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Stay committed to your decisions, but stay flexible in your approach.



“For last year’s words belong to last year’s language. And this year’s words begin with new voices…….”

A warm welcome to our readers and a happy 2019. We believe in the adage “It is only cold if you are standing still”, so even as Bengaluru battles dipping temperatures, our brand new year begins with an array of stupendous achievements, activities, exams, handing over of responsibilities, preparations to move to new vistas and Republic Day celebration.

Achievements



Vinayaka M. receives National Children Award

It is a matter of great pride, privilege and pleasure for National Public School, Koramangala that our student **Vinayaka M**, grade 10 was presented the **Bal Shakti Puraskar, 2018** (the erstwhile National Child Award) by the **Honourable President of India** in the ceremony held on 24th January, 2019 at Rashtrapati

Bhawan, New Delhi. Vinayaka also had the honour of participating in the Republic Day Parade held on 26th January, 2019 respectively.

Bal Shakti Puraskar carries a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/-, a book voucher of Rs.10,000/-, a medal, a certificate and a citation.

National Informatics Olympiad

After clearing—the State Level Informatics Olympiad (Z10) in December 2018, **Pranjal Srivatsava** of Grade 9 A and achieved full provisional marks (**200/200**) at the National Level Informatics Olympiad.

He will now participate in the National Camp for training and selection for the International Olympiad in April and May 2019.

CMI STEMS

Chennai Mathematical Institute organizes **STEMS**, a nationwide contest in Maths, Physics and Computer Science.

Pranjal Srivastava topped this prestigious event too, both in Maths as well as Computer Science across India.

He has been invited to attend seminars by leading academicians and professors at CMI between 8th and 11th of February 2019. Extremely well done Pranjal! Congratulations! We are proud of you!



International Brain Bee

The International Brain Bee is a neuroscience competition revolving around anatomy, functioning and disorders of the brain.

The regional round of the Indian National Brain Bee was conducted on 6th January in Narayana Hrudayala. Contestants had to clear five rounds- two written and three oral at the contest. **Niveditha S Iyer of grade 11 A** was declared the winner of the Brain Bee. She will proceed to represent Karnataka in the Nationals.

Pravega 2019

IISc conducted their annual science fest “Pravega”, from the 18th to the 20th of January, 2019. There was a variety of events, including T-shirt designing, an integration bee and a hackathon, among others.

Vidushi Bhartari and **Abhiram Nitin of 11A** won the debating event, *Debubulary*. The topics revolved around pressing issues that face us today like the free distribution of copyrighted books over the internet and policies concerning the regulation of the number of children a family can have. **Rohith Paul of 11A** and **Romir Kulshreshtha of 11B** were placed second in the Science quiz, *Quizzine*.

In the linguistics quiz, *Sandhi* that tested knowledge of linguistic technology, endangered languages etc. our students did us proud again. **Abhinav Menon** and **Vidushi Bhartari of 11A** emerged victorious with flying colours.

State Level Abacus Competition

Abhishek of Grade 2 A, participated and won the First prize in the Karnataka State Level Abacus Competition in his Category, held by Edu Smart and has qualified for the Nationals from among 4000 students across India. Well done Abhishek!

MAT Sports conducted a Tennis Tournament for the Under 10 Category in the last week of December, **Prakash Saran of Grade 4 C** won the Trophy and did us proud!

Jaivardhan Sipani of 3 C won the best performer award for scoring 125 runs in 70 balls and also took 6 wickets. He plays for

Karnataka Youth Cricket Academy in the Hyderabad tour.

Major Events

Handing Over Ceremony



Grade 12 handed over the reins of school governance to their juniors in the Handing over Ceremony on 17th January 2019. It was both a solemn and exciting moment when the graduating seniors passed the baton earned so dearly to their worthy successors.

The 11th graders marching confidently received the School and House flags and stepped into the shoes of decision makers. The principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair announced **Neha Anna Matthew** as the recipient of the **Best Outgoing Student** award.



All Grade 12 badge holders and winners of various inter house competitions from Grade 12 were presented with Certificate of Appreciation for the commendable job carried out through the course of the year.

Grade 8 students performed a captivating dance based on the unstinted dedication of Eklavya for his guru Dronacharya.

In their speeches the outgoing Prefect Neha Sharon Jacob and the Best Outgoing student Neha Anna Mathew moved the audience with poignant words recalling all the sweet memories they made in their dear alma mater.

With moistened eyes they expressed their love and gratitude towards all the teachers and fellow students who have been with them for the last 15 years. Later, the band and the Acapella, their last performances, enthralled the audience.

Presentations on CERN visit and Teach PoWer proved very informative and engaging. Finally, the points for the Cultural Trophy 2018-19 were announced and the Pioneers emerged the winners.





Grade 10 Orientation

Grade 10 Orientation Program held on 12th January 2019 was the first of its kind.

Parents and students of grade 10 were updated with crucial information about Grade 11 admissions, various streams and options available after 10th and 12th, and some effective tips for the Board-Examinations.

However, what made this orientation exclusive was the presence of a host of outstanding alumni from various streams pursuing their higher studies in their chosen field in India and abroad.

They lucidly talked about their preferences and experiences while taking the critical decision about choosing the right stream/subject for themselves.

They shed light on subject wise career options and clarified numerous doubts of anxious parents during Q&A session.



Apart from these key features, the icing on the cake was the talk by Dr. Praveen Bopaiah a doctor specializing in adolescent pediatrics.

She applauded NPS for preparing students with firm foundation in academics, ethics and discipline.

She highlighted the need of having constant parent- child dialogues, self and parental validation, and developing the ability to withstand academic pressure.



Dr. Bopai reiterated that with the right kind of pressure; doing

away with ‘mollycoddling’ yet having unconditional love for our children, we will surely bring up socially sensitive and responsible citizens who will not only stand tall but also stand wide to give shade to the maximum.



Republic Day





On 26th January, NPS KRM celebrated Republic Day with aplomb. The program drew inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary. While the Rajpath witnessed crimson-clad border troops astride camels, bagpipe, drum corps and regiments swinging rhythmically and our very own Vinayaka M., honoured with Bal Shakti Puraskar, waving gleefully, our school programme saw students portraying moving stories through dance and song.



The eternal symbol of our hard-earned freedom, our tricolour, was unfurled by the Chief Guest Mr. Prem Prasad, the school's oldest support staff member.

The cultural program, compered by Niveditha and Samarpith of 11A began with a fresh look at the future - one which India would inevitably

be a key player in. In the light of new dreams and hopes, School Prefect Neha Sharon Jacob of Grade 12 delivered a powerful speech.

The dancers of Grade 5, stoked the fire of patriotism in everybody's heart, with their spirited and impassioned choreography.



Students of Grade 6 enlightened the audience on the intricacies and complexities of the Constitution right from the formation of our team of constitution makers to its writers.

The school choir's melodious medley mirrored the harmonious intertwining of culture and tradition in our country.

Ms. Sujata Mishra delivered a splendid recitation, the poem 'Tiranga', emphasizing the importance of respecting our country, as the people of a proud nation and the 8th graders spread the message of love and communal tolerance among all factions.

The celebration ended with the audience renewing their hope and resolution to serve the motherland.

Class Assemblies

Students of **Grade 7A** took up the relevant topic 'Bullying' for their class assembly.

The speech exposed the different faces of a bully and implored the students to be cautious. Through an eye-catching display of placards, students highlighted the painful emotions that the victims go through when they are bullied.



Nikita and Suranjita brought out the feelings of the victims and a solution to their problems by reciting a poem written by them, leaving a lasting impact on the students.

By Dev Upadhyaya - 7A

Grade 7B presented its assembly on Time Management on 24th January 2019.

The assembly began with a speech highlighting the importance of time management, various strategies to effectively implement it and how do we benefit from it. This was followed by a thought on procrastination and its explanation.

A poem and a story 'The Spender and The Whiler' written by Mridula was narrated. The assembly ended with the word of the day 'Epoch'

Field Trips: 'A picnic is more than just eating a meal, it is a pleasurable state of mind' to quote Dee Dee Stovel, so what is a better way of getting into the mood to work hard in the new year than to begin with a field trip....

Our students across Grades did the same and went on a fun filled trip to different resorts.

Our students from Grades 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 went on a fun trip during the month of Jan to Ramee Guest line Resorts to reiterate the saying 'All work and no play makes Jack/Jane a dull boy/girl.'



It was a day filled with fun, frolic laughter and games as the kids bonded with their peers and teachers leaving their mundane issues far behind.

In their own words -

Exams! Exams! Exams! How they exhaust us out! Thus, the fun filled field trip was the need of the hour. We decided to visit Ramee's Guest line.

The resort turned out to be a very cosy one where the seventh graders spread out to enjoy themselves. Students got busy playing cricket, basketball and kabbadi. Jumping on the trampoline was an amazing experience and so was the tug of war. Students enjoyed playing with the turkey, hens and the guinea pigs. Everyone enjoyed the sumptuous spread for lunch and snacks time. We returned home only with a desire for many more such visits.

By Aditi Ambashtha, 7A

Trip to Belur & Halebidu

On the 21st of January, 2019, 11th graders were taken for a field trip to the temples at Belur. The temples' architecture and

sculpture were extremely impressive.

We had a well-informed guide who told us all about the various famous stone images, like the lady with a mirror and the lady with a parrot. We also saw a series of images which depicted the entire Mahabharata.



Temples at Halebidu were equally magnificent, with sculptures having the same elaborate detail as the ones at Belur.

A tall dhvajastambha (flagpole) and deepastambha (lamp-pole) added to the majesty of the temple. There were also inscriptions in Halegannada on the temple's walls, albeit mingled with graffiti of a rather later date. All in all, it was a very interesting, educative and rewarding experience for all of us.

Abhinav Menon -11A

Trip to a Nursery

Montessori juniors were taken on a field trip to the Nursery. They enjoyed the world of plants and observed the variety of plants on display. They were introduced to the names of

common plants such as Hibiscus, Jasmine, and Marigold etc. and were excited to smell the leaves of Lemon grass, Geranium plants and Jasmine flower. They enjoyed having snacks with their friends in the midst of greenery.



Community Outreach Program

7th grade visits Shri Ramana Mahashri School for the Blind

On 25th January 2019, 7th grade went for our community Outreach Program to a school for the blind. On reaching there, first each of us donated a kg of rice, sugar, tur dal.

After this we were divided into three groups to go around the school. Our group first went to a classroom where children of all ages who had multiple disabilities were present.

A 10th grade student though deaf, dumb and blind was able to communicate using sign language.



In 7th and 8th grade classroom our guide showed us how blind students wrote on Braille slate and paper. We were astonished to see their speed in writing Braille with zero mistakes. Next our guide led us to a large room. We were shocked to find out that they had a computer lab too.

The computer teacher himself was blind and he explained to us how the students learn Word and Excel. The students made use of a special software called NVDA which provided an audio of the output on the desktop.

The students use headphones so that they could hear the audio clearly and used only a keyboard for input. We then went to the cowshed. We were impressed to hear that they were milked by the blind students themselves. After this, along with one of the other groups we watched a 10-15 min. video about the school. The school is spread across hundreds of villages, 3 taluks and 2 districts. The school was started by Shree. T. V. Srinivasan in 1969 with the motto 'Service to humanity is service to god'. Over the Last 50 years the school has expanded and helped almost 12 thousand students.

The video also told us about how the school teaches their students various occupations like Sericulture, agricultural practices and raising bees for honey.

It also said that several students are learning to sing and play various musical instruments to their liking and task.

When we went back to school, whether we showed it or not, I think all of us were changed slightly. We were impressed about how well these disabled children got along so well. We were grateful that we were not disabled in any way and learnt to appreciate that fact.

Amrit Kuruganti, 7B

Career counselling programme for grade 10

On 30th January Mr. Aditya Arun, resource person and alumnus of Ashoka University, gave an insight into the range of Liberal Education options available at the university situated in Sonapat, Haryana.

Apart from the courses, infrastructure and faculty he also highlighted the Student Exchange Programme and the initiative YSP (Young Scholar's Programme).

CBSE Chennai region. The workshops conducted for the educators highlighted on the need and awareness of Inclusive Education in the mainstream schooling.

Parent Teacher Meet

Parent Teacher Meetings were held on 5th and 12th Jan for Montessori Juniors and Fresher Parents respectively. Parents were given a detailed feedback about their ward.

The parents of Montessori Seniors were invited to observe their ward working with the advanced Montessori materials from 3rd to 16th Jan.

Earth Day



For KG2, culmination of the EVS topic – 'Earth' couldn't have been more appealing, informative and exciting. On 18th January 2019 the children presented a panoramic view of the whole world as they represented various countries of the world through their traditional attire. They introduced themselves as a citizen of that country and stated a few interesting facts such as their food, famous landmarks,

national animal, language spoken etc. thereby increasing their awareness of the world.



Montessori -

Show and Tell-

The theme of this month was *Modes of Transport*. The outdoor activity for Seniors included not only sorting the vehicles under various modes, but also ensured they got their daily dose of physical exercise.

Show and tell was organized for juniors as well and all of them carried their favourite toy vehicle and spoke a few sentences about the same.



The freshers got the pictures of different vehicles and created a collage. Colouring sheets and puzzles made the whole exercise more interesting.

Harvesting Happiness



The Montessori ushered in the festival of Sankranti with traditional fervor and social festivities. The children witnessed the making of rangoli. They relished ellu bella and sugar cane.



To quote- “Ends are not bad things, they just mean that something else is about to begin. And there are many things that don’t really end, anyway, they just begin in a new way. Ends are not bad and many ends aren’t really an ending; some things are never-ending.” – C. Joybell C. On this note we would like to part ways with our readers until the next edition..... Vale (Goodbye in Latin), till we meet again.





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