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### JOY OF GIVING



The most enjoyable and the most awaited month of the year had finally come. It was December and it was Christmas. As always, the students and the staff were in a festive mood from the beginning of December month. Adding value to it, the BHISK community decided to celebrate Christmas by sharing and giving. On this account, we invited parents to contribute whatever is possible from their side and help our students indulge in the 'Joy Of Giving'. The students were asked to drop their donations at the drop box placed at our Front office starting from 13th December to 19th December.

Our Parent community overwhelmed us with providing more than we could have ever asked for! The students enjoyed the process and comprehended how important it is to share and care.







## VISIT TO SADHANA SCHOOL FOR HEARING IMPAIRED AND MENTALLY RETARDED

Ms. Nithya S Mahendra (Primary Educator)

On the occasion of Christmas students from Billabong High International School, Kelambakkam donated basic essential gifts to Sadhana School for Hearing Impaired and Mentally Retarded located in Senganmal. We initiated this program to inculcate gratitude and empathy among students. Parents contribution towards this cause made it a huge success.

On the day of donation students of Grade 3, student house captains, Head girl along with Educators reached the Sadhana school. One of our Educator dressed as Santa entertained everyone by giving gifts and dancing with everyone present there. Grade 3 students was singing songs with sign language which they learnt in a short period of time and showcased it in beautiful way.

Sadhana school students were overjoyed by the unconditional love of our little ones. Every student from Billabong made a beautiful handmade greeting card and gave it to the special needs children. The joy of sharing and special feeling in receiving the gifts was witnessed by us with happy tears. We all reached back school with sense of Gratitude, empathy, joy and fulfilled emotions.







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### CELEBRATION AT SCHOOL

Ms. Aparna (Primary English Educator)



Friday, the 22nd December, BHISK celebrated Christmas with special programs. The campus was bubbling with joy, enthusiasm and Christmas colours- Red, Green and White. While the corridors were brimming with Christmas trees and Santa Clauses, the classes too were decked up with Christmas decorations by the little ones with their creativity and imagination. The special program began with the Welcome Speech. The Grade 5 students shared the importance of Christmas and the reason behind the celebration. Following this the students 3 and 4 sang Christmas Carols which was joined together by other students making the entire program enjoyable. Students of grade 1 & 2 entertained the audience with their cute and impressive dance performance to the most expected Christmas songs. Our Principal, Ms. Asma Nainar addressed the students and stressed the importance of gratitude and thanking. She also thanked the students who generously contributed to the needy children. What's Christmas without Santa Claus?! The Santa of BHISK entertained the students with her electrifying presence and joyful dancing. With much merriment and happiness, the children danced along with Santa and received their chocolates from her. The program ended on a happy note by one of the students proposing the Vote of thanks.







#### CHRISTMAS ART & CRAFT

Ms. Sarala B (Senior Kindergarten Educator)



In the heart of Education, Christmas transforms classrooms into festive wonderlands. From joyful melodies to handmade crafts, the school becomes a hub of creativity and community. Embracing the season, students and teachers share the magic of Christmas, creating memories that go beyond lessons a celebration of joy, kindness, and togetherness. In our festive journey, the Nursery kids joyously crafted a Christmas tree, their tiny hands creating a symbol of holiday cheer. Meanwhile, the Junior KG kids immersed themselves in a burst of creativity, painting vibrant Christmas cards that reflect the spirit of the season. Not to be outdone, the Senior KG kids fashioned charming elf hats, adding a touch of whimsy to their holiday celebrations. In these delightful moments, our little ones are not just creating crafts; they're crafting memories that twinkle like holiday lights.





















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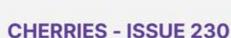
### **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**



Christmas is a lovely season that spreads like a magic wand over the world as the festival of peace, hope, love, and joy. Our kindergarten students dressed up in red and white party costume to celebrate the season of giving with their classmates and teachers. When Santa Claus made a magnificent entrance, their joy and excitement knew no bounds, and they celebrated the most wonderful moments with their beloved Santa by dancing and singing. Santa, to their amazement, listened to all of their secret wishes and vowed to grant them. Children have also enjoyed seeing various Christmas stories with their pals, with the lesson of embracing everyone as they are and understanding their differences. It was one more memorable page added to the book of kindergarten.



































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# NATIONAL MATHEMATICS DAY – ACTIVITIES

Ms. Kamatchi (Math Educator)



"Mathematics is the most beautiful and most powerful creation of the human spirit. Without mathematics, there's nothing you can do. Everything around you are mathematics. Everything around you are numbers".

National Mathematics Day was organized in Billabong High International school on 22 Dec 2023 to celebrate the birthday of Shri Srinivasa Ramanujan, the great mathematical genius who made exemplary contribution to Mathematics. National Mathematics Day was observed as activities across the classes with the objective of creating awareness about the importance of the subject in day-to-day life and to explore a few mathematical concepts in a fun way. Few activities are games which will be played to ensure concept understanding and foster a positive attitude towards the subject in Math.

The aim is to make learning mathematics a fun and engaging experience for our students.

#### Grade 1:

**Exploring Shapes in Clay: A Creative Adventure for Grade 1 Students** 

Engaging young minds in hands-on activities is crucial for their cognitive development. One exciting and educational way to achieve this is by introducing students to the world of 2D and 3D shapes through the medium of clay. Children decided to make basic shapes such as circles, squares, triangles, rectangles, cube cuboid, sphere.

Henceforth, grade 1 students in a hands-on clay modeling activity not only enhances their understanding of 2D and 3D shapes but also nurtures their creativity and teamwork skills. This interactive approach makes learning geometry a memorable and enjoyable experience, setting a strong foundation for future mathematical concepts.



## Grade 2: "Hop a little and jump a little 1 2 3" with Mathematics: Roll the Dice & Aeroplane Game:

We all know Math is fun., As part of the Ramanujar day the 22nd of December, the grade 2 learners got an opportunity to have fun with math, yes...! They played math on this day. They rolled the dice, and played skip count, with the number they rolled, it was an excitement for the fellow students to watch the player hop so quick. The learners hopped to the next number at ease. In Aeroplane game, the learners had to roll the dice, hop and jump on the even and odd numbers. It was such a pleasure watching the young minds enjoy the game and refresh their math skills.





### Grade 3: Angles with popsicle sticks:





The Grade 3 took a concept called angles for Mathematician Day. With the help of popsicles sticks, colour sheets, learners made different kind of angles like Right angle, acute angle, obtuse angle, & straight angle. Learners understood the concept as comparing with the real-life objects, as well, like opening the door in different angles, angles of smart board, etc., They had a clear vision of angles through this activity. It was a knowledge-filled and interesting activity for the day.





#### Grade 4: Integer Puzzle:

Puzzles create curiosity for the learners. And finding answers for the Integers is also an exciting activity for the learners. Together as an integer puzzle, learners got into the activity to find the exact answers. They took green colour for positive integers and red colour for negative integers. Puzzles were given to them; they found the final answers with colourful creative decorations. Learners came to know about the value of Mathematician Day and the vision of learning Maths which is in our day-to-day life. Finally, it was a knowledge filled activity.



#### Grade 5, 6 and 7: Games and Puzzles:

As part of the celebrations, Math games and Puzzles and talk on Mathematicians were organized and conducted by our students. Students of Grade 5 -7 engaged in brainteasing puzzles and logical reasoning games that tested their critical thinking skills and strategic planning. It successfully showcased that mathematics isn't just about numbers; it's a language, a tool, and a foundation for problem-solving and innovation.







### Grade 8 and 9: Mathematicians:

Students of 8 and 9 engaged with an enthralling narrative about mathematicians' journey into the world of mathematics, seamlessly blended personal anecdotes, historical insights, and mathematical concepts, making it accessible and engaging for students of all levels. Activities which we included were interactive math games, problem-solving competitions, and collaborative projects tailored to each grade level. We believe these activities will not only reinforce mathematical concepts but also foster a positive attitude towards the subject.



















### **IDENTIFYING MAGNETIC MATERIALS**

### Nithya S Mahendra (Grade 4 Science Educator)



Grade 4A students were engaged in a lab activity for identifying magnetic materials. For this experiment, students brought items like apple, empty soda can, paper clip, coin, sharpner, wooden spoon, nails etc., to segregate magnetic material from non- magnetic material using bar magnet and U – Shaped magnet. Students learnt to identify magnetic material and journal it by hands on experience.













Once again, we are proud to inform that Master Sarveshwaran of grade 8 and Master Arya of grade 7 were selected to represent our school at CBSE NATIONAL SCIENCE EXHIBITION which is going to be held shortly. The Chief Guest who presided the function was Vice Chancellor of Sai University.

Their achievement is truly commendable since they got selected out of 81 projects from 81 schools from the Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry CBSE SCHOOLS under the theme computational thinking on topic "Electronic Voting Machine Based on Fingerprint Module Using IoT", held on 21st and 22nd December at Lalaji Memorial Omega International School, Gerugambakkam Chennai.





### Grade-1 Meadows tree Christmas Art



### Grade-2 X-mas Reindeer Art





