



Lead Us From Darkness To Light

# BIRLA HIGH SCHOOL

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## News Views Edition 1

THEME FOR THE SESSION 2023-24

*Happiness  
is  
Acceptance*



## Highlights

### Annual Day (Session 2022-23)



The Annual Day and Prize distribution ceremony was held on Wednesday, 29th April, 2023 for the session 2022-23. The students received prizes and certificates in a number of categories.

### Investiture Ceremony



"Let your light shine, and guide others towards greatness!"

The Investiture Ceremony of Birla High School, for the academic year 2023-24 was held on Thursday, 22nd of June 2023.

### Financial Literacy Classes for Students of Classes IV and V



Financial Literacy is a special initiative by the Management to train the students about saving, earning, and budgeting skills that can help them now and in the future.

### Quaestio



On Wednesday, 9th August 2023, Birla High School hosted their flagship event, QUAESTIO, an interschool quiz competition. 20 schools battled it out from all across the city in this competition of wit and knowledge. The hosts emerged the winners!!



## Highlights



### Session on Fire Safety

On Wednesday, 2nd August, the students of class II learnt about various fire fighting equipment and their use as a part of their Activity Based Learning classes. In today's world it becomes extremely important to equip children with the safety rules pertaining to any accidents caused by fire.

### Health Check Up

September was the month of Annual Health check ups for all students. A team of doctors from AMRI had conducted this year's check up.



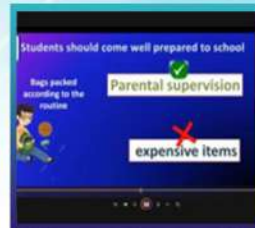
### Teachers' Workshop

Professional Development Training for Teachers of Classes I to XII had been conducted by Mr. Natarajan from Superteachers. The session was on Competency Based Education and stressed mainly on the recommendations of NEP 2020.



## Orientations

### Virtual Orientation For Parents



This year Orientation for the parents for all classes were held online at the end of April and beginning of May. These Orientations apprised the parents of the rules, regulations and focused on scholastic matters. The sessions were concluded with some queries from parents being addressed by the Headmistress.



### Nurturing Gen -Z

On Saturday, 5th August, Mrs. Saloni Priya, an eminent clinical psychologist addressed some pertinent issues faced by parents of classes II and III. She also gave valuable inputs to the parents of classes IV and V on issues related to adolescence.

### Orientation for the parents of KG

The school took the initiative to conduct an orientation for the parents of KG on Thursday, 24th August. The session was primarily held to inform the parents of the introduction of three new classes from the next session as per the new National Education Policy 2020.





## Eco Awareness and Social Service



**CHEFS FOR A CAUSE** - The Social Service committee in collaboration with different classes held regular canteen sale and collection drives to raise money for a noble cause.



The Eco Committee and Social Service Committee of the school got the young eco-enthusiasts of Birla High School to distribute paper bags as a celebration of Paper Bag Day on 12th July. In continuation with last year's initiative, paper bags were distributed to various shops within the locality of the school. This created awareness amongst the people about the harmful consequences of using plastic bags and also motivated them to use paper bags.

## Peace One Day



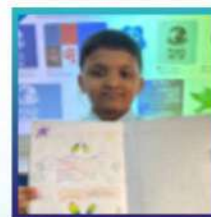
The children of Nursery joyfully crafted peace signs using their tiny fingers, symbolising their commitment to fostering harmony.



Students of Class I were told about animals which represent peace, such as the White Dove, White Owl and elephants. They learnt how animals spread peace and kindness around us.



Students of Class II sang songs like 'Heal the World' and 'We are the World' and also drew beautiful illustrations depicting World Peace.



Students of Class III learnt about a few facts regarding this important day. Students shared a few lines of an act of kindness done by them and illustrated the same beautifully.

## Elocution

The Inter - class elocution competition was held in the month of September. A wide variety of poets were heard with some delightful voice modulation and animated actions. The winners of each class received certificates and chocolates.



CLASS I C



CLASS II D



CLASS III A



CLASS IV C



CLASS IV D



CLASS V B

## Special Assemblies

### 'Poila Boishakh' and 'Ambedkar Jayanti' on 13th April



The students of Class VC were delighted to usher in the new year and the spring harvest festivals through a special assembly. The brief programme referred to the significance, customs and traditions of Baisakhi, Bihu, Vishu, Puthhandu and Poila Boishakh.



The students of VC also paid tribute to the Father of our Constitution, Dr B R Ambedkar and his contribution to nation-building and social justice.



## Special Assemblies



### Eid, 21st April

The students of Class II D presented an online special assembly on Eid -ul- Fitr. The students talked about the significance of the festival and spoke about how Muslims, after a month-long fasting during the holy Ramadan, from morning till dusk, look forward to celebrating Eid with joy and pomp.

### Rabindra Jayanti, 4th May

The students of Class III C celebrated the birthday of the Bard of Bengal through a medley of his compositions.



### International Labour Day, 28th April

The students of class I C presented a special assembly on International Labour Day. Through songs, motivational thoughts and dance the students expressed their love for their 'didis' and 'bhaiyas'.

### World Music Day, 21st June

The students of Classes IV and V celebrated World Music Day with a tuneful assembly.



### 'Responsible Consumption and Production', 26th June

The students of Classes V B raised the concern of depleting resources and urged their friends to become conscious citizens. They reiterated the importance to utilize our available resources responsibly.

### Good Habits, 28th June

The students of Class I B presented a special assembly where they reiterated the importance of good habits that we must inculcate like using the magic words such as 'please', 'sorry', 'thank you', etc.



## Special Assemblies



### 'A small step towards a better tomorrow', 5th July

The students of Class I A teamed up to show how important it is to protect our environment through a special assembly. They presented a short skit about an old grumpy tree and his animal friends, who were scared to live in a polluted world.

### 'Founder's Day, 9th July

To commemorate the Founder's Day of Birla High School, the students of class IV A put up an assembly with a wonderful medley of song and dance.



### 'Rangotsav', 21st July

The tiny tots of Nursery came together to celebrate the colours around them through a special assembly.

### 'Know your state', 10th August

The students of Class III B presented an informative and interesting assembly with geographical and historical anecdotes of West Bengal. The rhythm of Chou dance and the display of pottery from Bishnupur reflected the rich culture and heritage of this state.



### Independence Day, 11th August

The students of Class V A presented a special assembly to celebrate the glorious seventy seven years of our independence. Through songs and dance they highlighted the importance of the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters.

### Rakshabandhan, 29th August

The tiny tots of Nursery celebrated this special occasion with great zeal and endeavor, fostering a sense of unity among each other. The main objective behind celebrating 'Raksha Bandhan' was to make the children aware of the virtuous bond of love, and protection.





## Special Assemblies



### Janmashtami, 1st September

The little Kanhas of Kindergarten ushered in the birthday of their favourite, Lord Krishna through a special assembly where they sang, danced and held a small role play.

### 'Handling Emergencies', 12th September

The students of Class IVD presented an insightful assembly on "Handling Emergencies". Various aspects on a wide variety of emergency situations were portrayed through role play, song, mime acts and an array of placards of "Do's" and "Don'ts" to be followed during an emergency situation.



### Gandhi Jayanti, 29th September

Class VD presented a very thought provoking assembly to commemorate the birthday of the Father of our nation. They made a joint pledge that they would move 'from darkness to light'.

## Commemorative Days



### Earth Day

On Friday, 21st April, students of Classes Nursery to V celebrated Earth Day in their own special way by a variety of activities. They promised to reduce waste by reusing & recycling.

### Ratha Yatra

On Monday, 19th June, the students of Nursery dressed in ethnic wear, pulled the chariot with loud chants of 'Jai Jaganath'. They worshipped the three idols seated in the Rath and children pulled the chariot within the school premises.



## Commemorative Days



### International Tiger Day

On Friday, 28th July, 'International Tiger Day' was celebrated by the students of Birla High School. They took the initiative to roar out the need and importance of saving the tiger, our national pride, through a variety of activities.

### National Sports Day

National Sports Day was celebrated on 29th August by the Games department. A host of fun activities and games were organized for our students to emphasize the importance of teamwork and healthy competition.



### Father's Day

Father's Day was observed by the students by creating and capturing some loving moments with their daddies.

### International Day of Yoga

The students of Birla High School spent the day with meditation and yoga. They felt the power of yoga to help them stay healthy in body and mind.



### World Music Day

Students played a variety of musical instruments to melodiously tune into musical notes!!!!



## Commemorative Days



### Friendship Day

School friends stay forever. The tiny tots of Nursery tied friendship bands on each other to forge this friendship.

### Hindi Diwas (14th September)

Hindi Diwas was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Birla High School on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The students of class 3 provided interesting facts related to Hindi language. With slogans of 'हृदि हमारी शान है, हृदि हमारा अभिमान है' the programme paid its tribute to the 'Raj Bhasha'.



### Roald Dahl's Birthday Celebration

Students of the Little Scholar's club celebrated Roald Dahl's birthday on 13th September with an 'audiobook' session of one of his stories. Students enjoyed the session!!

## Inter-House Competitions

### STEAM Competition



Ashok



Gandhi



Netaji



Pratap



Shivaji



Tagore

Students of Upper Primary participated in an Inter-House STEAM Competition that was held on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 in the Activity Room and Science Lab. The theme was 'Sustainability' and each House had to present an experiment with a working model to include Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics.

### Quizosphere-Quiz Competition



The Students of classes III, IV and V took part in an Inter-House Quiz Competition, 'Quizosphere' hosted by Shivaji House on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. It was an exciting morning as the boys witnessed a competitive session of inter-house quizzing in their very own renovated school auditorium.



### Storytelling Competition

An Inter-house Storytelling Competition, "Dis New World of Disney" was organised by Ashok House on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. It was to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Walt Disney through a friendly Inter-House competition between the students of classes I and II. All six houses were allotted some Disney characters which they played to perfection.



## Special Initiatives

### World Water Week (23rd August to 1st September)



The students of Birla High School consciously observed 'The World Water Week' to remind all about the eternal importance of water in our lives. Students across classes created posters, participated in skits, viewed presentations to reinforce the need to save this precious resource.



### World First Aid Day (14th September)

Dr. Md. Shakil Akhtar sensitized the students of Class II about the importance of following the safety rules and administering first aid.

### Getting armed for the future-a preparation for life

Colonel Vikram Chawla, an army officer, presented a talk on how discipline shapes the life of the armed forces. He also stressed how being disciplined will help us be prepared for the future.



## Global Exchange

### Class Nursery

#### Exchange With Bal Bharati Public School, Noida 'Fun With Fauna Friends'



On International Tiger's Day students of both the schools created lovely craft work.

Students of both the schools enjoyed learning about their animal friends.

### Class KG

#### Exchange With St. Kabir School, Ahmedabad 'Let There Be Peace'



The KG students of Birla High School celebrated the International Day of Peace by leaning about the importance of peace.



The Kindergarteners of St. Kabir School spread the joy of peace by singing Light a Candle for Peace!



## Global Exchange

### Class II

#### Exchange with Kun Shan Elementary School, Taiwan

#### 'Saare Jahan Se Achha' - India - A Land of Cultural Heritage



Students of Birla High School were made aware of the true essence of the song 'SAARE JAHAN SE ACHHA'. They were also sensitized about the Taiwanese culture.



Students of the Taiwanese school were sensitized about India - A symphony of diverse culture and heritage.



The students of Birla High School indulged in creating their art using Calligraphy, a traditional art form of writing of the partner school.



Indian motifs were created by the Taiwanese students and shared through Epals.



'India corner' was created by the Taiwanese students with facts about India.

### Class III

#### Exchange with Qatar Academy Msheireb, Doha



International Dot Day Activity: The students of the partner school were smartly dressed in outfits with dots on them. They did a fun activity worksheet with dots to form patterns and shapes. They also sang the dot song and shared a beautiful video with our students.



PEACE ONE DAY, also known as the DAY OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE was observed by the students of both the schools with some thoughtful activity. The partner school created cut outs of doves and wrote how they could each make the world a more peaceful place. Our students also touched on ideas of being kind to each other and being helpful to the needy in order to create a peaceful world.

## Global Exchange

### Class III

#### Exchange with Jochiwon Daedong Elementary School, South Korea



The students of Class III of Birla High School sang their school song for their Korean friends and also a few lines of the beautiful Rabindra Sangeet 'Alo Amar'. Their friends in South Korea also sang their school song for their Indian friends and shared beautiful pictures.



'The heart of a country's culture lies in its food'-The Korean students got 'the taste of India' with the chai and Parathas. They enjoyed the delicious snack as much as their Indian friends!!!



Red hot kimchee is the most popular dish of South Korea!!



Worksheets By The Indian Students



Worksheets By The Korean Students

The students of both the schools created worksheets and learnt many important anecdotes about each other's struggle to free their country from the clutches of Imperial rule.

### Visit to Japan



In September 2023, our Headmistress, Mrs. Farida Singh was part of a delegation that visited schools in Japan for a week. A sharing session was held for the students of Classes IV and V where the best practices of the schools and the culture and etiquette of the Japanese people were presented. Our students were deeply inspired from the session and took initiative to do their bit to introduce steps to maintain cleanliness at school.



## Term End Activities

Term End Activities are a great way to channelise the creative and innovative potential of students through various forms of art, craft, exercise or discussions. It helps students explore beyond their scholastic areas and acquire new skills or renew some. These sessions are thoroughly enjoyed by all the students and their happy faces say it all!!!

### Nursery



Let's Talk-motivational Session



Shadow Puppet

### KG



Storytelling

### Class I



Khavda Clay Art of Gujarat



Miming

### CLASS II



Puppet Making



Bheel Painting

### CLASS III



Pot Painting



The Magic of Newton's Disc

### CLASS IV



Yoga



Mask Making

### CLASS V



The Craft Of Paper Folding - Origami



The Folk Art - 'Shara Painting'

## Awards and Accolades



Birla High School won the 'School of The Year' award at one of the most coveted Award Ceremonies organised by the The Telegraph Education Foundation.



Birla High School received an award from ET Edge for 'The Best Educational Brand'.

Mrs. Loveleen Saigal was conferred with the 'Effective Principal's Award' from Education Today.





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Principal, Mrs. Loveleen Saigal and Headmistress Mrs. Farida Singh were felicitated at the World Education Congress amongst the top 50 leaders in education at Mumbai on Thursday, 13th July, 2023.



Birla High School stood first for the fourth consecutive time in the Ram Charit Manas organized by Pariwar Milan.



Salkalp Srishti Siksha Samarpan Samman felicitated a few meritorious students for their achievement in academics. Mrs. Runa Basu, I.T. Coordinator also received an award for Excellence in Teaching.