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# #1

# White day at Nursery

Ms. Sivaranjani (Nursery Educator)



White is the most wonderful colour because it contains all the colours of the rainbow. The day began with the fun filled introduction to the colour White. Students were all dressed up in different hues and tints of White. The concept of colours was reinforced through various activities like white colour yarn pasting on rabbit cut-out's, show & tell activity & an object hunt for white colour..





# #2

## BUDDY DAY AT JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

Ms Shahana (Junior Kindergarten Educator)



After our families, best friends are the most significant persons in our life. Best friends always stand by us. Our junior kindergarteners enjoyed a lovely buddy day when they got to choose their friends in a treasure hunt involving matching puzzle pieces. They all had great pleasure in spending those precious moments with their best buddies. They enjoyed the mouthwatering snacks that their friends shared with them and had a special art session with them. Children also loved singing and dancing with their buddies.









# #3

## Show and Tell at Senior Kindergarten

Ms. Kiruba (Senior Kindergarten Educator)



Show and Tell is a simple and enjoyable activity for children with numerous educational benefits. It increases self-esteem, builds confidence, and improves speaking and other social skills. Our Senior KG students displayed an item that was significant to them in some way and then explained its significance to their teacher and classmates.









# #4

## ABL AND ITS IMPORTANCE

Ms Menaka (Grade 4 Educator)



Activity-based learning can help students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. When students are asked to participate in hands-on activities, they are forced to think about the problem and come up with creative solutions. This type of thinking is essential in today's rapidly changing world, where the ability to problem-solve and think critically is highly valued.

Moreover, activity-based learning can help students develop their social and communication skills. When students are working together on a project or activity, they are compelled to communicate effectively and work as a team. This type of collaboration can help students develop their interpersonal skills, which are valuable in both their personal and professional lives.

As an educator, it is essential to incorporate activity-based learning into our teaching approach.

1. Incorporate hands-on activities into your lessons: Look for ways to incorporate hands-on activities into your lessons. This could be anything from group projects to individual activities that require students to engage with the material actively.
2. Use technology: Technology can be an excellent tool for activity-based learning. There are many online resources available that offer interactive activities and simulations that can help students engage with the material actively.
3. Encourage collaboration: Encourage collaboration among your students. Assign group projects or activities that require students to work together to solve a problem or complete a task.
4. Provide feedback: Provide feedback to your students on their activities and projects. This feedback can help students understand where they can improve and what they did well.

Activity-based learning is a valuable teaching approach that can help students engage with the material actively, develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and improve their communication and interpersonal skills. As an educator, it is crucial to incorporate activity-based learning into our teaching approach to provide our students with a comprehensive learning experience.







# #5

## LAB ACTIVITY

Lavanya (Grade 10 , BHIS)



Today our class was taken to the biology lab and we did the Starch test and we also saw the Stomata of the leaf under the microscope. Our biology instructor Ms. Lakshmi divided us into groups then we started the activity. It was very fun and interesting. We also learnt how to handle a microscope. When we saw the stomata through the microscope, we saw a whole new world of Biology.







# #6

## Craft Corner

Ms. Kiruba (Grade 3 & 4 Craft Educator)

"Craft" is the application of creative thinking. It is the process of transforming an idea into something tangible and beautiful through the use of one's own hands, skills, aesthetic, and vision. The students in grades 3 and 4 were very excited to try out new ideas in class.



# #7

## Embroidery

Ms. Kiruba (Craft Educator)

"Teaching kids embroidery is simple and enjoyable, and you will be assisting them in learning skills and embroidery fundamentals that will last a lifetime! Our children are very interested in creating motifs from the stitches they have learned.





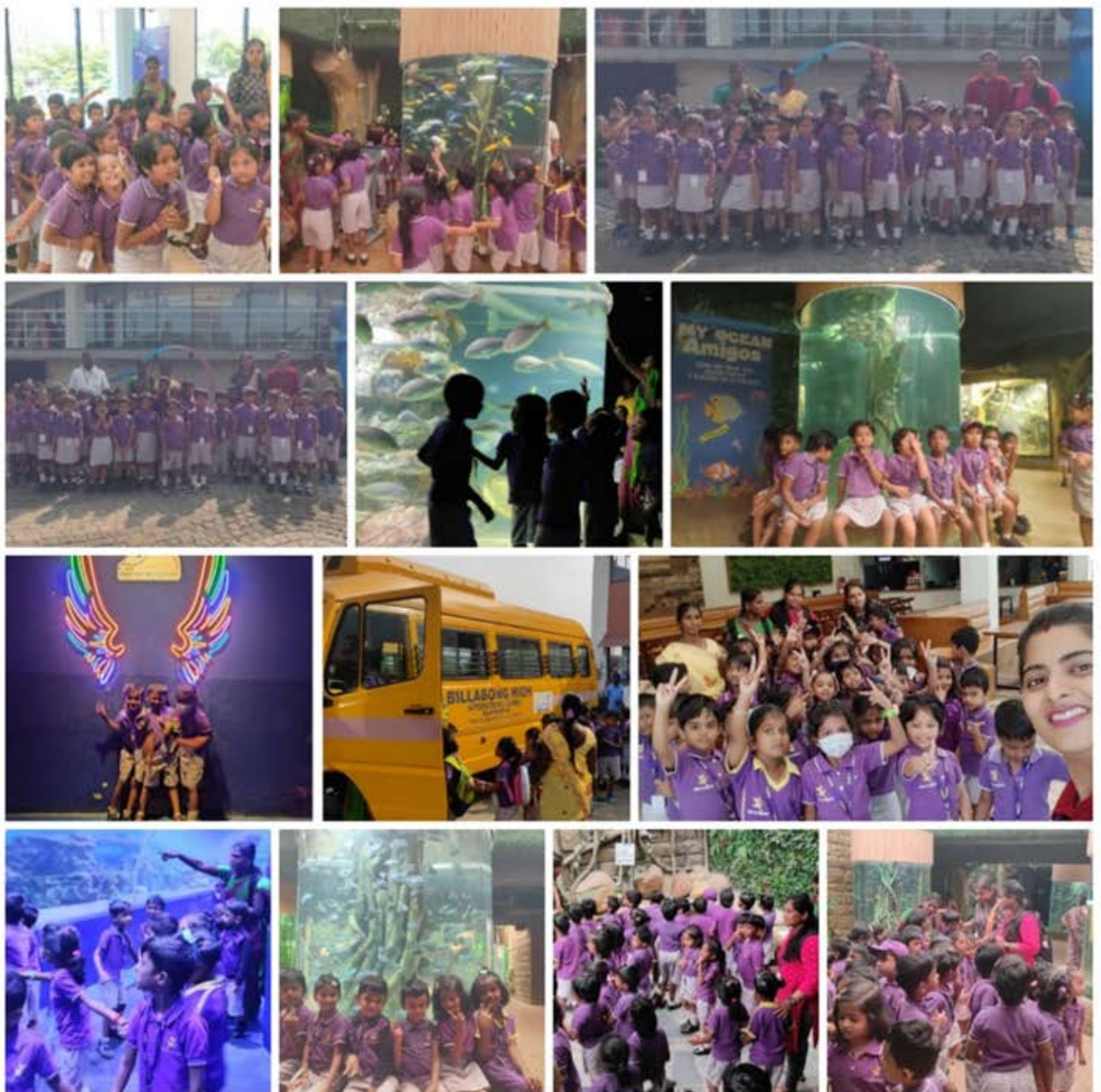
# #8

## FIELD TRIP TO MARINE KINGDOM

Ms. Kiruba (Senior Kindergarten Educator)



Our Senior Kindergarten students went on a day excursion to the VGP Marine Kingdom as part of their educational and recreation visit, and they had a great time there. The children had, overall, wonderful recollections and amazing experiences during the trip. They were so excited to see the different types of sea creatures which they have learnt in the class. Also, they discovered how to shield marine life from the damaging effects of plastic waste and usage.



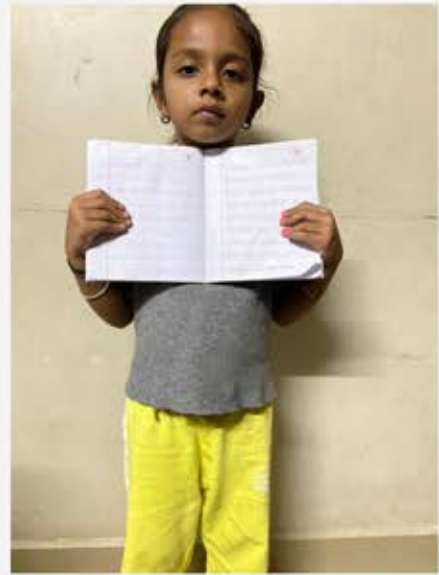


# STUDENTS VIEW ABOUT THE FIELD TRIP



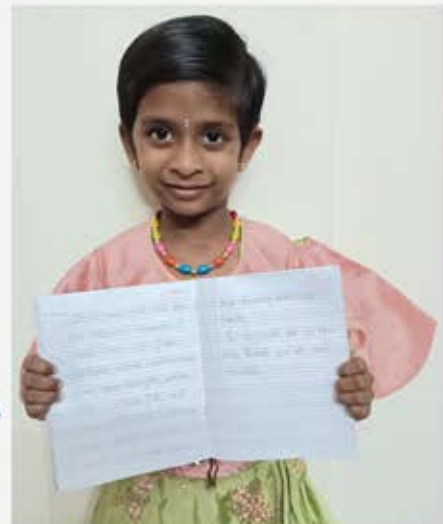
## Geethanya (Senior Kindergarten)

Today, we went to Marine Kingdom by our school bus. We enjoyed a music in the bus and entered in to the Marine Kingdom, were we have seen alot of Fishes and able to remember names of some fishes, where our mam thought us in a class. I have seen very big sharks and Stingray which has big tail. Also, have seen Puffer fish which looks like a balloon and seen a stone fish, it was under the sand. Everyone touched the star fish but I have not because i was afraid of it. Many colourful fishes are there.



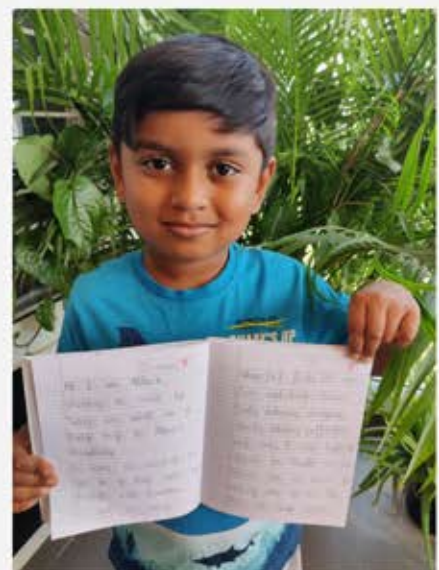
## Hirudhaya (Senior Kindergarten)

This is My First Field Trip to Marine Kingdom. I saw lots of fishes, Octopus, Sharks and Lobsters. We saw Starfish, Zebrafish, Clownfish and some puffer fish. When we are going in the school bus I was singing and dancing with my friends. I enjoyed lot in this trip. Thank you so much teachers.



## Adhvik (Senior Kindergarten)

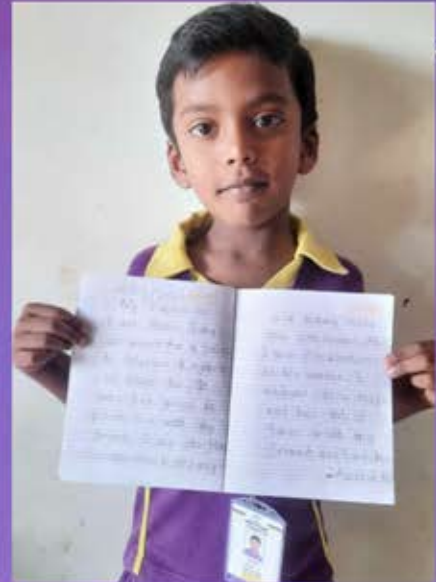
Hi I am Adhvik studying in senior kg. Today we went on a field trip to Marine Kingdom. I was so excited to go in the bus with my friends and teachers. I saw so many colourful fish. It was fun watching clownfish, octopus, stingray, sharks, lobsters, puffer fish and eels. I also had a chance to touch star fish. Thank you so much for taking me to see the fish in large tanks.





## Aadish R V (Senior Kindergarten)

I am Aadish. Today we went for a trip to Marine Kingdom in school bus. It was fun going in school bus with my friends. I saw starfish, lemon shark, stingray, and many other sea creatures. I saw 3 scuba divers in the water. I enjoyed this trip and had lot of fun with my friends and teachers.



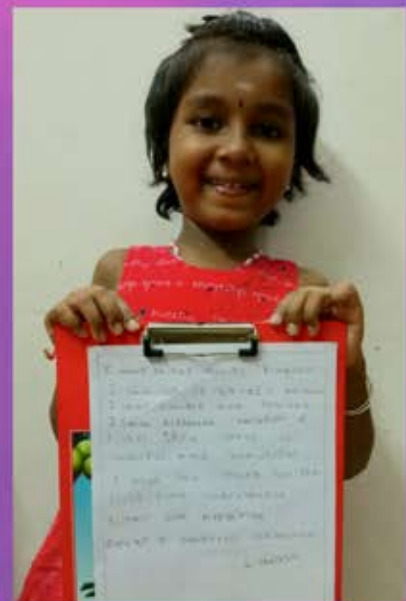
## Shirustika Rajasekar (Senior Kindergarten)

I went on a field trip with my school friends to VGP Marine Kingdom. I saw different types of sea animals. It was so colourful to watch. It was a fun-filled trip with my friends and teachers. I enjoyed a lot.



## A. Shashthi (Senior Kindergarten)

I went to VGP Marine Kingdom. I saw lot of aquatic animals. I was excited and thrilled. I saw different varieties of fishes. They were so colourful and beautiful. I also saw shark for the first time. Underwater tunnel was amazing. Overall a wonderful experience.





# #9

## Special Assembly conducted by Grade 6



Adithya K (Grade 6 , BHIS)

This week the grade six students were given an opportunity to conduct the assembly. It was started with the prayer by Aparna, followed by beautiful rendition of school song by our Choir team. Arya shared an inspirational quote in English, Kaviya shared the words of wisdom from Thirukural, and Nazmin shared a meaningful thought in Hindi. Kassim read to us the important News headlines from 'The Hindu' to keep us updated. Hisham gave a speech on The National Science Day and its significance.

Later, our beloved Principal, Ms. Asma Nainar addressed our enthusiastic learners with her motivational speech and emphasised on the importance of hard work and discipline. Winners of the competition of Grade 1 and 2 received their certificates for 'show and tell' and 'Speech'. With National pledge and National Anthem, the assembly came to end. Radhakrishnan and Reya along with other members of grade 6, offered us a moment of reflection before the working day began and became a medium of communicating matters of significance to each other.





# #10

## MIS - FIELD TRIP

Ms. Krithika (Activity Coordinator, MIS)



On 1st of March, students of MISK were taken to The Guindy National Park. Students happily boarded the bus at 8:30 a.m. Students from grade 5-8 and 3 staff members reached the park by 10:30 a.m. Students enjoyed visiting the Snake Park and Children's Park. It is one of the very few national parks situated inside a city. All enjoyed seeing different and peculiar species available in the park. It had the environment any student would prefer. Later visited the Birla Planetarium at 12:30. Birla Planetarium is a large Planetarium in Chennai providing a virtual tour of the night sky and holding cosmic shows on a specially perforated hemispherical aluminium inner dome. The fifth B. M. Birla planetarium in the country, it is located at Kotturpuram in the Periyar Science and Technology Centre campus which houses eight galleries, namely, Physical Science, Electronics and Communication, Energy, Life Science, Innovation, Transport, International Dolls and Children and Materials Science, with over 500 exhibits. Built in 1988 in the memory of the great industrialist and visionary of India B. M. Birla, it is the most modern planetarium in India. Our students were able to relate to the concepts learnt in classrooms. It was an amazing experience. We returned to school at 3:30 p.m.





# #11

## Genius Hour at Middle School



### Genius Hour of Grade 5

Ms. Bharathi Selvakumar (Grade 5 Educator, BHIS)



Genius Hour of Grade 5 was celebrated exhibiting the skills acquired. The topic chosen was 'Calendars of the world' It was started with a welcome speech by Dharshitha. We had our Principal, Coordinators, teachers and students witnessing it. Lakshith gave a brief introduction on Calendars. Iniya informed us of the different types of calendars used from the ancient period. Students of grade 5 presented presents the familiar calendars to the audience. Rameela – Islamic Calendar, Sathvika spoke about the Thamizh panchangam. Aaron spoke about the Hindu Calendar and Ovi Patel spoke about the Atlas Calendar. Ashiyasri explained in detailed about how the calendar is made based on the rotation and revolution of the earth around the sun. All students explained the patterns used in calendars using Mathematics. Games were conducted by Ashiyasri and Samprakshna on finding the patterns and days. The event ended with Vote of Thanks by Saivendra.







# Genius Hour of Grade 6

Ms. Bauviya (Grade 6 Educator, BHIS)

The Genius Hour is an approach to learning where students are guided by their own interests, background knowledge, and curiosity to learn. On 28th of February 2023, the Middle School Genius Hour event was successfully organized and held in our school. The event gave an opportunity to our Grade 6 students to discover and refine their knowledge, skills they acquired over a period of Eleven months. The students formed teams based on their common interest in subjects and created projects in Math, Science, ICT and English (Creative writing). Our beloved Principal Ms. Asma Nainar, the senior academic coordinator Ms. Sandhya T.P. and the middle school academic coordinator Ms. Praveena Prabhakaran graced the event and congratulated the students for presenting their projects and recapitulating the concepts using models and charts. It was rewarding to watch the students confidently presenting their projects which they have been tirelessly working on for the past few weeks.





## Genius Hour of Grade 7

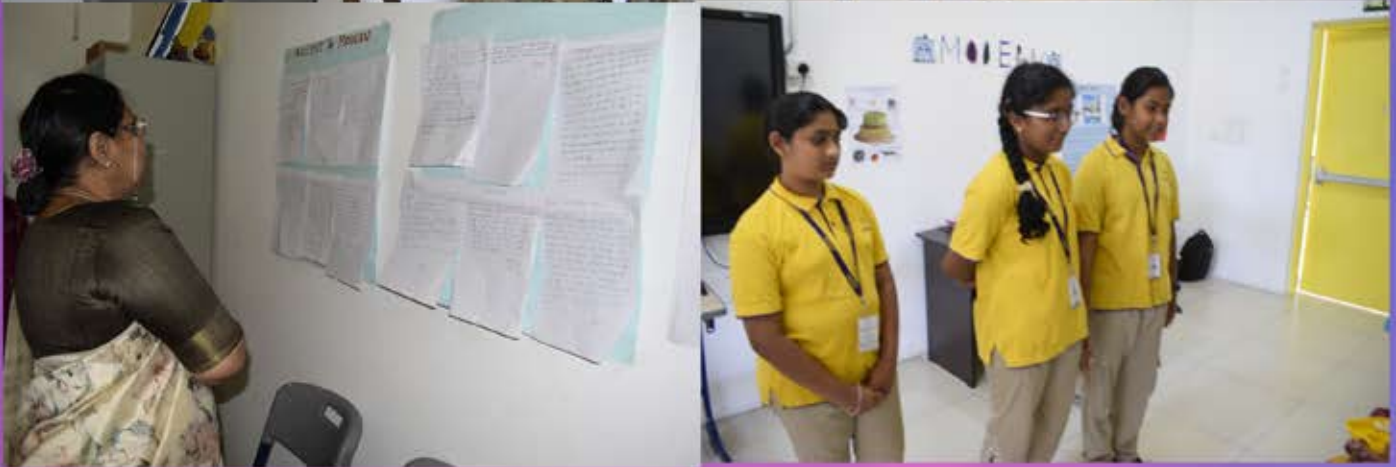


"If you are working on something exciting that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you". - Steve Jobs.

On 28th February, Grade 7 children presented a variety of projects in Genius hour from the casket of knowledge. It was a display of intelligence that they have gained over a period of ten months in grade 7. Genius hour is a great way to get the students excited about learning. Yes, Children were very excited on that day. The topic for Grade 7 was "Ancient vs Modern". The class was divided into two groups. One group collected information about ancient life style. They made huts, cattle, well and kept all the tools and equipments which were used during ancient period like 'grindstone, mill stone, oven, etc... And also, they prepared a few food items which were eaten during that time. Likewise, the other group collected information about modern technologies. They made a new modern house with a few working models like light, fan, etc., and kept all the home appliances which we now use - mixer grinder, wet grinder, washing machine, etc... They presented it along with food of the present day, like pizza. A student of grade 7, made a robot with sensory technology which works if it senses a hand in front of it. Another student had made an app with modern technology that controls volume while the music is being played. They were curious and excited to display their invention of sensor lights that turned on /off, with a clap/a snap/a move of our human hands. They analyzed about drastic change from ancient to modern in all aspects. They took survey from many teachers and students whether they like to live in a modern or ancient life style and why? Finally, they concluded that modernization is not westernization, but it is the development and advancement in technology which has enabled us to live better and at our comfort. Modernization is the improved standard of living.









# Genius Hour of Grade 8 : Empowering Students to Pursue Their Passion



Students of grade 8th are said to be often at a critical juncture in their educational journey. They are transitioning from middle school to high school and are starting to think more seriously about their future plans. The Genius Hour project can provide a perfect opportunity for students to explore their interests and passions in a way that is both engaging and meaningful. I am glad to inform that Kavin of grade VIII has made a working model of barometer. A barometer is a scientific instrument used to measure atmospheric pressure. It is a device that consists of a long glass tube filled with mercury or other liquid, with one end sealed and the other open to the atmosphere. Changes in atmospheric pressure cause the liquid in the tube to rise or fall, providing a measurement of the pressure. Sanjay displayed a project on rain water harvesting. Rainwater harvesting is the collection and storage of rain, rather than allowing it to run off. Rainwater is collected from a roof like surface and redirected to a tank, cistern, deep pit, aquifer, or a reservoir with percolation, so that it seeps down and restores the ground water. And finally, Lohith has done a lava lamp experiment. A lava lamp is a decorative lamp, invented in 1963 by British entrepreneur Edward Craven Walker, the founder of the lighting company Mathmos. Thus, it was a wonderful event where our students were given a platform to display their talents.





# #12

## MIS- SCIENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Ms Hashmath Fahira K N (HOD - Science)



“The art and science of asking questions is the source of all knowledge.” – Thomas Berger. Science is one of the greatest collective endeavours of humanity. It significantly contributes to our understanding of the world and offers answers to questions as well as solutions that benefit millions across the globe. On an attempt to magnify the impact of science on our children, we threw a momentous event to celebrate National Science Day 2023 on the theme 'Global Science for Global Wellbeing' in the BHIS Library. The event commenced by invoking God's blessings, followed by thought for the day in three languages and speech by Vedhav of Grade V disguised as Sir C V Raman. Raghavendra of Grade IX presented the life and history of Fritz Haber who was known as a man who killed millions to save billions. Our team of music teachers scripted a song on 'Science' behind musical instruments and the performance by our middle school students was indeed a moment to behold. Next came the most awaited segment of the event - 'Quiz competition'. There were two teams shortlisted following a preliminary round on February 27, 2023. The team of students competed with a true spirit of forthrightness and attained draw at the end of three rounds. The team Supersonic won the quiz competition in the tie breaker question in a difference of few milliseconds. The event came to a dashing finish with enthralling stalls set within the venue. The young scientists presented numerous interesting facts, models, inventions and games that was intentionally reserved for the climax of the event. Huge credits to Nandhini of Grade X who led the entire event with her exceptional language skills within a short notice. This event would have been impossible without the support of Asma Ma'am, teachers and admin staff.









#13

## Winning a National Level Silambam Tournament!



Agnes Heston Bonapart (Grade 6 , BHIS)

On February 26, 2023, I participated in Silambam competition at Montfort School in St. Thomas Mount. I belonged to the 12-year-old category and there were 4 teams, with my team was the second. Then they began calling each person by name using their admission ticket. When it was my turn, I applied the techniques and strategies that I practiced and I won first place in the competition. I worked incredibly hard every day to achieve this goal. Thus, I realized that perseverance would always result in admirable success.

