#### DECEMBER NEWS 2023-24

◀

OPEN MINDS A BIRLA SCHOOL KANKARBAGH



#### From the Principal's Desk

#### Dear Reader,

Days have wings which help them keep flying towards a destination one cannot predict. It was only recently when we were extending a heartwarming welcome to 2023, and here we are, to give a send off to this eventful year with a heart full of bittersweet memories that came our way.

2023 gave us a lot. It imparted us the confidence to walk like a leader among schools in Patna. It taught us how expectations can be turned into achievements with planning and sustained efforts. It enabled us to dream big and have the courage to realise those dreams. The most remarkable event of the year was the coming up of 'Eduletics International A British School' solidly rooted in present yet having an eye on future. It has emerged as a symbol of a foresight, excellence and innovation and is ready to stride on the path to accomplishments

This month was also important for passing out Grade X students as they wrote the Pre-Board I assessing their preparation for the upcoming Board Exams. Pre-Boards provide the students with a wonderful opportunity to analyse where they need to plug the holes in order that they can perform superbly in the boards. Knowing one's grey areas and working on them can, at times, be more important to prove one's worth in a test than anything else. Finally, Christmas came with Santa bringing holidays as refreshing gifts for all. The hustle and bustle of exams gave way to the sleepy comfort of the winter break. A cozy hibernation too is required to muster the energy back to welcome the approaching year with warmth as well as a burst of positive energy.

Let us all be ready to welcome this year 2024 with a renewed pledge to make this earth a heaven of love and compassion for all. Let us work with a new vigour to pave our way with accomplishments.

Wish you all a meaningful and magnificent year ahead.

Yours truly, Reshma Singh





Before the Board Exam comes the Pre-boards. They are nothing different from their big brother 'Boards', except the fact that you write these exams in the familiar environs of your own school.

These Pre-board exams play a constructive role in preparing the students for the Board exams. They get an opportunity to measure the level of their preparation and accordingly plug the holes. It is necessary to get such an opportunity to finetune one's preparation for the most important examination of one's life.

**Pre-boards** 

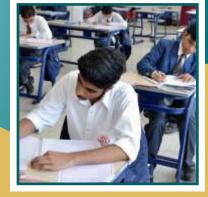
at the Door

The recently concluded Pre-board exams suddenly increased the intensity of actions in the school campus as it was abuzz with a bit stressed yet hopeful faces of the students as well as the busy teachers. A few glimpses...









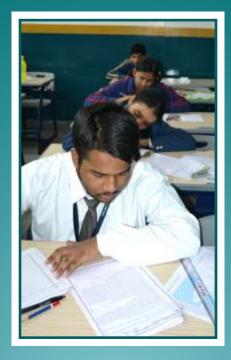




"Successful and unsuccessful people don't vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potential." — John Maxwell















# Foundation Day

Memories of initiation are always cherishable and it is more endeared one if it is related to the foundation of any organisation.

On 12 December, 2023, OMK organised a function to commemorate the Foundation Day. The occasion was made important with a colourful programme which comprised a mesmerising 'baalgeet', an enchanting dance, speeches of the students and a slide show displaying the journey of the school from the beginning to now. It was a grand presentation by the students which kept everybody arrested in its magical charm. The founder teachers as well as the staff were honoured with a letter of appreciation and some gifts with an intention to appreciate their loyalty and hardwork they had put in all these years. The Vice Principal and the Senior Wing Coordinator also expressed their views on this occasion.









"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth." - Diogenes





"A good education is a foundation for a better future."



– Elizabeth Warren

































"One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things." — Henry Miller

### Excursion to Bodhgaya

Excursions are fantastic ways to educate people. One of India's prominent scholars and writers, Rahul Sankrityayan has said, "If I can I would like to turn all the young men of India into wanderers".

Moving to places, we learn about people, cultures, history and many more things. It gives the students an opportunity to interact with external environment and learn how to stay in harmony with it. Our students' visit to Bodhgaya was a testimony to it. They visited the **Mahabodhi** temple as well as the nearby sites. Free from the stress of Pre-board exams, they explored the city with their mentors and came to know about numerous facts of historical importance. It was a time to create beautiful memories.





"We travel not to escape life, but for life not to escape us."

















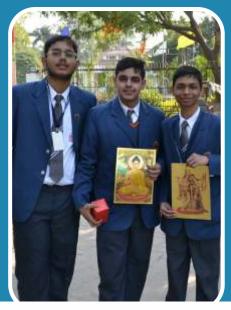


"I am not the same having seen the moon shine on the other side of the world." – Mary Anne Radmacher





























"To travel is to evolve." – Pierre Bernardo

















"Wandering re-establishes the original harmony which once existed between man and the universe." – Anatole France



















"Travelling — it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller."







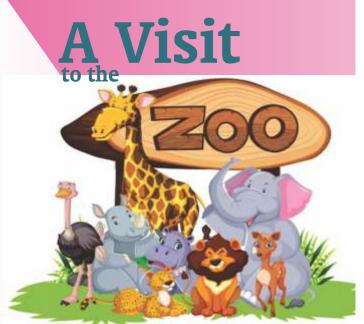








"He who does not travel does not know the value of men." \$-\$ Moorish proverb











Little boys and girls need tours and trips which do not frighten them away with long distances but provide them all the excitement and fun they look for. Therefore, the school organized a trip to the city zoo for K2 students. It was joyful seeing them enjoy the trip. They walked down to every enclosure or cage accommodating the wild animals, rode the battery driven vehicles, played and ran around joyfully. By the time they got ready to return, the fun they had was reflecting from their eyes and faces. It was a memorable trip for them.













"Zoo animals are ambassadors for their cousins in the wild.

– Jack Hanna





## PTM

PTMs are wonderful opportunities for two important stakeholders in a child's education – the parents and the teachers. They come together to explore the best prospects for the children. It's not just an opportunity to discuss with the teacher the student's progress in education, but a platform to harmoniously decide and work for the welfare of the child.

After the Post-Mid Term exams, the two weeks remained a witness to these beautiful meets between the two sides. Most of the parents were accompanied by their wards and walked out joyfully after fruitful discussions with their mentors. The school hours on PTM days look like a festival in progress. A few glimpses...







"No school can work well for children if parents and teachers do not act in partnership on behalf of the children's best interests." <u>- Dorothy H Cohen</u>

#### A Tribute to Maa Sharda



24 December holds a special importance for OMK as it is celebrated as the anniversary of Maa Sharda's departure to a purer world. The chief inspiration behind the school, her blessings are sought through prayers on this day.

This year too a short yet grand programme was held commemorating her divine journey. Prayers in Sanskrit and English from the Bhagavad Gita or 'the Song Divine' filled the auditorium with a sacred aura. The scholarly teachers from the Sanskrit department led the show with their rhythmical incantations. The prominent dignitaries, the teachers and the staff paid tributes to her offering flower petals in front of her image.





"A mother's love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible" – Marion C. Garretty.









 $``Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.'' <math display="inline">% \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{T}}^{(n)}$ 



#### A Visit to Eduletics International A British School

A Visit to Eduletics International A British School

It was 24th of this very month of December, when the entire staff visited Eduletics International A British School. The warm winter sun spread itself all around on the sprawling lawns of the campus. The imposing building of the school overwhelmed all as they explored every nook and corner including the reception areas, the classrooms, the staffrooms, the library, the labs, etc.

The intricate and sophisticated architecture, the topnotch finish and the state of the art facilities made us all happy. Standing by the highway, it leaves an exotic impression on the passers by. It was an amazing experience for all to be there and witness the grandeur of the locale.







Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace." – Confucius













"All children start their school careers with sparkling imaginations, fertile minds, and a willingness to take risks with what they think." – Ken Robinson

## Veer Baal Diwas

10.7

26 November is celebrated as Veer Baal Diwas to commemorate the martyrdom of Baba Fateh Singh MINDS and Zoravar Singh, the two beloved sons of Guru ARAGH Govind Singh, the tenth and the last Guru of the Sikh community in India. It was on 9 January, 2022 that on the Prakash Purab of Shri Guru Govind Singh Ji this tradition was initiated.

The spirited and young brave-hearts of our school celebrated this day with joy and spirit. Through their presentation, they conveyed to all, the message of bravery, sacrifice and sticking to the path of justice. A few visuals...











"Courage is never to let your actions be influenced by your fears." — Arthur Koestler