

## Of theme-based learning and other nice things...



Theme-based learning is an interesting and involving way to expose students to different ideas and cultures. So every year we select a subject, aspects of which are explored in different ways through the year. When our theme was China, children focused not only on the history and geography of the country, but also researched Chinese culture and customs and learnt some words and phrases in Mandarin, sang Chinese folk songs

and even enacted a play based on a Chinese story.

Some of our cocurricular activities to date, described briefly on these two pages, are based on our current theme: Maharashtra and Goa. Other programmes celebrate special occasions and festivals. Sports are always part of our calendar.

While we have three different schools, we have one common approach to school activities: they are planned and carried out with great enthusiasm and commitment from all concerned!

## Gift Of The Seagull



A lonely seagull flies the winds  
Majestic ... soaring ... gliding wings  
A single screech sounds from the sky  
Come fly with me ... come here and fly

My spirit floats to be a part  
I feel the beating of its heart  
My soul, one with this bird of sea  
Now knows the meaning to fly free

I feel the winds caress my soul  
And soar the streams without a goal  
My being trembles of delight  
A treasure I received tonight

The seagull's flight of soaring high  
The gift of what it means to fly

—Munda, <http://www.netpoets.com/poems/inspirational/1557003.htm>

## Teaching Teachers the 3Es

Teachers of all three Brigade schools (J. P. Nagar, Mahadevapura and Malleswaram) were initiated into practising the 3Es (Excitement, Enthusiasm and Energy) at the Elim Resort on Teacher's Day.

A day trip to the scenic resort in



Muthurayanabetta had teachers dancing; playing cricket, throwball, dodge ball and tug-of-war; battling vocally at antakshari; savouring a sumptuous lunch; and, for some of the more adventurous, even climbing Muthurayanabetta Hill.



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aagu nee aniketana

## What just happened

- Grandparents of Pre-primary students were invited to witness their grandchildren's performance on Grandparents Day.



Students performing on Grandparents Day.

- An excursion is always eagerly anticipated. On this special day out, students visited Doddis Resort. A visit to the Bread Factory was part of the itinerary.



Students performing on Dussera.

- Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated with students speaking on the significance of the day, singing of a Kannada song in praise of the beautiful fauna and flora of the state and the performance of a tribal dance of Karnataka.

- Students celebrated Deepavali with the Dance of the Diyas. They also spoke about the values the festival teaches. While a talk on safety when bursting crackers was organised, students made a point of promoting an environmentally-conscious option. They enumerated the virtues of a 'green Deepavali'—in which people say 'no' to crackers and instead, spread joy and cheer to the needy by distributing sweets.

- Before the school closed for the first term, a special Dussera programme was organised for the parents. This included songs and dances from Maharashtra and Goa and ended with the Mysore Dussera procession.



Onam celebration

- Children's Day began with a Special Assembly at which teachers performed a mime show with a moral. 'Boxes' focused on how negative qualities can turn into positive values. Creativity was amply evident in the art work, poetry and story-writing done during our 'creativity segment' and in a talent show at which children sang, danced, enacted a play and played various musical instruments. Team games were followed by a programme by teachers (with dances from Maharashtra and Goa, a hilarious Kannada skit and Hindi songs) that had children screaming for encores.

- The parents of Pre-primary and Std 1 students attended an interactive session conducted by Phyllis Farias, Educational Consultant, Trainer and Counselor. The subject was 'Development and psychology of children within the age group of 3 to 6 years and related parental concerns and issues'. Ms Farias stressed the point that child development has a pattern process and should not be hurried. Questions the parents asked were answered by both Ms Githa Shankar, Chairperson, Brigade Foundation and Ms Farias. The final word: enjoy and celebrate your child.

## ..and what will soon take place

- Mindspace Activity Day, to be held in December, will provide a platform for students to display (through posters, models, skits, dance, music, art, yoga and games) all they have learnt to their parents. This will also give parents a better understanding of the activity-integrated curriculum that is being followed in school.
- A Special Assembly for Christmas is being planned.
- We look forward to an exciting Annual Day and Sports Day in the coming term.



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What's been  
happening?  
A whole lot!

#### Wildlife Week

The Brigade School @ Millennium commemorated Wildlife Week with an inter-class wall magazine competition. The theme for the competition was Conservation of Wildlife and students created wall magazines that were both informative and aesthetically presented. Protection and conservation of the tiger seemed to be a priority to most of our young ecologists!

#### Special Assemblies

##### Dusseera

Students of Std 5 (Sections A and C) showcased the significance of the festival and how it is celebrated in Maharashtra.

##### Intra-mural Competitions—Prize distribution (4 Nov)

Ms Githa Shankar, Chairperson, Brigade Foundation, gave away the prizes for Intra-mural Competitions in the Arts and Performing Arts.

##### Kannada Rajyotsava

Kannada students performed a dance drama on the origin of the Hoysala Dynasty.

##### Deepavali

Students of Std 9 presented a programme on the various traditions adopted around the world to celebrate the Festival of Lights.

## THE BRIGADE SCHOOL @ J. P. NAGAR



Gotipua Dance

#### Gotipua

Students of the primary section were the privileged audience to a folk dance performance from Orissa. The show was organised by The Brigade School in association with SPIC MACAY.

#### Annual Cultural Day

Annual Cultural Day was held at the MLR Convention Centre on 11 and 12 November. Mr A. Chandrashekar, well-known actor, director and producer of television serials, was the Chief Guest. The evening included a hilarious Hindi play, Andher Nagari Choupat Raja; a play about Shivaji; a medley of dance and fashion, Yeh Hai Bombay Meri Jaan; and the colourful Goa Carnival.

The evening also saw the distribution of prizes for the Best Student in Art and Performing Arts. The prize was awarded to Sreenidhi Boopathi of Std 3C. The Best House in Art and Performing Arts was Vijayanagara.

Chirag Bipin Kundgol was felicitated by the Ms Githa Shankar, Chairperson, Brigade Foundation, for his achievements in the National CBSE Swimming Championships.



Students performing a dance drama on the occasion of Rajyotsava.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Teachers Day Teachers' Quiz

Ms Smita Ashok and Ms Jyoti Venkatesh won the I Runner-up Prize at the Quiz, held at National Hill View School.

#### Limca Book of Records, Quiz Competition

Rangesh Vittal and Srivatsa Shanmugam of Std 12 won the II Runner-up Prize.

#### CBSE National level Swimming Championship.

Chirag Bipin Kundgol of Std 8B clinched the Boys under-16 800 M Freestyle Gold in the competition, held at Jaipur between 29 October and 2 November. He set a new meet record by clocking 9:35:97 in the same event. He also won the Silver for 400 M and Bronze for 200 M Freestyle.

#### CBSE Cluster VII Football Tournament

The Brigade School football team outplayed KLE Society with a 12-0 record performance in the CBSE Cluster VII Football Tournament held on 28th October.

#### State level Star Track Athletic Meet

Urmila Anand of 7C won First Place in the Girls Shot Put and Sai Shravan of 7B won Third Place in the Boys Shot Put.



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T-shirt Painting on  
Ganesh Chaturthi

## THE BRIGADE SCHOOL @ MAHADEVAPURA



### Quick Calendar of Events

#### AUGUST

**Krishna Jayanti:** Celebrated with song, dance and a pot-painting competition.



Students performing on Teacher's Day.

#### SEPTEMBER

**Teacher's Day:** Special events and performances in speech, drama and music.

**Ganesh Chaturthi:** Ganesha idols, artistically modeled out of clay.

#### OCTOBER

**Dusseera and Deepavali:** Music and dance. A spectacular Dandiya Show.

#### NOVEMBER

**Kannada Rajyotsava:** Children salute the state of Karnataka in the beautifully rendered 'Hacchevu Kannadada deepa'.

**Children's Day:** Fun, games, magic, song and dance (by teachers), delicious brownies, surprise gift hampers.