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**KELAMBAKKAM**  
*Where learning has a purpose*

## Billabong High International School, Kelambakkam OFFICIALLY INAUGURATED

BHIS, Kelambakkam's official inauguration on Saturday 18th August 2018 was a grand event showcasing the best talents of our school children. The Chairperson, Mr. Yasir Nainar addressed the parents, investors and dignitaries who attended the event and reiterated the commitment of the management to the vision of the school and the partnership between investors, parents, teachers and students to make learning an engaging process for the child. Mr. Thamaraikannan, IPS was the chief guest of the event. He spoke at length about the occasion and congratulated the teams of Vivartana Ventures India Pvt Ltd headed by Mr Cyril Anand and Rayyan Educational Trust in creating this unique school for the betterment of the community in Chennai. Other dignitaries who brightened up the event were Mr. Kesavan Srinivasan, Chief Operating Officer at Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund Management Corporation Limited, Mr. Srinath Narayan, Associate Vice President, Tata Consultancy Services and Mr. Nagaraj Mylanda, Chairman and Managing Director, Financial Software and Systems. RJ Sano of 91.9 FM hosted the event and made it more lively in her own unique way. The cultural programs conducted by the students and teachers deserve a special mention. They spiced up the event and were so impactful that it left some indelible impressions that will last a lifetime and beyond. It was an eventful day for students, teachers, parents and the well wishers who came to the school. The official inauguration plaque has since been placed on the front wall of the school.



## Mother earth- in safe hands!



Cleaning is seen as a chore by most of us - it was a task we had to do so that mom gives permission to watch TV or go out and play. However, this was proved wrong, for the students of Billabong were seen cleaning their own school by picking up the litters left behind by the elders during the Inaugural function. It was a wondrous sight as the children void of instructions worked together ensuring that the school is back to being spick and span. Their act of care and concern for the nature and their surroundings showed how the children of Billabong are growing into a thoughtful, active and caring generation who will help protect mother earth.

## Combining the senses

The 1<sup>st</sup> graders learned the consonants in Hindi Language through a multi-sensory approach. Their Hindi Teacher, Ms.Kalpna, engaged the tactile sense of the children to help them develop muscle memory in preparation for writing. They read out the consonants, they heard its sound, saw its representation in the form of a letter board and felt the way it is written as they traced their fingers on the sandpaper letters. Like they say, the best way to facilitate learning is to allow children to see it! Hear it! Do it and touch it!



**Patriotism is supporting our country and our neighboring states when in need. The parents, students and faculty members of BHIS Kelambakkam did their part for the flood relief of God's own country**

## Anti- Bully Zone!

Every day, thousands of children experience bullying from their peers while at school, after school in their neighborhoods, and even when they are at home, through social media and texts. The 4th Graders captained the Anti-Bullying awareness drive at Billabong as they generated awareness within their peers regarding the cons of Bullying. They motivated their friends to pledge against bullying by making them dance to the tune of an Anti-bullying Anthem.



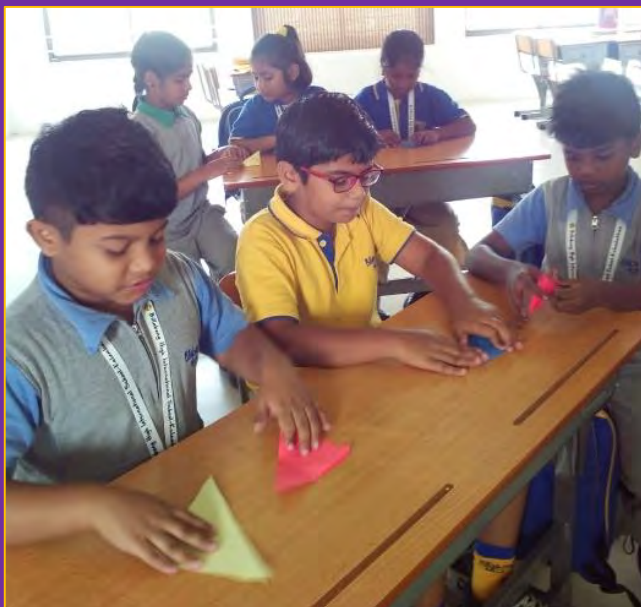
## Retracing history

Coming up with an explanation can help students learn more effectively than having an explanation handed to them. This was manifested as the children of Grade 6 answered questions like- Who built the Indus Valley civilization? How was it established culturally, ethnically and linguistically? The students were quick in answering the questions put forward by their School Chairman Mr.Yasir Nainar, Principal Ms. Asma Nainar and Academic Head Ms.Chitra Ramachandran. They presented informative models and details on Indus Valley civilization in the guidance of their Social science Teacher Ms.Rohini. The session became all the more interactive as the students were posed with questions by their mentors that set their minds thinking.



## Origami in lessons

Making a bowl, a butterfly, a box is no doubt fun. It's more fun to discover an angle, discover relationship between numbers, all inside Origami models made from paper and learn mathematical facts, without a scale, a protractor or a compass or a divider. Take a piece of paper; make an Origami model with it, then unfold and Lo! There is Maths inside! The 3rd Graders experienced this magic in math and understood the role of geometry in everyday life.



## Fighting the fear of fire with some firefighting skills

Fire is a double edged sword, it can barbeque our food and at times even burn us down. Therefore it is very important that we learn to control it, lest it takes control over us. The other day firefighting professionals shared their expertise with the teachers, students and staff of Billabong High. It was an eye opener for the students and they got to learn a great deal about fighting fire. Teachers and staff got a hands on experience of handling an emergency situation. The whole exercise culminated with a mock drill and a vow to be ever prepared to face unforeseen eventualities..

