



THE BLUEPRINT

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Teachers, Students and Staff Members,

The Newsletter Committee brings to you the 2nd edition of the BMS Newsletter, "The Blue Print". This Newsletter will keep you updated of the events at BMS. So stay tuned!

Once again I would like to thank our English teachers, Ms. Sumitha J. and Ms. Charanya A. for collecting the articles from the students.

*Deepshikha
Editor and Teacher In-Charge, Newsletter*

THE BIRD WHICH DARES TO FALL IS THE BIRD WHICH LEARNS TO FLY: A TRIP TO BIRD PARK

On 6th March we went to a bird sanctuary. We saw parrots, ducks and macaws. We also saw ostrich, rams and goats. After half an hour we had snacks and it was tea cake, chips and Tropicana juice. To top that off we played so much that we fell asleep and then we went to a water park on a lake. We returned to have lunch and kulfis.

Akshay, Grade 4

My trip to the bird park was fun. It gave me the freedom to learn new things. It was amazing to see all these birds. The lunch was nice and we ate chicken in front of chickens !

Tvesa, Grade 4

THE BANDIPUR TRIP

We went for Bandipur trip on 7th March for 2 days. We woke up at 4.30 am and I was so excited to go on the Bandipur trip. We thought it would be very bad and that we were going to stay in a very bad place which was going to be very small, unhygienic and very boring with no TV or even a proper bed. We were excited at first because they gave no context about it. When we got to know that the trip is going to last for only one night and the school is paying we got even sadder.

When we woke up, I am pretty sure that sharing a room with friends and classmates was going through everyone's minds again and again, since it was the only thing which was making us go to the Bandipur trip without getting bored. We quickly made our beds and did a quick check to see if we had packed everything for the trip. I think we got a little too excited because we were not supposed to make a mess in our dorm because the Akka was also coming on the trip. Someone from our dorm left a mess and our dorm parent got so angry that he decided that we were not going for the trip. Such a great start for the trip! Finally when Sir allowed us we went to the assembly hall and left from there.

Overall it wasn't what I had expected. It was much better. We went on a safari, played football, swam, watched TV, spent time with friends, had a rain dance and of course ate delicious food. It was a fun time with friends, staff and classmates!

Happy, Grade 6





STAFF DINNER

BMS had its staff dinner on 13th March where all the teachers of the school had a special dinner together. There were also games organized for the teachers which they enjoyed a lot.

LISTENING TO STALWARTS: THE LITERARY FEST

The literary festival on March 14th, Friday began way before the Blue Mountains School students reached at the venue. The students got stickers which read 'Lit Fest, Day 1' and other things similar to that. Though most of it would have been boring, there was one story teller who attracted all of the attention in the room, Geeta Ramanujam. All the middle school students are keen on having her called to school for a workshop but that is unlikely. Unfortunately, the students did not get to stay long or talk to her. They ended up having to head back to school as scheduled.

Linisha, Grade 6

We left school and headed to the Nilgiris Library for the literary fest on 14th of March. Once we got there we received red stickers. We entered a room where a person was talking about a Tibetan epic. It was then followed by a man who was from APU Bangalore, but he had a rather monotonous voice and a deadpan face. After that we went for a short break where we spoke to many people and visited a bookstore. Then we had a wonderful session by a story teller who attracted audience not only by voice but also actions, her name was Geeta Ramanujam. Everyone enjoyed the session and we came back to school.

Ved, Grade 8

A HEALTHY MIND IN A HEALTHY BODY THE FOOTBALL MATCH

The football match, the one event we boys had been waiting all week long. We had played football the entire week. The match took place on a Saturday, 15th March; it was against The Good Shepherd School. As we were going there we were all wondering if we will win the match or not. When we reached there, we saw the size of the field, which was huge compared to our school. Their half court was almost equal to our school's full court!

The first match was the senior match which ended in Good Shepherd's favour, which was sad for us. Then was the middle school match which also ended in Good Shepherd's favour. But overall we had a lot of fun playing there.

Nirav, Grade 8

THE BASKETBALL MATCH

The match was at 1 pm on 15th March. We left school at 12.40 pm for the Good Shepherd's School. There we met the Good Shepherd's girls and had a small conversation. One BMS girl and one GSIS girl had to be paired up. Then we started playing. In the middle of the game we became aggressive. At the end GSIS won. But we knew that we had improved a lot this time. Next time we will win every match for sure!

Chamrethi, Grade 6

MOUNTAINS ARE SILENT MASTERS AND MAKE SILENT STUDENTS - GOETHE

On 22nd March, at 8 am, we woke up and ate our breakfast. We started cycling in the school. Eric Sir told us to stand in line and we all started cycling what we all thought to be 10 kms trip, but it was too hard as the road was very steep. We all took a break and ate oranges. Vishwak was cycling very slowly. Girish Sir went very fast on his bike but he stopped for us. A jeep came by and blocked us. A sixth grade boy was riding his bike and dashed into me. His leg went inside the chain and he got hurt. Eric Sir scolded him and we proceeded to Trident Hotel. We ate Chicken Biryani and Chili Chicken there till our stomachs were full. Then we returned to school.

Advyth, Grade 4

MEETING OUR BEST FRIENDS: THE LIBRARY QUEST

The entire middle school had a fun session to attend. It was led by Sonia Ma'am on 22nd March. We were taught how to maintain a library and about library sciences.

We started rearranging the books section by section and learned about the Dewy Decimal System. Unfortunately for us, the session was far too short and we had to return to our classes again.

Ved, Grade 8

CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDATION, THE FOUNDER'S DAY

On 24th March BMS celebrates the birthday of its founder, Frederick Gordon Pearce. On this occasion our Principal, Ms. Karuna Senthilnathan gave a presentation on the life journey of our founder.



JOYFUL JAMBOREE

Jamboree was a great experience for grade 8. Jamboree showcased our hard work and unity. It helped the needy. The event took place on the 28th of March. It was a very successful event. We as a class learnt to work together as a team, which proved to be super success. There were 8 stalls ranging from food, games and

entertainment. Although it was tiring, it was a major learning for each of us. Jamboree showed us that anything is possible if you put your mind to it.

Grade 8



The talented students of Grade 8 who organized Jamboree this year





THE EXAM TERM

IGCSE, AS and A level students wrote their mock exams from 17th to 24th March.
The actual Board exams are starting from 2nd April.

Hope all your best wishes are with them!

LAURELS AND ACCOLADES

Our school sports uniform designed by Grade 12 student Shriharsh was inaugurated in the school assembly. The students will wear this for all the inter-school matches. The back of the school sports uniform has the first name of the student written on it.



TALENT CORNER

Here are articles by our students on the various extra-curricular activities they participate in:

POTTERY CLASS

In pottery class we make dolls, pots and baskets. We have one class per week. Matthews Sir is really kind; he sometimes lets us do what we want to do. Sir has taught us how to build model of a brick house, candle carving, etc. I feel that his class is one of the best classes in the school.

Nuvaan, Grade 8

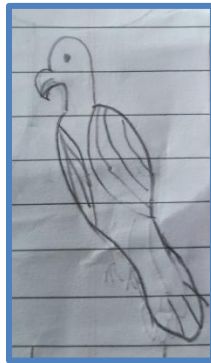
IIMUN SESSIONS

At first I didn't know what the IIMUN was. I signed up for it and I did not know what it was. When I first attended my 1st IIMUN session it was a bit confusing but later on I slowly started figuring it out. There was a homework I had to finish but I dragged it for a long time but I finally finished it and submitted it. Many of the students wanted to quit, but they did not. We finished the 1st module, and we are going to start the 2nd module. Vishal Sir is the one taking the sessions for us; I thank him for being patient because I dragged my homework for about a term.

Saakshi, Grade 8

MACAWS

The Macaws eat clay for vitamins. They are big and have sharp talons. Their homes are being destroyed and they are almost extinct.



Tvesa, Grade 4

PLAYING THE KEYBOARD

From the age of 6 I loved the instrument, the keyboard. When I was in 4th grade my parents got me a 60 cm keyboard. It had a lot of cool things like recording what was playing and combining with music. You can change the sound of the key to whatever you like, there were 55 options.

I would watch how to play a song on Youtube and then try to play like that. Every day I would spend at least 1 hour with my keyboard.

In 7th grade 2023-24, I started learning music. I had my grade I theory exam on 11 May 2024, 7 days before my birthday. When I started playing grade I music I thought it would be hard but it was very easy to play. The only thing I found hard was playing my pinky and middle fingers together with my thumb. I was lucky to have a senior at my lunch table, who was learning grade 5 music, who also taught me a finger exercise that helped a lot for my class.

Ridhanya, Grade 8

CHESS CLUB

In chess club we do chess puzzles-check mate in ones, mate in twos, mate in threes and mid game puzzles. We do many challenging puzzles.

I have played many mate in ones and 5 puzzles and I have played many matches. I find Chess Club very interesting.

Kayo, Grade 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

Here is a glimpse of upcoming activities:

- ❖ The Board exams for IGCSE, AS and A level students will start in the month of April. Our best wishes are with them.
- ❖ The middle school students will go on a field trip to the Light and Life Academy on 9th April.
- ❖ The elementary school students will go on a field trip to the MRC Museum on 25th April and the 1st step students will go on a field trip to the Tea Park on the same day.

Our Photographers for this issue were:

Ms. Madhunisha R. (Class Teacher of Grade 4, Maths Teacher for primary school and English Teacher for Grade 1)

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Mr. Praveen S. (Class Teacher of A level, Accounting and Business Studies Teacher for Grades 9, 10 and A level)

Any student, teacher or staff member who wants to contribute an article, puzzle, story, poem, joke, drawing, work of calligraphy or any other creative spark originated from their mind, can submit it to the Newsletter Teacher in-charge, **Ms. Deepshikha**, or any of the English teachers. Our talent corner eagerly awaits your submissions.

Hope your weeks ahead are filled with happiness and laughter. 😊

Leaving you with this interesting thought: “Everyone contributes to the society. The optimist invented the aeroplane and the realist invented the parachute”- George Bernard Shaw.

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