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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Reader,

The first month of the year is always full of hope and aspirations. It is the time for a fresh beginning. New resolutions are created and goals are set. Whether we succeed in those attempts depends upon how passionate we are towards our progress and commitments. Apart from it, a constant analysis of our work is also required, for, while on way, we may get distracted knowingly or unknowingly for umpteen reasons. Introspection helps us correct our course and lessens the time consumed to be where we want to be.

We, who are working to achieve a far bigger objective than a personal one – that is securing each child in our school becomes a worthy human, need to stay conscious of any possibility of such distractions. Integrity is important in personal life, but it becomes much more important when we step into the echelons of public life, for there we are helping the would be citizens of the country forge their characters listening to us and following our stances. At the helm of academic affairs, it, every day, crosses my mind that we have to teach and lead not by percept but by setting examples with our own conduct.

From Pre-boards to the inauguration of the new school, several affairs kept occupying our time, but the most appreciable thing was we have been capable of completing the syllabus in all the classes on time, and to a good extent, revision sessions too have been successfully conducted. This shows the dedication of our teaching faculty that they will never compromise as far as academic excellence is concerned.

Now the task that will arrest our attention in the times to come before the new session begins is how we prepare ourselves for it, for what we successfully applied last year might demand updation and a slightly different approach as each session is, no matter how similar it appears, immensely different from the preceding one. Continuing with whatever good we have been doing, we have to lay greater stress on improving the numeral as well as the communication skill of our students. That will require a proactive approach on our side. Let us gird up our loins for the challenges and opportunities coming our way.

Wishing you all a happy reading,

Yours truly,

A. Awasthi



Pre-board 2 : The Ticket to the Grand Finale

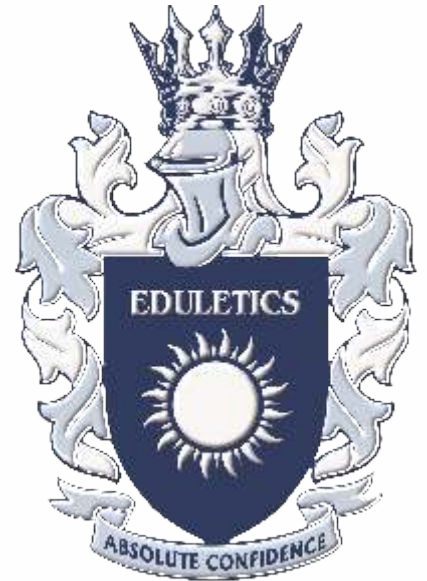
December became a witness to Pre-board 2 examinations which got students huffing and puffing about rectifying the grey areas they had discovered during Pre-board 1. It was important to plug all the holes that could cost them dearly during the forthcoming Boards. Though exhaustive, it is an essential exercise to keep the the students ready for their final plunge. These Pre-boards can be credited for one more thing. They remove the fear of exams from the hearts of the students. A few glimpses of the exams...



"Trust yourself; you know more than you think you do."

- Benjamin Spock

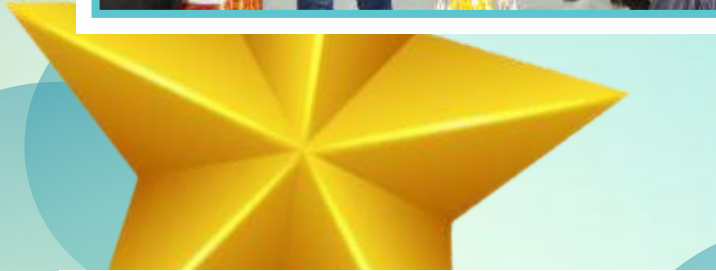
Inauguration of Eduletics International A British School



18 January, 2024 will be remembered as 'the red letter day' in the history of OMK, as it saw a sister concern of it 'Eduletics International A British School' being inaugurated. Elaborate arrangement of the Pooja for house warming ceremony marked the auspicious day open which was further ornamented by the oath taking of the principals for both the branches. The staff was presented with beautiful souvenirs for the occasion. After all, it was a dream come true for those who had worked tirelessly and meticulously to make this happen. It was a mega-project wonderfully realized in a record time...

"If you can dream it, you can do it."

– Walt Disney



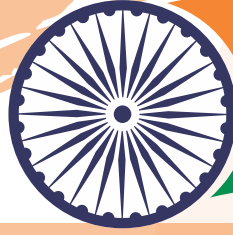
"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone." – Neale Donald Walsch



"School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside."
- Lon Watters

Republic Day

at Open Minds - A Birla School

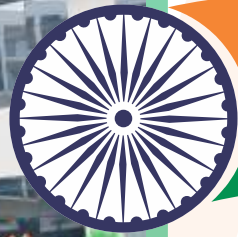


Every year on 26 January, the entire nation celebrates being declared a republic in 1950 as on this day, India adopted its constitution which is the longest written document in the world amalgamating the best of practices from all the prominent codes of conduct of administration in the major countries of the world. It was special for OMK too, as the students, this year, got a chance to participate in the flag hoisting ceremony of two schools – OMK and EBS. The patriotic fervour with the chants of Bharat Mata Ki Jai' charged the atmosphere. A few glimpses...



"Here's to the land of diverse cultures, rich heritage, and boundless opportunities. Happy Republic Day to everyone!"





"Every citizen of India must remember that he is an Indian, and he has every right in the country but with certain duties."
– Sardar Patel

Republic Day

at Eduletics International A British School



"Life without liberty is like a body without spirit."

- Kahlil Gibran



It is not always the same thing to be a good man and a good citizen.
– Aristotle

Bon Voyage & Good Luck Party

A school always loves its students. Their success, their achievements, their arrival, their good byes, everything becomes important.

On 27th of January, OMK passed through such sweet – bitter moments. It was the occasion to say good bye to those who are to pass out 12 for their further professional studies, while the ones appearing at forthcoming class 10 boards had to be wished good luck for the first major examination of their lives. Many of them would definitely like to come back after the exams to pursue grades 11 and 12. They need our blessings and wishes to come out with flying colours in the above mentioned test.

It is not easy, as it's like welcoming one child and sending off another for their coming endeavours. Memories come flooding. Look at the visual memories of those moments...



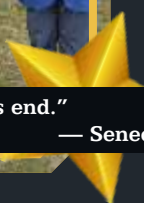
"You have the heart of a lion and the determination to follow your dreams."



"A new and exciting road is standing before you. Good luck on the next steps toward your future."



"The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are."
"J.P." Morgan



"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end."
— Seneca

Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024

The nation, for a few years has been organising this unique programme 'Pariksha Pe Charcha'. Conducted by the Prime Minister himself, this programme aims at alleviating the fear of exams from the student's minds. A new concept launched with an honest intention has become immensely popular now. Millions of students across the nation join this programme directly or indirectly, and watch the Prime Minister interact with certain selected students in New Delhi. Thousands join the initiative online responding to the call for write ups too.

This year too more than a hundred students of OMK from grades 9 to 11 along with many teachers watched this telecast live on the auditorium screen.

The Prime Minister's timely and apt advice on how to face exams in a fear-free manner and make it a festival to celebrate resonated well with the students. A look at the visuals...



"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal".
- Thomas Jefferson