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A Colourful Celebration of Seasons

Exploring the Beauty of Every Season Through Fun and Expression

Ms. Devi S, Nursery Educator



As we concluded our June theme, "Seasons," our Nursery students celebrated a vibrant and joyful Seasons Celebration Day, bringing the magic of each season into the classroom.

The little learners arrived dressed in colourful costumes representing Summer, Monsoon, and Winter. They also brought a variety of season-related objects, including umbrellas, raincoats, sunglasses, hats, woollen caps, and scarves, making the celebration both meaningful and engaging.

Each child confidently spoke a few simple sentences about their chosen season and proudly explained the items they had brought. Their enthusiasm, confidence, and creativity shone brightly as they shared their learning with their classmates.



The classrooms came alive with cheerful colours, joyful smiles, and an atmosphere filled with excitement. Through this interactive celebration, the children developed a better understanding of the different seasons and their unique characteristics while enhancing their communication and presentation skills.

The day was a delightful blend of learning and fun, creating lasting memories and bringing the June theme to life for our young learners.

Our Amazing Organ Day

Building Confidence, Curiosity, and Knowledge Through Hands-on Experiences

Ms. Madeeha A, Junior KG Educator



Our Junior Kindergarten students recently celebrated Organ Day, transforming the classroom into a lively space filled with learning, creativity, and excitement.

The little learners came dressed as different internal and external organs and confidently participated in a fun-filled fashion parade. Each child proudly introduced the organ they represented and shared a few interesting facts, making the activity both informative and engaging.

The excitement continued with an interactive Organ Sorting Game, where students identified and sorted internal and external organs. Through these hands-on activities, they developed a better understanding of the different organs in the human body and the important roles they play in helping us function every day.

The celebration was a wonderful blend of fun and learning, encouraging confidence, active participation, and curiosity. It provided a memorable learning experience that helped our young learners appreciate the amazing human body in an enjoyable and meaningful way.



Did you know?

- The brain controls our thoughts, movements, and memories.
- The heart pumps blood throughout the body, keeping us alive and healthy.



Discovering the Wonders of the Human Body Through Interactive Learning



Did you know?

Our body has both internal organs, which are inside us, and external organs, which we can see and use every day.

Nature Walk – Observe, Explore, and Discover

Learning Through Observation

Ms. Reshma, Junior KG Educator



Our young learners embarked on an exciting Nature Walk, where they explored the outdoors and discovered the beauty of the natural world through observation and hands-on learning. During the walk, the children carefully observed the day's weather and explored the variety of plants around them. They enthusiastically identified birds, butterflies, and insects, making exciting discoveries while developing a deeper connection with nature.

Building on their observations, the learners completed their PowerSheet by recording the weather they experienced, the plants they noticed, and the birds and insects they had seen. This meaningful activity encouraged them to observe their surroundings closely, think critically, and express their findings with confidence.

The Nature Walk was an enriching experience that strengthened observation skills, nurtured curiosity, and inspired our young explorers to appreciate and care for the environment.



Did you know?

- **Nature walks help children become keen observers and develop a love for the environment.**
- **Butterflies, birds, and insects play an important role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem.**

Connecting Young Minds with the Wonders of Nature



Did you know?

Spending time in nature encourages curiosity, creativity, and a sense of responsibility towards protecting our planet.

Spotlight on Sight Words

Shining a Light on Early Reading Success

Ms. Sivaranjani, Senior KG Educator



Learning sight words became an exciting adventure during our Spotlight on Sight Words activity! Using a flashlight, the teacher shone a spotlight on different sight words, and the eager learners enthusiastically identified and read aloud the word the light landed on.

This interactive game encouraged quick word recognition, strengthened reading fluency, and boosted children's confidence. The element of surprise kept every learner actively engaged, making reading practice both exciting and meaningful.

Filled with fun, movement, smiles, and laughter, the activity created an enjoyable learning environment where children eagerly participated and celebrated their reading success. Through this playful approach, our young learners strengthened their early literacy skills while developing a love for reading.



Did you know?

Learning through play makes literacy skills more enjoyable and long-lasting.

Little Animal Classifier Day

Building Scientific Thinking Through Interactive Learning

Ms. Devaprasanna, Senior KG Educator



Our Junior Kindergarten learners had a wonderful time celebrating Little Animal Classifier Day, where learning about animals became an exciting hands-on experience.

The children brought colourful animal flashcards from home and enthusiastically participated in an engaging sorting activity. They carefully classified the animals into vertebrates (animals with a backbone) and invertebrates (animals without a backbone), helping them understand the differences between the two groups in a simple and meaningful way.

To reinforce their learning, the celebration concluded with an interactive quiz that encouraged students to recall and apply what they had learned. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and active participation made the session both enjoyable and educational.

The day was filled with exploration, excitement, and discovery, inspiring our young learners to appreciate the fascinating diversity of the animal kingdom while developing their observation and classification skills.



Did you know?

- **Vertebrates are animals that have a backbone, such as fish, birds, reptiles, mammals, and amphibians.**
- **Invertebrates do not have a backbone and make up the largest group of animals on Earth.**
- **Sorting and classifying help children develop observation, thinking, and problem-solving skills.**

Creative Exploration of Symmetry

Discovering Balance, Patterns, and Reflection Through Art and Mathematics

Ms. Sarala B, Grade 1 Maths Educator



This week, our learners explored the fascinating concept of symmetry while learning about different types of lines, including straight, curved, slanting, horizontal, and vertical lines. Through interactive discussions and engaging activities, they discovered how objects and shapes can be divided into two equal and matching halves. As part of the learning experience, the children completed an aeroplane symmetry and reflection worksheet by carefully drawing the missing half of the aeroplane. They closely observed the given half, visualised how the other side should appear, and recreated it to form a perfectly symmetrical picture. Once their drawings were complete, they brought their artwork to life by colouring the aeroplanes with their favourite colours, making each creation unique and imaginative. This enjoyable activity strengthened their observation skills, visual perception, fine motor skills, eye-hand coordination, and concentration. It also encouraged logical thinking, creativity, and imagination as they visualised the complete image and expressed their ideas through colour. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activity and were delighted to see how both halves came together to create a complete and balanced picture, making their understanding of symmetry both meaningful and memorable.



Did you know?

A symmetrical object has two matching halves that are mirror images of each other.

Many things in nature, such as butterflies, leaves, and flowers, show symmetry.



From Seed to Sprout – Exploring the Life Cycle of Plants

Nurturing Curiosity, Observation, and a Love for Nature

Ms. S. Priyanka, Grade 1 Science Educator



Our Grade 1 students enjoyed an enriching hands-on learning experience as they explored the fascinating world of seeds and discovered the early stages of a plant's life cycle.

The young learners observed and compared a variety of seeds, including green gram (moong), coriander seeds, peas, soya beans, rajma (kidney beans), fenugreek seeds, and chickpeas. They carefully examined each seed's colour, shape, and size, gaining an understanding that seeds come in many different forms.

The excitement continued as the children planted the seeds in soil and learned that plants need water, air, sunlight, and nutrient-rich soil to grow. Over the following days, they eagerly observed the remarkable transformation from a seed to a sprout and then to a healthy seedling, witnessing the wonders of nature firsthand.

This engaging activity strengthened their observation skills, patience, and sense of responsibility while fostering a deeper appreciation for the natural world. Through experiential learning, our young scientists gained a meaningful understanding of how plants grow and the important role seeds play in the life cycle of a plant.



Discovering the Wonders of Plant Growth Through Hands-on Exploration



Did you know?



- Every plant begins its journey as a tiny seed.
- Seeds need water, air, sunlight, and healthy soil to grow into strong plants.
- Watching a seed sprout helps us understand the amazing life cycle of plants.
- The first root that grows from a seed helps the young plant absorb water and nutrients from the soil.
- The first leaves that appear help the plant make its own food using sunlight.

Living or Non-Living? – A Fun Sorting Adventure

Building Scientific Thinking Through Collaborative Learning

Ms. Vasunthara, Grade 1 English Educator



Our Grade 1 students enthusiastically participated in an engaging group activity to explore the differences between living and non-living things. Through this interactive learning experience, they developed a better understanding of the characteristics that distinguish living things from non-living objects.

Various objects and picture cards were placed in bowls, and the learners worked together to identify and sort them into the correct categories. As they discussed their choices with their peers, they confidently explained the characteristics of living and non-living things, strengthening both their understanding and communication skills. The activity encouraged teamwork, observation, and critical thinking while making learning enjoyable and meaningful. The children actively participated, shared their ideas, and collaborated effectively, demonstrating enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the session.

This hands-on experience not only reinforced the concept of classification but also fostered confidence, cooperation, and a love for learning through exploration.



Exploring the World Through Observation and Classification



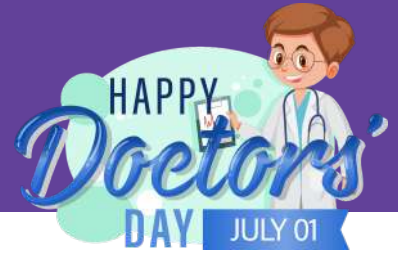
Did you know?

- Living things grow, breathe, need food and water, and reproduce.
- Non-living things do not grow, breathe, or need food and water.
- Sorting and classifying objects help children strengthen observation and logical thinking skills.

Honouring Our Everyday Heroes – National Doctors' Day Assembly

Celebrating the Dedication of Healthcare Professionals with Gratitude

Ms Sarala B , Grade 1 Educator



Our Grade 1 students conducted a meaningful National Doctors' Day Special Assembly, expressing heartfelt gratitude to doctors for their selfless service, dedication, and unwavering commitment to keeping us healthy.

During the assembly, the students confidently shared the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle by eating nutritious food, exercising regularly, maintaining good hygiene, and developing healthy daily habits. Their thoughtful presentations encouraged everyone to make positive choices for a healthier future.

Adding excitement to the event, the children participated in a lively role-play activity, taking on the roles of doctors and patients. This engaging performance helped them understand the invaluable responsibilities of healthcare professionals while enhancing their communication skills, confidence, and stage presence.

A special highlight of the assembly was a heartfelt tribute to our beloved Ms. Mabel (School Nurse) for her constant care, patience, and unwavering support in looking after our students every day. The children expressed their sincere appreciation for her kindness and the comfort she provides whenever they need assistance.

The assembly was both inspiring and educational, fostering respect for healthcare professionals while promoting healthy living, empathy, gratitude, and confident public speaking.



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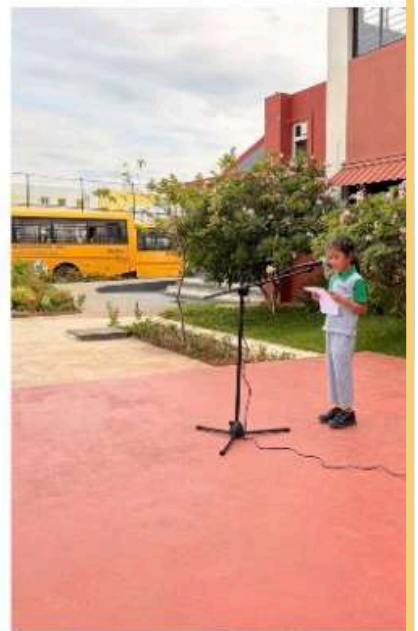


- **National Doctors' Day celebrates the dedication and invaluable service of doctors in keeping communities healthy.**
- **Regular exercise, healthy eating, and good hygiene are simple habits that help us stay fit and strong.**
- **Role-play activities help children develop confidence, communication skills, and empathy while learning through experience.**

Inspiring Healthy Habits, Compassion, and Confidence Through Student Participation



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Fun with Paint – Grade 3 Explores Digital Creativity

Unlocking Creativity Through Technology and Digital Art

Ms. Surekha P, Grade 3 ICT Educator



Our Grade 3 students enjoyed an exciting and engaging ICT Lab session on the topic "Fun with Paint," where they explored the creative possibilities of the MS Paint application. The session introduced them to a variety of essential tools, including the Pencil, Brush, Fill with Colour, Shapes, Eraser, Text, and Colour Palette.

With great enthusiasm, the students experimented with these features to create colourful and imaginative digital artwork. They explored different colours, designed shapes, added text, and transformed their ideas into unique creations, showcasing their creativity and growing confidence in using digital tools.

The activity not only nurtured their artistic expression but also strengthened their digital literacy, hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills, and familiarity with basic computer applications. The ICT lab buzzed with excitement and curiosity as every learner actively participated and proudly shared their artwork with classmates.

The session was a perfect blend of creativity, technology, and hands-on learning, making it an enjoyable and memorable experience for our Grade 3 learners while inspiring them to explore the world of digital art with confidence.



Did you know?

- **MS Paint is one of the first drawing applications many children use to create digital artwork.**
- **Digital drawing helps improve creativity, hand-eye coordination, and computer skills.**

Doctors' Day Dental Camp – Caring for Healthy Smiles

Encouraging Healthy Smiles with Preventive Dental Care

Ms. Devi S, Activities Coordinator



In celebration of Doctors' Day, our school organised a Dental Health Camp in collaboration with Chettinad Hospital and Research Institute. The initiative aimed to create awareness among students about the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene and developing healthy dental habits from an early age.

During the camp, the dental team conducted individual dental check-ups for the students and provided valuable guidance on maintaining healthy teeth and gums. They explained the importance of brushing twice a day, eating a balanced diet, and practising proper oral hygiene. Interactive demonstrations using dental models made the session engaging, informative, and easy for the children to understand.

The students participated enthusiastically, asking thoughtful questions and listening attentively to the practical tips shared by the dental professionals. The camp also helped identify children who required further dental care, encouraging timely follow-up and regular dental check-ups.

The programme was both educational and impactful, leaving students with greater awareness of the importance of oral health. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated team from Chettinad Hospital and Research Institute for their valuable time, expertise, and commitment to promoting healthy smiles among our students.

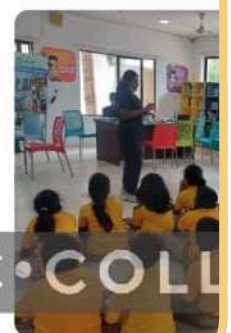
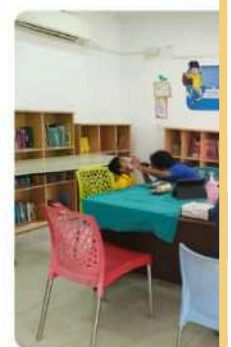
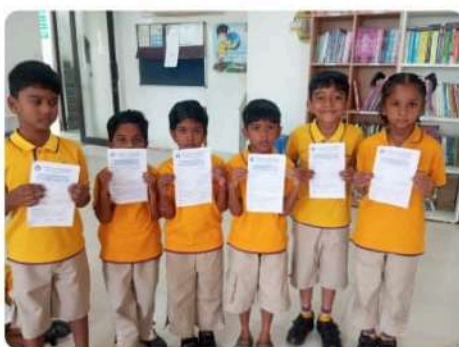


Did you know?

- **Dentists recommend brushing your teeth twice a day using fluoride toothpaste.**
- **Healthy teeth help us eat, speak, and smile with confidence.**



Promoting Oral Health Through Expert Care and Awareness



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Celebrating Excellence and Leadership – Investiture Ceremony 2026

A Proud Celebration of Excellence, Responsibility, and Student Empowerment

Ms. Srividya Acharya, Activities Coordinator



Billabong High International School celebrated its Investiture Ceremony 2026 with great pride and grandeur, marking a significant milestone in the academic calendar. The occasion celebrated academic excellence, artistic expression, and the formal induction of the newly elected Student Council 2026–27, inspiring every learner to strive for excellence and embrace responsible leadership.

The ceremony commenced with the ceremonial welcome of the Chief Guest, Wing Commander Mr. K. R. Srikanth, by our Principal, Ms. Asma Nainar, and Chairperson, Mr. Yasir Nainar. Their gracious presence added prestige and significance to the event.

The first segment of the programme honoured the school's brightest achievers through the Academic Excellence Awards. Students from Grades 5 to 12 were felicitated for their exceptional academic performance, recognising their dedication, perseverance, and commitment to learning.

Adding to the celebratory spirit, the audience was treated to a soulful choir performance that filled the atmosphere with pride and inspiration. This was followed by a vibrant dance performance that showcased the creativity, teamwork, and artistic talent of our students, earning enthusiastic applause from everyone present.

The highlight of the event was the formal Investiture Ceremony, during which the newly elected Student Council members proudly received their badges and sashes, symbolising the trust and responsibility entrusted to them by the school. As they took the oath of office, the young leaders pledged to uphold the values of honesty, discipline, respect, and service, committing themselves to lead with integrity and inspire their peers.

Addressing the gathering, the Principal congratulated both the academic achievers and the newly appointed student leaders, encouraging them to lead with humility, responsibility, and a collaborative spirit. The Principal reminded the students that true leadership lies in serving others and making a positive difference within the school community.

The Chief Guest congratulated the award recipients and Student Council members, applauding their accomplishments and motivating them to remain focused, resilient, compassionate, and committed to lifelong learning. The inspiring address emphasised the importance of integrity, teamwork, perseverance, and purposeful leadership.

The ceremony concluded on a note of pride, inspiration, and optimism, leaving everyone motivated to strive for excellence. The Investiture Ceremony 2026 stood as a memorable celebration of achievement and leadership, reflecting Billabong High International School's unwavering commitment to nurturing confident, responsible, and future-ready leaders.

A Proud Celebration of Excellence, Responsibility, and Student Empowerment



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Brew & Bond – Strengthening the Parent–Teacher Partnership

Building Meaningful Connections for Every Child's Growth

Ms. Pallavi Patel, Kindergarten & Pre-Primary Coordinator



The Brew & Bond session was thoughtfully introduced to create a meaningful platform where parents and teachers could connect, exchange ideas, share valuable suggestions, and work together to support the holistic development of our young learners.

Organised for the parents of Junior KG and Senior KG, the session commenced with a warm welcome followed by an engaging icebreaker activity that encouraged interaction and participation. Parents were then introduced to the activity kit and briefed on the day's agenda before joining the teachers in a series of hands-on learning experiences. This interactive session offered parents a deeper understanding of their children's classroom environment and learning journey.

The teachers also conducted a brief orientation on the School Canvas app, showcasing its features and explaining how it serves as an effective platform for seamless communication and collaboration between the school and parents.

The Brew & Bond session successfully strengthened the parent–teacher partnership by fostering trust, mutual understanding, and open communication. It reaffirmed our shared commitment to creating a nurturing learning environment where every child can grow with confidence, curiosity, and joy.



Did you know?

- **Children thrive when parents and teachers work together as a team.**
- **Active parent involvement helps build children's confidence, motivation, and love for learning.**
- **Strong school–home partnerships create a supportive environment that contributes to a child's overall development.**

Working Together to Nurture Confident, Happy, and Well-rounded Learners



Student Spotlight

Star of the Month – Celebrating Excellence



Ms. Pallavi Patel, Kindergarten & Pre-Primary Coordinator

The Star of the Month is a special initiative introduced by our Academic Facilitators to recognise and celebrate the exemplary behaviour, positive attitude, and outstanding character demonstrated by our young learners.

Each month, students from Grades 1 and 2 are honoured with the Star of the Month badge for consistently displaying responsibility, organisation, respect, and exemplary conduct both inside and outside the classroom. These students serve as role models, inspiring their peers through their actions and commitment to the school's values.

The prestigious badge is presented by the Academic Coordinator as a token of appreciation and encouragement, recognising learners who embody discipline, kindness, responsibility, and a positive approach to learning and school life.

This meaningful initiative motivates students to uphold strong values, make responsible choices, and strive for excellence every day. By celebrating positive behaviour and character, we continue to nurture confident, compassionate, and responsible individuals who lead by example.



Student Spotlight

Shining Stars of Primary – June 2026

Ms. Sneha, Primary Coordinator

Success is built through consistency, responsibility, and a positive attitude. We are proud to recognise our Grades 3–5 Star Students for the month of June 2026, celebrating their outstanding commitment to excellence.

One student from each section was selected for consistently demonstrating discipline, punctuality, responsibility, exemplary behaviour, and a sincere commitment to learning throughout the month. Their dedication and positive attitude have made them role models, inspiring their classmates through their actions both inside and outside the classroom.

The Shining Stars of Primary initiative celebrates not only academic commitment but also the values and character that contribute to a positive and nurturing school environment. By acknowledging these young achievers, we encourage every learner to strive for excellence and become the best version of themselves.

Congratulations to all our shining stars! May you continue to inspire others with your perseverance, uphold the values you represent, and reach even greater heights in the years to come.



Hall of Fame

Rolling Towards Success Congratulations, Yeswin!

Ms. Sneha, Primary Coordinator

We are delighted to congratulate S. Yeswin of Grade 5B on successfully completing the Grade A Skating Training Programme conducted by the Williams Inline Skating Academy.

This remarkable achievement reflects Yeswin's dedication, perseverance, and passion for the sport. Earning the Grade A Certification is a testament to the consistent hard work, discipline, and commitment demonstrated throughout the training programme.

We are incredibly proud of Yeswin's accomplishment and applaud this milestone, which serves as an inspiration to fellow students. Such achievements remind us that determination, practice, and resilience are the keys to success.

Congratulations, Yeswin! We wish you many more victories and milestones as you continue to skate towards an even brighter future. Keep rolling, keep learning, and keep inspiring!





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