


A stylized illustration of a human head in profile, facing left. The head is white with a yellow brain area. Inside the head, there are two blue gears, a yellow lightbulb with a dollar sign inside, and a blue paper airplane. A pink heart is also visible near the ear. The background of the illustration is a mix of orange and green geometric shapes.

MIND SPARK

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From the Primary Coordinator's Desk



Importance of Moral Values

"It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves will make them successful human beings."

By: Ann Landers



Moral values are good values like kindness, generosity, honesty, kindness, loyalty, politics, perseverance, self-control and respect. Individuals who possess these qualities are considered an asset to society. Moral Values are fundamental in a student's life. Human life has meaning and importance when it is based on value. Moral values are the basic values that reflect integrity and humanity.

Our life is a boon given by God. In this life cycle, we have to make sure how to live life without getting entangled. To deal with this dilemma, first of all, to make difficult and successful decisions from your heart and mind is a decision that is rooted in your conscience, self-respect, quality, tolerance, morality and priceless qualities.

Values are the positive teachings provided to help us and tread the right path in life. Every parent wants his child to imbibe these. These can even be referred to as good qualities. A person who imbibes good values grows on to become a responsible individual and he is capable of democrating right and wrong.

Conclusion:

Moral values are building blocks of people, and it builds character of a person. One should have moral values as a great part of his life to achieve something big in the future.

The importance of moral values in a student's life is immense because as they take their first step towards life, it matters that they do it right. Morals and ethics are values that last a lifetime and mold a person. A student who goes through his education ethically, will be richer and wiser for it as gains real knowledge. As the moral values are ingrained in his personality, he will gain respect from everyone around him.





Events and Celebrations:

World Smile Day

'A gentle word, a kind look, a good-natured smile can work wonders and accomplish miracles'

By: William Hazlitt

Very often we underestimate the power of a smile, but a smile can actually melt hearts.

The theme of World Smile Day is 'Do an act of kindness. Help a person smile'. Thus, this day is celebrated globally to spread kindness with a noble act to bring a smile on someone's face.

The event commenced with a brief introduction of this significant day. Teacher threw light on the importance of a smile. She also enlightened learners with a brief history of a smiley.

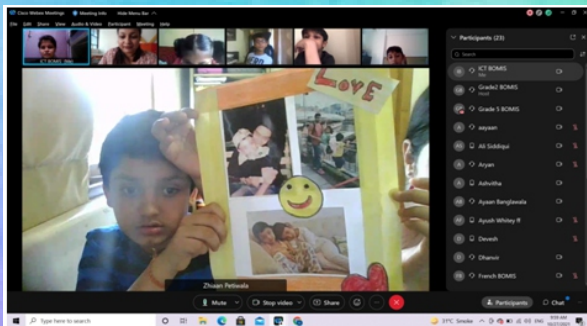
Mr. Harvey Ball created the smiley face in 1963. He thought that we should devote one day each year to smiles and kind acts throughout the world.

To commemorate this occasion, the students of Birla Open Minds International School wholeheartedly participated virtually in this event.

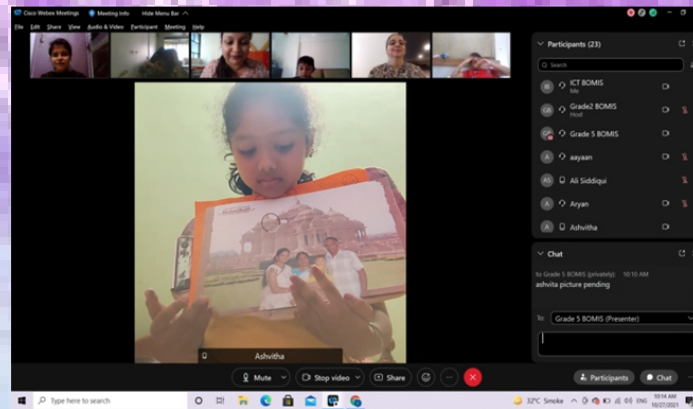
They prepared colourful and beautiful frames of family photographs. explaining their contribution of bringing smiles to faces.

When asked, "How will they contribute to bring a smile to a face?"

The students of all grades wisely replied stating that they will help their parents with household chores and their teachers by completing their homework on time, studying regularly and attending classes daily.



The colourful frames and photographs were indeed a treat to the eyes! The emotions behind these images speak volumes.



Hence, to reap the benefits of a smile, we must learn to keep ourselves happy in every situation. Smiling is contagious and has the power to change our mood and the moods of others.

The event came to an end wishing each other "A happy Smiley Day!"

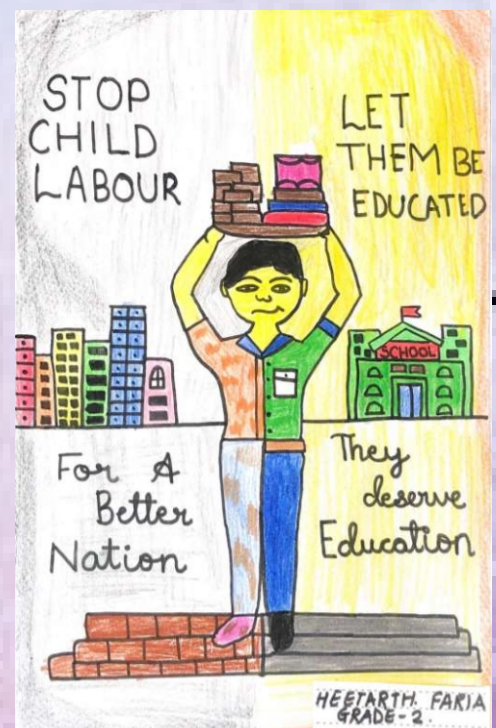


International Day for Abolition of Slavery

International day for the abolition of Slavery is observed on December 2 all over the world since 1986 to raise awareness about slavery and put an end to all kinds of slavery.

To educate our learners about child labour and the people of today's world who are slaves to technology and money, an informative and interactive session was conducted on 8th December, 2021.

The Session threw light on a very sensitive topic of child labour where the causes and effects of child labour was shown to the learners. The session also involved discussions on how in today's modern world we are all slaves to gadgets, money and a materialistic lifestyle. The session was concluded with a highly interactive section on how each learner thought they could fight against child labour and modern slavery.





Post the session learners designed thought provoking awareness posters on child labour as a symbol of their fight against this form of slavery.

Let us join forces to end the degradation and inhumanity of modern slavery once and for all.



National Pollution control day

National Pollution Control Day is observed annually on December 2 to remember the people who lost lives during the 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy. It is also the day to raise awareness about the hazards of pollution.

To sensitize and create awareness in our learners about the growing pollution concerns and our responsibility as global citizens in reducing pollution and protecting the environment, an interactive virtual session was held on 9th December, 2021.

The session began with introducing learners to the history behind national pollution control day. Learners proposed different ways by which they could reduce pollution at home through an online activity. Learners enthusiastically played the online game Reduce, Reuse and Recycle in which they completed several levels of protecting the environment by practising the 3 Rs. The informative and engaging session was concluded by sharing an interesting take away activity booklet on stopping food wastage.

National Pollution Control Day



The National Pollution Control Day

- The National Pollution control day is observed on the 2nd of December in the country of India. The objective behind the observance of this day is to become aware of the daily acts that have resulted in the surge of pollution so that we can try to reduce them.
- The National Pollution Control Day is also observed in the memory of the people who lost their lives in the Bhopal gas calamity in 1984. Many innocent individuals lost their lives on the night of 2nd December in 1984, because of the MIC (Methyl Isocyanate) gas which is poisonous. The 1984 tragedy is one of the most horrific industrial pollution disasters.

“Let us be a part of the SOLUTION and of the POLLUTION.”



Christmas Celebration

Games & Activity

Take the Recycle City Challenge
<https://www3.epa.gov/recyclecity/games.htm>



Reducing Food Waste Act

- Help Apple and her friends to reduce food waste and help protect the environment.
- Colour the booklet and mail it back to your class teachers.

The National Pollution Control Day

- 2nd December of every year is observed as the National Pollution Control Day in India.
- Total 3787 lives were lost in the Bhopal Gas Tragedy.
- The main aim behind the celebration of National Pollution Day is the control of pollution and prevention of industrial disasters.
- Several acts and rules have been already launched by the Government to control pollution levels in India.
- Individuals should also take part and contribute to the control of pollution by monitoring their daily activities that might be causing environmental pollution.
- Pollution has already damaged our ecosystem in more ways than we can even imagine.

Christmas isn't a season, it's a feeling.

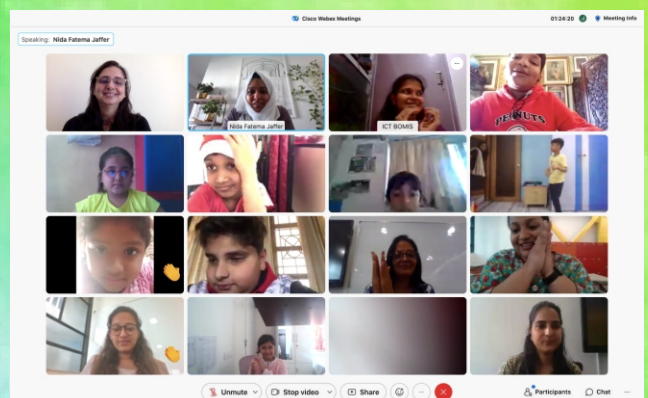
By: Edna Ferber

This year Birla Open Minds International School celebrated Christmas via an online platform. Though the celebrations were held virtually, the students enjoyed the celebration which was held on 23 December, 2021.

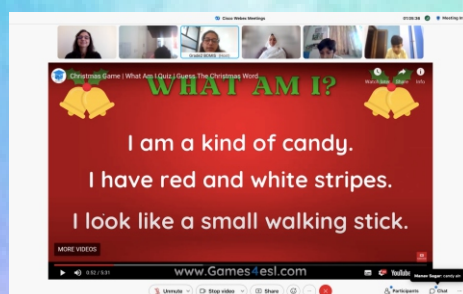
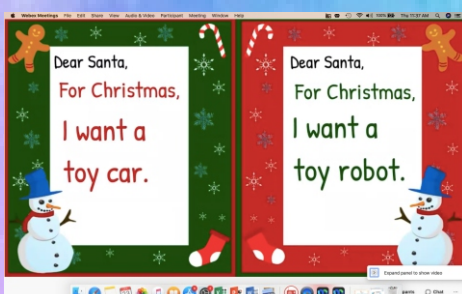
We all love Christmas and to make this Christmas season a memorable one all the students participated with great enthusiasm. The celebration began with an art activity where students were asked to draw something related to Christmas, followed by a game where they had to guess the word after reading clues which were related to Christmas. After that students were asked to choose the gift that Santa will get for them this Christmas.

To make this event more enjoyable students also played a game called, 'Santa says'. The students enjoyed playing games which were conducted online by the teacher.

The teachers put in a lot of effort to make this day a memorable one. The students did miss being in school on this festive occasion.



The celebration ended by wishing each other 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2022'.





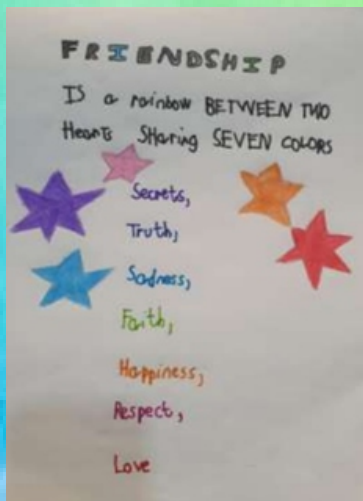
"Children are not things to be moulded but they are to be unfolded."

Birla Open Minds International School has always believed in this and to encourage each child's participation, we planned different activities. Is like taking some 'time out' from regular classes and doing something completely different that can really help group dynamics and may also give quieter students a chance to express themselves and shine. It is a project that appeals to students as it allows individuals to work on what interests them.



Students from grade 2 were given a task on making a poster on: FRIENDSHIP during their PSHE (Physical, Social, Health Education) period.

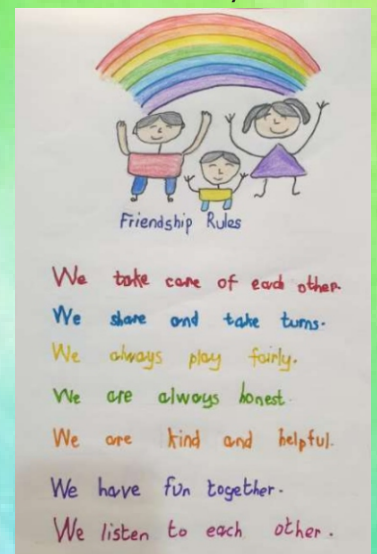
Students were explained the importance of friendship and based on that Students came up with beautiful posters on friendship.



Friendship is one of the most precious gifts of life. A person who has true friends in life is lucky enough. Friendship makes life thrilling. It makes life a sweet and pleasant experience. Friendship is indeed an asset in life. It can lead us to success or to doom. It all depends on how we choose our friends.

True friendship is a feeling of love, sharing and caring. It is a feeling that someone understands and appreciates you as you are, without any exaggeration, flattery and pretensions. It gives a feeling that you are 'wanted' and that you are 'someone.'

Friends are needed for support and for sharing. Friendship is an elixir which is essential for a happy life.





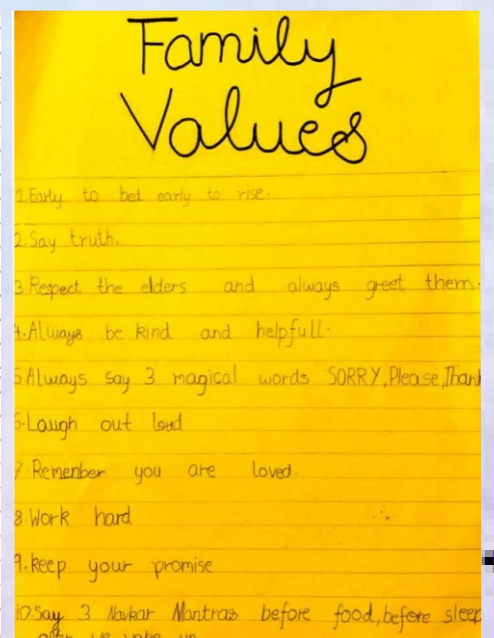
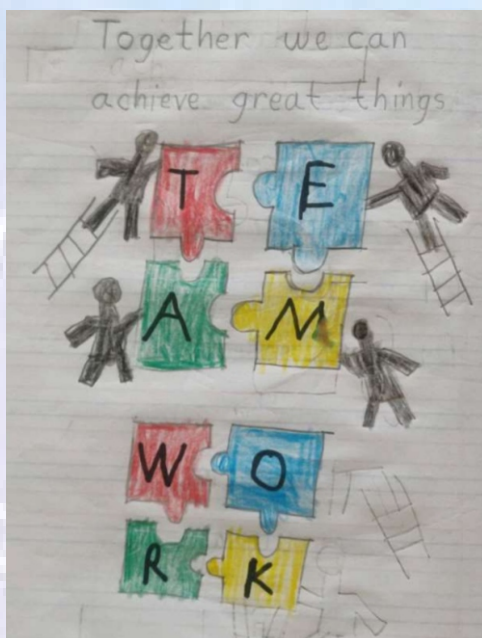
Importance of Global Perspective

Global Perspectives is a unique, transformational programme that helps students at every stage of school education develop outstanding transferable skills, including critical thinking, research and collaboration.

This innovative and stimulating skills-based programme places academic study in a practical, real-world context. It gives students aged 5 to 11 years the opportunity to develop the skills that they need to be successful at school and university as well as in their future careers.

The programme taps into the way today's students enjoy learning, including group work, seminars, projects and working with other students around the world. The emphasis is on developing students' ability to think critically about a range of global issues where there is always more than one point of view.

Here are the glimpses of the different projects like Team work, family values and rules and promise to our planet EARTH was done by students from grade 1 to 4.





External Events

4th Edition of Renaissance from Universal School

“Learning outside the classroom activities are often authentic, hands-on, interactive and build on classroom learning.”

The purpose of school is to prepare students for life beyond school. Today's society has a higher demand for self-awareness and more specialised skills. One of the easiest ways to help advance students is by incorporating learning experiences outside the school.

It is the use of places other than the school for teaching and learning. It is about getting children and young people out and about, providing them with challenging, exciting and different experiences to help them learn.

Students of Birla Open Minds International School participated in virtual interschool Fest 2021 held by Universal School.

The theme for the festival was: Sustainable Development Goals.

Students participated with full enthusiasm for the events like Mosart, Bibliophalia, Happy go lucky and In their shoes.

Educational philosophy refers to the importance of teaching students to be lifelong learners. There is much more to education and experience than classrooms, textbooks, and success.

These kinds of exposure provide opportunities to students to express and explore themselves in areas depending upon their interests, skills and talents.





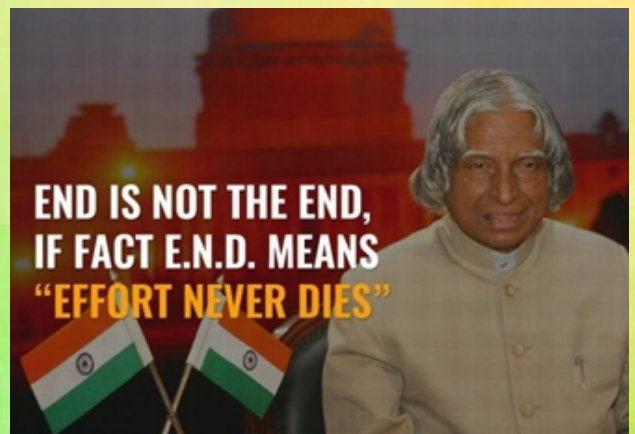
Fear and **Faith** have something in common. They both ask us to **BELIEVE** in something we cannot see. Let's train ourselves to find blessings in everything. Seeing the light in the midst of darkness is the lesson we should learn, not only during this difficult time but all the time. Stay focused on the good and making it better. May all the blessings of the Lord be in abundance in the 'New Year.'
Wishing all a Happy New Year filled with Hope and happiness.

HAPPY 2022

*"Learn From Yesterday,
Live for Today, Hope for Tomorrow."*

Happy New Year

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