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Where learning has a purpose



'A DAY TO REMEMBER "GROWTH OF EDUCATION"'

The Kingmaker of Indian politics, Kumarasami Kamaraj Nadar devoted his entire life in serving the country. His birthday falls on July 15, which is observed as 'Growth of Education Day' in recognition of his yeoman service in the field of youth education in Tamil Nadu. The Billabongers were in for a surprise when Master Tharun, from grade 5 impersonated as the legendary administrator Kamaraj, and greeted everyone. Through a didactic speech, Tharun enlightened the student body about the life history of the man who initiated the mid-day meal.

Adding to this, the young minds of Billabong High, reminisced his principles by taking part in an Essay writing competition. The 4th to 6th graders penned down their thoughts on how to eradicate illiteracy and about the ideal method of education.

"I want to come to school on weekends too. I am happy that my school helped the physically challenged children, by providing food and entertaining them. I love my school very much"- Wrote Pranjal Kumar from Grade 6. "Education fixes almost everything"- registered Aashni Jenefa of Grade 5.



Kitchen Garden in our own school courtyard:

Acknowledging the perils of industrialised farming is easy but actively engaging in alternative farming practices is putting words into practice. When it comes to eco-friendly and healthy farming, the word 'organic' seems to be the buzz word. In order to walk the talk, a 'foundation plaque' to this effect was laid at Billabong High courtyard with an Okra plant, popularly called the ladies' finger. We believe that this attempt at homogenizing horticulture at Billabong High will pay rich dividends in terms of inspiring our students to set up their own organic kitchen gardens. Imagine visiting your garden to get some vegetables instead of the burden to visit the marketplace. Nice isn't it?



The Table Tennis Champ

Jude Jonathan of Grade 6 IGCSE participated in "Sulakshya", an annual cultural event held by PSBB Millennium School, OMR. The young champ took up table tennis and competed against 6th to 8th graders from various schools. He enjoyed the challenge of returning the opponent player's ferocious spin and attacks. Jude's sporting power ensued as he showed tactical defense by winning one game after the other showcasing the skills imparted by the PE teacher Mr. Kalaiarasan. The head boy of Billabong set the standards high by holding his spot till the Semi-Finals.

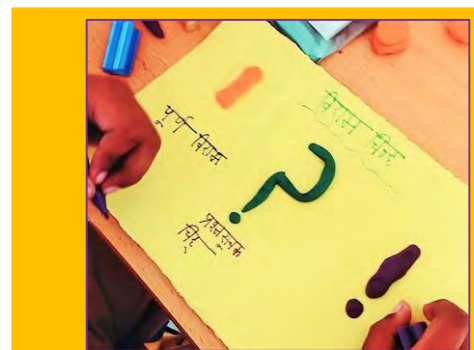
Great Indian Food Feast

Indian food reflects an impeccable amalgam of various cultures and ages making it different from rest of the world not only in taste but also in cooking methods. The children of grade 6 held a FOOD FEAST showcasing the very same to their peers. They shared facts and information about the history and diversity of the mouth-watering delicacy that India puts forward. To make the process even more effective the 6th graders shared facts about each dish as they served it to their fellow students personally.



A tryst with technology at Billabong High

Microsoft mogul Bill Gates once said “Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is very important.” The other day we witnessed the personification of this statement when one of our teachers was helping the Senior Kindergarten children in discovering the hitherto unknown world of computers. In today’s world we cannot imagine a domain of human endeavour where computers have not penetrated and provided their services. Looking at how technology is inextricably intertwined with every facet of human life, we realise that we cannot afford to postpone acquainting our children with these magical machines, the computers. We believe that sooner our children traverse this uncharted territory the better it is for them, given the pace at which technology is evolving. With this realisation the teachers facilitated the young wizards to have a field day in the IT fiefdom of Billabong High. Their tender digits twiddling with the mice and fiddling with the keyboard was a sight to see. The monitors visually responding to their clicks and clacks brightened up their faces. We were able at once to sense the beginning of a man-machine affair which we hope would blossom into love and become a lifelong relationship. All in all it was informative for them and entertaining for us!



Punctuations and modelling clay

Punctuation marks play a very important role in giving intended meaning to a language. The students of grade 3 imbibed utilization of punctuation in the **Hindi Language**. Virram Chinha as they call it, was contrived by a play-way method as the children modelled clay into full stops, question marks and exclamatory marks.



A Healing Touch By The Healing Artists:

How practical it is for kindergarteners to learn something about doctors from doctors themselves? Straight from the horse's mouth you would say right? Well, that's exactly what our privileged prodigies at Billabong High got to experience. Two medical professionals seized the opportunity to rewind their time machines and relive their childhood by interacting with our children. It was fun to see them toning down and humbling themselves in an effort to reach out to their target audience. On the whole, it was a memorable affair for them as well as for our little ones.



Our Sweethearts'

Ardour For Arts:



The 'earth' without 'art' is just 'eh', which pretty much summarises how bland our lives would be without that artistic touch in all of the things we see, feel and hear. For instance the phenomenon of rainbow formation is a nature intended manifestation of precision art. In an effort to bring this art indoors our adept art teacher tried to recreate the magic of a rainbow albeit without rain. Grade 1 children after learning about the science behind the spectacle were left spellbound. Armed with crayons and unable to contain their excitement our little picassos started replicating the work of art their teacher had created. Thereafter their craft was given a nudge to the next level by teaching them the art of crayon transfer. Our grade 2 children too unleashed their creativity with crayons making pictures and giving life to them with colours. Being injected with a heavy dose of infotainment, the first and second graders were left wanting for more.