mi 175 v5 helicopter which crashed near Coonoor, Tamil Nadu.

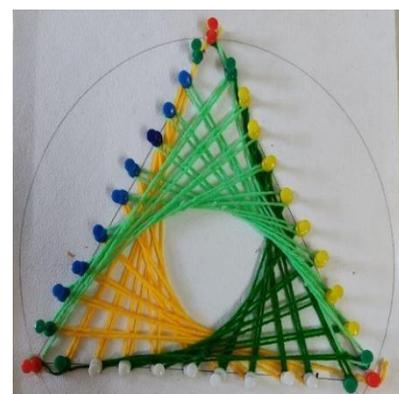
International Mathematics Day

A famous mathematician once said, "Mathematics is the most beautiful and most powerful creation of the human spirit." Mathematics can be tough sometimes, so can many things in life. Mathematics is the only subject which shows that problems have solutions.

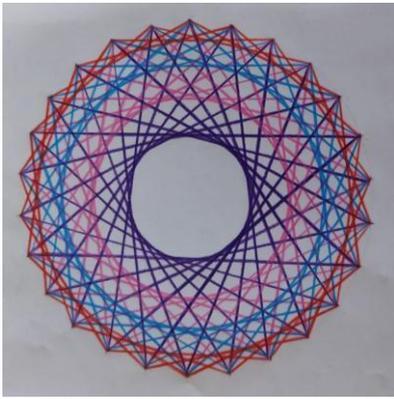
Mathematics can be fun, challenging, hands on and applicable in real life. To celebrate the spirit of mathematical learning, experience the joy of the mathematical sphere and to explore



various mathematical concepts in a creative manner, Math Day was celebrated in Balsam Academy on Wednesday, 22 December'2021. Backed by a rigorous planning, the grade 9 students successfully conducted a fun-filled celebration of Math that brought forth



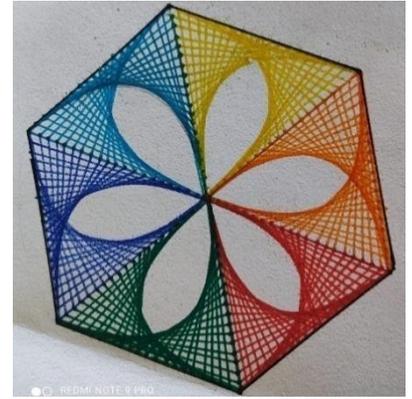
maximum participation from students. To begin with, a special assembly was conducted on 22nd December 2021 through google meet where all the class students joined the virtual



assembly through their class ICR boards to make the assembly more interactive. Students of Grade 9 shared information and

interesting facts about the Mathday caused quite a buzz amongst the students at the bus bay. Students were seen to take up the challenge that was kept hidden in their classrooms. Class I to III enjoyed by taking up the challenge of reverse counting based on the age group and same was exhibited in the evening boarding time, Class IV to VI enjoyed making songs for Tables 6 to 8 which helped others to learn the table in a creative way. Class VII & VIII students were challenged to involve themselves to find the next

greatest Hardy-Ramanujan's number. Class IX pupils surprised everyone by creating colourful designs on paper and cardboards



using sectors and segments of circles. Class X students participated in finding out the trick behind filling a magic square. Class IX students also participated in a Math quiz where they fought face-to-face challenging questions. It was a fun filled and joyful day of learning for the geckos who exhibited unparalleled excitement and actively participated in all activities.

CBSE – Reading Challenge 3.0

The Central Board of Secondary Education organised the CBSE Reading Challenge 3.0 in English for students of classes Grade to 10. This challenge was conducted on the DIKSHA platform. Balsamites participated in this reading challenge. The ICT department has made demo videos and created students' individual IDs and passwords to take up this challenge on the DIKSHA platform. The English facilitators shared the demo video in the Google classroom and IDs and passwords individually to the students. There were two modules in the reading challenge. The first module provided an introduction to the CBSE Reading Challenge 3.0 course and the second module was the CBSE Reading Challenge 3.0. All the students who completed Reading Challenge 3.0 were provided a participation certificate. The students from grade 6-10 actively

participated, and the Reading Challenge encouraged the children to hone their reading skills and improve their self-confidence.



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Postal Campaign(AKAM)

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. The Postal Department of India, in coordination with the



Department of Education, India, has organized a "Postcard Campaign" under the Azadi

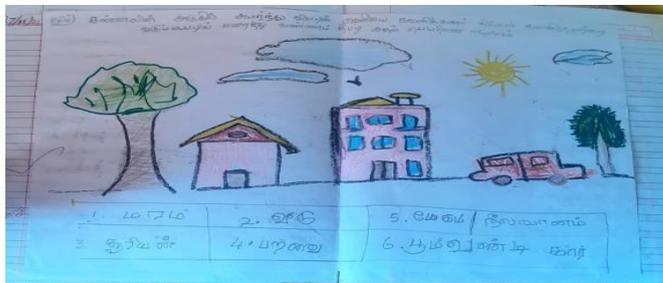
Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM). The campaign was conducted across the country from 1st December to 20th December 2021. All students from grade IV to XII from all schools were eligible to participate in the campaign. Students asked to write a postcard to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on any of the two topics

1. Unsung Heroes of Freedom Struggle
2. My Vision for India 2047.



December. On 17th December, 224 students from grades 4 to X participated in the campaign.

The number of participants from each grade is given below. The top 10 entries were screened, scanned, uploaded and shared separately by the school URL. All the entries, including the top 10 were sent through the post office to the office of the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 20th December.



மழைக்காக சூழ்ந்த மேகங்கள்,
மழையால் குளிர்ந்த பூச்செடிகள்,
மண்வாசனை மணம் விச,
மழையின் இசையில் மயிலாட,
காற்றோடு காற்றாக மரங்களும்
ஆடும் இசையோட,
முத்துப்போல மழைத்துளிகள்
முத்தாய் இவ்வுலகில் விழுந்தன.

இந்த இயற்கை அழகினை மாணவர்கள் கண்டு இரசித்து அவற்றை வண்ணத்தூரிகையினால் படம் வரைந்து அவற்றின் பெயர்களை எழுதி மகிழ்ந்தனர். இச்செயல்திறன் மூலம் மாணவர்களின் கவனிக்கும் திறன், எழுத்துகளில் தெளிவு மற்றும் படைப்பாற்றல் திறன் அதிகரிக்கின்றது. மாணவர்கள் செயல்திறனை வகுப்பறையில் பகிர்ந்து கொண்டது சிறப்பு.

Balsam in Action

Christmas

“The lights are twinkling; the fog is covered everywhere. It’s time to welcome our delightful December!”

Why do we celebrate Christmas?

Christmas is celebrated to remember the birth of Jesus Christ, the son of God. Christmas reminds us the



importance of giving and sharing with everyone. Through Christmas, we know that Jesus birth is the beginning of great things in the world. It is generally an

Christmas Celebration in Level 1A

“Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand” Jingle bells twinkled the hallways of our campus as Christmas joy filled the air. Children dressed up in Christmas colours of red,

green, and white. The story of the birth of Jesus Christ was shared with children. Children made snowmen using cotton reminiscing the spirit of Christmas. Ms.Vidhyashree our sports teacher, became the most



loved Santa Claus. Children spent time looking at the Christmas crib. We wondered about places like farms, temples and

opportunity to think about nature and the reason for our existence.

Christmas is such a festival which

people from all over the worldcelebrate together. It is the essence of thisfestival which unites the people so much. Our Balsam Academy plays a major role in giving and sharing the love with everyone in and off campus. Christmas provoked us to spread our love towards everyone once again in a great joy.We wish everyone to celebrate the Christmas every day in our life.



mountains. Children created neighborhoods using clay.They were dressed according to the cultures represented by the neighborhoods. Playing with clay,grounds

children and calms them down.They connect with families and communities through cultural clothing and creating neighborhoods

