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Editorial

Success is not for those who fear adversities in life. Success in most things depends on knowing how long it takes to succeed and how to face difficulties with endurance. Shakespeare said, "Let me embrace thee, sour adversity, for the wise men say it is the wisest course". As a diamond can not be polished without friction, a man can not be civilized without adversity in life. Besides merely imparting knowledge, we ardently believe that education must equip students to face the realities of life. The school newsletter is the reflection of the activities undertaken for this purpose.

Education must therefore, provide rich and varied programme of activities, which will effectively meet the requirements of the heterogeneous groups of children. So let us choose the positive colours of thoughts and mix them with human feelings and march towards sublime ideals.

With best wishes,

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Lecture on "Traversing the Universe"

Professor Yogesh Wadekar from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Pune, delivered a lecture on 13th April 2011 on "Traversing the Universe- a twenty five steps journey."

Earlier in the programme he was welcomed by the Principal Capt. (Retd.) Alokesh Sen.

Later Mrs. Dolly Aggrawal introduced the guest of honour to the students.

Through the power point presentation the professor encapsulated the journey to our Universe in 25 steps.

In the second part of the programme Mrs. Hardip Guraya introduced the guest of honour to the senior section students.

The programme was attended by the students from Birla School, Pilani as well.

The professor through the PPT delivered a lecture on the Space.

In the end Mr. H.Kumar proposed the vote of thanks and thanked the professor for sparing his invaluable time for our school.

Shriyukta Shri S.K. Birlaji & Smt Sumangla Birlaji's visit

The trustees Sriyukta Shri S.K Birla and his gracious lady Smt Sumanglaji Birla visited the school in the month of April 2011.

They witnessed an outdoor programme which comprised of yoga display and horse riding.

Later in the afternoon Shriyuktha Shri Birlaji addressed all the senior teachers of Birla School Pilani, Birla Balika

Vidyapeeth and BPS and the students of class XII at Vijay Hall.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Birlaji stressed on the role of education and specially the English education in the changing global scenario. He appealed to the teachers and the students on the values of honesty. He said the students of this generation must take a pledge to weed out corruption from all walks of life and only this would make India a global super power.

Earlier in the programme the Principal Capt. Mr. A. Sen welcomed the trustees, the teachers and the students. Later Shri Birlaji had an interactive session with the students. The students raised various questions and Shri Birlaji replied to their queries. The programme ended with good wishes and blessings from the trustees.

New Boys Entertainment Programme (Middle Section)

The New Boys Entertainment Programme was held on Friday, 29-4-11 in the Vijay Hall at 7.00 pm. The Chief Guest on the occasion was the Principal, Capt. (IN) Alokesh Sen. The Chief Guest was welcomed by the Headmaster Mr. A.B.Sati. The programme was initiated with a Bhajan. Thereafter the boys presented their items House wise which consisted of a skit and a dance. The last item of the show was an orchestra presented by the boys in which they displayed their talents on various instruments. The Principal congratulated all the boys for putting up a brilliant show for the entertainment of the new boys. He also thanked the new boys for their active participation in the programme. The vote of thanks was proposed by the coordinator of the programme Mr. Himanshu Kumar.

Inter House Football Tournament (Middle Section)

Inter House Football Tournament of the middle section was started on 23.04.2011. The final match of the tournament was played on 26.04.2011 between Mahavir and Gurunanak House. Mahavir House won the match by 3-2. Principal BPS distributed the certificates and prizes.

Scholastic book fair

Scholastic book fair was held in BPS(Jr. Section) assembly hall on July 7, 2011 at 2.30PM for a day. It was inaugurated by hon'ble Principal Sir. All the students enjoyed the fair and selected the books of their own choice. The fair continued up to 8.30 PM.. Various books from a wide range of subjects were displayed and students were enthusiastic to buy them.

Visit to Pahari Temple

Senior Section boys visited Pahari Temple on Saturday the 9 July 2011. Principal, Bursar and all the teachers also went there with the students and offered their prayers for the school and students. Prasad was served to all the boys along with refreshment

Visit to Pahari Temple-Mid. Sec.

The students of Middle Section went for their Pahari visit on Monday, 11-7-11 at 8.30am. After the assembly the children were asked to fall in in front of their houses for their roll call. After that they were provided games kits from the houses and then they left for Pahari. They were escorted by their Housemasters, Assistant Housemasters, Tutors, Superintendents and House attendants. They reached the spot in about half an hour. They were lined up house wise and went to have the holy darshan of Lord Hanuman one by one escorted by the house attendants and teachers. The children played various games after their prayers at the altar. At about 10.30am they had their tiffin. Then once again they continued playing. At about quarter to twelve they were asked to sit housewise. The hon'ble Principal then divided the four houses into two groups. He then gave two different situations to both the teams and asked them to present a mime based on the above situations. They were given five minutes for the same. The children presented the mimes in the best possible manner which was appreciated by all. Then all of them recited the holy Hanuman Chalisa in unison. Thereafter one boy from every house presented a song or a bhajan as per their choice. Then once again they assembled housewise and started their journey back to school carrying the loving memories of their visit to Pahari.

Interclass Cricket match

An Interclass Cricket match was held in BPS (Junior Section) between classes IV A and IV B on 29 July 2011. Hon'ble Headmistress ma'am inaugurated the match. Class IV A won the toss and was elected to field first. Students played the match with good sportsman spirit.

Class IV B won the match. Master Rohit Kumar was declared as the boy of the match. He took three wickets.

English Spelling competition

English spelling competition for classes III to VII was held on July 25 & 26th, 2011 in BPS (Jr. Section). Two students from each section participated in the competition.

The words were given from their course books beforehand by their subject teachers. The competition was held to enrich the vocabulary of the students.

Visit to Pahari Temple

All the students of BPS (Jr. Section) went to **Pahari Temple** on July 30, 2011. The journey was hardly three kilometers away. Students climbed up 256 stairs and reached the topmost area where the temple was situated. They offered their prayers and enjoyed the magnificent view of the nearby area. They all were so excited and enthusiastic but the signs of tiredness and exhaustion were clearly visible on their faces. Children enjoyed there and every year they look forward to visit this temple.

Inter House Cultural Programme

The Inter House Cultural Programme in the Middle Section was held on 5th and 6th of August, 2011 in the Vijay Hall of the school at 6.45pm. The Chief Guest on both the days was Capt. Alokesh Sen, Principal, Birla Public School. The children put up a very good show on both the days which comprised of One Act Play, Orchestra, Patriotic Group Song and Dance respectively. Mahavir House and Buddha House presented their show on the very first day whereas Dayanand House and

Gurunanak House put up their show on the second day. The judges for the above competition were Mr. Krishna Giri, Mr. M.K.Pattanayak and Mr. Rohitaswa Dudi respectively. The judges minutely observed the show put up by the boys and very judiciously placed Dayanand House, Gurunanak House, Buddha House and Mahavir House on first, second, third and fourth positions respectively. The vote of thanks was proposed by the Headmaster.

Prize Distribution Function- 10th August (Middle Section)

The Prize Distribution Function of the Middle Section was held on Wednesday, 10th August, 2011 in the Vijay Hall of the school at 7.00pm. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Col. V.N. Ratnakar, Director, Birla Education Trust. He was duly welcomed by Capt. Alokesh Sen, Principal, Birla Public School. The programme consisted of a One Act Play titled "The Lost Boy", an Orchestra, a Patriotic Group Song, a Bhajan, a Punjabi Folk Dance "Bhangra" and a programme based on the great people of our country named Architects of Modern India which was appreciated by all. It was followed by the Prize Distribution Function in which the Chief Guest gave away the certificates and prizes to the children. The General trophy for the session 2010-11 was bagged by Buddha House. The Chief Guest congratulated the winning boys and wished the other students all the best in their future endeavours so that even they could one day be prize winners. He also thanked the students for putting up a brilliant show on the stage. He also thanked the staff members for their efforts in preparing the students to present the programme. The vote of thanks was proposed by the Headmaster.

Rakshabandhan Celebration

Rakshabandhan was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm in the common room of the houses at 10.30am on Saturday, 13-8-11. The children sang songs, bhajans and recited poems related to the occasion. Thereafter, the Housemasters blessed them and tied rakhies on their wrists reminding them of their duties towards their elders in their family. They were made aware of their responsibilities towards the school, family

and finally towards their country as they were the future of the country. The programme ended with the distribution of Prasad.

Celebration of Independence Day

BPS celebrated the Independence Day with great zeal and enthusiasm. Principal Capt(IN) Alokesh Sen was the Chief Guest on this occasion. All the three wings of NCC and Individual Troops of Senior, Middle and Junior section along with class XII, took part in the Parade. The Chief Guest was welcomed by the Bursar and NCC officers. The Chief Guest took the ‘salute’ and inspected the Parade. Even though it was raining but students and staff showed the tremendous feeling of nationalism and all witnessed a nice Parade. The Chief Guest in his speech congratulated all the students and staff and also appreciated the effort made by the students

Inter - House English Debate

An Inter- House Debate (IPSC- Best Speakers Selection Debate) was held on 19th August’ 2011 in Senior Auditorium The topic of the debate was “Is the State of India after 64 years of Independence still a continuation of colonial state structure?”. The Judges for the debate were Mrs. Jaishree Gupta, Birla School, Mrs. Jyotsna Sharma, Birla Shishu Vihar and Mr. Himanshu Kumar from Birla Public School, respectively. The debate started after the arrival of Captain (IN) Alokesh Sen, Principal, BPS. All the participants tried to put up their views with courage, conviction and confidence to impress the judges. After the debate the judges were invited to express their viewpoints on merits and demerits of the arguments delivered by the participants. Next our Principal Sir gave his blessings and pointed out how the topic was selected after a long deliberation and finally it was chosen due to its relevance to the present political scenario Prevailing in the country. At last convener Mr. M.K. Pattanayak proposed the vote of thanks.

The individual and House-wise positions are as follows:

Individual	Points
1. Shashi Saurav	128.5/150
2. Rohan Singhla	125.0/150

3. Bhanu Pratap Singh		124.5/150
House	Positions	Points
1. Patanjali House	I	253/300
2. Vyas House	II	245/300
3. Panini House	III	241½/300
4. Katyayan House	IV	197/300
5. Kanad House	V	165/300
6. Vash. House	VI	159¼/300

Janamashtami Celebration Competition

The Inter B.E.T. Krishna Janamashtami Competition was celebrated with great pomp and show in the lawn of Vijay Hall on Monday, 22-8-11 at 8.30pm. Total number of eight Jhankies related to Lord Krishna’s life were depicted. The first Jhanki was related to the scene of the prison where Lord Krishna was born. The second Jhanki was related to the crossing of the flooded river Yamuna by Lord Vasudev carrying the newly born Krishna on his head. The third Jhanki was related to the mischiefs done by Lord Krishna and his friends in connection to the stealing of Makhan. The next Jhanki was related to the ashram of Maharshi Sandeepni where Lord Krishna spent his time in getting education as well as learning many such things which had a great significance in our everyday life. The next Jhanki was the scene in which Lord Krishna was shown dancing on the head of Kaliya Nag after demolishing his pride and getting an assurance from him to go away from the river for the benefit of the humanity The next scene was a dance sequence Dandiya based on the Raasleela in which the girls of Vrindavan were dancing along with their lover which they hoped to be Lord Krishna himself. The next scene was a sequence of Holi where Lord Krishna was shown playing Holi with the people of Vrindavan in an atmosphere of mirth and frenzy. The last Jhanki was on the immortal sequence of Geeta Updesh where Lord Krishna was shown giving the gospels of Geeta to Arjun. The judges for the above competition were Mr. V.N.Dhaulakhandi, Director, Museum, Mr. Sanjeev Borbora, Education Officer, B.E.T. and Mrs. Anamika from B.I.T.S respectively.

The Director, B.E.T., other B.E.T. officials, Guests and the Judges were welcomed by the Principal, Capt. Alokesh Sen. The judges took rounds of the various

Jhankies and inspected them very minutely. They also listened to the boys who stood in front of every Jhanki and explained everything related to it. All the staff families and boys of Senior, Middle and Junior Sections took rounds of the various Jhankies and enjoyed the display. The presentation of the Jhankies on an overall basis was praised by all. The Chief Guest thanked the boys for putting up a very good show on the occasion. He also thanked the staff and appreciated their efforts in guiding the boys.

It was then followed by different 'Jhankies' in the lawn of Middle Section. These tableaux depicted different events from the life of Lord Krishna. The "Jhankies" drew appreciation and praise by the Director, BET and other guests.

The result of "Shri Krishna Janmashtami Jhanki Competition" organized by Birla Education Trust, Pilani on 22nd August, 2011, as under :-

Residential Institutions

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| 1. Birla Public School | - First |
| 2. Birla School | - Second |
| 3. Birla Balika Vidyapeeth | - Third |

Non-Residential Institutions

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| 1. Amla Birla Kendra | - First |
| 2. Birla Shishu Vihar | - Second |
| 3. Bal Niketan Sr. Sec. School | - Third |

A special Godhuli

Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated with usual fervour and gaiety on 22nd August 2011. A special Godhuli congregation was held in the evening. It was addressed by Mr. K.K. Acharya and our Principal Captain (IN) Alokesh Sen. Mr. Acharya touched upon different roles of Lord Krishna as a companion, a teacher and a destroyer of evil powers. The Principal urged the boys to draw motivation from the life of Lord Krishna.

7th All India Vidya Niketan Diamond Jubilee Memorial English Debate

Pilani – Birla Public School, Vidya Niketan Pilani hosted the 7th All India Vidya Niketan Diamond Jubilee Memorial English Debate on the topic "Is the State of India after 64 Years of Independence still a Continuation of Colonial State of Structure"? in Vijay Hall on 31st August'2011. Captain(IN) Alokesh Sen, Principal Birla Public School, Pilani welcomed the Chief Guest and other guests of honour. The Chief Guest to the event Professor B.R. Natrajan, Vice Chancellor Sridhar University stressed the need, importance, ways and means of the debate in a democracy. 38 students from different elite schools of the country participated in the debate whole heartedly and with great enthusiasm. The jury comprised of Dr. N.S. Nathawat, Asst. Professor, S.B.D Todi College Laxmangarh, Dr. V.S. Nirban , Asst. Professor, BITS, Pilani and Mr. Vishwa Bandhu, Asstt. Professor M.K. Saboo P.G. College of Commerce, Pilani. Col V.N. Ratnakar , Director BET Pilani, Capt. (IN) Alokesh Sen , Principal BPS, Pilani, Dr. (Mrs.) M. Kasturi, Principal Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, Pilani, Col. S.S. Shekhawat , PRO BET Pilani and Mrs. M. Dimri Birla Shishu Vihar, Pilani were among the other dignitaries present on the occasion. The overall school wise winner was Birla Public School, Pilani but due to host school, as per rule the trophy was bagged by Rajkumar College, Raipur. Birla School, Pilani and Birla Balika Vidyapeeth , Pilani were the runner up. In the Individual positions, Shashi Saurav Birla Public School, Pilani bagged the first position. Virat Kohli of Scindia School, Gwalior, Abhishek Vijay Sharma of Birla School, Pilani, Kumari Gopika Singh Judev and Kumari Sanjana Baghel of Rajkumar College, Raipur and Rohan Singhla of BPS, Pilani bagged third, fourth and fifth positions respectively. The prizes, trophies and certificates were given away by the Chief Guest, Director BET and Principal BPS . Mr. Aniruddha Kumar, Convener of the event proposed vote of thanks at last.

Montessori day celebration

Every year Dr. Maria Montessori's birthday (31 August) is celebrated in BPS (Jr. Sec.) as Montessori Day or founders Day. This year also it was celebrated with great joy. It was the 67th founders day & 142nd birth anniversary of Dr. Maria Montessori. Mr. Raj Singh the chief scientist of Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute, was the Chief Guest. He is an old boy of BPS.

Director BET, Col V.N. Ratnakar, Principal BPS, Captain Alokesh Sen, Mrs. Sen, Principal, Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, Dr. M. Kasturi, Principal Birla School Pilani, Headmistress Birla Shishu Vihar, Mrs. Dimri, were the other dignitaries who graced the occasion.

The function began at 7.15 am with the outdoor programme which included YOGA DISPLAY, TAEKWONDO DISPLAY, HOCKEY ON SKATES and WATER POLO. Children displayed various asanas in yoga. Different tricks and punches were displayed in Taekwondo. There was a match on Hockey on skates between Bal Griha and Kishore Griha. Bal Griha won the match. The children of Shishu Griha I participated in water polo and entertained the guests.

The outdoor programme was followed by the breakfast. After that indoor programme started with lighting the lamp by the chief guest and other dignitaries followed by

the school prayer. The cultural programme started with a prayer "Showers of Blessings" and then a rhyme was recited by class II students "Rabbits on the hill side".

In orchestra children played congo, harmonium, maracas, rock rum, xylophone, matka and casio. Children were dressed as the vehicles of various gods. A skit, "A tree and a boy" was performed to tell the importance of trees. The dance on the song "*Dhol bajne laga*" performed by the students was praised by everyone. After that prize distribution took place in which the winners of different events were awarded with a certificates and prizes. Different houses were given trophies for different activities.

The Chief Guest addressed the gathering and brooded over his old days in the school. He praised the students for their wonderful performance. Then the headmistress (Junior Section) Mrs Usha Sharma proposed the vote of thanks which was followed by the National anthem and inauguration of the Art exhibition to have a glance at the student's creative work. It was a great display which entertained the people of all ages.

A band display was there during the tea time.
