

Volume 6

NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL KORAMANGALA

REVERBERANCE

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Dear Readers

Welcome to the last edition of our newsletter for the academic year 2021-22, a year sprinkled with life's variegated colours which has led us to a VUCA world- a world replete with Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity. To simply put, this acronym means that things are hard to understand and predict which renders us helpless. However, there can still be planning and clarity. Our chief guest for the Graduation Day ceremony, Major General Paul Deepak Naidu, showed the way through the VUCA fog. In his words prioritizing, putting important over urgent, delegation, giving priority to timely excellence over delayed perfectionism, tolerance for ambiguity and contingency planning will surely see us through the muddle and have an edge over it.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Saarang Srinivasan (Grade 12A) participated in the Indian National Olympiad in Informatics on 20th February. He secured the gold medal, and was placed among the top 10 Indian students. He is also among the top 33 students to qualify for the International Olympiad in Informatics Training Camp 2022.



Saarang Srinivasan





Achyut Warriar and **Advik Kabra**, Grade 11 B students have cleared NTSE 2021.

National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) is a national level scholarship program organized by the Government of India and conducted by the NCERT (National Council of Educational Research and Training) for the exemplary students studying in class 10th. The exam is conducted in two stages: Stage I - State level and Stage II - National level. As the name suggests, it is an opportunity for class 10 students to be recognized as the nation's talent.



Advik Kabra



Achyut Warriar



Sreejani Bhaduri

Sreejani Bhaduri (Grade 6C) secured international rank 3 in CREST MATHS and IQ Challenge 2022, organised jointly by CREST Olympiads and IIT Kharagpur. She will be receiving the Achiever's Medal and Merit Certificate for the same.

Sreejani Bhaduri (Grade 6C) has won Global Rank 2 in MATHLATHON 2022 (Maths Challenge)



IGKO (International General Knowledge Olympiad)

- Sreejani Bhaduri (Grade 6) International rank 4, Regional rank 3, Zonal 2
- Prarthana Vadeesha (Grade 9) International rank 4, Regional rank 3, Zonal 1

Sanskrit Olympiad

Sohham Joshi (Grade 7) secured National rank 2, State rank- 1

IEO (International English Olympiad)

GRADE	NAME	INTERNATIONAL RANK
6	SREEJANI BHADUR	1
6	IREYAANSH AGRAWAL	3
6	ISHEETA NAYAK	3
7	CHINMAY JUJARE	1
7	SOHHAM JOSHI	1
8	ALIYA FAISAL GHAUS	3
8	ADWAIT RANADE	6
8	ANANYA SUKRUTA MYSORE	8
8	SIMRUN KAUSHIK	8
9	PRARTHANA VADEESHA	3
9	PAKHI RAI	8
9	SREYASHI DAS GUPTA	9
10	MAANYA GOLASH	8
10	AVYAKTA VORUGANTI	10



Shreyash Lodh (Grade 8C) attended two weeks of training conducted by Infosys Limited, Mysuru Development Center under Infosys CTY (Catch Them Young) 2021. He shares his experience with us.

I am grateful for this opportunity to speak about my Experience in Catch Them Young 2021. This journey helped me to get a deeper insight into Information Technology (IT). The program focused on computer science topics like cloud computing, cyber security and artificial intelligence. We were also given hands-on training in programming with a variety of languages including HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Scratch etc. CTY 2021 had been an amazing journey for me to learn new concepts and implement them in real-time projects.



Shreyash Lodh

Prakaash Saran (Grade 7A) our tennis champion has won a slew of laurels during 2021-22. Here is the list of achievements:

- Number 1 in Karnataka U- 12 Boys 2021
- Winner of singles and doubles Boys U- 14 - Championship Series Ash Tennis Academy, Hyderabad,
- Doubles, Boys U-14, Championship Series, All India Ranking, at Sania Mirza Tennis Academy, Hyderabad
- Winner of doubles, Boys U- 14, at the Championship Series, at Ash Tennis Academy, Shamirpet,
- Finalist- Singles Boys U- 14, at the Championship Series, All India Ranking, at SMTA, Hyderabad,
- Winner -doubles, Boys U- 14, at the Championship Series, All India Ranking at Chennai,
- Winner- doubles, Boys U- 14, at the Championship Series, All India Ranking at Fortune tennis academy
- Finalist -Talent Series doubles, All India Ranking, Boys U- 14, at KSLTA, Bangalore
- Winner - doubles, All India Ranking, championship series, U- 12, at KSLTA, Bangalore, September
- Winner -doubles, Boys U- 14, at the Championship Series, All India Ranking at Transform Tennis Academy, Bangalore
- Finalist - Singles Boys U- 12, at the Championship Series, All India Ranking at Hyderabad





After winning the gold in State Level Aerobics Gymnastics selections, **Nikita Shanbhag (Grade 8 C)** and her team (under 17) represented Karnataka at the National Aerobics Championships on March 27th and were placed 8th in the Nationals.

The 16th National Aerobics Gymnastics Championship was held in Bangalore this time on March 26 and 27 at Gopalan Sports Center, Whitefield under the aegis of Gymnastics Federation of India.



Nikita Shanbhag



Riyansika Verma



Riyansika Verma (Grade 6 C) has won Karnataka State Squash Championship on 28th Feb 2022 in the girls under 13 (GU-13) categories. Riyansika is also likely to secure a top 10 ranking in India in March 2022 rankings.

Ms. Usha Unnikrishnan, HOD English department has won 2nd place for her video book entry at the National level in a competition for teachers conducted by P N Panicker Foundation, an organization working for increasing reading/ digital literacy, during Reading Month in July 2021.





INTERHOUSE VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

The Valedictory Ceremony for the inter-house cultural events for the year was conducted on 28th January, 2022. At the outset, School Prefect, Aditya Raj gave a brief overview of all the inter-house events conducted during the year. The audience were shown glimpses of some of the best music, dance, and dramatic performances. The music event included melodious classical renditions, and innovative takes on theme songs of TV shows. The competitors regaled the audience by impersonating the timeless characters in the Movie Edit round in dramatics. The teams also tackled environmental and social issues through their performances in collaboration with the Eco Club. The dance event took the viewers through the decades, with each house portraying a style of dancing associated with that decade. Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair declared the winners of the cultural trophy of the year. The Challengers placed 3rd, Pioneers 2nd, and the first place was shared by the Explorers and the Voyagers.





URJA- ANNUAL SPORTS DAY (SENIOR)

Urja, the Annual Sports Day 2022, was celebrated virtually on 29th January, 2022. The Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair declared the sports meet open after her welcome address. An inspiring clip from the Tokyo Olympics set the tone for the event that highlighted the true spirit of sportsmanship. The events for Grades 6 to 8 rolled on after the Sport Captain, School Prefect, Vice Prefect along with House Captains and Vice Captains took the oath to play in the glory of sport and the honour of their teams.

The participants' strengths were tested as they stayed in the superman pose, wall sit, and high plank positions for as long as they could. Next was the yoga competition for middle and senior school, where the participants amazed the crowd with their flexibility. Following that, Grades 9 to 12 students displayed their stamina through pushups, incline pushups, skipping, squats and crunches. Then came the skill-based events where 9 to 12 graders wowed the audience with their proficiency at juggling football, playing table tennis and badminton wall practice. The song "Waving Flag" and a foot tapping dance number added charm to the event. Next, the results for the chess event and redemption were put on show. Redemption, a strategy-based game, had the contestants build a basketball team based on a given budget and the skill levels of the players. Messages by the sports teachers and speech by the vice-captain, Anvita Verma, motivated the students to put their best foot forward. Principal, Ms. Nair announced the much-anticipated results of the event. The Challengers emerged as the winners of the Sports trophy with the highest points.





HANDING OVER CEREMONY

Handing Over Ceremony, that signifies passing of the baton of responsibilities from the outgoing batch of Grade 12 to the Grade 11 leaders, was celebrated on 5th February 2022. Having coincided with the day of Basant Panchami, the students of Grades 8 and 9 rendered a beautiful invocation song - Namō Sarada, dedicated to the Goddess Saraswati. Vice-chairperson Dr. Bindu Hari, in her address exhorted Grade 11 to perpetuate the NPS culture and live up to the legacy of excellence. Dr. Bindu also congratulated the students for making the major online events like AHAN (triennial cultural Fest), IRIS (Multidimensional Interschool Fest hosted by Grade 11) and Udyama (Grade 6 Entrepreneurial Program) a remarkable success. Later, the Grade 12 badge holders handed over the House flags to their Grade 11 successors, which is symbolic of bestowing the responsibilities. The school prefect, Aditya Raj reflected on the year that went by. He expressed gratification and gratitude at being able to achieve all the set goals with the support of the management, faculty, and his fellow students. Principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair drew parallels from the lives of Michael Jordan and Henry Ford to motivate the students, in her speech.

Melodious rendition of “The Climb” Miley Cyrus by 6-9 graders delighted the audience. The Kathak and Odissi fusion dance by Grade 11 students was nothing short of a treat to the eyes. Then, the most awaited announcements were made by the principal. **The Best Outgoing Student** award was bestowed to **Anupama Bagade**, a true all-rounder, and a perfectionist. **Pranjal Srivastava** was named the **Most Valuable Student** of the year for all his exceptional achievements in Mathematics that brought unprecedented glory and laurels to the school as well as to the nation. The school Vice Prefect, Ankita Anand drew the curtain on the ceremony with the Vote of Thanks where she aptly said, “NPS Koramangala is not a place, it’s a people.”





UDYAMA

The Grade 6 entrepreneurship program (Udyama 2021-22) which was initiated with an orientation in mid-September 2021, was taken to the next level in October 2021 with the bubbly yet confident pre-teens giving wings to their dreams by vigorously pitching their business proposals.

With the vision to nurture the talent of youth by enlightening them on various aspects of industrial/business activity, each section of Grade 6 was divided into three groups (Merge, Innovate and Diversify) and assigned a group of mentors. For “Merge” the students had to merge two existing companies that would sell a product/ service under the new brand name. “Innovate” allowed the students to innovatively come up with new products for companies while “Diversify” made the young entrepreneurs develop new products and services beyond the existing ones. Aided by their mentors, (Grade 11 Economics students) and driven by their own creative ideas, the 6th Graders launched their ambitious business plans through Power Point Presentations from 9-11 February. Their proposals were critically judged by several external judges, ranging from IIM Alumni to real world entrepreneurs who not only lauded the tactical propositions of the prospective tycoons but also provided them with valuable feedback.





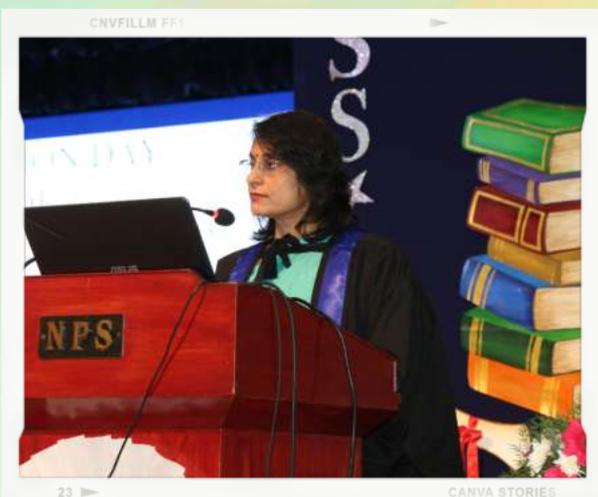
GRADUATION DAY

NPS Koramangala bid a warm adieu to its seventeenth batch of 12th graders at the Graduation Ceremony on 26th March 2022. After the hiatus of two years, the send-off amidst the august gathering of eminent guests, parents and members of faculty at the school premises made the grandiose ceremony all the more enchanting and unforgettable.

A montage of precious moments of the graduating batch made everyone nostalgic. The auspicious lighting of the lamp accompanied by the euphonious music by Grade 10 students raised the curtain of the delightful evening.

Major General Paul Deepak Naidu, chief guest for the day along with the Vice Chairperson NPS Group of Institutions, NAFL and TISB Dr. Bindu Hari, Chief Executive Officer Mr Hari Krishnan, and the Principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair graced the occasion. From his repertoire of invaluable experiences in Indian army, Major General Naidu shared some timeless gems with the class of 2021 to stud their life with. The most prominent being the necessity to learn the art of time management, skill of delegation and tolerance for ambiguity; being mindful of personal well-being and developing ones' area of influence. Vice Chairperson Dr. Bindu Hari exhorted the outgoing batch to always honour their parents, teachers, society and pay them back in all possible manner. Dr. Bindu Hari also wished them a life full of the joy of anticipation and hope. In her address, Principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair lauded the resilience and fortitude of the graduands during the Covid era. She also urged them to come back to India after pursuing their higher studies or careers abroad and be the drivers of change in their own country.

The soulful rendition of *When We Were Young* -Adele by Anusha Venkatramanan of the class of 2021-22 left the audience spellbound. The scrolls were virtually presented to each of the graduates by the dignitaries. Rohan Nachnani and Aishani Tewari from the passing out batch shared their beautiful memories and spoke about how their alma mater has shaped them into poised and candid persons. School Prefect, Aditya Raj 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, Ms. Tina Gupta extolled the ecosystem in which the school nurtured its students. With the Ceremonial Declaration by the Principal, the students were finally declared graduands. As the symbolic light of knowledge was received by each of our 65 graduands, all the teachers wished them a bright future. There wasn't a better way to say *Hog Banni* than Mr Jason Francis' mellifluous rendition of *Let's Get Together Again* (The Glitter Band). The ceremony came to an end with the national anthem.









TEACHER SPEAK

Speak Your Mother Language

“If we did not have the word, we would not have the world”, these are the words of Dr Ganesh Devy Formerly a professor of English at Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda and a recipient of the International linguapax award dedicated to the promotion, dignification and preservation of a multitude of languages in India, a country where over 700 languages are spoken.

Language is a powerful set of symbols which help human beings to communicate, understand and experience daily life situations and it is one of the key distinguishing factors between a human and an animal.

In this world of efficient communication systems, Indian children are blessed to have at least a basic knowledge of three languages and sometimes even more.

Learning language is key to all development because man is a social animal and it is through these languages that facts are brought to the forefront, superstitions dispelled, cultures unraveled and civilizations studied. All these have lessons for us and learning a language is like opening a treasure trove of information.

Our mother tongue is the most easily learnt language and it is a part of our identity. It is a factor that influences our personality and gives us an insight into the life led by our grandparents, great-grandparents and ancestors. By not speaking the mother language we would have made subtle contributions detrimental to the growth of our culture and civilization, albeit unknowingly.

Colonial influence has brought English to the forefront of all languages in India, and in a multilingual country like ours it appears to be a pragmatic solution, but development is well possible even in native languages. Japanese is the prevalent language of communication as well as official work in Japan and the country is second in development to no other nation. Some of the most developed countries in the world like Germany, France, Sweden, etc. have successfully preserved their native languages and in many other countries like the US, students are encouraged to learn new languages and are given special credits for higher studies if they are proficient in a language.

In our own country, when we speak of development, we had the adivasis who were tribals and made their livelihood in the forests. They spoke languages which had big information about the forest, the medicinal value of the herbs, the animals in the forest, the trees, etc. Development meant education in a language alien to them. With this also came a complete destruction of their native languages and with it was lost the wisdom about forests that was an experience collected over centuries in a real-life laboratory wherein they themselves were the samples.

UNESCO has declared over 250 Indian languages to be endangered. India is a diverse country and its beauty lies in the plethora of civilizations across its length and breadth. Just imagine a uniform, monotonous India, where there would be no great poets like Kuvempu writing in Kannada, Kusumagraj in Marathi or Rabindranath Tagore in Bangla. If their legacy is not upheld by their predecessors what are the cultural values that will travel through to the next generation? Not just our Geetanjali or Yugandhar, but our Indian Classical music, our Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi and even the folk dances like the Bihu dance of Assam or Bhangra Dance of Punjab, our games like kabaddi, Kho Kho or martial arts like the Kalaripayattu and slowly, even our cuisine like the *puran poli* and *mysore pak* will face the danger of extinction.

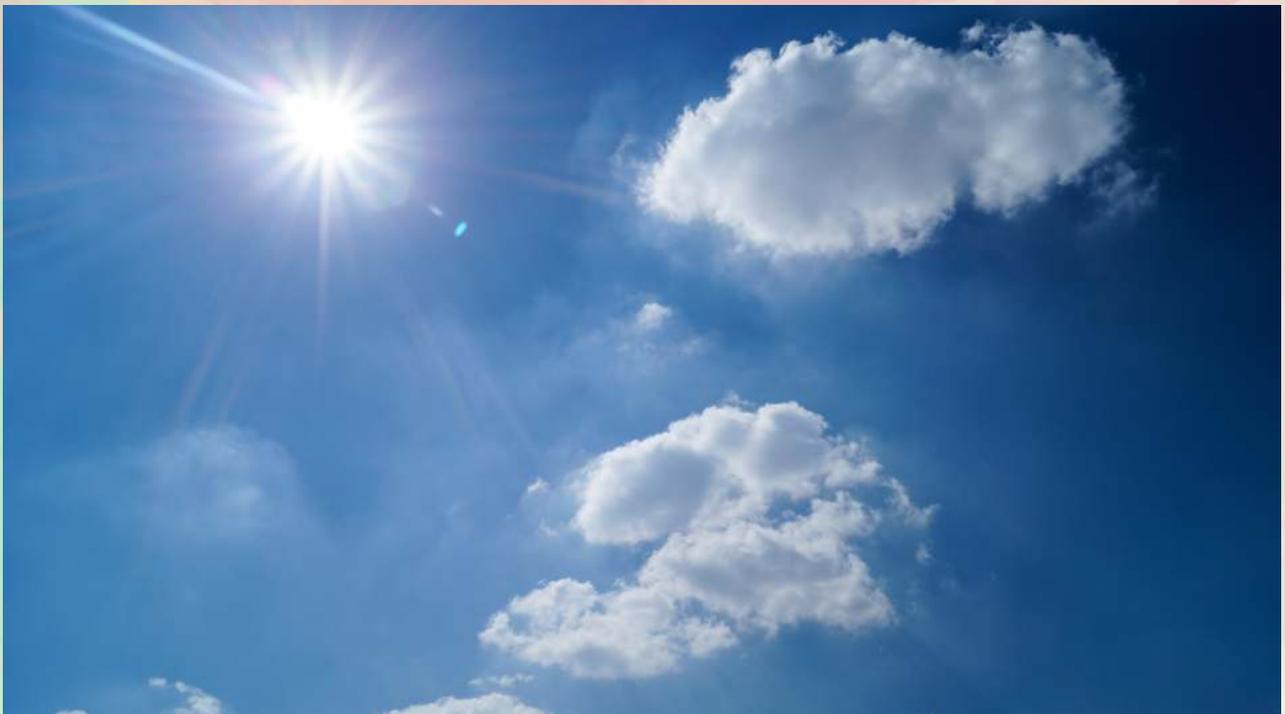
So students, finally in conclusion learn your mother languages; those who have both parents speaking different languages are at a greater advantage- they get to learn two languages. Speak, read and sometimes even write in your languages, they define the real ‘you’. Be proud of your languages and keep the doors open for the rebirth of some of our great litterateurs like-Amrita Pritam or Munshi Premchand.

Ms. Swati Brahma
Faculty in Physics

“Year’s end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on,
with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.”

— Hal Borland

As we bid adieu to the academic year 2021-22, we wish all our readers a very joyful, relaxing and fulfilling vacation that invigorates them to welcome the new academic year with renewed vitality.



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