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NEWSLETTER





From the Principal's Desk

Dear Readers,

Just this summer, while browsing the internet, I came across an archival recording of Rabindranath Tagore's voice on the Humboldt University website. The melody of his voice was mesmerizing. It inspired me to read Gitanjali for the first time. Every word seemed soothing, perfectly in harmony with the rhythm of life. It has the rare ability to suspend the endless waves of our thoughts, reminding us that even if the bubble disappears, the water remains. Our existence does not dissolve; only its form changes. What we are amidst matters far less than what we essentially are.

"Today the summer has come at my window with its sighs and murmurs; and the bees are plying their minstrelsy at the court of the flowering grove. Now it is time to sit quiet, face to face with thee, and to sing dedication of life in this silent and overflowing leisure." Great minds never treat leisure as an opportunity for idleness. They use it for reflection, contemplation and creation. It is during such moments of inward silence that enduring institutions and timeless ideas are born. Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore transformed his reflections into Visva-Bharati—a university conceived not merely as a place of learning, but as a meeting ground of cultures, ideas and humanity.

I hope our readers, too, have used this summer recess to create something meaningful—whether it is a new idea, a new skill, a new habit or simply a renewed sense of purpose.

The online classes during the scorching summer were an effective way of ensuring that learning continued uninterrupted. Technology once again proved to be a powerful ally in the teaching-learning process.

With the reopening of the school for students of Grades IX to XII, the campus has regained its vibrancy. Their footsteps seem to challenge the intensity of the summer heat, reflecting an unwavering spirit to learn more and to Dream Big.

Adding to this renewed energy, the Students' Body is preparing for an election with a difference. Under the newly established Students' Affairs and Leadership Wing, students will be encouraged not merely to hold positions of responsibility, but to identify real-life challenges, devise practical solutions and experience leadership through meaningful action.

May this season inspire us all to pause, reflect, create and return with greater purpose.

Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

A. Awasthi



EDITORS SPEAK

Dear Reader,

As the school campus came alive once again after a refreshing summer break, we warmly welcomed all our students, teachers, and staff to a new and exciting phase of the academic year. The month of June marked not only the reopening of school for the senior wing but also the beginning of fresh opportunities, new goals and renewed enthusiasm for learning. The classrooms were once again filled with energy, curiosity and the joy of meeting friends and mentors after the holidays. With the commencement of regular academic sessions, students embraced learning with dedication, discipline and a positive attitude. At the same time, our younger learners from Nursery to Grade 8 continued their academic journey through online classes, demonstrating remarkable enthusiasm and adaptability. The month truly reflected that every new session brings opportunities to grow, explore talents, and strive for excellence both inside and outside the classroom. The month also witnessed the announcement of the much-awaited Students' Council Elections. The election process provided students with a valuable opportunity to understand the principles of democracy, leadership, responsibility, and teamwork. We encouraged all aspiring candidates to participate with confidence and integrity, and all students to exercise their voting rights thoughtfully and responsibly. As we embarked on this new academic journey, we worked together to make the beginning of the session productive, inspiring and memorable. The month was filled with meaningful experiences, renewed enthusiasm and opportunities for growth for every member of our school community. We look forward to the months ahead with confidence and optimism, hoping they will bring many more achievements, memorable experiences and moments of learning.

Yours truly,
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INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

Yoga originated in India as an ancient practice that nurtures physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Derived from the Sanskrit word 'Yuj', meaning to unite, it signifies the harmonious union of the body, mind and soul. Beyond improving physical fitness and calming the mind, yoga enhances concentration, memory and emotional balance, enabling individuals to lead healthier and more purposeful lives.

Recognising its significance, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India proposed 21st June as the International Day of Yoga, which was subsequently adopted by the United Nations to promote health, harmony, and well-being across the globe.

At Open Minds – A Birla School, Kankarbagh, International Yoga Day was observed with great enthusiasm. A rejuvenating yoga session was organised for the teachers in the school auditorium under expert guidance. The session provided an opportunity to pause, reflect, and reconnect with oneself while embracing the values of mindfulness, balance and inner peace. It served as a gentle reminder that a healthy mind and body are the foundation of an inspiring learning environment.



"Yoga is the journey of the self, through the self, to the self." - Bhagavad Gita



"When you listen to yourself, everything comes naturally." - Petri Räisänen



“Health is a state of body. Wellness is a state of being.” - J. Stanford

As the days got hotter and the summer reached its peak, it was finally time for the summer vacation—every child's favourite time. It was a much-needed break from their academic routine while also providing time for other activities. Many visited relatives and tourist destinations with their families, while others spent time playing games, pursuing hobbies, reading books, and learning new skills. The break gave students an opportunity to relax, refresh their minds and create happy memories with their loved ones.

Along with enjoyment, students also completed their holiday homework, which was a fantastic way to stay in touch with their academic studies while encouraging practical knowledge, imagination and creativity.

At last, the time arrived for the school to reopen for students of Grades 9 to 12 after the summer vacation, bringing an end to weeks of relaxation and enjoyment. On the reopening day, the school campus was once again filled with energy and enthusiasm. Students were delighted to meet their friends, classmates, and teachers after a long gap, exchanging stories about their vacations and discussing their holiday activities with great excitement.

The school was once again filled with the laughter and cheerful chatter of the students, their faces glowing with renewed determination and excitement for the days ahead. The reopening of the school for the senior wing marked the beginning of a fresh chapter of learning, growth and achievement.

We wish all our students a successful, rewarding and enjoyable academic session ahead.

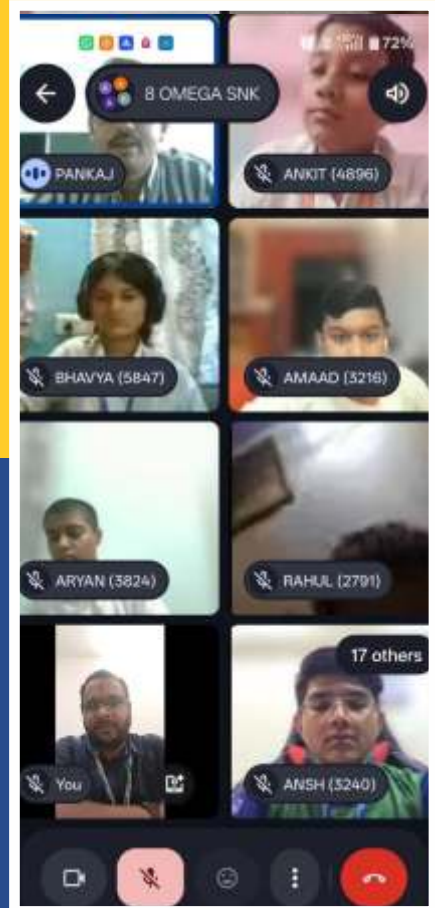
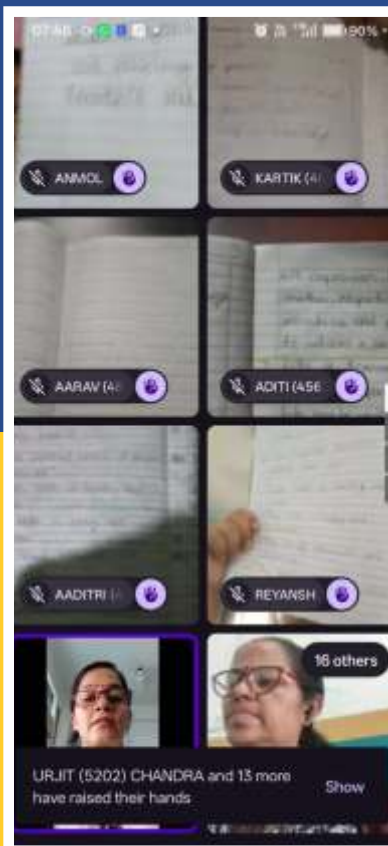
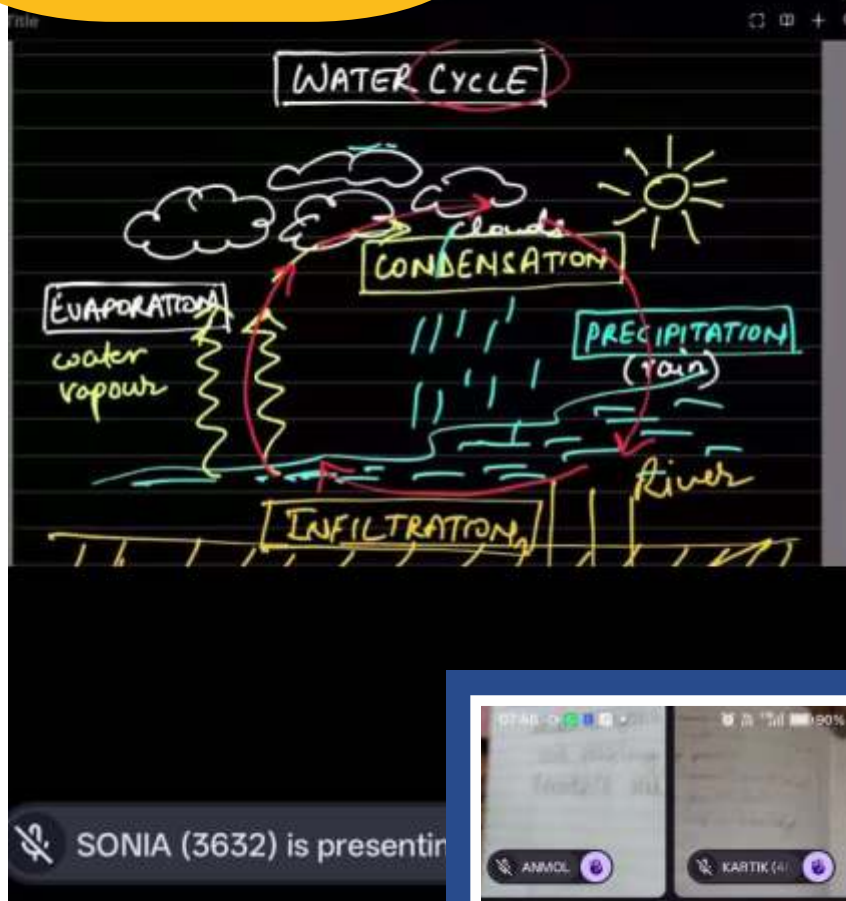


Reopening of School after Summer Vacation



"The future depends on what you do today." - Mahatma Gandhi

Classes



The month of June witnessed the successful conduct of online classes for students from Nursery to Grade 8, ensuring that the learning journey continued seamlessly. Though our young learners remained away from the school campus, their enthusiasm, curiosity and commitment to learning remained undiminished. Through interactive sessions, engaging activities, presentations and thoughtfully designed digital resources, teachers transformed every virtual classroom into a vibrant space for exploration and discovery. Students participated with sincerity and eagerness, making each session lively and meaningful. Equally commendable was the unwavering support of parents, whose encouragement and cooperation helped create a nurturing learning environment at home. This collective effort of teachers, students, and parents beautifully exemplified the strength of collaboration and reaffirmed that meaningful education transcends the boundaries of a traditional classroom.

“Learning never stops; it simply finds a new way.”

Announcement of Students' Council Elections

Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders



The long-awaited Students' Council Elections are finally on the doorstep! The official announcement of the election process was made on 30th June at Open Minds – A Birla School, marking a significant milestone in our journey of nurturing responsible and visionary leaders. Driven by the belief that every new beginning brings fresh opportunities, the Students' Council Elections are much more than a voting session. They provide a platform for the bright, visionary voices of our school to step forward with confidence, integrity and purpose. Through this democratic process, we witness the resilience, teamwork and leadership potential of our peers as they prepare to represent the student community. This is the moment for our young leaders to take initiative, inspire one another and contribute meaningfully to the growth of our school. We eagerly look forward to the panel of student leaders who will guide our campus with dedication, responsibility and enthusiasm while continuing to uphold the values of Open Minds – A Birla School.

"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers." - Ralph Nader

BY THE STUDENTS, OF THE STUDENTS, FOR THE STUDENTS

The Student Leaders' Body presented a comprehensive plan for the forthcoming Student Council Elections to the School Management. The plan ensured to outline a transparent and systematic process for identifying and selecting deserving student representatives. During the presentation, the members explained the proposed election framework, emphasising fairness, accountability, and active student participation.

As part of the proposal, the team also introduced a user-friendly digital interface designed to streamline the nomination process. It was demonstrated that the platform would facilitate the listing of prospective candidates, enable systematic screening based on predefined eligibility criteria and support the certification of candidature before the final list of contestants was announced.



"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." - John F. Kennedy



The Student Leaders further shared that the initiative aimed to ensure a well-organised, efficient and transparent election process while encouraging responsible leadership and democratic values among students. The proposal reflected the team's thoughtful planning, collaborative spirit and commitment to strengthen student governance within the school.

"The price of greatness is responsibility." - Winston Churchill

Chess Triumph

During Summer Vacation

Open Minds – A Birla School proudly congratulates Rishav Raj of Grade 9 Sigma for securing First Place at the 11th Rising Star Chess Academy: Open Rapid Chess Tournament 2026, held in Patna. The tournament brought together nearly 100 talented players across Bihar and featured seven rounds of rapid chess competition. Demonstrating exceptional strategic thinking, consistency and composure, Rishav emerged as the champion with an impressive score of 6 points out of 7, adding yet another milestone to his remarkable chess journey.

His achievement stands as an inspiring example of how summer vacations can be utilised productively to pursue one's passions and develop skills beyond the classroom. At Open Minds – A Birla School, we encourage our students to explore their interests—be it in sports, the arts, technology, or academics—and strive for excellence through perseverance, discipline, and dedication.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Rishav on this well-deserved accomplishment and wish him continued success in all his future endeavours.



"Every chess master was once a beginner." - Irving Chernev



Exceptional Performer of the Month

We are delighted to announce the Exceptional Performer of the Month for demonstrating culinary excellence and making an invaluable contribution to promote health, well-being, and happiness in our workplace.



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