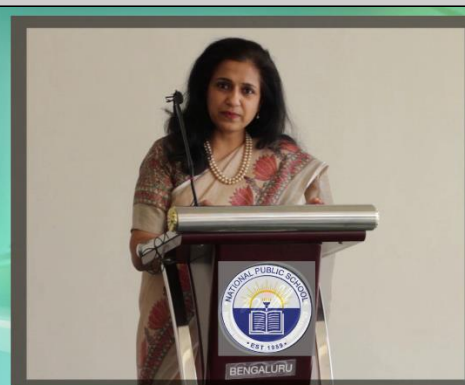


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National Public School,
Koramangala

Graduation Day
Class of 2021

Convocation Speech

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Dear Readers,

How time flies! This newsletter is the last edition of the unforgettable academic year that was 2020-21. Looking back, we relive the moments of fear,

inconvenience, struggle, new insights, new learnings and much more that we all passed through. The fight with Covid 19 may not be over yet, we may not be sure how the future will turn out,

colours. With each other's support, we proved it a successful year despite the unfortunate times.

In this edition too you will read about a slew of competitions, activities,

celebrations, and events we all were engaged in that proves the pandemic turning ineffectual in deterring our spirits!

Achievements

The **Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana**, or KVPY, acts as the entrance exam for several Indian universities including the prestigious Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Students who achieve a high rank (typically around 300) are invited to the IISc's 4-year undergraduate programme and receive a monthly scholarship for their higher studies.



Pranjal Srivastava of Grade 11A participated in the KVPY SA stream for students of grade 11, conducted on 31st January 2021, and obtained an All-India Rank of 99.

Sanat Arora
Kuruganti, Jason
Gomez and Ayush
Bhauwala of Grade 12 A

have been awarded the KVPY Fellowship 2020 under the SX stream for Grade 12 students.

The Indian Computing Olympiad conducted the Indian National Olympiad of Informatics (INOI) on the 28th of February 2021.

Pranjal Srivastava and Saarang Srinivasan of Grade 11A are among the top 42 in India who qualified to attend the International Olympiad in Informatics Training Camp 2021 (IOITC-2021) to select the Indian team for the International Olympiad in Informatics 2021.

Agneyi Guha, Grade 12B presented a research paper at the 11th Annual IEEE Computing and Communication Workshop and Conference (CCWC-2021).

This is a prestigious international conference where keynote speakers included researchers from Microsoft, Harvard, and MIT, and papers were presented by researchers from around the world.

The conference was supposed to have been held in Las Vegas, USA but was moved online due to the pandemic on 29th January 2021.



Agneyi won the certificate for the Best Presentation at her session. She has also been invited to publish the research in an international peer-reviewed journal.

PSAT/NMSQT is a preliminary to SAT exam conducted by College Board. This year, due to pandemic restrictions we had only 17 students from Grade 10 and 11 writing the PSAT offline exam on 26th January in our school. This year too, three of our students made into the "Commended Students" placed among the top 50,000 scores of more than 1.5 million who wrote the 2019 PSAT/NMSQT. They are **Shreya Aiyer (12A)**, **Shashank Jayant (12B)** and **Jay Mehta(12A)**. They received a "Letter of Commendation" from National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Sreejani Bhaduri of Grade 5C has won a slew of awards in various national level competitions and brought glory for her Alma mater. Here they are: -



1) Cue Math Olympiad - 3rd Prize in the National level Mathematics Olympiad - The Ultimate Cue Math Olympiad (TUCO) 2021. She will be receiving a cash award of Rs. 50,000.

2) MINDWARS GK Olympiad 2021- State rank no. 1 and National rank no. 12 with cash prize of Rs. 11,000.

3) Unified Council Exams- Unified International Maths Olympiad (UIMO)
All India Rank: 5
Marks obtained: 50 out of 50.

4) Unified International English Olympiad (UIEO)
All India Rank: 9
Marks obtained: 43 out of 50.

5) Unified Cyber Olympiad (UCO)
All India Rank: 18
Marks obtained: 44 out of 50.

6) National Science Talent Search Examination (NSTSE)

All India Rank: 90
Marks obtained: 57 out of 60.

For each of these exams **Sreejani** has won cash prize, Olympiad Coach Online Subscription, medal, and Certificate of Appreciation. Way to go, **Sreejani**!

SOF 2021 awards

Our students participated in the SOF 2021 and brought laurels to the school with several Gold medals and certificates for excellence. The list of the students to have won gifts worth Rs.1000 and Rs. 500 from Grades 1 to 5 along with medals and certificates are as follows:

General Knowledge Olympiad 2021-

Kashvi Sharma 3B,
Manasvi Vangapati 3C,
Tiya Rai Chutani 4A.

English Olympiad 2021-

Kashvi Sharma 3B,
Geetanjali Chidambaram 3A, Ananya Nair 3B,
Anshul Akella 4B, Siri Shastri 4A, Anvi Sharma 4B, Anuraag Pandit 4 A,
Tiya Rai Chutani 4A,
Nishitaasha.J. Medhi 5C,
Anvay Varshney 4B,
Gaurisha Thakur 3B,
Ridhaan Saraswat 4A.

Kudos to all the winners!

Prakaash Saran of Grade 6A was declared number 1 in Karnataka and number 12 in India in Tennis by All India Tennis Association on 11th January 2021.

Saarang Srinivasan of Grade 11A won 3rd place in Exun Clan's Annual IT Symposium: Exun 2020 Lockout event.

Lockout is a competitive programming event, where participants go head-to-head in a knockout style lockout tournament featuring handpicked problems. Exun is the technology club at Delhi Public School R.K. Puram.

Dev Upadhyay of Grade 9C bagged the 1st place in Category 2 of CodeFest 2021, a multi-round coding event by GEAR Innovative International School.

Anshi Dev of Grade 8B won the **High Commendation award** in the **Wizarding World Committee of Infinity MUN 2021**. She received a ZEE 5 premium account for 3 months and a 20% offer on The Mahatma Gandhi MUN.

Akshaj Sharma of Grade 8A has become a published author with Scholastic Quill Club Writers. Scholastic Quill Club Writers brought out a

new carefully curated guided writing and publishing programme, 'Write Now', that identifies aspiring, talented writers from across the country, through a 2-step selection process, provides mentorship and moulds them into published authors. 'Taking Off' is an anthology with 18 magnificent stories from the freshly coined authors including Akshaj Sharma.

Tanvi Koranne of Grade 9A participated in an online Annual Day contest through the Bangalore School of Speech and Drama where she won the award for the Best Actor and the Best Modulator.

Nethra K Iyer of Grade 7B was placed 2nd out of 600+ participants in Sun Set Photo Contest competition organised by Shoots and Shoots Photography and Film making Academy.



Vedanth of Grade 3C was one of the winners of the Maker100 awards in the NCRC (National Coding & Robotics Challenge) organised by SP Robotics Maker Lab HSR Layout.

Kalasmriti conducted a series of competitions across Grades 1 to 12 covering a wide range of



topics. The list of winners are as follows –

- **Magical Artistica (Ear Bud / Vegetable Stamping)- Rank 2 – Jiko Khanikar, 1A**
- **Lithosphere (Puppettello) – Rank 3- Adhrit Saha, 1B**
- **Spiritual Bliss (Rhythmic Yoga-Single)- Rank 1- Nikita Shanbhag, 7C**

Rank 3
Maanyata Ladi, 6C

Rank 2- Spandan Shee, 8C

हौसलों की उड़ान

- **Medley of Two Western Songs- Rank 1- Shubhankar Dutta, 10A**
- **Melody of Three Popular Band Songs- Rank 3- Elisha James, 10C**

Melio Challenge- A series of competitions were held across Grades 1 to 5 ranging from Math, Spell Bee to Storytelling. Our students, undeterred by the online challenges, held fort and won laurels for the school. The list of winners are:

Math Challenge –

Niranjan Singh Tomar Grade 1C, Vaishakh Vipin Grade 5B

Spelling Bee –

Category- Grades 1&2
First Place - Sai Rudransh, Grade 2C

Third Place - Sanvi Vipin, Grade 2B
Category- Grades 3& 4

Third Place – Piyush Jagadeesh, Grade 3 A
Category- Grades 5& 6

Third Place – Sachit Bhujang, Grade 5C

Story telling-

Category-Grades 1&2
Third Place – Amelia Renjith, Grade 2C

Ananya Daga, Grade 5C participated in the Story writing Competition for Grades 3,4 & 5 held by the SEM Community and was awarded a certificate for exemplary performance.

Melio, the online competitions platform, had students from 80+ schools competing in their online competitions for **Classes 1-6** from India, UAE, Canada and other countries around the world. Here is the School Leaderboard for January 2021.

SCHOOL LEADERBOARD		
MONTH: JANUARY 2021		
RANK	SCHOOL	WINNERS
INDIA		
1	ST. COLUMBA'S SCHOOL NEW DELHI	27
2	DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL BANGALORE NORTH BENGALURU	18
3	INDRAPRASTHA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NEW DELHI	18
4	DEENS ACADEMY BENGALURU	16
5	NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL INDIRANAGAR BENGALURU	10
6	NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL KORAMANGALA BENGALURU	8
7	CHINMAYA VIDYALAYA VADUTHALA KODUR	7
8	EICHER SCHOOL FARIDABAD	7
9	NOTRE DAME ACADEMY BENGALURU	7
10	INDUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PUNE	6
INTERNATIONAL		
1	BHAVANS BAHRAIN INDIAN SCHOOL BAHRAIN	6

Srijan Ghosh, Grade 9 A was among the top 12 in **Communication Skills category in the TCS iON IntelliGem** competition conducted for the students of Grades 5 to 9 to acquire 21st century skills. **Students from across the country** participated in this National level competition.

Sanjana Venkatakrishnan, Grade 6A had participated in competitions conducted by **Kompete.in** and has won the 1st place in **Word Emissions Essay Writing Competition (10-13 years**

category) and 2nd place in **Poster Making Competition**.

Sanskrit Olympiad

Sohham Joshi of Grade 6 C secured 2nd place in the 6th National Sanskrit Olympiad 2020-21, while **Manan Maheshwari and Sriram A** of Grade 6C were placed at the national rank no.29 and 39 respectively.

Ankita Anand of Grade 10B secured national rank 2 in the Sanskrit Olympiads- 2021 conducted by the Samskrita Bharati Educational Trust.

Pradyun Goel of Grade 11 A bagged International rank 2 in International English Olympiad IEO. He received International Silver Medal with a cheque of Rs. 25,000.

In the same competition (IEO) **Swati Nair** of Grade 10 A clinched bagged International rank 3, she got International Bronze Medal with a cheque of Rs. 10,000.

Sohham Srinath Joshi of Grade 6C and **Pranit Goyal** of Grade 7 A received Critical Thinker Award in KAMP contest.

EVENTS

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS



Every year, NPS Koramangala celebrates Republic Day with great zeal and spirit. This year was no different. Grade 12 students and teachers gathered in the school ground to witness the proud moment of unfurling of our tricolour by Principal, Ms Jyotsna Nair, who was accompanied by the Student Council.

The entire school watched the flag hoisting virtually, along with the live streaming of cultural programme anchored by Ishana Modi. **Khushi Sharma** of Grade 10, effectively summed up the tumultuous Covid year, with its bittersweet experiences in the face of unparalleled adversity. She eloquently spoke about the indefatigable spirit of our front-line warriors, the ever-prevailing humanity amidst panic, success of online classes and rising, shining, stronger India.



A short but insightful video expressing what people across the world think about India, was played. Various presentations of classical art forms like dance and music were next. Pranjal Srivastava and Aditya Raj of Grade 11 performed a musical rendition on the piano and tabla. Elisha James, Godha Mandya and Ankita Anand of Grade 10 brightened the mood with a melange of patriotic songs. Followed by a patriotic dance by Mansi Anil Kumar, Nishtha Ladi, Jaanya Wadhwa and Mayuki Gupta of Grade 10.



The celebration was wrapped up with a powerful and moving Hindi speech by Ms. Sujata Mishra, who lit the fire of nationalism and brotherhood. Her message was surely conveyed straight to our hearts and

the 'Jai Hind!' at the end was a perfect way to sum up this glorious day.

REPUBLIC DAY COMPETITIONS (Grade 6-8)

Students of Grade 6 to 10 participated in 'Vividha'- fun filled activities celebrating the spirit of the Republic Day.

Students of Grade 6 participated in 'Complete the Statement' activity conducted on Padlet.

The statement had to be completed in 40 to 50 words within 15 minutes. There was a choice of two topics- 'I discovered India when.../Freedom to me is...'.

The entries were judged on originality and creative expression. The top 3 entries are as follows-

GRADE 6 :

- **1st - Sanskriti Kashyap, 6B**

Freedom is a word that defines a bird out of its cage living its life soaring up in the air with no fear. But when someone captures the poor thing and forces it into a cage, where's the freedom? Freedom to me is being able to do things with my will and not with another's permission. It is being able to live without fear.

To be able to show myself to the world and not spend

my life in the shadows. Freedom is a necessity in life for happiness.

- **2nd -Adya Mishra, 6B**

Freedom to me is a world without fear.

A world where every child could go to school, women would have access to basic sanitation, people could choose their profession and way of worship as per their will. Let equality and meritocracy be the foundation of freedom.

- **3rd -Medha Garg, 6C**

I discovered India when I traveled to the different places in and around our country, and was awestruck by the diversity and culture that prevails in each place. But what really defines our country, is the underlying diversity that bonds our states, our regions--that makes India, truly, India.

Students of Grade 7 participated in 'Slogan Writing' activity conducted on Padlet.

The slogan had to be original, creative and a maximum of two lines.

The topic given was 'My India'. The top 3 entries are as follows-

GRADE 7:

- **1st - Ananya Mysore, 7A**

Ananya Mysore, 7A

One nation, one canvas, yet different strokes.



- **2nd - Ananya Biyani, 7C**

Ananya Biyani 7C

My India

All the fun-filled festivals, temples and history.

The wildlife and amazing greenery

It is the land for unity and diversity

It is the land for me.

JAI HIND!

- **3rd - Palak Dwivedy, 7B**

Palak Dwivedy

हिंदुस्तान है मेरा न्यारा
हर गाँव और शहर है प्यारा
फूल और पौधे है इसके सुंदर
चाहे हो घर के बाहर या अंदर
जब हिन्दुस्तान हो साथ
खुश रहने की ही हो बात
जय हिन्द!

Students of Grade 8 participated in the 'Poster Making' competition. It was a group activity conducted for 20 minutes. The topic given was 'India- A Leap into the Future'. The entries were judged on originality, creative expression, and presentation.

children enthusiastically participated in the program.



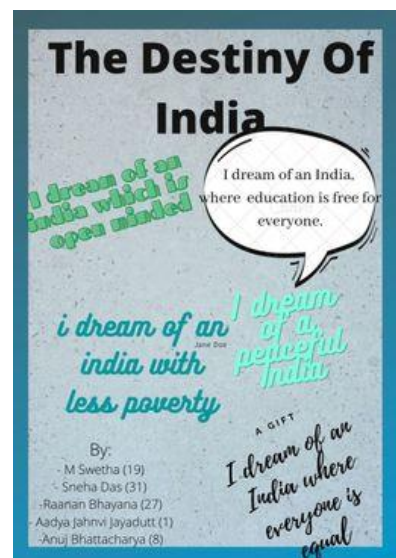
The top 3 entries are as follows-

1st - 8A (Aditya Kiran, Ayantika Sen, Ritwika Maitra, Mrigank Kumar and Kavya Johri)

2nd - 8B (Manasi Narasimhan, Nandita Anandkumar, Nilaksh Gupta, P Vaishnavi, Palak Mehta, Pranit Mukherjee, Ranya Bahirwani)



3rd - 8A (M Shwetha, Sneha Das, Raanan Bhayana, Aadya Jayadutta, Anuj Bhattacharya)



QUINTANA 2020-21

Entrepreneurship programme is one of the much-awaited events for the sixth graders. It attempts to awaken the entrepreneur within each child. It is through this programme that the young 12 -year- olds learn the basics of handling a business project independently. They also learn and understand the essential characteristics required to become an entrepreneur such as, planning, effective communication, marketing, business management and leadership skills.

This year the entrepreneurship program came with a twist. In spite of the challenges thrown by the Covid pandemic,

They brainstormed an idea, designed the product under the able guidance of Grade 11 mentors, created a PowerPoint presentation, recorded videos explaining the product, its USP, cost analysis, growth strategy, business model and timeline.

They confidently fielded the questions asked by the potential investors. The project was a great learning experience for the young entrepreneurs.

They assertively pitched their products to a panel of judges aka Venture Capitalists on 8th- 10th February 2021.



KHOJ-An Expedition 2020-21 (Grades 7-9)

With online classes in the pandemic year 2020-21, the Triennial Science Project-

The objective was to build the students' research prowess and unleash their passion. In the words of our Principal, Ms Jyotsna Nair, "Our present education system, with its rigid structured approach, somewhere stifles the innate inquisitiveness of children. Khoj is an attempt to reignite the curiosity latent in children."

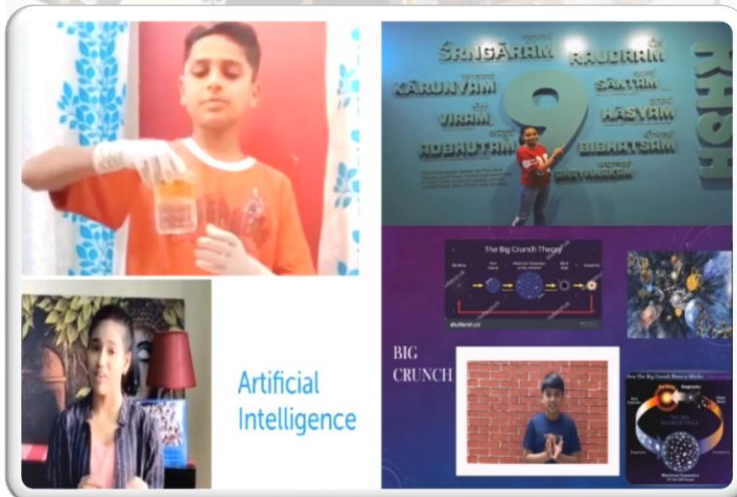
KHOJ was tweaked to suit the 'new normal'. The idea was to direct students to research regularly for a period of time on a topic of their choice. Our little scientists worked relentlessly for more than three months on their subject of research. They carried out independent research; meticulously recorded their findings in a

journal; wrote their first research paper ever; drafted script for their presentations; explored and used various online tools to make their presentations effective and finally created a 3-minute video which condensed all their discoveries.

Spanning from 1st to 26th February, there were 9 shows which displayed around 270 videos with an array of diverse topics, be it science, sports, art, psychology, philosophy, games, music, designing, fashion, robotics, AI, history, food or economy. The students brought such penetrating insights into their projects that the audience couldn't help but admire them passionately.

KHOJ 2021 met more than its desired objectives. Students' dedicated efforts made them wiser and more matured as they coordinated in a team with discipline and commitment.

KHOJ-An Expedition 2020-21 (Grades 7-9)



The Handing Over Ceremony



The most important event marking the culmination of events of the academic year 2020-21, the Handing Over ceremony, was live streamed on the 13th March 2021.

The unusual year that 2020-21 was, brought innumerable challenges, however, in the words of Principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair, 'Together we did the unthinkable, unconceivable and the improbable'.

The student council that handed over the baton of responsibility to their juniors, didn't just complete a ritual but passed on a precedent of victoriously rising above the unsurpassable.



The talented students of Grades 7-8 and 11 presented melodious songs, dance and instrumental music. Vice Chairperson, Dr.

Bindu Hari applauded the leaders and the students for their active and healthy participation in all events.

The School Prefect and the Captains physically handed over the ceremonious flags to their juniors in the school premises, before the live streamed event.

In her address, the School Prefect Anika Khandekar, took pride in her able team of School Council members who spectacularly conducted a wide range of activities and competitions in online mode. Highlighting the qualities of a true leader, Principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair, congratulated the Student Council on rising above all odds. She also declared the 'Best Outgoing Student' of the year 2020-21, which went to the School Prefect, Anika Khandekar. Vice Prefect, Muskaan Mathur wrapped the programme by proposing the vote of thanks.

Guest Speaker- A chat with Bishwajit JITda

"Call me JITda!" This modern-day Ishmael aka Bishwajit JITda introduced himself just like our famed narrator of Moby Dick.

The juxtaposition doesn't end here. Just as Ishmael quietly takes to ship whenever 'it is a damp, drizzly November in (his) soul', JITda takes to his cycling for an expedition along Brahamaputra whenever his restless soul yearns for rustic retreat.

However, he didn't recount the adventures of any Captain Ahab but of his own.

When on the morning of 20th January, Bishwajit Bezbaruah met Grade 11 students of NPS Koramangala, he seemed to be a simple man struggling with the network and technicalities of an online meeting.

However, when he bared his vibrant spirit, his audience were in awe of, not any Himalayan achievements, but the natural simplicity, the beauty of his experiences as he narrated his 1000 km solo cycling

expedition, his moments of pride, his moments of sheer joy, fascination and excitement which he has chronicled in his book '**B for Brahmaputra**'.

This book is an effort to throw light on the beautiful North-East from a cyclist's point

PRIMARY

Novellascape

6th March 2021 was a red-letter day for the students of Grade 4. It was the day when their 3 months of hard work culminated in the form of a beautiful creative piece, their first novella.

On the lovely morning of Saturday, the students showcased their passion for reading and writing through a presentation. In a short span of 30 minutes, students presented a power packed programme including a skit titled 'The Magic of Storybooks'.

Through the skit, they gave the audience an insight into important ingredients of story writing like setting, plot and characterization. The skit also brought alive some popular characters on the screen.

Audience were also treated to the melodious number 'I Love to Read' and the poem 'These Are a Few of My Favourite Books'. They couldn't help tapping their

of view and an effort to promote cycling. In an hour-long session, JITda mesmerizingly engaged the students and inspired them to come out of the clutches of mundane urban life and feel alive in company of nature.

foot to the energetic dance of the students on the song 'I'm gonna read today'.

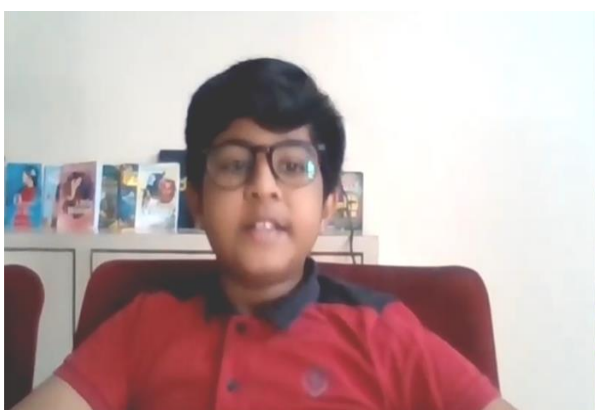
A Quiz based on children's books forced parents to don their thinking caps and revisit the books they had read out to their young ones at some point in time.

The programme concluded with a message from Anvay of Grade 4B conveying what he plans to do with his old books.

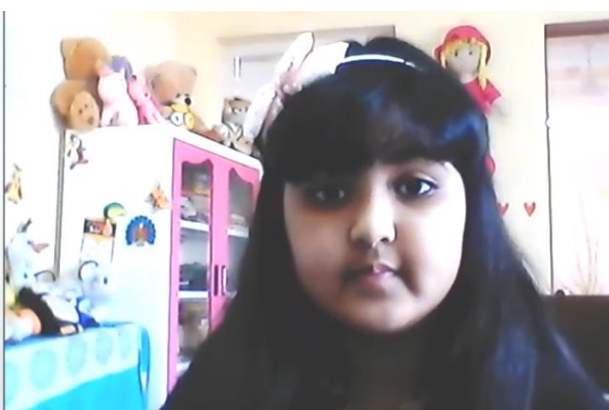
The show by the fourth graders left the parents and grandparents asking for more....and for sure they were not disappointed!!!

At the end of the show, the teachers shared a link with the parents. By merely clicking on the link, they could read each child's book and take a sneak-peak into the young author's mind through a video.

The link also took the parents to the children's artistic expression and enabled them to look at the artwork of the students of Grades 1-5. All in all, Novellascape, the novella writing experience, will stay in the minds of the little ones for a long time.



Nishaanth.S Grade 4A



Alisha Naseeruddin- Grade 4A



**Sneho Roy-
Grade 4A**



**Vihaan Maheshwari-
Grade 4A**



**Aarav Birange -
Grade 4A**

Different Strokes- The Art Exhibition



Narayani Bhandari -3C
Communal Harmony



Vignesh Arunachalam -3B
Flamingo



Inayah -3B Christmas Card



Ananya Nair -3B
Uttarakhand -Musk Deer



Aditi Mahesh -3A –
Number Drawing



Ananya Ray-5B
(Number Drawing)



Badida Ram-4B
(Number drawing)



Ivana Dwani Chander-
Van Gogh inspired Painting- 7A



Nishitashaa J Medhi -5C
(Number drawing)

“Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.”

The online art exhibition that commenced on 6th March 2021 was indeed one with a difference. You just click a link and rows of elegantly displayed artwork in alluring uniform frames under the soft glow of virtually mounted accent lights falling on them were on your screen.

The layout practically accentuated the original

effect of the splendid works. Arranged methodically, class wise, each creation was a beautiful culmination of the artist's learnings through the year.

The weeklong exhibition captivated the heart of the spectator with chic display and variety of creative work.

There were different art forms from across Grades 1 to 10 like-

Number drawing,
Animal drawing,
Impression drawing
technique, Doodle art,
Composition on
Uttarakhand,
Printmaking, Origami
etc.

It was a complete visual treat.

Inter-Class Competitions Grades 2 & 3

I'm not in competition with anybody but myself. My goal is to beat my last performance.



**Western Music -
Shreya Seji Mathew – 2A**



**Indian Music-
Elisha.A.Jaison- 3C**



**Indian Folk Dance -
Sanchana Karthik- 3C**



**English Recitation-
Nihaar Prajesh - 3A**



**Kannada Recitation
Geetanjali
Chidambaram-3A**



**HINDI RECITATION
Ahana Daga - 2C**

The Inter-class Competitions were held for the students of Grades 2 and 3 from November 3rd to December 21st on the virtual platform.

Diverse cultural, literary and quiz events provided students an opportunity to exhibit their talent and skills with great enthusiasm and passion.

The quiz events were live, however, for the cultural and literary events, recorded videos were submitted, which were observed by the judges to select the winners. Along with participants parents' hard work and support was praiseworthy.

There were nine competitions, and needless to say, the event was a huge success.

Inter- Class Competitions - Grades 4 & 5

“Winning is important to me, but what brings me real joy is the experience of being fully engaged in whatever I’m doing.” Phil Jackson.

Inter- class competitions are a regular annual feature at NPS, Koramangala. They provide a platform where all the students get an opportunity to participate in the event of their choice and engage in a healthy competition with their peers.

This year, as life shifted gears and moved from the physical to the digital world, so did our Inter-class competitions. Students of Grades 4 & 5 competed in around 10 different competitions in various categories ranging from literary, cultural to quiz.

It was indeed a pleasure to see the students participating confidently on a virtual platform. They competed in various events like: Indian Folk Dance, Indian and Western Music, Kannada Recitation, Puppet Story Telling and Declamation.

The events that stole the limelight and kept the participants and the audience equally enthused were of course the four quiz events namely: GK Quiz, Math Whizz, Cyber Quiz and Spell Bee.

These quiz events were painstakingly prepared and flawlessly executed by the students of Grade 10. The young participants enthusiasm echoed the words of *Emmitt Smith*-

“I may win and I may lose, but I will never be defeated.”

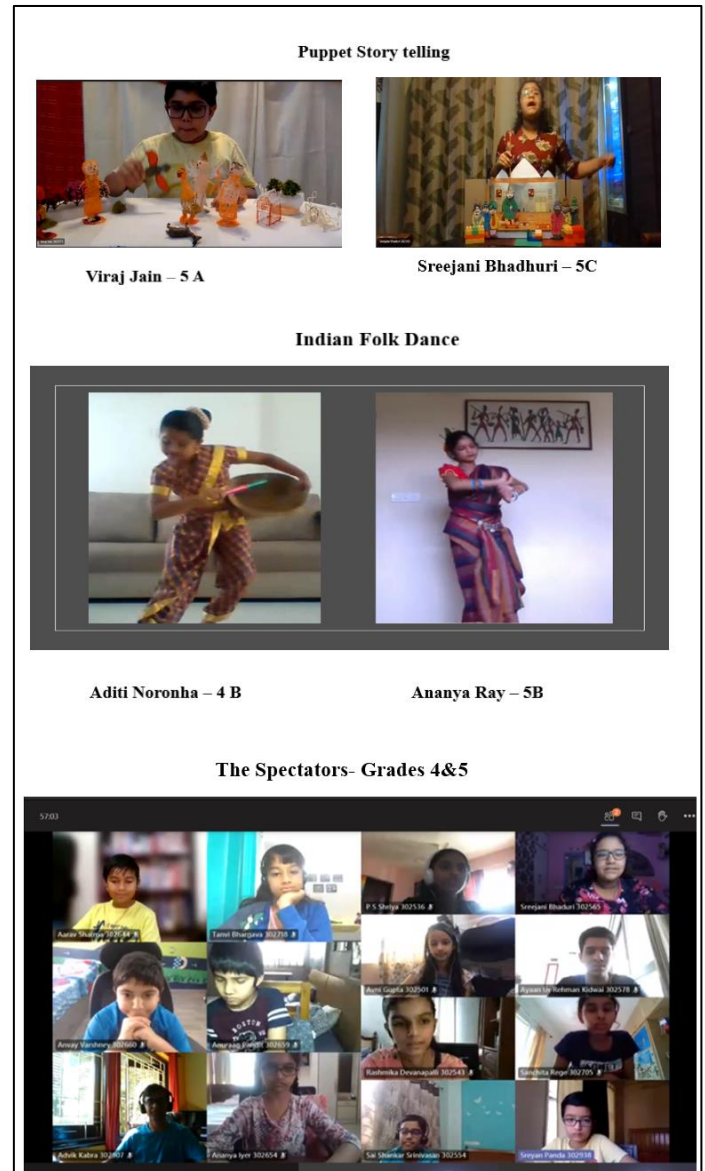
Republic Day Celebrations –

Primary celebrated Republic Day with a special assembly in each grade. The students and teachers alike were resplendent in the tri-colors as they participated with fervour online. A PPT bringing out the

difference between Independence Day and Republic Day was shown to mark the occasion.

Parent Teacher Meetings – January marked the second round of PTMs to discuss the academic progress of the students with their parents as well as to address their

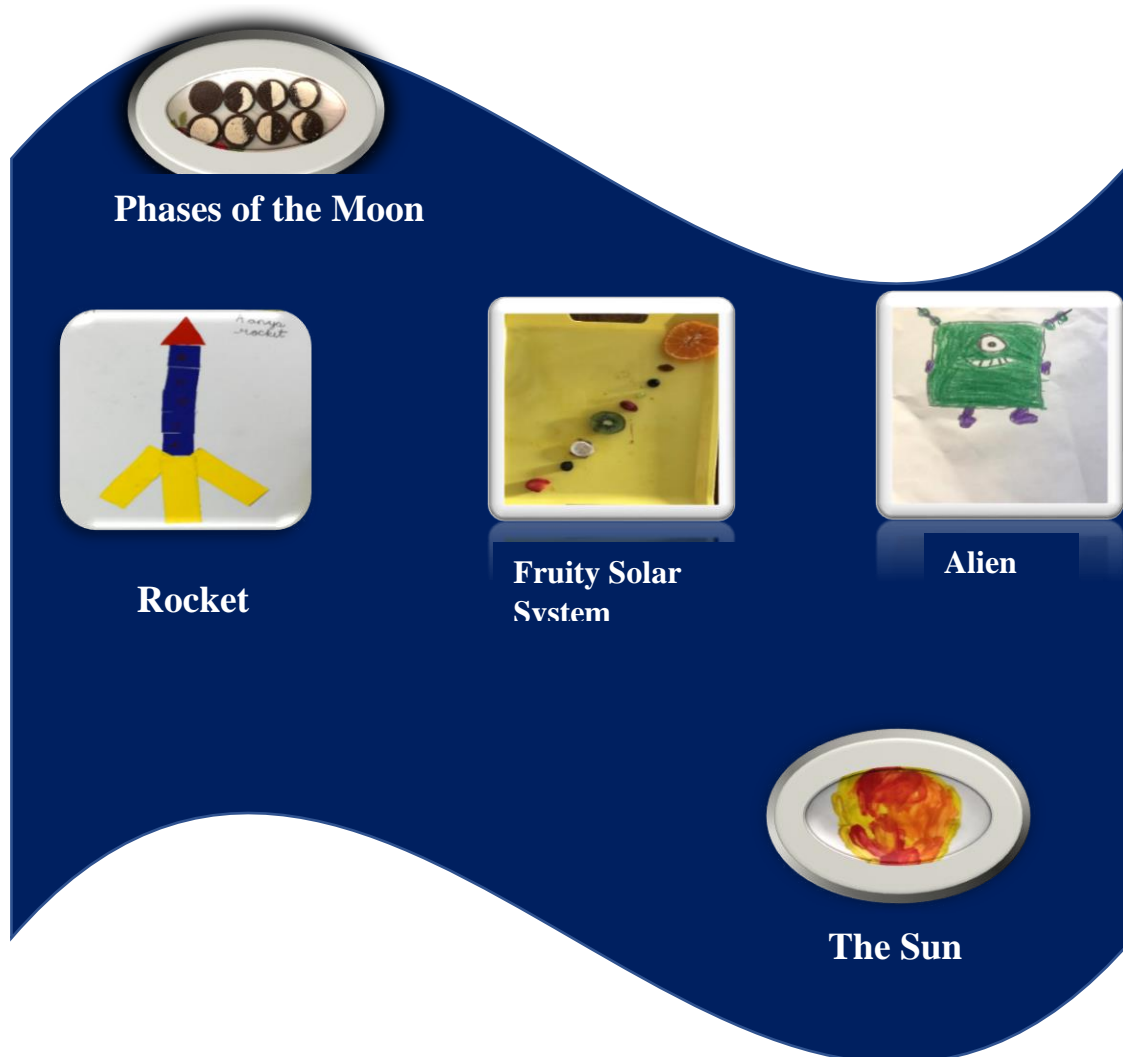
concerns during the second semester. Parents have been tremendously supportive and appreciative of the efforts of the school and teachers alike to provide normalcy during these stressful times with respect to online classes.



EARLY LEARNING

Out of this World

An informative and enjoyable culmination of the EVS topic *Space* was held on 23rd January 2021 for KG 2. Many fun-filled activities like quiz and hands-on activities like painting the sun, drawing an alien, rocket paper craft, edible constellations, fruity solar system and the phases of the moon were planned out for the children in the break out rooms.



Montessori

The month of January was filled with loads of activities as the little ones celebrated Sankranti, Republic Day with gaiety and there was some learning too....

January, the month of celebrations, brings with it the positivity and promise of fresh beginnings. The festival of Sankranti is celebrated in different forms all over India. Keeping this in mind, the Montessori department planned fun-filled activities for children enriched with new

learnings. The children watched presentations on how the same festival is celebrated in different ways across the country. They also learnt the preparation of Ellu-Bella (traditional sweet mix recipe of Karnataka) and shared it with their near and dear ones.

Freshers got an insight into one of the traditions of Sankranti by making rangolis, using different shapes. Juniors drew a kite in their drawing book.

Republic Day was a time to integrate art with the celebrations. Each group made an age-appropriate art piece. Juniors participated in a hands-on activity of germinating a seed and observed how it becomes a plant. The students thereby developed an understanding of different parts of a plant.

As the Seniors are gearing up to bid farewell to Montessori and enter Grade 1, helping them in this transition smoothly, 3 group classes per week are held to ensure delightful interaction among the peers.

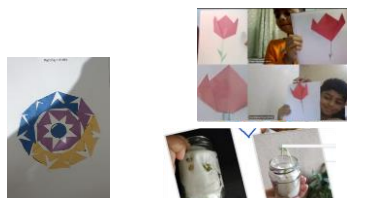


Sankranti – Festival of Kite flying



Rising Stars

The very first Virtual Annual Day – The Rising Stars - saw the children of KG1 and KG2 showcasing their talent, surpassing all



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barriers of the virtual platform and excelling in their performances. The event was held on the 6th February on Zoom, after a month of diligent practice sessions.

“Values may be old; they can never become obsolete.”

Values are standards of behaviour, teaching us about what is important in life. The theme for the show was how every country is rich in its culture and values and it’s for us to imbibe what we can.

The show spanned different countries in the dream of the protagonist who was accompanied by two fairies. They traversed through distant lands, understanding and

imbibing what they could as they moved on.

Kenya emphasised the importance of not hunting animals, Japan showcased cleanliness and how the children in Japan have imbibed this value from a very young age. The people in Spain spoke about the importance of ‘Family’ and how they treasured and felt safe, secure and loved the togetherness of their family members. Italy, the land where pizzas originated, portrayed how similar food can be found all over the world which helps in bringing unity and bonding through food.

The last country visited was our very own incredible India. The children displayed that India, with its diversity in its people, culture, food, climate, language and clothing is indeed a very unique country where people can live in harmony.

Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair, addressed the gathering, giving the parents a few valuable tips and thanking them for their cooperation in the past year. The audience was then given a chance to express their feedback. The response was overwhelming.

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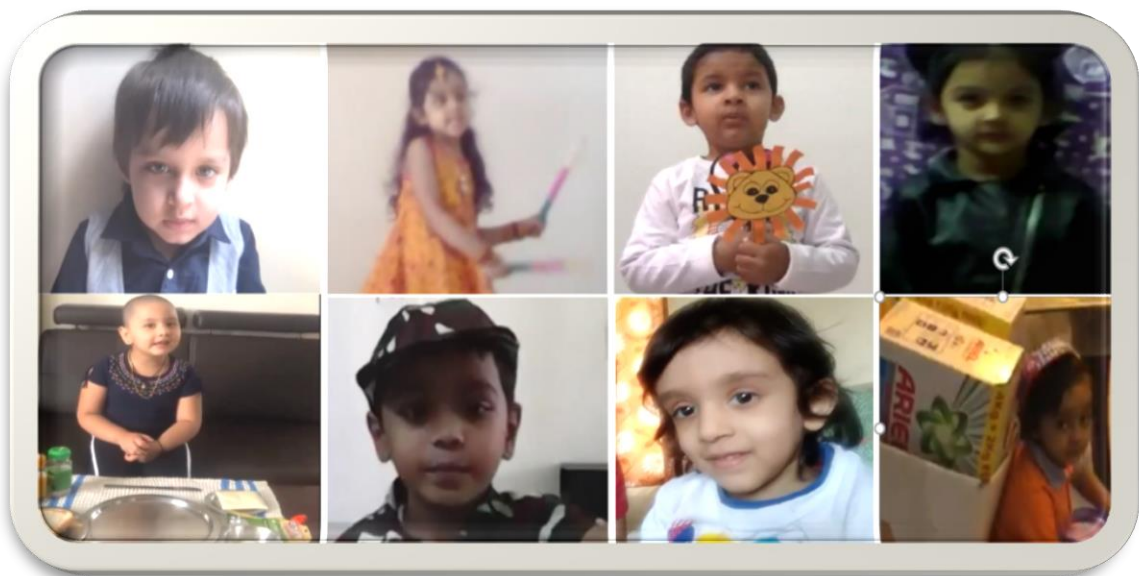
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PANACHE 2021

All of us may not have equal talent, but all of us have equal opportunities to develop our talent - Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

With this thought in mind, Talent's Day - 'Panache 2021' was organized as the main annual event on the online platform for Montessori. This was the best platform for the children to exhibit their latent talents with self-assurance and poise. Keeping in mind that this is another milestone in the child's life, there were 12 events across 4 days to give each child maximum exposure.

The family and extended family cherished the show. The Juniors and the Seniors anchored the shows with confidence and panache. The show consisted an array of performances ranging from singing, chanting shloka, magic show, storytelling using puppets and real life instances, dancing, cooking, playing instruments, demonstrating science experiments, to name a few. The children thoroughly enjoyed and out played themselves.



KG 1- 'Family Fiesta'

"Family is like music, some high notes, some low notes, but always a beautiful song..."

KG 1 celebrated Family Fiesta on 6th March 2021. This celebration was a culmination of the topic 'My Family'- taught to the students over the past couple of weeks. There couldn't have been a better way to apply the learnings than to celebrate the 'Family Fiesta day' with all their family members. The importance of family, the

immediate family members, the extended family members, family values, all these were imparted to our children. This celebration was also a way of communicating the importance of parents spending time with their children and to cherish the memories and the moments spent with them. In line with the theme 'Family Fiesta' some fun activities were planned like fun quiz, talent show, games like doodle with noodle and popcorn eating within 1 minute. The parents, teachers and children enthusiastically participated in the celebration.



NPSKconnect- Parentspeak'

In a bid to strengthen the bond with parent community NPS Kormangala has started a career counselling drive, 'NPSKconnect-Parentspeak' powered by the parent speakers.

The first career counselling session was conducted on 13th March for all students spanning grades 10 to 12. The guest speaker – renowned CEO of the career guidance firm Loratis – Dr. Nandkishore Rath introduced attendees to the scientific method of choosing one's career and the subsequent planning of one's professional life.

Through case studies and compelling graphics, Dr. Rath took the session through the phases of a career, the various fields of study available to this generation and the importance of making the right decision at an early stage. Wrapping up with advice catered to individual strengths and interests, he provided insight into the workings of career guidance.

It was a fruitful meeting that set the right tenor for the sessions to come.

Shubhi Aggarwal 11 A

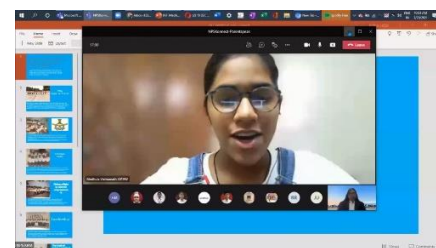


The second session of NPSKconnect Career Counselling for Grade 10 was held on 20th March 2021, Flight Lieutenant Ms Madhavi Kattishetti educated the students on the efforts and honours of being a part of the Indian Defence Forces, especially the air force. Mridhula Vishwanath of Grade 10B, introduced the guest speaker. With the help of PPT, videos and pictures, Ms. Madhavi elaborated on her experience as a woman officer in the Indian Airforce and guided the students through the process to be followed, if they wished to follow her footsteps. She shared the story of her struggles with the audience and evinced that they are worth the lifelong friendships, pride and experiences.

While elaborating on the different kinds of entrance methods, exams and tests to enter the Indian Airforce, she also gave a peek into the rigorous daily schedule as well as the excellent recreation provided by the institution.

This was followed by a question-answer session. The event ended with a Vote of Thanks, proposed by Disha Kannan.

Mridhula Vishwanath, 10 B

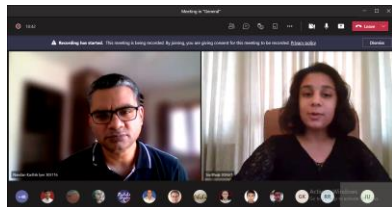


'The further you go, with your team and with yourself, the most important thing to keep in mind, is that hard work never stops.' The highly decorated speaker for our third session of career counselling on leadership and motivation was Mr Karthik Ganapathi, presently working as Senior Director for Epsilon, leading the India Loyalty group.

During the ever so enlightening session, Mr Ganapathi covered quite a lot of subtopics ranging from traits essential for a successful leader to taking the example of his inspiring leader- Ms. Indra Nooyi, CEO PepsiCo. He shattered several myths regarding leadership such as the fact that team leaders are not always correct. He emphasised on the fact that respect is not owed it is gained. He elaborated on different types of leaders-giving special emphasis on authentic leaders. He also educated us on the impact we can create as a good leader and some tricks to become one. The session was concluded with a famous quote by Ms. Nooyi "Whatever you do throw yourself into it; throw your

head your heart and your hands into it.' Towards the end of the session questions from the students were entertained.

Sia Bhaiji, 10 A



The fourth session of NPSKconnect – Parent speak was conducted on 27th March. The resource person for the day was Ms. Nidhi Mathur, a renowned social entrepreneur turned venture capitalist. She talked about her success and failures with much enthusiasm, encouraging us to meet every challenge for they are an inevitable part of life. In her interaction, she went on to talk about the pros and cons of pursuing your own start-up, in other words, being an entrepreneur. Ms. Mathur also shared with the students her opinions and beliefs regarding the fields she has explored in her robust career, opening to a whole new world of possibilities and achievements. The session came to an end with a short question-answer session.

Pragati Sakhuja, 12B



NPSKconnect

The 5th session of NPSKconnect- Parentspeak on 1st April 2021 was on the topic of Artificial intelligence and Machine learning.

The speaker for the event was Mrs. Amritha Prasanna Sathiadevan, Vice President of Software Engineering at JPMorgan and an engineer with over 16 years of industrial experience.

Mrs. Amritha explained the meaning of Artificial Intelligence and stressed on its relevance in almost all fields in today's world. She even gave students a glimpse of what AI can be expected to achieve in the future. Students were also given an insight into machine learning and its various types. The session ended with a brief description of the various AI projects Mrs. Amritha has worked on, followed by a short question and answer session.



Graduation Day

NPS Koramangala bid a warm adieu to its sixteenth batch of 12th graders at the virtual Graduation Ceremony on 10th April 2021.

It was even harder this year to watch the students say goodbye through the barrier of a digital screen. However, given the Covid19 constraints, the school left no stone unturned to make their momentous milestone an unforgettable one.

A nostalgic recapture of the precious moments of the graduating batch was the curtain raiser of the enchanting evening, followed by the auspicious lighting of the lamp along with the euphonious music by Grade 10 and 11 students.

Ms. Susan Thomas IRS, Director, NIFT Bengaluru graced the occasion as chief guest for the day. From her repertoire of invaluable experiences, Ms. Susan shared some timeless gems for the class of 2021 to ponder about.

The most prominent being to appreciate the little things in life that are actually the big things that would shape one's personality besides keeping a guard on parading oneself mindlessly on social media.

Chairman Dr. Gopalakrishna congratulated the students and urged them to nurture love, humility and compassion for the fellow beings. On a similar note, **Vice Chairperson Dr. Bindu Hari** exhorted them to be the torch bearers of the future and to positively influence all those around them. **CEO, NPS Group of institutions Mr. Hari Krishnan** counselled the outgoing batch to never waiver their focus and to be a winner. **Principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair** reassured the graduating batch and their parents saying that however difficult times may be, the values imbibed by these young adults will always see them through.

The soulful flute recital by **Suhas Reddy** of Grade 12A and the graceful Odissi dance recital by **Mansi Anil Kumar** of Grade 10B regaled the audience. The scrolls were virtually presented to each of the graduates by the dignitaries. **Liam Bopanna** and **Advaita Krishnan** shared their beautiful memories and spoke about how their alma mater has shaped

them into self-confident and candid personalities. School Prefect, **Anika Khandekar** read the Covenant, a solemn agreement that reminds the students of their duties in future and a pledge to abide by the values learnt, throughout their schooling. The parent speakers, **Mr. Arvind Gulhati** and **Dr. Latha Devarajan** lauded the ethos, opportunities and diversity that the school offers to its students.

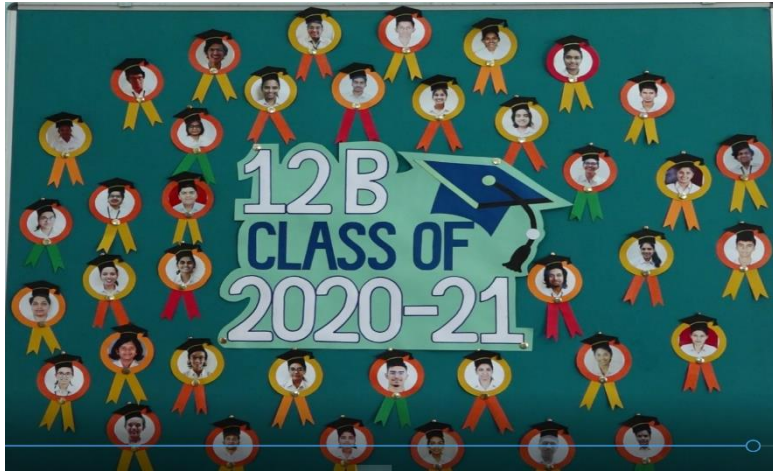
With the Ceremonial Declaration by the Principal, the students were finally declared graduands.

As the symbolic light of knowledge was received by the School Prefect **Anika Khandekar** on behalf of the 77 graduands, all the teachers wished them a bright future with the mellifluous assurance of **Mr. Jason Francis** that wherever they go they will never be alone.



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Teacher Speak

SELF-DISCIPLINE, AN IMPORTANT VIRTUE

“I could only achieve success in my life through self-discipline, and I applied it until my wish and my will became one.”
– Nikola Tesla

We have heard so much being said about self-discipline and how it is one of the most revered but elusive virtues. But what precisely is self-discipline? It is an acquired art of self-mastery or self-control, or simply put, it is the ability to eat "dinner before dessert."

It is the capability to exercise self-control and compel oneself to be industrious or act in a certain way without depending on others to do so. Self-control, self-regulation, grit, resolve, determination, and drive are all essential components of self-discipline. It's about how you get to where you

want to go. It is like a muscle, the more you exercise it, the more it will increase. This isn't to say that you won't have enjoyable moments in life; it just means that you'll have them after you've put in the necessary effort and completed the main tasks.

So, why do we need self-discipline and what are the benefits? We need self-discipline because we want to progress and accomplish our goals. And we have proof that people who are self-disciplined are often more successful in achieving what they aimed for than those who struggle to bridle their time and focus. The benefits of exercising self-control are immediate. You will like and admire yourself more if you discipline yourself and push yourself to do the right thing whether you want to or not. As rightly said, ***“Self-discipline is doing what needs to be done when it needs to be done***

even when you don't feel like doing it.”

Every time you push yourself, you get a reward. When you exercise self-discipline, your self-image and self-esteem go a notch higher, helps you to accomplish your goals, gives you a sense of accomplishment and knowledge that you are doing your best which in turn makes you feel good and proud.

The most important thing to remember is that self-discipline is a habit that can be formed through repeated practice.

Habits are the foundation of self-discipline.

It takes approximately twenty one days of regular effort to establish a habit. But once we acquire a habit, it comes naturally and easily becoming second nature. And that is where the secret lies. Build habits that will help and support our commitment to self-discipline.

How do you get there?



THE PATH

Finally - get started and stay focused on what you need to do. It only takes one thought, one step and one change to move forward. You have the power to be more disciplined and persistent until you reach your goals. Self-discipline is an essential quality, and it's a key differentiator in life. Make sure that you develop it.

“Cultivate within yourselves the might power of self-discipline.”

-By Ms Anupama Singh, English Faculty



*If you believe, everything you dream
will come true.....*

At the closure of this truly eventful year, we bid you goodbye with a word of caution, please act responsibly as the situation demands, keeping yourself and your family and community safe.

Wish you all a happy vacation and an enriching time with your near and dear ones!

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