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BIRLA SHISHU VIHAR, PILANI

Principal Speaks.....



Dear Parents, Students & Well Wishers of BSV
Warm Greetings to you all!!

Jack Stack says- "When you appeal to the highest level of thinking, you get the highest level of performance". These words inspire me a lot.

I strongly feel a good public school should aim at versatile personality development of each student. To ensure the overall development of each student, equal emphasis must be laid on intellectual and emotional development. Stress should be laid on imparting education with a firm moral base so that children may grow as men of character with a sense of dedication and duty towards the Society and Nation.

I visualize Education as the manifestation of the best in human beings. It helps to promote achieving the physical, aesthetic, intellectual & professional refinement for all round development.

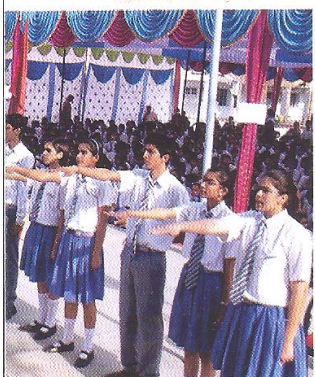
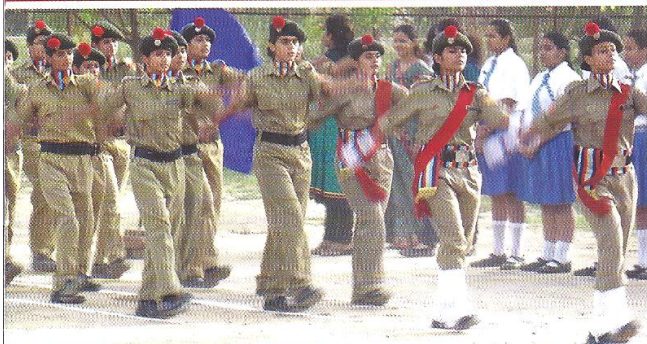
We at Birla Shishu Vihar, Pilani aim to impart a blend of values and culture in addition to conventional learning. As we educate the learner of all ages of tomorrow's world, we must keep in mind that e-paradigms have already increased the need for educational planning. Let us contribute our educated foresight to build the e-highway, connecting present with the future- if we seek a future of our dreams & our needs.

I will conclude by quoting a few lines from a poem that describes my mission of achieving my goal of shaping the future of our children through education:

Yours sincerely

Pavan Vashishtha
Principal

*"No vision and you perish
No ideal and you are lost
Your heart must ever cherish
Some faith at any cost.
Some hope, some dream to cling to,
Some rainbow in the sky,
Some melody to sing to, some service that is high."*





The journey begins now.....

FIRST INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The school celebrated its first investiture ceremony on May 7, 2014. Dr. Chandra Shekhar, Director C.E.E.R.I, was the chief guest for the occasion. The occasion was also graced by Captain Alokesh Sen, Principal, Birla Public School. Badges were bestowed by the chief guest, Dr. Chandra Shekhar and the guest of honour, Captain Alokesh Sen, Principal BPS. Head girl Samridhi Jakhar and the other members of the prefectorial body took the oath to hold the school motto in high esteem and to deliver their duties to the best of their abilities. Principal, Mr. Pavan Vashishtha, congratulated the newly elected members and motivated them to be the role-model for the students, keep the school flag high and uphold the values of the school by discharging their duties honestly and impartially.



SECOND BET ANNUAL CONFERENCE

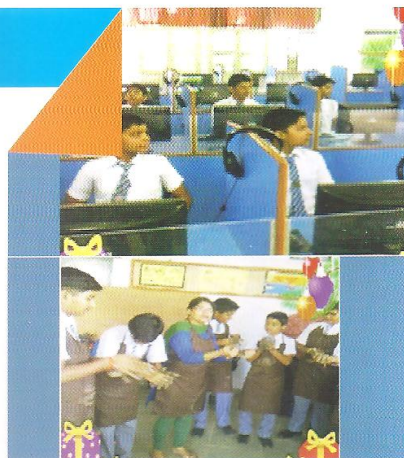
The School participated in 2nd "BET Annual Conference on Progressive Educational Practices" on 03 May, 2014 at Vijay Hall, Birla Public School, Pilani.

Our school was represented by Mr. Pavan Vashishtha, The Principal, Mr. Ravi Kumar and Ms. Punam Sharma who presented their papers on the topics: "An Evaluation of the five year plan: The year travelled and the year ahead." and "Our journey towards BCISA and CBSE SQAA: Path covered and milestones ahead.", respectively.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

For the very first time, BSV took the initiation of student-teacher exchange programme. It was conducted to encourage innovative teaching learning practices among teachers and students. It was a week programme [11.8.14-16.8.14]. Students of class VIII got a chance to visit Birla Public School and class XI visited Birla Balika Vidya Peeth. It was indeed a great opportunity for Mrs. Meenal Sharma and Mrs. Ragini to interact with the BPS faculty. At the same time Miss Diksha too benefited immensely from her visit to BBVP. The teachers exchanged their ideas and knowledge and observed different educational practices of these schools.

It was a great opportunity for students to see the working of other schools and learn from them. The students got the hands-on experience in clay modeling. They learnt the phonic sounds, pronunciation of different words, and stress pattern in the language lab. They could also explore the world of books and enjoyed the western music sessions there.





CONGRATULATIONS.....

The School believes it is very important that we recognize the achievements made by all members of the school community. This applies whether those achievements are academic, sporting or social and also whether they are made in school or outside school.

<i>Students secured 90% and above</i>		
S.No.	Subjects	No. of Students
1	English	13
2	Physics	3
3	Chemistry	11
4	Maths	4
5	Biology	3
6	Phy.Edu.	10
7	Fine Art	13
8	Comp. Sci.	1
9	Music	10

Birla Shishu Vihar, Pilani ***Board Result of Class XII (Session:2013-14)*** ***First Batch Science Group – Highest 96.6%***

Total Students Appeared: 37

Passed with Distinction: 31

Passed with 1st Division: 37



Nikita Bhaskar
96.6%



Smriti Joshi
96%



Sakshi Aggarwal
95.8%

The International Dimension

BRITISH COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARDS

To add internationalism in the School culture we have registered with British Council for the International School Awards. The school decided to work on seven projects during the academic session of 2014-15 with a global reach-out. We have got the approval of British Council Project Assessment Team which is indeed an achievement showing that we are at par with the international standards.

In the same direction we have already successfully finished the following two projects.

World Population Day

The school observed World Population Day on Friday, 11 July 2014. The students of class IX A gave assorted presentations in the morning assembly to raise awareness about the population explosion and its impacts.

The programme started with a Speech by Vrinda Swami followed by a Poem by Palak and a Skit by a group of ten students. The heartwarming performances were appreciated by one and all present there.

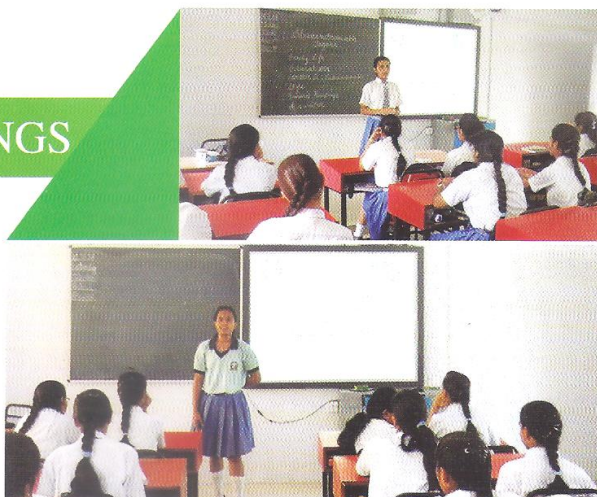
The event was organized by the department of Social Science for the British Council International School Awards Projects under the guidance of Mrs. Reeta Sharma, the project in charge.



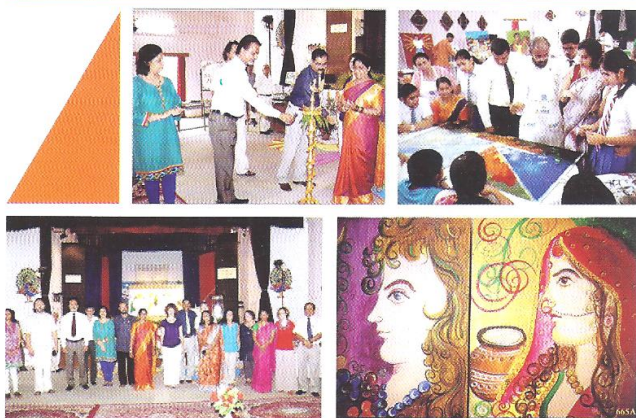


ARTISTS AND THEIR PAINTINGS

The students of class XII Science made a presentation of their research on the world famous painters such as Raja Ravi Varma, Dr. Abindernath Tagore, Van Gogh, Da Vinci etc. In their presentation they discussed famous works of these artists and their artistic forms. The event was organized by the department of Art for the British Council International School Awards Projects under the guidance of Mrs. Sarita Sharma, the project in charge.



INTERNATIONAL ART MEET



*Paintings by
Laveena Agarwal
& Garima Bansal*

A six-day painting workshop, "**INTERNATIONAL ART MEET, 2014**" was organised by Birla Education Trust at Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, Pilani during 11th to 16th August, 2014. Ms. Babita Das of Dimension 4, a registered organisation in Kolkata, coordinated the event as a Curator. Artists, from six countries, Robabeh Delkhosh (Iran) Tinku Das (India), Giedrems Riskute (Lithuania), Grete Marstein (Norway), Erika Drungyte (Lithuania), Saulius Rudzikas (Lithuania), Premila Singh (South Africa) trained the student participants from different BET schools. Five students from our school Garima Bansal (class XII), Laveena Aggarwal (class XI), Aradhya (Class X), Sunny (Class IX), Partibha (Class XII) participated in the Meet.

The main focus of the workshop was to provide exposure to International art culture, and intense training in the

different forms of painting. The creativity and imagination of the students in canvas and glass paintings were worth mentioning and further boosted up with a professional touch. Exchange of art culture between different countries, professional artists learning from the students and presentation by an artist on each day were few of the highlights of the workshop. The six day workshop showcased international standards of excellence in art and culture and students of our school were provided a platform for interaction with International artists and had an exposure to International art and culture.

House Reports

The purpose of house system not only secures a sense of belonging to the school community by providing ample opportunities for students but also helps each one of them to reach his/her full potential intellectually, academically and emotionally. It delivers a structure that is designed to help students function to the best of their ability and enrich their personal life by developing resilience. We at Birla Shishu Vihar endeavour to learn ways of being a catalyst that contributes to the development of inner strength and the greater good of human kind.

HOUSE PRESENTATIONS IN SATURDAY ASSEMBLIES



GANDHI HOUSE – The morning assembly of July 05 was organized by Gandhi House. The major attraction of the assembly was the skit prepared and presented by the house students. This powerful and thought provoking skit emphasized the importance of the grandparents in the fabric of a family. The enchanting performance with a strong message won both the hearts and the applauses of the gathering.



TAGORE HOUSE – July 19 morning assembly was an eye opener as the students of Tagore house enlightened the gathering by presenting a skit on the burning issue of the environment degradation. The mesmerizing performance compelled each and every one to take an oath to be the savior of environment.

SUBHASH HOUSE – In the morning assembly of July 26 which was organized by Subhash House, the house presented a skit on the Save Ganga campaign and left an everlasting impression on the audience.



RAMAN HOUSE – Unity in diversity is a unique feature of our great democratic nation and there is an urgent need to preserve and protect it from diverse harms. This can be done only if everyone is sensitized to the national values and the need for mutual co-existence and communal harmony. Then only would we be able to experience unity in diversity and carry ahead the rich heritage of our civilization and a vibrant democracy. With the aim of

achieving just that Raman house presented a skit on the theme – **‘NATIONAL INTEGRATION: NEED OF THE HOUR’** on 2nd August 2014.

The skit was planned to be presented in 3 parts. The 1st part unfolded with an eye-catching performance projecting unity in diversity. The 2nd part presented the challenges that our country faces today to national integration namely communalism, regionalism, economic disorder, chaos, linguistic fanaticism, social disparity and gender inequality. The 3rd and the concluding part emphasized on achieving universal brotherhood by forgetting all the ill-feelings.

The students of Raman house reiterated that India believes in the principle of coexistence and it is highly essential to save our Country from all hindrances and aggression.

Celebrations In School.....

International Women's Day

The school celebrated International Women's Day on 08 March 2014 with great fervor. The entire female teaching and subordinate staff were felicitated by giving bouquets and good wishes by their male colleagues.

They were motivated by The Principal to achieve even higher standards and drive to excellence. Saumya Bhatia of Class XI Science read out a topic on women's strength and an urge for giving them equal opportunity with their counterpart.

Anupama Mishra from the same class also gave a brief account of Indian and international women's role and their achievement in various disciplines.



The festival of Eid

School celebrated Eid on 28 July in the morning assembly with great zest and zeal. The students of class IX presented a skit to display the relevance of the festival. The school Principal Mr. Pavan Vashishtha conveyed his wishes to the students and the staff on this pious occasion.

Independence Day

A great day and a proud moment for every Indian. There was celebration in the air and everyone took pride to be an Indian.

Our school too was all set to celebrate this great day. Everyone in the school was geared up and enthused for the momentous occasion.

Sharp at 0710H, the national flag was hoisted by the Chief Guest, Mr Pavan Vashishtha the school Principal. Amidst rounds of applause, the NCC troop of the school marched smartly past the podium to the accompanying of the Band troops led by Vrinda Swami and Priya and saluted the Chief Guest. The school bands did a wonderful job playing the mesmerizing tunes, which added a lot of colour to the entire show. This was followed by the activities which were organized specially to mark the day for the subordinate staff of the school.

While addressing the students the Chief Guest Mr Pavan Vashishtha complimented them for the excellent parade. Our leaders and martyrs were remembered who scarified their lives for us.

All the students and staff participated and witnessed the grand ceremony.

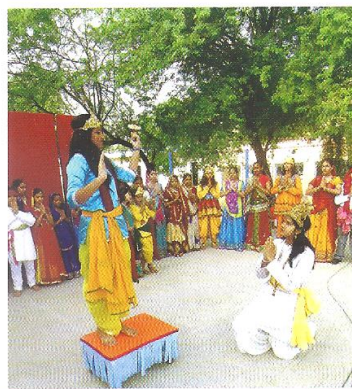
Overall, a great celebration indeed!



Janmashtami celebrations

The school wore a festive look on Janmashtami with the students in colourful attires of Lord Krishana, Radha and Gopies as they commemorated the human incarnation of Lord Krishana.

To add to the celebrations, a beautiful dance form was also presented by them. Also, the importance of the festivals was explained to the students by the Principal Mr Pavan Vashishtha.



Raksha Bandhan in school

Rakhi making activity was conducted in the school, on the occasion of the Raksha Bandhan. Rakhis were made by students using waste material. This rakhi making reminded us of the true love between the brother and sister. This also reminded us of historical facts related to rakhi. The students celebrated the festivals with a lot of enthusiasm and love. Girls tied sacred thread of rakhi on hands of the boys. The Principal addressed the students telling about the importance of the festival and how these festivals highlight the culture of Indians.

Workshops / Conferences

Good teachers become great teacher by going beyond the call of duty and beyond the text book. To ensure this a teacher should look forward to upgrade himself with the latest trends and technology in school education. The school organizes conferences, workshops and continuing educational programs that give the teacher that extra help needed for their students. Following are a few to mention.

1. A two day workshop on CCE was held on 05 & 06 Apr 2014 at Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, Pilani. Thirty two teachers attended the workshop.

2. A workshop was conducted by extra marks on 04th Apr 2014 from 12:00 pm to 01:00 pm and it was attended by all teaching staff.



Book Fair

A 3-day book fair from Scholastic India was inaugurated by the school Principal Mr. Pavan Vashishtha on July 31, 2014. In the fair a wide range of books covering across the sections was made available for display and purchase to the students and the staff as well.

MEMOIRS.....

'Don't be contended with that you have achieved. The law of nature is either you move forward or you have to move backward. Therefore, if you want to move forward, you have to constantly work hard'.
Syt. G.D.Birla Je

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EDITORIAL

The entire Birla Shishu Vihar family extends a very hearty welcome to the Inaugural issue of KSHITIJ..... a panorama of our achievements.

The cyclic nature of our activities and the spirit and enthusiasm with which our students exhibit their involvement in them keeps the momentum of the school moving forward with ambition and enthusiasm. We were looking forward to a communication between the school and the parent community to keep them in tandem.

Therefore it was felt that a dedicated newsletter would be an ideal vehicle to build on the success of the school as well as capture the diverse scholarly interests of an even more vibrant BSV community.

A humble endeavour in this direction is being intended through KSHITIJ

The fact that some distinguished personalities have played a valuable role in bringing out this issue remains a matter of pride and elation and we express our heartfelt gratitude to them. Among these dignitaries we feel specially obliged to the Director BET Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S S Nair, AVSM who has always been a source of inspiration for all of us. Without his support it wouldn't have been possible to start this newsletter. We would also like to place on record our indebtedness to Dy. Director (GA) Mr. J.C.Pandey and Dy. Director (Fin.) Mr. K.K.Pareek for their generous support.

Our sincere gratitude goes to the Principal Mr Pavan Vashishtha where the idea originated, for supporting it so whole heartedly and for drawing the parameters of the Newsletter.

The editors of the Newsletter have benefitted immensely from his experience and expertise as well as his enthusiasm for its publication. The success of this great piece of work came as a result of his endeavour.

We feel enamored by the keen pursuit displayed by the members of the editorial board who amassed such valuable material and gave their time and expertise to make this happen. We also thank the computer support of this issue who admirably and with good humor suffered through our teething process as we put in place our workflows while at the same time going into production.

Last but not the least, our message to the budding flowers of tomorrow is: "make perseverance your bosom friend and spread the fragrance of sincerity, personal integrity, humility, courtesy, wisdom and charity to be successful in life".