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E-Newsletter for the Month of August 2024



Dear Parents and Students,

**"Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."
– Adlai Stevenson**

In today's rapidly changing world, where technological advancements blur borders, the concept of patriotism remains as relevant as ever. At its core, patriotism is a love for one's country—a love that is not blind, but informed and active. It is about cherishing the values and principles that define our nation, while also holding it to the highest standards.

Patriotism calls for an understanding of our history, the sacrifices made by those who came before us, and a commitment to contributing to our country's future. However, true patriotism is not about excluding others or shutting ourselves off from the rest of the world. Instead, it is about celebrating our unique identity while recognizing the interconnectedness of humanity.

In a world where challenges such as climate change, economic inequality, and global conflicts know no borders, patriotism must evolve to include a sense of global responsibility. For students, patriotism can manifest in many ways—through community service, respect for different cultures, and a commitment to democratic values. It is about being informed citizens who understand the importance of voting, civic engagement, and standing up for justice and equality.

At Brookfield International School, we believe that patriotism is about taking pride in our nation's achievements while also acknowledging and learning from our past mistakes. As we reflect on these values in the month of August, let us inspire our students to be active participants in shaping a brighter future for our country and the world.

Best regards,
EDITORS

GROW WITH THE FLOW

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**9. Janamashtami
Celebrations**

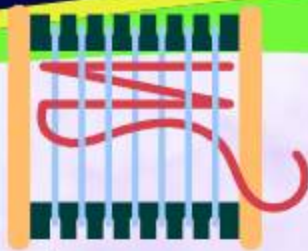
10. National Sports Day

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13. Basic Hygiene Drill

NATIONAL WEAVING DAY CELEBRATION



Work with love, it is to weave the cloth
With threads drawn from your heart

National Handloom Day is celebrated on 7th August every year to honour the handloom weavers. The celebrations aim to generate awareness about the importance of the handloom sector and its contribution to the socio-economic development of the country. On this day Sant Kabir Awards and National Handloom Awards are conferred to handloom weavers for their outstanding contribution in handloom sector.

At BFIS it is our constant endeavor to make our students well aware about our roots and rich heritage of our country. Our educators organized a weaving activity for UKG kids and showed them videos of different handloom products. They were also shown the working of a loom and how it weaves patterns. The hands on activity of weaving was enjoyed by children as they weaved different patterns of colourful ribbons. They carried home the message that We should choose local handloom weaves as it is a sustainable choice, it empowers local weavers and therefore preserves age old weaving techniques.



PARENTS TEACHER MEETING

Children are the priority, Change is the reality,
Collaboration is the strategy.

Parent-teacher meetings provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to develop a plan for the child's academic success and overall development.

One such meeting was scheduled on 10th August , Saturday at school. Parents not only discussed areas of concerns and strengths of their kids, they also filled in the feedback forms regarding their observations of their children's progress since the beginning of the session. Educators had displayed the craft work of the kids and clay models made by kids in their classrooms. Our little munchkins were so delighted to show their creativity to their parents and siblings.



BLOOD DONATION CAMP



"Blood donation is a gift of life, and through it, we contribute to the well-being of humanity."

On August 10, 2024, Brookfield International School, in collaboration with the expert medical team from PGI, proudly organized a blood donation camp as a step towards community service and welfare. This initiative embodied the powerful words of Mahatma Gandhi: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Through this event, our community took a significant step in contributing to the well-being of others, reflecting Gandhi's vision of selflessness.

The success of the blood donation camp was made possible through the active participation and support of our parents, teachers, and volunteers. The overwhelming response from donors reflected the spirit of generosity within our community, emphasizing that, through collective efforts, we can make a meaningful impact on society.



WORLD ELEPHANT DAY



The Elephants can survive only if forests survive

12th August is celebrated as World Elephant Day, dedicated to the preservation and protection of the world's elephants. Children watched videos on elephants, where educators explained them the difference between the African and Asian elephants and why it is important to save these largest land animals. Nursery educators also enacted a story based on elephants in front of the tiny tots.



WORLD MOSQUITO DAY



On 20th August, every year world mosquito day is celebrated to raise awareness about the various diseases that mosquitoes cause and what needs to be done to protect from them. Our educators sensitized kindergarten kids about keeping our surroundings neat and clean and not to let water accumulate anywhere near their home. They also advised kids to cover themselves properly while playing outside, to have mesh doors and windows and to use insect repellents at home.



RAKHI MAKING ACTIVITY



The bond between siblings
Is there right from the start
Because you share the same blood
Running through your hearts
The bond is very special
Something that is hard to explain
Because no matter where you go
this special bond remains !!

Our kindergarten kids had a rakhi making activity on 12th August . They created such beautiful rakhis with ribbons, rice , glitters and shiny stones with love for their siblings. Educators told them about the special bond that siblings share with each other and also told them to respect and love their siblings.



TRICOLOUR DRESS UP DAY

In TIRANGA :The saffron colour signifies the strength and courage of the country.

The white colour represents peace and truth.

The green colour indicates fertility, growth and auspiciousness of the land.

Whole kindergarten echoed patriotism as our little ones came dressed up in the tricolour attires. The corridors reverberated with the songs like nanha munna rahi hu, desh mere , Vande Mataram and Jai Hind !

Children indulged in various art and craft activities as they made beautiful national symbols, tricolour bands and fans. Our KG kids had a special assembly and spoke about the national symbols and our national flag. They enjoyed the tricolour goodies packed lovingly by their moms.



NAPKIN FOLDING ACTIVITY



Our LKG kids had a handkerchief folding activity in their class on 22nd August where teachers not only taught them how to fold the napkin but also showed them how different shapes can be made by folding on different lines. Folding napkin is a wonderful Montessori practical life activity that helps in building independence, confidence and eye hand coordination. Folding is one of many practical life skills that we teach children in our kindergarten.

Once little ones have grasped the basic principles of folding of handkerchief they will be able to transfer these skills to a real life basket of laundry in a home context. These folding exercises encourage independence, confidence and fine motor skills and even lay foundation for later geometry work.



JANAMASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS



Whose laughter is subtle,
Who glows with lustre,
Who always attract people's mind
And the one who plays the melodious flute,
I bow down to Lord Krishna.



On 23rd August the school echoed with the vibes of Vrindavan as our tiny tots came dressed up as natkhat Gopal and vibrant Radha's . With mukut on their forehead and flutes in their hands boys dressed up as bal Gopal and girls adorned with jewellery and beautiful udhni's as nanhi Radha's, presented beautiful dances .

The event was graced by the Honourable Patron , Mrs Neelam Singla , who bestowed her blessings on the occasion. Our esteemed Principal, Mrs Vandana Bansal, praised the students and teachers for the beautiful show.. Later our kindergarten went to the prayer room and sang bhajans and took blessings of Kanha. They also did some craft work to create beautiful makhan matki's .



NATIONAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATION



Sports teaches you character, it teaches you to play by the rules,
It teaches you to know what it feels like to win and lose it- it teaches you about life

India celebrates National Sports Day on August 29, the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. On this day our kindergarten kids participated in a mini marathon around the school grounds and had a special assembly where they spoke about our national game - hockey. In our kindergarten, we engage our little ones in many GMS activities throughout the session to build their core muscle strength, bone health and better coordination and balance. Reducing the amount of time spent in sedentary activities such as watching TV or playing computer games and engaging in sport is important for more than just physical fitness. Playing sport often means being part of a team and this allows for building skills in a whole range of areas. As well as learning all of the techniques involved in the sport, children can also develop their life skills. Playing team sports encourages cooperation and sharing, resilience, goal setting and building relationships. Learning to lose is also an important skill that's often uncovered through playing sport.



ONLINE CLASS ACTIVITIES



On 31st August, our kindergarten kids had a wonderful time during their online class. Pre-Nursery munchkins made lemonade and learnt about the various tastes like salty, sweet and sour. Nursery kids played I spy of circle shape things and fetched all they could from around their home in the shape of circle. LKG children made beautiful Tiranga by pasting various pulses on their experiential learning book. UKG kids were our master chefs for the day as they made potato chaat.

It empowered them to experiment, innovate, and build confidence in the kitchen while fostering a love for healthy homemade food. Online learning through various activities, provide opportunities for parents to be actively involved in their child's education, fostering a supportive home learning environment.



SHOW AND TELL

Show and tell gives children an opportunity to stand up in front of their friends and speak about a topic that interests them or share something that they love. It builds confidence and helps children develop effective communication skills. Show and tell isn't just about giving the kids a reason to bring toys to class; each child's social, emotional and language skills grow and develop from this activity as the children learn to use descriptive language, practice listening skills and share their special items with others. Scheduling show and tell as a daily activity for our UKG kids is helping in polishing their language skills and making them more comfortable and confident speaking in front of others.



BASIC HYGIENE DRILL



Tiny tots of LKG had a cleanliness and basic hygiene drill on 20th August as part of their ongoing EVS theme. They were told about the importance of keeping our body clean, washing of hands, brushing twice a day, neat hair and clipping of nails regularly. Children need to keep themselves clean. Personal hygiene is the way we care for our bodies. Hygiene is not only important for health reasons. Good personal hygiene for kids also increases child's self esteem and confidence.



CRAFTY BUBBLES



Art has the power to transform, to illuminate, to educate, inspire and motivate.



CLASS OF THE MONTH

In Grade UKG, the dynamic, daring and determined Delta class eagerly embraces every challenge, emerging victorious with brilliance and grace. Guided by a nurturing and charming educator, these young learners are blossoming with newfound confidence and undeniable charm, steadily advancing on their journey of growth and discovery.



TASK OF THE MONTH



It is important to teach children to respect their own country and the armed forces who are helping in shaping and protecting our country. We can't just tell them to salute the flag or respect our veterans. We need to model to them how to show respect and why it is important. Instilling patriotic values and spirit in children from an early age is crucial. It is essential to teach them a sense of pride in our country and its diverse culture. Children should understand the meaning of Independence and the responsibilities we have towards our nation. We at BFIS reinforce these values in our tiny tots by engaging them in various activities throughout the month. This month's task for our tiny tots was to thank our army/ air force / naval or police personnel for keeping us safe.





HALL OF FAME




Brookfield Lionesses, The victorious football team U-17 Girls' in the Punjab School Games zonal semis! Gurnoor Kaur (Grade 10), Jagdeep Kaur (Grade 11), Joginder Kaur (Grade 11), Shweta Bawa (Grade 12) secured position in District level.




Anam, Grade 3 superstar, secured 1st place in the prestigious "Painting 2024" competition held in Delhi organized by the Delhi Police's Anti-Narcotics Force and presided over by the Deputy Commissioner of Police.




Imanvir Singh Shahi showcased remarkable performance & bagged Gold Medal in weight lifting at the District Level Championship held in Fatehgarh Sahib, Mohali. Adding to his impressive record, Imanvir also secured the Silver Medal & Bronze Medal at the Chandigarh State Level Championship.