Congratulations Bal Bhavanites
For Exemplary Performances

Bal Bhavanites
RAISE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP
in Zonal Sports Girls Category

- Junior Girls Hockey Championship — I Position
- Sub-Junior Girls Hockey Championship — I Position
- Senior Girls Handball Championship — I Position
- Sub-Junior Girls Volleyball Championship — I Position
- Senior Girls Hockey Championship — II Position
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- Sub-Junior Girls Handball Championship — III Position
- Junior Girls Basketball Championship — III Position
- Sub-Junior Girls Athletics — I Position (9 Medals)
- Junior Girls Athletics — 6 Medals

BBPS Girls attain 2nd position in Due Ball National Championship. From left front row Sameeksha, Prapti Bisht, Lakshita Rawat, Kanishka, Chhavi, Yukt.


Proud Girls Team Members in Junior National Tennis Ball Cricket Championship. Lovenya Sironi, Divya Rawat, Tisha Chaudhary, Aditi Sharma, Shobita Gupta, Prachi Chauhan, Kanishka Singhal.

Winners of State Level Kuvurat Competitions

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India ranks 30th on WEF’s Global Manufacturing Index (GMI): The index was released as part of WEF’s First Readiness for the future of production report, which analyzed development of modern industrial strategies and urged collaborative action. The report was developed with WEF in collaboration with A.T. Kearney, which analyzes and measures how well-positioned countries will shape and benefit from the change of nature, of production through adoption of emerging technologies and as part of the fourth industrial revolution. The index has categorized 100 countries into four groups and measured criteria including current base, high levels of readiness for future industrialization, high potential for industrialization, and high potential for future industrialization. Legacy leaders (China, India) are followed by follower leaders including Russia, Brazil, and South Africa. The index was placed among the ‘leading countries’, Indian and Russian enablers placed in the ‘capacity’ group while China and South Africa are in the ‘resilient’ categories.

Key Highlights of Report
Top 10 countries in GMI: Japan, South Korea, Germany, China, Czech Republic, United States, Sweden, Australia and Ireland.


In India, the state of Telangana has been placed in the ‘leading countries’, followed by Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, and Maharashtra. The index was placed among the ‘leading countries’, Indian and Russian enablers placed in the ‘capacity’ group while China and South Africa are in the ‘resilient’ categories.

Now moth species discovered in Arunachal Pradesh

Researchers have discovered a new species of moth from the wildlife sanctuary in Arunachal Pradesh. The discovery was made by a team led by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman National Institute of Biological Control, and funded by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.

Teen Murti Chowk renamed after Israeli city Haifa

The iconic Teen Murti Chowk in central New Delhi has been renamed after Israeli city Haifa after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had proposed the name change during his visit to India. The renaming of the iconic Murti Chowk has been welcomed by many as it symbolizes India’s friendship with Israel.

India and the World

Mumbai’s Matunga Railway Station entered Limca Book of Records for All Woman Staff

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Legends

Legendary astronaut, moonwalker

President Ram Nath Kovind awarded India’s highest peacetime military decoration, Ashok Chakra, posthumously to Indian Air Force (IAF) Gurudutt Commando Corbett Jitendra Prakash Niranjan. The award was presented by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh to the family of the late Corbett Jitendra Prakash Niranjan during a ceremony in New Delhi. The ceremony was attended by various dignitaries, including the Chief of the Army Staff, the Chief of the Naval Staff, and the Chief of the Air Staff. The award was presented in recognition of Corbett’s outstanding contributions to the Indian Air Force, particularly in the field of counter-insurgency operations in the Northeast region. Corbett was an exceptional officer who had distinguished himself in various operations, and his sacrifice will be remembered.

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**Science Olympiad Foundation**

**SOF International SCIENCE Olympiad (Result Sheet)**

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**Climate Change: What can we do about it?**

**What is Climate Change?**
- A recent NASA study has shown that the atmosphere is the highest compared to the past 20,000 years.
- With warming facts and figures like accelerating sea levels, melting ice caps and disappearing coastlines, it has become a primary subject for scientists and researchers over conserving the climate from its demise.

**Causes of Climate Change:**
- Greenhouse gases like Carbon Dioxide, Methane, Nitrogen Oxide etc. are responsible for creating the greenhouse effect on the planet. With the constant rise in the concentration of these gases, the earth's temperature is on the rise.
- Other gases, such as chlorofluorocarbons, have the earth's temperature more likely than carbon dioxide. CFCs are released by the air conditioners, petrol driven cars etc. and have a dangerous effect on the ozone layer.
- The world now has more electricity with the exponential growth in science and technology. Coal, natural gas, and oil are the primary fossil fuels directly used to generate power and electricity which in turn release harmful gases like carbon dioxide.
- Deforestation is another major concern when it comes to global warming. Trees and plants play a vital role in maintaining the temperature balance and absorbing atmospheric carbon dioxide.

**Effects of Climate Change:**
- NASA reports recently predict the tremendous rise in the sea level estimated around 8 inches rise which is double the rate estimated last decade.
- With the rise in the average temperature of the earth, there has been a massive shrinkage of the snow caps especially in the northern hemisphere of the globe.
- Extreme climatic conditions have been reported across the world. This variation in the climate pattern is gradual but noticeable in many parts of the globe. Longed days and warm winters are some of the likely changes occurring in the atmosphere.
- With the constant increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, acidification of oceans has been reported. Seawater has now started absorbing this atmospheric carbon dioxide emitted by humans.
- The most obvious cause of Climate Change, which is one of the worst environmental processes in the US, is Intense, extreme weather. This extreme weather has been linked to climate change events.

**International Efforts:**
- Paris Agreement: On the 5th of October, 2016, Paris Agreement was signed by over 191 countries uniting to take a noble pledge of limiting the global warming to 2.7 degrees. Countries like China promised to achieve the target by 2020.

**Conclusion:**
- World leaders have almost all agreed to implement greenhouse gas reduction targets to limit global warming. The success of the Paris Agreement will be measured by its ability to keep global warming below 2 degrees Celsius.
- Friends of the Earth: It is the largest grassroots network which connects 30,000 members from each continent with the active participation of 13,000 local groups campaigning on urgent environmental issues and adopting sustainable practices.

**Your Opinion:**
- How do you think individuals can contribute towards this issue? Express your thoughts to be published in Voice your Opinion column. Latest update: 18 February, 2018 at theschoolconnect@bpass@gmail.com
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ANUVART COMPETITIONS

Felicitating Hindi Teachers for motivating students to participate in Anuvrat activities
Felicitating Art & Craft Teachers for motivating students to participate in Anuvrat activities
Felicitating Mrs. Pratibha Murphal for co-ordinating the activities of Anuvrat

Achievers in Anuvrat English Essay Writing Competition
Achievers in Anuvrat Painting Competition
Achievers in Anuvrat Hindi Essay Writing Competition (Dr. Level)

First Prize Anuvrat English Essay Writing Competition

Winners of Essay Writing Competition organized by Paper Merchant's Association
**FELICITATION GALORE**

Mr. Rahul (P.G.S. Physics) being awarded Facilitator Certificate for Science Exhibition at S.F.S. Varanasi (Ram)  
Ms. Priyanka was awarded Certificate for Junior National Tennis Ball Cricket Championship 2017-18  
Students of Class IX & X Certified to be Fortis Pro-Social Peer Moderator for Exam and Study Skills  
Participation Certificate from Reliance Foundation for Athletic Meet

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**Green Corner**

We breathe a handful of carcinogens every day. In cities, it’s almost close to smoking a few cigarettes a day. Right from the air we breathe, the food we eat, clothes we wear and the water we drink, we are inhaling toxic chemicals that are lurking everywhere. We have innumerable cases of persistent cold and cough, allergies, bronchitis, cancer, hormonal imbalances, autoimmunity, upset guts, headaches, migraines, memory loss, skin allergies, all of which could be linked to any number of toxic, carcinogenic, allergenic agents, making them a potential health hazard. The so-called wrinkle-free fabrics are not safe and cannot be worn. That’s why all perfumes, textiles and perfumes have been replaced. All natural fabrics like cotton, wool and linen are silent. 

**LIVING WITHOUT TOXINS**

Breathe cleaner: A major part of how healthy we are comes from how clean we breathe. If we breathe clean air, we breathe clean air. 

**Reducing dry cleaning:** Most dry cleaners use a solvent containing a chemical called perchloroethylene. This is a probable human carcinogen that leads to cancer as per the IARC. If your clothes are dry-cleaned, you get to inhale them through the air and breathe for at least 24 hours of the plastic covering the clothes in air. 

**Safer utensils:** No matter how high-end and superior the quality of plastic is, it still needs to be used safely. Always wash your hands after touching plastic just in case. 

**Pick natural fabrics:** Silk is the largest remaining organic fabric. Azo-free synthetic fabric is available in a rainbow of colors. 

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**A must watch Movie Review**

**127 Hours** is a 2010 biographical survival drama film directed and produced by Danny Boyle. It is the story of mountain climber Aron Ralston who, during his solo trek in the Scottish Highlands, gets his arm trapped by a boulder. 

**February**

1st February - Indian Coast Guard Rafting Day

The Indian Coast Guard is celebrating its 47th anniversary on 1st February. As a part of the celebration, the Rafting Day will be observed on 1st February. The Rafting Day is celebrated to draw attention to the importance of water sports and the role of the Coast Guard in promoting water safety and sports. 

2nd February - World Wetlands Day

It is celebrated annually on February 2nd, marking the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on February 2, 1971. Established to raise awareness about the value of wetlands for human life and the planet, WWF was celebrated the first time in 1997 and has grown remarkably since then. Each year, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and groups of citizens at all levels of the community have taken advantage of the opportunity to undertake activities aimed at raising public awareness of wetland values and benefits. Some of these benefits include: 

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**IMPORANT DATES**
**Understanding Careers: A Guide for Students**

This column is initiated to aware our students about the various conventional and unconventional career options available to them after +2. If you want to discuss a career of your choice, or if you are curious to know more about the career option discussed in this edition, please feel free to contact the school counsellor or principal.

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**LAW**

Law education in India was started in 1887. The B. A. (I) Law Council of India is the main regulatory body of Law education in India. The first law university in India was established in Bangalore named as National Law School of India University. Currently, there are 35 National Law Universities in India. Apart from these, there are about 120 other law schools in India. L.L.B. or Bachelor of Legislative Law is an undergraduate law course offered by various Indian universities. There are two options to pursue L.L.B. course.

One is a 3-year course for which the minimum eligibility criterion is graduation and the other is integrated course of 5-year duration for undergraduate students. L.L.B. course is considered to be one of the most prestigious courses and various career options for the same are available in both private and public sectors.

**Eligibility**
- After 12th: One has to opt for the 5-year Integrated Law course.
- After Graduation: One has to opt for 3-year L.L.B. course after graduation from any discipline.

After completing Law Education, one of the above mentioned method, one may enroll with the Bar Council of India and become an Advocate. One may also go for further studies and study advanced courses like L.L.M., M.B.A., M.B.A., etc.

**L.L.B. Entrance Tests**
- Admission to L.L.B. course is generally done on the basis of entrance exams conducted either on a National level or Institute-wise. A list of entrance exams for admission to law courses is mentioned below:
  - CLAT: Common Law Admission Test is conducted by the National Law University for admissions to L.L.B. courses.
  - LSAT: Law School Admission Test is a globalized entrance test and many Indian universities consider its score for L.L.B. admission.
  - AILET: All India Law Entrance Test is conducted by the National Law University, Delhi.
  - LLBCE: Law Common Entrance Test is conducted by colleges and universities at Andhra Pradesh for admission to LLB program.

**LLB Top Institutes**
- National Law School of India University, Bangalore
- Bangalore University
- National Law University, Hyderabad
- The National Law Institute University, Bhopal
- Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar
- National Law University, New Delhi
- Amity Law School, Noida etc.

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**A PIECE OF ABSOLUTE WHITE**

I put up my paper, I pick up my pen
I tried to write anything,
And yet on that piece of absolute white
There just was nothing.

I wrapped my paper and put up my target
I tried to throw it in a bin,
The bin was empty just as my mind
Tried to fill it with something.

The time of night, I got outside
The moon was pale, the stars were dim
The moon was pale, the stars were dim
The moon was pale, the stars were dim

The moon was pale, the stars were dim
I opened my eyes, I was on my bed
The blanket got me covered
Even in the warmth of my body there was something
That made me shiver.

I got up my bed and looked at the table
The paper was still there
And while it glows just like the snow
Calling me over there.

I sat on the chair without any care
I tried to tell it all
I wanted to be heard
I wanted to be understood

I took another paper and pick up my pen
In my mind, truly I had something
But yet on that piece of absolute white
There just was nothing.

-Yoshi Madhswat, B.B

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**I am not Beautiful**

I am not beautiful
I am not beautiful
I am not beautiful
I am not beautiful

I am sad all these times
And thinking about it drives me insane

At night it still haunts
And brings back all the pain.

They say that it was a joke
But never understand how it mars me
Always find a way to poke
And initiate me like a bee.

Yes, I am not fair
Yes I am not thin
Yes, I don't have long hairs
But that is not a sin.

My heart is gold
Which you cannot afford
Yes, I am bold
And yes with many wounds

-Mayraa Sanana, B.A

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**Shutter Bug**

The Village
The village is the cell of the national body and the cell life must be healthy and developed.

-Sri Aurobindo

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**Glossary to literary terms**

**Blank Verse**: A method of writing poetry, without following a regular poetic meter or rhyming scheme.

For those aspiring to be poets, and get confused in the use of appropriate word to express their thought in order to let it rhyme, need not restrict their aspirations just because of the shortage of words. They can write poems in blank verse, wherein the lines of their poetry might not rhyme but still connect to the heart of people because of the well conveyed thoughts.

**Exponent**: A poetic expression to convey the facts that otherwise might sound harsh or unpleasant.

Example: “He passed away” or “he left for his heavenly abode” sounds better than saying he died.
THE SCHOOL CONNECT

TEN EASY STEPS TO HAPPIER LIVING

Take control of your own wellbeing with these '10 keys to happier living.' Think positively, look after your body, help others...

> Mark Williamson and Vanessa King

1. Action for happiness

Happiness is the recognition of one’s own worth and the satisfaction derived from it. Action for happiness lies in the practical steps we can take to improve our lives.

**1. Living as Builders**

Caring about others is fundamental to our happiness. Helping other people is not only good for them; it’s good for us too. It makes us happier and can help us improve our health. Giving also creates stronger connections between people and helps to build a happier society for everyone.

2. Action for health

Our health is our most precious asset. Taking good care of our bodies is essential for our well-being. Small changes can make a big difference. Here are some tips to get you started.

**2. Connect with people**

Our relationships with others are the most important thing in our lives. Positive relationships are healthy, resilient, and long-lasting. Our close relationships with family and friends provide love, meaning, support and increase our feelings of self-worth.

3. Action for work

Our jobs are a significant part of our lives. Choosing a profession that matches our interests and skills can help us find happiness in our work.

3. Take care of your body

Our mind and body are connected. Being active makes us happier as well as healthier. It instantly releases endorphins, which are chemicals that make us feel good.

4. Action for food

Eating a healthy, balanced diet can have a significant impact on our happiness. Eating nutritious foods can improve our mood and energy levels.

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By following these ten easy steps, you can take control of your own happiness and live a more fulfilling life. Remember, happiness is a journey, not a destination. Enjoy the ride!

**Demystifying science: What is magnetic cooling?**

Physics at the University of Basel, Switzerland, have recently succeeded in cooling a nanoelectronic chip to a temperature lower than 3 millikelvin. Absolute zero is 0 Kelvin or -273.15°C and the closer one gets to this limit, the better the chances of conducting experiments in the quantum level and observing entirely new physical phenomena. The recent cooling is the best yet achieved and for that the researchers employed a technique called magnetic cooling. With this, they were able to cool the electrical connections as well as the chip itself. Magnetic cooling is based on the fact that a system can cool down when an applied magnetic field is ramped down while any external heat flow is avoided. Before ramping down, the heat of magnetisation needs to be removed with another method to obtain efficient magnetic cooling.
Republic Day Celebration

This pride, so immense
This dedication, so dense
Hoisting the valor of the courage,
Beyond the bounds we rage....

The special assembly presented by the students of class Vth on 25th January 2018 was a mesmerizing presentation of the pride of an Indian. Elaborating upon the actual essence of the republic day, we found our young students carrying out the tricolors in their hearts. The assembly was based on the themes of our Indian Constitution, importance of our national emblems and the diverse compendium of our Indian culture. The presentations were brilliantly planned to convey the foundational importance which our symbols holds. The students depicted the greatness of our nation through a dance performance where they elaborated the colors of our different states such as Punjab, Kerala, Rajasthan and so on. The dance performances were complemented by the theatrical aspects where we saw the hidden actors in our students and the blazing roar of an Indian. The performance was able to issue an underlining message talking about the strength that a person can attain with unity and the power which the most innocent sense of devotion can supply. The day blared out the rhythm of our national anthem with a message loud and clear that we Indians can tackle every possible challenge and can confront any situation together.

Folk Tales...with Anupa Lal

The story session with Ms. Anupa Lal, a famous author, who has authored at least 20 children’s books, had been a learning and rejoicing experience for school’s tiny tots of primary wing. With a course book, titled ‘Indian Folktales’ written by her, students of class 4 enjoyed the course of stories recited by her. She not just educated students about the essence of stories, but also made them aware about their origin. The students, too, interacted with great enthusiasm, showcasing their excitement for the stories and also relished the stories retold by her.

Story Writing Competition

Writing is the primary basis upon which your work, your learning and your intellect are judged. It expresses who you are as a person. It makes your thinking visible. It also helps you refine your ideas. Keeping all these points in mind, BBPS Library conducted a story writing competition for the primary level students of class 4th & 5th where students expressed their feelings and ideas.

Story Telling Competition

Storytelling is one of the oldest art forms. To build confidence, enhance speaking skills and stimulate one’s imagination, a story telling competition was organized for the students of class 5th in the school’s library. The young, enthusiastic storytellers armed with their props came forth with wonderful tales. While some stories gave food for thought, some reinforced moral values and some had their own experiences. The stories were adjudged on the basis of expression, confidence, presentation skills and content. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

If you believe you are right, but still people criticize you, hurt you, shout at you, don’t bother. Just remember that, “In every game, only audience makes noise, not players.” Be a player. Believe in yourself. And do the best.
INSPIRATIONAL STORIES
You are special!
A popular speaker started off a seminar by handing up a $20 bill. A crowd of 200 had gathered to hear him speak. He said, “Who would like this $20?”
200 hands went up.
He said, “I am going to give this $20 to one of you but first, let me do this.” He crumpled the bill up.
He then asked, “Who still wants it?”
All 200 hands were still raised.
“Well,” he replied, “What if I do this?” Then he dropped the bill on the ground and stomped on it with his shoes.
He picked it up, and showed it to the crowd. The bill was all crumpled and dirty.
“Now who still wants it?”
All the hands still went up.
“My friends, I have just showed you a very important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth $20. Many times in our lives, life circumstances us and grinds us into the dust. We make bad decisions or deal with poor circumstances. We feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. You are special! Don’t ever forget it!”

A Very Special Bank Account
Imagine you had a bank account that deposited $56,400 each morning. The account carries over no balance from day to day, allowing you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every dollar each day?
We all have such a bank. Its name is Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, asks for, whatever time you have failed to use wisely. It carries over no balance from day to day. It allows no overdraft so you cannot borrow against yourself or use more time than you have. Each day, the account starts fresh. Each night, it destroys an unused time. If you fail to use the day’s deposits, it’s your loss and you can’t appear to get it back. There is never any borrowing out. You can’t take a loan out on your time or against someone else’s. The time you have is the time you have and that is that. Time management is yours to decide how you spend the time, just as with money. You decide how you spend the money. It’s never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do them and where they fall in our priorities.

# Study TIP
Find your prime time
Plan a time to study when you know you’ll feel energized and on top of your game. Some students prefer the morning before a day of class and work has exhausted them. Others feel their best mental energy in the evening after the day’s responsibilities are done. There are certain hours in the day when you will be able to write a paper or memorize a chart more effectively than others. Capitalize on those hours.

WORDS OF THE MONTH
- DEMURE
- quiet, modest, reserved
- FRACTIONAL
- troublesome or irritable
- IMPERTINENT
- insolent; rude
- PERUSAL
- a careful examination, review
- ZENITH
- the point of culmination; peak
- REPUDIATE
- to reject, decline

ANALOGY: Check your Intelligence
Identify the Similar relationship and fill in the blanks.
1. Suspect: trust :: supporter: _________
2. Apparent: obvious :: assure: _________
3. Threat: threat :: dare: _________
4. Whales: mammal :: penguins: _________
5. Comfort: discomfort :: common: _________

## The Counselor’s Corner
Key to Help your Child be a Skilled Reader!

Things like patience, dedication, and encouragement are certainly cornerstones of teaching reading to primary learners. Reading is a fundamental skill that we all use every single day. We read newspapers, books, directions, text messages, recipes, emails, safety warnings! Reading is everywhere. However, reading can be a challenging skill that many students struggle to master. But having a perfect arsenal of effective reading strategies makes it even more possible.

- **Mastery of reading requires developing highly interconnected major component skills such as: Verbosity, Vocabulary, Fluency, and Comprehension.**
- They work together in the process of reading. So, how can we better equip our students to tackle these reading difficulties?

One cannot start reading by adopting certain stepping stones off it:

- **Step 1:** At the beginning level, assess the current level of functioning (CLF) of an individual in reading.
  - **Step 2:** Modify the environment so that they can explore and learn from it.
  - **Step 3:** Promote the reading habit, which can match their initial level.
  - **Step 4:** Demonstrate to them about reading first (audio-visual or of sentences, or of the formed words), remember they have started reading just now!
  - **Step 5:** Set their reading buddy first, with whom they can share the joy of reading.
  - **Step 6:** Proceed from simple to complex (start with reading of joyful and colourful interesting content which a child can understand and read easily, like nursery rhymes, comic books anything).

- **Step 7:** Adapt to unknown strategies (start first with something that child knows, and then move onto unknown concepts but don’t forget to associate them with the known concepts).
  - **Step 8:** Follow-1 to 10: surprise, start with phonetic sound of single letter (a), move onto phonetic sound of real letter words (b), and then ultimately move on to three letter words (c), to make them understand about the concepts of various skills of reading such as sound of vowel and consonant relationships, reading independently, and thus enhancing their verbal expressions of reading and it will make a good independent reader.

- **Step 9:** Introduce the habit of reading by organizing certain reading activities and games and a participant in them.

These are certain initial steps (as mentioned above) that one needs to follow to enhance perception or reading skills of a child reader, during the Initial Stage of Learning.

**CERTAIN DO’S AND DON’T’S OF READING:**

- **Do**
  - Don’t confuse the child with any other concepts at initial stage such as introduction of any grammatical concepts or those of pronunciations.
  - Don’t use harsh or loud words, “read it loud”, “hurry up”, “why are you reading this or that”, or any inappropriate non-verbal gesture, “read it with fluency”. Don’t point them if they are not comfortable.
  - Don’t criticize them, just “correct” them “if they go wrong.
  - Don’t appreciate and reinforce them.
  - Motivate them; make them a happy independent reader.
  - Use more of positive words like “good”, “goodgoing”, “excellent”.
  - Give them physical support by holding them; put on back or head, Hi-five to make them sure you are there for them.
  - Give them a horizon of opportunities and a range of purposeful learning in a variety of ways.
  - Make it part of your daily routine.
  - Use technology to your advantage.
  - Create story prompts for effective reading.
  - Try different materials, make them access a range of texts including stories, poetry, non-fiction and play scripts.
  - Teach one skill at a time before moving onto next skill.

— Contributed by: Mrs. Shagun Pal (Special Educator)

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**Does it sound like science fiction? It is most likely that chunks of diamonds form mid-air on Saturn and Jupiter!**

Diamonds are made from highly compressed and heated carbon. On our planet, they form naturally when carbon is buried about 150 km underground. Volcanic eruptions bring the diamonds closer to the surface, making them accessible to us. On Saturn and Jupiter, lightning storms convert methane to solid carbon (soot). The soot falls down, pressuring the carbon and converting it into graphite. After falling down for another 3500 km or so, the pressure mounts, converting the graphite into diamonds. The diamonds fall to Earth and are eventually melted into liquid carbon on the planets’ hot cores. This is made possible by the dense atmosphere and the massive size of the planets, which generate enormous amount of gravity and pressure.

Alien planets could also play host to diamonds. An exoplanet 40 light-years from the solar system is made largely of diamond, according to scientists. It is also believed that the planet 55 Cancri e is more carbon-rich than Earth, which is an ideal environment for diamond formation. High pressure experiments predict that large quantities of diamonds are formed from methane on Uranus and Neptune, too. Diamonds are forever on Uranus and Neptune (just like on Earth), because they are cooler at their cores.
Tips for Talking to our Children

INSTEAD OF THIS:
“If you don’t finish your lunch, we’re not going to the park.”

TRY THIS:
“When you’re finished eating lunch, then we can go to the park.”

INSTEAD OF THIS:
“For the last time, come here right now!”

TRY THIS:
“Do you want to come by yourself, or should I help you?”

INSTEAD OF THIS:
“Don’t slam the door!”

TRY THIS:
“Please, close the door gently. Would you like me to show you how?”

INSTEAD OF THIS:
“Stop throwing a fit or I’ll put the toy in the trash!”

TRY THIS:
“I know you’re very sad that you can’t play with your toy right now. Would you like a big hug until you feel better?”

INSTEAD OF THIS:
“I told you, you can’t have chocolates for breakfast because we don’t have any. Do not ask again.”

TRY THIS:
“I hear how much you want chocolates. I wish I had magical powers to make a giant box appear just for you.”

GOLDEN WINDOWS

Little Molly lived in a small beautiful town. Her tiny house is constructed on the banks of a beautiful river, near the mountain. She was the only daughter for her parent. Although they weren’t very rich, they lived happily.

Her house was surrounded by huge trees and beautiful plants. It was a simple red brick house, made of woods. Molly did not like her house very much. She felt that the house was too small and not very neat. Little Molly was very fond of the mountain. The steep and sloping mountain had a beautiful but abandoned castle-like home with golden windows.

Yes, she liked the home on top of the mountain because of the glittering golden windows. The windows sparkled and glowed so beautifully that little Molly was completely mesmerized.

She was crazy for that the glittering golden windows and she started to hate her home more. However, little Molly was so sweet and she understood the struggles her family was undergoing. So she accepted everything silently. Still, her desire went on growing.

Wearing pants and a green sweater, she became 12 years and looked very beautifully like a garden princess. She believed that she is supposed to live in a house with golden windows, not in an old wooden house.

As she grew older, her mom allowed her to move around her house. It was holidays for Molly and she requested her mom that she wanted to wander in the garden near the river. Her mom also agreed and told her not to go so far.

Molly decided to climb the mountain and peek into the house with golden windows.

She took her bicycle and started her journey towards reaching the top of mountain. She found a narrow road in the mountain towards the abandoned home in the mountain. With so many struggles, she reached the top of the mountain.

She was shocked to see the dirty house, in fact the damaged castle with dark windows. What she used to see from her house wasn’t there in the mountain. Yes, the golden windows she saw from the top of the mountain were in fact the reflections of the dark and dirty windows.

She was very upset and sat quietly for some time as she lost words. Her desire got vanished suddenly.

Sitting on her bicycle, she thought of her house. A window in her room shining like gold. She realized that the sun rays reflecting in the water making the window glow.

The truth was she lived in her dream home, the home with beautiful golden windows. She realized it too late. What she dreamt for years is just vanished away.

So understand that all glitters are not gold!
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ASHOK DESAI

Ashok H. Desai is a Senior Advocate practising in the Supreme Court of India. He held office as the Attorney General for India from 9 July 1956 to 6 May 1958. Earlier, he was the Solicitor General of India from 18 December 1889 to 2 December 1900. He was awarded the Padma Shri Award and the Law Luminary Award in 2001. He was awarded Degree of Doctor of Law (Honoris Causa) in recognition of his contribution to the field of law and jurisprudence by the North Eastern University on 18 September 2009.

He is the most soft-spoken lawyer in his lot. He is the softest cannon in the Supreme Court. He enjoys the confidence of the bench and has the ability to entertain his petition. He is ethical in his practice and devoted to the society rather anonymously.

Education

After finishing his schooling in Bombay, he studied at the Fergusson College in Pune and thereafter at the Government Law College, Bombay. He graduated with a law degree in 1951. He thereafter joined the London School of Economics. In the summer of 1956, he was one of the first students from Great Britain to be invited on a study visit to China. In 1956, he graduated from the London University with Honours in B.Sc. Economics. That very year, he was called to the Bar from Lincoln's Inn, London. He was part of the Harvard International Seminar in 1967.

Awards

- Golden Anniversary Rotary Prize, University of London, (1936)
- Padma Shri (2001)
- National Foundation National Awards (2014)
- Supreme Court of India award in recognition of his contribution to the development of Constitutional Law of India (2016)
- Lawyers of India Day Award conferred by the Bar Association of India for “outstanding contribution to the development of legal profession in India” (2016)

Celebrating Success With Leaders

Expression is that power which transcends more than words which can introduce revolutionary changes in the society. In order to promote this practice amongst students, Mr. Ali Bhattiya Anuwar Nysal has been constantly working in collaboration with other institutions. The activities organised throughout the session at all levels ensures that the students get the required exposure to ignite curiosity, creative insight and critical thinking. On 29th January, 2018, the school celebrated the spirit of expression by felicitating those who work behind the scenes.

They said it...

- Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.
  - Lao Tzu

- We are what we repeatedly do; excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.
  - Aristotle

- "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.
  - Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)

- The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.
  - Walt Disney

# Parenting Tip

Experiencing Failure is an important aspect of achieving victory. At times, even more important. Don't always push your child to win, let him also learn to tolerate failures in his stride.

Dear Reader,

We bring to you the first edition of this new year. Hope we keep receiving your enthusiastic response in future also. Keep sending your original poems, artworks, photographs, your opinions or anything that you would like to share with your peers. Send your entries for the next edition latest by 18 February 2018 to theschoolconnectbbspmv@gmail.com