

THE BIRLAITES EXPRESS

BASANT PANCHAMI AND APPRECIATION DAY

Basant Panchami was celebrated on 23rd January 2026, honouring Goddess Saraswati and the vibrant arrival of spring, alongside the Annual Appreciation Day. The day began with a special assembly featuring the melodious chanting of Saraswati Vandana, followed by a presentation on the significance of the festival in the pursuit of knowledge. The highlight of the celebration was honouring the students who excelled in academics and extracurricular activities throughout the year. Beyond traditional categories, Innovative awards were presented, including Integrity, Innovation, Digital Excellence, 100% Attendance, Best Handwriting, and the Best Student Award, recognizing the diverse talents of our students. The Principal, Dr. Anjana Kumar, addressed the gathering with a heartfelt message, urging students to remain simple and grounded and excel in the fields they are passionate about. She thanked and congratulated the teachers and parents, acknowledging them as the true architects of knowledge. She concluded with an inspiring reminder: "The future belongs to those who are courageous, compassionate, and kind." The celebration concluded on an uplifting note, leaving students motivated to embrace learning with renewed enthusiasm.



MOVIE DAY

The pre-primary section celebrated an exciting Movie Day filled with fun and laughter.

Students enthusiastically bought tickets, enjoyed popcorn, and watched entertaining films such as *Baby's Day Out* and *Moana*. The activity created a joyful atmosphere while giving children a memorable cinematic experience with their classmates. The event encouraged social interaction and added a refreshing break to the school routine, making it a delightful day for the young learners.



SAVE BIRD CAMPAIGN

The students attended the Jaipur Bird Festival organised by the Green Peepal Society at Kanota Resort on 31st January 2026. The visit was both enjoyable and informative. Students participated enthusiastically in creative activities such as painting, origami, face painting, and quizzes, which made learning about birds and nature engaging. A special highlight was the interaction with actor Rahul Singh, who inspired students to care for wildlife and the environment. Experts also conducted informative sessions on birds, their habitats, and conservation. Students enjoyed birdwatching and observed various bird species in their natural surroundings. Workshops were also held for faculty members and budding writers. Overall, the visit was a memorable experience that enhanced awareness and love for nature.



INTRA CLASS WORD BUILDING CHALLENGE

The Word Building Challenge was conducted to enhance students' vocabulary and spelling skills.

Children were given alphabets and asked to form meaningful words. The class was divided into teams, and the activity was organized as a friendly competition.

Students participated enthusiastically and worked together as a team. The activity was engaging, enjoyable, and helped develop language skills, teamwork, and quick thinking.



REPUBLIC DAY

The school celebrated Republic Day with immense patriotism and pride, reflecting the spirit of unity and national harmony. Students participated enthusiastically in the celebrations, honouring the values of the Constitution and the sacrifices of freedom fighters. The event inspired a deep sense of responsibility, respect, and love for the nation, as the campus resonated with patriotic fervour and collective pride.



INTRA CLASS PENCIL SHAVINGS DRAWING COMPETITION

The Nursery students showcased their imagination and creativity in the Intra-Class Pencil Shavings Drawing Competition. Using simple pencil shavings to create colourful artworks, the little artists impressed everyone with their originality and enthusiasm. The activity encouraged creativity, fine motor skills, and self-expression in a fun and engaging manner. The vibrant masterpieces displayed by the students made the event joyful and memorable, highlighting the budding artistic talent of the young learners.



INTRA CLASS RHYMING BINGO CHALLENGE

The Kindergarten students enjoyed an exciting Intra-Class Rhyming Bingo Challenge filled with fun, laughter, and learning. Through engaging wordplay and interactive activities, the young learners enthusiastically identified and matched rhyming words, making language learning enjoyable and memorable. The event encouraged participation, quick thinking, and communication skills while creating a cheerful atmosphere in the classroom. The joyful energy and enthusiasm of the students made the activity a delightful and enriching experience for all.



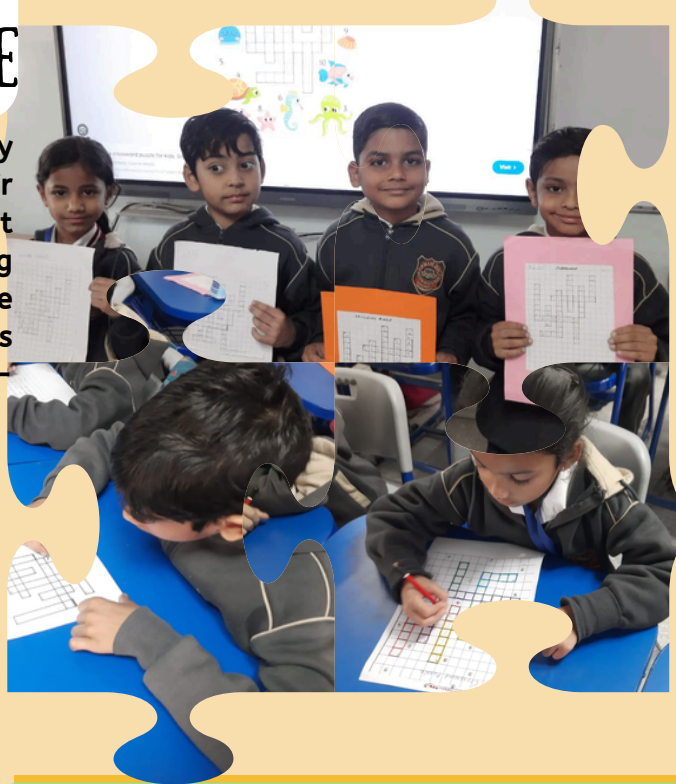
ROBOTICS PROJECT CHALLENGE

A real-life-based Robotics Project Challenge was conducted for students of Classes III to V in the Senior Computer Lab, encouraging creativity, innovation, and technical skills. Participants presented impressive working models including a Water Level Indicator, Security Alarm, Automatic Street Light, Electronic Piano, and Automatic Gate, confidently explaining their ideas and applications. Projects were judged on concept clarity, presentation, and creativity. The event successfully inspired students to apply technology to practical, real-life situations through imaginative and skillful problem-solving.



INTRA CLASS PUZZLE CHALLENGE

An Intraclass Puzzle Challenge Competition was successfully conducted for Class students with the aim of strengthening their understanding of English grammar, focusing on the topic Present Continuous Tense. The activity was designed to make learning fun, interactive, and engaging for young learners. The competition included a variety of puzzle-based tasks such as word searches, sentence formation, picture-based clues, and fill-in-the-blanks. These activities encouraged students to identify and correctly use verbs ending with “-ing” and to frame meaningful sentences using the present continuous tense. Students participated with great enthusiasm and showcased their creativity, language skills and critical thinking abilities. The puzzles not only enhanced their grammatical knowledge but also improved their vocabulary and sentence construction skills. The competition was judged based on accuracy, creativity and timely completion. All participants were appreciated for their efforts, and winners were awarded for their outstanding performance. Overall, the event was a great success and proved to be an effective way of learning grammar through play. It fostered a positive learning environment and encouraged students to develop a deeper interest in the English language.

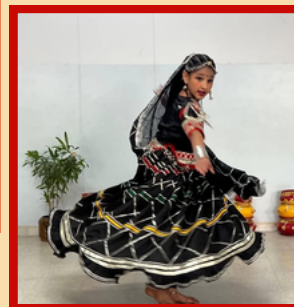


INTRA CLASS DRESS-UP BOX COMPETITION

The Kindergarten section celebrated a fun-filled Mismatch Day, where students arrived in colourful outfits featuring playful combinations of patterns, socks, and accessories. The event encouraged creativity, confidence, and self-expression as the little ones proudly showcased their unique looks. The cheerful atmosphere, laughter, and excitement added to the spirit of the celebration, making it a memorable experience for everyone. The activity highlighted the joy of individuality while bringing vibrant energy and enthusiasm to the school day.

INTER HOUSE SOLO DANCE COMPETITION

An Inter-House Solo Dance Competition was organized on 29 January 2026, providing students with a vibrant platform to showcase their talent, confidence, and passion for dance. Participants from various classes performed enthusiastically, with Class 6 presenting colourful folk dances, Class 7 showcasing energetic western styles, and Class 8 delivering graceful classical performances. The event was filled with rhythm, expression, and creativity, while the discipline and enthusiasm of the performers made the competition lively, engaging, and highly appreciated by all.



INTRA CLASS PICTURE DESCRIPTION CONTEST

The Prep students enthusiastically participated in the Intra-Class Picture Description Contest based on the theme "Spring Season." Through colourful illustrations and confident descriptions, the young learners beautifully expressed their observations, imagination, and communication skills. The event encouraged creativity, vocabulary development, and self-expression while allowing students to share their unique ideas with confidence. The cheerful presentations and vibrant artwork created a lively atmosphere, making the activity an enjoyable and enriching experience for all.



PRE-PRIMARY ANNUAL FUNCTION

The pre-primary students captivated the audience with their charming presentation of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* at the Annual Function. Dressed in colourful costumes, the young performers brought the classic fairy tale to life with confidence, enthusiasm, and delightful expressions. From Snow White's graceful presence to the playful antics of the dwarfs, every performance was filled with energy and joy. The enchanting presentation created magical moments and left the audience thoroughly entertained and appreciative.



INTRA CLASS RECITE & SHINE COMPETITION

The "Recite and Shine" Group Recitation Competition was organized in the school to enhance students' confidence, pronunciation, rhythm, and teamwork skills. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, who presented their poems with great expression and coordination.

Each group showcased excellent voice modulation, clear diction, actions, and synchronized movements. The poems were based on meaningful themes such as nature and awareness of body parts. Students demonstrated remarkable confidence and stage presence, making the event lively and engaging.

The judges evaluated the participants on the basis of clarity, expression, coordination, creativity, and overall presentation. The competition not only helped students overcome stage fear but also improved their public speaking and collaborative skills.

The event concluded with the announcement of winners and words of appreciation from the judges and school authorities. Overall, "Recite and Shine" was a grand success and provided a wonderful platform for students to express themselves creatively and confidently.



CLASS-WISE SINGING SCHOOL SONG COMPETITION

An Intra-Class School Song Singing Activity was organized on 6 March 2026 for the students of the Nursery class with the objective of nurturing confidence, participation and a love for music among the young learners.

The activity was conducted in a cheerful and supportive environment where the children participated with great enthusiasm. The students sang the school song with energy and excitement while trying to follow the rhythm and actions, which added charm to the performance.

The activity proved to be a wonderful learning experience as it helped the students develop confidence, listening skills and coordination. All the students participated actively and displayed keen interest. Their joyful expressions and lively participation made the event engaging and memorable.

The teachers appreciated the sincere efforts of the students and motivated them to continue taking part in such co-curricular activities. Overall, the event was successful and provided the young learners with a platform to express themselves through music.



HOLI

The pre-primary section celebrated Holi with great joy and enthusiasm through a variety of colourful and engaging activities. Nursery students created vibrant hand-print artworks, KG students enjoyed dabbing with stencils and flowers, while Prep students enthusiastically splashed colours and made cheerful memories together. The celebration filled the campus with excitement, creativity, and festive spirit, allowing the young learners to experience the happiness and togetherness associated with the festival of colours.



INTRA-CLASS STORYTELLING COMPETITION

The KG students rocked the Intra Class Storytelling competition! The theme was Panchtantra, and they did an amazing job bringing the tales to life.

Some highlights:

- "The Lion and the Mouse" was told with adorable expressions!

- "The Tortoise and the Hare" had everyone cheering!

- "The Crow and the Pitcher" was pure cuteness! The tiny tots showcased their confidence and creativity.

The intra-class Storytelling Competition was a huge success, showcasing the kindergarten students' creativity and talent. It provided a platform for students to express themselves, build confidence, and develop essential skills.

CLASS 1 AND 2 ANNUAL FUNCTION

The students of Classes 1 and 2 mesmerized the audience with their delightful presentation of *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* at the Annual Function. Through lively dances, colourful costumes, and expressive performances, the young performers beautifully brought the classic tale to life. From the enchanting tunes of the Pied Piper to the playful portrayal of the mice, every moment reflected creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm. The captivating performance filled the atmosphere with joy and earned heartfelt appreciation from the audience.



BOOK READING COMPETITION

A Book Reading Competition was held on 10 March 2026 for students of Classes I and II. The young readers participated enthusiastically in the two-round competition, confidently showcasing their reading fluency, expression, and comprehension skills. The event aimed to nurture a love for reading while encouraging confidence and effective communication among students. The cheerful participation and eagerness displayed by the children made the competition engaging and enjoyable, contributing to its overall success.



CLUB FEST 2026

Club Fest 2026 was a vibrant celebration of talent, creativity, and innovation, bringing together young minds to showcase their skills and ideas with great enthusiasm. The event featured a variety of engaging activities and presentations that reflected teamwork, imagination, and confidence. Students participated wholeheartedly, creating an energetic and inspiring atmosphere throughout the fest. The celebration successfully highlighted the diverse talents of the participants while encouraging creativity, collaboration, and a spirit of exploration.



LITERARY SECTION

Some People are Like flowers

I find beauty within those particular people,
People who love deeply, care deeply for others

I perceive them as a flower, soft, sensitive and full of inner beauty

Some of them are like Roses, beautiful, sure but beneath that they
hide thorns, thorns made of trauma, at the same instant, the thorns
gently whisper of what raised them so beautifully

They smile brightly, creating a presence so pure it comforts others
around them

They are the comforting rainy nights in the midst of a chaotic life

It's a blessing to cross paths with these bloomy flowers. And when I
do, I swear to love them as deeply as they love others, because at the
end of the day, even flowers need the comfort of lapping water.

-Vatsal Chandani
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Why and when do babies' eyes change colour?

Eye colour refers to the pigmentation of the iris, which is a muscle that automatically controls the size of the pupil.

Each person has a unique iris colour.

So, does eye colour change as a person ages?

To some degree, it can.

According to Barbara Cohlman, a neonatologist at St. Louis Children's Hospital, "Babies' eyes tend to change colour sometime between 6 and 12 months of age, but it can take as long as three years to see the true eye colour that they will have."

Typically, babies' eye colour changes from lighter to darker shades.

Experts say this change happens in one direction only - from lighter to darker - and not the other way around.

A baby's eye colour at birth is primarily determined by two factors: genetics and the amount of melanin in the irises developed during the third trimester of pregnancy.

The genes passed on from the parents are a major factor in determining a baby's eye colour.

Although around 15 genes are involved in eye colour, two are the most significant - OCA2 (formerly known as the P gene, which plays a strong role in variations of hair and eye colour) and HERC2 (which interacts with OCA2 to determine eye colour). OCA2 is dominant over HERC2.

* If a baby inherits two HERC2 genes, it is most likely to have blue eyes.

* If a baby inherits two OCA2 genes, it is likely to have brown or darker eyes.

* If the baby has one of each gene (one HERC2 and one OCA2), the dominant gene will determine the eye colour.

The other factor, melanin, is a pigment that determines the colour of skin, hair, and eyes.

Melanin production begins around the sixth month of pregnancy and continues throughout life. Different eye colours have different levels of melanin. As babies grow, some accumulate more melanin in their eyes, causing a transition from lighter eye colours (such as blue, green, or grey) to darker shades. Babies with less melanin in the back of their irises tend to have lighter eye colours.

While it's tempting to predict a baby's eye colour using genetic calculations, but there's no scientifically proven way that provides accurate results. Instead, let time take its toll and determine a baby's eye colour.

-Sanyamita Nahar

MONOLOGUE SCRIPT

Do you know what cancer does to a house?

It rearranges the furniture.

Not literally, though I swear the sofa did move closer to my bed when I couldn't walk across the room.

But inside... inside every wall, every chair, every silence, it changes.

When I was diagnosed with breast cancer, I thought it was *my* battle: *my* body, *my* cells, *my* fight.

But cancer has this... cruel generosity. It spills. It doesn't just live in your bones or your blood. It crawls into the eyes of your husband when he pretends not to cry in the kitchen. It sits in your daughter's unfinished homework because she's too scared to leave your side. It hides in the shakiness of your mother's prayers at 3 AM.

For a while, I hated that.

I hated that my suffering became theirs.

That every needle piercing my skin was piercing theirs, too.

I told my father once, "Stop waiting outside the chemo room. Go live your life."

And he just looked at me and said, "This is my life. You are my life."

That's when I realized something.

Family isn't just who you call when the world breaks.

Family is who holds the pieces until you're strong enough to pick them up again.

When I lost my hair, my little boy shaved his head. Said we'd be superheroes together.

When I couldn't climb stairs, my husband carried me—every single night—like it was the most natural thing.

When I screamed into my pillow, my mother didn't say "be strong." She just lay beside me and screamed too.

You see, cancer didn't steal my family from me.

It revealed them to me.

Their love, raw and unpolished. Their fear, messy and human. Their laughter, stubborn even in hospital corridors.

I am not standing here because of doctors alone.

I am standing because love decided I wasn't allowed to fall.

So yes, cancer rearranges the furniture.

But sometimes...

It builds the strongest room in the house.

And in that room, we survived.

Together.

-Adhya goyal
11-E

एक पल की ठहरो।

हम ज़िंदगी में इतना खो गए
कि जीना ही भूल गए।
हर कोई ज़िंदगी की भागदौड़ में उलझा है,
एक पल को ठहरो ज़रा।

कभी इस सुनहरे मौसम को महसूस करो ज़रा,
कभी इन बादलों को देखो ज़रा।
कभी फूलों की मुस्कान समझो ज़रा,
कभी इन जानवरों की मासूमियत देखो ज़रा।

थोड़ा सुकून तो तुम भी लो,
बच्चे नहीं तो क्या।
आज फिर से बारिश में भीगो ज़रा,
ज़िंदगी का आनंद भूलो मत।
आज ही सही, पर खुलकर जी लो ज़रा।

-manasvi kankas
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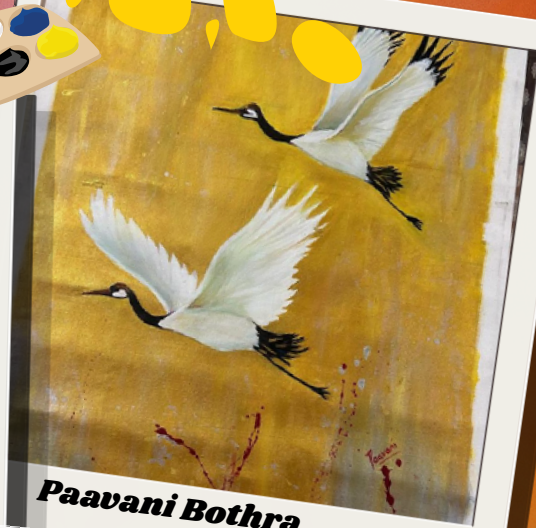
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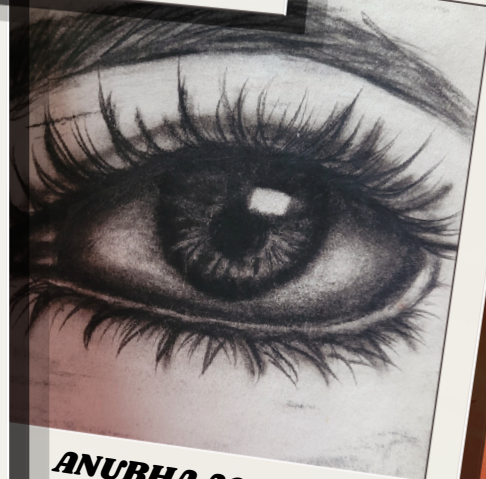
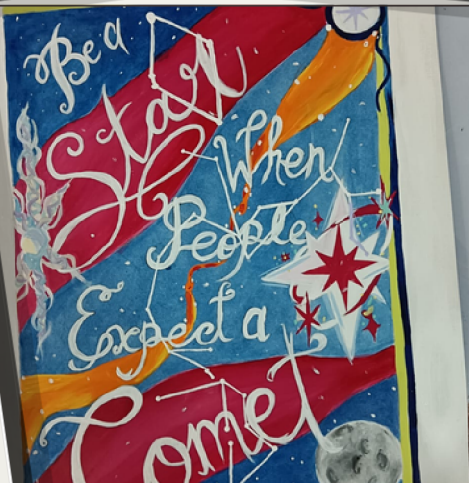
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Thank you for taking a moment to read The Birlaites Express! Your time and enthusiasm keep our spirit of storytelling alive. We hope each edition brings you a little joy, inspiration, and pride in being part of the Birlaite family.

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