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STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION 2024-25

"Democracy in Action: The Exciting World of Student Elections"

Mr. James (Physical Education Educator)



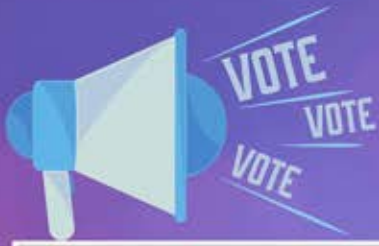
Billabong High International School, Kelambakkam, recently concluded its highly anticipated Student Council elections for the academic year 2024-25. Students eagerly contested for various leadership roles, including Head Boy, Head Girl, Sports Captain, Vice-Captain, Discipline Captain, Cultural Secretary, and House Captains.

The process, spanning from June 6 to July 13, featured nominations, campaigning, and voting. The campaign period at the school campus was vibrant and dynamic, with students showcasing leadership skills, presenting manifestos, and engaging in debates. Posters, speeches, and diverse campaign strategies were used to garner peer support. Voting was carried out confidentially through a ballot process, involving eligible students from grades 3 to 12.

Principal Ms. Seema Singh Dogra announced the results during the morning assembly on July 13, extending congratulations to the newly elected council members. Looking ahead, anticipation grows for the upcoming investiture ceremony where these student leaders will be formally honored.

Stay tuned for more updates on this significant event at Billabong High International School.







NURSERY

Nursery kids participated in an engaging activity where they used clay to create numbers. They started by handling the clay, which they molded and shaped to match number templates. By covering these templates with clay, they not only learned to recognize and form numbers but also enjoyed the tactile experience of working with the material. This hands-on activity was highly beneficial for their cognitive development. As the children manipulated the clay, they improved their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. The process of shaping the clay into numbers required concentration and problem-solving, enhancing their cognitive abilities.



JUNIOR KG



Junior KG kids learned to sort numbers by arranging circles into bowls. This activity improved their concentration and number identification skills. As a result, their cognitive development, particularly related to math, was enhanced.





SENIOR KG

Senior KG kids engaged in an activity where they used tongs to lift pasta pieces. They identified numbers by sorting the pasta and also calculated various parameters. This activity enhanced their fine motor skills, number recognition, and basic math abilities.









Ms. Sneha R, Club Head & Math Educator



This week, our school hosted a series of SEEP and Life Skill Club activities for students across all grade levels, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and personal development.

SEEP Activities on June 13th

The SEEP (School Enrichment Education Program) activities were held on June 13th.

- Primary Students: Participated in a "Show and Tell" activity, where they enthusiastically presented a variety of topics and ideas, showcasing their public speaking skills and creativity.
- Middle and High School Students: Engaged in a "Story Building" activity. They collaborated in groups to craft imaginative and cohesive stories, demonstrating their teamwork and storytelling abilities. This activity encouraged them to think on their feet and develop narratives collaboratively.

Life Skill Club Activities on June 14th

On June 14th, the Life Skill Club activities focused on essential skills tailored to different grade levels:

- Grade 1 & 2: Students participated in a "Sorting Objects" activity, where they categorized books, stationery items, and other objects. This exercise helped them develop organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Grade 3-5: These students took part in a "Memory Retention Challenge." A list of words was written on the board, and the children were given time to memorize them. They then wrote down as many words as they could remember within the allotted time, enhancing their memory and recall abilities.
- Grade 6-8 and Grade 9 & 11: Students were asked to reflect on "My Strengths & My Weaknesses." They listed ten strengths and ten weaknesses, promoting self-awareness and introspection. This activity encouraged them to recognize and appreciate their personal qualities while identifying areas for growth.

The first club activities for this academic year were a resounding success, with students actively participating and engaging with the tasks at hand. The enthusiasm and creativity displayed by all grade levels set a positive tone for the upcoming school year.









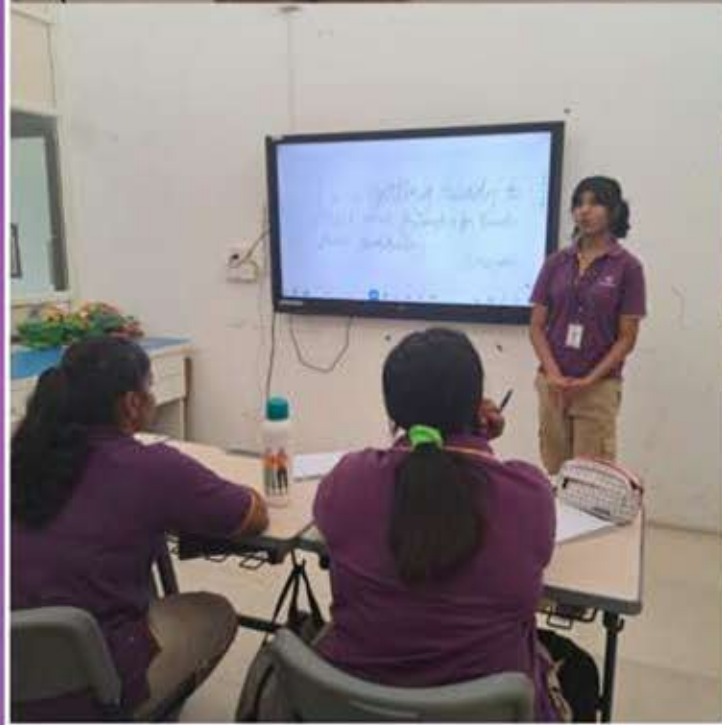












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PLANTING SEEDS OF CURIOSITY

Ms Devi S (Senior KG Educator)



In early childhood education, nurturing curiosity and environmental awareness is paramount. One engaging activity that captures both is the 'Sow a Seed' activity, tailored for senior kindergarteners. This hands-on experience not only teaches about plant growth but also instills a sense of responsibility and wonder in young minds.

The 'Sow a Seed' activity begins with a simple introduction to plants. Kindergarteners learn about the basic needs of plants—soil, water, sunlight, and air—and how seeds grow into plants. This foundational knowledge sparks their curiosity and sets the stage for the practical aspect of the activity.

This activity is not merely about planting seeds; it is about planting the seeds of curiosity, responsibility, and environmental awareness in young minds. By engaging in hands-on activities like this, kindergarteners develop a deeper connection to nature and a foundation of knowledge that will serve them well in their educational journey and beyond.



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Celebrating Fathers in Kindergarten

Ms Shahana ,Senior KG Educator



In the heart of every kindergarten classroom, excitement and joy filled the air as little ones engaged in a special celebration—Father's Day! It was a day dedicated to honoring the superheroes in their lives, their dads.

The morning began with a buzz of activity. Tiny feet danced with their dads to a few warm-up songs, followed by engaging in some interesting physical activities. The highlight of the celebration was when dads participated in a fireless cooking activity with their kids, creating delicious recipes together.

With colors in hand and smiles on their faces, the children eagerly crafted heartfelt cards with their dads to show their love and appreciation. As the day drew to a close, the children crowned their dads, marking the most wonderful part of the day. Laughter and heartfelt conversations filled the kindergarten classrooms as dads bonded with their little ones, creating cherished memories that would last a lifetime.

In the end, the Father's Day celebration in kindergarten wasn't just about the crafts or the snacks; it was a day filled with love, gratitude, and the joy of family. For these young children, it was a chance to express their love for their dads in their own special way and to celebrate the wonderful role models they have in their lives.







#6

CREATING HEARTFELT FATHER'S DAY CARDS



Ms D. Shalini, Visual Arts Educator

"A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow." Our Billabongers expressed their gratitude and love for their fathers by creating colorful greeting cards, including heartfelt and meaningful quotes, and presenting them to their fathers. Students enjoyed this card craft activity, expressing their love and emotions for their super dads. They were very excited and happy to gift the cards, which they made in school, to their fathers.







CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS IN THE ART CORNER

Ms D. Shalini, Visual Arts Educator



We are on Earth to take care of life. We are on earth to take care of each other'
'Preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known.'- **CARL SAGAN**

EARTH DAY - MY BEAUTIFUL WORLD

Our Billabongers participated in the Earth Day competition and expressed their thoughts and creativity by composing meaningful art works on the theme "My Beautiful World."
Students enjoyed expressing their imagination and ideas by creating art pieces based on the topics given to them.











Facts About Father's Day



Father's Day was first celebrated on June 19 1910. It was invented in the United States by Sonora Smart Dodd from Spokane, Washington as a way to celebrate her own father who was a veteran of the Civil War



US President Calvin Coolidge was the first to promote the idea of Father's Day in 1924. US President Lyndon Johnson signed a proclamation in 1966 declaring that the third Sunday of June should be designated Father's Day while President Richard Nixon signed a law to allow for permanent recognition of Father's Day in 1972.



Although the practice of honouring fathers on the third Sunday in June began in the US, it is now used as a Father's Day in more than 40 countries around the world.

