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IMAGINE

FRIENDSHIP DAY



Friends become an integral part of our lives. They always care about us and our well-being. Our friends support us more than any other relationship in our lives. They help us increase a sense of belonging and purpose. A friend is a person who boosts happiness, reduces stress, and improves self-confidence and self-worth.

On August 5th, our group celebrated Friendship Day. They brought their favourite flowers and decorated friendship bands. They displayed creativity by using different colours and shapes of flowers. They were excited and called their friends by name as they tied the bands around their wrists. This will be a special and memorable day for them because they experienced joy through the affection and love shown by their friends.

The month of August started with children exploring the theme of plants and nature around them. We had lots of fun with Mother Earth during our germination activity. Children visited the planted seeds every day to observe the progress of plant growth. They spent most of their time outdoors playing and sorting seeds. We also learned how to weave using the trees and leaves around us as artefacts.



ADDITION

Arithmetic operations are basic concepts that primary level students learn. When addition is taught using concrete objects, it helps to spark curiosity and interest among children.

In this activity, the students were given numbers to add and asked to count the corresponding beads. This helped them find the total for the given numbers.

EK BHARAT SHRESHTHA BHARAT

Tamil Nadu and Jammu & Kashmir have been paired together to foster cultural exchange and understanding between the two states.



As a continuation of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat program, the year 2022-23 saw another round of cultural exchange in the month of August. This time, our enthusiastic Grade 1 students also participated. It was amazing to see the little ones learn new words and perform beautifully. They proved that one should never underestimate anyone, and this enabled them to grow in confidence and achieve great success.

PEER READING



Pairing children with their friends can have a positive effect on their behaviour and learning. When children are paired with their friends, they may feel more comfortable and motivated to participate in activities. This can lead to an improvement in their behaviour, as they are more likely to stay engaged and focused

when they are enjoying the company of their friends.

In this case, the children were given partners for reading practice during their free time. By sitting with their friends and doing reading practice together, the children were able to learn and practice reading in a more enjoyable and supportive environment. As a result, the children showed a positive change in their reading skills.

The "art of pairing up" worked well among the children because it created a positive and supportive learning environment. When children feel comfortable and motivated to learn, they are more likely to make progress and achieve success. By pairing children with their friends, teachers and educators can create an optimal learning environment that promotes growth and

PLACE VALUE BLOCKS

Understanding the place and value of numbers is a fundamental concept in mathematics. It helps students develop their numerical skills and lays the foundation for more advanced math concepts.

In order to practice this concept, Grade 2 students were given numbers with underlined digits. The students were asked to determine the place and value of the underlined digits. For example, if the number is 345 and the digit 3 is underlined, the student were asked to determine that the underlined

digit is in the hundreds place and has a value of 300.

By practicing this concept, students learnt to understand the place and value of numbers, which is crucial for performing arithmetic operations such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. It also helped students understand how to represent numbers in different forms, such as expanded form or standard form. Overall, understanding place and value is an important building block for students to develop strong numerical skills.



OUTBOUND LEARNING



On a recent field trip, a group of Grade 1 students had the opportunity to visit the Mukundarayapuram railway station and the Ranipet Post office. At the railway station, the children were able to see different types of trains and learn about ticketing at the counter. They also had a chance to interact with the station master, who shared information about train signals and tracking. Some of the children even shared their own experiences of traveling by train with their classmates.



As a way of thanking the station master for his help, the children presented him with a gift book upon their departure. They then moved on to the post office, where the staff members showed them different types of postal cards and explained the process of sending them to friends and relatives. The students were given 10 sample postal cards and were able to write messages on them before dropping them in the letter box.



The team extends a special thank you to Ms. Sharmila.P.K. and Ms. Nivedha.M, the mothers of Pranav S.(G2A) and Roshan M.(G2A), for their support and guidance during the trip.

GRANDPARENTS DAY



Grandparents are a precious source of love, laughter, and happy memories. They are an invaluable asset to a family, the beginning of a loving legacy, the best storytellers, and the keepers of traditions.

The assembly began with the state song, and students performed a skit and sang a song to show their appreciation for grandparents and to raise awareness among children about the moral support, knowledge, and guidance that grandparents can provide. Thirrukurral was also performed as part of the assembly. The purpose of this event was to recognize grandparents for their contributions to the family and to highlight the valuable role they play in the lives of their grandchildren.

INTER-HOUSE SPORTS COMPETITIONS

The second round of league matches for Level 3 and 4 students representing the Alpines, Grands, Himalayans, and Tylers houses took place on August 13, 2022. With support from the school heads, SCB members, teachers, and student representatives, the sports team held games in basketball, football, kabbadi, and throwball/volleyball simultaneously. After the fourth round of fixtures on August 13, 2022, the house points table looked like this:

185
HIMALAYANS

165
ALPINES

155
TYLERS

135
GRANDS



SCB MEETING

The School Council Body (SCB) held its third meeting on Saturday, August 22, 2022. Mr. Prabhakaran, the Principal of Administration, Ms. Hemakumari, the instructional Principal, Mr. Toji Jose, the head of the SCB, the advisors and co-advisors of each house, and SCB members were all in attendance.

The meeting began with the SCB head thanking the house members for their support in the inter-house sports and inter-house dance contests. Head girl R.R. Aathirai presented the activities undertaken by SCB members with their adopted classes. The house advisors discussed the progress of each house in the upcoming music contest. The meeting concluded on a positive note, with all teachers expressing appreciation for the efforts of SCB members to ensure the smooth operation of the school.

NO BAG DAY

The EBSB activity for Grade 1 was a success. The children dressed up as people from different states and shared information about the specialities of the states they represented. It was a vibrant and educational session. The Grade 2 children had a speaking activity about the heritage sites of India, which was a wonderful opportunity to learn about the heritage of India.

As part of the WE activity, the Grade 1 children received training in eurythmy, while the Grade 2 children engaged in a creative activity. They used straws and a sheet of paper to trace their palms and turn them into a tangible project.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Link to access the Independence Day celebration: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DcXb9TYS_o&t=1854s



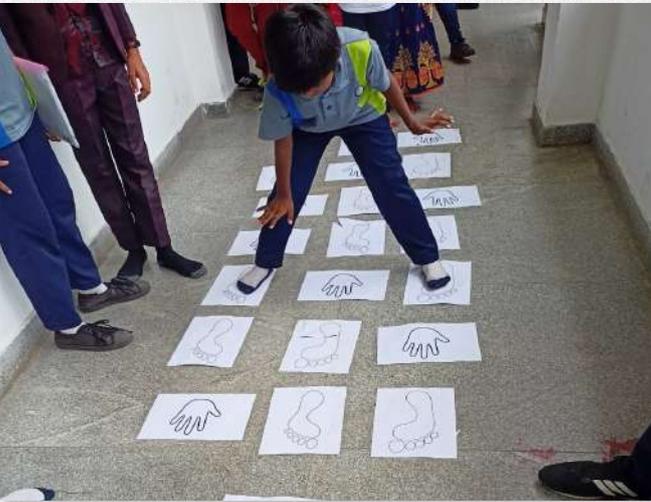
On August 15, 2022, Balsam Academy celebrated the 75th anniversary of Independence with great enthusiasm. Mr. Venkateswaran, Director of Material Development and Sourcing at Golden Bridge Private Ltd, presided over the event and encouraged the students to value their freedom and become responsible citizens. The celebration began with the hoisting of the national flag, followed by a series of cultural programs showcasing Indian culture and diversity.

Our students demonstrated their talents in various inter-school contests and competitions, bringing honour to our school. The winners were recognised on Independence Day. Throughout the month of August, the school participated in a 21-day challenge called "Know Your Culture," featuring videos on freedom, culture, architecture, art, and the achievements of our nation. This

REFLECTION TIME

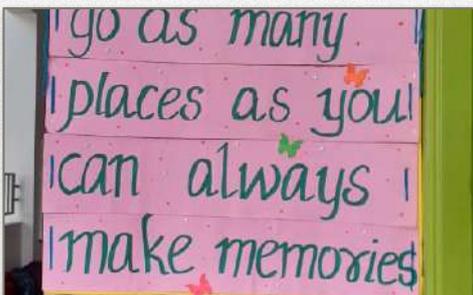
On August 6, 2022, we held a team reflection time where all sub-committee heads presented their monthly reports with supporting evidence, recognized and appreciated excellent contributions from team members, shared and celebrated success stories, and reflected on any setbacks. We also set a future course of action with the team. This was a chance for all members to learn about the various activities of the school and to learn from each other. We all enjoyed reminiscing about the wonderful memories we made in the month of July.

PROJECT WEEK



Transdisciplinary projects conducted across the school helped students to understand and integrate a topic with other subjects. Teams were formed, and group members worked together for four days on their presentations. The fifth day of the first week of August was celebrated as the culmination day of student learning, during which students became instructors and shared the knowledge they had gained with the audience through art forms, visual or digital displays, and challenging games. Winners of the games received surprise gifts. The energy level remained high among students until the end of the day.

A few of the topics covered included patterns, journey, dairy, gadgets, bodybuilding, vacation, the periodic table, and the evolution of jobs. Students were evaluated based on the set rubrics. The project day demonstrated that students are independent learners, organizers, and excellent presenters.





INTER-SCHOOL CONTEST

We are thrilled to announce that our students participated in the "Expressions 2022" interschool competition at Vedavalli Vidhyalaya in Ranipet. The competition was divided into two categories: Grade 6 to 8 and Grade 9 to 12. Our students competed in all twelve events and won eight of them with great enthusiasm. Congratulations to all participants and winners!

- UJJWAL.P(G8), RATHISH KUMAR. J. S(G7), MOHAMED ZYED.A(G8) won 3rd place in Origami.
- PRIYANKA.N(G8) won 1st place in Cooking without fire.
- YOGARAJ.S(G8) secured 1st place in Soap Carving.
- SREEMATHI. T. S (G9), MANISHA SREE. V(G9), YONISHA. B(G9), JYOTSNA. S(G10), LATHIKA SRI. A(G10), NEHAL. R(G10) won 1st place in Group dance.
- SOUNDARYA. R, MOKSHA. A, JAYAPRABHA. R, AATHMIKA SRI. P of G10 won 2nd place in Rangoli.
- LEENEEHA.R, KALYAN SREE.V, VAISHTNAVI. V. S, NISHA. P of G9 and GOWTHAM. N & THAMIZHBHARATHI. T. S of G10 won 1st place in Street play.
- VIJEY VIMANTHAN.T of G10 won 3rd place in Stand-up Comedy.
- SRI HARI.V of G9 won 1st place in Mimicry.

