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**B. D. MEMORIAL
INSIGHTS**

From the Director's Desk



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The academic term has passed by smoothly. In spite of all the challenges children are settled in to their new routines. We are celebrating days, performing curricular with extra curricular activities and ensuring enhancement of learning. All this could not have been possible without your support!

This term we started various clubs. Children have shown great enthusiasm and displayed leadership qualities while planning and executing activities.

We have started Mother Toddler programme in our branches for little toddlers to get engaged and learn along with their moms through structured guided activities.

I cannot sign off without congratulating the Teachers in charge and the teachers for their continued efforts towards achieving excellence and maintaining standards!

Wishing you and your families season's cheer and greetings.

Stay healthy and safe!

Suman Sood
Director, B D Memorial

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Message from Centre Heads

While we are all going through unprecedented times our spirits remain undaunted.

Here are some messages from the heads of our branches.



Congratulations children you have proved the phrase "anything is possible, and anything can be." Your sincerity and dedication towards the different programs and activities is really commendable. It is a great pleasure to see you learning new things, growing and becoming confident. Best wishes and blessings for you all! Stay happy and healthy!

Sheela Mehra
Headmistress - B.D. Memorial

We are now in the middle of the current academic session. Our motivated teachers have been continuously putting their best efforts to streamline the online teaching process. I am specially thankful to all the guardians and our students for having adopted to the new normal in quickest time. Thus, we could sustain and continue our online classrooms successfully. The light at the end of the tunnel now appears brighter. Let us pray for the best and look forward to the return of safe and healthy times soon.

Bipasha Das Roy
Teacher - in - Charge, B.D. Memorial (Garia-Primary)



Empty classrooms are missing the noise that made them alive, the blackboards have no one to look at them, the Assembly hall is waiting eagerly to receive you dear children. We are trying to reach you through online classes. We are not leaving anything loose and fulfilling each and every duty to cater best to you students but still waiting eagerly to catch a glimpse of your lovely faces. You all are loved from the bottom of our hearts. Stay healthy and safe with your family till we meet again!

Sudeshna Hore
Teacher - in - Charge, B.D. Memorial (Vijaygarh)

We are constantly trying to find various ways to make learning more meaningful and interesting for our dear children. May our dear students be safe and at their creative best while spending days being physically away from school. It's only a matter of time before we get together and relive the excitement of school life!

Arpita Ganguly
Teacher - in - Charge, B.D. Memorial (Garia-Pre-Primary)



We are hopeful that we will definitely overcome the present crisis. Let us hope that our positive attitude, sheer grit and determination helps us to tide over these difficult times. Stay safe and stay well!

Ranjana Rarhi
Teacher - in - Charge, B.D. Memorial (Mahamayatala)

Education World India Preschool Rankings 2020-21

Top
10
Pre - School
in Kolkata

Congratulations! B D Memorial School, is ranked Kolkata's #7 Proprietary preschool in the EducationWorld India Preschool Rankings 2020-21.

EWISR 2020-21 is the world's largest and most in-depth school ratings and rankings survey based on field interviews with more than 11,368 knowledgeable stakeholders (parents, teachers, principals, educators and senior students) in school education countrywide. B D Memorial is indeed proud to have been rated and ranked over 2,000 of India's most high-profile schools on 14 parameters — academic reputation, faculty competence, leadership quality, sports education, etc

Kudos to the B D Memorial Team and of course the students! Heartfelt gratitude to the management and the parent community for their help and support!

Activities/Events July to Oct 2020

Kargil Vijay Divas 26th July



The 21st Kargil Vijay Divas was celebrated on 26th July 2020 to pay homage to the Kargil martyrs and to remember the supreme sacrifice made by our brave soldiers to uphold and safeguard the integrity of the nation. Students performed various programmes virtually in a very well-coordinated manner. They sang patriotic songs and paid homage to the soldiers of Kargil. A feeling of patriotism was inculcated among the students to make sure that they become the responsible citizens of our nation.

Raksha Bandhan 3rd August



Rakshabandhan is one of the most endearing ways to celebrate the bond between brothers and sisters. Though at home the event was celebrated by the students with full enthusiasm and zeal. They used decorative materials like threads, mirrors, stones, stars, flowers for making beautiful rakhis. It unfurled the creative instinct within every student.



Happy Janmashtami

11th August

Janmashtami is celebrated as a symbol of the end of darkness and rooting out of the evil forces. The students of B D Memorial put up splendid colourful performances in the virtual platform. They showcased numerous creative activities like dressing up like Radha and Krishna, making Janmashtami peacock crown, a flute or bansuri and a Krishna Jhula. Some also decorated a Mud pot with paints, papers, mirrors and feathers and made beautiful Rangolis.



Independence Day 15th August

The pandemic confined the students to their homes but could not dampen their patriotic spirit and pride for their nation. The unfurling of the National Flag by the Honourable Director was streamed live to the students. The synchronised songs and dance numbers by the students despite being in their homes was noteworthy. They participated in poster making and various artwork which were uploaded in the school's official Facebook Page.



Teachers' Day 5th September

This year teacher's day was celebrated virtually. It was a new and great experience for all. There were some remarkable performances by the students in the form of dance, poetry and songs which were mesmerizing. They showed gratitude to their teachers by making gift cards and posters and mentioning their hard work during the online classes.



Hindi Diwas 14th September

The students of B D Memorial celebrated Hindi Diwas on 14th September. They were oriented about the importance of Hindi as a language in connecting the citizens of India. They sang songs on Hindi Bhasa, recited poems and also prepared beautiful posters.

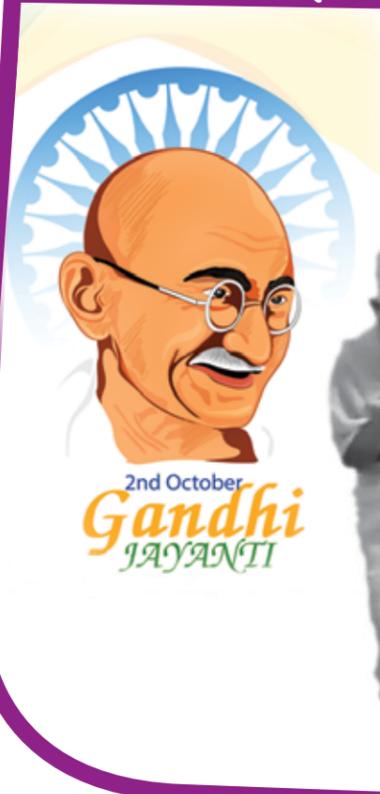


Kite Festival 17th September

People fly kites on Vishwakarma Puja. Lord Vishwakarma was the divine architect who made all flying chariots for Gods along with their weapons. Kites are flown as a mark of admiration for his skills. The students made beautiful kites some with messages on them. The lockdown gave several parents and grandparents an opportunity to pass on the art of kite flying to the younger generation.



Gandhi Jayanti 2nd October



Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated to teach our students about the man who galvanized the whole nation to stand upon its feet for the rights. The students participated in various activities like poster making, making of chakra and dressing up like Bapu. This day was an opportunity to make the students understand Gandhi's message of peace, non-violence and



his unflinching regard for truth. They also enacted the symbol of Gandhi's philosophy and values of the three monkeys.



Agomoni

Agomoni –A virtual programme was organised just before the Puja holidays. The global pandemic could not dampen the festive enthusiasm among the students. The online event included songs, dance, poster making to invite the divine mother on Earth and dispel darkness from every corner.



Online Class Activities Pre - Primary

To sprinkle a little fun, the pre primary children of BDM had engaged themselves in several amusing activities arranged by the teachers. Activities like Diya painting, Diwali card making, preparing fruit salad, rakhi making, kite making, etc. were done by the students with enthusiasm.

To give the students an idea of different food tastes, a fun sensory activity was arranged. The importance of plant should be understood by the student from a very young age. And to do so 'Let's grow a plant' project was arranged by the teachers of BDM, where the little ones enjoyed planting and watering the saplings in their home. A mock market was set up, where the children were dressed as market vendors. Here are a few snippets of the children showing their creativity.



Webiner

Story Telling



Renowned Educationist and Story Teller Mrs. Chitralekha Bhaskar conducted an on line workshop for BDM Teachers and students.

The workshop, designed for pre-primary students and teachers, showcased the ways to connect to the students through vivid, and colourful communication and make learning enjoyable. The children had a fun full experience during the session.

Mrs. Chitralekha Bhaskar



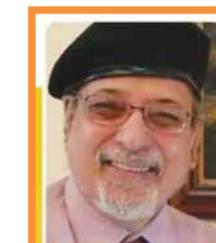
Right Start School

Guardians, Teachers and Administrators of B D Memorial joined the webinar Right Start School conducted by B D Memorial and supported by Early Childhood Association. The speakers were eminent Journalist, TED speaker and ex sheriff of Kolkata, Prof. Utpal Chatterjee and Mr John Andrew Bagul, Founder Principal South City International School.

The school being the gateway to a child's life, the webinar focussed on the choices, comparisons and decisions available to the guardians and teachers with respect to environment, teaching styles and philosophies, towards selecting and recommending, as the case may be, a school that fits the child's emotional, social and academic needs.

Ms. Suman Sood, Director, B D Memorial, moderated the session.

Mr. Utpal Chatterjee
Mr. John Andrew Bagul



Mother Toddler Programme

BD Memorial is happy to introduce a Mother Toddler programme for children from the age of 1 to 2.1 years of age. This offers an opportunity to parent and child combined learning where structured activities, sensorial exploration, free play and interactive sessions will create a wonderful bond and help little toddlers to develop cognitively, socially, emotionally and physically.

B.D. MEMORIAL
MOTHER TODDLER PROGRAM

Highlights:

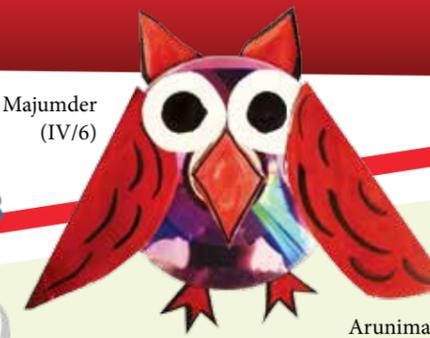
- Opportunity for parents to bond with their child in a conducive environment
- Full of Fun and learning
- Get a chance to be a part of their initial learning
- Smooth transition to Pre-school

Age group - 1- 2.1 years of age **Time Duration- 90 mins 3 times a week**

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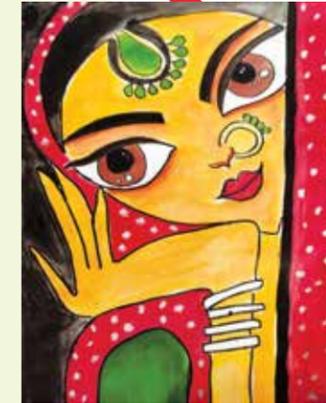
Clubs art craft

Somdutta Majumder (IV/6)



Arunima Das (III/6)

Devanshu Das (IV/5)



Joyjit Banik (IV /6)

Priyangshu Mitra IV / 6



B.D. Memorial has four extra-curricular clubs for students to pursue their hobbies; Art and Craft club is one of them. The engagement of the students into these clubs not only helps in their cognitive and physical development but also improves their social behaviour.

Art and Craft classes are conducted by using creative methods under the supervision of the concerned teachers. At the beginning, children are instructed to draw basic shapes and colours and thereafter they are encouraged to continue with more intricate and detailed work.

Craft work involves the use of raw materials like coloured paper, glue, beads, mount boards and other items. Students are also encouraged to use waste materials like old CDs, bottles, boxes, ice cream sticks, toothpaste cap etc.



Rupkatha Sengupta (III/6)

Bansdroni Branch

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DANCE CLUB



Our school B. D. Memorial has created a dance group to improve overall fitness, endurance, muscle toning and strengthening. It involves aerobic fitness and strength training and stretches for flexibility. Students work together in a group and this sense of team spirit encourages students.

In our school dance programmes were organized for different occasions like Teachers' Day, Janmashtami, Guru Purnima, Durga Puja, etc. The main goals to create this dance group are to engage students in the collaborative process and to strengthen students' creative skills in live performance.

The objective to create this dance group is to develop students who are sensitive and articulate physical and verbal communication. It also serves to stimulate conscious understanding of the language of movement and to develop aesthetic knowledge and skill in movement expression.

Clubs

SCIENCE CLUB

The science club of our school has taken the initiative of teaching different topics with the help of models and demonstration activities. The models of solar system (class V) and models of water cycle (class IV) helped students to understand the chapter in an easy & interesting way. The demonstration activity on simple machines (class V) helped them to understand the structure and working of the simple machines properly.



Go Green!

To effectively implement eco friendly habits in our lives, we have initiated a paper bag making activity in our school. Through this activity children learned how to recycle the waste newspapers. Waste management is another key practice that should be followed to keep our environment green. Therefore, our Green Project Committee members have taken an initiative to separate the two types of wastes: biodegradable and non-biodegradable by making separate waste bins for their classrooms.



Parents' Feedback

Very well organized event for the guardians as it was very helpful for us to make decisions regarding the school of our child on which their future depends upon. It taught us an important lesson that the status of any school does not matter, the thing which matters is the quality of education provided by the school. I was really grateful to be as a part of this great webinar "Right Start School". It was an extremely wonderful session.

Shubhkamini Sinha (Mother of Aashi Sinha, Class-II, Sec-1)

I found Mr. Utpal Chatterjee & Mr. John Andrew Bagul talk to be extremely informative and beneficial to any parent. They presented the topic "Right start School" in a very relaxed and engaging manner which immediately put people at ease and enabled us to interact with each other. This talk informed us of the most appropriate skills and tools we need as parents to do the best we can do. All in all I thought the experts were very effective and very personable & incredible.

Shivani Singh (Mother of Manya Singh, Class-II, Sec-1)

I am grateful to B.D. Memorial for inviting me to the webinar that held on 12th October. I am honoured to be its part. I gathered many things from it which were very informative specially it taught us that the status of the school does not depend on outlook of the school or on the artificial things. Only the quality matters... The knowledge matters.. The impact of the school depends on the education being provided.. The session was very organized.

Mother of Rituja, Class-I, Sec 2

The topic discussed in the meeting was most significant and pertinent.

Debjani Majumder (Mother of Sonakshi Majumder Chatterjee, Class-II, Sec-4)

It was really very informative. Looking forward for more useful tips.

Mother of Rudranshu Sarker, Class-I, Sec 1

The webinar was very informative. It highlighted a lot of things that are actually very important for parents.

Mother of Manan Das, Class I, Sec 1

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