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NEWSLETTER

First Step, Sambalpur

Rainy's Last Whisper



FROM PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As we move forward in this academic year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the dedication and enthusiasm displayed by our school community. The recent events, such as the Sambalpuri Day Food Festival, have showcased not only our students' talents but also the rich cultural heritage that we are privileged to share and celebrate together.

Our commitment to holistic education goes beyond academics. It includes the nurturing of cultural awareness, creativity, and community spirit. I am delighted to see our students actively participating in various activities that contribute to their overall development. The enthusiasm with which they embrace these opportunities is truly commendable.

As we continue our journey, I encourage all of you to stay engaged, motivated, and supportive of one another. Together, we can create an environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive, learn, and grow.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school.

Warm Regards,

Dasari Shantha Chowdary

Principal

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Sambalpuri Day

On August 1st, 2024, our school celebrated Sambalpuri Day with lots of excitement.

This special day was dedicated to the rich culture and traditions of the Sambalpur

region in Odisha. Both students and teachers wore beautiful Sambalpuri clothes, making the school look colorful and festive.



The day started with a special assembly where students performed a lively Sambalpuri dance. The music and dance filled the air with joy and energy, and everyone enjoyed watching the traditional performances. Students also took part in the food festival which was the main attraction of this day. They brought different Sambalpuri dishes and exhibited them. This activity helped students learn more about the traditions of Sambalpur while having fun. Our tiny little children participated in Fancy Dress Competition with their traditional attires. The show exhibited traditional dresses of Sambalpur.

Our Principal gave a speech to end the celebration, reminding everyone how important it is to preserve and respect our cultural traditions. The day was a big success, and it made us all feel proud of our cultural roots.

Sambalpuri Day was not just a celebration but also a chance for everyone to learn and appreciate the diverse cultures of our country.



Mouthwatering Food Festival

On Sambalpuri Day, our school celebrated the rich cultural heritage of Odisha with a vibrant Food Festival. Students enthusiastically participated by bringing traditional Sambalpuri dishes from home and showcasing them at school. This event offered a unique opportunity for everyone to experience the authentic flavors of the region.



The festival featured a wide variety of dishes, from "Pakhala Bhata" (fermented rice) to "Manda Pitha" (rice cakes), each prepared with love and care by the students and their families. The stalls were beautifully decorated, reflecting the cultural richness of Sambalpur, and the students proudly presented their culinary creations.

This celebration not only allowed the school community to savor traditional foods but also fostered a deeper appreciation for the cultural heritage of Odisha. It was a day of learning, sharing, and enjoying delicious food, making Sambalpuri Day a memorable occasion for all.



Parent-Teacher Interaction

Our school conducted a series of Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTMs) from August 5th to August 9th, 2024. These meetings were essential in fostering a strong partnership between parents and teachers, focused on the holistic development of our students.



Throughout the week, parents had the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions with teachers about their children's academic progress, behaviour, and participation in co-curricular activities. Teachers provided detailed feedback on each student's strengths and areas where additional support might be needed, while parents shared valuable insights from home.

The PTMs highlighted the importance of a collaborative approach in education, where both parents and teachers work together to ensure the overall growth of the students. The constructive

feedback and mutual understanding established during these meetings will undoubtedly contribute to a positive and productive school year ahead..





Skill Enhancement Activities

In August 2024, our school organized a series of Co-Curricular Activities (CCA). These activities were designed to engage students from different classes, fostering creativity, patriotism, and a sense of community.

Tricolor Badge Making - Independence Day Crafts



Our youngest students, from Nursery to UKG, participated in a Flag Colouring Competition. This activity introduced them to the national flag in a fun and engaging manner. The children eagerly coloured the tricolour, learning about the significance of its colours while showcasing their artistic talents.

Students in classes I to V took part in a Flag-Making Competition. This hands-on activity encouraged them to craft their own versions of the national flag. The students demonstrated remarkable creativity, producing beautifully designed flags that highlighted their understanding of the flag's importance and symbolism. colours while showcasing their artistic talents.



For students in classes VI to X, a Badge-Making Competition was held. This competition provided an opportunity for them to design unique badges that reflected their patriotism. The students utilized a variety of materials to create innovative and meaningful badges, showcasing their artistic skills and pride in the nation. In addition to the badge-making activity, students from classes VI to X also participated in a Song Competition. This event



allowed them to express their love for the country through music. The students performed patriotic songs, demonstrating their vocal abilities and deep respect for the nation. The competition was a resounding success, with heartfelt performances that left a lasting impact on everyone present.

Voice of VFS



Introduction of Radio Jockey

Activity

We are excited to announce the introduction of a new and engaging activity at our school—Radio Jockey sessions!

This innovative initiative allows students to step into the shoes of a radio jockey, where they engage in conversations on a variety of topics.

The Radio Jockey activity has quickly become a favourite among students, offering them a platform to express their thoughts, ideas, and opinions in a fun and interactive way. Through these sessions, students practice and refine their spoken English, gaining confidence in their communication skills.



Beyond language proficiency, this activity also plays a significant role in enhancing students' personalities. It encourages creativity, quick thinking, and the ability to articulate thoughts clearly and effectively. The diverse range of topics covered during these sessions keeps the content fresh and engaging, making learning an enjoyable experience.

We are proud of our students for embracing this opportunity with enthusiasm and look forward to seeing them continue to grow as confident, articulate speakers. The Radio Jockey activity is not just about speaking; it's about building a vibrant school culture where every voice is heard and valued.

Primary Co-ordinator & Staff in Assembly



Independence Day

Our school celebrated the 78th Independence Day on August 15th, 2024, with great enthusiasm and patriotic flavour. The day was marked by a series of events that reflected the spirit of freedom and national pride.

The celebration began with the hoisting of the national flag by our esteemed Managing Director Mr G Bhaskar Rao, accompanied by the singing of the national anthem. The entire school stood in unison, paying homage to the nation and remembering the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters.

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This note on the Independence Day celebration will be featured in the August 2024 newsletter, highlighting the joyous and meaningful commemoration of our nation's independence at our school.



Glimpse of Azadi day @ VFS



Raksha Bandhan:

Infinite Bond of Love

The Rakshabandhan celebration at our school was a heartwarming event, filled with joy, tradition, and a sense where students shared the significance of Rakshabandhan, highlighting the bond of love and protection between siblings.



The highlight of the celebration was a beautifully staged skit, performed by students from various classes. The skit depicted the traditional customs of Rakshabandhan, emphasizing the values of love, care, and mutual respect. The students' engaging performances brought the story to life, leaving the audience with a deep sense of appreciation for this cherished festival.



In addition to the skit, there were melodious song performances that added a festive spirit to the occasion. The students sang traditional songs associated with Rakshabandhan, as well as a few modern compositions that celebrated the bond between brothers and sisters.



The event concluded with students tying rakhis to their classmates, teachers, and staff, symbolizing the universal bond of protection and affection. The entire school was immersed in the spirit of the festival, making the Rakshabandhan celebration a memorable occasion for everyone involved.

National Sports Day Celebration

The National Sports Day celebration at our school was a vibrant and action-packed event, honouring the spirit of sportsmanship and the legacy of Major Dhyan Chand, whose birthday is commemorated on this day. The entire school community came together to celebrate this special occasion with a series of athletic events and activities that highlighted the importance of sports in fostering teamwork, discipline, and physical fitness.



On this day, the sports competitions commenced, featuring a wide range of events. The students participated with great enthusiasm, showcasing their athletic abilities and determination to excel. Each event was met with cheers and encouragement from their classmates, creating an atmosphere of excitement and unity.



Our National Sports Day was not only a celebration of athletic excellence but also a reminder of the values that sports instill in us—teamwork, perseverance, and fair play. It was a day filled with pride, joy, and a shared commitment to maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle.



Campaign against Filaria

As part of our school's commitment to promoting health and well-being among students, a filaria medicine distribution programme was conducted recently.

This initiative was undertaken in collaboration with the health authorities to ensure the prevention of lymphatic filariasis, a parasitic disease transmitted by mosquitoes.

All students were provided with the necessary dosage of filaria medicine under the supervision of trained medical staff. Teachers and health workers also took the opportunity to educate students on the importance of this preventive measure and maintaining overall hygiene to avoid mosquito-borne diseases.



The health and safety of our students are always our top priority, and this initiative reflects our ongoing efforts to provide a healthy environment for learning and growth. We thank all the staff and health professionals involved in making this event a success.

Motivational Session with Dean

Recently, our school had the privilege of hosting a motivational session led by our esteemed Dean, aimed at enhancing the teaching strategies of our faculty. During the session, Dean emphasized the importance of continuous professional development and encouraged teachers to adopt innovative teaching methods that cater to the diverse needs of students. He shared valuable insights on how to make lessons more engaging and effective, urging teachers to focus on both academic excellence and the holistic development of students.



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Promoting Spoken English:

Badge Programme for Outstanding Students

To teach speaking is to teach learners to:

Produce the English speech sounds and sound patterns

Use word and sentence stress, intonation patterns and the rhythm of the second language.

Select appropriate words and sentences according to the proper social setting, audience, situation and subject matter.

Organize their thoughts in a meaningful and logical sequence.

Use language as a means of expressing values and judgments.

Use the language quickly and confidently with few unnatural pauses, which is called as fluency.



In an effort to enhance the spoken English culture within our school, we have introduced a new initiative that recognizes students who excel in English, particularly in spoken communication. As part of this programme, “English Influencer” badges have been awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional proficiency in spoken English.



This initiative is designed to encourage all students to improve their spoken English skills by setting a standard of excellence and providing recognition to those who achieve it. By wearing these badges, the selected students serve as role models for their peers, inspiring others to work on their language skills and participate more actively in English conversations.

We believe that this programme will foster a more vibrant and confident English-speaking environment in our school, ultimately contributing to the overall academic and personal development of our students.



OPT and Monthly Assessments



The OPT Examination and Monthly Test were conducted recently at our school, marking an important academic milestone for the students. These assessments are integral to our continuous evaluation process, providing students with the opportunity to gauge their understanding of the subjects and identify areas for improvement.

The OPT Examination, designed to test students' proficiency in core subjects, was held across all grades. The test included a variety of objective questions, challenging students to apply their knowledge and critical thinking skills. The results of the OPT Examination will help in identifying strengths and weaknesses, enabling teachers to tailor their instruction accordingly.



In conjunction with the OPT, the Monthly Test was conducted to assess students' grasp of the topics covered over the past month. This test serves as a regular checkpoint for both students and teachers, ensuring that the learning objectives are being met and that students are progressing as expected.



Both the OPT Examination and Monthly Test are essential components of our academic programme, promoting a culture of continuous learning and self-assessment. The results will be discussed in upcoming parent-teacher meetings, providing valuable feedback to students and parents alike.

Janmashthami

The Krishna Janmashtami celebration at our school was a vibrant and spiritually enriching event, filled with devotion, joy, and cultural pride. The festivities began with a special assembly where students shared the significance of Krishna Janmashtami, celebrating the birth of Lord Krishna and his teachings of love, compassion, and righteousness.



The highlight of the day was a captivating skit depicting scenes from Lord Krishna's life, performed by students from various classes. The students' lively performances, accompanied by traditional music and dance, brought the essence of Krishna's life to the stage, leaving the audience mesmerized.



In addition to the skit, the celebration featured devotional songs and dances, with students dressed as Radha, Krishna, and other characters from the epic tales. The melodious bhajans sung by the school choir filled the atmosphere with devotion, while the graceful dances added a touch of traditional charm to the celebration.

The entire school was immersed in the festive spirit, with students, teachers, and staff coming together to celebrate the occasion with great enthusiasm. The Krishna Janmashtami celebration was not only a spiritual experience but also a valuable lesson in the rich cultural heritage of India, making it a memorable day for everyone involved.



Subject Enrichment Activity



During the activity, students were equipped with stethoscopes which they used to conduct mock check-ups. They took on the roles of doctors, diagnosing and discussing common ailments with their peers, who acted as patients. This hands-on experience not only reinforced their knowledge of biology but also encouraged them to think critically and communicate effectively. Recently, our school organized a subject enrichment activity that allowed students to step into the shoes of doctors. This engaging exercise was designed to enhance their understanding of medical science and develop their empathy and communication skills.

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The activity was met with great enthusiasm, as students enjoyed the opportunity to role-play in a professional setting. It provided them with a practical understanding of the responsibilities and challenges faced by healthcare professionals, sparking interest in the medical field for some.

Overall, the activity was a resounding success, offering a fun and educational experience that deepened the students' learning and left them with valuable insights into the world of medicine.



Monthly Academic Review

Our Principal conducted the Monthly Academic Review Meeting with the teaching staff, focusing on evaluating the progress and effectiveness of the academic programmes. During the meeting, the Principal reviewed the performance of each class, discussing both the strengths and areas that need improvement. Teachers were encouraged to share their experiences, challenges, and successful strategies implemented over the past month

HOW SCHOOL PRINCIPALS CAN EMPOWER TEACHERS

The Principal emphasized the importance of maintaining high academic standards and urged teachers to continue fostering a supportive and stimulating learning environment. The meeting also included discussions on upcoming assessments, curriculum updates, and ways to enhance student engagement and learning outcomes. Apart from this, our co-ordinators and heads of the departments of various subjects conduct meetings to evaluate the academic progress.



These monthly review meetings are a key component of our school's commitment to continuous improvement, ensuring that we provide the best possible education to our students.

Media Corner

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Upcoming Events

Teacher's Day



Nuakhai: The festivals of togetherness

Shri Ganesh Puja



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