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Brilliant Performance by Blue Bellians in Inter - School Quiz

Quiz is a great medium to hone thinking and analytical skills of young students. Four students of the school participated in an Inter-School Quiz Competition organized by Fullmarks at Lotus Valley International School.

Our students made it to the final round after clearing the preliminary round that had participants from 43 different schools.

Saksham (VI), Anirudha (VIII), Shubhang (VIII) and Khushal (VII) emerged victorious qualifying amongst the final 6 teams.

They answered the questions smartly and received Consolation prize. Their performance and quick responses were appreciated by the judges and the audience.

Heartiest Congratulations to the students.



The School Shines at Microsoft E2 Summit with AI Insights



Microsoft Experts from Brahm Dutt Blue Bells Public School made their presence felt at the Microsoft E2 Summit by giving an informative presentation on the role and significance of Artificial Intelligence w.r.t. different Microsoft Apps under the header 'Work Smarter Not Harder'.

The event, held on November 17, 2023 at 6.50 a.m. IST, was a resounding success, fostering a spirit of learning, collaboration, and innovation among educators from around the world.

The presenters and participants delved into the latest technologies through the insightful sessions, gaining valuable knowledge to enhance their teaching methodologies.

The participants gained practical insights into integrating the latest technologies into their classrooms, creating a more dynamic and engaging learning environment. The summit served as a platform for building a strong community of educators dedicated to transforming education. Networking opportunities facilitated meaningful connections that will extend beyond the event.

Accolades For the School at High School Moot Court Competition

The students of BDBBPS showcased exceptional enthusiasm and talent at the Inter High School Moot Court competition, organized by the North Cap University, Gurugram. Among the commendable participants, a team comprising Aarushi, Arkya, and Divey from grade XI D of the Humanities stream not only reached the finals but also left a lasting impression.



Blue Bellian Voices her Opinion in Global Peace Summit

Recently Dhun Setia of the school participated in the Global Peace Summit, organised by 21ST DIGI SKILLZ ACADEMY and presented her views on SDG 16. 21ST DIGI SKILLZ is a global platform which promotes the United Nations Sustainable development goals. This time it was a conference on SDG-16, aiming to promote global peace, prosperity, and inclusive societies at all levels. 32 representatives from all parts of the world were connected on teams, including South Africa, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Tanzania, Nigeria, Georgia etc. to discuss about the central goal- PEACE. 21 century education doesn't involve only learning the traditional way, but also to integrate technology to help make the world a smaller place, to make the interaction go beyond the classroom and classmate to virtual trips and multi region and multi nation interactivity to commence projects and work. Dhun Setia was one of the representatives from India. A time span of just 5 minutes was given to each speaker to present his/her views on SDG-16 i. e., Global peace, and Dhun left audience spellbound with her eloquence.



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Book Fairs in The Gulf: How Sharjah Positions Itself as The Reading Emirate of the UAE

Dragons may be legendary, but they are not passe for the children and adults who visited Sharjah and its much-loved book fair this year, interacting with and tailing the animal personas through the corridors and halls of Expo Centre Sharjah.

The 42nd Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) drew 1.2 million visitors from 109 countries and featured a 12-day carnival of activities such as children's workshops, panel discussions, celebrity visits, food trucks, cookery shows, roaming theatre, police academy band music, and special cultural programmes from the Guest of Honour country. All programmes are completely free.

Over the last 50 years, the Arab world has seen a substantial growth in education, with a literacy rate of about 95% for both men and women. Students from Asia, India, and Africa have taken advantage of this opportunity. New York University, INSEAD Business School, and Sorbonne University have West Asian campuses in Abu Dhabi. Both Dubai and Sharjah contain prestigious public and private universities. The UAE is a popular destination for higher education due to its English instruction, multinational faculty, world-class facilities, and cosmopolitan living.



The oil-producing Arab nation has shown that the way forward is not just oil but soft power through education, space and tourism.

U.S. Lawmakers Hail Indian-Americans' Contribution To Development at Capitol Diwali Events



The annual event held by BAPS was attended by a large number of US Congressmen, who were joined by over 300 members of the Indian-American community from across the country. Three Diwali ceremonies were conducted at the United States Capitol this week, with a large number of senators acknowledging the importance of Indian-Americans in the country's socioeconomic progress. BAPS organised the event in collaboration with the Hindu American Foundation, Asian American Hotel Owners' Association, Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur, Federation of Jain Associations in North America, American Jewish Committee, United States Indian Community Foundation, United States India Security Council, and Indian American Relations Council.

In a written statement, Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal stated, "This year, however, we celebrate (Diwali) at a time of great crisis, with so many of our South Asian community, including Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, and Hindus, feeling afraid."

The annual event was attended by over 300 members of the Indian-American community from across the country, including Senator Cynthia Lummis, Congressman Scott Perry, Congressman Shri Thanedar, Congresswoman Deborah Ross, Congresswoman Anna Paulina Luna, Congressman Matt Cartwright, and Ohio State Senator Niraj Antani.

The elected members underlined the importance of diversity in their constituencies.

Tata Tech's \$3 billion IPO On the final day, 70 people subscribed.

Tata Technologies' initial public offering (IPO), valued at 3,042.51 crores, witnessed a remarkable response, garnering bids exceeding 1.5 lakh crores on its closing day of subscription. As the 5 pm deadline on Friday approached, the IPO was oversubscribed by an impressive 69.43 times. The substantial demand resulted in bids for 312.42 crore equity shares, significantly surpassing the offering's initial size of 4.5 crore shares. Notably, this IPO marks a significant milestone for the Tata Group, representing its first public issue since the year 2004.



Students Celebrate Guru Purab with Reverence

To celebrate the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the students of Class Nursery and Kalpana Chawla House (Primary wing) organised Special Assemblies in different slots on November 23 & 24, 2023, with great enthusiasm. The assemblies aimed to familiarise students with the profound teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, such as humanity, compassion, humility, and equality.

The Nursery Presentation began with the recitation of the Gaytri Mantra and prayer. The students confidently shared insights about the significance of this auspicious day.

The Primary Wing Presentation commenced with the soulful rendition of 'Ek Onkar-The Mool Mantra' followed by its wonderful explanation by the students. Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings, emphasizing the messages of humanity and community service were conveyed through a very captivating presentation. The assembly concluded with the mesmerizing rendition of 'Shabads' by the students and teachers.



School Ignites Early Learning with Class KG

In a lively and enriching session, the young learners of Class KG at the school engaged in a creative exploration of Mathematics through the innovative approach of representing addition with objects. The classroom buzzed with excitement as tiny hands eagerly delved into the world of numbers.

Under the guidance of enthusiastic educators, the students enjoyed a day of fun with pegs, where colorful pegs became the building blocks for understanding addition. This hands-on experience not only brought joy to learning but also laid the foundation for solid mathematical concepts.



The World of Plants: A Fun Activity

In a harmonious blend of education and creativity, the school's Grade I recently engaged in a thematic approach centered around the captivating theme, "The World of Plants". They showcased their creativity through captivating performances related to the stages of seed germination.



School Celebrates Children's Day

The school celebrated Children's Day with great enthusiasm, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. A special assembly was conducted by the teachers, followed by informative and inspirational speeches by the Principal and the Middle Wing Leader. Teachers enthralled the audience with their energetic and graceful dance moves. Students pulsed with excitement when their teachers presented dance.



The celebratory mood continued with a self-composed poem. Subsequently, a song was presented by a group of teachers. Students were elated to see their teachers performing and celebrating the day with zeal and enthusiasm. Not only this but the famous game of musical chairs was also a part of the celebration.

The celebration was full of joy and laughter for the students.

Navigating Gender Equality through the Lens of the Indian Constitution, By Sambhavi Singh, IX-C

Gender inequality affects everyone, be it children, women, transgenders or even men. Gender equality is a human right but there seems to be a certain gap in access to various opportunities as well as the decision making power for women and men. Women's empowerment is an important aspect of bringing gender equality. Giving equal opportunities to women and guaranteeing them their equal share of rights, helps in not only achieving gender equality but also in a wide range of development goals. The Constitution of India made things a little easier for women in terms of gender equality. The term gender equality in the Constitution is mentioned in its Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles of State Policy.



Article 14, Article 15, Article 15(3), Article 16, Article 39(a), Article 39(b), Article 39(c) and Article 42 of the Constitution are of specific importance in terms of gender equality and equality in the general sense. Mentioned below are some of the articles:- Article 14 of the Indian Constitution talks about equal status or equality before the law. Every person has equal status before the law and the State cannot deny it. Article 15 prohibits discrimination on the grounds of religion, race, caste, sex and place of birth. This Article cannot prevent the State from making any special provisions for women and children. Article 16 states that there shall be equal opportunity for all citizens of India in matters of employment or appointment to any office. According to Article 39 of the Constitution, the State shall make sure that men and women have an equal right to an adequate livelihood, there is equal pay for men and women, the economic system does not result in the concentration of wealth and the material resources are distributed to serve a common purpose. The State shall secure humane conditions for work and for maternity relief according to Article 42 of the Constitution. Hence, the Constitution of India makes gender equality a human right.

Hot Chocolate Recipe: The Perfect Warm Brew for the Winters! By Goohika Joshi, XI-C

Ingredients:

- 2 cups whole milk
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- A pinch of salt
- Whipped cream (optional, for topping)
- Chocolate shavings or cocoa powder (optional, for garnish)

Instructions:

1. Heat the Milk:

In a small saucepan, heat the milk over medium heat until it's warm but not boiling. Stir occasionally to prevent a skin from forming.

2. Mix Cocoa and Sugar:

In a bowl, whisk together the cocoa powder and sugar. Gradually add this mixture to the warm milk, stirring continuously to avoid lumps.

3. Add Vanilla and Salt:

Stir in the vanilla extract and a pinch of salt. Continue to heat the mixture, stirring, until it's well combined and reaches your desired temperature.

4. Serve: Pour the hot chocolate into mugs. If desired, top with whipped cream and garnish with chocolate shavings or a sprinkle of cocoa powder.

5. Enjoy: Grab a cozy blanket, find a comfortable spot, and enjoy your delightful hot chocolate short!

Test Your Knowledge: GK Corner

Question 1:

In which year did the Berlin Wall fall, symbolizing the end of the Cold War?

- a) 1985
- b) 1989
- c) 1991
- d) 1995

Question 2:

Which African country is the only one that has never been colonized?

- a) Ethiopia
- b) Liberia
- c) Somalia
- d) Mozambique

Question 3:

Who is the author of the philosophical work "Meditations"?

- a) Socrates
- b) Aristotle
- c) Seneca
- d) Marcus Aurelius

Question 4:

Which chemical element has the atomic number 79?

- a) Gold
- b) Silver
- c) Platinum
- d) Mercury

Answers

- 1. B)
- 2. A)
- 3. D)
- 4. A)

Cyber Hygiene Corner

Voice cloning, an AI-driven technology replicating voices accurately, has transformed communication but raises concerns about cybersecurity and ethics. While promising entertainment, accessibility, and customer service, its misuse can lead to identity theft, phishing, and misinformation. Advanced machine learning algorithms analyze and mimic speech patterns, making cloned voices indistinguishable from authentic ones. To counter these risks, proactive measures such as educating individuals about voice cloning, promoting awareness, and implementing multifactor authentication with biometric data are crucial. Balancing innovation with prudence is key to leveraging technology while safeguarding personal privacy in the face of evolving cyber threats. As technology advances, it's imperative for society to stay informed and implement robust cybersecurity measures to navigate the delicate balance between embracing innovation and mitigating potential risks associated with voice cloning. Building a resilient cybersecurity framework is essential for preserving the integrity of personal information and ensuring a secure digital landscape for all.

Life: A Learning Sojourn

Life inherently combines an array of vastly unequal possibilities, blurring the lines between what seems impossible. It hinges on a single choice, serving as the intricate maze of our decisions that unlocks pathways to improbable opportunities. This transformation turns barren deserts into lush oases, guiding individuals toward their ultimate destination of greatness and significance.

"The broader your vantage, the higher you ascend." It is often said that one cannot glimpse beyond a mountain's base, but upon ascent, it offers a perch for new and splendid vistas. Yet, human inclination leans toward remaining at the base, nurturing our comfort zones. Only a few muster the courage to scale the peak due to its demanding journey, thereby missing what lies beyond.

The essential need is an inner drive to take that initial step. 'Whatever you can do or dream you can begin it.' Courage possesses brilliance, power, and enchantment. It is crucial for us all to recognize that monumental accomplishments stem from ignited spirits that dared to believe in their dreams. We should recall that every triumphant achievement was once merely a 'thought.' It is the 'vision' that sparks the mind and eventually shapes it into reality."

Hence, the crucial task with us is unleashing our distinctive selves, enabling the channeling of our energies toward realizing our loftiest aspirations. We wield the power to craft our vibrant and illustrious destiny as our vibrations resonate in the surrounding sphere to shape a world of our choice. Cultivating an attitude of humility further fuels the pursuit of our loftiest aspirations and ambitions. Self-awareness holds the key to unlocking a brilliant future that is awaiting us with open arms. Let us all spark this inner brilliance and move untrammelled towards our dream destination.

Warm Regards

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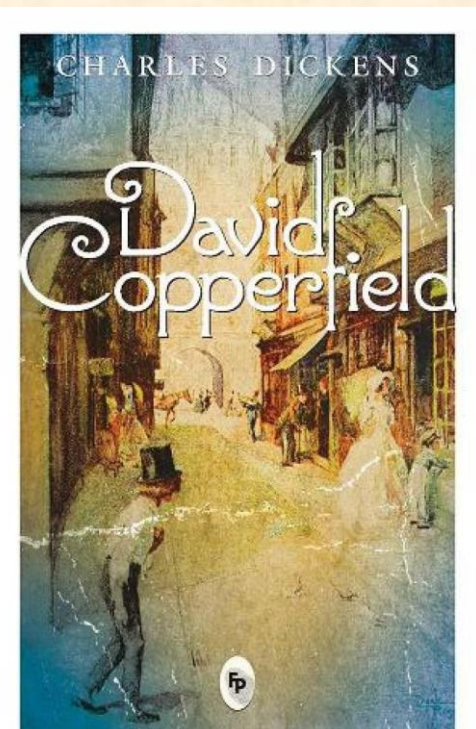
David Copperfield by Charles Dickens: Book Review by Banaj, XI-C

"David Copperfield" by Charles Dickens is a literary gem that unveils the intricacies of human experience in 19th-century England. Dickens, a master storyteller, guides readers through the tumultuous life of David Copperfield, a character whose journey from innocence to maturity reflects the broader societal shifts of the Victorian era.

The novel's strength lies in Dickens' vivid characterizations and poignant social commentary. David's encounters with hardship and heartache, from the cruelty of his stepfather to the pangs of unrequited love, serve as stepping stones in his quest for self-discovery. The female characters, notably Agnes Wickfield and Betsey Trotwood, contribute depth to the narrative and symbolize the evolving roles of women in society.

Humor, sentimentality, and satire intermingle in Dickens' signature style, creating a rich and enduring tapestry of characters. From the lovable Mr. Micawber to the sinister Uriah Heep, each character adds a layer of complexity to the narrative, making "David Copperfield" a timeless exploration of the human condition.

In essence, Dickens weaves a compelling narrative that transcends its historical setting. "David Copperfield" stands as a classic work, inviting readers to reflect on their own journeys and reaffirming its status as a poignant and relevant exploration of life's trials and triumphs.



We're All Fireflies

To all the children, who are separated into pink and blue

Who can't to themselves, and their dreams stay true

To the girls who look for a sword and not a knight

To the girls and boys who are bound by the chains of society, but still hope to take flight

Who are judged, questioned and stopped at every moment

But still stand up and stand out in their ways imperfect

To the girls are thought to be labelled 'handle with care'

But have within a fierce flame and the capability of doing more than their share

To the women who put in the heart and soul, but still don't receive equal pay

Who make a comeback after every setback and still say what they have to say

To the women who have been known by their fathers' and husbands' names

But write their own song, produce their own melody all the same

To all such people, for their spirit, I will say thank you!

For showing us that the world is not white and black or pink and blue

For smiling and walking through the dark, dark tunnel

For remembering we are all fireflies, with our own light and sparkle

For, like phoenixes, rising from the ashes

Thank you for living life on your own terms and not for the masses

I hope, one day, we all realise that we are fireflies and in the open sky soar

And that we remove all labels, not looking through the biased lens of gender anymore

by Goohika Joshi, XI-C

What's The Difference?

What's the difference whether it is a girl or a boy,

When both are simply just humans made of hope, light and joy.

Both are the children of god, he knows it well.

Then why can't we just to the people tell?

What's the difference if it is a male or a female,

When both have the courage to stand without fail.

Both have the same race and behavior

They are faithful and for the future both are the savior.

What's the difference whether it is a girl or a boy?

When both have equal faith and power.

Why is there a need to always empower women,

Indeed knowing the fact, they are the strongest entity made of hope, light and joy.

It's we humans who erect the boundaries between one another

It's we who love ourselves but betray the other.

Remember, Equality knows no gender

Be it a boy or a girl, both hold the same amount of love and tender...

By Yashasvi Ganeshe, IX-C



He or She

Embodied in the verses of 'He or She,' Charlie May Cullip passionately captures the essence of gender equality, debunking stereotypes that have long constrained both men and women.

Females and males are one in the world,
although that is not the belief that has been furlled.
We are told that one gender is better than the other,
it seems it's just one stereotype; one after another.

Equality can become realised if only we believe
and take the initiative to take action and achieve.

Why shouldn't men and women be treated the same?

To have equal rights and equal pay, that should really be our aim.

Men, gender inequality is your issue too,
although you may not agree, I'm afraid it is true.

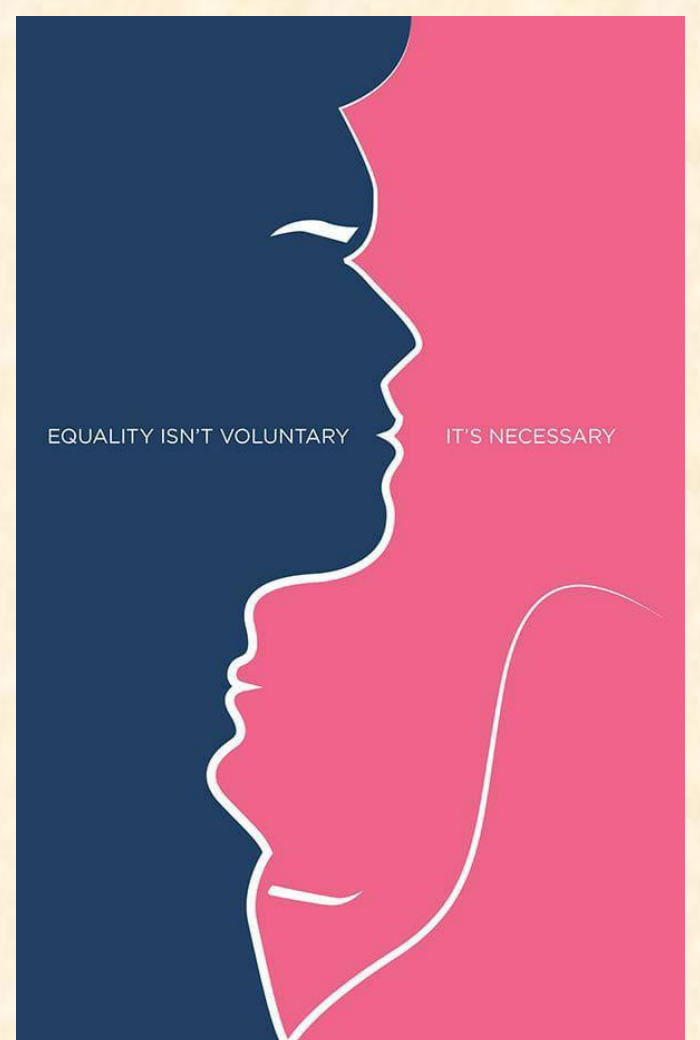
You should have the right to express your emotions and be what you please,
You should not be pulled back by stigma, but instead be who you are at ease.

Instead of fighting, we should be pulling together,
and make this journey a joint endeavor.

We are of equal value if only we open our eyes,
at the heart of change is where we become most wise.

Now or never? If not us then who?
the interest in this movement must come through.

Equality is not a privilege but a human right,
all genders on the spectrum should be able to shine bright.
-Charlie May Cullip



India Leads 2-0 in the T20I Series Against Australia

India took a 2-0 lead in the T20I series against Australia after handing the visitors a 44-run defeat in the second game at Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday.



Prasidh Krishna and Ravi Bishnoi claimed three wickets each as they restricted the Australians to 191/9 as they chased a hefty target of 236 runs.

Earlier, riding on half centuries from the top three batters – Yashasvi Jaiswal (53 runs), Ruturaj Gaikwad (58) and Ishan Kishan (52) – before a final nine-ball 31 from Rinku Singh, India had managed to score 235 runs.

Having gained a 1-0 lead in the five-match series following their highest ever T20I chase, India were asked to bat first after Australia had won the toss in the second IND vs AUS T20I in Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday.

Exceptional Performance of U-19 Girls Volleyball Team at Nationals

The relentless hard work and unwavering dedication of the U-19 Girls Volleyball team have yielded remarkable results, earning them a well-deserved token of appreciation at the CBSE National Championship hosted at the picturesque Kasauli International Public School in Himachal Pradesh. The championship, spanning from November 16 to 20, 2023, witnessed spirited competition with the participation of 58 schools from across India and three schools from abroad.



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The School's Under 10 Boys Football Team Registers a Massive Victory at Inter-school Football Tournament

The school's Under 10 Boys Football Team showcased exceptional skills and teamwork, securing the First Position at the Inter-school Football Tournament held at Vibgyor School, Sector 57, Gurugram. A total of 12 schools participated in the competition, with the school emerging victorious after a thrilling journey.

In the intense finals, the school faced off against Lotus Valley International School, displaying remarkable determination and sportsmanship throughout the match.



Second Position for Under 12 Boys Football Team

The BDBBPS Under 12 Boys Football Team secured an impressive Second Position in the Inter-school Football Tournament held at Vibgyor School, Sector 67, Gurugram. Out of 12 participating schools, BDBBPS bagged the Second Position by defeating Lotus Valley International School in the semi-finals. Angad Shahi from Grade IV delivered an exceptional performance, scoring a total of 11 goals and earning the title of the Tournament's Best Player.

See You in the Next Issue!