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BILLABONG HIGH
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

KELAMBAKKAM

Where learning has a purpose

Celebrations Galore

The Billabongers returned back to school all charged up to acquire a treasure trove of knowledge and skills. What welcomed them was something beyond technology and in sync with nature. Environment Day had an all-new twist to it as the students were greeted by young NGO activists from Thotakaaran Foundation who showed them how to make seed balls that were highly nutritious to support the growth of trees.

The children then went on to make seed balls of their own and planted them in the school premises giving each plant a unique name. Simultaneously the 3rd and 4th graders of the school were busy making lemonades for their friends to keep them hydrated and energized from the scorching heat of summer. This indeed was a fresh and productive start to an amazing year of learning.



Firefighters in the making

Keeping the students well informed to tackle situations of emergency was attained this Wednesday as the students had a workshop on fire safety awareness. After a mock fire drill, the Firefighters demonstrated how to use a fire extinguisher and cleared their misconceptions on handling fire. This was indeed productive as the students were equipped with methods to safeguard themselves in case of such emergencies.



Inculcating the habit of Newspaper Reading

Reading books is good, reading newspapers is better because we not only improve our language skills but also get some contemporary knowledge and life skills. Keeping this in mind we at Billabong High have taken the initiative of instilling the habit of reading newspapers in all our students from grade 2 onwards. We have been providing our students with the Times of India 'NIE' student edition on a daily basis. The residential students of Billabong High took things a step ahead by presenting the news articles they read, furthermore, they did some news analysis and debating which was a delight to watch. All these mental exercises, we believe will help in sharpening their interpersonal and people skills and that in turn will help them reap rewards in the years to come.



Creating galaxies and beyond

The 5th graders were observed to be laden with a toothbrush, poster colours and paint all over their fingers and palms. And when asked what they were up to. They proudly displayed their very own galaxies that they had created as a part of their social science lesson. This activity was a memorable one as they worked as groups to create spiral, elliptical and irregular galaxies.



Dissecting Nature

Sathvik of Grade 8 was busy donning the role of a biologist as he toured around the school campus in search of angiosperms and gymnosperms. He then extended his research on angiosperms as he dissected various flowers and identified the anatomical features of them. And like a professional Biologist, he was seen preserving and labeling the parts of the flower.



A skill at a time

Adjusting to scenarios and real-life situations is a skill each child must develop at a very young age. And that's exactly what our Tamil Teacher Ms.Stella did when she introduced the concept of adjustment to our 1st graders through a fun game. They understood how not to step into another person's space through a 'no touch walk activity'. This was indeed a difficult task as the space provided was bare minimum!



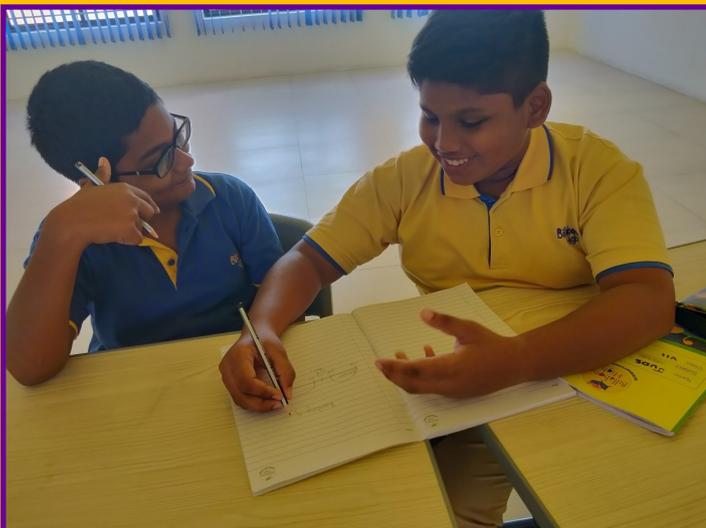
A role-play to remember

What better way to appreciate something than been given the opportunity to get into its shoes? The 1st graders were seen role-playing birds and animals as they flapped their pretend wings, meowed like a cat, roared like a lion and pecked like a hen. This role-play was a pathway towards appreciating the importance of extending care and love to the animals and birds around them.



Rounding Off

Our Seventh Graders had a brainstorming session on rounding off numbers. Comprehending that rounding is a method of approximation, the energetic duo bounced ideas off each other to list the key points regarding the concept. As the expected responses were documented, the students stumbled on to a number line diagram summing up the whole thing. The value connect to round off anxieties and pains, discarding it to make life easier was also established at the end of the session.



Thinking Mathematically with the number line

Sixth Graders had a gala time hopping on the number lines for a better comprehension of arithmetical operations in Integers. This representational tool helped students develop greater flexibility in mental arithmetic as they actively constructed mathematical meaning to the concept. Besides fostering number sense, this kinesthetic engagement kept their adrenaline level high sparking off a tremendous spurt of energy.



Values to remember

Place value was introduced to the 2nd graders using ice cream sticks and kidney beans! This hands-on activity was indeed out of the box as the tiny explorers were able to create their own base 10 blocks and then went on to understand the place values of hundreds, tens and ones.



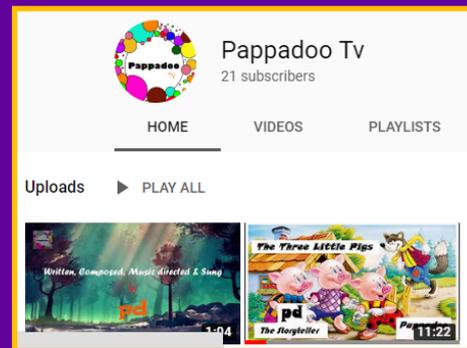
Figure me out

The 1st Graders figured out numbers through beads. As they played with the brightly coloured beads the young minds learned counting, wrote the numbers, read out the number names and finally drew tally marks for the number of beads they had counted. What started out as a fun-filled activity ended up to become a productive math class for our Billabongers.



YouTube Rockstar

Our music teacher Mr. Paul Dawson is shining bright in YouTube as his Channel Pappadoo TV is attracting likes every passing minute. This channel offers children an extraordinary storytelling experience. Mr. Paul envisions to extend the channel into a platform that will provide designed videos based on the specific curriculums for young children. Do hit the subscribe button and tune in to watch creativity at its best.



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