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A BIRLA SCHOOL
KANKARBAGH





Dear Readers,

As we stand at the dawn of a new month, it is with great pride and joy that I reflect upon the myriad events and activities that have imbued our school with vitality, enthusiasm, and a profound sense of community. Each occasion has played a pivotal role in nurturing the values, skills, and creativity of our students, and it is heartening to witness them seizing every opportunity for growth.

The daily school assemblies have become a cornerstone of our institution, fostering a sense of unity and providing a platform for self-expression. These gatherings are not merely routine; they are moments of collective learning where students imbibe the virtues of teamwork, leadership, and mindfulness. They remind us that education is not confined to the pages of textbooks but is about building character and confidence.

One of the most touching events this past month was Teacher's Day, celebrated with immense gratitude and affection. The students, with their heartfelt performances, speeches, and messages, expressed their deep respect for their teachers. It was a day of reflection for all of us, recognizing the crucial role educators play in shaping not only the minds but the lives of our students. The bonds of respect and admiration between students and teachers were palpable, making it a truly uplifting day.

This period also saw the celebration of Hindi Diwas, a time to honour our rich linguistic heritage. Our students showcased their creativity in the Hindi Diwas Exhibition, highlighting the beauty and depth of Hindi literature and culture. The vibrant displays of art, poetry, and literature made us all pause and appreciate the diversity of thought that language brings into our lives. Further adding to the celebration, students from Grades 1 to 6 enthusiastically participated in the Poetry Recitation Competition, demonstrating their command of the language and their ability to convey emotion through verse. Students from Grades 7 and 8 took part in the Declamation/Speech Competition, where they articulated their ideas with confidence and conviction. These events not only celebrated language but also encouraged our students to refine their public speaking skills, an essential aspect of personal development.

Our commitment to academic excellence remained unwavering with the Aryabhata Ganit Challenge, which saw eager participation from our mathematics enthusiasts. This challenge pushed students to think critically and apply their problem-solving skills, reminding us all that the journey of learning is continuous and ever-evolving. It was an inspiring moment for students who revel in the beauty of numbers and logic.

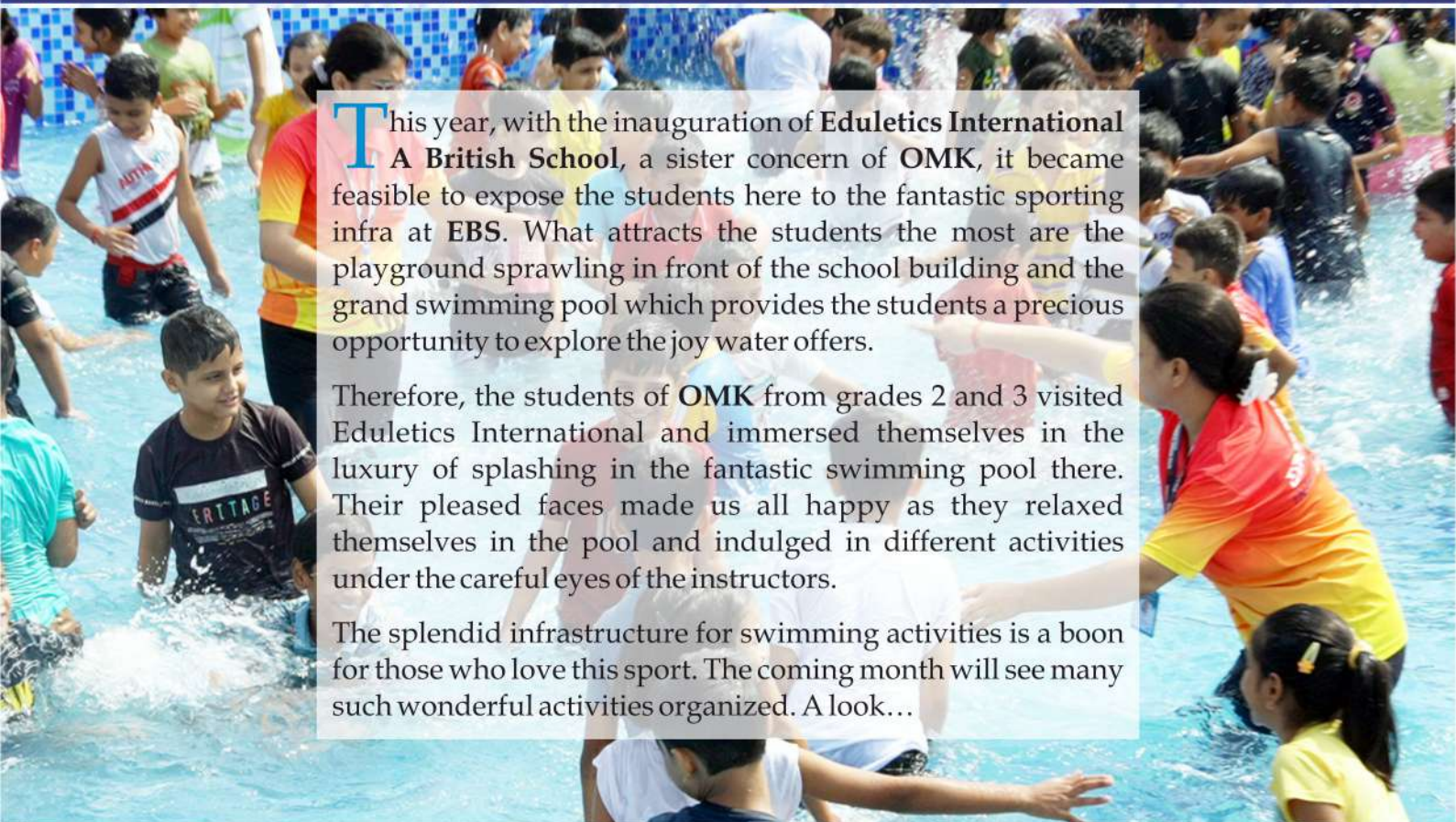
Simultaneously, the Swachhata Pakhwada campaign infused the school with a sense of responsibility towards cleanliness and hygiene. Students across all grades participated in cleanliness drives, made posters, and engaged in discussions on how we can contribute to a cleaner, greener environment. This campaign was not just about cleaning spaces but also about instilling in our students a lifelong commitment to environmental sustainability.

Looking ahead, I want to emphasize the upcoming Sports Activities. These events will provide students with a chance to challenge themselves, showcase their skills, and engage in friendly competition with peers from across the country. I encourage all participants to prepare diligently and embrace these opportunities with confidence.

As we move forward, I am filled with pride at the progress our students continue to make in every sphere. These moments of growth and achievement are a testament to their hard work and dedication, and I am confident that they will continue to excel in all their endeavours.

Warm regards,

A. Awasthi



This year, with the inauguration of **Eduletics International A British School**, a sister concern of **OMK**, it became feasible to expose the students here to the fantastic sporting infra at **EBS**. What attracts the students the most are the playground sprawling in front of the school building and the grand swimming pool which provides the students a precious opportunity to explore the joy water offers.

Therefore, the students of **OMK** from grades 2 and 3 visited Eduletics International and immersed themselves in the luxury of splashing in the fantastic swimming pool there. Their pleased faces made us all happy as they relaxed themselves in the pool and indulged in different activities under the careful eyes of the instructors.

The splendid infrastructure for swimming activities is a boon for those who love this sport. The coming month will see many such wonderful activities organized. A look...

Splash Pool Activity



"Water is the driving force of all nature."

- Leonardo da Vinci

Splash Pool Activity



"Life is like swimming; sometimes you hit the wall, but you have to keep swimming."

- Unknown



Splash Pool Activity



"Let the water wash away your worries."

Splash Pool Activity



"Life is better by the pool."

Teacher's Day Celebration



Our teachers play a pivotal role in shaping our futures. They dispel the darkness of ignorance. They have the ability to identify and foster our potential growth. The principles and values they instill in us serve as a guiding light and assist us in overcoming challenges.

In India, Teacher's Day is celebrated on 5 September to commemorate the birth

anniversary of Dr. Sarvpalli Radhakrishnan. It also exhibits the idea of students acknowledging the persistent efforts put in by our distinguished teachers. The wisdom and compassion demonstrated by them illuminate our paths and help us define our way to greatness.

We celebrated Teacher's Day at OMK utilizing this marvelous opportunity to extend our gratitude to the mentors. A series of cultural shows beautifully presented by the students pleased and entertained them.



"A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning."

-Brad Henry

Teacher's Day Celebration



"I am indebted to my father for living, but to my teacher for living well."

-Alexander the Great

Assemblies- Learning with All



To be able to express your ideas to an audience is an efficient skill, and school assemblies help the students learn and master this art. They not only instill confidence into us, but also open our minds to new ideas.

Our school values the personality development of the students as a significant part of the curriculum and assemblies chip in as an important medium to develop the students into good speakers and individuals with potential.

This month the assemblies touched upon topics which were truly worth discussing. The students gave their thoughts with a clear and inspiring voice. The themes that prevailed were 'Perseverance and Resilience', 'Manners and Etiquettes', 'Science Is a Beautiful Gift to Humanity', 'Victory of Good over Evil', 'Environment Awareness' and last but not the least 'Hard Work and Achievement'. Let's have a look at the visuals...



"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

Assemblies- Learning with All



"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

Assemblies - Learning with All



"Strive not to be a success,
but rather to be of value."

Assemblies - Learning with All



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Certificate Distribution



"The deepest principle in human nature is the craving to be appreciated."

- William James



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Celebrating Hindi



"Promote Hindi: Encourage the use of Hindi in various spheres of life, including education, government, and media."



On 14 September, 1949, a legendary decision was reached at, that was to celebrate Hindi as one of the official languages after decades of demands manifested by Hindi protagonists.

Hindi Diwas is a cornerstone of India's cultural and linguistic identity honouring the nation's rich history and heritage. The close ties of this language to India's literary traditions and narratives further serves to emphasize the significance of this language, however adopting Hindi as the official language had not been easy and took



rigorous campaigning, lobbying by numerous supporters of this language. At last, their efforts bore fruit and Hindi was accepted in its present state by the Constituent Assembly.



Hindi Diwas hosted in our school displayed the enthusiasm zest the students had accepting and respecting Hindi - our mother tongue. A plethora of beautifully shaped deliveries and programmes marked this wonderful occasion. Here are the photos to refresh the memories of the day...



"We must strengthen national unity and integration through the common language of Hindi."



"Hindi is the language of every heart that beats for India."



"On Hindi Diwas,
let's take pride in our linguistic heritage."





"Hindi is the simplest source of expression of our nation"

- Sumitranandan Pant



"It is a cultural slavery for an independent nation to have education and official work in some foreign language." - Walter Channing

**Trilingual Chorus Competition Organised
by Bharat Vikas Parishad.**



The victorious team with their group leader receiving the garlands, prizes, citation and medals.



Our students secured the Runner Up Trophy with their soul-stirring performance in Sanskrit, Hindi and Maithili Folk Songs respectively.

"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent."

-Victor Hugo

Poetry Recitation



The enigma of nature and the progressiveness of life is astoundingly obscure, but what holds the power to demystify these secrets on a piece of paper is called poetry. This holds to be true because poetry is not confined to be only a piece of comprehension, rather it is a majestic skill which helps one unveil a greater sense of inner realization.

It is a phenomenal art which one can acquire in order to express better understanding of our world, our existence as well as of this universe, but the acquisition of this skill requires numerous other pivotal skills such as patience, perseverance and a greater inquisitiveness about life.

Poetry recitation is a beautiful medium which helps us express our ebullient ideas in the most appealing way. The same has been in display during the Poetry Recitation Contest held at OMK. The students were at their best giving symphony to the poems of their choice. It was a magnificent show of the synergy of art and energy. Just have a look...



"To read a poem is to hear it with our eyes; to hear it is to see it with our ears."

- Octavio Paz

Poetry Recitation



"Poetry is nearer to vital truth than history."
- Plato

Parent Teacher Meeting



"The best teacher-parent relationship is constantly nurturing and supportive by both sides."

Parent Teacher Meeting



"Education is a three-way street – the child, the parent, and the teacher. Together, we can create a strong foundation for success."



एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

Swachhata Pakhwada

01.09.2024 - 15.09.2024



Cleanliness is essential, it is the first prerequisite to be called a civilized society. We need to reinforce this concept into the young minds so that cleanliness or Swachhata can get ingrained into their personality.

September 2 to 16 was observed as the Cleanliness Fortnight or 'Swachhata Pakhwada'. It incorporated several well-planned events. It started with a pledge to maintain cleanliness in and around. The teachers and the students both vowed to keep their surroundings clean. The teachers were advised to visit the nearby areas and spread awareness about cleanliness.

The students engaged themselves in meaningful activities like writing slogans, creating posters and pamphlets on different themes such as water conservation, eliminating single use plastic etc., to be displayed in the school exhibition.

Awareness about maintaining proper hygiene was also created. There were audio-visual presentations on the cards. It was a lively show with a meaningful purpose. Have some glimpses...



"Cleanliness and order are not matters of instinct; they are matters of education, and like most great things, you must cultivate a taste for them."

- Benjamin Disraeli

Swachhata Pakhwada



“Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world.”

- George Bernard Shaw

Art and Craft Activity



Children are born artists. Everything they do is original and creative. And interestingly, they are naturally attracted towards art activities. To help them bloom into their potential best we should provide them ample opportunities to invest their energy into such creative pursuits.



At OMK, we make Art and Craft activities an integral part of their curriculum. Special classes fill in their routines at regular intervals where they have all the freedom to create things out of the available materials. While they are busy giving shapes to their imagination, they are advised to keep health and hygiene in mind. Environmental concern is kept at the top of all the priorities. Their beaming faces themselves tell all the stories. A glance at the available visuals...



"Art is not what you see,
but what you make others see."

- Edgar Degas

Art and Craft Activity



"He who works with his hands
and his head and his heart is an artist."
- St. Francis of Assisi

Art and Craft Activity



"To be an artist is to believe in life."
- Henry Moore

It is said that a sound mind lives in a sound body, and to have a sound body, we need to have good food, exercise rigorously and enjoy plenty of good sleep. In today's life, we easily afford good food and adequate sleep, but exercising rigorously takes a back seat as we neither have enough time, nor do we have enough space and facilities to do so. Here come handy the Mass PT exercises conducted in schools, and at Open Minds Kankarbagh, they are the part and parcel of the daily routine. Days are decided when the students of the scheduled groups walk down to the morning assembly area where under the guidance of trained sports faculty, the students buckle up to stretch their bodies and perform some rapid action exercises. The students moving in a synchronized way create a watch worthy scene. Just a look...





"The pain you feel today will be the strength you feel tomorrow."

Sports Time



Continuous effort — not strength or intelligence —
is the key to unlocking our potential.”

— Liane Cardes



TEACHERS of the MONTH

Congratulations to all our awardees! Your dedication and hard work have made a significant impact on our students and school community.

We are delighted to announce our "Teachers of the Month" for their outstanding contributions to student learning and development!



SNEHLATA RAJHANS



SONI KUMARI



SHILPI RANJAN

Fostering the passion and enthusiasm among students towards Hindi language and their tireless effort during Hindi Diwas celebration



RAVI RANJAN



PEEVESH RAJAN

Empowering the developing learners to excel in Mathematics



NAGINA KUMAR

Consistency in maintaining 100% attendance and taking special initiative for the improvement of the students



EDITORS SPEAK

Dear Reader,

OMK and creativity are synonymous to each other. From the teachers to the students all are awarded ample opportunities here to showcase their creative genius.

In keeping with the same spirit, we, the student editors of OMK, have tried to put our best foot forward in shaping up this month's newsletter. We were a bit sceptical about our intentions taking shape on this platform, but as the days passed by, encouraged and guided by our mentors and management, we plunged in to write the reports on various events occurring this month. With utmost skill we could muster, we edited and reedited the pieces till they could see the light of the day.

Editing a magazine – print or electronic – is an intricate task which demands insight and endurance. We are grateful to the magazine bureau for bestowing us with this opportunity. It will help us understand the nitty-gritties of the publishing world and hone our language as well as our aesthetic skills.

We hope you will like our efforts and keep giving us your love and support.

Yours truly,

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