

Volume 1

NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL KORAMANGALA

REVERBERANCE

3rd June-25th July 2021 Newsletter



Dear Readers,

The cumulonimbus clouds roll descending, rain after the sweltering heat; amidst the crickets' creaking, night sleeps with a promise of splendid sunrise; perfumed blossoms of autumn usher the misty winter mornings and then we don't discern when we awaken to the song of cuckoo on mango trees. Nature never ceases! It gently nudges and prods its offsprings to move on to their own new beginnings. However overbearing the vagaries of human circumstances may be, nature spurs us to march forward! With this spirit in our hearts, we bring forth to you our first edition of 2021-22 Newsletter.

The new academic session commenced on 3rd June 2021 with the Re-opening Day Address by the Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair. After welcoming the student body and announcing the commencement of the Commerce stream in Grade 11, the Principal listed numerous reasons for students to eagerly look forward to a year filled with excitement and anticipation. They were also motivated to embrace these disruptive times with hope, courage and optimism. Some of the highlights of the address were:

- Unveiling a spectrum of exhilarating intra and interschool events and competitions for the year
- Encouraging senior students to take up student-led initiatives for their juniors
- Cultivating a positive attitude, even in the face of challenges
- Taking ownership of learning
- Adding a beautiful dimension to one's personality through hobbies/ interests
- Maintaining a gratitude journal or diary
- Reaching out to the less privileged
- Being socially responsible by following Covid safety protocol

ACHIEVEMENTS

IMO (INTERNATIONAL MATHS OLYMPIAD)

In a truly historic and glorious moment for India and his school, NPS Koramangala, **Pranjal Srivastava** has won a gold medal at the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) 2021 held in St Petersburg, Russia from 14th to 24th July 2021.

The prestigious International Mathematical Olympiad 2021 saw 619 participants from 107 countries, with each of the countries sending their best teenage mathematicians.

Due to the pandemic, the participation was remote, but with a well organised and strict invigilation involving many IMO commissioners and elaborate camera-based monitoring the participants battling the challenge of an exceedingly difficult set of questions.

Achieving a gold in IMO is a lifetime goal for mathematics enthusiasts worldwide. And not without reason - to get a gold medal, not only does one have to be the best amongst the participants but also has to score above a designated threshold.

India team's over-all performance at IMO 2021 was quite commendable, with one gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

Pranjal began his winning streak in 2018 when he secured a silver medal in IMO 2018 and a gold in IMO 2019. Now, with two golds and a silver, Pranjal has become the most decorated medal winner at IMO from India, overtaking a decade-old record of one gold and two silvers.

This math wizard's achievement at IMO comes after a record-setting full-mark performance at the national level Olympiad (INMO 2021)

Besides this superlative accomplishment, Pranjal has also achieved a rare feat of representing the country, in the same year, in the two largest Olympiads- IMO 2021 and IOI 2021- and winning medals in both. The International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI) is one of several prestigious annual International Science Olympiads. Pranjal has won a bronze in IOI 2021.

Hearty congratulations to Pranjal and his parents on his exemplary success and good wishes for him to keep scripting many more tales of triumph.





JUNIOR MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD(IMO)

Reyaansh Agrawal of 6A has won a gold medal and Ramanujan Scholarship in the Junior Mathematics Olympiad (JMO) 2021, conducted by the Institute of Mathematics Education, Thane.



CBSE MERIT CERTIFICATES FOR GRADE 12 AND 10 STUDENTS

Every year CBSE awards Certificate of Merit in each subject to the top 0.1% of the successful candidates in order to recognize their qualities and outstanding performance at its Senior Secondary and Secondary School Examination. We are glad to share that 5 of our students from grade 12 and 32 from grade 10 have received the Certificate of Merit for their superlative performance in various subjects.

INTERSCHOOL COMPETITIONS

IMPRESSIONZ'21

NPS, Gopalapuram, Chennai organised their annual cultural fest, Impressionz'21, on 16th- 17th July 2021 via Zoom for grade 11 and 12. Students participated in various events in the fields of dance, music, gaming, quizzing, and literature.

Kriti Gupta of 12A secured third place in the dance event, 'Feel the Beat'.



INCEPTRA – NPS HSR

Inceptra, a Commerce and Humanities fest conducted by NPS HSR was held on 23rd July 2021. Some of the events conducted were-

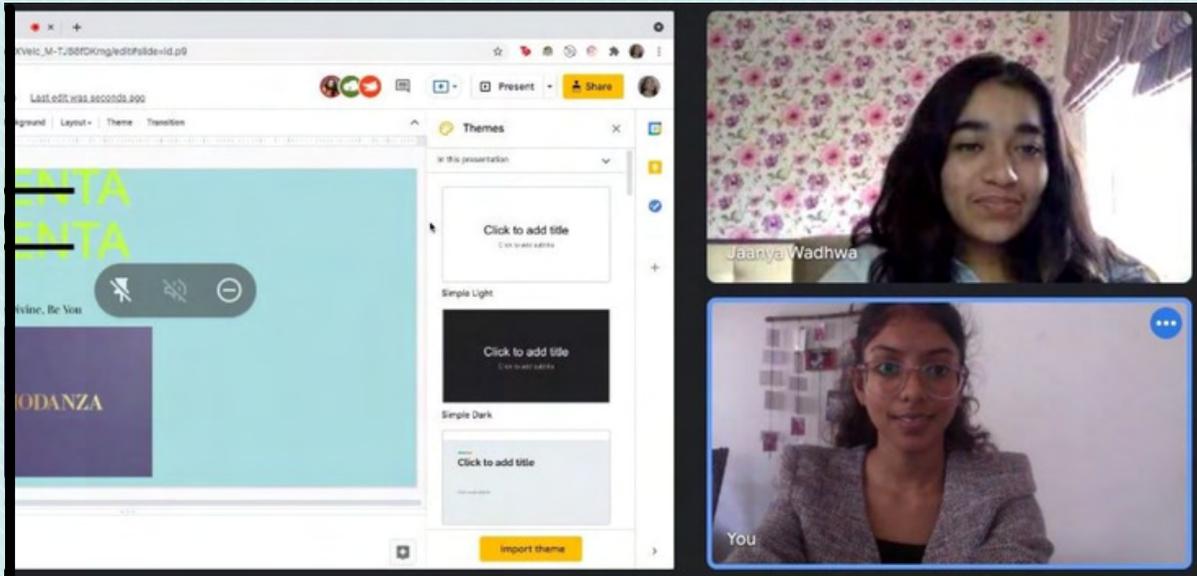
1. **Galadriel**- It was an event based on creative marketing strategies and entrepreneurial skills. In the first round, teams created a website for an organisation. The second round included auctioning, proposing a business model and pitching it in front of the judges.

Sanjana Sudeep of 12B and **Vanshika Pandey of 12A** bagged the second prize in this category.



2. **Ipsumenta** was one-of-a-kind marketing-themed fashion event where participants designed outfits based on 'The Great Depression' and sold their brand to the judges.

Mayuki Gupta of 11A, Jaanya Wadhwa of 11A, Riya Nagar of 11B, Anjali Shivakumar of 11C, Anushka Jha of 11C and Kavya Trivedi of 11A clinched the third position.



3. **KeiZai**- A dance event themed on 'The Great Depression' was held in 3 rounds. Our team comprising **Ishaan Kale of 12A, Kriti Gupta of 12B, Sharvari Barhanpure of 11A** and **Nishtha Ladi of 11B** placed second.



GOONJ 2021

NPS Yeshwanthpur conducted **Goonj 2021**, on **23rd and 24th July 2021**, on MS Teams. Some of the events conducted were-

1. **Radical** was one-of-a-kind mathematics-themed event in which participants used their skills of deduction to solve a murder mystery. **Debosmita Roy of 11B, Haresh Goutham Prageeth of 11A, Havish Goutham Prageeth of 11B and Ananth Anand of 9A** stood first.

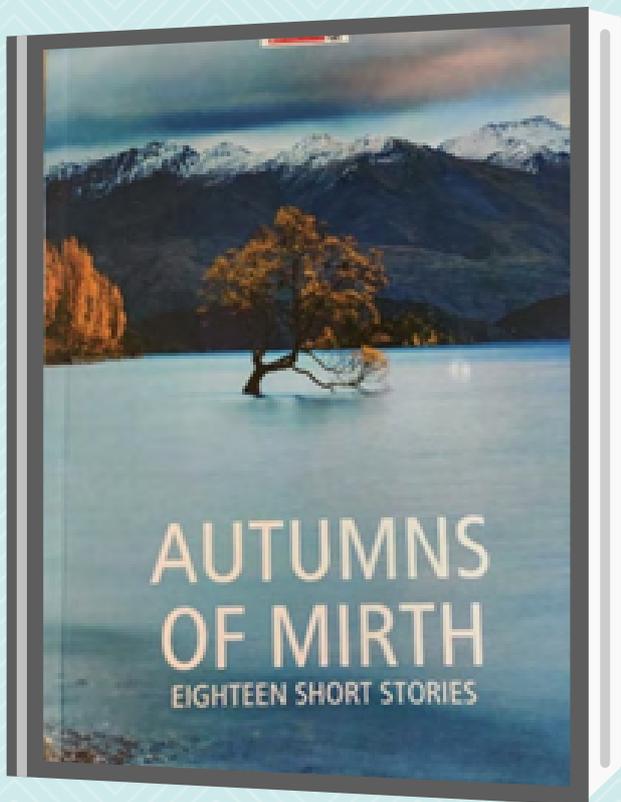


2. **Spacebar** was the Cyber Treasure Hunt which aptly tested skills in Coding and Cryptography. **Saarang Srinivasan of 12A and Abraham Paul Elenjical of 12A** bagged the first prize.



3. **Patria** was an event which involved designing an e-magazine covering topics from History, Geography, Politics and Economy. Our Patria team, **Ishita Bedare of 10C, Ananya Miriam Jose of 11C and Pragati Sakhujia of 12B** bagged second position.





SCHOLASTIC WRITERS

Kushagra Sisodia (10 A), Akshaj Sharma (8A) and Sreyan Panda (5C) (last year's classes) became published authors with Scholastic Quill Club Writers. The Club's guided writing and publishing programme 'Write Now' identifies aspiring and talented writers from across the country through a two-step selection process. It provides mentorship and moulds them into published authors.

Kushagra's short story got published in the anthology of 18 magnificent stories titled 'Autumns of Mirth- Brilliant Short Stories' while Akshaj's story is part of the collection 'Taking Off- Maiden Flight of 18 Writers'. Sreyan's story appears in 'Inky Blue- Reflective Short Stories'. These books will kick start these students' writing careers with Scholastic.



MAJOR EVENTS

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

"Casting a ballot isn't just something you do for yourself- it is for our collective future".

Election for School Prefect and House Captains- were held on 9th June and 14th June respectively. These elections provided an opportunity to the students of Grades 10, 11 and 12 to witness and exercise their fundamental right to vote. Teachers and students enthusiastically participated in the online Student Council Elections

The contenders for the various coveted positions, read out their manifestos, trying to convince their classmates and teachers, that they are the right choice for the position.

The entire polling process was done online. Students exercised their right to franchise by voting for the candidates of their choice.

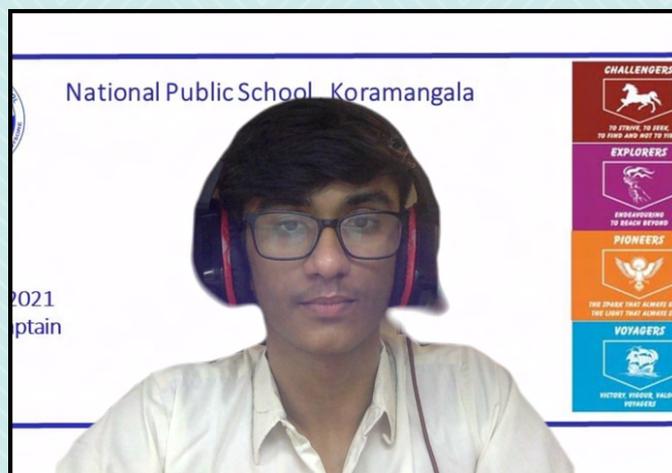


SCHOOL PREFECT

SPORTS CAPTAIN



ADITYA RAJ- 12B



ROHAN NACHNANI-12A

HOUSE CAPTAINS



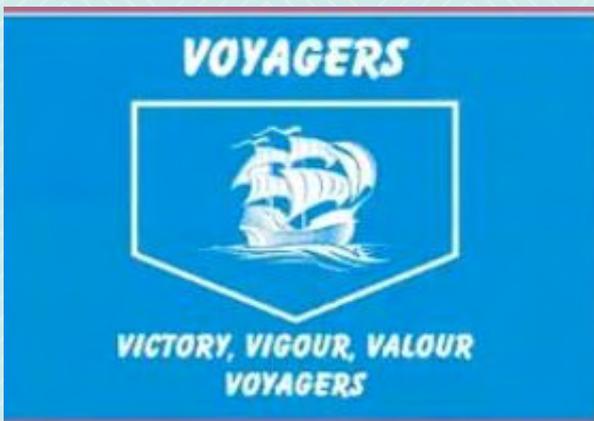
Prithvi Bapna 12B



Anupama Bagade 12A



Kriti Gupta 12A



Muskan Mathur 12B

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The defining moment in students' pursuit of leadership skills, the Investiture Ceremony of NPS Koramangala, was live streamed on 2nd July 2021. A total of 64 students were invested with various capacities as members of Student Council 2021-22. Vice-Chairperson, NPS Group of Schools, Dr Bindu Hari, in her message, congratulated the young leaders and lauded the grit and tenacity of the parents, teachers and students in continuing to achieve their goals during these challenging times. Early Years Academic Coordinator, NPS-K, Ms. Veneetha Sunita stressed on the three V's for the students - Value, Vision and Visibility- to live by the school motto to reach out, reach high and reach beyond.

The melodious invocation song, a synchronised dance performance and an upbeat rendition by our talented students resonated the rich tradition of NPS Koramangala. The newly elected School Prefect, Aditya Raj laid out his team's plans to take the school to newer heights. He advised the students to be the natural leaders and not to define success only on the parameters of academic grades but how skillfully they learn and implement their learnings. - In the concluding address Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair complimented not only the new Student Council but all the students who relentlessly pursue their good work whether they win the golden badge or not. She inspired the council to work as a great team to maximise productivity.



Address by
Vice Chairperson, Dr. Bindu Hari



Address by
Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair



Speech on Leadership
by Ms. Veneetha Sunita



Ms. Geeta Kathait and Ms. Anuradha Vellanki
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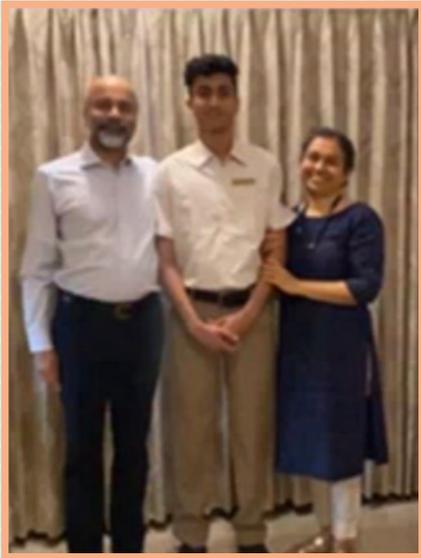


STUDENT COUNCIL 2021-22

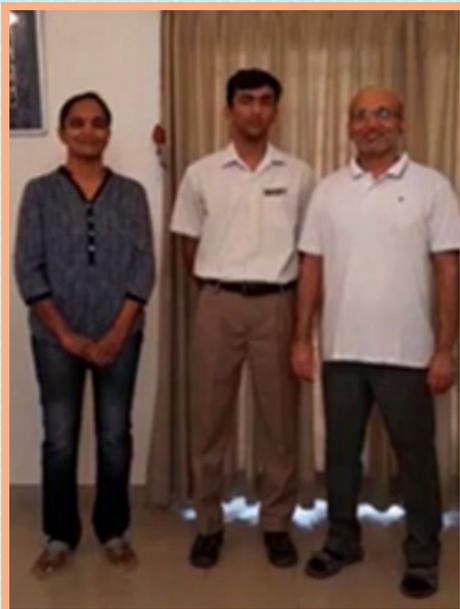


INVESTITURE PROGRAMME





**CLUB PRESIDENTS
&
EDITOR, SCHOOL MAGAZINE**



STUDENT COUNCIL 2021-22

Sl. no.	Post	Grade 12	Grade 11
1	School Prefect	Aditya Raj-12B	
2	School Vice -Prefect		Ankita Anand-11B
3	Sports Captain	Rohan D Nachnani 12A	
4	Sports Vice- Captain		Anvita Verma-11B
5	Challengers	Prithvi Bapna- 12B	V Jayanth Vikram-11A
6	Explorers	Anupama R Bagade-12A	Shreyas Rath-11A
7	Pioneers	Kriti Gupta - 12A	Shivani G Kharosekar-11C
8	Voyagers	Muskan Mathur-12B	Nishtha Ladi- 11B

S C H O O L C L U B S

Sl.no.	Post	Grade 12 President/ Editor	Grade 11 Vice-President/ Editor	Grade 10 Secretary/ Sub- editor	Grade 9 Secretary/ Sub-editor
1	Quiz Club	Abraham Paul Elenjical-12A	Ayaan Ur Rehman Kidwai-11C	Jayanth V Nennmeli -10C	Fareed Ur Rehman Kidwai -9A
2	Literary Club	Aishani Tewari-12B	Ishana Modi-11A	Srijan Ghosh-10A	Ranya Bahirwani -9A
3	Music	Anusha Venkatramanan-12A	Ananya Miriam Jose 11 C	Ishan B Kumar-10B	Ayantika Sen-9A
4	Performing Arts	Ishaan Kale- 12A	Sharvari Barhanpure -11A	Roshni S-10B	Sanvi Bhujang-9C
5	Science	Pradyun Goel -12A	Adrika Chaudhary -11B	Aryan Agrawal-10A	Anirudd Archak-9B
6	Math	Nikita Kiran -12A	Advik Kabra-11B	Siddhant Agarwal-10A	Raanan Bhayana-9C
7	Cyber	Saarang Srinivasan-12A	P. E. Pranav-11B	Roshan S-10A	Shaurya Rathi-9A
8	Dramatics	Ansh Grover-12A	Akshay Aiyer-11B	Adrija Thakur-10C	Lavanya Kalia-9B
9	Eco	Sanjana Sudeep -12B	Arya Chaturvedi-11A	Manal Iqbal-10C	Sneha Das-9A
10	Art	Shreya Das- 12A	Manjari Manjunath Reddy-11B	Rishika Gupta-10C	Sreshtha Saha- 9B
11	MUN	Shubhi Agarwal-12B	Abhishek Noronha-11C	Debayan Ghose-10B	Ranvit Bahirwani-9B
12	School Magazine	Arya Dilip- 12 A	Swati Nair-11A	Ritika Mallick-10C	Ohanna Chakraborty Lahiri-9B
			Design Support School Magazine Anjali Shivakumar-11C		Design Support School Magazine Deptansu Bhowmik-9B
13	Additional Posts		Interschool Event Coordinator Neha Chundury -11B		Community Outreach Alisha Yadav-9A

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

NPS KRM celebrated World Environment Day on the 4th of June. Students showcased an eye-opening presentation on the need to conserve and restore our environment.

The programme started with a speech in memory of the late environmentalist, Sundarlal Bahuguna of the famed Chipko Movement. This was followed by the introduction of this year's World Environment Day theme of 'Ecological Restoration,' which aims to assist in the recovery of ecosystems that have been degraded and destroyed, as well as conserving the ecosystems that are still intact.

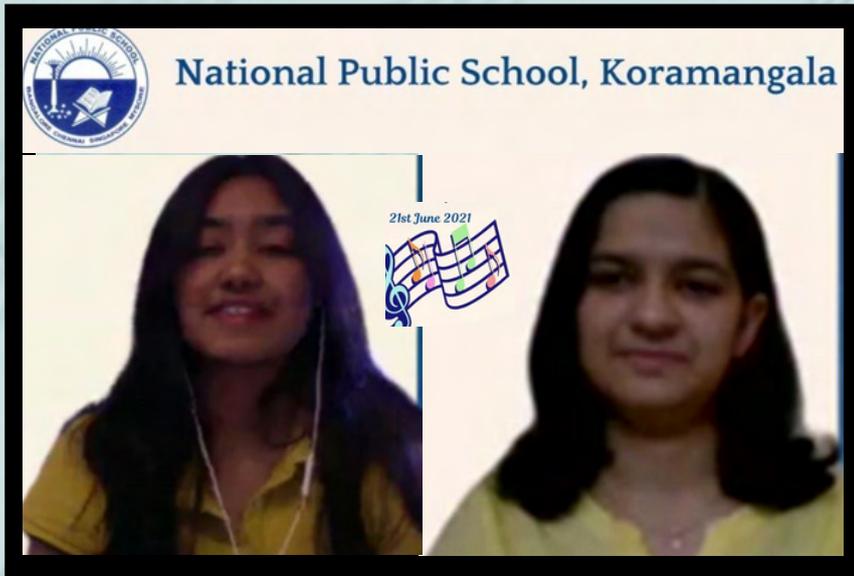
An insightful video on the judicious use of tissue papers and then a beautiful shloka rendition, invoking abundance, peace and harmony, made an impression on the audience. Through discussions, students were also introduced to a number of ways in which they could impact the environment for the better. They were urged to take on these initiatives which can be carried out even from the safety of one's home during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Day's celebrations proved successful as everyone had a takeaway for environment restoration and sustenance.



WORLD MUSIC DAY

The school celebrated World Music Day on 21st June with a live presentation Musical Euphoria. The students witnessed the melodious performances of two guests, the accomplished musicians in their own field - **Dr. Chithra Srikanth and Mr. Jimmy Joseph**. Dr. Chithra, accompanied by Sankarshanan Srikanth (11C) on the mridangam rendered Carnatic kritis. And Mr. Jimmy played mellifluous pieces on his piano. The guests highlighted the discipline that music brings to life as well as the auxiliary benefits of learning music in these times. The event ended with a short Q & A session to involve the audience.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

Let us move together in harmony and understand each other's mind....

With this invocation to the universal force, commenced the International Yoga Day celebration at NPS Koramangala on 21st June 2021. A capsule of thought on the relevance of yoga in the current times, entwined in a video was presented to enlighten the young minds of this ancient tradition.

The primary students set the tone by performing Yogasanas with enthusiasm and ease, motivating the school into stretching in various postures, sitting in different mudras and doing breathing exercises for a healthy body and healthy mind.

Under the guidance of the Yoga teacher **Ms. Sarita Unni** and the student Yoga Coordinators of each class, the whole school took time off to stretch and bow together, albeit in their homes.

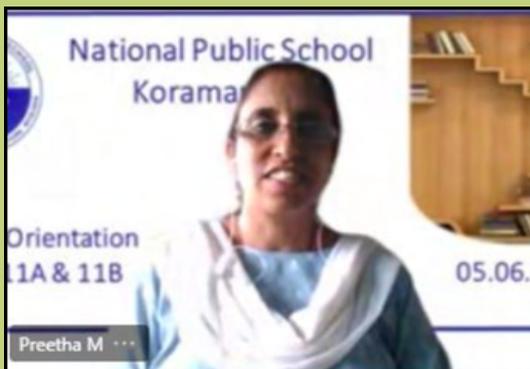


PARENT ORIENTATIONS

Parent Orientations for grades 6-9 and 11th were conducted virtually from 3rd to 8th June. A comprehensive insight into the nitty gritty of assessment structure encompassing all the key elements in scholastic and co-scholastic areas was given. Besides this, key features of MS Teams were explained and some tips were shared to make the learning optimum and productive. Queries from parents and students were answered by the Principal Ms Jyotsna Nair during Q and A session at the end of each presentation.



GRADE 11A & B



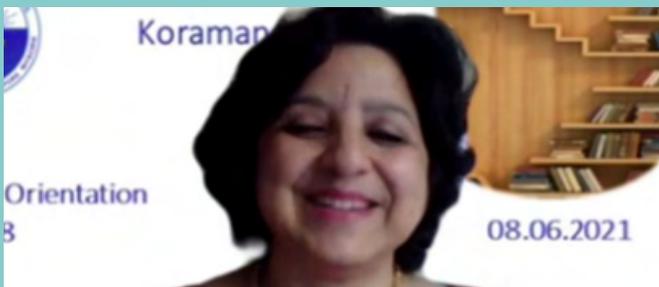
GRADE 11 C



GRADE 9



GRADE 8



GRADE 7



GRADE 6



NPS KONNECT

DATA ANALYTICS

On 3rd July 2021, the first session of the NPSKONNECT – PARENTSPEAK program for the academic year 2021–22 was conducted with the guest speaker **Mrs Shailaja Grover**, consultant at the Data Centre and Analytics Lab in IIM, Bengaluru. She explained how data analytics is used today in a myriad of fields- from agriculture to healthcare and transport system to education. She went on to describe the various career options as well as the skills required and courses available, introducing the audience to the plethora of possibilities in this fascinating field. She emphasised that it is not essential to be a programmer in order to be a data scientist. The programme ended with an interactive question- and- answer session. Through her presentation, she provided an insightful introduction to an increasingly relevant and popular field.



ACING KVPY

A brief session on the KVPY exam was conducted by our alumni **Abhinav Menon and Chinmay S I** on 6th July 2021. The session was attended by students of grade 11 and 12. They provided valuable inputs about how to prepare for the KVPY exams, the various subjects and time for preparation. This was followed by a short question-answer session.



FOREIGN ADMISSIONS

On 10th July 2021 the NPSKONNECT- PARENTSPEAK program was conducted with our chief guest, **Mr. V Anandkumar**. Mr. Anandkumar is the author of the blog “A Few Good Things” where he gives the readers a fresh perspective on Travel, Spirituality and Daily Life. Mr. Anandkumar was joined by Anika Khandekar, Trisha Mukherjee, Abhay Utthapa, Anjali Devarajan, Archita Agarwal and Anvita Kumar; all alumni of NPS Koramangala. The session was based around answering questions that students and parents have when embarking on the college admissions journey. Over the course of the session, Mr. Anandkumar and the alumni shared their experiences and resources that they have collated over many years. The session was very open and interactive with many useful and novel tips from Mr. Anandkumar and the alumni.



CAREERS IN COMMERCE

A career counselling session was organised on 22nd July 2021 as a part of the NPSKONNECT program for the commerce and economics students of Grade 11. The guest speaker, **Mr. Apoorv Gairola**, is a chartered accountant and an alumnus of NPS Koramangala. This was the first session organized for our commerce students and was a resounding success. Arya Chaturvedi of Grade 11 A introduced the speaker and the topic. Mr. Gairola elucidated the various career options for students of the commerce stream and encouraged them to delve deeper into the fields they are interested in. The session was wrapped up with a fun quiz. Ayaan Kidwai of Grade 11 C brought the meet to a close by proposing the vote of thanks.



MEDICINE AND BIOSCIENCES

On 24th July 2021, **Dr. S.K. Mohanty, MBBS, MD (Anesthesiology)** was invited to address the students of Grade 9-12 as part of NPSKONNECT PARENTSPEAK program. Dr. Mohanty acquainted the students with the wide and ever-growing horizon of healthcare and medicine industry. How the future of healthcare is shaping up with advances in digital healthcare technologies, such as artificial intelligence etc., was also highlighted by Dr. Mohanty. Further, he guided the students on the path they should follow in order to become a successful doctor. The session enlightened the audience to the enormous contribution of healthcare industry to the people, society and the country.



WORKSHOPS BY STUDENTS

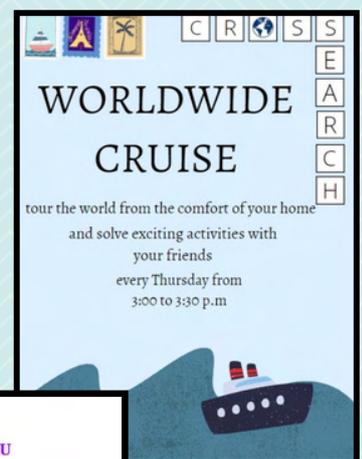
LINGUISTIC PUZZLES

Enthralled by their experience of representing India at the Asia Pacific Linguistics Olympiad (APLO), **Abraham Paul Elenjical** (Honorable mention) and **Aditya Raj** (Bronze medal winner) of grade 12 conducted a series of workshops on Linguistic puzzles as a part of NPS Konnect 2021. Covering the logic in languages such as Amharic and Tangkhul, the interactive workshop introduced students to an emerging field of computational linguistics with applications in neural networks and AI. 35 students from grades 9 -12th were taught the cognitive and phonetic aspects of linguistic problem over the period of 6 weekends during May and June. It encouraged the students to hone their logical ability and to think around corners.



THE CROSSSEARCH WORLDWIDE CRUISE

The brainchild of **Alisha Yadav** and **Ohanna Chakraborty Lahiri** from Grade 9, the CrossSearch Worldwide Cruise aims to bring together enjoyment and learning on the same platform. Every Thursday, the students of grade 7 come together for half an hour of enthralling games, spectacular country tours and a thrilling crossword or word search. This event also strives to engage children during the pandemic, thus giving no space to ennui. The students travel to various countries such as Mexico, Italy and Sweden amongst others and learn about their history, culture and language. While honing their language skills, the students traverse the globe - all from the comfort of their home!

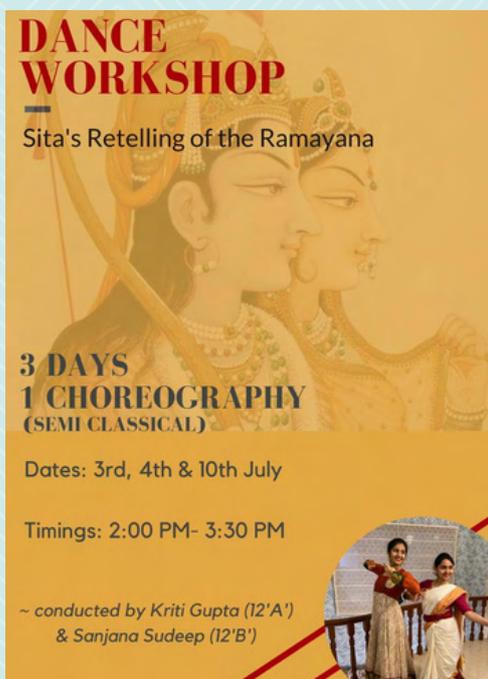


SEMI CLASSICAL DANCE WORKSHOP

To dance is to be out of yourself. Larger, more beautiful, more powerful... This is power, it is glory on earth and it is yours for the taking.

In a bid to strengthen the importance of mythology and creative expression, **Kriti Gupta** and **Sanjana Sudeep**, students of grade 12, conducted a semi-classical dance workshop. Twenty students from grades 8 and 9 attended the workshop that was spread over a span of 3 days in July. The self-choreographed dance piece highlighted the portrayal of the Ramayana from Sita's perspective- a less common approach to a popular topic. A common routine was followed on all 3 days, starting with a warm up session, followed by the dance choreography and finally, a small follow up task for the next day.

Day 1 focused on Sita's childhood, depicting her inquisitive nature and love for animals and the environment. On the second day, students bore witness to Sita's Swayamvar and were also given an insight into her thoughts about marriage. The song Mangal Bhavana Amangal Haari was used as an expression of the love and companionship of Ram & Sita. The workshop came to an end with the portrayal of Sita as a "Devi" of immense strength, beauty and courage, who always stood for truth and equality.



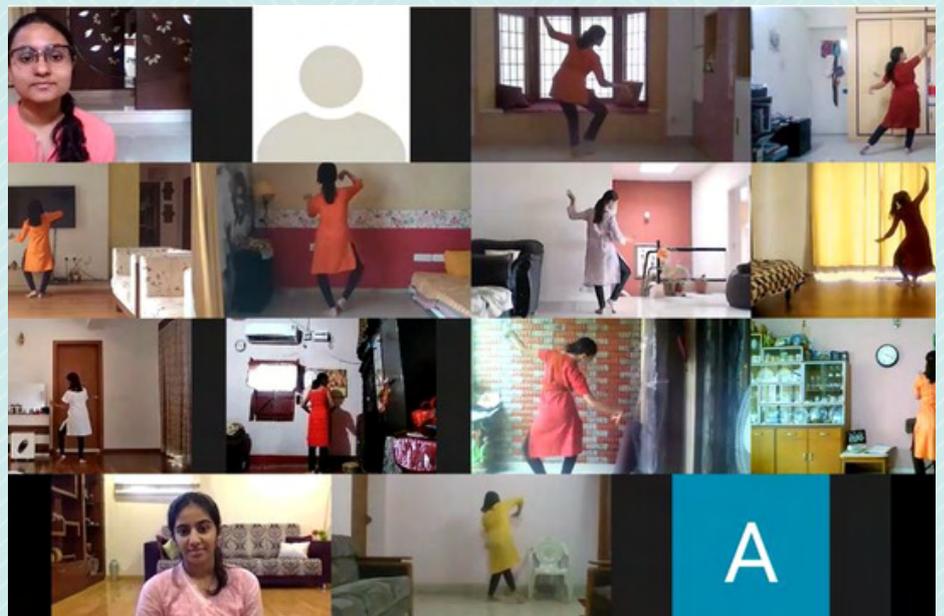
DANCE WORKSHOP
Sita's Retelling of the Ramayana

3 DAYS
1 CHOREOGRAPHY
(SEMI CLASSICAL)

Dates: 3rd, 4th & 10th July

Timings: 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM

~ conducted by Kriti Gupta (12'A')
& Sanjana Sudeep (12'B')



TEACHER SPEAK

Blooms of Grace

'Ladies I have some succulents left after pruning and repotting. It is left in the counter if anyone is interested' came the message on my apartment WhatsApp group. Little did I know or expect that it would set me off on a crazy plant journey. So home came the succulents. I tried growing them in the available mugs and bottles. The plants did not look so happy or so I thought. Okay, now I need some pots and of course potting mix. Thus began my search for stuff on Amazon and clicked 'place order now' and so now I have them-- pots in all shapes and sizes.

Gardening is a stress buster they said. It is a very good exercise ...oh it keeps me occupied and satisfied. Now I surely wanted more than just succulents. So I went hunting for plants to Indo-American hybrids and then to Lal bagh and then to the corner-of-the-road small nursery. Oh, they look so lovely and I wanted them all. I came home with loads of these babies which came in all shapes and sizes and colours and variegations. Many a morning hour went by looking after these babies, tending and caring for them in their new home. A small prune here and a tiny bud there and a little sprout here and a fresh blossom... And so grew my collection of plants. In came more succulents and philodendrons and sansivieras and syngoniums and of course plant holders in terracota and ceramic and plastic and glass. I stuck them in the balcony, the living room and the bed room and finally in came those greenies into my kitchen too.

And then came hours of watching videos on you tube on caring for plants, how much and when do I water, and how do I rid the plants of those eerie bugs and virus. And more shopping on Amazon for neem oil and spray cans and vermicompost and moisture meter...it became a never ending saga. But, one that I truly loved immersing myself with. I could spend mornings and evenings watching those lovely shades of green and forget the covid blues and quarantine fatigue and the monotony of the everyday routine. I thus found in my balcony, a place to combine the poetic and the mysterious with a feeling of serenity and joy.

Ms. Jayashree Ullorey

HOD Geography Department

**WE, AT NPS KORAMANGALA, ARE CONFIDENT THAT AS A TEAM OF SPIRITED STUDENTS,
SUPPORTING PARENTS AND COMMITTED STAFF , WE CAN FIND SOLUTIONS AND EXPLORE
UNCHARTED TERRITORIES.**

GOODBYE WITH A HAIKU –

**You are not your fears;
They are passing clouds on your
Unbroken spirit.**

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