



THE BLUEPRINT

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTER

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Hello Dear Parents, Teachers, Students and Staff Members,

The Newsletter Committee is happy and proud to bring to you the 1st edition of the BMS Newsletter, "The Blue Print". With this Newsletter we will keep you updated of the events at BMS. So stay tuned!

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

Deepshikha
Editor and Teacher In-Charge, Newsletter

THE REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

The students of The Blue Mountains School joined the people of India to celebrate the 76th Republic Day on 26th January. All the students assembled near the flag pole, where our Principal, Karuna Ma'am hoisted the flag. We sang the national anthem and saluted the flag.

After everyone took their places, the grade 9 students spoke about the Preamble and facts about the Constitution. The AS and A level students gave speeches about the history and freedom of India which was informative. It was then followed by an entertaining skit by the students of grade 8 about the importance of Republic Day. We were then served scrumptious laddoos. At last, we all came together to clean the campus.

Aayush, Grade 9



The Republic Day Celebration at BMS

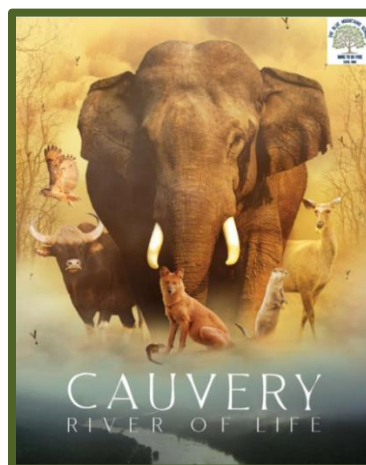
THE FIRST ASSEMBLY

On February 1st we had our first assembly. All the students together with their parents assembled in the auditorium. The assembly started at 11 am with a speech from Karuna Ma'am who reiterated the motto of the school. She talked about the theme of the term- 'Arete' which means excellence in all fields. She emphasized that students should excel in all fields especially in studies and sports. She also talked about the new changes in the school, the upcoming Bandipur trip and the workshops to be held on Photography and Cooking, which had been arranged for the students. After her speech, the new students introduced themselves to the entire school.

Samuel, Grade 9



A MOVIE WITH A MESSAGE



It was 1st February, around evening after lunch, all of us were hyped up, as it was the beginning of the term and the term started with a blast! The movie 'Cauvery' is more like a documentary, which showed the amazing ecosystem and the mind blowing flora and fauna of Karnataka. It showcased that not all biomass have to be an evergreen forest to showcase its rich biodiversity. The evening was as sunny as ever. We traveled from Ooty to Wellington, another town in the Nilgiris. After we reached there, I noticed that it is a military area. We quickly got settled in the movie theatre, time passed quickly, the cinematography was top notch and there were behind the scenes. The Questions and Answers with the audience made the session really interactive. Overall, it was a fun experience with a lot of learning.

Arion, Grade 8

The experience alone was thrilling! Though exhausting as it was on the 1st day of the term, it was better than sitting and arranging our cupboards at the least!

We left around 4 pm for Wellington to watch the wildlife documentary. It was based on the elephants by the Cauvery river. We learnt a lot about how certain animals survive in different tough seasons-especially summer season.

Some of the audience asked questions after the film finished by 5:15 pm. It was very informative and understandable. Once the film was over-we went back to the bus and the middle school students were on their way back to school.

Linisha, Grade 6

STEPPING IN THE FUTURE: SESSION ON BASICS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The session started on 5th February, 2025 with me trying to fix the projector so that we could present something on the screen. After it was fixed the session started, Mr. Shabanu Mathan told us the uses of AI and how smart it is. He also asked AI to describe our school, The Blue Mountains School and it came very close to what our school looks like. After that he gave little more information about our school and it got it right again. He also asked us questions like if AI is important or not or have we ever used AI for any of our homework. I said that we all have. With a few more questions and answers the session ended.

Nirav, Grade 8

A WONDERFUL WEEKEND

On 15th February, we went on a cycling trip which was very exciting. We woke up at about 8 am and got ready after breakfast. We went and chose our cycles. Eric Sir and Girish Sir guided us through the trip. There were lots of up hills through the trip. So, we had to drag our cycles. After the trip we had a delicious lunch.

Kirithin, Grade 7

A DAY WE LOOK FORWARD TO: TUCK DAY

Tuck outing, an event which takes place only once a month. While some think of it in a positive way because you get to go out and have delicious food, the others think it is tiring, I mean who would like to walk around the town on a SUNDAY! We get to go out with our best friends. The 1st time we had it in this term was on 16th of February. Vani, Linisha, Shrinidhi and I went out into town. The most exciting thing we did was walk into stores, admire the items and just walk out! Don't worry; we also had some Shawarma which most people would salivate for. I am sure all the boarders are looking forward to the next Tuck outing. Can't wait!

Iza, Grade 8

A RENDEZVOUS WITH NATURE

On 14th February, we went to the Botanical Garden. In the bus my partner was Ishika. We played many songs. The boys were shouting to change the songs when it was the girls' turn which was very annoying. This trip was only for junior school (Elementary). When we arrived there were so many other schools. We couldn't run a lot because we were in uniform. We started rolling on hills, looked at the fish in the pond, played tag, etc. Other schools did bully our school but we protected ourselves. We took photos and returned to school very tired.

Mrudha, Grade 5

On February 14, the Elementary school went to Botanical Garden. We went on two buses and saw lots of buffaloes. We played in the garden. There were many other schools there. There were also fish in the pond. I engraved my name on a few trees and saw lots of plants and trees. There were new plants planted. We also saw some

tourists who wanted to take a photo with us. Then we returned to school and had lunch.

Nihaal, Grade 5

It all started on 14th February after lunch. All the elementary children were waiting for the bus and after the buses came, 2nd and 3rd grade students went to one bus and 4th and 5th grades went to another. We all had so much fun playing songs!

We reached the Todas' place (We never knew we were going there). We were fascinated by the different types of buffaloes which were so different from the buffaloes we usually see! Charanya Ma'am also told us some facts about the Todas. We saw some people building a temple. After that we all went back to the bus and we reached Botanical Garden! We went inside and saw so many other schools (ex. Riverside). We walked and walked until we found a place to play. We kept our bags and bottles in one corner near the trees and we saw a big pond, we saw fish and frogs in it. We also played tag. It was so much fun! Finally we took a group photo and returned to the school bus to return to school.

Ishika, Grade 5

It was on 14th February, Valentine's Day when we went to the Botanical Garden. It was fun. There were other schools there too. We all had so much fun with the First Step students. We played many songs. I was on girls' team. The boys fought with us as we were playing our songs, so afterwards they played their songs. Then we returned to school.

Veronica, Grade 4

We went to the botanical garden, our trip was fun. We crossed a village which was so kind to us. We came back from the village on foot. It was a short walk. When we went to the park it was so clean, we saw other kids playing tag and few looking at a big pond. I went to the pond, it was dark and muddy. Suddenly I saw a big fish! It was swimming non-stop! People were throwing stones at it. I told them to stop but they did not listen! I did not know what to do, so I left the big pond. I was playing some game like tag with my friends. I dashed into a lot of people. In the end we were all tired of playing so we went on the bus and returned to school. I was so sad that we had to leave. We played songs on the way back.

Neyah, Grade 5

February 14th was the day when the Blue Mountains School elementary children went to the botanical garden. They boarded the bus by 2 pm and set off. They had to carry their bottles and wear their Sun hats.

They reached the Toda mundh location and their English teacher, Charanya Ma'am explained about the Toda people and their culture. They searched for the mundh but it was nowhere to be seen. A man approached and explained that there was a program that evening and they were decorating their religious mundh. They learnt that buffaloes meant so much to the Todas. After that they went to the Botanical Garden. They had to cross a huge blue gate. They admired the way in which the gardeners had cut the plants and given them beautiful shapes. The teachers found a wonderful place to stop and asked the children to play but not to cross a large tree which was in the shape of a square. The children started to roll, run and enjoy the beautiful green lands. There was a fish pond with colourful fish in it, the children assembled next to the pond and watched the fish in and out of the water. Then they went back to playing where they met other school senior bullies. The children just went away from the bullies, ignoring them. The children stayed in the Botanical Garden for more than 2 hours. They were a little sad to leave the place but they obeyed and stood in a line. Before leaving they took several pictures of the elementary and first step students. They walked in a line and boarded the bus. After a few selections of wonderful songs, they reached the campus. After a tiring and happy trip they had a good cup of milk and a stomach filling snack which the students loved. This is how their wonderful trip went.

Smrithi, Grade 5





A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS: THE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

On 17th February, Mr. Nikhil Viridi walked in with answers to all our questions about Photography. Many of us stayed silent but some asked him questions which he answered with great detail and care. He informed us about shutter, aperture and many more photography related things. We did fun exercises such as planning a photo. Overall, we enjoyed the knowledge and exercises from his workshop. Sadly we had it only for 1 hour.

Avaneesh, Grade 8

CITIZEN SCIENCE: THE BIRD COUNT

On 17th of February at 2 pm we had a Bird Count. After lunch we headed to the back lawn and stood in rows according to the grades. Ms. Amla gave us an introduction about the birds. She showed us pictures and described their features and different species. We saw some birds with the help of binoculars and used cameras to click pictures. We stomped across to the top field and did some more clicking. We heard the sounds of the birds and identified them through an app. It was a fun filled afternoon!

Shreyansh, Grade 5

A GERMAN VIBE IN BMS

On the 20th of February, I signed up for a cookery class with Mr. Surajit Roy. Mr. Roy told us that we were going to make German style sandwiches with cabbage and eggs. We were instructed to peel the potatoes, onions and garlic and chop the onions for the white sauce. After we boiled the sauce, we let it cool down. We then sautéed the cabbage and spread it on the sliced bread with scrambled eggs. Lastly we broke eggs into a bowl and seasoned them with salt and pepper. We dipped the stuffed bread in the beaten eggs and fried it in a frying pan until golden brown. I took a bite and it was mouthwateringly delicious. I ended eating up two more of the tasty German sandwiches.

Kheerthan, Grade 9

It was a glorious afternoon in Blue Mountains School. I had just completed my lunch to a surprise waiting for me. My friends ran to me and screamed in my ears that the culinary session was happening now. I started to scream with joy and happiness! I ran to the kitchen with my friends. We were making pasta and sandwiches. I had to cut carrots and peel garlicks and potatoes. I also had to mix the stuffing for the sandwiches and spread it. I was not there to make the pasta but we got pasta for dinner and sandwiches for snacks. Both of them tasted so good that everyone ate a lot. Finally the glorious afternoon turned into a glorious night and a peaceful sleep.

Shrinidhi, Grade 7

EXPERIENCE IS THE TEACHER OF ALL THINGS: A VISIT TO THE MUSHROOM FACTORY

On 28th February, we were looking forward to an exciting day, not sure of what was in store for us. We were welcomed by stacks of hay which reeked of Ammonia and had a horrible stench! As Mr. Haridas took us through the process of harvesting mushrooms we found it very informative and educational. The process was eco-friendly and organic. Having come to the end of the process, we saw the workers packaging the mushrooms into boxes weighing 250 grams each. The mushrooms tasted very fresh and crunchy.

The entire Grade 8

THE EXAM TERM

This is the 2nd term of the academic year and the students of grades IGCSE, AS and A levels will write their Board exams this term. 2 students have already written their papers of February/March series.

Hope all your best wishes are with them!

LAURELS AND ACCOLADES

Praneeth of grade 2 from our school won 2 Gold medals in a skating competition. He intends to start a Skating Club at our school.

Our Principal, Ms. Karuna Senthilnathan felicitated him during the school assembly.



TALENT CORNER

And it is 10 points for Gryffindor ☺ ☺



A drawing by our Grade 3 student, Aari

Here are 2 articles by grade 5 student, Tanishka on Sun and Rainbows:

Rainbows

They can only be seen in the morning or late afternoon. The Sun needs to be less than 40 degrees above the horizon.

Sun

Sun is hot, hotter than magma or lava and Sun is a star. It looks like a hot ball of fire.

Tanishka, Grade 5

UPCOMING EVENTS

Here is a glimpse of upcoming activities:

- ❖ The students will be visiting Bandipur and Karnataka Gardens on 7th and 8th March.
- ❖ The Board exams for IGCSE, AS and A level students will start in the month of April. They will have their Mock Exams from 17th to 24th March. Our best wishes are with them.
- ❖ On 24th March, BMS celebrates Founder's Day. To celebrate this occasion Jamboree will be held on 28th March, for the 1st time organized solely by the students. All the members of the BMS family are cordially invited!
- ❖ The French club meets every Saturday for students interested in learning French and the Chess club meets every Sunday for students to hone their skills in Chess.

Our Photographers for this issue were:

Shriharsh (Grade 12 student),

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

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**, the student committee member, **Ms. Smrithi** of grade 5 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 thought: **"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children"** –Native American Proverb

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