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**KELAMBAKKAM**

Where Learning has a purpose

## Birthday bash at Billabong High

The juveniles born in July had a blast of a celebration at Billabong, an Italian blast at that! The whole dining place was decorated with Italian memorabilia giving the feel of being in 'little Italy'.

An elaborate Italian menu gave that signature touch to the theme at hand. Creamy pasta, spicy spaghetti, crispy chicken, fluffy fried rice, hot piadina, slurpy soup & moist cake on the platter almost transported us to Tuscany. Truly it was a memorable birthday celebration with an unforgettable gastronomic adventure.



*Happy... Birthday*  
1. Darshan.  
2. Sahasra.  
3. Euphris.  
4. Sanyak.  
5. Flisnar.

*Happy.. Birthday*  
Shirya Mee  
Ayesha Man  
Srividya Man

## THE TREE OF LIFE

Friendship is all about trusting each other, helping each other, loving each other and being crazy together. The values of friendship bloom and grow every day as friendship is the never ending gift of life. The students of Grade 2 came together to establish the values of friendship as they created a friendship tree by imprinting a part of themselves into the creation. Colors, togetherness and excitement of making a beautiful tribute to friendship was a gratifying experience.



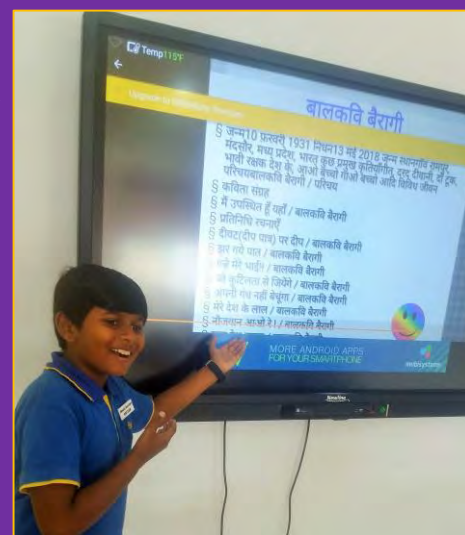
## Learning is FUN

Adding fun to learning creates the best educational experience possible. And this was substantiated in Grade 1 when the students were introduced to the concept of Force, symmetry and 3D shapes. The game tug of war involves a lot of pulling and tugging. The students participated in an actual tug of war and experienced the factors that create balanced and unbalanced forces. Following a laughter filled round of tugging, the young minds were presented with vegetables and leaves where they explored symmetry in nature. They excitedly cut through vegetables, leaves, paper plates etc., and were in awe when they realized that every face, every edge, and every corner is just the same as every other face, edge, or corner. Having stepped into the concept of geometry, they travelled further into the idea of 3D shapes as they modelled clay and understood how 3D and 2D are poles apart.



## Technology in Education!

The use of technology as a part of the education system has developed new ways of teaching and learning. It enhances learning by providing a better understanding of the topic as well as motivating students. The 6<sup>th</sup> Graders took the stage to present a PowerPoint on the renowned Indian poet Bal kavi Bairagi. The oratory skills and presentation skills of the enthusiastic bunch was evident as they took turns to talk about the great **Hindi** Poet.



## Teachers registered for CIDTL training

In keeping with the pace of the educational changes in the country teachers of BHIS – Kelambakkam have decided to invest in their future and that of the school by enrolling for CIE training where they will be trained to teach the Cambridge curriculum using modern and advanced teaching methods, strategies and technology.

The four teachers are:

Ms Sri Vidya Shekar (Mathematics and Computer Science Primary teacher)

Ms Shiny Shajil (English and EVS, Primary Teacher)

Ms Charanya (Nurse and Science Lab coordinator)

Ms R Malar (Grade 1 Home Room Teacher)



BHIS – Kelambakkam management team salutes such a move by our ever charged up teachers and prays for a successful outcome of the training in due course.

# Teaching Strategies for teachers

Ms Shibanti Bhowmik a veteran in the field of education and the Principal of Abu Dhabi's Indian High School, spent a week in BHIS-Kelambakkam observing teachers and their teaching strategies. She suggested several positive changes and training to advance the teaching methods even further. She also identified children who need a higher amount of care to bring them upto speed with the learning curve of their class.

Ms Shibanti spent the entire week of 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July observing and interacting with teachers. It led to a culminating half-day workshop on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July, where teachers and the management had a very transparent and open discussion on changing and improving certain teaching strategies in the school in order to enhance the teaching and learning process.



## Exploring the unexplored self

Children's inquisitiveness knows no bounds and it takes the right kind of intellectual stimulation to feed their never ending hunger for enlightenment. This time around our Billabongers in Sr. Kg got the opportunity to peep deep into themselves. It was a fanciful dive into the depths of their own bodies. A physical inspection of various body organs was followed by a moment of philosophical introspection I guess, about how intricate the human body is! However complex the subject might be at hand, it is an art by itself to tone it down to suit the tender minds of the target audience. Kudos to Ms. Swetha and Ms. Srividhya for having accomplished this task with ease by fabricating medical models and composing rhythmic rhymes reflecting the skeletal system and the nervous system. It was a poetic extravaganza all the way.

