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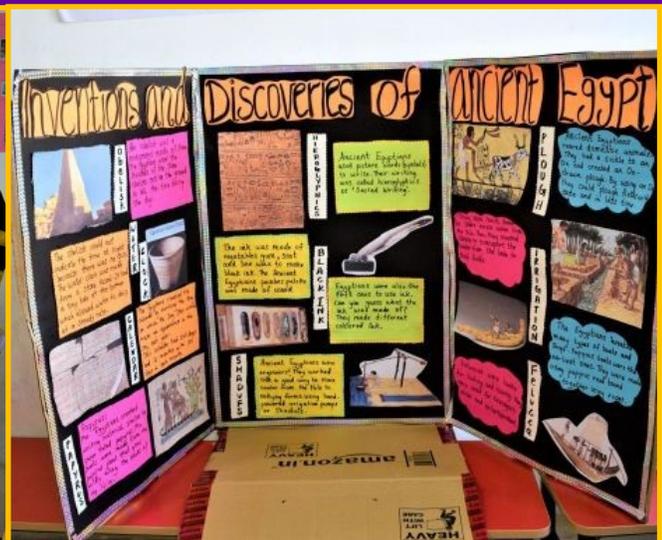
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Culminating Activity Edition

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As we are nearing the end of a glorious academic session the students of Grade 1 to 4 went all out to display their learning from various subjects in the form of a culminating activity. All the classrooms were glammed up and tweaked to suit the theme of the activity and the children were seen dressed up to represent their theme. From the land of the Mummies to the land of Kangaroos... BHIS-K had undergone a complete makeover session. Read on to know all about the Culminating Activity presented by our young minds.

The 1st grade Explorers wowed one and all with an enchanting journey back in time ... about 5000 years back in time to discover fascinating facts about the magical 'Egypt' from its ancient beginnings to the country that it is today. From the Nile to its blue beaches, deserts to the dust-coated landscape, Egypt was brought to life by the feisty students as a country with character. The Students dressed up as Pharaohs were a visual delight as they talked about the tombs built for rulers of Ancient Egypt and their families. The afterlife was incredibly important to the Egyptians. They believed that by preserving a dead person's body – which they did through the process of mummification – their soul would live on in the after-life forever. The first graders had painstakingly crafted artificial mummies and beautifully explained the process to onlookers. As the kids led the audience through this bewitching civilization, they shared a lot of enlightening information including tidbits about the Egyptian alphabet containing more than 700 hieroglyphs!



The children highlighted how the Ancient Egyptians were master inventors. They stunned the audience by sharing information on how the Egyptians invented lots of things we still use today, such as Papyrus paper, Ink, and monuments like Pyramids, Manmade water sources like Dam, Canal, Agricultural inventions like Shaduf, Ox drawn plough. They spoke about the ingenious methods used by the Egyptians to tell time including the obelisk, water clock and the calendar of ancient Egypt. The whole class kept the audience in raptures as they sang "Going on a mummy hunt, I am not scared." The students showcased a desert safari by illustrating "Go the extra mile along the Nile". The engaging activity by the first graders culminated with a scintillating dance to the tunes of 'Walk like an Egyptian and the rendition of the country's national anthem. The kids showcased that if ever there was a nation that had a rich culture, it was Ancient Egypt. So beautiful was their presentation that the onlookers showered them with heaps of praises. History has never been so much fun and informative.

• Ms. Malar (Grade 1 Class teacher)



The culminating activity is a learning experience that aims to provide students with the opportunity to synthesise knowledge from various areas of learning while critically and creatively applying it to real-life situations. This kind of project-based learning enhances and discovers the skills of the students and also creates camaraderie among students. Our second graders planned to explore 'Australia' and showcased it as their Genius Hour topic. The children started preparing for the day well in advance by working on the charts assigned to them on a variety of topics. We began the day with butterflies in our stomachs. As the day progressed, the presentation of all the students wowed one and all as the children did their part perfectly well. The 2nd graders led the audience through the wonderland of 'Australia' by highlighting the land's specialty. The presentation then enlightened the audience about the founders of Australia and then into Aboriginal Dreamtime stories. I am sure that 'the happy hormones' of the spectators must have witnessed a massive spike as the students took the audience for a fun ride to the land down under. The beautiful presentation by the second graders was received with loads of love and appreciation from the onlookers. The session culminated with a soulful rendition of the -Australian National Anthem by my wonderful kids.



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• Ms. Cynthiya (Grade 2 Class teacher)



The 3rd Graders had culminated in their term 2 activities by selecting Africa to showcase their learnings. Various tribes of Africa such as Tutsi, Masai, Hausa, Himba, Amhara and Zulu's lifestyles were depicted by the students. The natural and man-made wonders were highlighted by the students in the best way possible. My students showcased their talents by explaining the models made by them to their friends from the higher grades. The Pyramids, River Nile, the Sahara Desert and the famous big 5 animals of Africa were explained in detail. The African tribal dance entertained the visitors of the continent. The trip to Africa was quite extravagant indeed.

- **Ms.Ruksana (Grade 3 Class Teacher)**

The Fourth graders presented their learning through the theme "TECHNOLOGY" based on the research work and the classroom activities conducted throughout the year. In their presentation, the students were grouped into four teams. The first team presented on Technology, its definition, the Wave generation machine, Virtual reality- How technology reunites mother with her daughter, de-extinction of animals, floating solar power plants and the scientific use in Health care. The second team displayed the set of posters that portrayed the smart and safe ways of using the internet, how technology engages people and how to avoid wastage while printing. They also talked about how one should "Not be a crazy Clicker". The third team displayed the posters on the abuse of mobile phones and the technological revolution of all the Apps around the world. The fourth team had Posters explaining the technical terms in Hindi. The children also showcased their writing skills by penning books on Cannabella 1, "Cannabella 2" and "No Exit" and put it on for sale. The magnetic book and the model of Periscope which was prepared as a part of their EVS activity were also displayed. Models depicting "The world is just a click away", "Mind uploading" and "Mobile phone Miniature World" was the spotlight. Overall the culminating emphasized the proper use of technology and the dangers of its addiction.

- **Ms.Praveena (Grade 4 Class Teacher)**

