



BLUE BELLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER
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MESSAGE

*" May, He, the Lord of all, strengthen me with Wisdom,
May I be the possessor of wisdom that leads to immortality,
May I hear much (auspicious and helpful) with my ears...
Protect that which I have heard..."*

This prayer from 'Taittiriya Upanishad' reiterates that human beings are endowed with wisdom, and when we have a clear perspective and vision, truth shines like an eternal mirror bringing delight to life. What we require is to realize our innate potential so that we can spread our wings to soar high in the sky to attain knowledge which will act as an elixir to existence.

Millions of people walk in this universe. But during last millennium one noble soul walked and created a mark in the Indian soil giving application of ahimsa dharma leading to Indian independence. The biggest challenge we face today is, can we help the students to dream big as Mahatma Gandhi or Sir CV Raman or Einstein or Subramaniam Chandrasekhar or Vikram Sarabhai. As educators, we have to hone the abilities in our learners to become great thinkers and creators so that they become iconic and role model for the future generation. This will further help in making world a wonderful place with magnificent treasures where there will be an onflow of positive energy which will make the environment conducive for growth and development.



My dear students, shed away the maze from your thoughts and try to achieve your goal with steadfast approach, since there is nothing in the world as purifying as knowledge. Mobilize your energy, aspiration and dedicate yourself in totality to concretize all your dreams to become an inspirer as success is only when your signature becomes your autograph. Probe into every aspect of life and always be determined to achieve your goal and remember that life can be ennobled by wisdom which illuminates the soul with radiance of knowledge. So, discover your calling and step out into the world, fully empowered to keep the lamp of knowledge burning and create a vibrant destiny for yourself and the world.

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

Blue Bells Public School, Sector 10, Gurugram has been accredited with the International School Award by The British Council. The award is conferred on the school for nurturing Global Citizenship and enriching the teaching and learning through research based projects via international collaboration. The portfolio submitted by the school has been APPROVED and the school has been successfully awarded with the British Council International School Award for the period 2017 - 2020. The school initiated this invigorating sojourn under the guidance of Ms. Anhsuka Aneja, Deputy Director (IT), BBGS in February 2016. Under the ISA project, which was spearheaded by Ms. Arpita Acharya as the ISA Co-ordinator, the school collaborated with partner schools from different countries like Japan, Ghana, Guinea and Sri Lanka. It was a wonderful learning experience as the students could mutually exchange knowledge and views on different global issues using Skype sessions, British Council Connecting Classroom's Project Spaces, designing websites, e-mails, blogs etc. To acquaint the learners of today, who are inquisitive and continuously strive to learn new skills, project based learning strategy was adopted. This encouraged collaborative work which further honed their higher order thinking skills. Heartiest Congratulations to all the team members for their hard work and commitment!



INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS TO INNOVATE: TINKERFEST 2017



Blue Bells Public School in collaboration with Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and TechTop organized the first 48 Hour Tinkertfest on July 12-13, 2017 for the students of Classes VIII to XII. The school was selected to host the mega event as it enjoys the privilege of having the first functional Hi - Tech ATL Lab in Gurgaon which provided a platform to the students to explore, innovate & experiment with latest tech tools. The students were given exposure to the

process of innovation through activities in Physical design and fabrication, Electronics and coding, Problem identification, Solution ideation, Digital fabrication and prototyping. On the Opening day of the event on July 12, 2017, young netizens got an excellent opportunity to work with tools and equipment to understand the concepts of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and it also fostered inventiveness among students. The event saw an encouraging participation from renowned schools of Gurgaon and was mentored by experts from MIT and IIT, Delhi. The Closing Ceremony of the mega event was on July 13, 2017 where all the students were awarded with the Certificate of participation. The students showcased their understanding and knowledge of the new software through their video and power point presentation. The winning team was 'Team – The Shield' comprising of five students from Class XI – Daksh Sharma, Aneesh Sawant, Allaika Yadav, Kartikey Gulia and Arpan from Blue Bells Public School, Sector 10, Gurgaon.

TECH TOP INNOVATION SUMMIT 2017



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➔ INAUGURATION OF ATL & ART BLOCK



The Management of Blue Bells Public School believes in giving resources to the students so that they can face the competition of the global world with ease. The school has the first functional Hi - Tech ATL Lab in Gurugram which would provide a platform to the students to explore, innovate & experiment with latest tech tools. The work area for Art, Sculpture and Fine arts where the students would get a canvas to paint their imagination has been updated with state of art infrastructure. ATL Lab and New Art Work Place was inaugurated by Dr. Saroj Suman Gulati, revered Director, BBGS and Ms. Anshuka Aneja, Deputy Director, BBGS on August 2, 2017. These work areas would now give an opportunity to the students to hone their scientific temper, analytical skill along with providing an aesthetic satisfaction.

➔ HEALTH & WELLNESS : ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES : A GALORE

We, at Blue Bells Public School strongly, feel that if the foundation of values is strongly laid and children are equipped in their life skills then future will naturally be secure, as these children will grow up to become committed and confident citizens. With this in mind, the school organized various activities under the aegis of Health & Wellness Programme. Dr. Alka Saxena, Deputy Director (Health and Wellness), BBGS, along with the team of school counselors and teachers designed the competitions and activities which would help the students to discover their inherent potential.

➔ GENESIS: HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMME WEEK-AN INTER SCHOOL MEGA LIFE SKILLS FEST



The school hosted Genesis : Health & Wellness Programme Week, An Inter School Mega Life Skills Fest on August 17 & 18, 2017. The Opening Ceremony of the Mega - event on August 17, 2017 began with the ceremonial lighting of the diya and was graced by the illustrious presence of Dr. Dinesh Chandra, Ex. Vice Chancellor, Agricultural University, Kanpur. The students of the school presented a colourful cultural extravaganza to mark the beginning of the Mega Event which was declared open by Dr. Alka Saxena, Deputy Director (Health & Wellness), BBGS. The students of Classes VI to XII from fourteen renowned schools of Gurugram competed in various competitions like Poster Making, Street Play, Debate and Critical Thinking activities. The Competitions on both the days were adjudged by renowned panel of jury who found the level of competition to be high and it was a difficult task to adjudge the winner. A Teacher's Workshop was conducted by Dr. Alka Saxena and the Resource Center Team on 'Communicating Effectively With Adolescents'. The Workshop was interactive and appreciated by the participating teachers. The Closing Ceremony cum Valedictory Function on August 18, 2017 was adorned by the gracious presence of Dr. Saroj Suman Gulati, Director, BBGS. The winners of various competitions of Genesis were felicitated in the Valedictory Ceremony which was embellished with presentations of the students giving a

panoramic view of Genesis as well as the Health & Wellness Education at Blue Bells. The scintillating dance performance by the students on emotions left the audience spellbound. The Chief Guest Dr. Saroj Suman Gulati congratulated the winners as well as other teams for the marvelous presentation. Ma'am also applauded the wonderful effort of the school for putting up a grand competition and presentation. Speaking on the occasion the Dr. Alka Saxena blessed everyone present and congratulated the teams for their wonderful performance. She emphasized the value of life skills in the life of each and every individual and appreciated the teams for their efforts.



WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS ON COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY WITH ADOLESCENTS



It's often said that communication is the key to a healthy relationship, it's a skill worth learning that will help us do better in all our relationships. As an adolescent grows up, the way one communicates with him/her will need to change keeping in mind this stage of development. Discovering these new and different approaches to communicating effectively with one another will be a learning experience for both the teacher and student. Effective communication can help one feel happier and more connected in one's relationship, and more confident about having difficult conversations and resolving conflicts. A Workshop on "Communicating Effectively With Adolescents" was conducted on August 9, 2017 by Dr. Alka Saxena and the Resource Centre Team. The session started on an interactive note where the teachers were asked to reflect as soon as they read various words like - FRIEND, TEACHER, RULES, ATTITUDE, DRAMA, FEELING etc. Taking the feedback of the discussion as a backdrop, Ma'am asked everyone to go down the

memory lane and dwell on sweet and sour experiences of life. The teachers were asked to share these experiences. Tools of Communication were explained through Role Plays and different situations. The teachers were told about the ways of Respectful Confrontation where one has to move from problems to their solution, dealing with situation at hand, not making personal attacks. The session was interactive, learning and thought provoking. It was a step towards sensitizing all on understanding the adolescents and dealing with them in a positive manner so that we can contribute effectively in creating an atmosphere conducive to learning for all students.



CAREER CONFLUENCE



To acquaint the students and parents with the latest career options and avenues, Blue Bells Public School organized Career Confluence on August 4 & August 5, 2017 for the students and parents respectively. The main objective of the Confluence was to apprise the students of the wide spectrum of career choices students can opt for after their Class XII. It also gave an insight to the students of Classes IX to XII about the Career options available in accordance to the stream of their choice. Eminent Speakers and Career Counsellors addressed the students and gave them a detailed account of various career choices they can make in accordance to their aptitude, interest and passion. Adding more information to the concept taught in the sessions, the students also visited stalls put up by various Institutes (Management, Fashion & Hotel Management) and Universities to understand the



importance of the course and how to pursue admission in it. The students found the interactive Session with Mr. Jitin Chawla, one of the leading Career Counsellors very useful. They also noted the various websites from where they could get more information on different career options. The main motive of the Parents' Workshop for the parents of the students in Classes IX to XII on August 5, 2017, was to help them to understand the various career options available so that they can help their ward choose an option on his/her aptitude, interest and passion. The session was taken by Mr. Jitin Chawla, renowned Career Counsellor. Sir gave tips on Careers, Study Skills & Time Management. The last part of the session was OPEN HOUSE where the parents were apprised of the new avenues and they were satisfied with the appropriate information of the options available in this global scenario.

→ EMPEZAR : A NEW BEGINNING



The school proudly hosted Empezar : A Beginning under the aegis of The Health & Wellness Programme of the school on August 2 & August 3, 2017. This event is an annual feature of the school for the students of Primary Wing. A variety of activities and competitions were organized for the students of Classes III to V. The most remarkable feature of all the activities is that they have been developed in-house by the Resource Centre Team, school

counselors and teachers of Health & Wellness Team under the guidance of Dr. Saxena. The Opening Ceremony of the event on August 2, 2017, began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by offering prayers by Dr. Alka Saxena, Deputy Director (Health & Wellness), Blue Bells Group of Schools, Ms. Anjali Nagpal, Principal, Ms. Sushma Malhotra, Primary Wing Incharge along with the Resource Centre Team, school counselors, Health & Wellness Team,



teachers and the students of Primary Wing. Adding more to the learning sojourn was 'Thinking Fiesta' organized in collaboration with THOTS. The THOTS facilitators trained twenty four students from Classes III to V and these students effectively trained their peers through games honing their Higher Order Thinking Skills. The students enthusiastically participated in the games conducted by their peers and thoroughly enjoyed the process of enhancing their skill as well as knowledge. The students were ardently involved in plethora of activities like Jingle Making, Fun Races, Stone Art, IT Presentation and Critical Thinking on August 3, 2017. These activities focused mainly on Team Building, Creativity, and Effective Communication with an application of Life Skills and Value Education. The students were adjudged by the renowned panel of jury comprising of expert members of the Teaching Faculty of Blue Bells Group of Schools. This is just a step towards creating ripples in the heart of the young individuals. These emotionally empowered and aware members will be an asset to the society and nation at large.

→ READING & WRITING READINESS SESSION



Our every endeavour at School is to create a conducive environment where learning for students is an act and a habit which will develop them into independent thinkers, creative and sensitive individuals. The objective of these early years of learning at school is to help the child feel confident from the beginning, enjoy creative task and is empowered to take simple decisions easily while enjoying the process of learning. Thus, the curriculum is designed giving right impetus on every aspect of development. In sync with the mission of promoting experiential learning through hands on activities, the school organized a session for the parents of Class Nursery on Reading & Writing Readiness as a part of 'Back To School Series' by the L & D Team under the initiative and guidance of Ms. Soumya Gulati, Deputy Director (Academic Development & Innovation), BBGS on September 9, 2017. The session aimed at acquainting the parents about the new strategies and methodologies of teaching and learning adopted by the school for the holistic development of child's personality. The parents were further assured that similar type of sessions will be conducted in future also to encourage active learning through exploration, innovation, lay and live experience. The parents were apprised of multitudes of activities conducted in the class. A 'Video: Growth of the World' laying emphasis on developing and honing LSRW (Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing) Skills was shown. Parents were divided in various groups and activities like Introduction of Letters in Class, Story Weaving, Picture Walk of the Story, Non Dormant Hand Activity and Letter Craft Activity etc were conducted. A Gallery Walk with a display of series of worksheets and craft activities done by the students was highly appreciated by the parents. The exhibits of the students' work showcased the development of Cognitive, Aesthetic, Fine and Gross Motor skills, Communication, Social and Personal skills of the students. Parents thoroughly enjoyed playing games organized by Edusports showcasing a transdisciplinary approach of blending sports activities with real life learning & subjects.

CELEBRATIONS GALORE



DOCTOR'S DAY



Doctor's Day in Blue Bells Public School was celebrated in the Pre - Primary Wing with a special assembly on July 7, 2017 to appreciate the tireless efforts of the doctors. Children of classes NUR - UKG celebrated the day with full enthusiasm, a plethora of activities were conducted to acknowledge the role of doctor's in our lives. The students of Class Nursery performed a group activity wherein

they recited an action rhyme "Brush Brush your teeth....Brush it every day". The students of LKG did individual activity of making doctors & nurses with the help of paper cutouts given by the teacher. They enjoyed the activity & also learnt about the different medical equipments used by doctors. UKG students prepared Medical Kit using pastel sheets in which they pasted various medical supplies to be used for a patient in case of emergency. The various items used by them included adhesive bandages, cotton balls, antiseptic cream etc.



ECO DRIVE - HUES OF BLUE

Human callousness has caused a tremendous threat to the existence of aquatic life. To create awareness about the threats to Marine Life and the importance of conserving the only planet with life "Blue Planet – Earth", Eco Week – "Hues Of Blues" was organized in the Primary Wing of the school from July 17 to July 21, 2017. Plethora of activities were conducted for classes I to V. Class I students presented "Chorus Rhyming" on saving aquatic life. Class II creatively assembled crafty aquatic animals in an aquarium made out of used boxes. Class III painted stones to make aquatic animals. Class IV had a Slogan Writing activity where the students wrote slogans to Conserve Marine Life on cut-outs of Earth and Class V did a Poster Making activity wherein they depicted Sea Life and wrote the measures to save it.



VAN MAHOTSAV

The school celebrated Vanmahotsav on July 7, 2017 to show the commitment of conserving resources by replenishing Mother Earth. The work was ardently carried on with zest by the young nature lovers and was whole heartedly supported by the Principal, Vice Principal, Wing In Charges and the teachers. The teachers and students were involved in planting the saplings in and around the school and even to the nearby areas to spread the divine color and cover of Mother Nature. The school team also carried out an awareness drive to sensitize all on the need to conserve the precious flora. The Blue Bellians pledge to work as an effective team to save our earth from being depleted of its greenery and precious resources.





JANMASHTMI



A special assembly "Divinity" was conducted for classes Nursery - V on August 23, 2017 by Classes II C, III A & III C on the occasion of Janamashtmi, a festival which commemorates the divine incarnation of Lord Vishnu as Krishna. The assembly began with a melodious bhajan sung by the choir group. A musical play "Krishna In Me" by class III A & C and a Nukkad Natak by class II C showing the teachings of Krishna and how we must imbibe the values of Karma, Dharma and Righteousness to be

better citizens were presented.



INDEPENDENCE DAY



Independence Day, a moment of jubilation, hours of exhilaration, a moment breathe free in a free Nation, the School epitomized this sentiment as Independence Day was celebrated with utmost fervor on August 12, 2017. The occasion was graced by Director Dr. Saroj Suman Gulati who very kindly consented to be the Chief Guest for the celebration. The Celebration commenced with the unfurling of the Indian Tricolour in the sky by the Chief Guest, Honourable Director Ma'am. The platoons of various Houses along with Primary Wing Contingents displayed a perfect synchronization of movement with the drum beats. The salute of the Marching contingents was taken by Director Madam. The students of the school presented a colourful cultural extravaganza which was a kaleidoscope of their commitment and dedication towards their nation. The entire school was soaked in the spirit of festivity and patriotism. The students of the school showcased their commitment of heralding a new horizon for India by presenting – 'SATYAMEV JAYATE,

TRUTH ALWAYS TRIUMPHS.' The Academic and Regularity & Punctuality Award achievers from Classes VI to XI were felicitated in the August ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, Honourable Director Madam wished to see all the Blue Bellians honoring their commitment towards their nation so that it rises to unparalleled fame and glory all across the globe. Director Madam talked about the role of education in empowering the youth so that they can take the baton of government in their hands to take India into a superior surging arena.



TEACHER'S DAY

The role of the teacher has undergone a sea change where she is not only a mentor, guide, friend but also a philosopher and facilitator. To honour the efforts of the teaching staff, the students of Class XII & Primary Wing organized a Special Morning Assembly to pay their gratitude towards their teachers on August 30, 2017 to mark the Teacher's Day Celebration. Various games were organized for the teachers where they enthusiastically participated. The entire school was soaked in the spirit of festivity and happiness. The students presented a soulful cultural programme to make the day more momentous for the teachers. Thereafter, they assumed the role of teachers and took regular classes.



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HINDI DIWAS



The Primary Wing of the school celebrated 'Hindi Diwas' with an Inter - House Greeting Card Making Competition and a special assembly "Hindi Hamari Shaan" on September 13 & 14, 2017 by Hindi Club "Jigyasa" along with Class IV D and Class I & II respectively.

KINDERGARTEN ACTIVITIES : A GALORE



CREATIVITY:

A WHETSTONE OF TALENT

Crowd the room with alien thoughts,
May be young, maybe not;
Shapeless they may be
Or shaped a tad too differently.
Then knead them, mold them,
form them into an image all your own,
until such time when many
Has finally become one.
Examples and innovations
have more followers than reason,
They force and inspire us and have
incalculable influence on our conscience,
It works more forcible on the
mind than percepts,
So, every person should aspire to set
a lofty example to the followed:
Because it is the richest bequest
a man can leave
behind him forever....