

# E-CHRONICLE

## TODDLER-GRADE XII

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# **From the Editor's Desk**

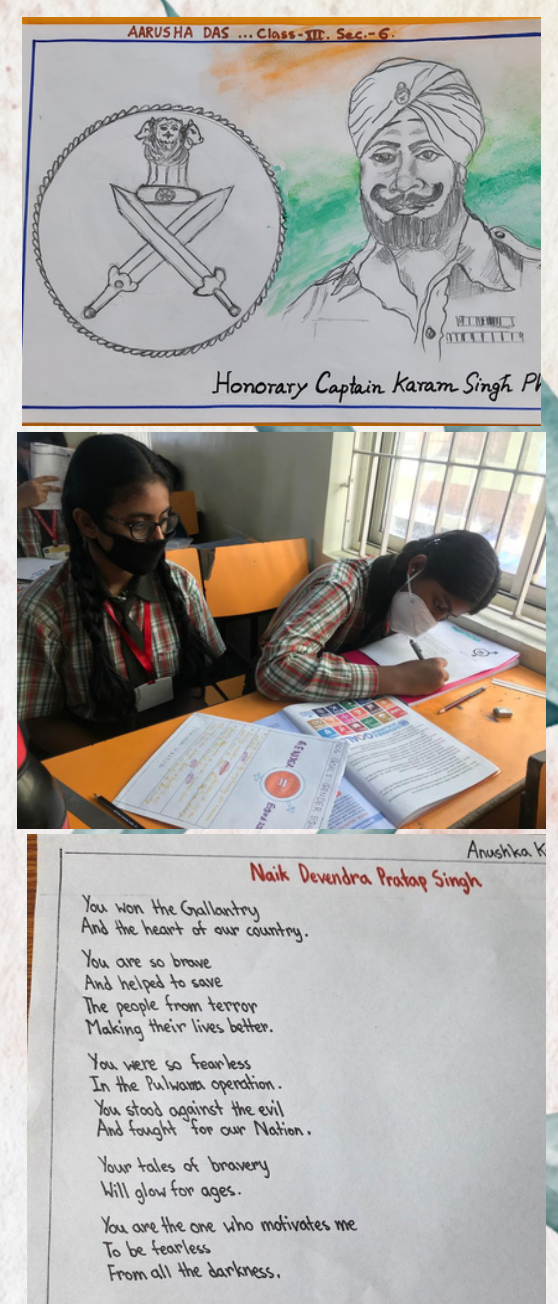
**"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think."**

**B.D.M. International trains the students to adapt and apply their learning to everyday life situations. Through various hand-on activities and workshops, the students are groomed to excel in different life skills. Our school ensures that the students are given opportunities to move out of the traditional mindset of a conventional classroom and look beyond. The school focuses on 360 degree education to build intelligence and character of the students. It prepares them for life to reach holism as "Education breeds confidence and confidence breeds hope for a better and secured future for the next generations."**



# CBSÉ Cir 108- Project Veer Gatha

Veer Gatha Project celebrates and honours the acts of bravery and sacrifices of the Officers of the Armed Forces and other civilians. Students of the primary wing participated in the painting competition & students of class VII & IX & X participated in essay writing competition.



## CBSÉ Vision for India @2047



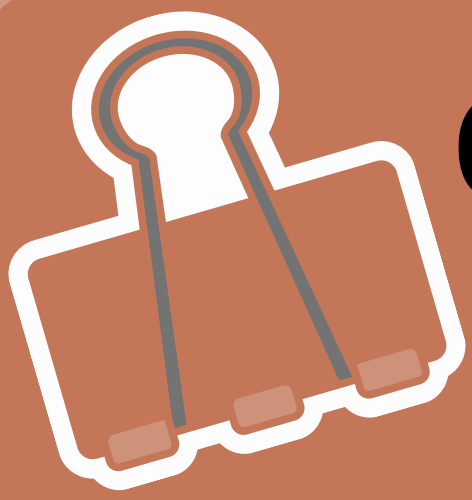
75th year of India's Independence was celebrated by organising the 2nd CBSE Expression Series on the topic 'Yoga for fitness'. Theme: 'Vision for India @2047'. The students effectively participated in essay writing/painting/poem writing on the 'Ways through which tourism unites us'.

## Career Counselling Session : Studying Abroad in Foreign Universities

A career-counselling session on Studying Abroad in Foreign Universities in collaboration with 'Stratosphere Education' was organized on 18.10.2022 for XI and XII.







## CBSE Expression Series : Creative Writing (Veergatha project and Essay on Tourism)

Students contributed their creative writing pieces (essays, articles etc.) for the CBSE Expression Series. Best entries were sent to CBSE.

A sample of a handwritten submission form for the CBSE Expression Series. It includes fields for the student's name, class, school, and a handwritten essay titled 'The Sound of Silence'.A sample of a handwritten submission form for the CBSE Expression Series in Hindi. It includes fields for the student's name, class, school, and a handwritten essay titled 'The Sound of Silence'.

## VG Siddhartha Memorial Quiz

The students of classes 6,7,8 registered for the VG Siddhartha Quiz organised by Amber Valley Residential School.



## Sanctuary's 'Kids for Tigers' Fest



B.D.M.I took part in Sanctuary's Kids for Tigers' Fest that was held at the La Martiniere for Girls School campus on Wednesday DECEMBER 14, 2022.

Eminent schools like MP Birla High School(H.S.), The BSS School, Calcutta Girls' School, Indus Valley World School among others also participated in the event.



# Special Assembly - Diwali

A special assembly on Diwali was organized on 20.10.2022 for Grades I to V and 21.10.2022 for IX and XII. XI & XII HUMANITIES students were the audience for the special assembly at the Gemstone auditorium.



## Fit India' Quiz

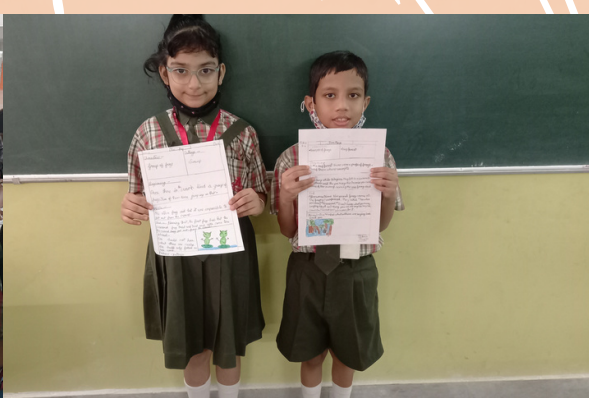
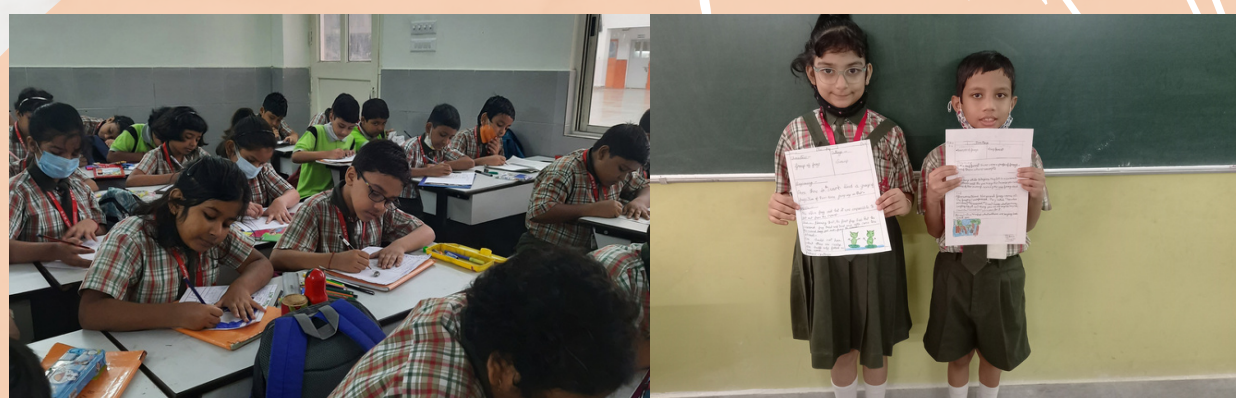


FIT INDIA Quiz is an initiative undertaken by Sports Authority of India and Fit India Mission to provide a national platform to students to showcase their knowledge about fitness and sports. The quiz had representations from every state and was a mix of online and broadcast rounds.

## 'Unity Run' on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

To commemorate the birth anniversary, a special assembly on Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel was conducted and the pledge was taken by the young ones in the morning assembly.

## Story Mapping Activity



Students of the primary wing participated in this activity to learn & showcase their creativity on making stories with different hints, pictures.



# Annual Sports Meet

## 2022-23

### Warming Up



## Show & Tell Activity

This activity for the little ones aimed at showing images or puppets & then trying to grasp their knowledge about the same by asking them to speak a few lines regarding the same.



## Vocabulary Building Activity

An activity aimed at showcasing knowledge of vocabulary & grammar.



## Enactment / Bingo Activity

Students participated in this activity where they enacted a scene on a topic that they were given.





# "Kalrav" - Junior School Fest



An inter school fest for students of Pre-Primary to Grade II was organized by B.D.M. International where students of different schools took part in various events like puppet show, non-fire cooking, flower decoration, songs, recitation and dance. It was a fantastic event, well appreciated by all participating schools.

## Sanglaap

The students participated in an Inter School Literary Fest organised by the Heritage School. The students took part in creative writing competition and won certificates for the same in Hindi and Bengali.





# Scouts and Guides Orientation

A Scout and Guide Orientation Program was organized for the selected students to help them develop physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually.



## Aryabhata Ganit Challenge-2022

To promote competencies among students through joyful assessment, Aryabhata Ganit Challenge was conducted by CBSE which mainly focused on the extent to which children are able to apply mathematics to their daily life.

## Acharya Bishnukant Shastri Hindi Recitation Competition

Tripti Singh of standard IX secured the Second position in Acharya Bishnukant Shastri Hindi Recitation Competition organized by the Bura Bazar Library on 18.12.2022.



## XPRESSIONZ -INTER CBSE School Meet



Class XI students participated in T shirt painting, Debate & Story telling competition.



# Children's Day Celebration

Children's Day was celebrated on 14.11.2022. All the teachers participated in various performances and activities like dance, song, role play, games for the students. A Magic show was organized for them.



## Science Museum Day at BITM

BITM celebrated Science Museum Day on 10th November. BDMI won 4 prizes in the quiz round and won a certificate of merit with a special mention of Manab Dutta by the jury. BDMI walked away with the maximum number of prizes in the quizzing round.





# Times Quiz

Students from Upper Primary and fifty students of the secondary and Sr. Secondary level across all streams participated in the Times Quiz. It was the preliminary screening round and all the candidates participated with great zeal.



## Quiz organised by Calcutta heritage community

Students participated in the Heritage quiz. Questions were on the heritage of their nation which they had to answer with apt readiness. Students enjoyed the session thoroughly. B.D.M.I bagged the third position.



## Legacy

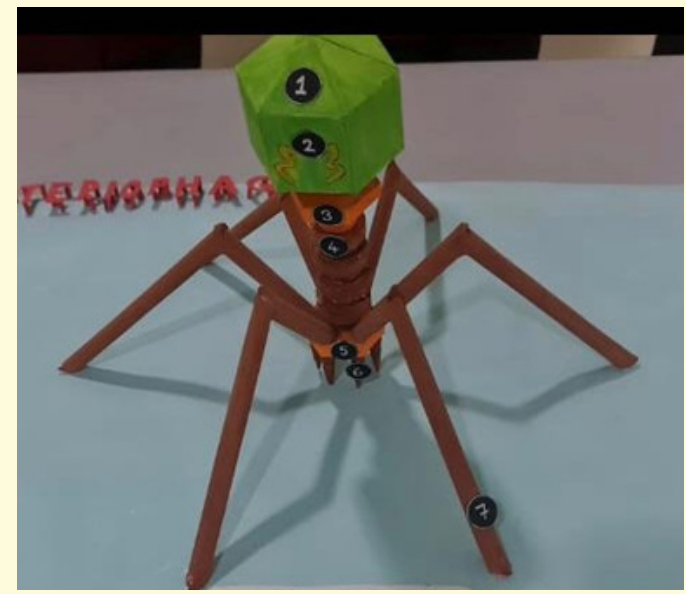
Students from B.D.M. International participated in Legacy 2022, organised by Ashok Hall Group of Schools at Kala Mandir, Kolkata. The students were enthusiastic and interacted well throughout the event.





# Mac Millan Budding Scientist Award

Students built a project on reduction of noise pollution, models of dental clinic, smart garbage collector and bacteriophage.



## Girl Up



The students participated in the virtual meet-up with over 50 participants from India, Jakarta, Monrovia and Bangladesh. They discussed inclusive and sustainable practices to ensure greater representation for girls and young women in STEM.

## World Kindness Day

The little ones of Pre Primary celebrated World Kindness Day on 23rd November 2022 through several interesting activities like role play. They also took a pledge in the morning assembly to be kind to the environment.



## Promotion of Educational Trip

Teachers participated in the Promotion of Educational trip to South Korea conducted in association with Korea Tourism Organization(KTO) at The Park Hotel (Kolkata).







# Christmas Celebration



Enthusiastic students of primary sections took part in this activity to showcase their creativity in various Christmas crafts.

## Christmas at the Indian Museum



The primary students of B.D.M.I from Grades 3 to 5 attended a workshop on 20.12.22 organized by the Indian Museum on the occasion of Christmas.



## Christmas Special Assembly



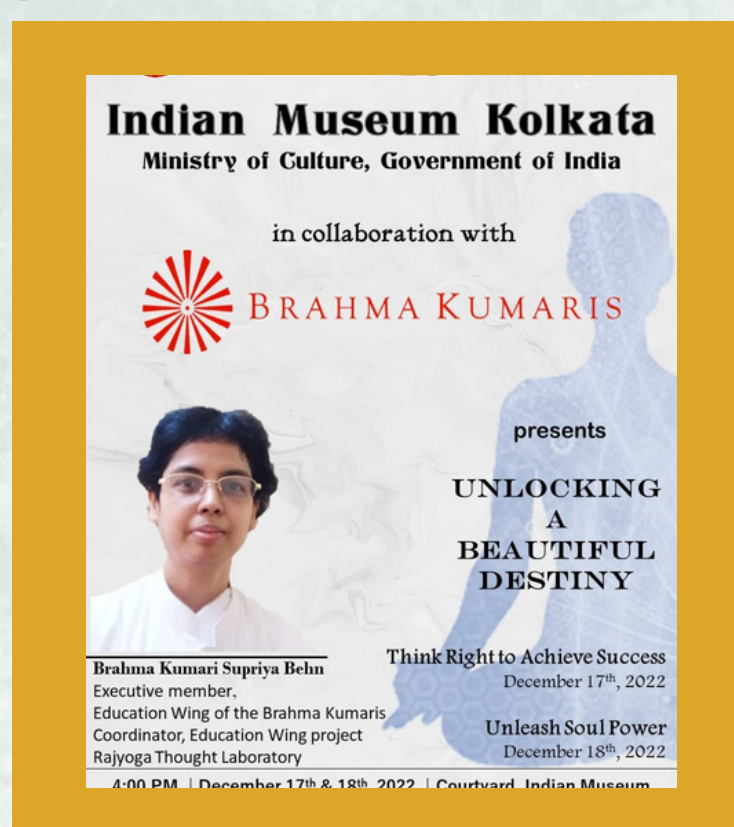
A special assembly was organized by the Pre-Primary and Primary students to welcome the winter season and Christmas. Various songs, dances and enactments were presented by them.





# Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan 2022

Mainak Chandra of XI (SCIENCE A) has ranked 1st in district in VVM. Ritaban Mishra of VII-6 has secured the first position in the district for VVM Exam again this year. Sunandita Chakraborty has secured third position in VVM in the district level.



## Unlocking a Beautiful Destiny

Indian Museum in collaboration with Brahma Kumaris held a 2 days workshop on 'Think Right to Achieve Success' and 'Unleash Soul Power'. Students of B.D.M.I attended the workshop with their parents.

## Glimpses of Number Quiz

The students of KG played a quiz on Numbers. They showed a lot of zeal and enthusiasm while participating in the same.



## Jagadis Bose National Science Talent Search

Mainak Chandra of XI (SCIENCE A) has been selected for the prestigious "JBNSTS Junior Scholarship Award, 2022".



# Annual Sports Meet Day 1

BDMI has organized annual sports at the Gitanjali Stadium, Kasba, on 19.12.2022 and 20.12.2022, keeping in mind the fitness & mental as well as physical development of the children. Students of Pre Primary to Senior Secondary took part in the various events & the rest took part in mass drill display.





# Annual Sports Meet

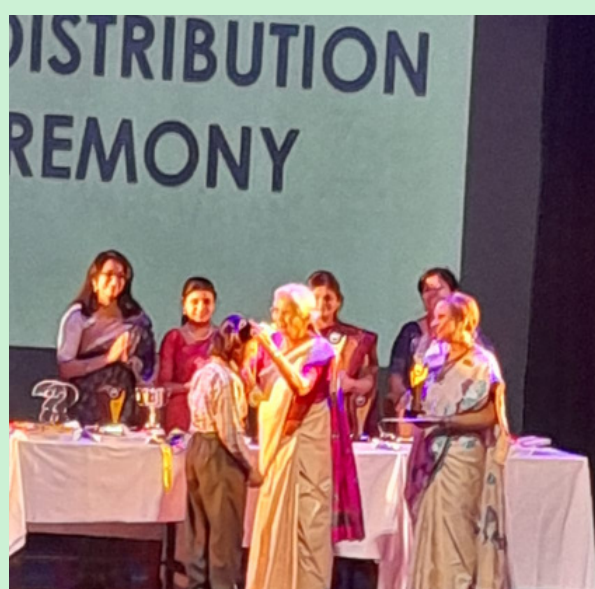
## Day 2





# Manthan Fest 2022 - "Where The Mind is without Fear Sit & Draw Competition"

Manthan Fest was held at Abhinav Bharati High School.  
Name of the event -Where the mind is without fear (Sit and Draw).  
Students from the Primary section participated and Swastika Mondal of Grade IV secured first prize in the event and got the 'Abanindranath Tagore Award'.



## CBSE Science Exhibition 22-23

68 schools participated with 112 exhibits for Regional level selection at Haryana Vidyamandir, Saltlake. The chief guests were Dr. Akhilesh Yadav, Hon'ble Head, COE Bhubaneswar & Prof. Suman Chakraborty, IIT KGP.



## CBSE Circular 155-2022 My Vision for India 2047

CBSE announces the 3rd Expression Series for the academic session 2022-23 on the theme of My India in 2047.



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ANNEXURE - I  
CBSE Expression Series Submission Form

Fill all details. All fields are mandatory.  
Name of Participant (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M/F/Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of the School with complete address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of City/Village: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Number of participant (whenever applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No. of School: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Topic - Where do I see my country in 2047?  
I have been seventy-five years since our mother India snatched her freedom from the grasp of British rulers and we are elated to celebrate the platinum jubilee of these freedom. The year 2047 will be a milestone year for seeing India through the prism of development, growth, gender equality, employment and digital revolution. I like to see the people of our country are not starving and get all facilities of treatment, measures to put down unemployment, pollution control in present state of our country to see my India as a developed country we must look into the matter of per-capita income in all the level of society.  
(Please attach additional sheets, if required. But all sheets must have the details as above, failing which the sheet will not be evaluated)

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# AALAP

The Interact Club of B.D.M. International participated in the event AALAP (Marg Darshan) organized by The Rotary Club, Chowrenghee in association with South City International School.

## Walk on 'World Diabetes Day

The students of B.D.M. International participated in a walk to create awareness on diabetes.

## Thoughts Become Things

The Interact Club of B.D.M. International participated in a workshop and Fellowship Meet on "Thoughts become Things" at Sri Sri Academy, Alipore on 05.11.2022.





# Montessori Methods in Early Education by Santwana Basu

An extensive workshop on Montessori methods was conducted at pre-primary department of BDMI Facilitator - Ms. Santwana Basu, a core committee member of ECA and founder principal of Casa- Dei Bambini, Kolkata.



## Creative Advocacy for Climate Action”

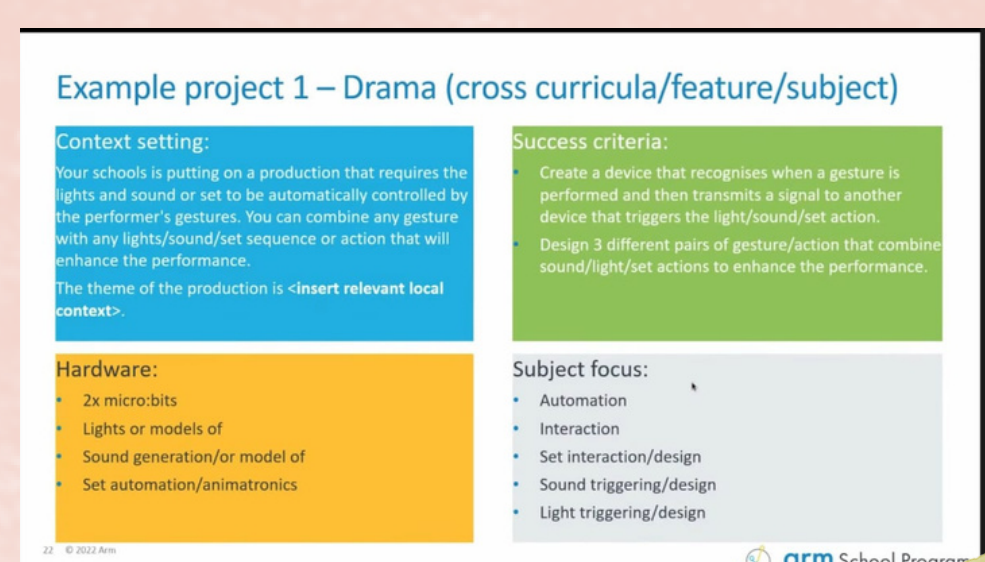
The workshop was conducted with an initiative to inspire students to look at poetry as a mode of communication to start a conversation around climate action a collaboration between The Living Waters Museum and East India Datangos with support from the American Consulate, Kolkata



## Webinars on the theme ‘Teaching with Physical Computing’

CBSE in collaboration with ARM School Program (ASP) conducted a series of webinars on the below mentioned theme.

Theme: ‘Teaching with Physical Computing’ for teachers.





## Webinar on “CHANGING ROAD MAPS - RESEARCH BASED LEARNING”

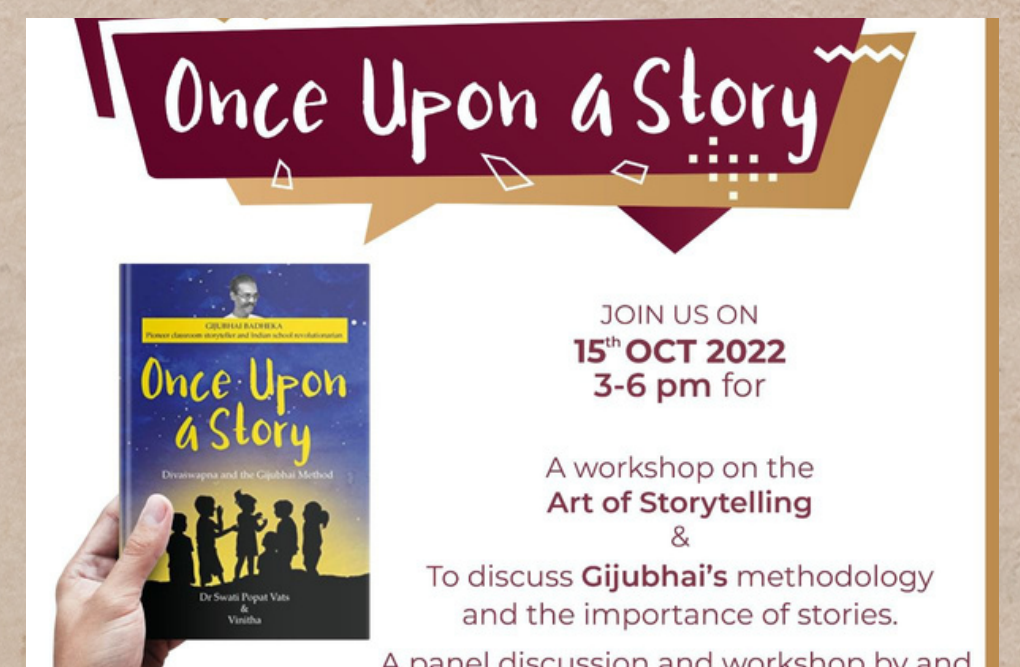
A webinar was organized for all the school heads by GSLC - matific Maths League, to showcase the challenges cropping up now-a-days with teaching & learning and also how to deal with them. Dr. Sunita Swaraj, Principal of The Heritage School, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi was the chief guest of the event along with other prestigious panelsist like Dr. Manisha Sharma, Ms. Shephali Charan, Ms. Neelam V. Maankothi, Ms. Divenaa Shardul & Mr. Sahil Kapoor. The moderator of the event was Ms. Puja Yaduvir.

## Once upon a Story - Workshop on Storytelling by Priyanka Chatterjee

An interesting storytelling workshop was conducted by Golpodidi - Priyanka Chatterjee on how to narrate stories with only hands and voice modulations followed by a panel discussion about how storytelling enhances critical thinking in early ages.

## Handling Montessori Equipments- by Sukanya Ghatak

A workshop on handling Montessori equipment available in school was conducted. Teachers had extensive practice on the use of these Montessori equipment.





# Workshop on Modern English Grammar and Usage (HOL)



As a part of the 'Hub of Learning' initiative organized by B.D.M. International, a workshop on 'Modern English Grammar and Usage' was conducted on 31.10.2022 by the Head of the Department of English — Ms. Molly Basu. The session witnessed the presence of faculty members (English) from different reputed CBSE schools of Kolkata, viz., Indus Valley World School, National High school and the host school, B.D.M. International.



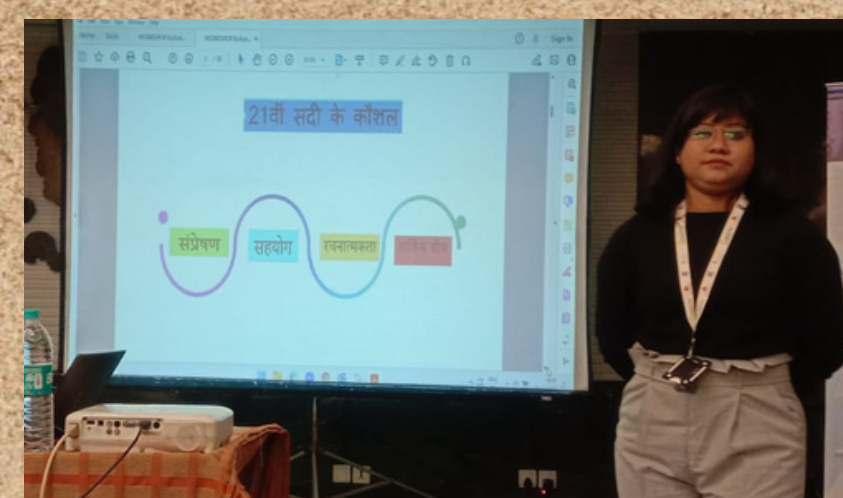
## Coffee with Dr. Anuttama Banerjee

Principal and Vice Principal of B.D.M.I attended a session with Dr. Anuttama Banerjee, Consultant Psychologist on nurturing the mental health of our students in a changing landscape at Indus Valley World School .



## Hindi Workshop

The workshop was organised by Madhubun books. The multi award winner, Hindi Head in CHIREC International School, Telangana, Dr. Manju Sharma was the main resource person. Teachers from 20 schools had participated in this workshop.





# Workshop on "Decision Making in Stock Market"

A FDP workshop was organized by BSE Institute, Kolkata to give insights on stock market, share market, investments in stock markets & various indicators used there to study the market strategies & movements. Participation certificates were awarded to all participants at the end. The keynote speaker of the event was Mr. Biswanath Chakraborty, Senior Faculty of BSE Institute, Kolkata & Senior Stock Market Research Analyst.

## Smart Ways to Finance a U.S. Education

Nine Students registered for the American Center orientation programme on 9th December, 2022 from 5-7pm on the topic: Smart Ways to Finance a U.S. Education.



## Seminar on Climate Change , Sri Gaudiya Math

West Bengal Federation Of United Nations Associations (WEBFUNA) and Gaudiya Mission organized a seminar on the 'Challenges of Climate Change and role of the United Nations' on the occasion of the inauguration of 'Centre For UN and Peace Studies and Founding of its Library'.



## Teacher Training Sessions conducted by CBSE in partnership with Microsoft

CBSE organised teacher training sessions in partnership with Microsoft on exposure to curriculum of Coding and Data Science and other topics from 7th November to 15th December.







## Inter-House Debate Competition

An inter-house debate competition was organized by the Department of English on 14.10.2022. The motion of the House was 'Skill development is more important than knowledge gathering'.



## Inter School Chess Championship

Students of Grades 6,7 and 8 participated in various categories of Interschool Chess Competitions organized by the school along with Billabong High International School and UEM to encourage children to showcase their innovative thinking and decision making.



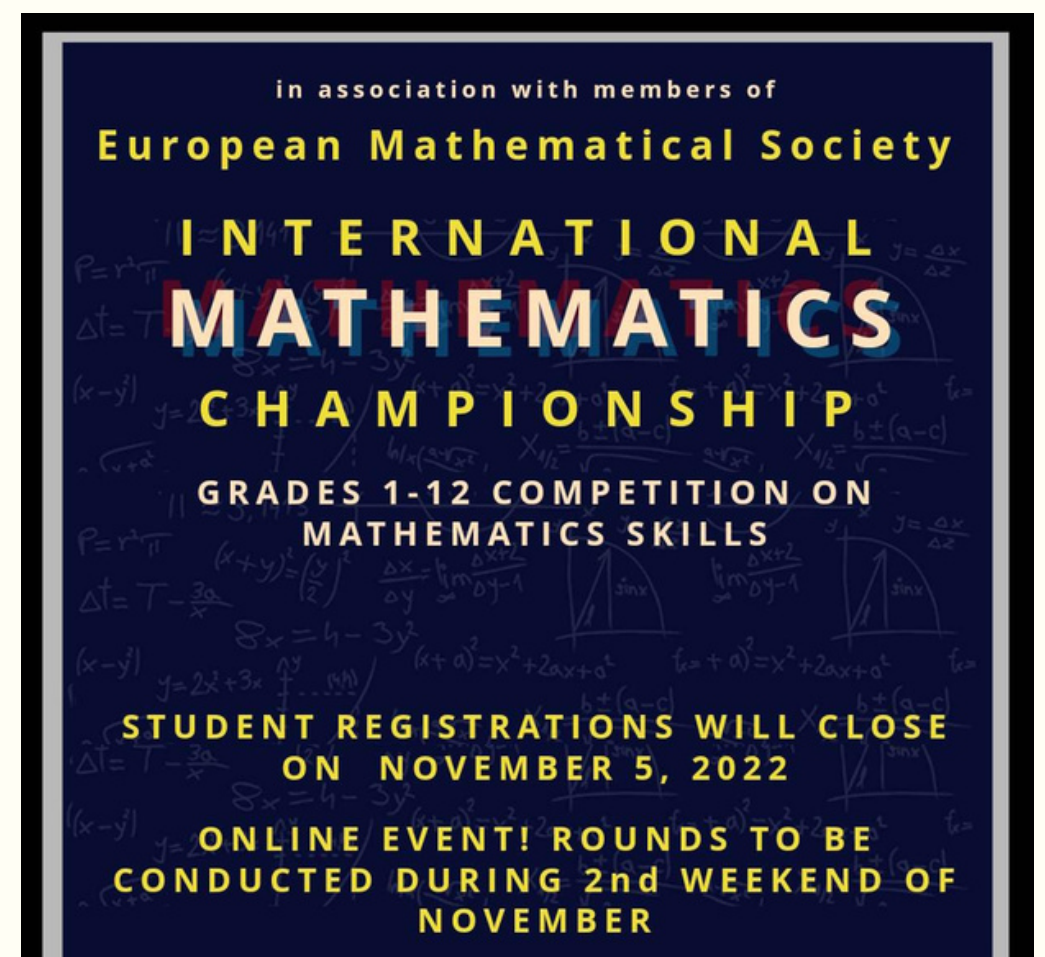
## International Mathematics Championship

The International Mathematics Championship was organised by camp yellow in association with members of European Mathematical Society. A global initiative aiming to help students develop their love for Mathematics.



## SIP Abacus Maths Competition

A special Mathematics based competition was organized by SIP Abacus for the students of the Primary wing to enhance their numerical skills .





## Scrabble Competition

Scrabble competition was held at the Heritage School .Yash Vardhan Agarwal qualified 3 rounds and qualified for finals .

He secured 8th position in the final round.



## Inter House story writing competition

An Inter-House Story writing competition Competition was organized for grade X. It was an endeavor to enhance writing skills of students.



## SIP Abacus Maths

A special Mathematics based competition was organized by SIP Abacus for the students of the Primary wing to enhance their skills and intelligence.



## Inter House English & Bengali Spelling Competition

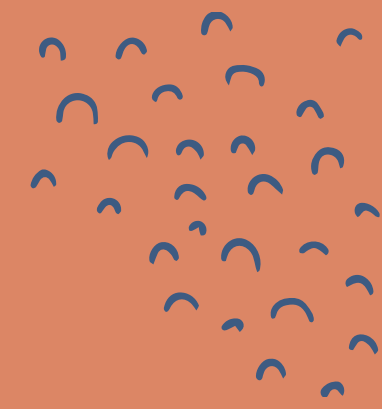
INTER-HOUSE BENGALI SPELLING COMPETITION was organized by the Secondary Bengali Department to motivate students towards accuracy in spellings.





## Brainfeed School Excellence Awards

B.D.M. International has been ranked No. 1 in Kolkata and West Bengal for exemplary contribution to the field of education at the Education Today Awards 2022. The school is No. 2 in the All India Rankings in the same category.



## FCCI ARISE Excellence Awards

The principal attended the FCCI Federation House, New Delhi to present the powerpoint for the final round of selection for FICCI ARISE Excellence Awards for the category Climate Change.



## West Bengal School Debating Championship 2022

Class XI students participated in the championship with great zeal and enthusiasm and learnt many tips and tricks on debating.

## EDUtech\_ASIA

The Principal attended Sands Expo at Singapore from 7th to 9th of November, 2022 to discuss competencies for learning, teaching and leading in the digital age, how CIOs can make a greater impact on campus, top trends in marketing schools: how AI can play a part, etc.





## WB State Sub Junior (U-15) Open FIDE Rated Chess Championship 2022

Rishan Debnath has secured 3rd position in WB State Sub Junior (U-15) Open FIDE Rated Chess Championship 2022. He has received Rs 5000/- cash prize and has been selected to participate in National U-15 Chess Championship.



## IEEE Proyog - 2022

Tannistha Debnath, Swapneel Bose and Debopam Roychowdhury of XI Science from our school have secured first position and received prize money of Rs3000 and certificates in the science project competition organized by the Electrical Engineering Department of Jadavpur University . Their project " Use of Ionic wind as a Coolant " along with other project was highly appreciated by the judges .





## All Bengal Open Classical Chess Competition

Saptarshi Talukdar of VII has secured 1st position in Under 13 years age group category in All Bengal Open Classical Chess Competition.



## Zonal Chess Competition

B.D.M.I secured 1st position in the Under 14 years age group category in CBSE Zonal Chess Competition.



## War of Knights Open International Fide Rating Chess Tournament

Rishan Debnath of VII has secured 3rd Position in 1st War of Knights Open International Fide Rating Chess Tournament, 2022.



Saptarshi Talukdar of VII has secured 2nd Position in U-13 Boys category in 1st War of Knights Open International Fide Rating Chess Tournament, 2022.





# MEDIA SPEAKS

## BDM International holds 'Agomoni' programme



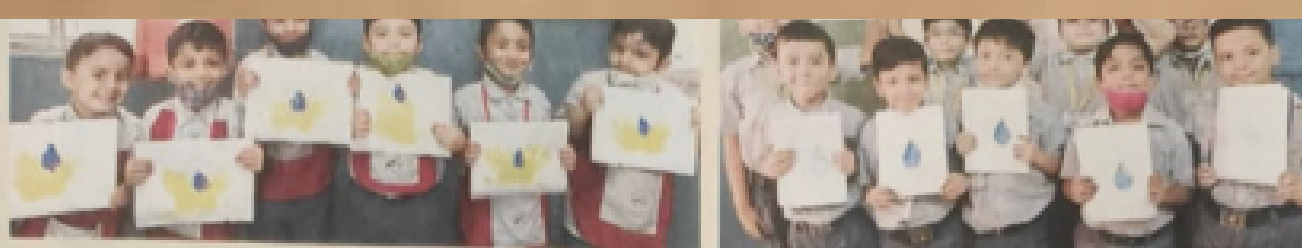
At the onset of Durga Puja 2022 the Interact Club of BDM International also basked in the glory of the Goddess with the welcome programme of 'Agomoni' on September 28. While Kolkata is still getting all decked up for the grand celebrations, the interactors of BDMI have already begun the jamboree with full vigour and enthusiasm. The jamboree however, is far from a vain razzmatazz.

The merry-making of the Interact Club took a humanitarian approach as 25 interactors of the school hopped on to their school buses to bring home the inmates of Navanir — a care-giving facility for the elderly at Kolkata. Accompanied by their teacher, the interactors started from the school sharp at 6am and greeted the hopeful eyes of the inmates to a sense of belongingness. Their mindful act is a testimony to the fact that the youth of today are still compassionate and sensitive to their role in the society. They are cognizant of their impact in spreading joy by holding the hands of those who need them.

The interactors of the school accompanied the elderly inmates of Navanir to a pandal-hopping spree. The students shared giggles, laughter and stories with their new friends across the other side of the generation and acquaintance. It was a sight to behold as one could surmise the glitter of joy shining bright on the faces of the assembled gathering as new friendships across generations blossomed. The pandal-hopping continued for an hour-and-a-half, after which everyone was brought back to the school. At 10.25am, the bus, now renewed with the freshly formed bond of friendship, returned to the school premises and the inmates of Navanir were cordially invited to join the family of BDM International for an ebullient programme Agomoni. There, they were rendered comfortable to feel at home and watch the grand celebrations of the school unfold on the stage in the form of vivacious dance-drama and performances invoking the various anecdotes and facets of Goddess Durga. The mothers (inmates of Navanir) also participated in the performance on stage.

The performers of Agomoni, including the inmates of Navanir, enthralled everyone with their startling performances metaphorically indicating the triumph of good over evil. Indeed, the same spirit of triumph was evident in the act of winning over our petty differences of age, culture, status and footing in the society, by the coming-together of the students of the school and the inmates of Navanir in a spectacle of mutual love, care and respect. This spectacle of bonhomie was in line with the grain of service-learning as envisioned by the founders of the school.

The elderly inmates were invited to the stage and handed some tokens of goodwill (garments, goodie-bags etc.) — thus wishing them well for the Pujo and beyond. The day came to a harmonious end, reminding everyone of the immortal lyrics — "There's a place in your heart / And I know that it is love... Heal the world / Make it a better place / For you and for me, and the entire human race."



## BDM International celebrates World Gratitude Day



In positive psychology research, gratitude is consistently associated with greater happiness. It gives us the opportunity to pause and recognise the transformative power gratitude has, to energize individuals and drive positivity around us.

"Gratitude is the sign of noble souls" — Aesop. The celebrations of World Gratitude Day started in 1965 in Hawaii, when an international gathering decided that it would be a great idea to formally express gratitude and appreciation once a year for the wonderful things found in the world.

It is celebrated every year on September 21 to follow the broader meaning of gratitude in different ways.

Gratitude helps us feel more positive and improves our physical and mental faculties. It teaches us to deal with adversity and build strong relationships. Scientifically it is consistently associated with greater happiness.

On the occasion of World Gratitude Day, BDM International School celebrated this day by showing gratitude to the most essential parts of our lives, the police department. Individuals who not only serve the country, but are the backbone of our society. The pre primary and primary students were overjoyed to be involved in preparing handmade articles which were sold and the proceeds were utilised in the distribution of food packets.

Another occasion to show gratitude to our grandparents, for whom love transcends generations was World Grandparents' Day.

The students presented some overwhelming performances and were also accompanied by their lovely grandparents who surprised the audience with their talents.

These events certainly filled students with a sense of gratitude and contentment and the school looks forward to hosting similar events for our students in the future.



## Inter-house debate competition at BDM International



An inter-house debate competition was organised by the department of English (senior secondary section), BDM International on October 14. Conducted in the Oxford tradition of debating, the notion of the house was 'Skill development is more important than knowledge gathering'. Senior secondary debaters from the four houses of the school — Justice, Unity, Wisdom and Courage — battled it out with each other through their words to tip the scale towards the most eloquently and logically defended motion of the day. Each side consisted of five debaters who took to stage and made a strong case for their respective standpoints. Rakhi Chakraborty Lakhiri (headmistress, BDM International) and Puja Sharma (middle school coordinator, BDM International) formed the august jury, who rendered their ace judging skills on the debate.

The session began with the moderators greeting the assorted gathering of the jury, senior coordinator, class XI students (commerce and humanities) and teachers. Each debater was invited to the podium to defend his/her standpoint in exactly three minutes: high the time-keeper of the session duly ensured. After each debater was one making his/her argument, the moderators shared their views briefly with insight and resourcefulness. The engaging session lasted for nearly an hour wherein thought-provoking standpoints were made and defended. The manner in which the arguments were made by each debater was so valid, that was quite a task for the jury to arrive at a conclusion. After the 'war of words' abated, the jury shared its valuable feedback with the contestants and also encouraged the audience to participate in a Q and A session. The senior coordinator (Ranjita Sharma) shared her insights and congratulated everyone for working so hard to make the debate a grand success.



The proceedings of the house concluded the day, with the results being vehemently declared by the judges. The winners of the debate competition were Anikita Das (for the motion) from Class XI SC D (House of Justice) Soham Roy (against the motion) from XI SC C (House of Justice).

## Career counselling session for BDM International students

BDM International invited Stratosphere, a premium education and career building body equipped with a team of very experienced educationists and professionals. Stratosphere Education conducted a career guidance session for the Senior Secondary Students on October 18 at Gemstone Auditorium. Altogether 130 aspirant students attended the one-hour session with rapt attention.

The Stratosphere team comprised eminent educationists like Sucharita Basu, Abja Adhikari, Rashmi Chakraborty. All of them are trainers-administrators and career counsellors who guided the attendees of the session to explore the right career paths.

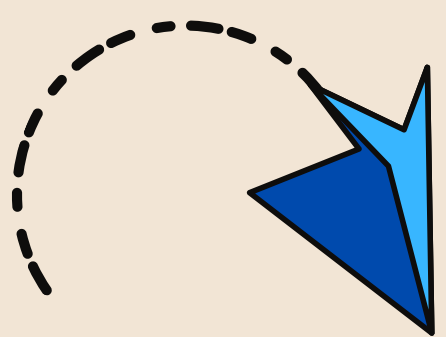
Abja Adhikari spoke about some of the famous Indian Universities like Shiv Nadar University, Delhi, Ashoka University, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, OP Jindal Global University and so on and provided the students with the necessary information regarding the admission procedure of particular universities and the range of subjects that they offer.

Sucharita Basu, another distinguished educator from Team Stratosphere discussed in details about studying abroad opportunities and she emphasised the necessity of selecting the right campus keeping in mind the location, funding and choice of subjects. Knowing the dates and deadlines is equally important that prompts a student to take timely preparations. The guidance regarding how to go about writing (SOP) Statement of Purpose was truly helpful to the enthusiastic students. The entrance examinations IELTS and SAT that one needs to prepare for were also discussed explicitly and the attendees found the discussion to be of immense help.

It is said that, "Opportunities don't happen, you create them." Career guidance sessions like this undoubtedly aid young minds to find the right career opportunities for them. BDM International leaves no stone unturned to organise at regular intervals these kinds of fruitful career awareness programmes to set the life compass of the students in the desired directions.







# MEDIA SPEAKS

## Pre-Diwali celebrations at BDM International

It is an oft-heard phrase that Diwali is a festival of lights. The Interact Club of BDM International took this idea to the next level by taking the light of hope, joy and belongingness to those pockets of the society, where it is needed the most. The aim of this noble endeavour was to illuminate the hearts and homes of our fellow community-dwellers and multiply happiness. For this purpose, a pre-Diwali celebration was organised by the Interact Club on October 21 at the Gemstone auditorium.

In keeping with the tradition of the club, the celebration was veered towards reaching out to the community at large and ingrain the seed of 'service-learning' in them. Fifty children (aged between 6 and 14 years) from the Kolkata-based NGOs namely New Light and Ananda Mandir were invited to share the happiness of the festive occasion. A plethora of activities was lined up for them in a spectacle of sterling symbolism as the event gave a great opportunity not only to the children from the NGOs but also to the interactors to commune with everyone and imbibe a sense of communitarian feeling after a two-year long hiatus imposed by the harsh pandemic-confinement regulations.

Since the need of the hour is to put into practice the tenets of celebrating an eco-friendly Diwali, the merriment of the day was set in motion with related initiatives. An awareness drive on safe-drinking water was carried out by the interactors as they visited the classes of Stepping stone and Milestone buildings. Student-Interactors were divided into small groups wherein they went from class to class with placards and posters to discuss the practices of safe-drinking water. Meanwhile, when the children from New Light and Ananda Mandir reached the Gemstone auditorium, they were cordially ushered to the auditorium where they took part in a sit-and-draw competition. Children filled their canvases with the colours of their imagination.

As refreshments were served to the enthusiastic competitors, a cleanliness drive to do away with the waste after the consumption of eatables was then put into place. An informative PPT (prepared by the Interactors) was displayed at the background and Interactors imparted the concept of biodegradable, non-biodegradable waste, their segregation and finally the utility of compost. Interactors demonstrated the ways in which compost can be effectively made. This was particularly helpful for the students, as they learnt how to create 'wealth out of waste' in a cost-effective manner.

The sparkling colours of the pre-Diwali celebration were swung in full splendour in the cultural segment. Three mesmerizing dance performances were showcased by the Interactors, who also encouraged their newly made friends from the NGOs to join hands with them. The children participated enthusiastically in the jamboree thereby truly 'multiplying happiness' as the motto of the event went. They went back with goodie bags, refreshments and resplendent smiles for having invested in a day by participating in creative activities, acquiring novel knowledge and sharing happiness. Not only that, the student-Interactors and teachers accompanied the 'happy hearts' back home to decorate the walls of their NGOs with the beautiful posters thus created by them and brought back loads of happiness as a return gift for Diwali.

Ergo, the Interact Club of BDM International did full justice to its community-oriented endeavours through its multifaceted pre-Diwali celebrations.



## Staff development programme at BDMI

BDM International organised a two-day workshop on 'Use of Montessori methods in pre-primary' as part of the staff development programme.

The resource person was Santwana Basu, a member of ECA and director of Casa-Dei-Bambini, Kolkata.

The teachers had hands-on experience with the Montessori equipment and exchanged ideas on different activities used across the various levels. New way methods and implementation of the traditional Montessori materials were discussed. The sessions were interesting and interactive. This was a good learning opportunity for all.



## CHILDREN'S DAY



### BDM International

Children's Day was celebrated on November 14 is a day marking childhood, and to make this day a memorable one for our young students, BDM International celebrated the day in a grand way.

The celebrations began with greetings to everyone gathered there, followed by a magic show demonstrated by Sarkar. It continued with a host of various cultural programmes and events, organised by the teachers for their students. The children from the NGO Uttar Kolkata Ananda Mandir also joined the revelry and were extremely

happy to be a part of the celebrations and also receive goodies gifted by the school.

The children revisited their childhood days with a beautiful musical performance - "We are in the same boat". In the next dance performance "See You Again" students were reminded how meeting an old friend is always a joyful experience. The celebrations proceeded with a mixed musical medley and dance performance that taught the young ones how: Friendship is one of the greatest bonds anyone can ever wish for. The children waved to the tunes of ballet dancing and also appreciated the multiple hues of folk culture and traditions, with songs such as - 'Que Sera Sera', Bihu dance and many more. The grand celebrations also included a special assembly arranged for the children, which they relished much.

The glorious event came to an end with a fashion show, as the teachers walked the ramp in extraordinary outfits displaying the most iconic characters - such as, Tintin, Uncle Podger, Gupi Gynne/ Bagha Byne/ Bhooter Raja, Lord Ram, Sita, Jatayu, Krishna, Arjuna and many others. The show stoppers and the choreographers came as a surprise to the students. They were overwhelmed to see their principal, vice-principal, and coordinator walk the ramp.



## Girls at BDMI attend virtual workshop

Girls from BDMI have participated in an interactive online workshop on "Girls in STEM: Learning 21st century skills." The event was hosted by the school in collaboration with the US Consulate, Kolkata on November 18.

The event was quite engaging and made young minds aware of the problems that women face all over the world. The speakers took up important topics like girl education and family obligations to sensitise young girls. They discussed why girls in some families still don't understand getting equal chances as their male siblings and why it is important to have enough self-confidence for women to make a career in the field of science and technology and what obstacles they can expect.

The information was shared by Gaurangi Gupta and Sharanya Paramasivam encouraged the students to prioritise education and acquire the necessary skills to thrive in the world of science and technology. Gaurangi Gupta is a RF/Microwave Antenna Engineer and Postdoc at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur(IIT) (Department of Electrical Engineering) and Saranya Paramasivam is an associate director at AT&T Telecommunication. They gave practical examples from their own lives after the questions asked by the moderators Anamika Verma and Hamed Syed. Gupta shared how she faced the problem of the washroom as being one of the earliest women in her batch. However, with the increasing number of girls in the profession, this problem has been solved, according to Gaurangi. The girls of class VIII of BDMI enjoyed being a part of this great interactive event.



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# MEDIA SPEAKS

## Quiz to boost heritage preservation

JHINUK MAZUMDAR

Q: A gentleman who began his career with the East India Company in Hooghly and then took over the reins of the Company in Patna for over 20 years and was later sent to Kassim Bazar, now Cossim Bazaar. He is inextricably linked with Calcutta.

A: Job Charnock

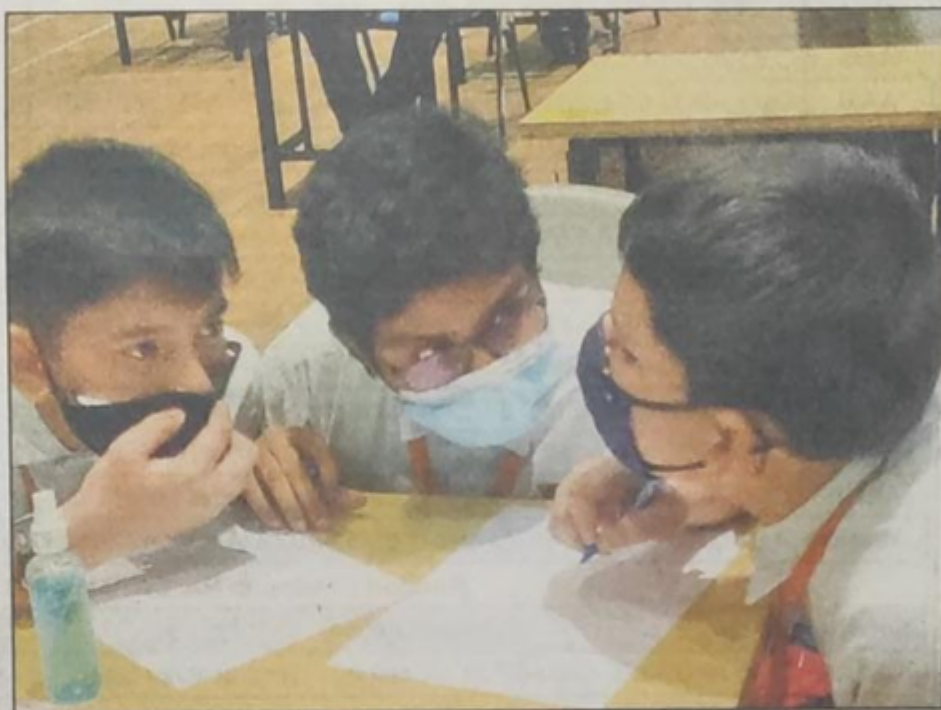
Q: A national park that boasts four varieties of big cats — tigers, leopards, snow leopards and clouded leopards

A: Namdapha National Park in Arunachal Pradesh

Calcutta: Students of Classes VIII and IX participated in a quiz where questions were linked to the heritage of Calcutta, the Northeastern states and Bihar.

The idea is to help the young know, cherish and keep the heritage alive, said one of the organisers.

The format of the quiz was such that it kept both the participants and the audience engaged. For instance, the organisers introduced a round where singer



Students at the quiz contest organised by Calcutta Heritage Collective on Wednesday

Usha Uthup sang online a Bhojpuri song (from Bihar) and a song from Assam and the next questions were related to the two states.

In another round, the participants on the stage were given a drink (sattu, a popular drink in Bihar) and they had to identify the ingredients.

The quiz on Wednesday was organised by Calcutta Heritage Collective (CHC),

a group of heritage lovers, working towards "creating awareness of the architectural treasures of the city," and co-hosted by South City International School.

"Children often see a beautiful building and walk past it not knowing anything about it or the history behind it. We want to ignite their interest to look around and ask about its heritage," said Oindrilla

Dutt, a member of Calcutta Heritage Collective.

Kanishk Mukerjee of BDM International, one of the participants, said he wanted to visit St John's Church.

"I have seen it but never really been inside," he said.

For Paramesh Paramarth Das of Mahadevi Birla World Academy said: "The quiz focused on eastern India and the Northeastern states. There were many things that I didn't know."

Students from 10 schools participated and six of them made it to the final round. The first position was taken by Birla High School for Boys, Mahadevi Birla World Academy were a close second and BDM International came third.

Other finalists were St Xavier's Collegiate School, Garden High School and South City International School.

"The format of the quiz kept not just the participants but also the audience engrossed," said John Bagul, principal of South City International School.

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## PRE-PRIMARY TEACHERS ATTEND SESSION AT CITY SCHOOL

### Stress on moderation in use of gadgets by students

JHINUK MAZUMDAR

Calcutta: Students have to be given access to gadgets but simultaneously have to be made aware of the pitfalls of their use.

This was the topic of discussion at a session with primary school teachers held in the city last week.

There has to be moderation but not deprivation because the students have to be ready for the technological innovations, said a consultant psychologist addressing an audience of 80-odd teachers.

The dependency on technology has gone up even more, especially during the pandemic when for two

years children from pre-primary sections to college goers had to use the screen for their classes.

Consultant psychologist Anuttama Banerjee, while addressing teachers, told them that if a student was playing an online game, he or she could regulate the difficulty level but not their syllabi. If the students do not like something they can swipe the screen, but cannot shift their teacher in the classroom, she added.

She was speaking to them on Nurturing the mental health of students in a changing landscape, organized by Aper, Calcutta territory (Association for primary education & research) at



Consultant psychologist Anuttama Banerjee addresses the teachers at the session

Indus Valley World School on Thursday.

"Mobile addiction I do not think is about the mo-

bile. In our times, parents use to think that cable connection and television would make our life miserable

and we would fail.... Now it is something else. Every time there would be new innovations, science," said Banerjee.

"Taking away the phone would not work but they have to be taught to use it responsibly," Banerjee told Metro later.

Children could be taught self-disciplinary measures and they can have a task table, she said.

"The child has to be made to understand that until they finish their tasks they cannot engage in something pleasurable," said Banerjee.

The work on the part of teachers and parents should be not to make the children

gadget-dependent, said Amita Prasad, director of Indus Valley World School and a committee member of Aper, Calcutta territory.

"It would be immature to ask children not to use the mobile. But it is for adults to see that they do not become addicted to it," said Prasad.

Even 10 months after schools resumed in-person classes teachers shared how children showed behavioural issues in classrooms.

Some of the examples shared by teachers were those of violent or aggressive behaviour and also asking for a day off in a working week because of their inability to cope with a situation in school.

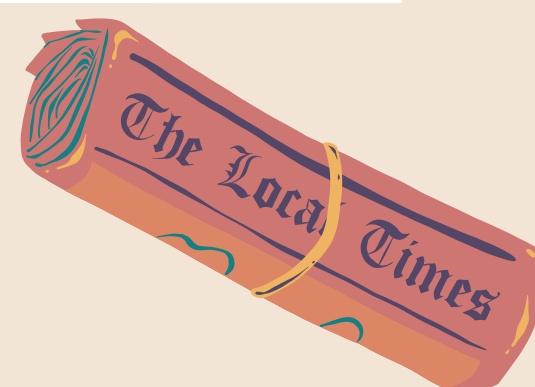


BDM International celebrated the Second Day of the Annual Sports Meet (2022-2023) at Gitanjali Stadium (Kolkata) on 20.12.2022 with the zeitgeist of a magnificent sports event typically witnessed in the likes of famed global platforms. The school reeled in the fervour of sterling sportsmanship as the students from classes VI to XII of the esteemed institution participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. BDM International



BDM International celebrated its Annual Sports Meet (2022-2023) at Gitanjali Stadium (Kolkata) spanning two days (19.12.2022 and 20.12.2022). A total of thirty engaging events were lined up for the pupils ranging from toddlers to Std. V. The events of the day were tailored in a way that catered to the innocent sensibilities of children. BDM International

## In Pictures: Annual Sports 2022 at schools across Kolkata

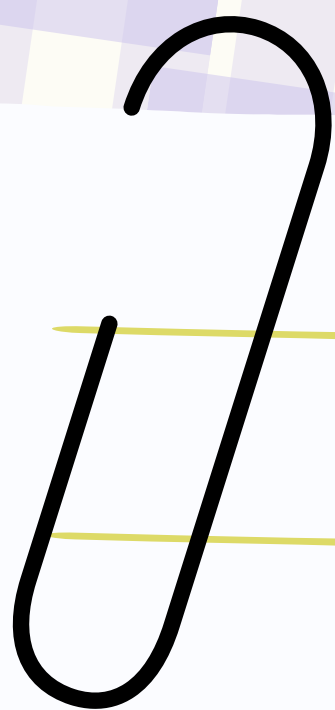


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