

Barakah International School & College

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

Barakah International School, aims to be the Center of Excellence in Education using the state-of-the-art technology, where the seeds of the all-round development of the children are sown at an early age. Barakah International School takes immense pleasure and pride to present to you a report of activities and achievements for the year 2020-21.

Starting with the Kindergarten section, an activity based curriculum was being adopted by our vibrant teachers to make learning fun and entertainment. Competitions were being conducted for the overall development of a child at base level so that we can polish these rough stones into precious one.

Excellence in academics is the hallmark of a good institution. We are eagerly waiting for board exams of 2020-21. The credit of excellent performance so far goes to our efficient teachers, arduous students and dedicated parents.

As teachers are also learners. Our teachers stay updating themselves by attending workshops and various training programs to enhance their skills. One more feather was added to our glory this year 2019-20 when our school won the prestigious award at the 5th Eduleaders Summit and Award 2020 under the category “The Best Use of Digital Technology”.

Innovation is the change that unlocks new value that leads to betterment and success.

The School continues to strive towards Innovation and the latest practices in the field of Pedagogy are being continuously incorporated.

The School has dedicated Lab for teaching Robotics. Considering the future Career scenario, we have also conducted online classes for coding in collaboration with Skill Santa providing digital knowledge to our students.

To provide additional teaching, we have:

Academic Activities:

Competitions and academic activities that go beyond the text books and the classrooms encourage and foster a healthy and competitive spirit and effective

communication skills in the students. This year all the activities were conducted on virtual platform. Competitions were held for patriotic singing, Science model making, best out of waste ETC. Prizes and certificates were awarded.

Art Integrated Learning has been a hallmark of the school.

Kindergarten Activities:

Our second term began with quite a different atmosphere. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions that are in place, many families remain at home. Kindergarten staff utilised the holiday period to organise resources and experiences for children so that learning could continue in this unprecedented context.

Our teachers provided an online program and cater the needs of a group of children and their families. The experiences that are designed for the online program and activities have been consistent to what the children are learning at our Kindergarten.

We strived to conduct the activities and competitions that would support the development of each child's identity. Environmental awareness, physical and emotional wellbeing, language and literacy development and creative expression were also nurtured through these activities and competitions. These are all important elements that we will continue to support the children with once they return back to school. Activities and competitions conducted were Leaf activity, Rainbow activity, Hot Air Balloon, Best out of waste, Clock making, Lemonade making activity etc.

Value based education is given for self-development and personality development. This is done with the aim to inculcate in students values like honesty, gratitude, forgiveness, kindness etc. In addition, throughout the school year, on every working day, assemblies are conducted on a wide variety of value based themes and topics.

Training, Seminars, Orientation and Counseling:

Each academic year, trainings, seminars and orientation programs are conducted for teachers and students with a dual focus to improve and effectively implement innovative ideas in teaching-learning practices as well as to take the students beyond their current level of learning. Keeping in mind the safety and well-being of our parents PU Parent Orientation was held through virtual platform to brief the

parents and students regarding NEET & JEE Competitive courses and exam in collaboration with Extra Marks Education private limited.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular activities:

These are an essential part of the life of an educational institution as they strengthen the classroom learning as well as develop the personality of the child and harness the in-depth potential of students. The activities are conducted throughout the year.

Some of these events are card making, Best out of waste, poster making, chart making. Participation by the students and teachers in these events was very commendable.

Communication skills:

We have been doing consistent efforts to amplify the spoken English by showing the visual presentation in smart classes followed by interaction session of students in primary wing.

Celebrations:

To foster national integration, international understanding, religious and cultural awareness and tolerance, various national, religious and cultural festivals and occasions were celebrated with due pomp and grandeur.

- **National Festivals:** Independence Day and Republic Day were celebrated through virtual platform with due reverence for our country with patriotic songs and colourful activities,
- **Other Celebrations:** The school gives due recognition to significant global events and celebrate these days. Some of these events are Hindi Divas, Road Safety Day, etc.

Teachers' Appreciation Day:

On 19 September 2020, the senior students of Barakah International School organized 'TEACHERS' APPRECIATION DAY' on virtual platform to appreciate and acknowledge the tireless efforts and hard work of our teachers. The day was made memorable with various cultural programs to make them happy and feel special in every possible way which included melodious songs, skit, interactive and innovative games.

Virtual Tours:

Learning by doing is the best way of learning

Field trips are a part and parcel of imparting practical lessons in BIS. We conduct various Field Trips from Garden to parks, from Factories to Orphanages to give students the exposure to learn from the first-hand experience. But due to pandemic this year we had to settle for the safest type of field trip that is the virtual tour. Students were taken on a virtual journey to Bannerghatta National Park, Dubai Miracle Garden and Mysore Palace.

Online Study during Covid19 :

The nationwide lockdown following the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a burst of activity with online education. The COVID-19 has resulted in schools shut all across the world. Globally, over 1.2 billion children are out of the classroom. As a result, education has changed dramatically, with the distinctive rise of e-learning, whereby teaching is undertaken remotely and on digital platforms.

At Barakah teachers and coordinators are regularly in contact with the students and parents and taking the online classes regularly. Students are also studying through Microsoft Teams App. Apart from this, students were given various other extracurricular activities such as drawing, reading, singing, etc. on a day to day basis which they can carry out at their home and to encourage them we put their videos on social media and websites.

Conclusion:

As we are passing through an unprecedented crisis situation of pandemic we are confident that we will overcome all the odds by our strong will and ethics and pave the way for the betterment of the education fraternity and the society in general. Towards this, we have started our Online classes using various Innovative tools to facilitate learning by the students has been going on well.

Even though our students engaged themselves in various co-curricular and life skill activities, top priority is given to academic performance. Remedial teaching, extra classes, revisions, unit tests, class tests, assignments, project work, end of term exams have kept them busy throughout the year. Special thanks to our Principal, our Management, our teaching and non-teaching staff and students and parents who have been with us in all our activities with maximum support and co-operation. Thank You.

With this we conclude the annual report 2020-21 of our school.