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Welcoming the Monsoon with Creativity

Ms. Madeeha A, Junior KG Educator



This week, our Junior Kindergarten children explored the Monsoon Season through a fun and engaging collage activity. Working together, they created fluffy rain clouds by pasting cotton and used cotton buds to make dancing raindrops.

This hands-on activity helped develop the children's fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, teamwork, and creativity while introducing them to the beauty of the monsoon season. The little learners thoroughly enjoyed creating their rainy-day masterpiece and learning through play.



Learning Through Art, Play, and Teamwork



Did you know?

- Rain clouds are made of tiny water droplets that join together in the sky.
- The monsoon season brings much-needed rain that helps plants, animals, and people.

The Red Magic Box

Discovering the Wonders of First Aid

Ms. Devaprasanna, Senior KG Educator



Our Senior KG students recently enjoyed a special session with our school nurse, Ms. Mabel Vijaya. She opened her first aid kit and introduced the children to the different tools inside. She explained how bandages are used safely for small scrapes and when antiseptic is applied to treat minor cuts. Ms. Mabel also demonstrated how doctors use a stethoscope and explained its purpose.

The children enthusiastically identified the first aid items and learned how they can help someone with a minor injury. It was an engaging, informative, and confidence-building learning experience for everyone.



 Did you know?



- A first aid kit contains essential items to help treat minor injuries safely.
- A stethoscope helps doctors listen to the sounds of our heart and lungs.
- Learning basic first aid teaches us how to stay calm and help others in an emergency.

Rolling into Learning

Learning Tally Marks Through Play

Ms. Sarala B, Grade 1 Maths Educator



This week, our young learners thoroughly enjoyed a fun tally marks activity using dice. They took turns rolling the dice, identified the number shown, and represented it using tally marks. This hands-on activity sparked their curiosity and made learning fun, engaging, and exciting. The children participated enthusiastically and developed a better understanding of tally marks through play-based learning while strengthening their counting, observation, and recording skills.



Did you know?

- Tally marks are a simple way to count and keep track of numbers.
- Every fifth tally mark is drawn across the first four to make counting easier.
- Learning through games helps children understand mathematical concepts in a fun and enjoyable way.

Living or Non-Living?

A Fun Journey of Discovery!

Ms. S. Priyanka, Grade 1 Science Educator



Learning came alive as our young learners enthusiastically participated in an engaging hands-on activity using colourful flashcards to explore living and non-living things. With keen observation and thoughtful discussion, they identified and sorted the flashcards into the correct categories based on their characteristics.

The children discovered that living things grow, breathe, need food and water, move, and reproduce, while non-living things do not. This interactive learning experience strengthened their observation, classification, critical thinking, and communication skills while nurturing curiosity and helping them better understand the fascinating world around them.



Exploring the World Through Observation



Did you know?

- Living things grow, breathe, and need food and water to survive.
- Non-living things do not grow, breathe, or reproduce.
- Sorting and classifying objects helps develop observation and critical thinking skills.

Exploring the Parts and Types of Computers

Building Digital Skills Through Hands-on Learning

Ms.Priyanka, Grade 1 ICT Educator



Technology came alive in our classroom as our young learners embarked on an exciting ICT journey through a hands-on flashcard activity. With curiosity and enthusiasm, they explored the parts of a computer, identifying the monitor, CPU, keyboard, mouse, speakers, and other essential components while learning about their functions.

The children also discovered different types of computers, including desktop computers, laptops, tablets, and mobile phones, and discussed how these devices support learning, communication, and everyday life. This engaging and interactive experience strengthened their observation, identification, communication, and digital literacy skills while fostering confidence, curiosity, and a love for technology.



Sorting, Learning, and Discovering Together



Did you know?

- A computer has different parts that work together to help us learn, create, and communicate.
- Tablets, laptops, desktops, and smartphones are all types of computers designed for different purposes.

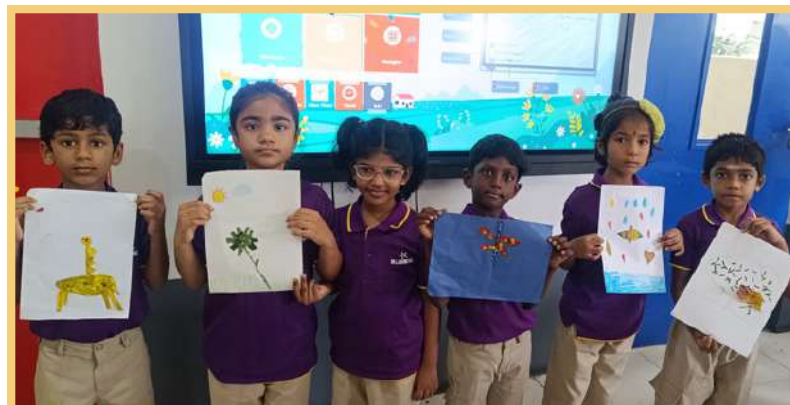
The Magic of Dry Leaves

Transforming Dry Leaves into Beautiful Art

Ms. Niveditha, Grade 2 Science Educator



Our students took part in a Dry Leaf Art Activity, where they created beautiful artworks using dry leaves collected from nature. With creativity and imagination, they transformed the leaves into attractive designs such as trees, birds, butterflies, flowers, and other artistic creations. This hands-on activity encouraged students to explore nature, think creatively, and develop their artistic and fine motor skills. Each piece of artwork reflected the students' imagination and appreciation for the beauty of natural materials. It was an enjoyable and enriching learning experience for everyone.



Nature's Treasures, Children's Creations



Did you know?

- Every leaf has a unique shape, size, and pattern, making nature a wonderful artist.
- Creating art with natural materials helps develop creativity and fine motor skills.
- Dry leaves can be reused in crafts, making art both fun and eco-friendly.

The Song of the Bee

A Creative Journey

Ms. Jenitha , Grade 4 English Educator



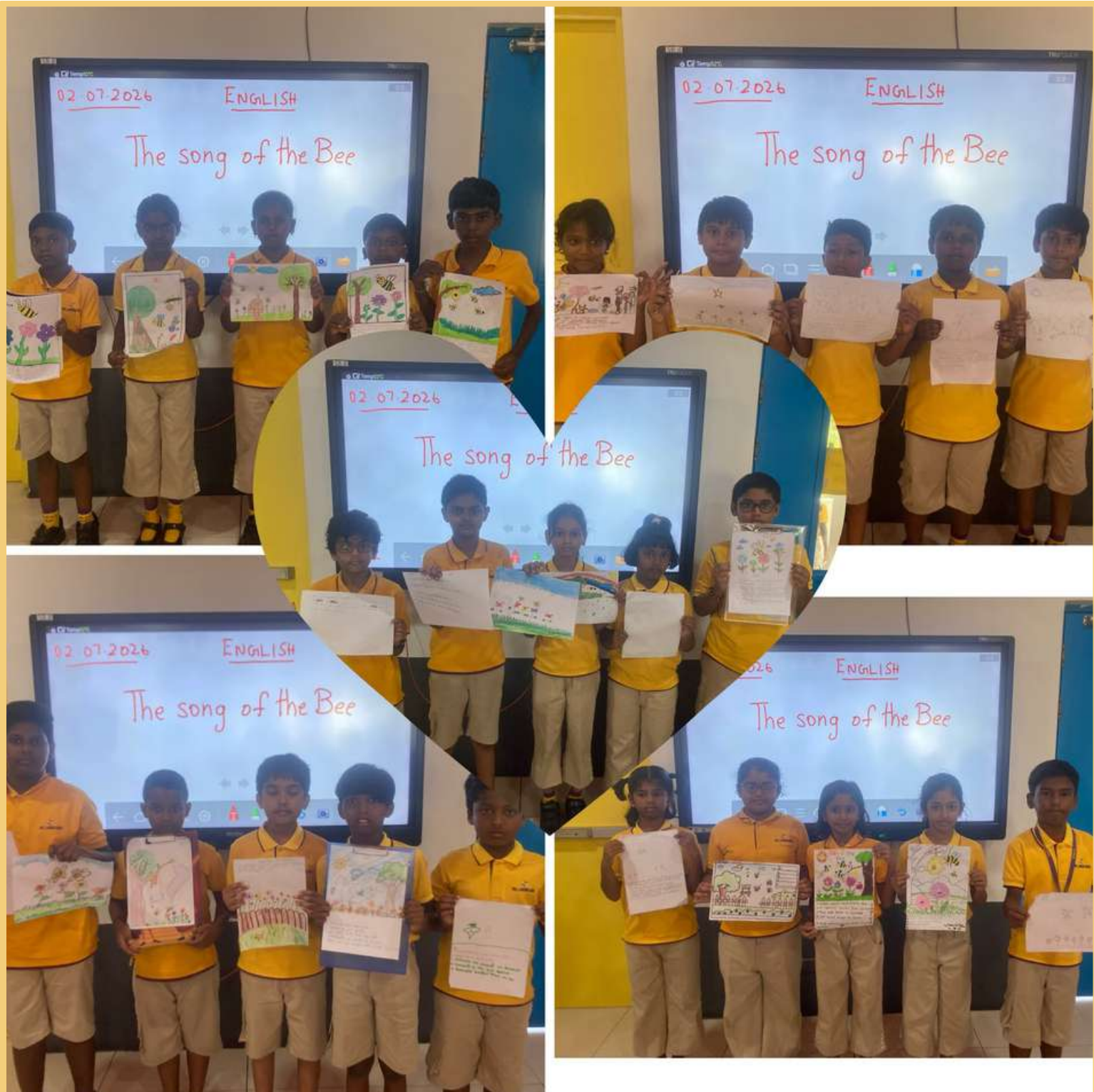
Inspired by the poem *The Song of the Bee*, our Grade 4 students explored the values of hard work and honesty through a creative art-integrated project. The poem beautifully teaches how a honeybee works tirelessly and sincerely, reminding us that success comes through dedication and honest efforts.

As part of the activity, students used their imagination to create vibrant garden scenes featuring flowers, trees, honeybees, and honeycombs. They also wrote five thoughtful lines on hard work and five lines on honesty, connecting these values to their own lives and experiences.

The creativity displayed in their artwork was remarkable, and their heartfelt reflections beautifully expressed the importance of being hardworking and honest in everyday life. The students thoroughly enjoyed the activity, enthusiastically completed their projects, and proudly presented their wonderful creations. It was a meaningful learning experience that encouraged creativity while reinforcing important life values.



Learning Life Values Through Poetry and Art



Did you know?

- Honeybees work together as a team to build their hives and make honey.
- Hard work and honesty are values that help us succeed in school and in life.

Learning Life Values Through Poetry and Art



Did you know?

Combining art with poetry makes learning more creative, meaningful, and enjoyable

Crowning Creativity



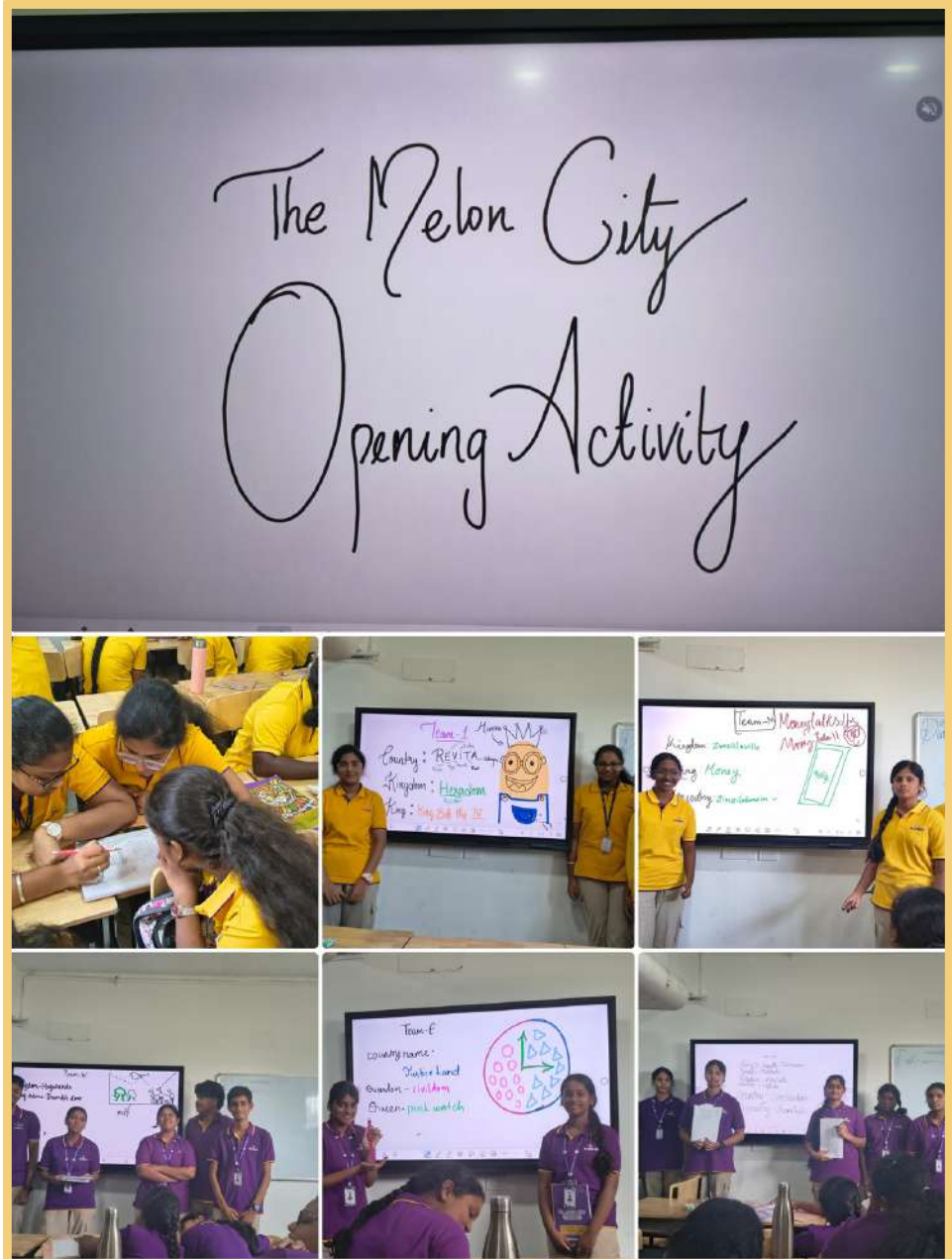
A Fun Beginning to The Tale of Melon City

Ms. Sagaya Princy , Grade 11 English Educator

The Grade 11 English classroom was filled with fun and laughter as students began their lesson on The Tale of Melon City with an exciting group activity. Each group was asked to choose a non-human object or character as their king or queen and explain why it deserved to rule.

The students came up with many creative ideas, choosing rulers such as badges, minions, and other interesting objects. Their presentations were full of imagination, humour, and teamwork, making the classroom lively and engaging.

The activity also introduced the central idea of the lesson in an enjoyable way.



By the end, students understood that choosing a leader is an important responsibility. They learned that a good leader should be chosen with wisdom, as the right choice can make a positive difference to everyone.

It was a joyful learning experience that combined creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and an important life lesson.

The Little Red Hen



A Celebration of Teamwork, Creativity, and Joy

Ms. Pallavi Patel, Kindergarten & Pre Primary Coordinator

The Kindergarten Team once again proudly brought the magic of storytelling to life through this year's much-awaited puppet show, **"The Little Red Hen."** Continuing a cherished annual tradition, the show was a grand success and left a lasting impression on our Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2 learners.

Behind every successful performance lay countless hours of dedication, creativity, and teamwork. From designing vibrant farm-themed decorations and crafting expressive puppets to creating an authentic stage setup, every minute detail was thoughtfully planned to transform the story into an engaging visual experience for our young audience.

The preparation extended far beyond the stage. The team meticulously developed the script, recorded the voices for each character, and carefully edited the recordings to produce a captivating final audio narration. Every element was prepared with precision to ensure a seamless and immersive storytelling experience.

The excitement and laughter of the children throughout the performance, their eager participation, and the smiles on their faces were the greatest rewards for the entire team. Watching the learners connect with the story and enjoy every moment made all the hard work worthwhile. It was a beautiful reminder that learning becomes truly meaningful when it is joyful, interactive, and memorable.

This remarkable achievement was made possible through the unwavering commitment and collaborative efforts of an exceptional team. Heartfelt appreciation goes to **Ms. Deepa, Ms. Sivaranjani S., Ms. Deva Prasanna, Ms. Madeeha, Ms. Devi, Ms. Reshma, Ms. Tina, Ms. Suganya, Ms. Mallika, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Anil.** Their creativity, enthusiasm, dedication, and tireless efforts played an integral role in making this year's puppet show another memorable milestone for the Kindergarten Wing.

The success of "The Little Red Hen" stands as a testament to the power of teamwork, passion, and shared commitment. Together, the Kindergarten Team has once again added another proud chapter to the legacy of its annual puppet shows, creating cherished memories that will remain with our young learners for years to come.

Bringing Stories to Life Through Teamwork



First Steps, Big Smiles!

Grade 5 PA-I Orientation

Ms. Sneha, Primary Coordinator



A wonderful blend of excitement, curiosity, and cheerful nervousness filled the classrooms as our Grade 5 students prepared for their first examination of the academic year. This also marked their first transition into the CBSE examination pattern, making it an important milestone in their learning journey.

To help students approach their exams with confidence, a PA-I Examination Orientation was conducted. They were guided on the CBSE exam format, answer paper presentation, time management, and simple yet important practices such as neat handwriting, correct question numbering, and reading every question carefully before answering.

The session was interactive and filled with smiles as students eagerly clarified their doubts and learned that examinations are not about fear but about giving their best with confidence. The examination guidelines were also shared with parents to ensure that students receive the right support and encouragement at home.

With bright smiles, positive minds, and pencils ready, our Grade 5 learners are all set to begin this new academic milestone.



Did you know?

- **Reading every question carefully helps avoid simple mistakes.**
- **Good time management allows students to complete their exams with confidence.**
- **Neat handwriting and proper presentation make answers easier to read.**

Preparing with Confidence, Progressing with Purpose



Empowering Educators Through AI Integration

Equipping Educators for the Classrooms of Tomorrow

Ms. Pallavi Patel, Kindergarten & Pre Primary Coordinator



Billabong High International School – Kelambakkam recently conducted an enriching in-house professional development workshop on **"AI Integration with Subjects."** The session was facilitated by our in-house resource person, **Ms. Shahana**, who delivered a well-structured and thoughtfully planned workshop aimed at empowering teachers with practical AI tools to enhance teaching and learning.

The workshop introduced educators to a wide range of AI-powered tools that can be effectively integrated across different subject areas. Ms. Shahana provided clear guidance on selecting the right AI tools for specific tasks, demonstrating how they can simplify lesson planning, create engaging learning resources, enhance assessments, and improve overall productivity. Her practical approach made the session highly interactive and relevant to the everyday needs of teachers.

The workshop inspired teachers to embrace technology as a valuable partner in education, enabling them to create more innovative, engaging, and personalised learning experiences for their students. By thoughtfully integrating AI into classroom practices, educators can devote more time to meaningful student interactions while fostering creativity, critical thinking, and exploration among learners.

The session proved to be both insightful and impactful, equipping teachers with the confidence and skills to explore the vast possibilities that AI offers in modern education.

On behalf of the entire teaching fraternity at Billabong High International School – Kelambakkam, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Shahana for conducting this informative and fruitful session.



Did you know?

- AI can help teachers create lesson plans, quizzes, and learning resources more efficiently.
- When used thoughtfully, AI gives teachers more time to focus on meaningful student interactions.

Transforming Teaching with the Power of AI



SEEP

Finding Confident Young Voices

Ms. Jenitha , Primary English Educator



On **10th July 2026**, our school conducted an exciting SEEP Competition for students of Grades 1 to 5. The event provided a wonderful platform for students to showcase their communication skills, self-confidence, expression, and stage presence through meaningful speeches.

The competition featured age-appropriate topics. **Grades 1 and 2 spoke on "My Family,"** introducing their family members with the help of a family photograph. **Grades 3 and 4 presented speeches on "My Best Friend,"** sharing the special qualities that make their friends unique. **Grade 5 students spoke on "A Person I Admire,"** expressing their admiration for inspiring individuals and highlighting their admirable qualities.

The students participated with great enthusiasm, confidence, and creativity. Their expressive delivery, thoughtful ideas, and confident performances made the event both inspiring and enjoyable. The competition successfully encouraged our young learners to develop their public speaking skills while expressing their thoughts with clarity and confidence.



Giving Every Child a Voice to Shine



Did you know?

Public speaking helps build confidence and improves communication skills.

Giving Every Child a Voice to Shine



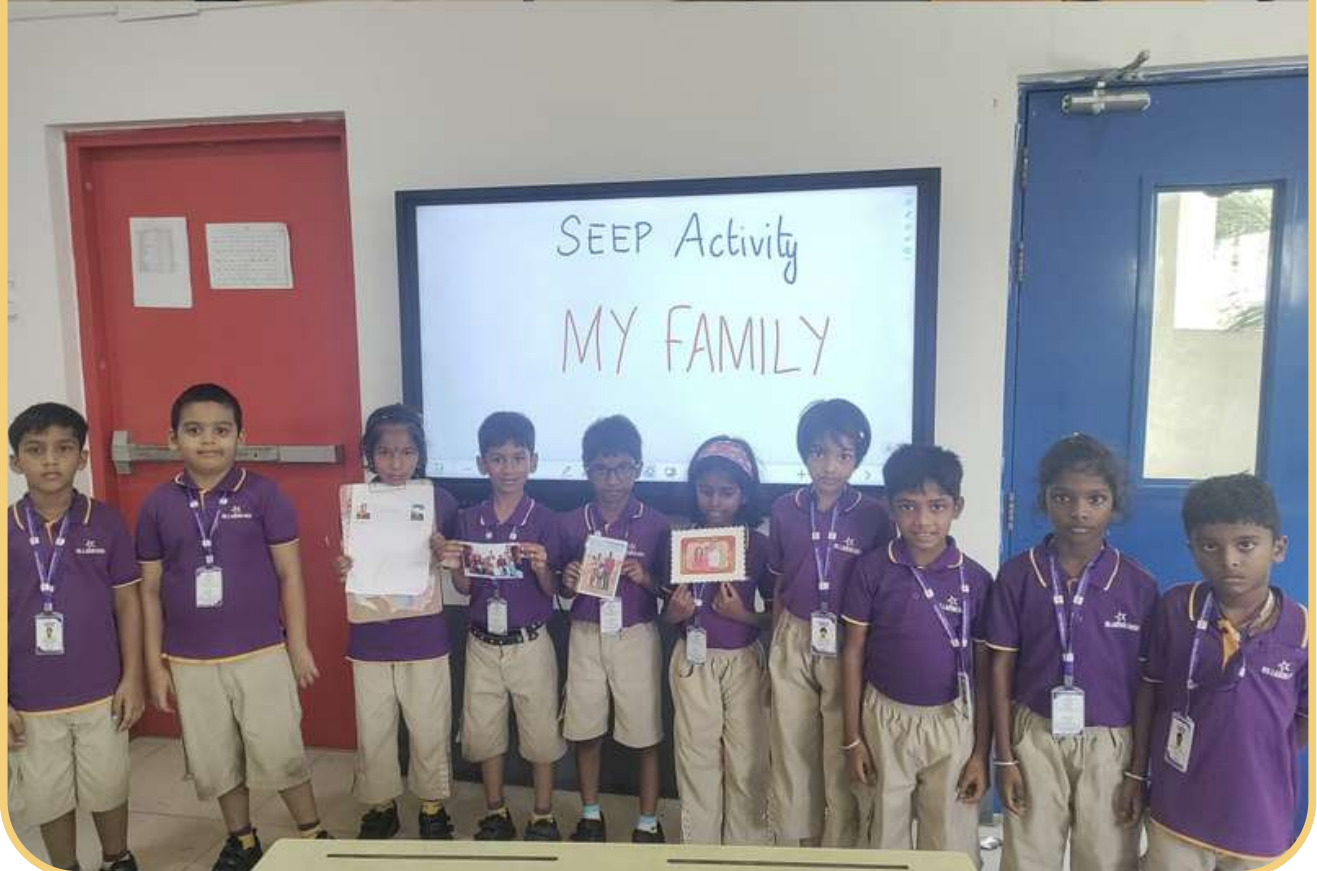
Did you know?

Speaking in front of an audience strengthens self-expression and stage presence.

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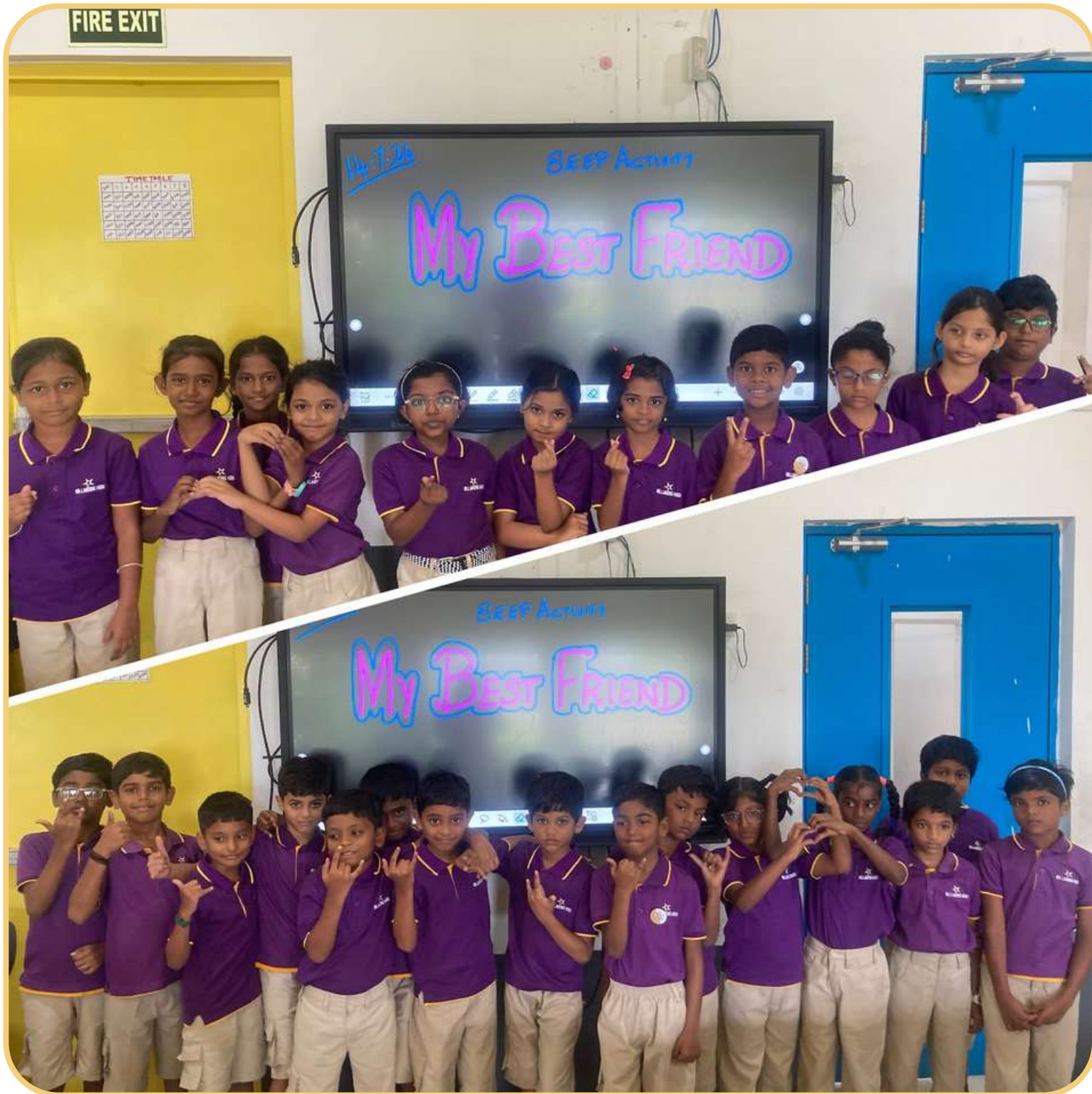
Did you know?

Every great speaker begins with the courage to share their ideas.

Building Connections Through Public Speaking



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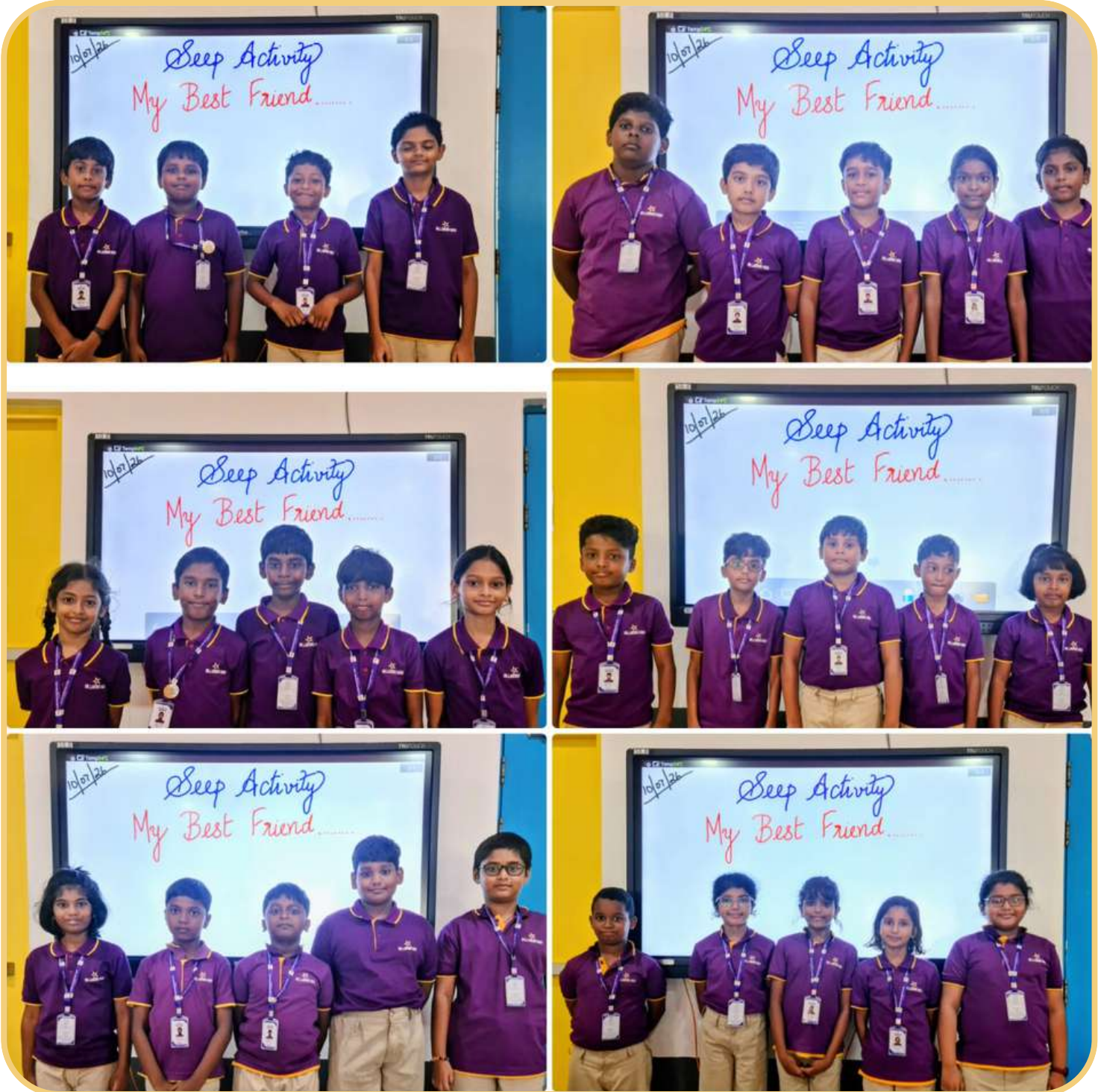
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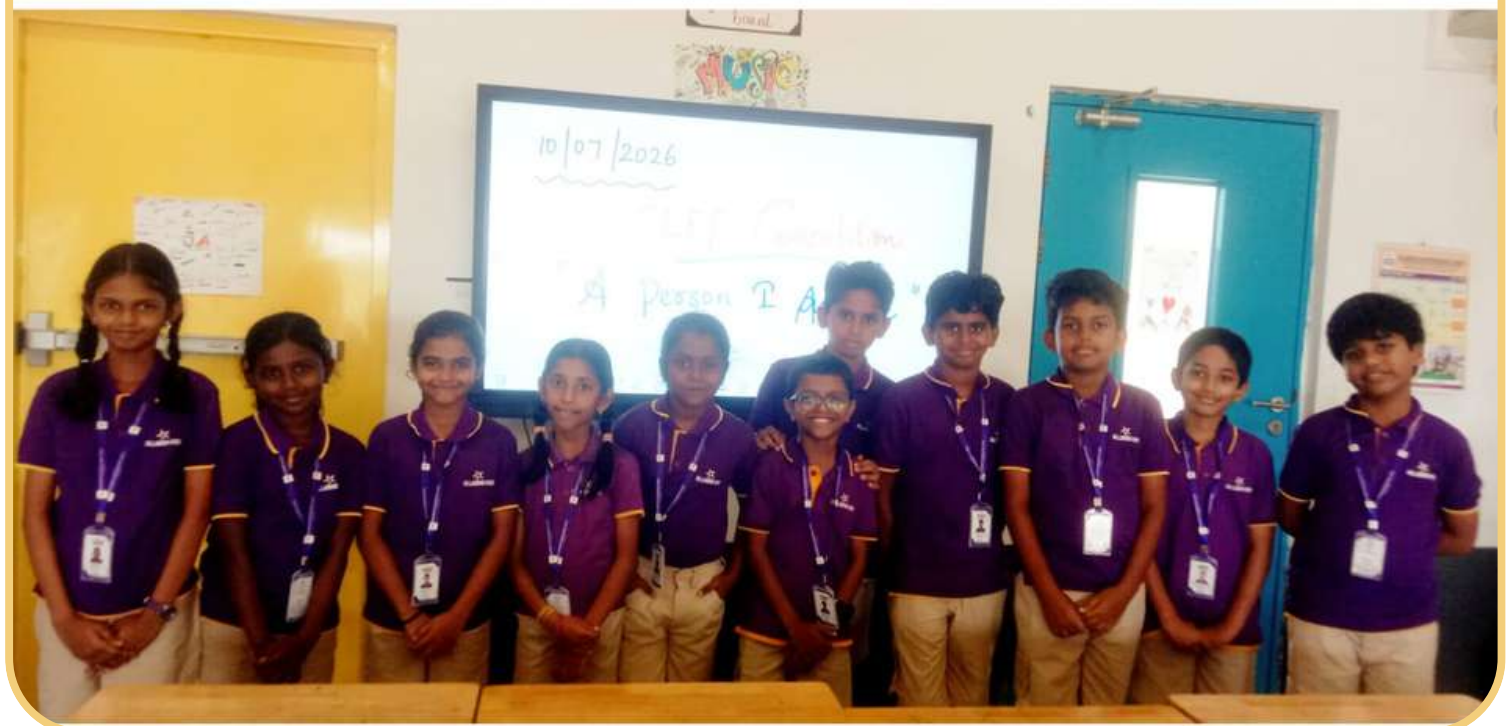
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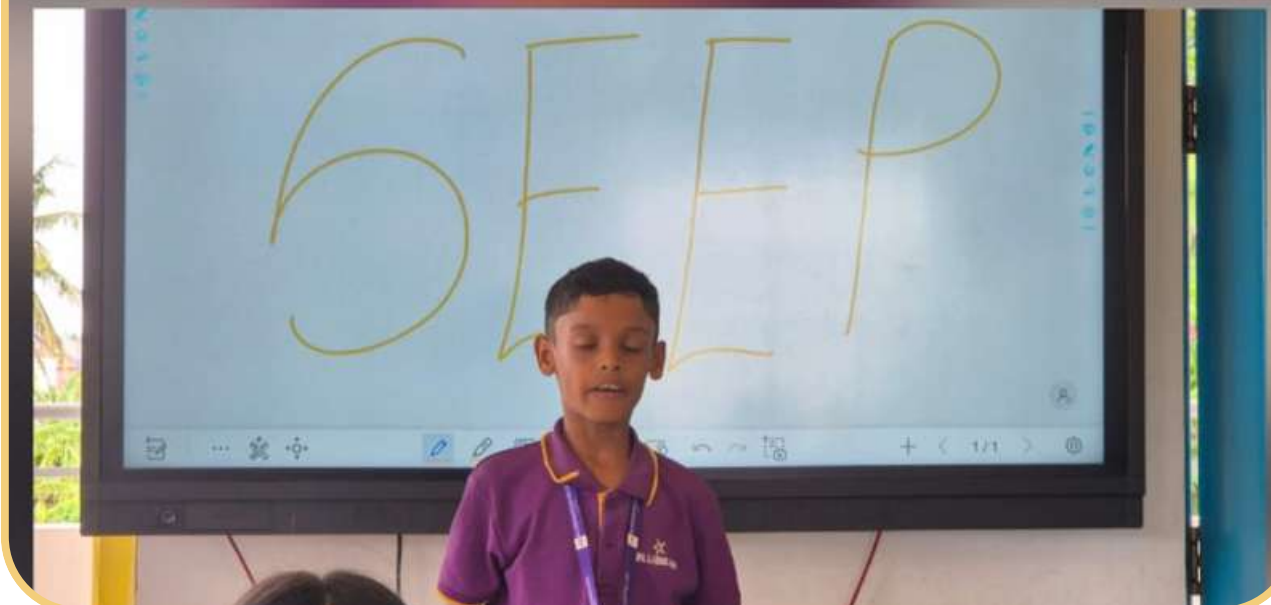
Building Connections Through Public Speaking



Inspiring Young Minds to Speak with Confidence



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Ad Mad Show: Creativity in Action

Where Creativity Meets Communication

Ms. Sahaya Princy, Middle School Educator



Students of Classes 6 to 8 showcased their creativity and confidence through an exciting Ad Mad Show conducted as part of the SEEP activity. Working in teams, they created and presented imaginative advertisements for different products and ideas.

The classroom was filled with energy as students used catchy slogans, creative dialogues, and impressive acting to make their advertisements interesting and memorable. Each group brought its own unique ideas, making the event both fun and engaging.

The activity helped students improve their communication, presentation, and teamwork skills. It also encouraged them to think creatively and express their ideas with confidence. The Ad Mad Show was an enjoyable learning experience that inspired students to learn through creativity and collaboration.



Turning Ideas into Impactful Advertisements



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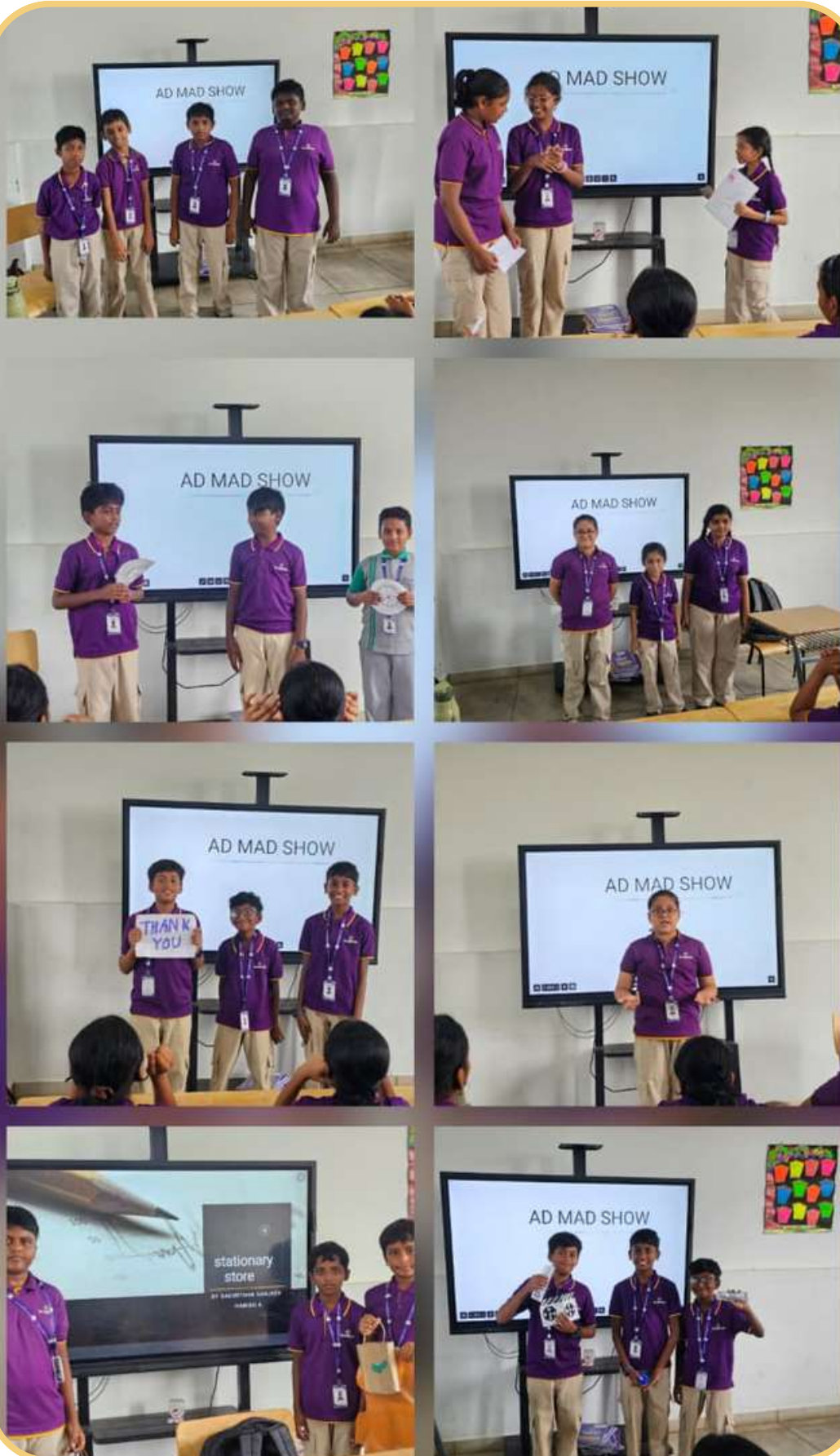


Did you know?

Advertisements use catchy slogans and creative ideas to capture people's attention.

Teamwork helps combine different ideas to create something unique and effective.

Speaking confidently and expressing ideas clearly are valuable life skills.



From Ideas to Enterprise

Learning the Journey of Entrepreneurship

Ms. Christy Jonafer Selvaraj, PGT Economics



Grade 11 Commerce students attended an insightful guest lecture on "Forms of Business Organisation and Entrepreneurship" by **Mr. Yasir Nainar, Chairperson of BHIS-K**, an entrepreneur and business expert with extensive experience in business management and organisational development. The session aimed to bridge the gap between classroom learning and its practical application in the business world.

The lecture began with an interactive discussion on how every successful business starts with a simple idea. Using a student's suggestion of an organic food business as a case study, Mr. Yasir explained the journey of transforming an idea into a successful enterprise through market research, customer analysis, financial planning, and effective execution. He highlighted the importance of seeking guidance from mentors, investors, and professionals while building a business and explained how successful partnerships are built on trust, complementary skills, and shared responsibilities.

Students gained valuable insights into the stages of business growth—from a business idea to a startup, a stable organisation, a recognised brand, and eventually business expansion. Mr. Yasir Nainar also introduced the three pillars of every successful business—People, Process, and Technology—emphasising their role in building sustainable organisations.

The session further strengthened students' understanding of the Grade XI Business Studies curriculum by explaining the features, advantages, and limitations of Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, and Joint Stock Companies. Through real-life examples, including the entrepreneurial journey of N. R. Narayana Murthy and the growth of Infosys, students understood the importance of vision, innovation, financial discipline, and ethical leadership.

Sharing his own entrepreneurial experiences, Mr. Yasir Nainar spoke candidly about the challenges of arranging finance, building effective teams, adopting technology, and overcoming business obstacles. He encouraged students to cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset, remain resilient, embrace continuous learning, and view failures as opportunities for growth.

The highly interactive session successfully connected textbook concepts with real-world business practices, enriching students' understanding of entrepreneurship and inspiring them to pursue their ideas with confidence, determination, and a long-term vision.

Inspiring Future Entrepreneurs Through Practical Insights





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(GRADES 5-12):
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