

Dear Parents 3 May, 2021

On behalf of the Management and staff of the school I extend my sincere congratulations to your ward/s on the successful completion of the academic session 2020-21. Even as we look forward to ushering the new academic session with innovative methods of transacting curriculum to cater to individual needs of the learners, the grim situation created by the rising trajectory of corona inflicted cases forced schools to shift to the online mode of teaching, yet again. Thus, the academic session, 2021-22 was initiated as per scheduled on 7 April 2021, but through the virtual platform - using GSuite, Google Meet/Classroom and Whatsapp - in the safe precincts of learners' respective homes.

During the previous session, despite a variety of challenges posed by the unprecedented situation, we were able to shift to the online mode of transacting curriculum in an overall seamless manner owing to the school's progressive policies, which also included prior exposure to techno-pedagogy. We were largely successful in providing holistic learning experiences to our learners focusing on their scholastic and co-scholastic aspirations. The honours and awards chronicled in our records of 2020-21 bear testimony to the school's excellence even during the adverse circumstances prevalent last year. To name a few, the school received the prestigious 'National Award' for the second time on 19th December, 2020, for being the 'Most Socially Active School' of the year in Haryana, conferred by NSA in an E- ceremony. We were also proud recipient of International school award for the third time in a row in the year 2020-21.

Additionally, the school was ranked 6th among the top ten schools of Gurugram in a survey conducted by "The Times of India Group", published on 30th September 2020. The school received this honour in the category of "Gurugram Leaders". Also, on 16th December, 2020, three students of our school received a cash prize of Rs 10,000 each in 'Inspire Award- Manak' for preparing science projects and for participating in District level Exhibition and Project Competitions organized by

District Education Authority, conferred by Department of Science & Technology. We are also proud of our student Tamanna (Grade XI) as she secured the first position in District level Trail for State level tournament organized by Wrestling Federation of India and won a cash prize of Rs 1500 on 8th March 2021.

I attribute the stellar success of the school to the remarkable collaboration amongst all the stakeholders – the ever-supportive Management, the brilliant and assiduous staff members, the diligent students and most importantly the relentless and forthcoming support of the parent body.

Endeavouring to build on the experiences of the previous session we are presently engaged in devising newer and more meaningful activities and capacity building programmes to enrich the virtual learning experiences – both scholastic as well as co-scholastic of each individual learner. Already the Morning Assembly programmes are being posted on the Facebook Page. Highlighting the myriad talents of our students each edition of the assembly programme is now accompanied with a motivating Teacher Talk, to infuse positivity among the learners. Additionally, notifications regarding enrolling students in varied house competitions, co-curricular activities, interschool competitions are being regularly posted in the class groups. Participation in these programmes in addition to attending the classes regularly, would help students to have purposeful and structured routines which we hope would help to keep them positive and motivated amongst all the negativity that presently prevails in the macrocosm. Also, while the children are confined within the houses, we urge you to include physical activities such as aerobics, yoga etc. in their daily routine to promote physical fitness.

Dear parents, while the online interaction with the Pre-school class, our junior-most batch of 2021 -22, has already started, we are also taking regular exams for the outgoing batch of class XII (2020 -21) besides teaching the present class XII. The process of stream allocation to the students of class X has been started and soon we shall start with their class XI curriculum. Thus, in this way we have been trying to ensure that no class of the school is neglected in any way.

As we make all these efforts, we would welcome any feedback/suggestion you

might want to share with us based on your monitoring of the online classes during the previous academic session. Your letters of appreciation last year boosted our morale while the numerous suggestions pertaining to the screen time, online annual assessments in addition to the planned offline assessments etc. were mostly heeded by us. Your opinion matters for us, as does your whole-hearted trust and support which is essential to continue the functioning of the school in an efficient manner. In this regard, I would like to share with you the Fee Structure and Billing for academic year 2021-22.

As you know that for the session 2020-21, though an increase in fee over 2019- 20 was proposed, but it was not charged considering the impact of the pandemic and the long lockdown. Therefore, in the session 2020-21 the tuition fees was charged as per the fee structure of 2019-20 only. Please note that in the last session no Annual fee was charged. Due to these measures we were barely able to manage but still continued the functioning of the school.

For the session 2021-22, the School Managing Committee has approved the Fee Structure which is available on the school's website:

https://bbpsmn.balbharati.org/

The same has been send to DOE in Form VI.

However, to mitigate the immediate financial burden on the parents we have decided to take the following measures:

- a) In the First Quarter, only Tuition Fee will be charged
- b) Annual Charges will be charged in 2 instalments in Q-II and Q-IV.
- c) No safety and security fee will be charged until the school functions physically.
- d) No Transport fee will be charged until the students actually start using the transport.
- e) Against the present quarterly fee bill which is being issued, the parent/guardian will have the choice to pay the fee for a month at a time by the respective due date(s).
- f) Fee bills are being made available through the parent portal.

Procedure to access the parent portal remains the same as earlier.

Detailed instructions regarding different modes of payment will also

be mentioned on the fee bill.

g) While making the payment online, if fee is to be paid on monthly basis

one may change the amount payable. However, those who wish to pay

the bill in full are not required to edit the payable amount.

We are hopeful that the measures outlined above will be appreciated and

followed, as they are essential to ensure smooth and consistent functioning of the

school. Here, let me add that when we refer to learning, it is not merely restricted

to a school's edifice. A school represents much more - it is the manifestation of

the vision of its founding fathers; the consistent efforts of the management to help

it evolve timelessly; the zealous diligence of the staff members consistently

innovating to empower learners indiscriminately; and most importantly, the rich

mosaic of learning experiences of generations of students. All these aspects

render learning to be an ongoing process and the previous academic session 2020-

21, verily testifies the same. Thus, even as virtual school goes on, the staff

members and I eagerly wish for the learners to return and bring alive the silent

and still school premises with their energetic playfulness, endless chatter and

resounding mirthful laughter.

Until then let us all continue to follow Covid appropriate behaviour, stay healthy

and pray together for the wellbeing of humanity.

Stay safe and blessed

Mr. Harsh Kumar

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