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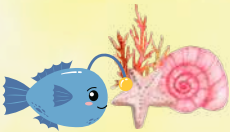
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Respected Parents,

As we draw our curtains to the academic year 2024-2025, we the management, Principal and Staff of BHIS-K would like to thank all our parents and well-wishers for their support and cooperation. The culture of Cherries newsletter started with my journey as a Trustee and Principal of this institution way back in 2018 when we opened our doors to the parent and student community. Today is the 270th edition and we are proud to continue this tradition of releasing our weekly newsletter - Cherries.



The academic year 2024-2025 was indeed filled with wonderful achievements and success. CBSE Board results of 10th and 12th grade with toppers scoring 92% and above was quite commendable. This is really a great achievement for the growing school. Our focus on academic excellence has created a niche for us as a school that works with our students to help them to excel in academics.

We have addressed the learning gaps in the primary and middle school level and bridged this gap through remedial programs. The reading program in the primary wing helped the students to read novels with confidence. The introduction of club activities and the monthly art competitions have motivated the students to explore their artistic and critical thinking skills.

The addition of new activities like Chess and School Marching Band have added value to the SPA program and well accepted by the students and parents. Our Basketball league tournaments remain the talk of the town.

Our students participated in various inter school competitions and won accolades in the inter-school Science exhibition, Choir competition and many Football, Badminton and Basketball tournaments. Multi-faceted exposure for our students in various sports and arts activities have helped us achieve overall excellence.

We assure you that our focus on academic and activities excellence will remain the culture of our school. We wish you yet another exciting journey in the Academic year 2025-2026.

Looking forward for your support and cooperation for your school BHIS -Kelambakkam. We will continue to strengthen our ties and keep our relations strong forever.

Ms. Asma Nainar.
Principal – BHISK.



#1

HANDPRINTS OF HAPPINESS: CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL HAPPINESS DAY WITH LITTLE ONES

Ms. Sarala B, Nursery Educator

International Happiness Day is a wonderful opportunity to remind children that joy can be found in the simplest of moments. We embraced this special day with a heartwarming activity called Handprints of Happiness. Our little learners expressed their joy by dipping their hands in vibrant colors and creating beautiful handprint art, symbolizing their unique happiness.

As tiny hands pressed against the paper, smiles and laughter filled the room. The kids were thrilled to see their colorful impressions take shape, each handprint representing their cheerful spirits. This hands-on activity not only encouraged creativity but also helped them understand the importance of happiness and self-expression.





#2

BE A MATHEMATICIAN – THE KNOWLEDGE OF RATIO TO MAKE COLOURS

Ms. Sneha & Ms. Abinaya , Grade 4A & 4B Math Educators



Mathematics is not just about numbers; it is also about patterns, proportions, and real-life applications. The Grade 4 students participated in an exciting activity where they explored the concept of ratios through a fun color-mixing experiment. Working individually or in groups, each student had three containers: one with red paint, another with blue paint, and an empty one. Using measuring cups, they carefully followed specific steps to mix the colors.

First, they measured two cups of blue-colored water and poured it into the empty container. Then, they added three cups of red-colored water to the same container. As they mixed the two colors, they observed an amazing transformation—the creation of a beautiful purple color! This hands-on experiment helped students visualize how ratios work in real life.

Through this activity, they also learned that ratios are commonly used in everyday situations. Cooking and baking require precise ingredient proportions, such as 2 cups of flour to 1 cup of sugar. Map reading uses scales like 1 cm representing 10 km. Speed and time calculations help in understanding distances, while mixing solutions is important in medicine and fertilizers. The students thoroughly enjoyed the activity and felt like real mathematicians, making learning both engaging and meaningful!



Ratios in Nature:

The golden ratio, a special number (about 1.618), is often found in nature, like in the spiral patterns of seashells and the branching of trees.

Ratios in Cooking:

Chefs use ratios to make sure the flavors in a dish are balanced.

Ratios in Currency:

Ratios help us convert money from one currency to another, like pounds to Euros.

Ratios in Maps:

Ratios are used on maps to show how much the real world is reduced to fit on the page.









#3

A MEMORABLE PICNIC DAY FOR OUR NURSERY KIDS

Ms. Sarala B, Nursery Educator

Our little learners had an amazing Picnic Day, filled with excitement, exploration, and laughter. This activity provided them with the perfect opportunity to engage in outdoor activities, socialize with friends, and enjoy a fun-filled learning experience.

The day began with free play, where the kids ran around, stretching their little arms and legs. They had a wonderful time playing Hide and Seek and held hands as they joyfully played Ring Around the Roses, singing and falling together with laughter.

The children played ball games, rolling, passing, and kicking, which helped them develop motor skills and teamwork. A fun "Follow the Leader" game had them hopping, skipping, and clapping along with their friends.

They also embarked on a mini nature walk within the school premises. Excitedly, they pointed at trees, flowers, birds, and butterflies, noticing the different colors and shapes around them.

One of the most exciting moments of the day was snack time! The kids eagerly opened their lunch boxes, filled with healthy treats like fruits, sandwiches, and juice. They sat together, shared their snacks, and learned the joy of eating together and caring for friends. Picnic Day was not just about fun; it was an opportunity for our nursery kids to explore, play, learn, and bond. The excitement on their faces and the laughter they shared made it a truly special and memorable day for everyone.







#4

UNDERWATER PLAYDOUGH FUN – JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN ADVENTURE

Ms. Sivaranjani S, Junior KG Educator

Wiggle like a little fish,
Swish and swirl, make a wish!
Down below where dolphins play,
Let's make the ocean out of clay!

With this fun little rhyme, our Junior Kindergarten children began their underwater Playdoh adventure last week! The little ones used their tiny hands and big imaginations to create colorful sea creatures — from bright starfish and playful turtles to wiggly octopuses and vibrant coral reefs.

It was a delightful hands-on activity that helped them explore shapes, colors, and textures while building fine motor skills. The classroom transformed into a joyful underwater world filled with creativity, smiles, and excitement!









ART CORNER

Ms Karishma, Art Educator

Sumo Wrestler Origami: A Creative Blend of Art and Culture

Grade 1

Art and learning go hand in hand, and Grade 1 students recently proved this by crafting Sumo Wrestler Origami in their combined Art and GP. This fun-filled activity helped students explore creativity while learning about different cultures and traditions.

Hands-on Learning with Origami

With the guidance of their teachers, students folded colorful papers into cute sumo wrestler figures. This simple yet engaging craft improved their *fine motor skills, focus, and patience while making learning enjoyable.

Blending Art with GP Concepts

As part of the GP subject, students also learned about sumo wrestling, its history, and how it plays an important role in Japanese culture. This integration of art and knowledge helped them connect creativity with real-world topics.

Interactive and Fun!

Once their origami wrestlers were ready, the students had *a friendly sumo match by tapping on the table to see whose wrestler would stay upright the longest. This playful activity made the learning process even more exciting!

Through this combined art and GP activity, students not only enhanced their artistic skills but also gained cultural awareness and teamwork spirit. Learning through creative projects like this makes education more meaningful and fun for young minds!



Exploring 3D Art and Craft: Creating a 3D Room Corner

Grade 4

Grade 4 students are at a fantastic age where creativity can truly shine. One fun and educational project they can dive into is creating a 3D room corner. This activity introduces them to the concept of three-dimensional space, perspective, and design, all while allowing them to bring a room to life through their imagination.

A 3D room corner is a miniature representation of a room, viewed from the corner angle. It incorporates both the floor and the walls of a room, creating the illusion of depth. By focusing on a corner, students are encouraged to think about the space in three dimensions, which is different from flat, two-dimensional artwork.

Creating a 3D room corner is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop various skills. The project challenges students to think spatially, as they must design a room that feels like it exists in a physical space. It also encourages creativity, allowing students to personalize their rooms with different decorations, furniture, and colors.

Designing the room requires careful consideration of perspective. Students need to think about how the walls meet at a corner, how objects like furniture should be arranged, and how to create the illusion of depth. It also helps them understand the relationship between different objects in space, which is an important skill in both art and real-world problem-solving.

The 3D room corner project is an excellent way to introduce Grade 4 students to the world of three-dimensional art. It allows them to practice their creative and technical skills while also learning about perspective and space. By the end of the project, students will have a greater understanding of how to create depth in their artwork and will have developed a sense of pride in their ability to design a realistic, three-dimensional room. Whether done as a classroom project or a home activity, this craft is sure to be a memorable and educational experience.



A Window to Creativity: Exploring Art in the School Classroom

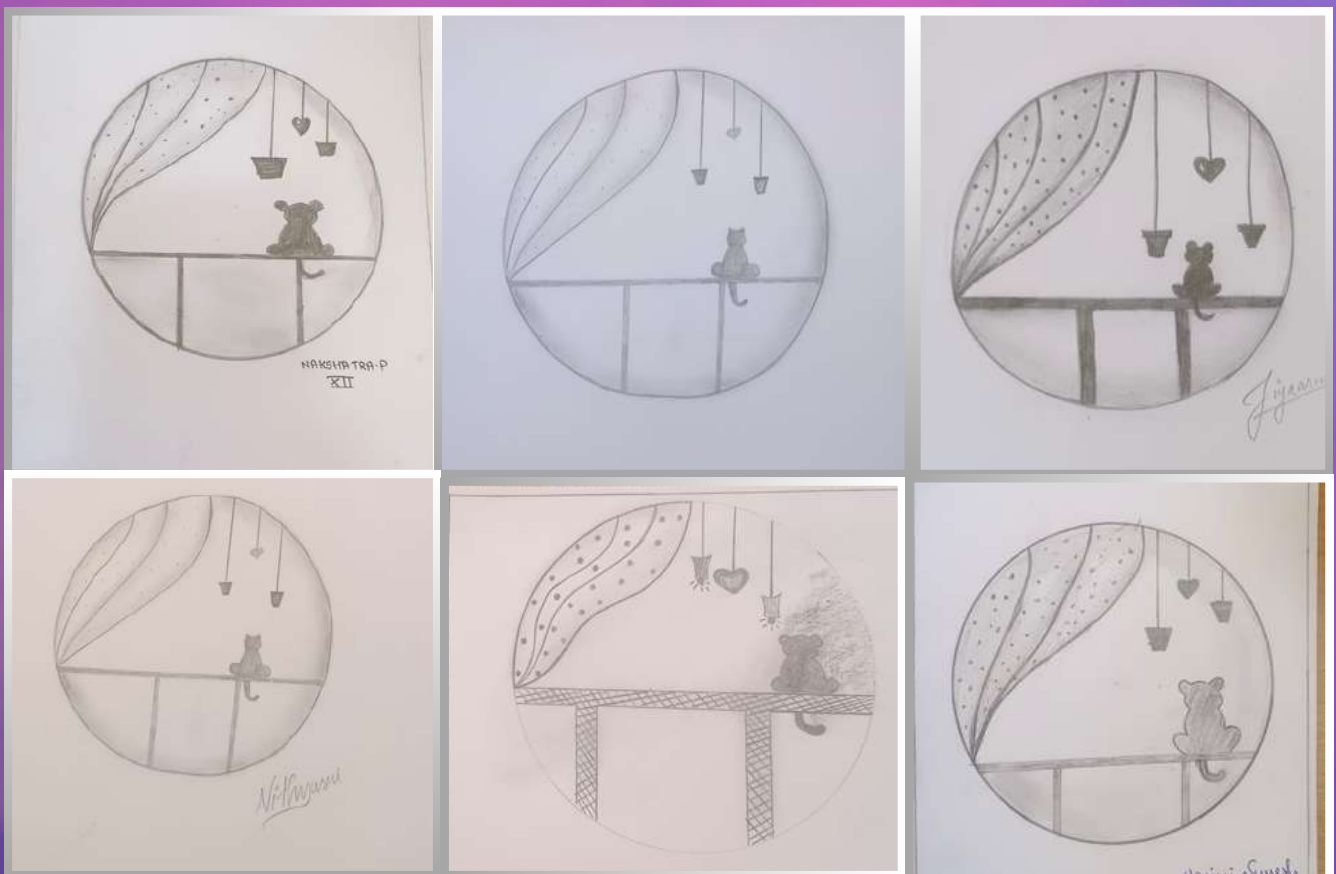
Grade 12

Art has always played a crucial role in education, allowing students to express their emotions, thoughts, and creativity in a unique way. The pencil sketches shown in the images are wonderful examples of how students use simple elements to create meaningful artwork.

Each drawing presents a circular frame depicting a cozy window scene, a flowing curtain, and a small teddy bear or cat gazing outside. Hanging elements like a heart and small lamps add warmth to the composition. This artwork, created in a school setting, reflects the innocence, imagination, and artistic skills of young students.

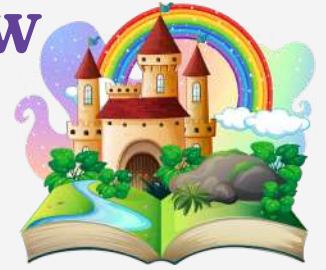
These pencil sketches are more than just drawings—they represent the creative minds of students and the importance of art in education. Through simple yet meaningful artwork, students develop skills that go beyond the classroom, preparing them to observe, imagine, and express themselves in various aspects of life.

In the end, just like the small teddy bear gazing out of the window, these young artists are looking beyond, dreaming, and creating their own beautiful worlds.



SENIOR KG LEARNING FESTIVAL - ADVENTURES THROUGH THE RAINBOW

Ms.Shahana A , Senior KG Educator



On March 15, 2025, the students presented a colorful and exciting event called "Adventures Through the Rainbow." The day began with a prayer and a lively dance performance, setting the tone for a fun-filled day.

The first stop was Math Land, where the kids showed off their math skills by skip counting, solving addition and subtraction problems, and singing a fun math song. They also played trivia games about numbers, sharing interesting facts along the way. Next, in Storyland, the students performed "The Little Red Hen" and taught the audience the importance of hard work and helping others. They followed up with trivia questions about the story.

The adventure continued in Hindi Garden, where the children introduced the audience to Hindi letters with fun rhymes and songs, making the learning process enjoyable. Afterward, the Space Galaxy Explorers took the audience on a journey through the solar system, with each student representing a planet or celestial body. They shared cool facts and answered space-related trivia, followed by a catchy song about planets.

In Nature's Garden, the students shared ways to protect the Earth, such as saving water, planting trees, and recycling. They concluded with a song to encourage everyone to take care of the planet.

The day wrapped up with a vibrant dance performance, celebrating the colors of the rainbow. The hosts thanked everyone for their participation, and the event ended with smiles and applause.

"Adventures Through the Rainbow" was a day full of learning, creativity, and fun, leaving everyone with lasting memories.







SENIOR KG GRADUATION DAY: A SPECIAL CELEBRATION



Ms Devi S, Senior KG Educator

The Senior KG Graduation Day at Rayyan Hall Annex was a joyful and memorable event. It marked an important milestone for our little graduates as they prepared for their next learning adventure. Parents, teachers, and students came together to celebrate this special day.

The event was hosted by our Junior KG students, who did a fantastic job keeping the program lively. Ms. Sarala welcomed everyone and shared how proud we are of our students. Watching them grow and learn has been a wonderful experience.

We were honored to have our Chief Guest, Ms. Revathy Sunder, Chairman, First cry Intellitots Preschool, Kelambakkam, along with our Chairperson, Yasir Sir, and our Principal, Asma Ma'am. Their presence and encouraging words made the event even more special.

One of the most touching moments was the special memories video, showcasing the students' journey from their first day in school to all their achievements. It brought smiles and happy tears to everyone.

Our talented Junior KG students added to the joy with their energetic dance and music performances, receiving loud applause from the audience.

The highlight of the day was the certificate distribution. Each child proudly received their graduation certificate from our Chief Guest, while parents and teachers cheered them on.

Ms. Shahana delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to everyone who made this event possible. A special thanks went to our Chairperson, Principal, teachers, parents, and support staff for their efforts in making the day a success.

The Senior KG Graduation Day was truly a day to remember, filled with happiness and pride. We wish our little graduates all the best for their bright future.

Congratulations to the Senior KG Class of 2025!







