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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER PRINCIPAL - MS ASMA NAINAR



Respected Parents,

As we draw the curtains on the Academic Year 2023-2024, we the Management, Principal, and Staff of BHIS-K would like to thank all our parents and well-wishers for the support and cooperation provided to us during this academic year.



The culture of the weekly newsletter Cherries started with my journey as the Founder-Principal of this institution way back in 2018 when we opened our doors to the parent and student community. Today is the 236th edition of the weekly magazine and I have fond memories of this newsletter spreading the weekly goodness of connecting the learnings at school with our parent community.

I now step down as the Founder Principal of BHIS – Kelambakkam and pass on the baton to the capable leadership of Ms. Seema Dogra who has taken office as Principal Designate at BHIS – Kelambakkam. Please do cooperate and support Ms Seema in her new role as you all supported me and my team.

This academic year was indeed filled with great achievements and success. It started with our Grade 10 success where students secured 84% school average and the individual student average for the school topper was 93%. This was indeed a great achievement for a new school which was sending the 2nd batch of students for the CBSE Board Examinations. Our focus on academic excellence has made us carve a niche for ourselves and we will strive to be a school that is a class apart. We actively addressed the learning gaps in the primary and middle school levels and bridged this gap through our academic remedial programs. This year in addition to Grade 10 our first batch of Grade 12 students have also taken up the CBSE Board Exams.

We had our first CBSE Board practical examinations for grade 12 students in our own campus. This is indeed another milestone achieved for us and we are looking forward for <u>our students to achieve success at the CBSE Board examinations every year.</u>

Our revamped SPA program was a great hit and thanks for the teachers and parents who got together to make it a grand success. The addition of skating, silambam, and basketball to the SPA program was well appreciated by the students and parents. The inauguration of the state-of-the-art Basketball court and the Basketball league tournament that was conducted in February 2024 was the cherry on the cake for the SPA program this academic year at Billabong High.

Our students have participated in various inter-school competitions and won accolades in the Science exhibition, choir competition and the CBSE National Science exhibition where our students were selected amongst the Tamil Nadu regional schools to participate at the National Level in New Delhi. Our students were taken to Sriharikota to view the launch of Aditya One live which was another great achievement for all of us. Multi-faceted exposures to our students in various fields have helped us achieve success in academics and activities and hence has made our school a class apart.

We assure you that our focus on academic excellence together with the innovative culture of the school will continue to bring exciting journeys every academic year and let us look forward for the same in the coming Academic year 2024-25.

Looking forward to your support and cooperation as always and your trust on BHIS - Kelambakkam and MIS - Kelambakkam as your partners in academic excellence for the future.

I remain on campus managing both the institutions as Deputy Chairperson and the Director for Administration and Finance.

Continue to pray for us and God Bless.

Ms. Asma Nainar.
Director of Admin & Finance
Rayyan Educational Trust.



JOURNEY OF KNOWLEDGE: PRIMARY CULMINATION



Ms. Aparna (Primary Educator)

As the academic year draws to a close, the students found themselves at a pivotal moment, reflecting on the culmination of their yearlong educational journey. The students thrived on a transformative expedition of learning, exploration and growth. Set against the backdrop of our school's vibrant spirit and unwavering dedication to academic excellence, the event was an unforgettable tribute to the collective achievements of our students, educators and the school community.



"Feathered quest - In search of Chook"

Ms. Suhasini & Ms. Sneha (Grade 1 Educators)

Students of Grade1 did a wonderful show in culmination, named as "FEATHERED QUEST - In search of Chook". The theme was based on their novel, 'Has Anyone Seen My Chook?", a realistic fiction. It is the story about a small sad girl who goes in search of her pet Chook. The Culmination was an integration of all the subjects while the students showed their talents through skits, roleplay, dancing and singing. They have learnt valuable lessons about empathy, togetherness, and understanding others, including the importance of extending our empathy towards animals.







"ANAKALYPTO - The Search Begins"

Ms. Srividya & Ms. Saradha (Grade 2 Educators)

"Adding fun to learning creates the best educational experience possible"-and culmination is the best example for this. The theme was "Anakalypto- the search begins". This theme was chosen to make the students understand how we can use our knowledge to solve our day- to -day problems. The students were thrilled to showcase their brilliance through this event. They enjoyed all the performances and also learnt the skills like – Collaboration, Team work and co-operation. The students were delighted to see their parents who came to witness their performances. Each subject was presented exceptionally well. We could see the students speak confidently with a very good command over the language. The cherry on top was their dance and music performance. This programme also gives an opportunity to each student to present their talents and excel in the same. The programme came to a conclusion with a video full of memories spent throughout the year.

















DUO FRINGES



Ms. Abinaya & Ms. Malar (Grade 3 Educators)

The students of Grade 3 culminated their academic learning by portraying the concept of 'DUO FRINGES'. It means that anything and everything has two sides to it. The subjects were also integrated based on this concept. The children learnt how to apply their knowledge, communication skills, collaboration and teamwork, creativity and innovation, reflection and much more. They also came to know how life always gives us choices and it is very important to make the right choice for the right consequences.







Transizione 2024

Ms. Nithya (Grade 4 Educator)



The term 2 culmination of Grade 4 titled as Transizione 2024 represents a magical transition in Italian language. Students showcased their multi-talent in various arenas in a beautiful way by highlighting what they learnt in this academic year so far. Right from the Sorting hat ceremony of Harry Potter to transition of various dance forms, students expressed their subject knowledge and integrated well with the theme of event. The Rising star and Star performer awards made everyone curious and the students were overwhelmed by the announcement. The positive feedback from the parents about the culmination is the highlight of the event. Chairperson's address, Director's address and Principal's address appreciating the talents and capability of students made their day. The event ended with a positive vibe from everyone present there with a beautiful picture of entire Grade 4 students along with teachers and management.









KG GRADUATION DAY



Ms. Devi S (Senior KG Educator)

Kindergarten graduation is a significant milestone for children as they move from preprimary to primary school. Our Kangaroo Kids celebrated their Graduation Day on March 16, 2024.

Our Nursery and Junior Kindergarten students began the ceremony with a prayer, a thought for the day, and a warm welcoming speech. The little tots were dressed up in lovely outfits and performed various activities such as music and dancing, which was well received by everyone there. Our senior kindergarten children led everyone on an Ikan learning adventure, which was a highlight of the programme.

The most significant part of the day, the Graduation Ceremony, began with the smart tiny tots of Senior Kindergarten walking the stage attired in graduation robes and caps. The Principal, **Ms. Seema Dogra**, the Chief Guest, **Ms. Jothi Katakam**, the Chairperson, **Mr. Yasir Nainar**, and the Director, **Ms. Asma Nainar**, honoured the students with their graduation certificates.

In her convocation address, Chief Guest Ms. Jyothi Katakam, child psychologist and visionary founder of CheerHug Kids Preschool, congratulated the graduates on their achievements and thanked the teachers for their dedication and hard work in shaping the students through education and other co-curricular activities.

It was a joyful and memorable day not just for the children, but also for their parents and educators, who were proud of their child's achievements.

The day was a celebration of the students' hard work and accomplishments, as well as an opportunity for them to look ahead to the future.





























































EDITOR'S NOTE:





Ms. Aparna (Cherries Content Editor)

As we bid farewell to another academic term, it's with a mixture of nostalgia and pride that we present the final edition of our school newsletter for this term. The students have gone through a whirlwind of activities, achievements and growth, all of which have helped the school community progress in various unique ways. From the heartwarming performances on the stage, exhilarating triumphs on the sports field to the displays of scientific prowess, each edition of this newsletter had reflections of dedication, talent and spirit that define our school.



As always, we are immensely grateful to our teachers, staff, parents, and students for their unwavering support and dedication. Thank you for being a part of the school's journey and looking forward to create more memories for the next academic year.

Wishing you all a restful and rejuvenating break.



Ms. Shahana (Cherries Layout Designer)

I feel honoured and proud to be part of this Cherries from 2021. As a Layout Designer, I thank my management for this wonderful opportunity that helped me to showcase my skills. Special thanks to our beloved director who is also the creator & mastermind behind Cherries, **Ms Asma Ma'am** for having trust in me and handing over this huge responsibility to exhibit my creativity and talent. I'm humbled to say that this is my 97th edition and I got the opportunity to redesign the entire layout for cherries in our 200th edition which was well received and appreciated by everyone.



Cherries is a wonderful platform that speaks about the weekly happenings in the school, cherishes our students' talents across grades, and picturizes any other special event or occasion celebrated during the week. It acts as a parent guidebook and helps the parent to get a sneak peek of the weekly happenings in the school. I take this opportunity to thank all the students and parents for the overwhelming support for cherries.

As we go to the next year, we are committed to continuing this weekly cherries and will make sure the parents get the best & exciting cherry every week. I thank all my teachers for their continuous support. Special thanks to our content editor **Aparna Ma'am** for her support and guidance. See you all in the next academic year with a new edition of cherries.