

# Cherries

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## Pot Printing Art

Ms. Shahana (Junior Kindergarten Educator)

Art promotes creativity, encourages neural connections and builds fine motor skills. Art is valuable because it allows children to process their world, to deal with emotions in a safe way, and it gives them critical sensory input. Our Junior Kindergarten students are exploring the dot printing art and created beautiful art pieces of Pongal pots as they are celebrating the harvest festival. They had fun printing with different colored dots of varying sizes.



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## Colourful Kites

Ms. Sri KirubaSakthi (Senior Kindergarten Educator)

Festivals fill our lives with colour and enthusiasm. Joy glints off when we celebrate festivals. Pongal is the most prominent festival of Tamilnadu, celebrated by the Tamil diaspora worldwide. People from different states celebrate this thanks giving festival in different names like Makar Shankranthi, Lohri etc... As a part of Pongal Celebration our children of Senior KG were engaged with hand full of thoughtful and creative activities. During circle time children shared their known facts of the great harvest festival and made the interactive session an informative one too! This galvanizing performance left everyone spellbound. Children minds are malleable, hence we decided to blend tradition with new concept of learning through art and craft activities. Our Senior KG kids explored their creativity by making colourfull kites with attached ribbon and bow. kudos! Pongaloo pongal.











## Bear Hunt Day

Ms. Sivaranjani S (Nursery Educator)

Two tiny eyes and a little, round tummy  
Two furry paws,  
for scooping up honey!!  
A soft, 'Snug gable" snout;  
Ears that listen and care;  
when you put them all together,  
you have a bear!!!





As our cute teddies exploring about different jungle animals this month and to introduce different types of bears, their physical features, different names & colour's we conducted special day "We're going on a bear hunt". Kids brought their own teddy bears to school and tasted the bear's favourite food- honey. Children enjoyed the activities and extended their learning in an interactive manner.





# Role Reversal

Ms. Sankari (Grade 4 Math Educator)



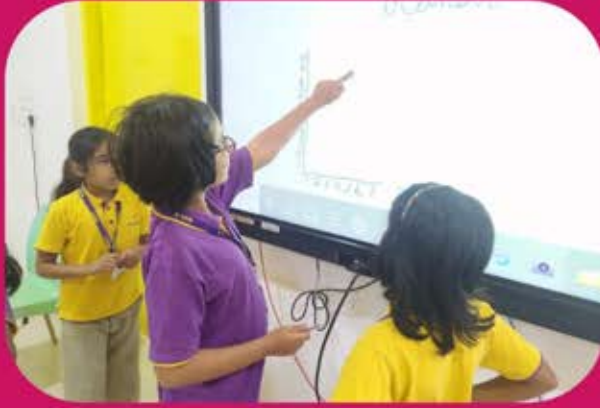
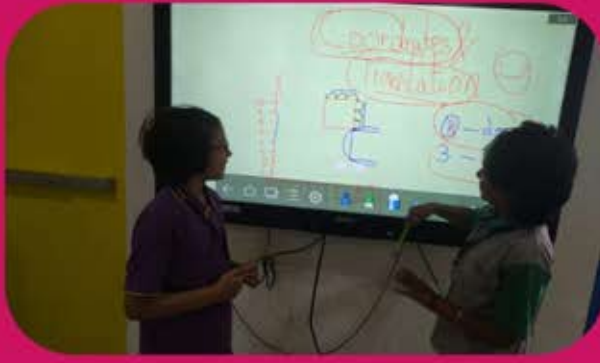
‘Those who know, do. Those that understand, teach. Because teaching is the highest form of understanding.’ –Aristotle

Making students teach will improve their comprehension of the subject and help them remember it for a very long period of time.

To achieve this our Billabongers of Grade 4 conducted a flipped classroom on the topic "Coordinates and Translation". In this, the students were made to prepare the teaching artifacts and were asked to teach their peer learners. This helped the learners to understand and comprehend the concepts better.







## ऋ मात्रा वृक्ष (कला समेकित गतिविधि)

Ms. Seema & Ms. Srividya (Grade 1 & 2 Hindi Educators)

छात्रों के हिन्दी शब्द भंडार में वृद्धि के उद्देश्य से एक गतिविधि कराई गई। छात्रों को “ऋ” की मात्रा सिखाई गई और उससे बनने वाले शब्द सिखाए गए। शिक्षिका ने छात्रों को क्रियाकलाप के दौरान पेड़ की पत्तियों में “ऋ” की मात्रा वाले शब्दों को लिखने के लिए कहा। छात्रों ने बड़े ही उत्साह से हर एक पत्ती पर सिखाए गए नए शब्द लिखे और “ऋ” की मात्रा वाले शब्दों का पेड़ बनाया। छात्रों को सीखे गए नए शब्दों का प्रयोग करते हुए दिखा गया।







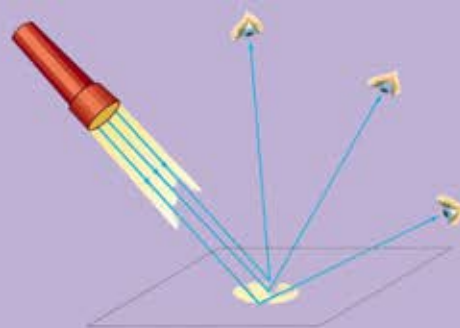
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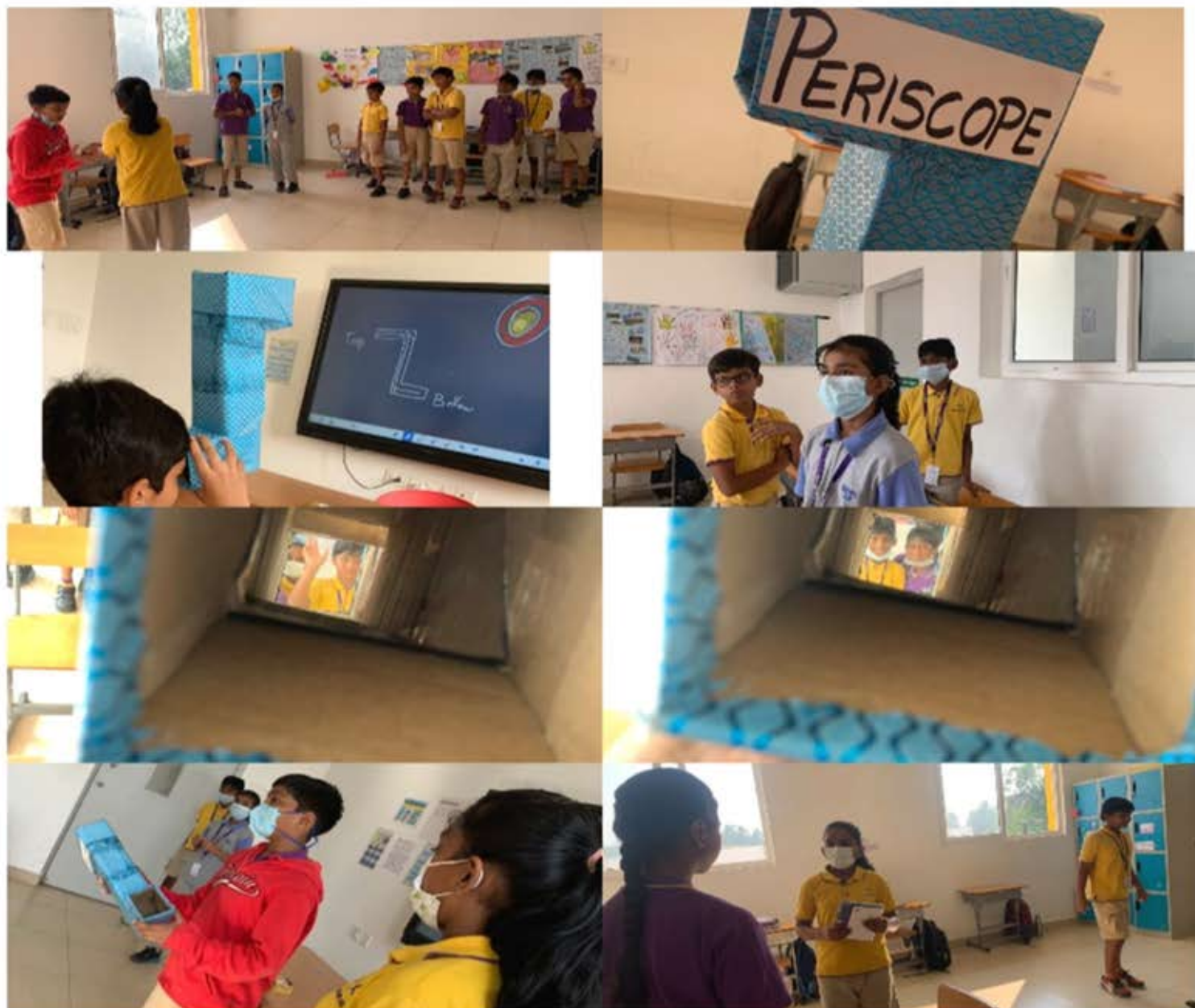


# Reflection of Light

Vedav Parikshid (Grade 5, MBIS)

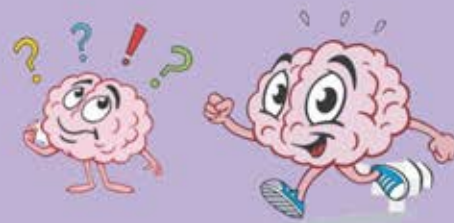


We students of Grade 5 CAIE learnt about reflection through an interesting and fun filled way. We were given cards of different questions related to light that we learnt and registered while in class. Then we students volunteered ourselves to ask questions to our peers. We studied and shared the knowledge from my peers through this activity. One of my classmate made a periscope and explained how reflection happens. The class activity was fun filled and informative.





# Memory Check !



Evelyn Thomas (Grade 6, MBIS)

We students of Grade 6 CAIE revised about cells through an interesting and fun filled way. We were divided into group and given 2 charts. Our task was to draw a plant and animal cell and write its organelles and functions without any help. We learnt about this topic last term. Both the teams discussed and started doing the activity with lots of fun. At the end both the team shared their project work and explained about it. We had a great time doing team work at the same time we were able to revise about cells and its organelles.





# World Hindi Day at MBIS

## विश्व हिन्दी दिवस

Ms. Seema (Hindi Educator)



विश्व हिन्दी दिवस, 10 जनवरी के अवसर पर विद्यार्थियों द्वारा हिंदी भाषा के प्रति जागरूकता बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से अनेक गतिविधियों का आयोजन किया गया। हिंदी भाषा के ज्ञान को बढ़ाने के लिए विज्ञापन लेखन, वाचन कौशल और नारा लेखन गतिविधियों का आयोजन किया गया। इन गतिविधियों में विद्यार्थियों ने उत्साह से भाग लिया। कक्षा में छात्रों ने विश्व हिन्दी दिवस के विषय में जानकारी अपने सहपाठियों के साथ साँझा की।





# 'Har Ghar Dhyam'

Mr. Chaitanya ( English Educator, BHIS)



Gurudev Sri Sri Ravishankar once said

"If all children above eight years of age can meditate this world will be a lot better place."

According to the Indian Journal of Medical Research (IJMR) about 20-25 per cent of young people suffer from mental and substance use disorders (MSUDs) worldwide. A lapse of concentration is prevalent in the younger generation.

Putting emphasis on mental health Under the auspices of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of Culture has collaborated with Art of Living to engage youth in mental health education and to provide them with meditation practices for improved health and wellness.

'Har Ghar Dhyam' is one such project launched by Gurudev, along with the Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka Sri Basavaraj S Bommai. This is a Mental Health Project where the Art of Living teachers will be engaged as Meditation Coaches. Billabong had the chance to receive meditation instruction from Ms. Lavanya Subramanian, a faculty member of The Art of Living and the state coordinator for youth and children's initiatives in Tamil Nadu. Our beloved principal attended the training session, and the students' engaged participation made for a memorable day. The day's goal was to teach students how to meditate so that they can benefit from its calming, balancing, and promoting effects on their emotional and physical health.





# New Week - New day - Fresh Start.



Ms. Malar ( Grade 2A Educator)

The morning assembly is a time when the whole school assembles, prays together, shares information and begins the day in harmony. Assemblies have the potential to nurture and maintain a positive, healthy school culture that binds everyone together. It also helps students to develop their communication, oratory, reading and presentation skills. The students of Grade 2A confidently presented the assembly on Monday, 09th January. The host commenced the assembly with a prayer, thought for the day in English, Tamil and Hindi followed by the significance of Indian Army Day and the National News. Our beloved Chairperson Mr. Yasir Nainar and our Director and Principal Ms. Asma Nainar motivated the students to take a New year resolution. The students keenly observed and gathered information about how to think and remember the learnings from the past to start a positive new beginning!

A moment's silence was observed to remember and pray for the lost soul, Mrs. Dorothy Bakianathan, mother of Mr. Cyril Anand, Chairperson of Vivaratna Ventures Pvt Ltd. The Assembly ended with the National Pledge and National Anthem.





