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Pre Primary & Primary

Christmas Celebration

Christmas is the festival which inspires the spirit of sharing and caring. Soaking in the spirit of Christmas pre primary and primary students celebrated the festival with enthusiasm on Friday, December 2023. Students were dressed in red, white and green clothes.

They had a lovely time with their friends singing and dancing. The classrooms were filled with laughter and joy as they eagerly waited to meet

Santa Claus with a twinkle in their eyes. Pre Primary students made different Christmas related activities like Christmas trees with different shapes along with snowmen and Santa Claus. They also brought their favourite snacks and lunch from home to share with their peers during the break. The boundless joy of celebrating the festival was visible on the faces of the children especially when Santa moved around distributing sweets to them.





Pre Primary



Sports Day

You can best teach character on the playing field, using sports to teach life lessons. – Jim Thompson.

The Annual Sports Day of the Pre-Primary was held on Wednesday, 20 December 2022 with great enthusiasm, verve and camaraderie. The PDSA ground was decorated with props and images that depicted the Christmassy Sports.

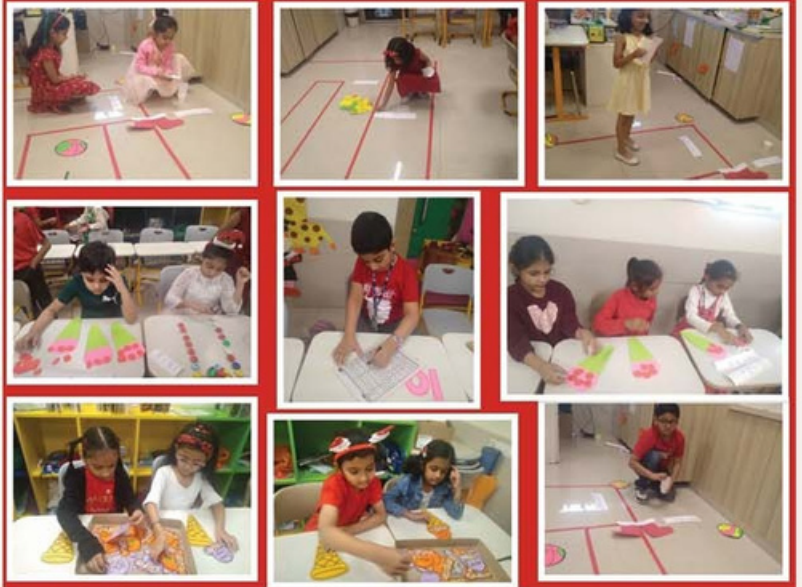
The students began with the torch run followed by the participants' parade and then continued with a

welcome song, energetic drill, bamboo drill and yoga display. They mesmerised the audience with their lively performances during the fun races and the flat races. The proud parents could be seen filled with happiness to see their children performing. The parents had a great time during the parents' race. The Chief Guest Mr. Robert Pavrey along with Principal Ms Padmajaa Kutty awarded the medals and the certificates. The little ones learnt on the PDSA ground to accept defeat and success with grace.

Primary

National Mathematics Day

The National Mathematics Day marks the mathematician's birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan. This Day is celebrated every year on December 22 across the nation to recognise and celebrate the works of Srinivasa Ramanujan. The students played fun filled Math games. I Grade 1- played games that focused on addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, Grade 2- Division activity with Judo blocks, Grade 3- basketball activity with fractions, Grade 4 -earning equivalent fractions with Hop-sotch and Grade 5-Addition and Subtraction of unlike fractions by playing hopscotch.



Primary



Pre Primary

Nursery

Area of Inquiry: Students learnt about wild animals with stripes, they were excited to dress up in clothes with stripes and participated in various games, making collages in groups with pictures of animals with stripes and sticking stripes on zebra headgear as a takeaway on their way back home.

Numeracy: Our little learners had fun counting numbers 1-60 aloud with their friends.

Students identified numbers 1-5 and stuck them one after another identifying what comes next.

Literacy: Students learnt to speak in short sentences through Show and Tell activity.



Jr Kg

AOI: Jr Kg students learnt about the winter season. They decorated the winter wear with thumb painting and paper crumpling.

Library: Students enjoying storytelling in the Library.



Sr Kg

Literacy: Students learnt the various vowel "o" families like og, op and ot words with activities by making the flip cards of each family on the outline images given to them like dog for og family, top for op family and pot for ot family words.

Art: All students made a christmas tree as their art activity with the different shape cutout given to them



Secondary

English Workshop for AS & A level students

On the 12th of December 2023, a comprehensive English workshop was conducted by Ms. Naghma Shaikh, a seasoned language and literature expert. The workshop aimed to enhance participants' language skills, focusing on various aspects of effective communication and writing.

Ms. Naghma Shaikh led an engaging and insightful session, covering a variety of topics aimed at improving participants' proficiency in writing skills.

The participants gained valuable insights and practical tips during the workshop. Some of the key takeaways include:

- a. Daily Reading Habit
- b. Essay Deconstruction
- c. Argumentative Appeals
- d. Personal Anecdotes
- e. Strategic Keyword Usage
- f. Contemporary Approach
- g. Hedging Words
- h. Interim Conclusions
- i. Rhetorical Devices and Imperatives

Inter house Tug of War competition 2023

We had a great morning for the MBIS Inter house 'Tug of war' event on Friday 1 December 2023. Students of grades 7 -12 met as a whole school on the field to cheer on the houses.

A big well done to all the children who took part and to all the children who supported their houses. All of the children demonstrated great sports skills. The entire event was a lesson in unity, healthy enjoyment ,teamwork, respect for teachers, sportsmanship towards each other in true MBIS Style.

Well done everyone. Congratulations to Ruby house for winning this year's Inter house tug of war event.

The results are listed below:

Grades 7 to 12 Ruby house clinching First place, Second place Emerald house, Third place Topaz house, and Fourth place Sapphire house.



Secondary



Student- Teacher Enrichment Program

MBIS dedicated itself to fostering a well-rounded education, demonstrating a committed effort to pursue its mission of raising awareness to conserve the environment in alignment with UNSDGs. In support of the sustainability endeavour, students of Grade 9 to A levels attended a workshop, which took place on 2nd December, 2023, at 12:30 pm IST. The workshop featured renowned facilitators:

Ms. Hanny ten Thije: Former Senior Geography teacher from the Netherlands and an intrepid traveller to multiple continents.

The Honourable Mr. Shentong Khenpo: Former Principal of the Tibetan Buddhist College in Sarnath near Varanasi. The workshop delved into the interdisciplinary aspect of essay writing and will be highly productive for our students as it will assist them in building a strong candidate profile.

Ms. Ten Thije's unwavering commitment and Mr. Khenpo's profound teachings on topics such as globalisation, greenhouse effect and many more have significantly shaped our students' approach to environmental conservation.



Secondary



MBIS MASTERCLASS

Students of Grade 8 to A levels entered the world of human centred design on December 8th for an exclusive one-hour workshop with Ms. Ashna Saraf, the visionary founder of Created and a distinguished Harvard University graduate with a Masters in Educational Technology. A true advocate of the maker ideology, Ms. Ashna is passionate about empowering learners to become architects of change, designing innovative solutions for the challenges of tomorrow. Having earned recognition as the youngest winner of the Schmidt Futures Tools Competition and a recipient of the Harvard Education Entrepreneurship Fellowship, Ms. Ashna brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table.

During this transformative session, Ms. Ashna delved into the principles of human-centred design, guiding participants through the intricacies of root cause analysis, the powerful 5 Whys technique, and the nuances of urban planning. Students challenged their perspectives by questioning assumptions and learning the art of emotional influence in design thinking.

This workshop proved to be an immersive experience, equipping students with valuable insights and practical tools to elevate their problem-solving skills. Students engaged with one of the brightest minds in education and innovation.



Secondary

Stream Fest

MBIS brought alive the Cambridge Learner Profile Attributes- RRICE (Responsible, Reflective, Innovative, Confident and Engaged) at the **STREAM FEST 2023-24- KAINOTOMIA**.

The projects were based on Science, Technology, Robotics, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STREAM).It was a student-empowered event aligned with the UNSDG- 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure). The highlights of the event were

Smart Bag, Coagulation, Futuristic MRI machine, Harry Potter themed Photobooth, Consumer Dynamics, Mandala art, AI Bots for Ocean Cleaning, Smart Saline level detector, Tangram puzzles, Perpetual illusion, Doodle Bot, Mental and Physical Agility games, Spin wheels for story telling, etc .

This trained students to think critically and prepared them with life skills through experiential learning.





Secondary

SEWA- Bake Sale

In keeping with our endeavour to work towards enriching the lives of the students of Ashramshaala, the MBIS students of Grades 4 to A Levels conducted the 'BAKE SALE' activity on Tuesday, 12 December, 2023.

Students prepared baked cakes and pastries at home and sold them in the school cafeteria. The amount collected from the Bake Sale was then diverted to buy materials like Paints, brushes and

rollers, which were then used to paint the classrooms of the Ashramshaala. This was done during the visit of MBIS students to Ashramshaala on 19 December, 2023. It was an enriching experience for our students to paint the classrooms to provide a congenial learning environment to the students who expressed their gratitude by presenting a token of appreciation to the MBIS students.



Secondary

SEWA @ MBIS

Caring for others is the highest expression of humanity. MBIS students- Grades 8 to A Levels depicted this beautifully during their visit to the Ashramshaala they have adopted as a part of their Outreach Programme SEWA. 19 December 2023 marked a day of shared warmth and learning. Beyond the usual pleasantries, there was a delightful exchange of clothes and cakes, embodying the joy of giving and receiving.

The gathering, however, wasn't just about material exchanges; it blossomed into a hub of knowledge-sharing, where ideas flowed freely among the diverse group of students. Adding a touch of colour to the day, the students undertook the wholesome task of whitewashing and colouring the walls of the Ashramshala, transforming the classroom into a lively canvas of hope and unity.



Primary & Secondary

Annual Sports Meet

Renowned swimmer Michael Phelps once stated, "You dream. You plan. You reach. There will be obstacles, doubters, and mistakes. But with hard work, belief, confidence, and trust in yourself and others, there are no limits."

In line with this philosophy, MBIS warmly welcomed Mr. Sinisa Jelic, a UEFA PRO Licence Instructor and Technical Committee Member of the Serbia Football Federation, and former National Coach of Serbia. He graciously conducted a three-day skills training workshop for MBIS students, praising the school's balance between academic and sports education.

The event featured a grand opening ceremony with the hoisting of the school flag and the unveiling of the sports theme "Race to the Future - Igniting Speed and Fun."

Below are the other events-

• Torch Bearers' Run:

The Torch Bearers' Run ignited the event, symbolising unity and sportsmanship as participants carried the symbolic flame, setting the stage for a day filled with energy and camaraderie.

• Oath-Taking Ceremony:

The solemn oath-taking ceremony emphasised the commitment to fair play and excellence, with sports heads pledging their dedication to the principles of integrity and spirited competition.

• Placement of House Flags:

The placement of house flags became a visual spectacle, symbolising the convergence of individual talents into a collective spirit of friendly competition, as each house proudly displayed its distinctive colours and emblem.

• Various Races:

The races, including the rapid 80m, 100m, and 200m sprints, along with mixed relays, showcased not just speed and agility but also teamwork, turning each race into a thrilling display of athletic prowess and determination.

• Martial Arts and Yoga Displays:

The martial arts, drill and yoga displays added a touch of grace and discipline, highlighting the fusion of physical prowess and mental focus, promoting holistic well-being among the participants and spectators.

• Parents' Race:

The parents' race injected laughter and enthusiasm, fostering a sense of community involvement as parents took to the track, embodying the event's inclusive spirit and reinforcing the connection between families and the school.

• Closing Ceremony and Awards:

The closing ceremony featured the announcement of the best athletes and houses, recognizing outstanding achievements and contributions. The event concluded on a patriotic note with the national anthem, leaving participants with a sense of pride and accomplishment before the dispersal.





Primary & Secondary

PSA Coaching by Serbia Ex-National Coach:

MBIS organised a three-day comprehensive football skills training by Mr. Sinisa Jelic.

He is a UEFA PRO Licence Instructor and Technical Committee member of Serbia Football Federation and also the Ex National Coach of Serbia.

Our approach over the three-day training integrates essential elements such as warm up routines, endurance and core strength exercises, along with specialised football skill sessions like passing and heading sessions.



Secondary

one-day trip to Imagicaa

Breaking away from the routine of studies and homework, on December 21, 2023, Mainadevi Bajaj International School gifted its secondary students the much-anticipated one-day picnic at Adlabs Imagicaa Khopoli. Students enjoyed themselves to their hearts content as they experienced thrilling rides and enjoyed a mesmerising display of talent in the parade. It provided students with the opportunity to bond with each other beyond the walls of the classroom. Overall, the picnic was a fun-filled and enjoyable experience for both the students and the teachers.



Secondary



Slumber Party

The eagerly anticipated event of the year, "The Slumber Party," brought together students from MBIS as they arrived at the school in the evening. This gathering proved to be a memorable occasion as the students enjoyed engaging activities and bonded with their peers.

Exciting games such as 'Treasure Hunt' and the spirited 'Hopping with the Ball Race' were organised, and the students enthusiastically participated in these activities. Board games added an element of strategic fun, while the lively beats of groovy music had them dancing with unrestrained joy. The evening was capped off with a screening of the movie "The Jungle Cruise." Integrated learning was demonstrated when the students celebrated National Mathematics Day through competitive team games.

Beyond the fun and entertainment, these experiences played a vital role in enhancing the students' interpersonal, collaboration, and communication skills. At MBIS, we are committed to fostering holistic development, placing a strong emphasis on personality development as part of our educational approach.





Teacher Enrichment Program

Teachers Enrichment Workshop was conducted by Farzana ma'am on Tuesday, 5 December 2023 for all the teachers. The topic of the workshop was NCF- based on Panchkosha learning. The points covered were- how to make a class comfortable for students, mental well being of students, classroom environment ,voice and choice, culture of class, essential agreement, managing difficult behaviour of students and 4 Cs- care, culture, compassion and choice. The workshop was very enriching for the teachers.



Financial Literacy Workshop for the staff

Staying abreast of teachers' ongoing professional growth, our Principal, Dr. Padmaja Kutty and Secondary Coordinator, Ms. Padma Rao organised another insightful session on Financial Literacy by Ms. Padmini Rai on 12th December 2023.

Ms. Padmini Rai is a Tax & Financial consultant since the last 21 years. She works in the core area of Ascertaining individual financial goals and providing them with proper planning along with annual review and control techniques, where 94% of Indians have failed.

Additionally, she is equipped with taxation planning techniques as per income tax law to save on income tax which is a tedious and taxing subject.

With her expertise, she emphasised on 4 steps on financial and investment planning:

1. Need analysis
2. Plan
3. Action
4. Review and control

