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The Unorthodox Finnish Education System

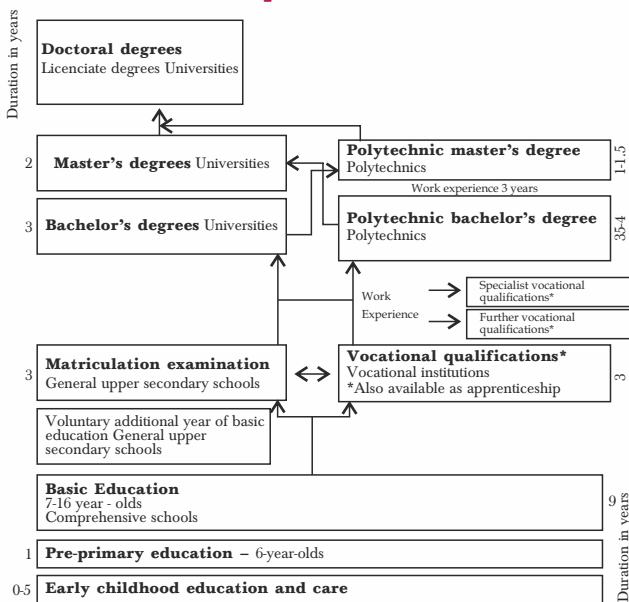
“...every child should have exactly the same opportunity to learn, regardless of family background, income, or geographic location.” - Pasi Sahiberg

Birla Education Trust organized a delegation of Principals to participate in Innovation Camp, Finland in the month of May, 2017. The objective of the camp was to study the real life conditions, success factors of Finnish Education leading to top quality innovative use of learning environments, pedagogical leadership and use of technology.

The program was built on core elements of the 2016 Finnish National Core Curricula for early childhood and compulsory education. Uncovering the layers of secrecy of successful Finnish Education System it was observed that there is a lot of emphasis on stress free environment with minimal exams and homework. The entire education system of the country is based upon Child - Centered - Education.

Extensive integration of New technologies to Education is another area of thrust in the Finnish Education System. The system has a firm belief that Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) play an increasingly important role in the way we communicate and learn. And the challenge is to effectively harness these technologies in a way that serves the interest of the learners.

Education system in Finland



- Finnish schools' ICT infrastructure is one of the best in the world.
- ICT is integrated as a tool across the curriculum, it is not only a subject of its own.
- ICT competence is one of the seven board - based competencies defined in the new core curriculum.
- The new core curriculum states that ICT is a significant civic skill and also an aspect of multi - literacy.
- It is a learning target as well as a medium for learning. Practical experience and Class observations in few schools provided hands on experience of various creative methods and activities as an actual Finnish Classroom. It was an opportune time to gain first- hand experience of the international education system and direct links with school pupils which would certainly come-in handy in going beyond our best and go that extra mile/s' for taking the school to new heights.

Yours sincerely,

Pavan Vashishtha
Principal

“The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.”

New beginnings signify new opportunities and new challenges

To embrace the new session with open arms, the Principal, faculty and students of Birla Shishu Vihar organized a Havan ceremony. To celebrate a fresh start to the school year, it is only apt to evoke the almighty. The melodious sounds of the sacred chants accompanied with the pious presence of the students and teachers infused the entire school with vigour and enthusiasm. To new beginnings and new endeavors!



Excellent Board Result Makes Us Proud Again!

Adding one more reason to celebrate, students were seen in jubilant mood as the Board result was released. With all the gratitude to Mr. Pavan Vashishtha, Principal, teachers and parents, students posed in a regard. With the 100% result for the session 2016-17, the School stands high on all scales.

Class XII: All 55 students appeared in the exam for the session 2016-17 gave an outstanding performance and passed with flying colours. The name of top scorers are as below:

Science Toppers



Name: Pankaj Chahar
Percentage: 94.6



Name: Nisha Kumari
Percentage: 94.4



Name: Surbhi
Percentage: 93.4

Commerce Toppers



Name: Anu Priya Hiranwal
Percentage: 92.4



Name: Priyanka Sharma
Percentage: 90.8



Name: Rekha Soni
Percentage: 90.4

Class X: A total 74 students in the school appeared for the class X Board Exams of which 14 students scored a perfect 10 CGPA. Out of the remaining lot 18 students scored in the range of 9-10, 22 in the range of 8-9, 13 in the range of 7-8, 6 in the range of 6-7 and 1 in the range of 5-6. The Principal congratulating the students said "A dream doesn't become reality through magic, it takes sweat, determination and persistence. The hard work of our students has paid off".

BSV SHINES.....Kudos to all our young learners!

International Benchmark Test (IBT) 2016

Students from class III - X appeared for International Benchmark Test on 25th November 2016 and performed marvelously. It was conducted by Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). 09 Distinction, 06 High Distinction and 01 Honour certificate was received by the students in different categories.



National Astronomy Challenge 2017

STEM Research and Innovation (SRI), in association with Astronomer Without Borders (AWB) organized National Astronomy Challenge - 2017 exam on 22 April 2017 in which 15 students from Birla Shishu Vihar participated.

Top rankers were Abhinav Poonia (Grade VII, 80.60%), Diksha Saini (Grade VIII, 81.90%) and Rakshit Singh Rathore (Grade IX, 99.10%) One of the two national toppers in grade IX scored 99.80%. For Rakshit Singh Rathore it was a very narrow escape with a difference of just 0.70% percentile.

Googol 2017: National Conference on Mathematics 2017

The event was held at BBVP, Pilani on 15th and 16th April 2017. A team of 14 students and 02 teachers represented the school. Our school bagged various prestigious positions. Ankit Kumar secured 2nd position in Math Wizard written competition. Ruchika Choudhary and Yashasvi Jangir- secured 3rd position in Math musing poster making competition. Dinesh Kumar, Brajesh Vashishtha, Aashish Ahlawat and Deepak Choudhary- secured 2nd position in Math Relay.

Rubik's Cube - Guinness World Record Attempt:

The event was organised by BITS, Pilani on 16th April 2017 to make an attempt for creating a world record. 451 students from the school became the part of this grand event and turned a new leaf in the history of the school by solving the puzzle in the stipulated time.

Celebrations Galore

Exploring Rich Indian Heritage

In order to promote an aesthetic sense for the world heritage sites and to sensitize the students about the cultural relevance of the historical buildings, the school celebrated World Heritage Day on 18th April 2017 in a special morning assembly. Students of class X through various activities such as speeches, role play and slogan parade emphasised the importance to protect the historical legacies passed on to us by our ancestors. The celebration was also marked as an International activity under BCISA project.



Preserving the Greens

In recent years, the earth has continued to degrade and deplete due to the reckless ways of mankind. On, 23rd of April, Earth Day was celebrated in BSV. To combat this grave situation, the students took it upon themselves to create awareness about the depletion of earth's resources. Various drawing activities were held on the theme Mother Earth, it also conveyed the message of conserving the environment.



Promoting Healthy Living

Teaching approaches and strategies that promote healthy eating in school children is one of the many initiatives taken by the school Principal, Mr. Pavan Vashishtha

As per the Saturday activity schedule, the students had a healthy food party on the 15th of April. The two words 'healthy' and 'party' don't go along too well with each other. But, the enthusiastic students along with their teachers hosted a party, filled with the tastiest assortment of health foods imaginable. Everything from fresh fruits to small knick - knacks were included. With a plethora of different healthy goodies, the students did indeed learn the importance of healthy - eating.



“God could not be everywhere so he created Mothers”

“Mothers have always played a special role in each of our lives. Their unconditional love, support and the feeling of a security blanket around us is unmatched and keeping this in mind, we have taken the initiative to mark the day for them”, stated the school Principal Mr. Pavan Vashishtha.

On the virtuous occasion the budding students of class I brought it upon themselves to celebrate this wonderful day with pomp and splendor. With dazzling smiles on the faces of the students, they danced to the hip beats of a high - energy number and of 'course in perfect unison. Also, there were many activities planned for mothers, including an Ad - Show activity and a fun segment of drawing your child's favourite cartoon. All the participants and the attendees had great fun and the programme ended with a fun - filled dance for all.



Instituting Leaders of tomorrow...



The school constituted its Student Council for the session 2017-18 in an Investiture Ceremony on April 22 2017. The Council members were administered the oath after conferring upon them their badges and sashes. The Head Boy and Head Girl expressed their gratitude towards the school for showering the honour upon them as they promised to work towards making the school flag fly higher. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem.

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way “
Ankit Kumar - Head Boy

School is not a building or a place to visit for a few hours; instead it's a temple where perfection is created with great zeal and zest.

And Birla Shishu Vihar is surely playing a very active and positive role in it. It is great honor for me to be elected as the Head Boy of the school for the academic year 2017-18. And for this I express my immense gratitude to the school Principal, Mr. Pavan Vashishtha and all the teachers.

It is an opportunity to hold high the glorious flag of our school. It gives me immense elation to work for the school as Head Boy. I commit myself to the rules and regulations of the school, and my vision for the school is to create a fresh, friendly and disciplined atmosphere in the school.

I will also try my level best to set a good example for you all and I also expect that all the students will support me throughout the year and help me in maintaining an ideal environment in the school premises.

“Being headgirl is more than just wearing a badge “
Palak - Head Girl



It is being in charge of 36 prefects and ensuring everyone does his/her job. It is being neutral in any problem, no matter who is involved. It is listening to all the problems of students within the school and putting efforts in order to solve them. Being the Head girl is not to be strict, but attentive in ensuring the decorum and discipline of the school. Being Head girl gave me the motivation to do well in school. Now more than ever, thinking before I act and speak is important, because I have to think how my actions affect others. As a Head girl, I have to set an example, not only to the prefects, but to the school.



Persistence & Hardwork is the key to success.
Harshita Joshi - Academic Head Science

It is an honor for me to be the Academic Head - Science. It is my responsibility to discharge my duties with sincerity, honesty and dedication. As our respected Principal sir always emphasizes that academics is our school's top priority. I will do my level best to improve the academics of my peers and juniors and be a motivation to them by bringing Laurence to my school wherever I can. My ambition is to become a doctor and I am working hard for the same. I will make my juniors understand that persistence and hard work is the key to success I will ensure at my level that our school leads in academics and score high.



Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is a process, working together is success!
Nitya Malani
Captain Gandhi House



The viable and precious trophy of session 2016-17 was bagged by Gandhi House.

A house which believes to learn, lead and achieve! The session 2016-17 began with new hopes, determination bringing enthusiasm and excitement in students. It witnessed our determination to march towards excellence. This would have been possible only with the support and encouragement of our worthy House teachers Mr. Satish Shukla, Mr. K. K. Aggarwal, Mrs. Jyoti Prasad, Mrs. Mercy V. Joseph, Mrs. Dr. Shalini Mishra, Mr. Bhuvan Sandhu, Ms. Deeksha Gupta, Mrs. Soni Singh, Mrs. Raj Chowdhury, Mrs. Rekha Sharma and their guidance which helped us at every point of time to achieve our goal.

Gandhi House students took a different stand altogether this year by showcasing their talent and to get success in almost all the competitions whether it be English ad show, Extempore, Hockey, Volleyball, Hindi Declamation, Science Quiz etc. We did our best and to the highest level of satisfaction. We are proud to be in Gandhi House and will maintain to work together harder to achieve with qualities courage, diligence and elegance.

We are highly thankful for constant support of our Principal Mr. Pavan Vashishtha. We extend our sincere thanks for his motivation and guidance. Taking lessons from our failures and to begin again more intelligently is our prime agenda to prove ourselves the best in upcoming years.

Refresh Your Approach To Instruction

Faculty Development Programme - 2017

The real purpose of education is not to reform or amuse the learners or to make them expert technicians. It is to unsettle their minds, widen their horizons, inflame their intellects, teach them to think constructively..... Robert M. Hutchins.

And to guide them, a teacher has to prepare himself well in advance. Keeping this view, the FDP was conducted before closing of institutions for summer break i. e. from May 8- 11, 2017. **Learning is Experience ...Everything else is just information was the theme of this year's FDP.** A four-day program was sponsored by BET, Pilani. The faculty members of BPS, BSP, BBV, BSV & BIS attended the same. The program was coordinated by **Mr. Pavan Vashishtha, Principal, Birla Shishu Vihar.** Three sessions were conducted on each day. The formal Opening Ceremony held at BBV auditorium on 8th May. An interesting & enlightening talk on "Effective Teaching Through Holistic Intelligence" was delivered by Shri E.V. Swaminathan, which was followed by Mr. K.N. Dhar's School Leadership Session at BBV.

The topic Adolescence- Aggression, Addiction & Abuse was effectively covered by the educationist Mrs. Saloni Priya on 9th May. Same day in session -2, an interactive session on 'Creative Classroom' was conducted by Mrs. A Versha Manku. On 10th May, the sessions on Impact-Redefining, learning positively-VAK model & subject specific sessions were conducted at BBV & BSV. A melodious musical eve was also organized on 10th May. On 11th May, the first session was conducted by Shri B. Subramanyam (Ex-chairman CBSE) at BBV. The 2nd session on The MHRD Directives of specific subjects & their outcomes were given by the teachers from BET schools.

The MHRD Directives & their learning outcomes of English for the Middle and Primary Sections were effectively presented by Mrs. Jyotsna Sharma & Mrs. Rekha Sharma. Whereas the directives on Social Science were delivered by Mrs. Reeta Sharma. The closing session of the Four-day long Programme was conducted by the Director BET Maj. Gen. S.S. Nair AVSM on one of the vital topics of the era - EDUCATION 3.0. The session threw light on various aspects of the topic and gave an opportunity to the BET faculty to rekindle and refresh their knowledge.



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A. CLASS X CBSE BOARD Exams back from 2018

It is indeed a welcome idea. This will help children stay curious and grow with education. There are numerous benefits of having board exams for class X. Like handling and balancing stress. Taking the class 10 board exams is an excellence litmus test that gives you a clear indication of where you stand. Since boards are conducted at a national level, a not-so-good performance in class 10th boards will come across as a wake-up call for us to perform better. So, a change should be focused towards learning so that there is less of rote learning and more of understanding. (Poonam Sharma X A)

Bye!Bye! Home exams.

Now the time has come for the actual Board Exam. It's quite an appreciable step taken by the Board. With the grade point and upgradation system now over there's no chance left for any child to have any undue advantage. (Paramjeet X C)



(B) CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION'S three language formula is an added burden for students?

Being multilingual is important

No, it is not any kind of added burden for students. There would be no problem for the students of present generation as they are habitual of studying in this new set up of education system. They also understand the importance of being multilingual in today's times. I think that the decision of implementing the 3 language rule is totally beneficial for the students as they will get chance to learn 3 languages at the same which was not possible before at all. (Brajesh Vashishtha IX C)

A different language is a different vision of life

It is a great decision by CBSE in favour of students. It is a golden opportunity for students. The students will get to know about the Indian culture more and connect students with their country. With languages we are at home anywhere. (Amisha IX C)

Benefit at all stages of life

I disagree with the above statement that it creates an additional burden on students, reason being language subjects are very easy to learn as compared to other subjects. Learning an additional language will benefit at all stages of life, helps us to interact with more people and the most important thing is that our career opportunities will increase. (Sheetal Alaria IX C)

An elective burden on students

Students focus on core subjects of the curriculum. So how will the students focus on three language formula? It is a heavy language burden. Yet students have fobia due to MATHS and now after this three language formula students will fear of study. Students will have a lack of knowledge in core subjects of curriculum due to this three language formula. (DEEPAK KUMAR IX C)

Increase in the number of subjects

The proposal of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to revert to the three-language system is likely to increase the burden on students. The return of the three-language format could further prove difficult for students as it increases the number of subjects from five to six. (Sneha Poonia IX C)

Learning another language is not only learning different words for the same thing, but another way to think about things.

This program could be a burden on student as they already have many subjects to study. It will make an increase in subjects that students studies and will increase the load of students. It might be displeasing for many students but it would also increase their knowledge and curiosity towards learning. It is truly said by Nelson Mandela "If you talk to a man in a language he understand, that goes in his head. If you talk to him in his language , that goes in his heart (Madhav Himmatramka X B)

(C) Oxford University is encouraging students to use the gender-neutral pronoun 'ze' instead of 'she' and 'he'.

Gender Equality

A right move for sure! Encouraging students to use gender-neutral pronouns can eradicate gender discrimination as common pronoun could prevent transgender students from feeling offended. It would also promote gender equality. So, educational institutes should adopt this change. (Gauransh XA)

Use 'They' instead

Though 'ze' is a great substitute for the usual 'he/she'. It would be difficult pronouncing the words. I would prefer using 'they' rather than 'ze' as it is not only gender neutral but also a symbol of the specified people as a whole. This would minimize confusion and also boost gender-neutrality. (Rakshit XA)

It is Discriminating

I don't agree with this Idea as this is discrimination among genders. We won't know which sex gender we are talking about. 'SHE' should be proud of being a 'she' and 'HE' should be proud of being a 'he'. This doesn't mean that we shouldn't support gender equality. But if we change the so called pronouns used for gender then there won't be any gender category. (Muskan XA)

Being Human Important

A great step towards respecting people's right to define themselves as neither male nor female. The decision is intended to diminish discrimination and prevent transgenders from being offended by the use of incorrect pronouns. It's not important who is a girl and who is a boy. The importance is in being human. This step will empower us to live in a fearless society and fight against all social evils. (Pooja, X A)

Great Start

This is a good initiative and a great start to inculcate and promote equality among all individuals. Gender bias has been and still is an alarming and daunting evil in society that needs to be eradicated sooner or later. In fact, not only oxford university, other academic or non-academic fields, too, should encourage the use of 'ze'. (Akansha XA)



Glimpses of Faculty Development Programme, 2017



A New Addition... Multi Purpose Hall



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