

# Birla Open Minds Preschool Newsletter



Dear Parent

Earnest Greetings!

Welcome parents to the September newsletter of the Academic Session 2023-24.

"Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom." - Roger Bacon.

As per NIPUN BHARAT, a national mission on foundation literacy and numeracy, "foundation language and literary skills plays an important role in Child's holistic development. Early literacy skills are not only foundational for learning but are correlated with greater quality of life, personal well-being, national stability, prosperity and are critical for educational outcomes in later years." Foundation language and literary skills include oral language development, phonological awareness, vocabulary, reading comprehension, reading fluency, concept of print and writing.

The integrated curriculum of Birla Open Minds Pre-school, is based on these skill set where it provides ample daily routines and creative activities like show and tell, dramatic play, songs, rhymes, sight words identification, letter recognition with phonic sound understanding, puzzles, sensory writing, role play, riddles, tongue twisters, I spy games, culmination, student led conference, fun sheets, cooking experience, expression through drawing, invented writing, picture reading, story retelling, reading readiness, letter writing both upper and lower case, sentence reading readiness, logo reading, independent writing, sequencing a story to name a few.

Birla Open Minds Preschool works on line with NIPUN guidelines where it enables children to become independent and engaged readers and writers who can read to learn and write for academic success in a fun filled way.

Regards

Editor

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## Parent Engagement

By **R Ramya**



“Bilingualism is an incredible gift to give a child. It goes beyond just learning another language. It broadens mental development, thought patterns and world perspective.”

Language learning is a non-stop process. It is the way by which we communicate with each other, build relationships, and creating a feeling of community.

### **Below are the few ways by which parent can help the child, when home and school language are different**

- Read the school language bedtime story
- Listen to school language music/rhymes.
- Read school language news
- Use educational apps on a tablet/mobile phone
- Go shopping with the school language shopping list
- Cook a meal with the school language recipe
- Read a map and give directions in school language
- Play a board game in school language
- Label household items in school language
- Ask your child to teach you something in the school language - and allow them to correct you!
- Watch their favourite shows or movies in the school language.
- Meet your child's teacher. She/he can guide you based on your child's stage of school language development.

### **The stages of language learning for your reference:**

Silent Period: Initial exposure where the child listens more than speaking.

Early Production: The child can speak a few words and phrases.

Speech Emergence: Basic sentences start to form.

Intermediate Fluency: Capability to hold basic conversations.

Advanced Fluency: Near-native level proficiency.

## FASCINATING MOMENTS OF THE MONTH

### GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATION



**LITERACY FEST - PARENT CHILD READING CLUB**



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# KRISHNA JANMASTAMI CELEBRATION



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## moth

Moths have a remarkable sense of smell and use their highly sensitive antennae to find food and mates at long distances

I eat:



This Luna Moth wraps its cocoon in leaves for protection and camouflage

# The buzz about INSECTS

## beetle

Beetles are super strong and most species can pull many times their body weight

Many beetles release strong (and smelly!) scents as a defense mechanism

I eat:



## bumblebee

Bumblebees can flap their wings 200 times per second!

How can you tell it's a bumblebee? They usually have furry bodies, vs. wasps and honeybees that have smooth bodies

I eat:



## butterfly

Butterflies actually have transparent wings, but thousands of tiny scales on the outside give them their bright, beautiful colors

I eat:



They also taste with special sensors on their feet!

I eat:



Caterpillars make their cocoons out of silk produced by their salivary glands - the silk goes from liquid to solid once it comes in contact with the air

## caterpillar

Caterpillars increase their body mass by 1000 times or more when preparing to become a butterfly

They chirp by rubbing their back legs, which have special pegs, against the thick edges of their wings

I eat:



Grasshoppers hear through organs on their abdomen, not their heads!

## grasshopper

Dragonflies have been around for 300 million years!

They're expert fliers and can fly straight up and down, hover like a helicopter and even mate in mid-air

I eat:



## dragonfly

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## BIRTHDAY BABIES OF SEPTEMBER





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**Next Month**

### Important Dates

#### Celebrations

Gandhi Jayanthy celebration – 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2023, Tuesday  
Bathukamma celebration - 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, Thursday

**Pre - Nursery**  
**Playful pets**  
**Simply sound**

**Upcoming Themes**

**K1**  
**Only Ocean**  
**Flickering Fire**

**Nursery**  
**Fussy Fish**  
**Singing sounds**

**Upcoming Themes**

**K2**  
**Only Ocean**  
**Flickering Fire**

