

Birla Open Minds Preschool Newsletter



Dear Parent

Warm Greetings!

“A new Academic Year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendship and new challenges.”-Denise Witmer.

Welcome to all our parents to the first newsletter of the New Academic Session 2023-24. The very exciting and much awaited “Back to School” journey began on 14th June 2023.

All the staff members were gearing up from a month before ,to meet the needs of the students by going through various sessions , being exposed to new researches in the field of Education , new strategies for better teaching learning involvement to usher in the new learning year with positive learning outcomes .

Some of the sessions were :.....

Our little buds were welcomed warmly with fun filled activities. The main aim was to make the children feel comfortable and connected after two months of summer break . We noticed that some of our old and also some of the new students were extremely happy to be in school, interacting with their friends and teachers . Some students gradually got familiarized to their new classrooms, teachers, and friends but have settled well. We know how important it is to lead this transition period smoothly, hence we, at Birla Open Minds Preschool, Chandanagar strive to create an inspiring environment that makes them feel...WOW SCHOOL IS SO GOOD...

A Great Start!

June, a month of special days and celebration. It started with an enthusiastic participation of parents in the Parent Orientation, where detailed information on the Academics and Operation of the school was shared with our parents.

Of Course !! the Gala opening of the school was planned minutely, thoughtfully and excellently .

The staff and children revitalized their body, mind and soul on the 21st June International yoga day celebration.

The energy levels were high on Father's Day on 24th June with "Dad" as the Super Hero for the celebration .It was wonderful to see the bond between the Father and Child , kudos to all the fathers for being so participative and showcasing great rapport with their child.

"International Mud Day" is always a much awaited day where children play , get their hands dirty ,create things using their imagination generally have a good time . The students enjoyed every moment of the day .

Every day is unique , with different activities planned for students that coming to school is a joyful experience for them .

Regards

Editor

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Pre –Nursery & Nursery

Transition

Fabulous family

**Themes in the month of
June**

K1 & K 2

Transition

Fantastic family

Health & Hygiene

*Together
we make a
Family*

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Parent Engagement

By **R Ramya**



Children should have muscle strength and dexterity in their hands and fingers before manipulating a pencil on paper. Here are some fun activities children can do at home to develop these important skills.

The following activities involve the use of manipulatives (available at home) to support young children's fine motor development, and will help to build the strength and dexterity necessary to hold a pencil appropriately.

Strengthen small muscles of hands and wrist – Activities @ home

- **Rolling, cutting shapes, making objects with Play-dough/Atta dough**
- **Painting**
- **Playing with sponges (water squeezing)**
- **Picking Chana/Rajma dal with thumb & index fingers/ tweezer / spoon**
- **Water play.**
- **Gardening and planting.**
- **Pouring water from one container to another.**
- **Pegging clothes**
- **Folding clothes**
- **Squeezing wet clothes**
- **Zipping, buttoning**
- **Cutting old newspapers/ magazines using child friendly scissors.**

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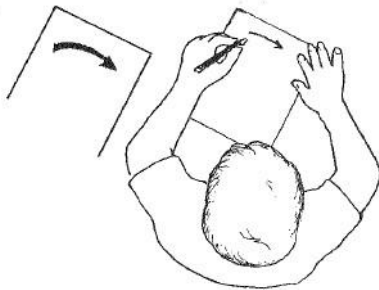
- Picking seeds out of fruits or vegetables like pumpkin, watermelon.
- Picking leaves out of greens like curry leaves, mint
- Stacking cups/bowls, spoons, forks.
- Sand play
- Sharpening pencils/crayons
- Screwing/unscrewing bottle caps/container lids
- Tear old newspaper into stripes and crumble them into balls.
- Turn over cards, coins, buttons on a flat surface
- Cut fruits or vegetables using child friendly knives.

Below is the guideline for proper paper placement & pencil skills

Paper Placement & Pencil Skills

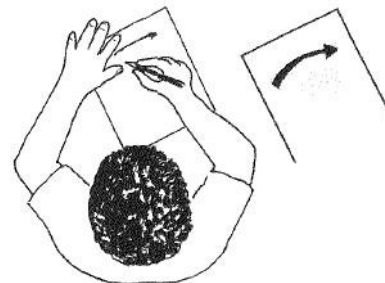
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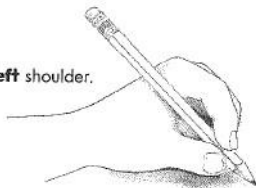


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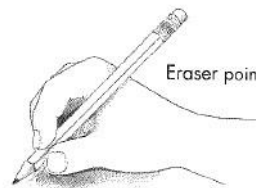
Place the **right** corner higher.



Eraser points to **left** shoulder.



Standard grip: Hold pencil with
thumb + index finger.
Pencil rests on middle finger.



Eraser points to **right** shoulder.

ENTHRALLING MOMENTS OF THE MONTH

PARENT ORIENTATION



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ENTHRALLING MOMENTS OF THE MONTH

GALA RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL





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ENTHRALLING MOMENTS OF THE MONTH

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

"I have a HERO... I call him DAD"





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INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATION

A healthy body and a fresh mind leads to a happy soul.





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INTERNATIONAL MUD DAY CELEBRATION

One great reason for us to be close to Mother Earth.



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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING - LITTLE HANDS AT WORK

I Hear and I Forget, I See and I Remember, I Do and I Understand



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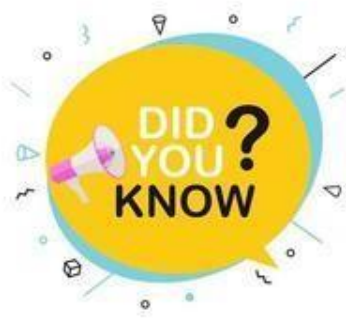
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1. World's Largest school is City Montessori School situated in Lucknow, India according to the new edition of Guinness Book of World Records.
2. World's oldest running University is Nalanda University established in Taxila aka Takshashila in between 600-500 BC with 68 subjects to study.
3. IIT Kanpur has its own airport called Kalyanpur Airport.
4. National Institute of Technology Karnataka has it has its own Beach
5. The Indira Gandhi National Open Institute (IGNOU) is the Largest Open School for Learning.
6. Largest Residential Campus in Asia is Banaras Hindu University. It caters more than 20000 students for higher Education.
7. 2 – IITs and IISc joined the top 200 of (QS) World University Rankings 2018
8. India has the second-largest school system in the world

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Important Dates

Celebrations

Van Mahotsav celebrations-6th & 7th July, 2023, Thursday & Friday

Bonalu In-house celebration –14th July 2023, Friday

Holidays

Bonalu– 17th July,2023, Monday

Events

Teddy bear picnic (In-house) -10th July 2023, Monday

1st Parent Teacher Association – 14th July 2023, Friday

International Tiger's day – 28th July 2023, Friday

Pre - Nursery

Fabulous Family

Tinker toys

Bubbly Birthdays

Upcoming Themes

K1

Raving rain

Enormous Earth

Nursery

Fabulous Family

Wavy water

Shy snails

Upcoming Themes

K2

Raving rain

Enormous Earth