



ONGOING BEST PRACTICES OF THE SCHOOL

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DIGITAL CONNECT

- The School has a dynamic responsive website which is visited by several hundreds of people each day. The School website is the first contact that people have with the school and we take pride in the fact that almost everything and anything about the school is available on our school website which is updated by the staff on a daily basis.
- The School is truly a digital school, wherein all circulars and information is passed on to the parents electronically since 2010, thereby saving tons of paper. Another step in this direction is the judicious use of both sides of paper for printing purposes before giving it for recycling.
<http://bbpsnoida.balbharati.org/explore-circulars/>
- The School has been a pioneer in initiating the digital programmes and another feather in it's cap is initiating the **Online Fee Payment** for collection of school fee. The School was felicitated by the HDFC Bank on behalf of Govt. of India for the largest online fee collections in a very short period of time (20 days).
- With an objective to reduce Manual Inputs, easy and quick data compilation the Pre Primary Admissions have been made online. During the session 2017-18, 85% of the forms were received online.
- Innovative practices using tools of information and communication technology; the Primary Dept. has created QR CODES in primary newsletter to save space and add more content. Number of reports were embedded in tiny QR Codes and these codes were then inserted in the newsletter. This was the first online quarterly newsletter, which also included School Function related videos.
- The School uses videoconferencing, chatting, social-networking sites, and other online communication technologies to create virtual-exchange experiences that expose students to experts and peers across the country and around the world.
- The School provides guidance to parents and families on technologies to support their ward's learning and growth. (Circular: Handholding the digital transformation at BBPS Noida)

PARENT CONNECT

- Research has demonstrated that students who feel connected to school have both positive academic and behavioural outcomes. Our Students feel connected to school through their class WhatsApp groups where they can share their concerns, grievances etc. Any help required is just a click away. Teachers, students, and parents are informed on a regular basis about the initiatives undertaken by the school and all other major activities through emails and posts on the website.
- Parents are invited to take part in Day Camps and Trips along with the teacher escorts in order to make them an intrinsic part of their child's schooling. Inclusion of parents in the school assemblies and Solan trips is reinforcing the bond leading to and increase participation in school decisions and activities.

- The school has also invited the participation of parents on school bus routes to monitor the conduct of drivers and conductors. The response is positive. Out of the existing routes, 11 routes in the afternoon are monitored by parents.

INITIATIVES IN TEACHING/ACADEMICS

- The school does not believe in the adage -One-size fits all. Each individual has a unique capability and the school addresses this uniqueness at all levels of schooling. There is a provision of differentiated curriculum wherein the delivery of academics is modified to suit the individual's needs. The staff develops a comprehensive intervention module that utilizes integrated support strategies, including after-school programs, summer enrichment programmes, co-teaching, and peer tutoring.
- The school believes in partnering with the parents for the overall grooming of the students. The school encourages and rewards excellence by acknowledging the achievements on diverse platforms but does not fail to Use "early warning" strategies such as attendance data, formative assessment, and advisories to help identify struggling and at-risk students before they fall behind or drop out. In such cases, the school reaches out to parents on a regular basis and keeps them informed about the remedial action being taken on a fortnightly basis.
- In order to promote poetry writing in the Middle school students, an Inter Section Competition 'KAVYANJALI' is organized every year, wherein the students compose poems on the spot on the given topics. Efforts are on to get their compositions published in magazines.
- Poem Recitation is a dying art. In order to revive and rejuvenate the art of recitation special periods have been allocated in the Time Table of the Pre-Primary and Primary school. Every year on the birth anniversaries of Tagore and Munshi Premchand, the Primary Wing holds an event 'Kavyanjali' wherein more than 100 plus students recite the poems of Great Poets. The PTA has sponsored good number of prizes to motivate the students (For Rules & Regulations you may visit our school website).
- To make the Pre Primary curriculum more interesting and fun filled, the department has designed Activity Booklets for Classes Pre Primary I & II for each term which include diverse themes, concepts, rhymes, stories, seasons and festivals which give expression to children's creativity and do away with the mundane activities.

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

HINDI

- Taking pride in our own language, culture and heritage 'उमंग' - मातृभाषा उत्सव was organized by the Primary school students to celebrate the Hindi Diwas in the month of September. The activities were chalked out in such a way that they created awareness about the language and its nuances.
- The Preparations for the **Online Newsletter** with **embedded videos** is underway to give glimpses of 'Umang Utsav' celebrated to mark Hindi Diwas.
- The students visit Hindi Sahitya Akademi every year to explore the rich repository of best Hindi literature available so far.
- In order to inculcate good reading habits children friendly NBT Book Exhibition is organized in the school premises and students are encouraged to browse through those books.

- Smart boards in primary wing have been made compatible for writing in Hindi by using Google Input Hindi Tool. Now the Hindi teachers can write in the Devanagari Script for teaching their subject through smart board.

ENGLISH

- **Word Wall** Children of Pre Primary classes are encouraged to speak out words beginning with the same sound as that of their own name. Next day the students are encouraged to bring pictures related to the words learnt on the previous day. The pictures are pasted on the Word Wall, and the children are encouraged to speak out the new words thereby enriching their vocabulary.
- **Jolly Phonics** Jolly Phonics is a fun filled, child centric approach to teaching letters through phonics. With actions for each one of the 42 letter sounds (alphabet sounds as well as digraphs such as sh, ch, th etc), the multi-sensory method is extremely motivating for the students and teachers. Teachers playfully help the children to recognize the sounds of the letters through Jolly Phonics uploaded on the smart classroom in each Pre Primary Class/Section.
- **Sight words** Theme based sight words are displayed and read regularly to enhance the reading skills and comprehension in Pre Primary Classes.
- A Literary Fest is organized for the students of Classes VI to X to create interest in the English literature. Participation of all the students is mandatory and helps students hone their creative skills.

MATHS

- In order to make the students aware of the value of Pi and discover the aesthetic sense in Mathematics, Pi approximation day is celebrated every year on 22 July. Involvement of students in the activities is worth mentioning as they experience the interesting side of Mathematics.
- Activities like Ganit Gurooz and Maths Wizard are conducted to make Mathematics a fun subject. 'Catch them Young' is the mantra of the school and results have started pouring in. This session in the Regional Mathematics Olympiad, 18 students have qualified for the National level.
- **Introduction of Rubik's cube for classes I-V.** Solving the Rubik's cube helps students to sharpen their brain. Also, it betters their eye-hand coordination. It improves student's concentration in general and ensures that they are able to process their thoughts faster.

Keeping all these benefits in mind the Rubik's cube activity has been made mandatory to be done by the students of classes I – V. To ensure compulsory participation it has been made a part of assessment during a Term. The School has procured 200 Rubik's Cubes to facilitate students to perform the activity smoothly. The teachers will be trained through an in house workshop.

SCIENCE

- To inculcate a scientific temperament through curiosity and observation from the grass root level itself, free exploration with sound boxes, science quiz, sink and float activity, cooking as well as first-hand experience in gardening, growing seeds, nature walks, health and safety explanations are carried out throughout the academic session for the Pre Primary students.

- Mobile Science kits are used extensively in the Middle school for teaching concepts of Light, Electromagnetism, Pressure etc. Field visits to Mother Dairy, Handloom Factory, Herbal Garden, Sewage treatment plant and Agricultural Science Museum are organized in order to help the students learn beyond the books.

BEYOND BOOKS

- The school takes pride in sharing a repository of short videos on diverse topics which are shown to students during substitution periods by teachers to utilize the time effectively and at times initiate a thought provoking conversation.

CO-SCHOLASTIC

- We believe in keeping the students abreast of the happenings around the globe. What could be a better platform than the Quiz club. The enthusiastic quizzers create PPTs on diverse topics and share it with their fellows to popularize quizzing. These PPTs are also used during Substitution periods.

- In order to give impetus to the latent talents of the students and to ensure that each child is able to communicate confidently, all the teachers are instructed to ensure that each student participates in at least 3 activities – Special Assemblies, Bal Sabha activities, Inter School Competitions, Annual Day per year. The Cock house (overall) trophy at the end of the year is awarded not on the basis of highest aggregation of points but participation of all the students and equitable distribution of work amongst the teachers.

- The special and regular assemblies provide opportunities to more than 50 percent of the class to showcase their talents on diverse themes such as moral values, Mathematics, enactment of science concepts, street plays on social issues etc.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

- The school believes in being an environmentally conscious institution by encouraging students to minimize the use of electricity, recycling e-waste through recognized agencies. The school has zero tolerance to polythene. The Environment Club Ambassadors do surprise checks and impose a penalty of Rs 100/- on staff and students alike incase a person is found carrying polythene bags

- Our initiative of planting trees in used plastic bottles was widely covered by several news agencies and adopted by several residents

- Street play on Cracker free Diwali was staged at different malls of Noida with the aim of creating awareness for environment safe Diwali.

- Under the aegis of CSE , Green School Programme is taken up every year and the Green Brigade of the School under takes the Audit of Air, Water, Biodiversity, Land , Energy and Food.

SOCIAL AWARENESS

- The school has developed a coherent policy on the meaningful and safe use of information technology. The school conducts cyber awareness sessions for students of all classes and carries out regular assessments with an aim to maximize awareness. The survey reports are shared with parents periodically.

http://bbpsnoida.balbharati.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/BBPS-Noida_Cyber-Policy-V2.pdf

<http://bbpsnoida.balbharati.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Cyber-Safety-Awareness.pdf>

http://bbpsnoida.balbharati.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/32_Circular_2017.pdf

- In these trying times when each caretaker is petrified about the safety of his/ her child the school believes in keeping the students aware and safe, in this context the school has implemented a program called CACA-Children against child abuse. The students are educated and informed about child abuse and how to remain safe through regular classes, workshops and outreach programmes for parents.

<http://bbpsnoida.balbharati.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Pocso-Act.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VkY0xqtW6W8>

- In order to make the students' birthdays special for each child, Pre Primary students design innovative cards at the beginning of the session and present them to the birthday child on his/her birthday. Also the Birthday child plants a sapling on his/her birthday further instilling a love for the flora.

- All teachers on Bus Duties greet the students in the bus in the morning and they are apprised about the Date/Day and the weather on that particular day. The discussion is further carries out in the respective classrooms.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- As part of healthy practises under the aegis of Health and Wellness club, the school has installed a sanitary napkin vending machine for the convenience of the girls in the sick bay.

- The school also proposes to install an incinerator in the girls washrooms, another healthy and environment friendly way of solid waste disposal

- Members of Health Club check the school premises for breeding ground of mosquitoes during monsoon.

- Health alerts are released on the school website from time to time. (Log on to our website for all Health and Wellness related circulars).

SPORTS AND GAMES

- We ensure availability of multiple sports facilities and equipments to cater to different interests as well as to expose the Pre Primary students to various sports and games. This includes both indoor as well as outdoor sports/games. **Baskets are placed at varying heights in the Montessori Courtyard for the students to play Basketball.**

- For Pre-primary kids, a large playpen with swings has been constructed where students enjoy a variety of swings and slides. Apart from this, school conducts 'Bal Sabhas' every Wednesdays, in which students undertake various sports and running activities like bead stringing, rhythm walk, spoon race etc which help them to develop their fine and gross motor skills.

- **Pre Primary students wear a special sports dress every Friday for carrying out various physical exercises (Mass P.T) which has been specifically designed by the school.**

VOCATIONAL AND SKILL BASED COURSES

- School is successfully running Fundamentals of Financial Management for two years for the students of Classes IX and X.
- The school believes that the 21st century generation needs to be empowered with skills which will help them to create opportunities for self and others.

LEADERSHIP

- The School is forever keen on inducting novel ideas in designing the school programmes. This year we experimented with a novel method of selecting the Student Council. The students were encouraged to be partners in School Administration by asking them to upload their personal videos about what are the changes that they wish to see in their school and how do they envisage themselves as Change makers. It emerged from this exercise that the students shared their convictions very confidently about the effectiveness of their ideas. The most important message that was conveyed to the student fraternity was that the selection process is democratic and any student can be elected if he /she shows promise as a change maker. The end result was confident and willing youngsters ready to take up responsibilities.

CAREER COUNSELLING

- The school aims to align the school curriculum to prepare the students for globally competitive 21st century careers. In this quest, the school encourages the students at plus two level to take up apprenticeships, internships, and job-shadowing—that enhances student understanding of career paths and strengthen school, community, and local business connections. This year many of our Psychology students interned at Moolchand Hospital and Pearl Academy. Some of them also apprenticed with established photographers. The school also encourages the alumni to facilitate such opportunities.

- Another initiative of the school in the direction of career guidance is a ready reckoner for various competitive exams that has been uploaded on the school website for the benefit of students.

- It is also regularly updated by the School Vice Principal and President, Student council.

<http://bbpsnoida.balbharati.org/competitive-exam-calendar-2017-18/>

INITIATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

- The School believes in providing equal opportunities to all and a unique and a first of its kind initiative INSPIRE-An Interschool Competition for Children with Special Needs was instituted by the school in 2015 to celebrate and recognize the talent and creativity of differently abled students. It received rave reviews from Dr Jitendra Nagpal, Program Director "Expression India". The National Life Skills, Values Education and School Wellness Program. It was the first time ever that such an event had been organized by a school in the Delhi-NCR region. The school plans to organize Inspire 2017 on 30th October.

- The students of school volunteer to act as scribes for children with Special Needs during the examination to show empathy and care. The school has a "SCRIBE DATA BASE" in which 28 students of our school and other schools of CBSE have registered to provide help to these students at the time of Class X & XII Board Exams.

FOR BEST PRACTICES IN OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY, REFER TO OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE :

<http://bbpsnoida.balbharati.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Benefits-of-school-improvement-planning-Copy.pdf>

ONLINE RESOURCES OF SCHOOL LIBRARY

- The 21st Century School Library has wi-fi enabled browsing.
- Use of e-books (Kindle)
- E-catalogue in association with MGRM for book selection
- Multimedia (CDS etc) have been added
- Video conference facility is the new addition
- Use of projector to show inspirational movies on famous fiction has now been initiated.
- The School and the Library Committee is now has registered with the National Digital Library.

ACTIVITY ROOM

- The Activity Room for the Pre Primary students has various interest centers like Role-play areas, home corners such as hospitals, shoe shop, pet shop, flower shop, post office, etc, dressing up dolls, puppet play, dolls' house, cars and garage as well as imaginative scenes like the model kitchen, workshop, theatre, easels, blocks etc where our students get a hands-on learning experience.

STAFF INDUCTION

- To acclimatize the New Staff towards the school Environment and the policies the school has developed an **Online Induction programme** which is available to them for ready reference. Besides this the new appointees are trained on MGRM and Educomp Software solutions for minimum a week by the Teacher Mentors.

<http://bbpsnoida.balbharati.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/InductionForWebsite.pdf>

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