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## Principal's Desk



Dear Readers,

May tiptoes in like the quiet overture to a grand narrative, holding its breath before the crescendo of destiny—its breath held, its heart racing—for students and mentors alike. It is a time when years of toil stand poised at the threshold of judgment, awaiting their final reckoning. Yet, this May was unlike the rest. Not a tremor of anxiety, but a cascade of joy swept through the corridors, dissolving the weight of anticipation into the sweet music of success.

The board examination results were declared, and with them came tidings of triumph. One of our brightest stars ascended to the pinnacle, securing the top position in the district and soaring as the second highest in the state. A testament, not just to academic rigour, but to an unwavering belief in perseverance. But celebration did not halt there—43% of our appearing students crossed the 90% mark, transforming achievement into a festival of fulfillment. Emerson's words echoed through our elation: "The reward of a thing well done is to have done it."

Yet success, if it is to sustain itself, must be nurtured with vigilance. We embarked on a meticulous result analysis of the Pre Mid-Term Examinations—not as a measure of performance, but as an instrument of introspection. The numbers on paper were not mere statistics; they were the stepping stones of understanding, illuminating blind spots and guiding us toward growth. Inspired by our annual theme—न दैव्यं न पलायनम् - Embracing Challenges with Absolute Confidence — we resolved to approach every academic hurdle not with trepidation, but with fortitude. Lessons, after all, are seeds that bloom only in the fertile soil of reflection.

In harmony with the New Education Policy, which envisions the child as a sacred embodiment of five sheaths—Annamaya (physical), Prāṇamaya (vital), Manomaya (mental), Vijñānamaya (intellectual), and Ānandamaya (blissful)—our Summer Camp unfolded as more than an exercise in learning. It became a celebration of being. Through sports, fine arts, and learning by doing, we crafted experiences that breathed beyond the boundaries of textbooks. Laughter rang across the campus, as if the very essence of Ānandamaya Kosha had donned a school uniform and joined in their play.

As we prepare for the Investiture Ceremony, where discipline, responsibility, and leadership intertwine, our spirits are high and our intentions steadfast. Behind the grandeur of the event, our teachers remain deeply immersed in CBSE-led and internal training programs — not merely as educators but as lifelong learners, sharpening their craft with the resilience of those who seek to inspire.

And now, the summer break, a well-earned interlude, beckons—not merely to rest the body, but to renew the soul. The stillness of empty classrooms carries a contemplative silence, yet it does not signal mere absence. It offers space—to dream, to design, to aspire. To sculpt better ways, to chase bolder visions, to climb greater peaks of excellence. As Tagore once wrote, "Let me not pray to be sheltered from dangers, but to be fearless in facing them."

Thus, we stand at the threshold of what is yet to come, carrying with us the echoes of laughter, the wisdom of labour, and the light of learning—towards a horizon brimming with promise.

Warm regards,  
*A. Awasthi*

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# LABOUR DAY

CELEBRATED ON 01<sup>st</sup> MAY



"All Labour that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence." – Martin Luther King Jr.

In the golden glow of a May morning, our school bloomed not only with the hues of spring but with the deeper colours of gratitude. On the occasion of Labour Day, Open Minds-A Birla School extended appreciation and gratitude, as the school community, to honour the dedication and silent service of our non-teaching staff—the true pillars behind every successful school event and day-to-day functioning.

The celebration began with a warm welcome to our esteemed non-teaching members, who were presented with handcrafted badges lovingly made by our students. Each badge was not just a token but a symbol of deep respect and admiration, representing the immense value they bring to our institution.





A special felicitation ceremony was organized where a touching skit was performed, recognizing their tireless efforts—whether in maintaining the campus, supporting logistics, ensuring student safety, or simply being the smiling faces that keep the school running smoothly. The atmosphere was filled with joy and respect as students and teachers joined hands to applaud their invaluable contributions by conducting assemblies from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> May on the theme of “International Labour Day”. With innocence in their smiles and sincerity in their steps, the students of the middle wing took to the stage. Their assembly and skit were not mere performances but poems in motion and expressions of passionate tribute.

"It is the labour of many that builds the dreams of tomorrow."

To mark the occasion, sweets were distributed among all, turning the moment into a celebration of unity and gratitude. The spirit of the day was beautifully captured in the laughter, applause, and the warm exchange of smiles that filled the air.





The event was a gentle reminder that behind every successful event, every clean classroom, and every smoothly run day, there are heroes working quietly in the background. At Open Minds A Birla School, we believe in recognizing every hand that builds and every heart that serves. Not all heroes wear capes—some wear uniforms, carry mops, drive buses, manage records, and lend helping hands with silent grace.

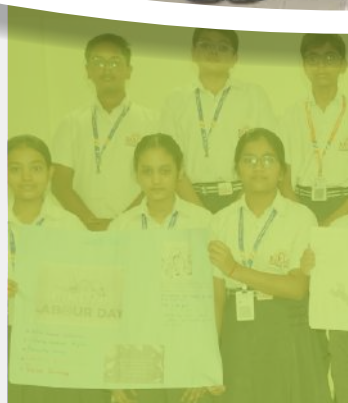
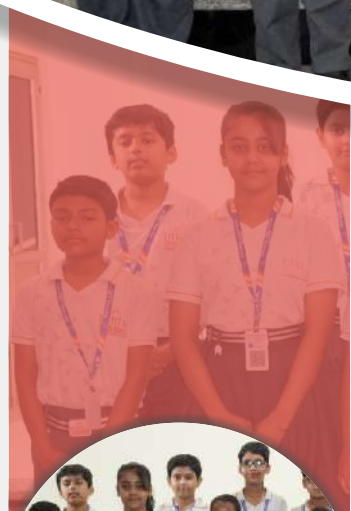
Let this Labour Day celebration not be an end, but a beginning — a seed sown in young hearts, destined to grow into a tree of enduring kindness. May our school stand ever tall as a lighthouse of compassion, shining forth the values of respect, humility, and togetherness.











# ASSEMBLY

Vibrant and inspiring morning assemblies are conducted at Open Minds – A Birla School, Kankarbagh, bringing together students and teachers in a spirit of unity and discipline. The assemblies are held in Maa Sharda Auditorium, setting a positive tone for the day and reflecting the school's commitment to holistic development.





The event begins with the morning prayer, fostering a sense of peace and gratitude among all present. This is followed by the thought of the day, presented by a student, encouraging reflection on moral values and life lessons. A brief news update is also shared, to keep students and teachers informed about national, international and sports events and weather updates.

One of the highlights of the assembly is a short speech or a story or an anecdote delivered by students on a socially relevant theme, emphasizing the importance of empathy and responsibility. The cultural segment of the assembly includes a group song and a short skit performed by students, promoting awareness on environmental conservation and other topics of importance. These performances not only showcase student talent but also reinforce pertinent social messages.

Teachers actively participate by lending a helping hand to the students in preparing for the abovementioned presentation. At the end, they endeavour to keep wards' enthusiasm high and uplift their spirits with a motivational message and inputs. Thereafter the assembly incharge addresses the gathering, appreciating the efforts of both students and teachers in organizing the event. He emphasizes the value of discipline, punctuality, and active participation in school activities as stepping stones to success.

The assembly concludes with the national anthem, instilling a sense of pride and patriotism.

Such assemblies at Open Minds are more than just routine gatherings—they are platforms for learning, expression, and community building, echoing the school's vision of nurturing confident, responsible, and well-rounded individuals.







# Mother's Day





# Happy Mother's Day



## *Mother's Day*

Mother—a word spoken countless times, yet each utterance carries its own depth and resonance, unlike anything else we hear. A single lifetime seems far too brief to express the immense gratitude owed to the divine force that nurtures us even before birth, shields us from the world's harshness and instills in us unwavering self-belief. This divine presence takes form in our mothers.

The day held profound meaning this year as the students from the Primary Wing joyfully celebrated the occasion with great enthusiasm and love. The event was held under the thoughtful guidance and supervision of our dedicated teachers, who helped the young learners express their heartfelt gratitude to their mothers in creative and meaningful ways.





A mother is a beacon of unconditional love and selfless devotion. She nurtures, guides and inspires shaping her children into compassionate, confident and capable individuals. With a gentle touch and a loving heart, she provides a safe haven, offering comfort, wisdom and strength. A mother's influence is profound, leaving an indelible mark on her child's life, and her love remains a constant source of inspiration and joy.







## Pre-Mid Term *Examination*

As the month of April glided by with the swiftness of a summer breeze, the examination season descended rather suddenly—catching many students still ardently engaged in the delicate process of assimilating to the rhythms of a new academic year, within unfamiliar school walls for the new bees. Yet, in true theatrical fashion, the curtain must rise, and so it did rise. With but a mere month for preparation, the syllabus was meticulously curated, ensuring that our young scholars were suitably armed to confront the rigours of the academic gauntlet ahead.

Their unwavering diligence and commendable devotion gleamed with quiet brilliance as they stepped into the examination hall—each child as an image of composure and quiet resolve, their preparation clearly etched in every deliberate gesture and contemplative gaze. In the lexicon of life, unlike the dictionary, toil precedes repose; and here at OMK, we nurture India's future to stride in harmony with this timeless truth. Thus, before the golden days of summer recess unfold, our pupils are encouraged to put on their metaphorical armour for the Pre-Mid Term Examinations—an invaluable opportunity for introspection and academic self-assessment.











This year too, between the 5th and 10th of May, 2024, our young prodigies were seen in deep, firm concentration, pouring their knowledge onto the parchment of their answer sheets. Each morning, during this reflective period, commenced with an air of solemn purpose and concluded with a well-earned sigh of relief as the children boarded their buses, their minds lighter and hearts full of hope to overpower every obstacle that would come in their way.









## TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY













# CBSE CEO TRAINING PROGRAM

CHANGING CLASSROOMS TO ACTIVITY-BASED LEARNING CENTERS  
(Capacity Building for Foundational Educators)

Venue: 

Open Minds – A Birla School,  
Patna

Date: 

20/05/2025

Duration: 

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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Proudly hosted a CBSE training programme focused on “Changing Classrooms to Activity-based Learning Centers”, under the Capacity Building Programme for Foundational Educators.



The training was aimed at empowering educators to create more engaging, interactive, and learner-centric classroom environments. The session emphasized the shift from traditional rote learning methods to hands-on, activity-based teaching approaches, in alignment with the goals of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.







It also aimed to equip foundational educators with innovative pedagogical tools and strategies that foster experiential, activity-based learning; emphasizing foundational literacy, numeracy, and joyful learning, the training provided practical insights into transforming traditional classroom environments into dynamic, learner-driven spaces under the TSLP: Think, Share, Learn, Practice initiative.



The TSLP Workshop focused on encouraging teachers to reflect on their practices (Think), collaborate and exchange ideas (Share), adopt new strategies (Learn), and integrate them into daily teaching (Practice). Teachers engaged in hands-on activities, collaborative planning, and group discussions to better understand how to nurture curiosity, creativity, and conceptual clarity among young learners.



Educators participated in interactive workshops and discussions that demonstrated how foundational learning can be enhanced through innovative activities, real-life connections, and joyful learning experiences. The session also highlighted the importance of curiosity-driven instruction, experiential learning, and inclusive classroom strategies.

The training was conducted by a certified CBSE resource person and witnessed enthusiastic participation from teachers who found the session insightful, practical, and deeply inspiring. Open Minds remains committed to continuous teacher development and fostering a learning environment that supports creativity, critical thinking, and holistic student growth.













As the sun blazed brighter and the holiday spirit took over, Open Minds A Birla School came alive with excitement and energy, hosting its much-anticipated Summer Camp from 16th to 18th May at Eduletics International – A British School. Over the span of three fun-filled days, students from various grades participated in a wide array of engaging and skill-enhancing activities that blended learning with games, leaving lasting memories and smiles on every face.



The camp was a carefully curated mix of sports, arts, and performing arts, designed to encourage creativity, teamwork, and physical fitness. The lush campus, already known for its state-of-the-art facilities, transformed into a playground of joy and discovery for the young campers. The summer camp kicked off with great enthusiasm on the morning of 16th May, as students gathered with excitement beaming from their faces. The day began with a refreshing swimming session, which was one of the most popular activities among students for the following two days as well. Under the guidance of trained instructors, the children enjoyed splashing around and learning new strokes, cooling off from the summer heat in the school's pristine pool.

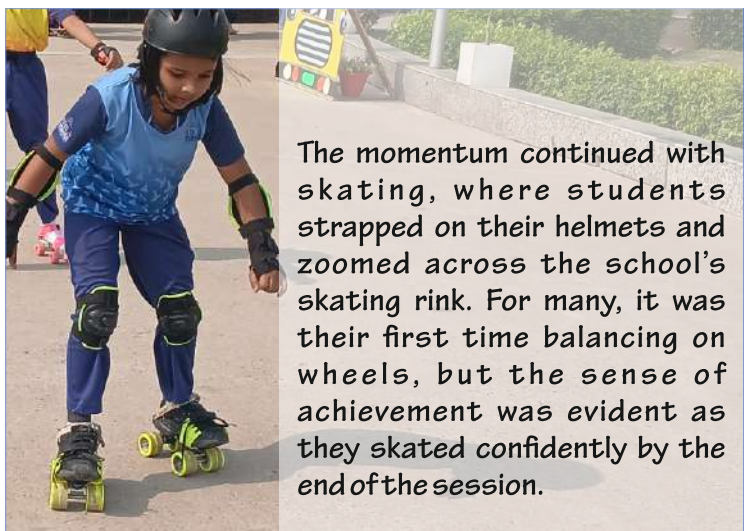












The momentum continued with skating, where students strapped on their helmets and zoomed across the school's skating rink. For many, it was their first time balancing on wheels, but the sense of achievement was evident as they skated confidently by the end of the session.





Later in the day, students participated in table tennis, other indoor games, and a thrilling magic show that left everyone in awe. Laughter and applause echoed through the campus as the magician performed a variety of jaw-dropping tricks, making the spectacle a memorable one.













# SUMMER CAMP 2025



Besides, sports and adventure activities, including archery, shooting, and football were all about exploring talents and pushing limits. Archery and shooting were major highlights, offering students the unique opportunity to try their hands at precision sports that demand focus and discipline. Coaches were present at every step, ensuring a safe and engaging experience.

The basketball court, meanwhile, turned into a scene of high-energy action as teams competed in friendly matches, learning the values of sportsmanship and collaboration. Handball matches also kept spirits high, with students showing excellent coordination and teamwork. The event also featured a series of races and fun competitions, adding a burst of excitement and healthy rivalry to the atmosphere with loud cheers and encouraging applause.

On the creative front, students indulged in Madhubani painting, leaf painting, sand painting, t-shirt painting and face painting among others, showcasing their artistic skills. The Madhubani painting session was a culturally enriching experience that introduced students to the traditional Indian art form, encouraging them to use natural elements and vivid colours to express their imagination. The face painting activity brought out their playful side, as children turned into superheroes, animals, and fantasy characters.



The summer camp also focused on music, dance, and joyful celebration where children learned new rhythms, beats, and choreography. The energy was infectious as the young performers practiced and later showcased their talents in a vibrant group performance.

As the summer camp drew to a close, a special closing ceremony was held where students were applauded for their enthusiastic participation. Certificates of appreciation were distributed to recognize their efforts, team spirit, and sportsmanship.

The three-day summer camp at Eduletics International was more than just a break from academics—it was an opportunity for children to explore new interests, build confidence, and make new friends. With its diverse lineup of activities, expert supervision, and a vibrant, supportive environment, the camp successfully lived up to the school's vision of nurturing open minds through holistic development.

As students bid farewell, they left with not just souvenirs, but with cherished memories, new skills, and stories to tell. The school looks forward to making next year's summer camp even bigger, better, and more exciting!







# Exceptional Performers of the Month

April 2025



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

## SENIOR WING TEACHERS

*Congratulations to all of you  
for the remarkable Board results!  
Your dedication, expertise, and hard work  
have truly paid off.*

*Well done!*

*Well done!*

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



