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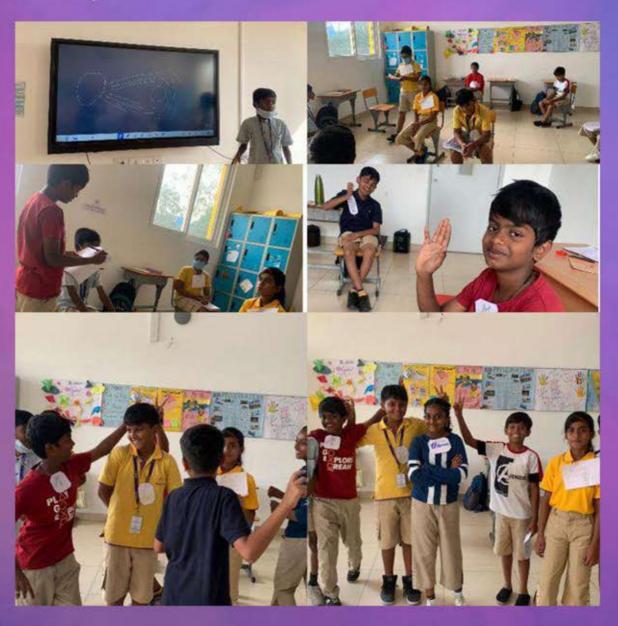
### Planets all around !!





Ms. Krithika Muthu (Science Educator, MIS)

The solar system for children is a place of infinite mystery – whether it's their fascination with the stars, planets or astronauts, they love Space. This can lead to a barrage of questions that need short and simple answers that will satisfy their curiosity. The class was mainly focused on the solar system where the children came dressed up like planets. They curated facts from textbooks, our memories and the internet that for sure helped the children understand the solar system a little better. They were able to determine the position of the planets from the sun, the distance and the facts about each planet .The classroom was filled with laughter and fun.



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#### **GENETICS OF ATHLETIC ABILITY**

Shubhansh Shekhar (Grade 8 MIS)





"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." - Tim Notke (English former first-class cricketer, who last played for Warwickshire)

This was one of the most interesting topic that I have researched on. The topic was about how genes transfer from one generation to another. Learnt how different genes affect our athletic ability. We used examples of famous athletes who excel in various sports to help us understand our topic better. We also learnt about the effects of genes amongst twins and the difference between identical and non-identical twins. It made us to Understand how genes and chromosomes function. It also helped us to understand how genetic disorders develop and what role genetic testing and counselling play in identifying, preventing and treating various disorders.





# Shopping Role play





Ms. Bharathi Selvakumar (Grade 5 Math Educator, BHIS)

Money is the most basic requirement of the life without which one cannot fulfill his basic needs and requirements of the daily routine. From simple transactions to banking, taxes, and discounts, everything that involves money, involves math! The concept of profit and loss is employed in our daily lives. Students of Grade 5, as a part of learning, did a Shopping role play activity to learn about profit and loss. Shopping role-play activity is to help students to practice asking for the price a product would cost. Students take on the roles of shop assistants and customers and practice buying and selling items in a shop. Half of the students are shop assistants and the other half are customers. The customers go around to each shop and try to buy the items on their shopping list. Students understand the meaning of profit and loss in a practical manner. This makes it extremely easy for students to visualize the shopping and preparing bills.







#### SYMMETRY

Ms. Kamatchi S (Grade 7, BHIS)



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Symmetry is a fundamental part of geometry, nature, and shapes. It creates patterns that help us organize our world conceptually. We see symmetry every day but often don't realize it. People use concepts of symmetry, including translations, rotations, eflections, and tessellations as part of their careers. Examples of careers that incorporate these ideas are artists, craftspeople, musicians, choreographers, and mathematicians. It is important for students to be interested and excited about math on several different levels because it can relate to their own lives at any point in time. I hope that by studying symmetry students can make a connection between math and the real world with a deeper meaning and understanding, and not just something they "have" to do. The activity was conducted to reminisce the knowledge in symmetry. Students pour a small amount of ink on each learner's paper. Students folded their paper back in half and rubbed it all over so that the ink will spread out. Then they opened up their papers and look at the design they have made with the ink. And they made different symmetrical shapes and found the order of rotation and angle of rotation for the same. With the help of this they recollected the concept of line of symmetry, reflection symmetry and rotational symmetry.





## Public Speaking



Ms. Krithika Muthu (Activities Coordinator, MIS)

Public speaking is a soft skill that requires excellent communication skills, enthusiasm, and the ability to engage with an audience. Soft skills are interpersonal skills that are less technical and more about how you interact with others. Students of MIS-K, have been given the opportunity to improvise their public speaking skills in three different languages. The most important skills for successful public speaking include Clear Articulation and Presentation style (vocal tone, body language, facial expression, and timing). Our students were given a platform to exhibit their talents.





### HARD AND SOFT SOUNDS





Ms. Aparna and Ms. Sneha (Grade 1 English Educators, BHIS)

The grade one students learnt to identify words with hard and soft sounds of 'G' and 'C' letters with a help of an interesting activity. A variety of words with different sounds were written in a small piece of paper while the students read the word and placed them in the right cups named with hard and soft sounds. The children enjoyed the activity while they learnt the concept.







## Reading is Fun



Ms. Malar and Ms. Sneha (Grade 2 English Educators, BHIS)



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss (American Children's Author and Cartoonist)

Learning outside the classroom give students a real world learning experience as students are encouraged to engage in a broader range of soft skills such as teamwork, leadership and adjusting to a different kind of learning environment. Besides, reading a book can be much more fun when it is done with nature as companion and this is always something children look forward too. The grade 2 students had fun reading the book, 'The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me' with some sun, a light breeze and when they learnt to seat themselves on to the light tickle prickle of the green lawn.







### **DESIGN YOUR CLOCK**



Ms. Saradha Gopi (Grade 3 Math Educator, BHIS)

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Knowing how to tell time is an essential skill. It can help you determine whether you are running late or you have plenty of time to spare. Learning how to tell time can also help kids with their motor, cognitive and mathematical skills with an essential need to understand and identify the time zones too. During the activity, students made the 3D model of the clock using paper plates and colorful paints and sketches. Students enjoyed the activity a lot, followed all the steps, and made the colorful clocks. The students chose vibrant colors to decorate their clocks. It shows how creative and enthusiastic they were during the activity.

















## Bringing Fun to Learning



Ms. Sankari (Grade 4 Math Educator, BHIS)

"When we learn with pleasure, we never forget" - Alfred Mercier.

To bring that pleasure of learning is to bring the fun in learning. To learn the concept of finding perimeter, a fun activity was done where a perimeter for an irregular polygon is to be found without using regular measuring scale. Everyday articles like popsicles, pens or cleaning buds were used as a unit for measurement. An irregular polygon was formed using these objects and kids are to find the perimeter by counting the units. Kids were asked to form their own polygon shapes and find the respective perimeters for them. This promoted the kids to learn the concepts of perimeter in a fun filled way.





#### LITTLE FLORISTS



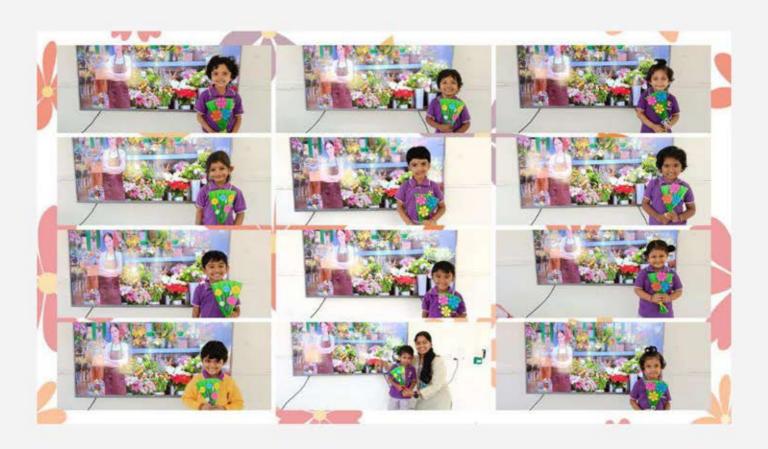
Ms. Sivaranjani S (Nursery Educator, BHIS)





"If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden." – Frances Hodgson Burnett (British-American Novelist)

Our little kids are learning about the community helpers who keep the community safe and healthy, improve people's lives, and help the community work more efficiently. They learned the significance of community helpers in our daily lives and the services offered they provide. As the part of the theme they learned about florist and our little hands at work crafted beautiful paper flower bouquets and they enjoyed it so much. This activity developed their fine motor , creative & sensory skills.





## My Name is....





Ms. Sarala (Junior Kindergarten Educator, BHIS)



"Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else." - Margaret Mead ( American cultural anthropologist)

Intrapersonal skills typically helps to develop a child's emotional intelligence. This month our Junior Kindergarten students are learning the concept "Dinosaurs and All about me". As a part of that they learned to write their own names with minimal support and decorated them with bits of colored paper.









Without mathematics, there's nothing you can do. Everything around you is mathematics.

Everything around you is numbers."- Shakuntala

Devi (Indian writer and mental calculator)

Division is the process of splitting a whole thing or a collection of things into equal groups. Senior Kindergarten students shown enthusiasm while learning the math subject and enthusiastically engaged in the activity.



### THIRD ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2022-2023

Ms. Aparna Arvind & Ms. Usha Anand (English Educators, BHIS)



The 3rd Annual Day at Billabong High International School Kelambakkam themed 'The Colour Splash' was celebrated amidst a colorful palette of hope and enthusiasm by the young athletes of the school with an agenda to discover more sporting talents.

On 4th February Saturday, the school grounds brimmed with energy and determination as students were ready to showcase their various leagues of action. The school's Chairperson Mr. Yasir Nainar and Principal & Director, Ms. Asma Nainar welcomed the Chief guest Mr. Lakshman Rohith Maradappa, an International Rower and a multiple Asian Medalist. They also extended their hearty welcome to the Parent Guest of Honour Mr. Abdul Wahid and Ms. Nikhaa Nafees.

The Chief Guest took the salute of the impressive March Past of the students, coupled with rolling drum beats and striking music by the band. The children of the school honoured the Chief Guest and guest of honour with bouquet while the dignitaries of the school management presented the guests with a memento as a token of love. The students descended into the soul of the occasion in a magnificent way by singing the school song, with taking oath being administered by the Sports captain. The Olympic torch was lit and the Sports day was declared open by the Chief Guest.

Impressive displays of Karate, Human pyramid and Mass drills by Kindergarten, Primary students coupled along with unique Rhythmic like Lezium filled the atmosphere with joy and tons of appreciations for the young sports people. The track events added zeal and enthusiasm to the fiery perseverance and sportsmanship of the students. Parents had their share of fun by participating in the parent event organized for them. The Sports Day ended with loads of awards and appreciation for the participants and prize winners.

As per the Sports day theme, our students and teachers believed, built on their dreams by practising and won victoriously the battle and splashed colours of joy and sportsmanship in the hearts of everyone who were there. Unity house won the rolling trophy with the leading point.

The Sports Magazine "Wellness" was released with unique features by the Chief guest. Thanks to the efforts of the Physical Educators, Teachers, Coordinators, Admin staff and Our Principal, our guiding star, in making the 3rd Sports Meet a grand success.

# Glimpses of Annual Sports Meet





























































































### Eco Park



Ms. Krithika Muthu (Activities Coordinator, MIS)

School gardens are a wonderful and exciting way to make almost any classroom curriculum come alive and show "real-life" meaning to students as they learn. A garden can provide an opportunity for students to participate in hands-on learning that teaches not only the intended subject but also responsibility, teamwork, and respect for nature, others, and themselves. Gardens have been proven to help students learn better and enhance test scores, and they can be an engaging way to meet Core Curriculum Content Standards. Whether growing vegetables, fruits, or a variety of herbs, edible gardens are a valuable tool that schools can use to promote healthier eating habits, appreciate locally grown food sources, teach environmental stewardship, encourage community and social development, and even instill a sense of place.

Our MIS students prepared the soil for growing vegetables like egg plant, Amarandus red (Red spinach) and bottle gourd. As a result of their hardwork, they were rewarded with well grown red spinach which they harvested today.

