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Community Events:

Building Skills and Bonding Through Creativity

This January, we kicked off the year by fostering creativity and motor skills through engaging community events! Parent-child workshops brought families together for fun art and craft activities, resulting in vibrant and meaningful masterpieces. Another highlight was our pottery sessions, where students and parents collaborated to shape clay into stunning pots, enhancing both gross and fine motor skills.

These activities were complemented by energising singing, dancing and physical exercises which focused on teamwork, coordination, and fitness, promoting holistic development for all participants. These events truly emphasised the joy of learning and bonding as a community.

Cambridge Updates:

Staying Ahead in Education

We're excited to share the latest developments in the Cambridge Primary curriculum, ensuring that our learners remain at the forefront of global education standards:

***Curriculum Revisions:** Updates in core subjects like English, Mathematics, and Science now emphasise critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication. The English as a Second Language curriculum has also been revamped with a greater focus on pronunciation and fluency.

***Assessment Enhancements:** The Cambridge Primary Checkpoint now exclusively evaluates Stage 6 content, ensuring alignment with updated learning objectives. Additionally, Progression Tests have been refined for more timely and accurate assessments.

***New Subjects:** The inclusion of Digital Literacy, Wellbeing, and Modern Foreign Languages broadens the scope of learning, providing a truly holistic education experience.

These updates empower both educators and students to excel in a dynamic academic environment.

Master Classes for Staff Development

At BLS, we prioritise professional growth as a cornerstone of excellence. This month, our educators participated in transformative Cambridge International Education Masterclasses:

- **Branding and Marketing in Education by Dr Akash Raut:** This session equipped teachers with innovative strategies to strengthen the school's brand and build meaningful connections with the community.
- **Curriculum Innovation Workshop by Dr Philip Nicholas Gunawidjaja:** A hands-on workshop that focused on creating student-centred curriculum tailored to diverse learning needs, with a special emphasis on Mathematics and Science.

These sessions reaffirm our commitment to equipping educators with cutting-edge techniques to inspire young minds.



Republic Day:

A Celebration of Patriotism

This year's Republic Day celebrations were a vibrant and heartwarming event, bringing together the local community in a spirit of unity and patriotism. The festivities were filled with enthusiastic performances, including patriotic songs and mesmerising dances by participants of all ages.

Adding to the colourful atmosphere, tricolour flag tattoos were a favourite among children and adults alike, spreading joy and a sense of national pride. The active involvement of the local community made the occasion even more special, turning it into a true celebration of collective pride and love for the nation.

The event was a beautiful reminder of our shared values and a tribute to the Constitution that binds us together as a nation. It was an inspiring day filled with unity, joy, and the spirit of patriotism.



Tips and Tricks:

Stress Busters for Year-End Exams

As final exams draw near, it's essential to adopt strategies that promote effective learning and well-being. Here are some practical tips aligned with Cambridge learner attributes to help students and parents navigate this time successfully:

- **Plan Ahead:** Be reflective by creating a realistic study schedule that allows for regular review and steady progress. Staying consistent with the plan fosters responsibility and time management.
- **Healthy Habits:** A balanced diet, proper hydration, and sufficient sleep are crucial for maintaining physical and mental well-being. These habits support resilience and allow the child to face challenges with confidence.

- **Break It Down:** Promote an approach that focuses on one topic or subject at a time. Breaking down larger tasks into manageable chunks helps reduce unnecessary stress and fosters clarity in understanding.
- **Stay Active:** Take short breaks for walks, stretching, or light exercise. Physical activity boosts energy levels and enhances focus, empowering students to approach tasks with renewed vigour.
- **Celebrate Wins:** Recognise and celebrate achievements, no matter how small. Positive reinforcement builds confidence and motivates students to stay engaged and determined.

Finally, fostering open communication at home creates a supportive and collaborative environment. By embodying attributes such as resilience, reflection, and responsibility, students can turn this exam season into a valuable opportunity for growth and success. Together, let's make learning an enjoyable and stress-free journey!

Wishing you all a successful, inspiring, and joyful 2025!

