

# GRADUATION DAY!



O nanna chetana,  
aagu nee aniketana

## THE BRIGADE SCHOOL

@ MILLENNIUM

The MLR Convention Centre was the venue of yet another special event in the history of The Brigade Schools. On 12 February, the fourth batch of Std 10 students and second batch of Std 12 students from The Brigade School @ Millennium took part in a solemn graduation ceremony.

### Value lifelong learning and all-round development

Mr M. R. Jaishankar, CMD of Brigade Group; Mrs Githa Shankar, Chairperson, Brigade Foundation; the members of the Foundation's Governing Council; and Mrs Meera Rao, school Principal, presided over the function. Mr Rajeev Gowda, Chairperson, Centre for Public Policy and Professor of Economics and Social Sciences, IIM Bangalore, graced the occasion as its Chief Guest.

In his address to the graduating students, Mr Gowda emphasised the importance of lifelong learning and the need to make education available to all. Mrs Githa Shankar spoke of the importance of all-round

development, which included becoming kind, considerate and responsible members of an increasingly multicultural society.

### The valedictorians' viewpoint

Deepak Dilipkumar (Std 10) and Swaran Kumar (Std 12) were adjudged Best Outgoing Students of their respective standards. In their valedictory addresses both of them made a mention of what it took to be successful.

### The ceremony, the Pledge and after

Students lit the 'lamp of knowledge' and took their positions on the dais, symbolically preparing to face the challenges of the future. Principal Meera V. Rao proudly administered the Pledge to the graduating students, while teachers looked on as another set of students took the first steps towards moving outside the portals of their Alma Mater. The graduation ceremony was followed by a High Tea, during which students, staff, parents and guests interacted in the warmth of an informal atmosphere.



*Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail. —Ralph Waldo Emerson*



Mr Rajeev Gowda presenting Best Outgoing Student award to Deepak Dilipkumar (Std 10)

✓ How many times have we been thrilled to get a 90% in our exams, while our parents and teachers looked more at the 10% we lost. But now, as we stand here today, we can understand why they have done this. Remember, coal becomes a diamond only under pressure.

—from Deepak's valedictory speech



Mr Rajeev Gowda presenting Best Outgoing Student award to Swaran Kumar (Std 12)

✓ ...but for failure one would not know what success is. Think about the game we lost or the exam we did not do well enough. When our team won the next game or when we did well in the next exam, we felt even better than we would have, had we not failed first.

—from Swaran's valedictory speech



Graduation: Std 10

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Ballet performance by Primary students



Pre-primary Annual Day

## Annual Day Celebrations!

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### At the Pre-primary School...

The theme was "The British Isles" and children of the Pre-primary section did it full justice in presenting an extravaganza of nursery rhymes, fairytales and dances. Participation was uniformly enthusiastic: The 'Nursery babies' enacted the fairy tale of Sleeping Beauty; the L.K.G. presented the legendary stories of The Twelve Dancing Princesses, The Frog Prince and The Elves and the Shoemaker; and the U.K.G. enthralled with their graceful presentations of The Pied Piper of Hamelin, The Golden Goose and the Scottish Reel.

The audience was very appreciative of the high speaking and vocabulary skills displayed by the children

### ...and the Primary School

The Annual Cultural Presentation for the Primary School took place on 24 December, with a programme that included music, dance and theatre performed to professional standards by an enthusiastic and well-trained cast. The first standard students presented a fairy tale with a twist. The plot brilliantly wove together various fairy tales. Alice in Wonderland and The Sword in the Stone were the other theatre presentations. Also on the programme were a dazzling variety of dances. Students rocked the stage with the Jive, Rock 'n' Roll, the Twist and Tap... and then altered the pace with some graceful ballet!

## Our first Student Council Elections!

This will go down as a landmark year for The Brigade Schools. We conducted our very first Student Council Elections on 21 January. The election process, which included serious campaigning and a grueling Question Hour, gave students a first-hand experience of democracy and its systems in relevant action.



Student voting



The nominees for School and House Captains were from Std 11 and those for Vice-captains from Std 9. The voting body comprised students from Stds 6 to 12 and teachers. Election officials were drawn from Std 8.

### Election Results!

School Captain: Madhulika C.

Chalukya House:

Captain: Mukul C., Vice-captain: Kumaresh K

Ganga House:

Captain: Abhijit B., Vice-captain: Apoorva N. Pai

Hoysala House:

Captain: Teja Ram, Vice-captain: Shivangi S. Kanitkar

Vijayanagara House:

Captain: Rangesh V., Vice-captain: Nirupama A.

## Annual Cultural Presentation: Talent on tap !

Students of the Upper Primary (Stds 6, 7 and 8) lived up to their reputation of being the 'untapped power-house of bountiful talent' in the school with their performances at the Annual Cultural Presentation on 29 January. The programme began, very appropriately, with the school song 'O Nanna chetana, Aagu nee aniketana'. This was followed by a

variety of dances, from the Scottish Highland Dance to the Morris Dance to Rock and Roll. The students of Std 6 enacted *The Tragedy of Macbeth*, by William Shakespeare, with young dramatists performing like thespians; giving the very appreciative audience a taste of what it must have been like to have attended a show at the Globe Theatre of yore!



Scottish Highland Dance

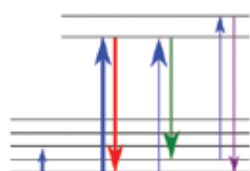


A scene from Macbeth

## The Soaring Seagull is sighted again!



The fourth issue of The Brigade School's student magazine—The Soaring Seagull—was released in April. The magazine is produced by a talented team of student writers, artists and photographers. (It goes without saying that, in true Brigade School style, advice and suggestions are always available for the asking.) The 132-page magazine forms a well brought out compendium of school activities and students' talents for the year 2009-10



## NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

Students of Stds 3, 4 and 5 presented a special Assembly on 26 February.

The occasion was National Science Day, commemorated to honour Nobel Laureate Sir C. V. Raman, who presented his prize-winning work on the Raman Effect on this day.

The Assembly featured an informative and entertaining skit, songs and presentations. The skit depicted an incident from Albert Einstein's childhood; songs dwelt on the use of science in modern day contexts and other presentations highlighted the scientific approach and honoured famous scientists.