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## School Ranked First In the State

Dear Parents & Well Wishes of BSV

Greetings to you!

It's amazing to share that Careers 360 survey of best schools in India has certified the school as the Best school of the state aging the top slot rating of AAAA+. I would like to thank you all for all the support extended over the past years. I say it with all humility that we achieved success as we continued the work that needs to be done to ensure the educational needs of our students. I would like to make a special mention of our hard working and caring faculty and staff who have made a huge difference to our students.

I look forward to work with you as a team to help all students at Birla Shishu Vihar to meet their goals and have a successful school year!

Best Regards

Pavan Vashistha  
Principal

Together we walk, together we fly,  
Together we rise and touch the sky.



## Creative, Curious and Commendable Visit to Bengaluru



Birla Shishu Vihar won "School of the Month Challenge" organised by Atal Innovation Mission and NITI Aayog.

After winning the challenge, the team of four students - Adi Sharma (X-C), Aditya Ranwa (X-A), Gauransh Agarwal (X-A), Brajesh Vashistha (IX-C) were invited to attend the prestigious **Maker Faire at Bengaluru from November 16 to 19, 2017**. The team was escorted by Mr. Vineet Pandey and Mr. Pavan Vashistha, Principal BSV. There students showcased the Exhibit - "Smart Unmanned Railway Crossing with Rising Bollard" which won accolades both from India and abroad.

Maker Faire was a showcase of Invention, Creativity and Resourcefulness. It was a gathering of Tech Enthusiast, Crafter, Educator, Tinkerer, Engineers and Students. It was a nurturing ground for us. People across the Globe got together to show their creation and share their learning, where we witnessed glimpses of future and inspiration to become a Maker. (By:Adi - X'C)

**"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."**

## Tete-a-tete with MANDEEP JANGRA- THE ARJUN AWARDEE



The sports ground of Birla Shishu School was filled with the atmosphere of zest, euphoria and frolic on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017 to welcome the Arjun Awardee Mr. Mandeep Jangra as the Chief Guest on the occasion of Annual Sports Meet. The students were tremendously excited over his arrival.

After being welcomed by the Principal, Mandeep Jangra hoisted the school flag among loud cheers. The program began with the Ganesh Vandana an invocation to Shri Ganesha the god of knowledge, higher arts and pure intelligence.

BSV is such a school converts sand into pits, seeds into saplings and rocks into stars. Marching wonderfully with great enthusiasm, striving hard to win the inter house trophy, all the four houses displayed vigor and discipline. The trophy was later lifted by Raman House.

Yoga teaches us that we can't stop the waves, but we can learn to surf. 100 students of the middle compartment displayed yoga which was followed by an exotic aerobic display. They mesmerized the audience with their performance. The winners of different events were given medals and certificates.

During his interaction with the students, Mandeep talked about his very own experiences and offered a basic outlook about life. He also stressed the importance of sports in one's education by saying, "School is where you can get to know what it is that you are good at. So finding the right balance between studies and sports is important as then you will get to know what it is you are good at." He further related this with the academics by saying that studying should be students' only worry and not the result.

Towards the end, an event for the teachers and parents was organized which added to the enthusiasm. The program concluded with the vote of thanks followed by National Anthem.

(By: Dinesh-VIII 'C', Muskan-X 'A' and Gauransh)

## Innovative Exhibits on Display

"An exhibition has paramount importance as it focuses on the comprehensive learning of the students by engaging, exploring & empowering with knowledge" said the school Principal Mr. Pavan Vashishta



Keeping this in mind the social science and science exhibition was organised on the eve of Annual Day that is on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017. The event was a hub of different types learning models for students. The models like Coal Mine, Smart Village, Smart Cities, ONGC Refinery, Smart Prison, Smart Transportation, The Himalayan Ranges etc. grabbed the attention of gathering. It displayed the talent which the children have. The models left the spectators mesmerized. The event saw huge participation of students. The efforts of students were applauded in high spirits by the Chief Guest of the occasion Mr. Bhagwan Lal Soni, IPS, Additional Director General of Police, Rajasthan, Director BET Major General S. S Nair AVSM (Retd.) and all dignitaries.

It was a colourful display of models created from paper Mache, cotton and various other stuffs.

(By: Rakshit Rathore -X 'A', and Udit Modi-X 'A')

## UDHBHAV –The Rise of Existence

## A Cultural Melange



Birla Shishu Vihar celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Day on Thursday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017 amidst great zest, vibrancy and elation. Mr. Bhagwan Lal Soni, IPS, Additional Director General of Police, Rajasthan was the esteemed Chief Guest. Among other dignitaries present were Director Birla Education Trust, Director BITS, Director Birla Science Museum, Director BKBIET, Principals of various schools, members of press, parents and students.

The programme commenced with the floral welcome of chief guest followed by the lighting of the Ceremonial lamp by the Hon'ble Chief Guest, other dignitaries and the Principal, BSV. The tone of the amazing evening was set by the Principal with a prayer. Then the school choir cherished the soul of each and every one by their soothing voices. It was followed by the Head Girl of school formally welcoming the eminent guest. The School's Annual report of the past session was conferred by the Principal.

Now it was time to unravel the cultural bonanza "UDHBHAV-The Rise of Existence". The pre-primary section described The Spectrum of Wondrous Nature beautifully. Up next was the primary section depicting the rich radiant and vibrant culture of six various countries which were Indonesia, Turkey Ireland, Italy, Thailand and India by performing their Folk dances. Then a fascinating performance was presented by the students of middle section on Shiksha - Ek Jeevan Disha which really enamored one and all. This was followed by the Prize Distribution Ceremony.

The exotic group of dancers from senior section of school performed a dance which emphasized on fact that karma is a pre requisite for the evolution of complete human being. The Chief Guest stated that he was very happy to note that Birla Shishu Vihar motivates its students by felicitating them with prizes as this serves as an impetus to their stellar performance, consistently. He urged students to hone and sharpen their talents and potentials to not only carve a niche for themselves or bring laurels to school but also aim to bring glory to their state as well as their nation. Education or success, he opined, was incomplete or futile without keeping in view the goal of serving one's country never being oblivious of the fact that 'our motherland is better than heaven.' He advised students never to forget their school, which makes them what they are and their parents who make relentless efforts for them to be educated and groomed in a school like Birla Shishu Vihar and feel proud on their children's achievements.

The exulted evening was culminated by the grand finale .....with a prose " There is completion of every celebration, but we rely on faith that there is never an ending but always a beginning because the show must go on..."

(By: Bharti Shekhawat -XI 'A')

## Speaking Matters

(By: Mrs. Jyotsna Sharma, TGT - English)

In an era gone by, when television was the only source of entertainment and there were no channels to flip, no remotes to fight for; when waiting for a weekly programme was full of longing and anticipation and news was all about serenity and professionalism, there was Doordarshan. The visuals of Rukawat ke liye khed hai, the signature tune of DD are etched deep in our memory and so is the impeccable diction of **Shammi Narang**. Known as the Walter Cronkite of Indian Broadcast history, If I were to describe him in one word, then he is a **LEGEND**. Yesteryears newsreader and announcer of Doordarshan still evoke fond memories for many of us who grew up watching him.



November 9, 2017 was the much-awaited day for both students of class XII as well as language teachers. As there was an interactive session on communication skills by the famous media personality and the Director of the Pin Drop Studio, New Delhi Shammi Narang. Director BET Maj. Gen. S.S. Nair (AVSM), Director Birla Museum Dr. V.N. Dhaulakhandi, executives of the Trust, Principals of BET Schools attended the Session.

During his session, Mr. Shammi Narang discussed the Warm-up techniques and Breathing techniques, Voice Improvement Exercises, Pronunciation, Diction and Accentual Patterns, presentation and Speech Development, Voice Modulation and of course the art of good communication. The overview given by him of the recording studio and Microphone techniques proved to be an icing on the cake for the audience.

Though we understand that the commonest activity besides breathing is speaking. What we do not realize is that properly modulated, or properly animated speech can change our whole environment. After all how we speak is how we are perceived, and a positive change in our way of speaking will cause others to look upon us more positively.

## Going Beyond the Boundaries

### Skype session with Egypt....

For the first time ever our school conducted a Skype session with Egyptian students on 18 November 2017. It was really an astounding experience to be the part of such a stupendous interaction. It was wonderful as well as elucidative synergy for each one of us. As our Central theme laid emphasis on girl child so we got to know the way things shape up for a girl child in Egypt. They threw light upon the new reforms enforced by government to recuperate the condition of girls. We also responded to the questions asked by them in context of Indian Parliament, career opportunity for girls in India etc. It was an unforgettable experience for us.

### Skype session with Bangladesh....

In the month of October, we had an interactive session with a school in Bangladesh. It was based on the theme National Heroes. It was a girl school. We discussed about the National Heroes of both the nations. During the session we asked them about their national heroes and their major role in the freedom struggle of their country. It was a knowledgeable session. Also we also came to know about their culture. We really enjoyed it.

(By: Jahnvi - IX)



## Workshop on Sports and Fitness Aerobics



*"It's a unique initiative conceived and facilitated by the school Principal Mr. Pavan Vashishthain an attempt to provide diverse opportunities to the students" said, The Director B.E.T. Maj. Gen. S.S. Nair AVSM (Retd.) at the Closing Ceremony.*

The school hosted first-of-its-kind three day workshop from December 18 to 21, 2017. Indian Sports Aerobics & Fitness Federation (ISAFF India) conducted it. The programme included a series of Easy Aerobic Fitness exercises, Aerobic Dance Workout & Sports Exercise. ISAFF General Secretary Mr. Santosh Khairnar and International Coach Mrs. Surya Khairnar led the workshop who worked 1-1 with participants to refine their skills and to develop their competence. 80 promising students attended this workshop. After the trial selections a team of 40 students took part in the 12<sup>th</sup> ISAFF National Championship for Aerobics held at Ghaziabad from January 5 to 7 "2017.

The four day event saw its culmination on December 18 "17 which was an awe-inspiring event with the flow of honeyed music & dance. The young students entranced the audience through their talents and ornate attire. Director Birla Museum Dr. V.N. Dhaulakhandi, Principal Birla School Mr. Sanjay Srivastava, Principal Bal Niketan Mrs. Shobha Verma and other dignitaries of Birla Education Trust were present on the occasion. (By: Mrs. Divya Pradhan & Mrs. Ragini Sharma)

### Awareness workshop on POCSO Act

(By: Kanika –VIII 'C')

On 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December a POCSO workshop was organized for teen/tween girls of Birla Shishu Vihar. In which none other than Dr. Parul Pareek guided us. Her way of teaching was so interesting, easy and effective. It was a great experience as we got to know how to protect ourselves from any danger around us, how to be strong, how to take decisions in our life, how to be stress free and how to react when you think that something wrong is going to happen or it is happening right now. The workshop was conducted in three batches. A large number of girls attended the workshop. Girl child does not feel secure in today's society. Every girl has to face different types of atrocities in a one way or other in her life. To overcome such difficulties every girl has to prepare herself in a manner to live with self confidence in this challenging world and this workshop is a step in this direction of making girls feel empowered and confident. Throughout the workshop we were so frank with Dr. Parul Pareek and we were free to say and ask her any questions.



We girls are so happy that we were given an opportunity to attend such a wonderful workshop because what we learnt there will help us throughout our life to face different challenges of life and we appreciate this step taken by our school Principal.

### Promoting value of Girl Child

(By: Karan Sharma –X'A')

On December 11, 2017 class 10th conducted a special assembly on the theme Save the Girl Child. The objective of the celebration was to promote the value of girl child and empower her with education.

Assembly started with the Morning Prayer followed by the thought and an effective presentation on the topic that brought out the importance of such celebrations. A heart touching poem was presented by Ananya Pal and Himanshi Lamba. The mime on Female Feticide stole the show. The Assembly concluded with a slogan Parade by the students of class VIII & XI. The mime was very thought provoking. The students created a mesmerizing ambience. The Principal, Mr. Pavan Vashishtha gave the message to save girls & to educate them to create a better tomorrow. He also congratulated Mrs. Jyotsna Sharma the teacher In-charge for the show & the students for their efforts for presenting such a beautiful Assembly.

## A Breakthrough in the Debating Phenomenon

(By: Jayshree, Ekta and Khushi - XI A)

It was indeed a wonderful opportunity that our school gave us. It was to participate in Vox Populi, Debating Phenomenon, held at Rukmani Birla Modern High School, Jaipur. Out of several events, our team of three members - Jayshree, Ekta and Khushi, participated in Youth Parliament (Our Problem, Our Solution). We sincerely want to thank our Principal Sir and our escort teachers- Mrs. Kalika Bhatia and Mrs. Neetu Rathore, for more than a merely privilege to convey our thoughts. And we want to give a special thanks to Mrs. Jyotsna Sharma, our English teacher for taking such a big initiative and recommending us to take part in such a competition. Yes!!! It is true that "We are indebted to our parents for living but to our teachers for living well." Also the participation in the Vox Populi debating session was indeed a memorable experience that enhanced our debating skills. Because it is truly said that, "The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly & without fear for newer and richer experience." It was really a knowledgeable experience that we will never forget.

## Classical treat for students



Our first ever collaboration with "SPICMACAY", Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth brought a colourful rainbow in the history of Birla Shishu Vihar. It aims to create interest amongst the youth in Indian classical dance forms and intends to save the dying beauty of Indian culture and heritage.

Under the aegis of SPIC MACY, a Bharatnatyam dance recital by Mrs. Ragini Chandrashekhar, a renowned Bharatnatyam dancer was organised at Birla Shishu Vihar on 11th November, 2017. She was accompanied by a vocalist and instrumentalists. The artists were accorded a traditional welcome and the programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Director, BET, Principal and the invited guests.

Mrs. Ragini Chandrashekhar engrossed us by depicting the stories of Lord Ganesha and Lord Krishna through her mesmerising foot work, facial expressions and homogeneity in presentation of this vibrant dance form. She gave the performance along with Abhinaya and Commentary. The dexterous hand movements and agile footwork along with the novelty of the traditional dance kept the audience spellbound.

(By: Smriti S. Dandin and Bhawna Choudhary - X 'B')

## Exposed to a stream of new career opportunities

The school organised a career counselling session for the students from class IX to XII. Eminent educationist and career counsellor Mr. Kamlakar Diwedi, Sr. Career Counsellor and coordinator, Institute of Career studies, Lucknow conducted the workshop. The session was kick started with the resource person introducing diverse opportunities available to the students from every stream. He briefly elaborated various graduate and postgraduate courses in academics, drama & theatre, law and politics. Besides, the future prospects of various other fields were shared.

He talked about ways to realise one's potential and succeed in life. He further added that success in a career is a function of congruence of one's interest, personality and aptitude. Under the guidance of Principal Sir, it was an interactive workshop with an amalgamation of knowledge and guidance.

(By: Khushi Choudhary - IX 'B')



## Indulging in acts of cleanliness

As part of its massive drive held on November 18, 2017 a group of students cleaned heaps of dust and trash from a few key areas of the city. They disposed of the trash in huge dustbin bags. The drive was an outcome of one of the important messages the school aims to imbibe in its students- making cleanliness a way of life. School Principal not only stressed upon the importance of hygiene, he also appreciated the initiative as education was taken beyond the walls of the classroom. (By: Anuj Jakhar - XI 'A')

"Learning never exhausts the mind".

## Students get equipped to handle emergencies

A mock drill was conducted at the school to empower children with preparedness to face eventualities occurring due to fire. The emergency hooter was pressed to check student alertness and ability to evacuate the building at the time of fire. It was observed that children moved fast, removed obstacles, avoided stampede and reached the ground within three minutes. A workshop followed soon after to remove deficiencies and enhance further improvement in layout plan. The aim of demonstration was to make the upcoming generation more responsible, vigilant and sensitive towards disasters.

(By: Brajesh Vashishtha - IX 'C')

## Champion wins accolades in Netball

### It's not the destination, it's the journey!

(By: Aryan- XII 'A')

22nd Sub Junior National Netball Championship was held at Happy Model School (Janakpuri), New Delhi. Being from Haryana, I represented there from Haryana Team. It was a National Level Championship, So all the 29 States of the Country took part in it. Playing at such a great platform was a moment of proud and joy for me. There I got a chance to know about the behavior of people from different states and with different backgrounds. As a beginner, I started from District Level, then won laurels' at State Level too and that's how managed to clinch it to National Level. It was a sweat-breath taking journey, but was worth it. The position on which I played was wing defence (WD). In finale we had a tough fight with Rajasthan's team, but as it always says something done religiously will always bring fruits and we got the fruits in form of gold medal and lot of appreciations. It was a moment of proud for me, my team, and my parents. The team was honoured with gold medal and Sports Department of Haryana presented us with Rs.3 Lakh's of cash prize to each teammate. The whole soul credit for this achievement goes to my coach Mr. Lalit Kumar, without him it was not possible for me to fly at that height. He helped me to stretch my wings and fly at greatest summits. Apart from Championship, I also won Gold in One Act play in 21<sup>st</sup> National Youth Festival held at Rohtak, Haryana. The most precious moment was when I was badged with the Achiever of the Year Trophy in the 65th Annual Day of the School, 2017. I heartily express my gratitude towards Principal Sir Mr. Pavan Vashishtha, who has always motivated me to soar and roar higher and louder.



## Rhythmic Euphoria!

### Team BSV comprising 40 students, clinch Runner's up Trophy at National Level with 22 Gold, 11 Silver and 8 Bronze Medals.

Amidst great mirth, verve and camaraderie, it was a celebration of sportsmanship and the country's pluralistic fabric at HR Institute of Technology Campus, Ghaziabad as the curtain came down on the 12<sup>th</sup> ISAFF NATIONAL Sports Aerobics, Fitness Aerobics & Hip-Hop Championship 2017-18. The prestigious event was conducted by Sports Aerobics & Fitness Association of UP from January 4-7, 2018 which saw a huge participation of around 600 students from sixteen different states.

Indian Sports Aerobics & Fitness Federation- ISAFF INDIA is affiliated to Asian Sports Aerobics, International Sports Aerobics & Fitness Federation and CBSE. Indeed a superb avenue provided by the school Principal which created yet another page in the history of the BSV!

(By: Kavish Vashishtha - IV 'B' & Bhawna Anchra - IV 'A')



## A boost to the Parent Involvement in School Functioning and more.....

On November 16, 2018 I attended Parents' Teachers' Meeting called by the School Principal Mr. Pavan Vashishtha. By the way, the school has been facilitating PTM's in a different format & with a much focused objective, for the last four years.

But this time it was a superb initiative taken by the School wherein a platform was provided to the entire Parent Community of the school students to have a one to one interaction with the school authority.

When I reached the Multi-Purpose Hall of the school I noticed the attendance of around 600 parents. Still I could see more joining in as the weather began to get more clear & warmer. It was fruitful & meaningful experience. Principal gave an eloquent speech. There were so many things that he shared. His talk began with a description of the activities provided to the students. Later he gave an elaborate description of the plans that the school has made and how they will be executed further in future. There is no doubt that he has a deep understanding of children's psychology. Instead of only praising the school achievements, he emphasized more on what further improvements can be done. How the student should be involved in various activities to have all-round development. He touched every aspect related to this like education, sports, technology, discipline, globalization, environment, etc. His complete attention was to increase quality of education.



"We want to reach out to our parents, because we need to hear their voices and what they like about the school, what they would like to see change about the school and we want them to be involved in their kids lives and their kids' educations," were the words of the Principal Mr. Vashishtha. We felt proud to know that our children are in such a good environment, decent teachers and above all under the flagship of such a dynamic leader.

(By: Dr. Alok Mishra, F/o Himesh Mishra -VII 'B')

## Stars of Chess Board

(By: Sunil Jangid – X'A)



The team of four students Sunil Jangid (X-A), Devansh Yadav (IX-A), Kartik Choudhary (IX-A), Krish Choudhary (IX-C) proved its mettle in the -CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP, SCHOOL GAMES FEDERATION OF INDIA, WARANGAL (TELANGANA) on November 10th 2017. Our first match with Goa, second with Madhya Pradesh, third with Daman and Diu, forth with Dadar and Nagar Haveli and the final match was with team from Jammu and Kashmir. They beat their counterparts at National level where nearly 50 schools competed. The School Principal, Mr. Pavan Vashishtha congratulated the team for their commendable performance.

## The Taekwondo Champions

(By : Harshita Jangir - IX B)

We went to Sagar (Madhya Pradesh) on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 for 35<sup>th</sup> CBSE West Zone Taekwondo Championship. This championship was held at Greatmen International School. There were total 11 students from our school who participated in that championship. The championship started on 1<sup>st</sup> October and the competition was so tough as there were total 108 school's from different states of India but still it was great experience for us and a proud moment for our school as it was for the first time that there were only two students from Pilani of Birla Shishu Vihar who secured Bronze Medals in CBSE Taekwondo Championship, the students who secured the Medals are Harshita Jangir of ninth and Samridhi Alaria of seventh standard.

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