

Tidings

From Primary Years



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To goals and aspirations...



Welcome

"The beginning is always today. — Mary Shelly

NPS has seen a confluence of guests since the advent of the new year. With the powerful performances of Sargam, to the Art Exhibition, from Learning Centers to Novellascape, the Inter - school events and Inter-class competitions, the year has started with a lineup of events that have showcased the talent of our students.

As always, our students make us proud when they ace the various competitions with ease, with confidence and with zeal, to bring back laurels for the school. They always aim to reach out, reach high and reach beyond, living up to the school motto.

Read on to explore our events and achievements of January to now, in this edition of Tidings.

We hope you all have had a fantastic start to a brand new year.



Sargam – The SaPa show

“Music is the universal language of mankind.” — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

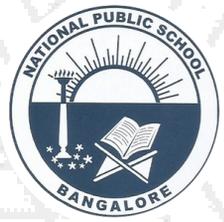
Music provides fantastic life-long benefits to a child, it enhances concentration, memory, boosts confidence, positively influencing self-esteem, and impacting academic and social interactions.

Sargam performed by Grades 1 to 4 on 18th and 19th January 2024 was a delightful and heart-warming event. The students of Primary years showcased their learnings, from the SaPa in Schools Programme, with enthusiasm. The songs ranged from Indian Classical to African, Hebrew and Italian.

The audience, comprising of proud parents, faculty members, honoured guests and our Principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair created a positive and supportive atmosphere by encouraging the young singers. The event not only celebrated the musical achievements of the students but also fostered a sense of community within the school. Overall, it was a memorable event celebrating the nascent musical talent of our young singers.



Learning Centers with Grade 1 & 2



January swept in new opportunities for growth and learning for the students of Grade 1 and 2 as they geared up for the second session of the Learning Centre. The resounding success of the Learning Centre in December had created excitement and expectations around the second session. Parents were eager to know how the learning centers promoted a personalized learning experience and maximized student engagement.

The topic "Food We Eat" was the central theme for Grade 1 while Grade 2 had chosen the topic "Our Neighbourhood." Based on the theme 5 stations were set up in each section of Grade 1 and 2. The teachers had designed and implemented engaging learning stations that aligned with curriculum objectives and learning outcomes. Parents witnessed a student-centred learning environment, where the students demonstrated increased motivation and active participation. They also observed how the learning stations provided opportunities for students to collaborate, communicate, and work together on tasks.

Moving forward, there will be continued efforts to expand and enhance the learning center's offerings for next year's batch. Thus, at NPS KRM, we are committed to fostering a culture of innovation and improvement by nurturing skills required for success in the 21st century. This transformative approach to education will empower our students to become lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and confident individuals.





Novellascape

“Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes, and having fun.” – Mary Lou Cook

Novellascape was held on 10th February 2024 in the Grade 4 classrooms. The Class Teachers and English Teachers along with the associate teachers helped students in decorating the classrooms and the boards. Students speak about their books, describe the process of creating storyboards as well the flow of the writing process to the parents.

From the minute students walked into the campus in their dapper costumes- as authors or book characters, we knew that Novellascape had begun on a grand note. It offered glimpses into the writing style of our students.

For parents, it was an enthralling experience reading the various genres that other students had chosen to write about. They were truly fascinated to see the wide range of topics across the four classes and felt that it was unimaginable to see such unique work from students as young as 9 or 10 years old. For teachers, it was a moment of pride to see the authors take on the questions posed by the parents, the jingles that they sang effortlessly and speak about the writing process and talking about their books.

As always, Novellascape proved to be a kaleidoscope into the world of student writing- what we all saw through it was the various patterns of writing, the colourful characters, and the unique designs that the student novellas presented to them- all through the looking glass of Grade 4.



Glances of the event...





Art Exhibition

Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time. —Thomas Merton

The Art Exhibition at NPS Koramangala is a testament to students' love for art. Art is always therapeutic, and events like this reaffirm that art transcends the boundaries of time and age.

The art exhibition explored themes like nature, abstractions along with various techniques. Grade 1 were the **'Budding Birdwatchers'** who were given colouring sheets of birds which they filled with their choice of colour schemes. Grade 2 worked on an underwater theme, specifically with **'Scintillating Sea horses'** and a display of cupfuls of paper flowers done by them was indeed a sight to behold. Grade 2 also ventured into the concept of light and shadow in their presentation of the **'Dance of the Dragonflies'**.

Grade 3 students made **'Agamographs'** or dual designs. This display had a 3D effect. **'Village vignette'** colouring sheets were given to the students. The display had viewers analyse the impact of a simple yet tasteful artfully crafted by the little hands.

Grade 4's theme was **'Mandala Magic'** and they created **'Fire Flowers'** using matchstick designs. Grade 5's **'Canopy of Colours'** included **'Quilled Quandaries'**, a splash of colour created through their quilling skills.

The Art Exhibition also included a display of works by students of higher grades also.



If we were to sum up this event with a quote, “Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.” – Edgar Degas. It is all about perspective is it not, because beauty is indeed in the eye of the beholder.

Budding Birdwatchers - 1 ABCD



Diagram-graph and Dood Designs: grade 1



Dance of the Dragonflies - 2 AC



Scintillating Seahorses - Grade 2 BD



Village Vignettes - 3 ABCD



Concepts Of Labour - grade 5 ABC



Concepts Of Labour - grade 5 ABC



The Labourers - grade 11 BD





Heritage Day

“Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.” – Andre Gide

Heritage Day at NPS Koramangala was celebrated in a quiet, enriching way on the 16th of January 2024. The students of Grades 1-5 were taken on a virtual field trip to Leh, Ladakh by Ms Shreya and Ms. Meenakshi, who spoke to the students about the different aspects of Ladakh – from the topography and climate, the best ways to reach Ladakh, the people, the culture and the heritage of Ladakh. The students enjoyed the videos showcasing the unique, colourful and picturesque landscape of the beautiful Union Territory of India, transporting them to the breathtaking Pangong lake and the calm monasteries.

Ms. Aditya Arun, a travel enthusiast, and an expert in history, took the children through the various historical and architectural marvels of Hampi in Karnataka. Students enjoyed interacting with the guest speaker, who spoke about the various hidden charms and stories of this site.

Even with a simple agenda, the event was memorable. It left students wanting to know more about Leh, and Ladakh, prompting them to add it to their bucket list of places to visit.





Elysium

"Taste the relish to be found in competition -- in having put forth the best within you." -- Henry Kaiser

Elysium was an Inter-school competition conducted at NPS-HSR in the month of January. The event comprised many competitions such as Dance, Puppet story-telling, Talent show, Spell bee, and Creative Writing, with each round challenging students to showcase their potential without any scaffolding from the teachers in the subsequent rounds after the qualifying first round.

In one of the firsts for Primary, our talented young ones from the school bagged the overall trophy. It was a moment of pride for the school and our young achievers who have truly reached high and reached beyond.

The following students brought home the trophies.

Event	Participants
Spell Bee	Shreya Seji Mathew, Niraanjan Singh Tomar,
Puppet Story Telling	Ananya Mehrotra, Delakshi Sethi
Talent Show	Mayuri Sriram





Grade 1D Class Assembly

A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people.
- Mahatma Gandhi

ID's class assembly was held on 5th January 2024. The topic was to showcase the Western and Central parts of India. Everything went as planned. The students were well prepared and dressed appropriately for the event. Dances were performed beautifully and the audience liked the PPT which was prepared.

The highlight of the assembly was the enthusiasm and confidence displayed by the students. They delivered their lines with clarity and expression, and they sang their songs with gusto. The audience, consisting of teachers and fellow students, responded with applause.

Overall, the Grade 1 class assembly was a huge success. It was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the students and teachers involved. The assembly provided a valuable learning experience for the students and showcased their talents to the school community.





Grade 1C Class Assembly

"India, the abode of timeless beauty and fascinating stories."

Exploring the beauty of North East India by 1C was truly amazing. The confident students of 1C presented their class assembly on Thursday, 4th January 2024 in a unique way.

It started off with the school prayer invoking God's blessings. The MCs playing the roles of Alladin and Jasmine landed in Assam, followed by Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Bihar and West Bengal and discovered about their cultural heritage, state capitals, languages spoken, food, festivals, traditional attire, music and dance. Their dialogues and discoveries were so fantastic that all the audience felt that they were literally transported to those marvelous states.

Songs sung in English and Odiya were perfectly harmonious and pleasant to the ears. Lovely dance performances for the Naga and Bengali songs were feasting to the eyes. The Assembly gave the students a wide platform to showcase and exhibit their talents. Ms. Rajlakshme shared interesting facts about the Eastern states of India.





Grade 4 Field Trip – CARE

“The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated,” - Mahatma Gandhi

Today’s students are tomorrow’s nation builders and there is a need to sensitize them towards every aspect of the community. The school and teachers are the right channels that can open the door of community service to them. This field trip was organized to take them closer to the most neglected beings of society – the stray animals. CARE was identified as the most apt place for the trip as the founder and the volunteers there believe in being mindful and empathetic to the needs of these ignored and troubled beings. The students enjoyed being around their animal friends (dogs and cats) touching them gently and pampering them fondly.

The school conducted a pet donation drive for the students who wanted to contribute to the pets. Three cartons full of pet food, clothes, and toys contributed by the students were taken along and donated there. The volunteers at CARE congratulated the students for their hearty contributions. The volunteers also spoke to the students about pet adoption. A few students were excited about this idea and took the contacts of the volunteers to share with their parents. On the way back to school the students were heard talking to each other about rescuing stray animals and their adoption too. The students went on to make posters on pet adoption as a remembrance of the trip. The volunteers also spoke to the students about pet adoption.





Grade 5 Field Trip – Jakkur Lake

“A bird sitting on a tree is never afraid of the branch breaking, because her trust is not on the branch but on her own wings.”

Children of Grade 5 explored Jakkur lake with enthusiasm, on 11th January 2024, during school hours. They had experiential learning on different birds and the plants surrounding the lake and came across many migratory birds.

They also enjoyed interacting with their peers and the resource person, Ms. Sunanda. They made a note of all the birds they saw, their descriptions, and their movements/sounds.

The field trip was followed by a series of worksheets where children recalled their experiential learning about different birds and appreciated that Bengaluru has a variety of migratory birds. It was designed in such a manner as to pique students' interest, including English Hindi Kannada, Math and Science.

Overall, the field trip helped students connect to nature and appreciate the flora and fauna of Bengaluru.



A glimpse into the ICC Finals...



'I'm not in competition with anybody but myself.'

Events such as Dance, Music, Spell bee, Math whizz, Essay writing, Handwriting competition were conducted to encourage the students to showcase their talents. Most of them took part in every event with a challenging spirit and brought laurels to their classes. All these events were conducted successfully and the winners were awarded with certificates.



Musings – The Precious Gift of Reading

“That’s the thing about books; they let you travel without moving your feet!” – Jhumpa Lahiri

Last week, as I walked into the classes of grade 4 watching and listening to the budding authors who were enthusiastically showcasing their freshly minted novels, I became nostalgic – it reminded me of my first step into the enchanting world of books. Books have always been my most cherished and constant companion. I have found joy and solace in the pages of a book. My love of reading ensured that I never felt lonely or bored. With each book I have embarked on an adventure, explored new culture, lived with the characters and felt a gamut of emotions.

I was introduced to the world of books at the age of 7, by my father who himself was an avid reader. My father was a government employee and had a modest income. So, buying books was never an option and most of the books I read were from the library. One of the most popular lending libraries in our locality was the “Murugan lending library. I vividly remember my father giving me the membership card of this library and it remains one of the most precious gifts I have ever received. He also helped me select my first book. It was a copy of Enid Blton’s “Famous Five.” The book transported me to the world of Julian, Dick, George and Anne. I invited myself to be a party to their adventure and these characters became an integral part of my life so much so that I ended up naming my pet Indie dog as “Timmy.” The library was a good 5 km’s away from our home, so I would wait eagerly for weekends to visit my favourite place and browse through the books. Reading books and engaging in conversations about the plot and the characters with my father and sister during dinner time excited me and I would look forward to it.

My love for books has deepened and evolved over the years. Reading books has opened my mind to new ideas and broadened my horizons. Books have become my friends and they help me to escape from mundane to the world filled with imagination and emotions. I have realised that love for reading books is a gift, a treasure that enriches our life in immeasurable ways. If you have not yet experienced the joy of books, give it a try as they not only give us an indescribable happiness but also enhance our vocabulary skills and communication abilities. I would end with a quote by JK Rowling – “If you don’t like to read, you haven’t found the right book.”

-Sandhya Natarajan



"If you can dream it, you can do it." —Walt Disney

Thank you

The year has just begun, but on the academic calendar, we are drawing close to the end of the year. Looking back at the days that have passed by reminds us of how long we have travelled together already and how much we have achieved together.

With a whole line-up of events, competitions, and exams, our students have been as busy as the bees whose appearance has marked the onset of spring. The flowers have blossomed in our campus and they aren't the only ones to do so - our students too are getting ready to move on to the next grade, marking their metamorphosis into the next stage of their childhood. We wish the very best for them always.

We will soon be back with our next edition of Tidings! Until then, here's to all our aspirations and dreams to become a reality!