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Happy International Yoga Day!!

International Yoga day at BHIS-K: “Yoga is ones own journey!” said Ms.Fazela Baghchandani.

The virtual International Yoga Day was celebrated by the students, parents, teaching faculties, non-teaching faculties, and leaders of Billabong High International School-Kelambakkam on the 20th of June 2020 with fervour. It was a great gathering of having nearly 100 participants via the virtual platform. International Yoga Day has been celebrated every year on the 21st of June since 2015, following its dawn in the United Nations General Assembly in 2014.

On 20th June 2020 students from across all grades demonstrated various asanas followed by the traditional dance Bharathanatyam, which uses some of the Yoga asana postures for its poses and mudras. All the participants took part in warm-up exercises such as sitting and standing asanas, the importance of these were explained simultaneously. The celebration was graced by the Chief guest Ms. Fazela Bhagchandani an inspirational yoga expert and also the Head of procurement and special projects- KKel. Ms. Fazela said that “Yoga is one's own journey in which one should know what is right for him/her to make their travel. Followed by her, our honourable chairperson Mr. Yasir Nainar stated; “A healthy mind needs a healthy body! Though we educate our mind, every one of us must make sure that we take care of our body through yoga and exercises, so that our body can co-operate with our mind.” Every one of us was so encouraged by these words to remain fit and improve our living. As a takeaway of this event, everybody understood the significance of Yoga, to effectuate a better life, physically, mentally, and spiritually as well.



Intra – School Elocution Competition

The dictionary defines elocution as the skill of expressive speech, with distinct pronunciation and articulation. Some people have a natural tendency to pronounce and clearly distinguish their words, but others need to practice it over and over again, in different simulations, in order to master it. It is an attempt to promote English speaking skills, in terms of pronunciation, delivery, and voice modulation, and to develop English in its spoken form. This is the first intra-school competition and all children participated, which resulted in a keenly contested audition round. The competition was divided into 2 categories: Category one for Classes 5 and 6, and the category 2 was for Classes 7, 8 and 9. We had different topics for two categories. Category 1 had the topic “Can you imagine your future without internet?” and Category 2 had the topic “Can E-learning really shape the future?”. Each participant was given two minutes to speak on the given topics and the participants took the virtual stage with aplomb. Their performance reflected an understanding of the topics, they performed exceptionally well, winning accolades for themselves. The finalists were selected to perform live and all were confident and well-poised, as they conducted the proceedings of the competition. On completion of each speaker, the judges were invited on the virtual stage to post a few questions to the speaker. Each one was highly knowledgeable and mastered their answers in the best way they could. The young and gifted orators had won the hearts of the judges, who were overwhelmed by their oratory skills and preparation. This was followed by the announcing of the winners, amidst thunderous applauding. The confidence, expression, and talent of the young ones made the event truly memorable. It is interesting to note online that while speaking during extempore speeches, the confidence is highlighted with the nodding consent of the interested judges and the viewers/audience. This is just the beginning as the Great Orators of the future are in the making. The first-ever Intra school in Billabong surely a memorable one!

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Finalists – IG & CB
Category – 2 [Grade 7, 8 & 9]



Harshini Madhavan
Grade 9 – CB






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Aryan Kadirvel
Grade 7 - IG






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Finalists

					
<small>Parigna Saani Grade 5 - CB</small>	<small>Aparajitha Grade 5 - CB</small>	<small>Kumar Hiren Grade 5 - IG</small>	<small>B. Rakshitha Grade 6 - IG</small>	<small>Sri Harsha Goud Grade 6 - IG</small>	
					
<small>Aryan Kadirvel Grade 7 - IG</small>	<small>Tharun M Grade 7 IG</small>	<small>P.S. Tejasvini Grade 8 - IG</small>	<small>Vidant V Grade 8 - CB</small>	<small>Theertha Madhu Grade - 9 CB</small>	<small>Harshini Madhavan Grade 9 - CB</small>

Spin the Wheel!!!

Who said math is boring. If you are one among them reframe your thoughts. The essence of mathematics is not to make simple things complicated, but to make complicated things simple." Yes to make it simple and fills you with joy when a problem is solved.

As part of learning number concepts, Students of Grade 4 were curious to spin the wheel and to group them in different forms.... And they had immense fun while learning new concepts.



Save our Ocean

The ocean's roar is music to the soul. It's not the same all the time. It tries to say something through its waves, but what do the waves say to us? What do we understand?

Here our students of Grade 3 have coloured their dreams borrowed from the ocean on the topic of "save our ocean"

and here are few takeaways! Let us put our hands together and set the ocean free.

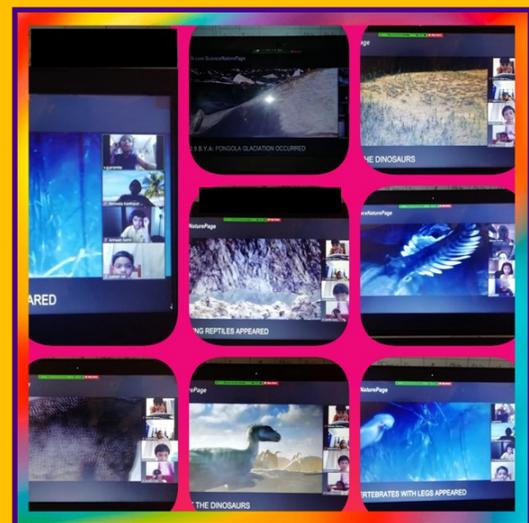
Glimmer shine in Dark sky

The question -Why stars are visible in the night sky? Made learners of grade 5 excited to know more about the stars. The demonstration related to the natural phenomena, How stars are visible in the night sky? With the help of the incense stick and the torchlight was indeed effective. Learners were thrilled to see the spark of the incense stick in a dark room and not able to see the same in the presence of bright light, this helped them to relate the same with the natural phenomenon of the night sky.



Earth Through Time

The grade 3 learners were delighted to know the topic of Earth through time and excited to know more about their planet Earth. They were puzzled to know that their planet was early a ball of fire and after millions of years it turned into a snowball. The history behind its transformation made the learners think and wonder how this snowball turned into a living planet? The periods, epochs, extinction, and evolution of single-celled animals led to the formation of different species, plants, reptiles, dinosaurs, Mammals, and the last evolution was Humans.



History of Ancient India

To get to know about their motherland 'India' grade 4 learners were enthusiastically involved in the discussion and observed the video clippings on Vedic age, Alexandra the great, Gupta Dynasty, Mughals, and the Ruler of Mysore – Tipu Sultan (The Tiger). Civilisation is a boon for the early man to undergo a transformation from nomadic hunters and gatherers to farmers. Vedic age had brought in so many new developments like a new language, Dharma, Ashrama, Sports, and many more. The learners wondered how these rulers were able to conquer the lands and rule over a longer period. The kings and rulers were brave enough, fierce full, and stronger to battle in the field and conquer it. Learners learned the values from Ashoka who was a cruel king who turned to be a kind person and preached Dhamma means Dharma.



SUMMERTIME !!

Summertime is a time of sun and fun! Children need time to run and play and enjoy themselves outside and inside. As a part of the theme "Season changes", our Nursery students learned about the Summer season through hands-on activities.

They were so excited to make Sun using their handprint cut-outs. A day at the beach can be awesome. Children were dressed up in a cool casual dress with a cap and sunglasses to enjoy the "Special Beach Day". They came to know about the beach activities like playing with a ball, building a sandcastle, swimming in the water, eating ice creams, making lemonade, and much more.

The beach day ended up with a special Beach Dance. Adding movement to the learning experience stimulates children's thinking, ultimately making learning more fun and engaging. We celebrated International Yoga Day by doing different yoga poses like different animals such as cat, snake, dog, lion, frog.



Exploring through our little hands

Yoga relaxes your mind and soul says great minds. Our little ones are proving it now. Have a glance at our kindergarteners doing different yoga poses. Our learners are happy with their active dopamine levels to attend classes every day. They enjoyed a magical mystery box hunt to learn their alphabets and had hands-on experience with playdough letters.



They were excited to learn and explore the real science of condensation and evaporation through practical experience at home. They always leave us shocked by their quick and easy understanding of all concepts though it's science or rocket science.



Our mighty little explorers!

This week our little learners of Sr.Kg ventured into the animal Kingdom to explore the various types of animals that inhabit our planet Earth. They learned about the different insects, their body parts, and their lifecycle and they used playdough and basic shapes to make ants, butterfly, and bees. They also learned about the different varieties of fish, amphibians, and where they live, how a tadpole transforms into a little frog, all through the hands-on activities and engaging stories. On Friday 19th June our Students and Teachers celebrated International Yoga Day by learning to do some Yogasanas and discussed the benefits of doing yoga. It was an awesome week and everyone had a great time learning and interacting with each other!

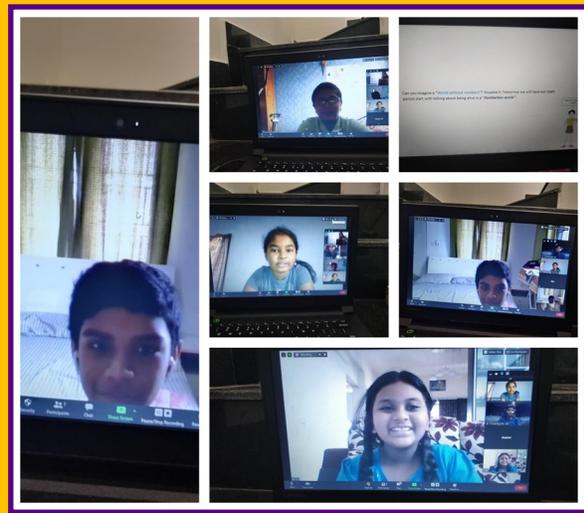
-Bauviya.S, Sr.Kg. Teacher.



Math Talk

Numbers are a fascinating part of our lives. They are a part of our everyday life much more than we might realise. As our seventh graders grappled with an interesting idea of what life would be without numbers, this notion formed the base of 'Math Talk'.

While these 'Gen Z'ers found it very difficult to fathom such a world, they bravely put on points as to why it would not work. They agreed in unison that it would be nearly impossible to be punctual without a precise measure of time or distance. They discussed with dismay about the absence of Math, Science, Geometry, Technology, or any buying and selling in the absence of numbers. While some of them briefly hinted on a less chaotic life, the young minds unanimously agreed that losing our number system would dramatically catapult our society into a much more primitive culture. As the students shared their thoughts, the session formed the base for building math.



Learning about the internet on the net!!

My students from Grade 3 are learning the advantages and disadvantages of using the internet. When the foundation of learning is strong and the students learn the difference between good and bad, their thought process goes on a whirlwind. The ideas and suggestions they came out with were amazing. To capture their imagination I involved the learners in an activity. As a part of the learning process, students presented their ideas in the form of a chart presentation. The zeal exhibited by my students while presenting was overwhelming.

-Mr. Jilson (ICT Educator)

