

B.K.BIRLA CENTRE FOR EDUCATION, PUNE

REPORT ON INTER HOUSE SYMPOSIUMS

Our co curricular activities are as diverse and child-oriented as our curricular programmes. Panel discussions, seminars, debates, elocutions, deliberations, extempore, quizzes, reviews, research works, field trips, symposiums and numerous other consistent opportunities to learn find rightful expression in the school almanac and are an intrinsic part of our curriculum. The vital facet of Personality Development Programmes stem from exchange of view points encircling intellectual & current issues amongst the partakers. **Recently {09th November 2011 to 12th November 2011}** the four Activity Houses- **Agni, Prithvi, Salil and Vyom** rendered their points of view regarding vital moral principles and global issues through imposing symposiums during morning assembly presentations. The Birlites discovered a new dimension of performance demonstrated by these four houses after an elaborate and intensive research work that embarked on the mission to stage a thrilling event...an event that informed, educated, enlightened and entertained us as well. With adequate knowledge of the audience's sensibilities and the purpose of the event accompanied with a careful planning, those presentations rose to the occasion to be eternally registered in the history of our centre of learning and education. Songs, animated graphics, videos, PowerPoint Presentations and deliberations aptly projected the workforce and energy of our participants, whether it be the presenters or the audience.

AGNIANS deliberated the contemporary issues of global warming and missions to save Mother Earth. The seminar aimed to educate on the effects we as humans have on the planet and encouraged steps to ensure a better future. Since the industrial revolution humans have advanced above and beyond our technological expectations. However, we are only now realising the impact these advances are having on our planet. We believe that God has given us an amazing home in planet Earth but that we also have a responsibility to keep it beautiful. The Earth is inherently giving and abundant with more than enough renewable resources for all. Yet, her degradation is similar to the challenges facing modern man, where essential values of respect, cooperation, accountability and trust have been lost in the industrial rush.

The other three Activity Houses- **Prithvi, Salil and Vyom**- elaborately discussed all the moral principles that will definitely accelerate our mission to help our children cultivate strong standards and dictums of moralities. The image of a well balanced personality

seemed to be gradually loaded and by the end of all presentations a full- screen view of such a blessed personality was perceived by the audience. Furthermore, that was undeniably supplemented by highly diagnostic interpretations put forth by the Principal, Dr. Subhash Kumar, and also sundry views shared by the attendants.

PRITHVIANS pondered over the vital moral principle of Forgiveness. The primary driving force was to communicate that forgiveness is not just forgetting an injustice done; it is the understanding that allows us to set aside the emotional impact of that injustice pertaining to ourselves. When we no longer hold those emotions, and have understanding for the person, we have forgiven them.

VYOMITES came forward with an entirely unique and subjective interpretation of the much desired virtue - RESPECT. It educated the audience to take time to focus on the need of others and go out of the way to encourage, support and lend a hand when necessary. If we value ourselves, our skills and our contributions, we will set the tone for respectful relationships. Respect for ourselves guides our morals and respect for others guides our manners. Openness to trust, sense of involvement, feelings valued, shared decisions, treating others the way we want to be treated, showing kindness & consideration, respecting both private and public property, accepting others for who they are ,these were much cherished themes of the day. It is said that respect is not given, it is earned and there are certain things we can do to get more respect from others and increase our professionalism & likeability in the process.

SALILIANS intended to offer the fundamental building blocks to pioneer and execute effectively a commitment to integrity. It delved into the quintessence of INTEGRITY- the inner sense of "wholeness" deriving from qualities such as honesty and consistency of character. As such, one may judge that others "have integrity" to the extent that they act according to the values, beliefs and principles they claim to hold.

The series of symposiums triggered off the essence of globalisation in order to figure out the relation of humans shared with the physical, social and spiritual environment in the present milieu.

We communicate our sincere gratitude to the Principal, Dr. Subhash Kumar and the Vice Principal, Mr. Parveen K Zear, for the hard work and efforts they have put in, for educating young minds and providing the right avenues to identify their core talents. We also extend our appreciation to all the mentors and the IT department for lending the required core resources and the best of guidance & counselling to our project presenters.
