

## Booklyn 2021 – A Mini Lit Fest

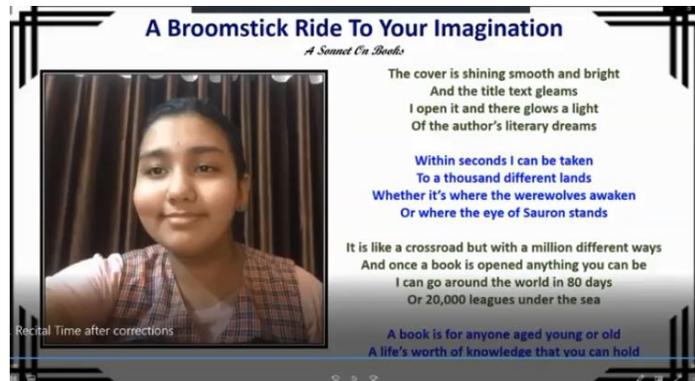
On the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2021, students from classes 6 to 8 of PSBB T. Nagar attended Booklyn 21 – a mini Lit fest on the virtual platform. With Dishna Tripathi giving a brief introduction to the event and prayer by Preethi Praveen, Avani welcomed the gathering and introduced the Chief Guest Ms. Cauvery Kesavaswamy. Mrs. Sheela Rajendra, Dean & Director and Correspondent graced the occasion.



Mrs. Cauvery was introduced as a young, budding author of two well-received books. ‘Shru-berry Tales-Conversations with a Toddler’, a collection of real-life conversations between the author and her daughter and ‘The Perfect Face and Other Stories’, – a collection of twenty short stories.



Following this, Jhanvi Shankar presented a brief overview of all the activities conducted for Booklyn 21 for classes 1 to 8. These included guessing names of the favourite stories, matching illustrations with the relevant story and quiz on Books, Authors and Movies for the primary children. The students of class 6-8 creatively imagined an alternate ending to their favourite Fairy Tales and made travel e-brochures for places from their lessons. It was a clear case of enjoyable 100 % participation of all students from grades 1 to 8.



Next Shriya Ramesh recited a sonnet: 'A broomstick ride to your imagination' which she had penned herself. The audience and the Chief Guest in particular appreciated her brilliantly written sonnet.

The Reading Programme was introduced this academic year for classes 1-8 on the virtual platform. Children spoke about how they enjoyed these classes and how it kindled their creativity and imagination. Adithya Kumar and Shriya Ramesh presented this information.

The Trivia that followed enlightened the audience on some unknown facts about books, authors and characters.

Crack-Lit- the Finale quiz on literature was conducted by Arnav and Dhruva Seshadri Anand. The finalists Bhavna of 6D, Meenakshi Gopalakrishnan of 7C, Gunin Gupta of 8B and Kausthub Sharma of 8C as well as the audience, were kept on their toes with the exciting questions that challenged their memory and reasoning. Questions were based on Sherlock Holmes, Tintin, Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings and other famous books and their authors.

Mrs. Sheela Rajendra addressed the gathering and encouraged students to continue reading and expand their knowledge. She spoke about how the school already promoted reading activities like DEAR, the class library etc and was extremely happy at the success of the Reading Program launched by her in the digital platform. She spoke extensively about the world of books and how they transport the reader to lands and times unknown, and how books are healthy companions. Mrs. Sheela ended her speech by appreciating all the events presented.

The final event was the Declamation, performed by students of class 8 who delivered historic speeches from the works of William Shakespeare. The participants were Ragavika V, Pejavar Vinaya, Jyotsna Rajaram and Parvathi Subramanian. Each child's performance was electrifying and a treat to the audience.



The Chief Guest Ms. Cauvery in her address , said that she was enthralled by the performances and amazed and happy that the school not only had good readers, but orators, actors and writers as well. She gave the students a glimpse of her journey into the world of writing and told them that there was no age limit to start reading and writing. Anything that they observe around them, at any time, could trigger the imagination and make them express their thoughts through the written word.

Her passionate speech was truly inspirational.



Mrs. Durga Chandrasekar, Vice Principal congratulated all the participants and expressed her happiness at the success of the program.

The impressive program ended with Advait Anand proposing the Vote of Thanks,

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