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# BANNERGHATTA

*A thrill of excitement hung in the air. Excited chatter reverberated up and down the chilly street. We clustered together in groups and some in two's.*

*The buses stood silent and stoic waiting. As 7:30 struck, and the sun began to shine upon the trees, teachers herded us into the bus. With a growl the bus's engine started and it trundled off.*

*As the sun began its hike up the sky, the bus made its way through the early morning street of Bangalore. Once the sun had reached the peak, the buses stopped at a quiet Indian breakfast shop. It had a cozy aura to it and soon the place was filled with voices calling out what they wanted for breakfast. The aroma of hot dosa and idli filled the sky. We stayed there for a while, basking in the sun and watching the steady flow of traffic go by. At around 10:00, the bus left the shop and made their way through the now loud, honking roads. They entered the gate and stopped outside on a leafy green road. We piled out and in a line made our way inside Bannerghatta. There we were given English and Hindi assignments, and collective groans echoed throughout the park. From there we were taken through a gate to the safari. Two buses stood waiting and presently "ooh's" and "aww's" of admiration and awe were heard. Gasps of surprise and delight filled the bus. We saw a tiger with rich orange fur as he prowled past our bus. We saw a lion, lying contentedly on a rock. We saw two deers, the sun dappling their coats to a rich gold. Sunlight filtered through the rich green leaves as the bus made its way out of the gates. From there we set off up the hill to see the zoo. We saw monkeys swinging from branches chattering excitedly. We saw a lion, laying on his back with his paw's dangling up in the air. We saw a cobra lying tightly coiled on the branch, the sun reflecting on his emerald scales. We saw tiny birds, fluttering inside the cages, poking their beaks out of the bars, trying to fight their way to freedom. We moved on from the zoo, and boating was next on the list. Suited up in bright orange jackets we waited our turn in line to board the rocking boat. When it was finally our turn we pushed off the shore and made our slow way around the sprinkler. The sunlight reflected off the water reflecting the colors of the rainbow. Calm washed over us as the water sloshed near our boat and the wind whistled around us.*



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*We dismounted and made our way to lunch, a large hall exuding a warm atmosphere, a hall with many choices of Indian lunches. Money was paid and everything from rice to samosa was ordered. The hall looked upon a small, grassy field with a magnificent tree towering at the center and a quaint little bench located near it. From there, our trip came to an end and we made our way back to the road overshadowed by towering trees. Last group pictures were taken and we boarded the bus. Chaos resumed, chattering ensued at top volume and laughter echoed as the last rays of the dying sun filtered through the bus windows. As the sun, in a golden halo, the sapphire night and the shimmering moon took its place, goodbyes were said in loud voices and doors were slammed. Teachers called names, checking everybody off as the children left. As the last car purred into the night, it was official- the Bannerghatta trip had come to an end.*







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# A DAY AMONGST THE RIVERS

*If you were going on a field trip to an exhibition about rivers, what would you expect? Boring pictures and generic information well Azim Premji did all it can to break the barriers of a traditional exhibition to truly elevate your experience and make sure that you leave their campus well educated on what they wanted you to be educated about. Azim Premji was a one-of-a-kind unique experience with a lot to offer but the only criteria was that you would have to be willing to accept.*

*Unlike usual field trips where learning is used as a mere front to just have fun on a school day out Azim Premji truly offered a chance to learn and inspire. While it wasn't possible for us to explore the entire campus, all that we saw was sufficient enough for us to understand that this university is nothing short of spectacular. Equipped with all the facilities for cultivating curiosity, and creating geniuses it is no surprise that the university could set up such an amazing program for us. I am still grateful to oasis international school to give us the opportunity to see the exhibition and explore the prestigious university. The entire exhibition consisted of an spiral hallway with all of the research and information they've gathered from all over India and ends it off with a seminar. Even before the exhibition we were truly astonished by the beauty and architecture of the university. When we entered the hallway we were greeted by their attendant and were given an entire tour of their never ending exhibition. We saw tons and tons of information all within our reach.*

*How did they compile such masses of information? The university a few months prior sent out over 100 mails about their project and if they would be willing to share information and help them with their exhibition to different parts of India and received back multiple replies from people genuinely enthusiastic about the idea and sent over images as well as research of their part of India and how rivers affect their surroundings. We got to witness an animation along with audio recordings of people in tribes to whom the river is much more important. We finally got to the part where we could attend seminars from people who have worked with and around rivers for all their lives and how they've made an impact on the world. We got to witness it ourselves in person and it was 2 hours well spent. In those 2 hours we had 2 seminars, one about gharials (crocodilian species) and another about a particular river.*

*Both the speakers were very knowledgeable and well-spoken and we thoroughly understood and comprehended what was told to us. Overall Azim Premji University was a unique and educational experience and never again will I ever be able to experience such a well done exhibition.*



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# SRIRANGAPATNA

*After a very long time, it finally happened. After two long years of lock down, our grade planned to go to a field trip. It was no ordinary field trip as we were going outside our city to Mysore. Our joy knew no bounds as we screamed in excitement.*

*A week later, on Saturday, we were off on the field trip. We were travelling on comfy travel buses which made us even more excited. Our first stop was breakfast. Our buses stopped at a restaunt in which we had amzing tasty south Indian food. There was nothing more that we could ask for. To the road to Srirangapatna, we crossed many places like Madhur and Chinpatna where we bought wooden toys that were handcrafted.*

*We then reached our final destination. In sirangapatm we went to Tipu Sultan's summer palace. We saw the different kinds of architecture, thrones and even the clothes that he used to wear. And finally, with that, we came back to our buses to go back home to bangalore.*

*This was an increadble experience as we mixed learning and fun together. We learnt so much history and art and we had an amzing time. I would love to repeat that day again.*



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# JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

## PLANETARIUM

*Students from all sections of Grade 7 visited the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium as part of their Field Trip on January 18, 2023. The students, accompanied by seven teachers, left the campus on our school bus at 9 in the morning and reached our destination in about an hour. The students were overjoyed at reaching the planetarium as this brought back memories from their previous visits. Before entering the centre for the show, the students took a refreshing break and greeted other students visiting the planetarium from different schools across Bangalore.*

*After getting the entry ticket, the students were briefed about the solar system and other celestial bodies by a faculty member at the planetarium. Students were quizzed about the solar system, and they were free to share their knowledge and ask related questions. Soon after the talk session, the students entered the theatre, where the show was played. Throughout the show, the students were amazed. The effects used in the show captivated the students, and the newly learnt facts about the universe awakened their curious minds.*

*Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium has a science park with over 35 exhibits. The students enjoyed the rotating platforms the most. Many exhibits, like "Lift yourself up" "Echo Tube" "Revolving Chairs" "Seasaws" "Resonant Swings" "Anti-Gravity Cottage" and so on, were fun and educational.*

*While returning to the buses, students enjoyed snacks and ice cream. The students had lunch and later clicked memorable group pictures. We returned to school with a lot of fun facts and good memories. We were grateful to have had this wonderful educational experience.*





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# FIELD TRIP GALLERY



## Odyssey Resort



## Kuppam Field trip





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## Azim Premji University- Rivers of life



## Bannerghatta Zoo





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## Srirangapatna



## Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium

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# The Wordsmith

*Deep in my mind my heart my Oasis*