



NEWS LETTER

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*National Public School,
Koramangala*



All living beings flourish in water,

From an old man, to a tiny toddler,

Small things in life are the ones that really matter,

Like the sound of the rain that goes pitter patter.

- From **Pitter Patter** by Nikita Agarwal, 8 A (Voyagers) – 2nd position

One of the highest goals of education is to enhance the ability to create. Facilitating students to compose a poem in inter-house competition for Grades 6 to 8 was one such attempt and our little poets did a wonderful job.

NPS Koramangala is a vibrant, buzzing student community; this feeling can't escape you, dear readers as you scroll through the pages of our newsletter.

This ebullient community blooms luxuriantly with various achievements, significant events, presentations, carnival, talks, conferences, jaunts and uncountable undocumented little pleasurable learning moments.



Dear readers, we are delighted to share with you the hatching of two tiny delicate forms of life- **Bulbul chicks** in our quadrangle garden and we are completely enamoured by their presence in our ecosystem.

Achievements

Vishwajeet A of 11A, professionally known as Vannexe, has been signed by Big Tunes, a music record company based in Miami, Florida, USA. As per the agreement, he can produce an unlimited number of songs under the banner which will be released on multiple streaming services, such as iTunes, Spoify, Beatport and You Tube. The brand regularly wins prestigious rankings such as Beatport top 100, top digital download, Music week club chart, Cool cuts chart etc. This brand has promoted a variety of popular EDM artists such as

DJ Luciano and Mothership Q. Vishwajeet's first release, **Lightstep**, under this banner was launched on 31st August 201.

Aryan Mahesh of grade 9A participated in the annual **Techno-Management Fest, Techniche** at IIT Guwahati from 29th August to 1st September 2019 in the junior category (grade 9-12) of the TechExpo. Aryan's project called *DriveSense* is an open source project which is an accessory for cars that tracks the eyelid movement pattern of the user and sounds alarm if the driver were to fall asleep on the wheel. It also includes a crash detection system which sends an emergency SMS to a friend or a family member who needs to know of the driver's accident. For his innovative project Aryan bagged second place winning a trophy and cash prize worth Rs.30, 000.

Interschool Competitions

NAPSONIC

NPS Rajajinagar held its cultural fest **Napsonic** on the 3rd of August. The students of our school were awarded many laurels for their impeccable performance. In the event *Heart n Soul* our team comprising **Athul S of**

grade 11 and Anupama Bagade and Jacob George of grade 10 were placed 3rd. In the dance event *Terpsichore* Aditi P, Tavishi M, Kriti G, R Akshaya, Aarohe A, Sanjana S, Ishaan K and Abhimanyu S bagged the 3rd position. In the fashion event *Haute Couture* our participants Dhriti A, Varnika J, Ridhi M, Vivek V, Anne K, Shreya C, Samarth P and Sankalp K clinched 3rd place. In the art event *Disegno* our team comprising Pragati S, Ananya P, Aishwarya J, and Arya D won 2nd place. In the event *Sonic Rhapsody* Dhruv G, Raunak P. , Anshul R, Athul S., Jay M, Samarpith R emerged victorious, placing first.

Vivum

On the 13th and 14th of August, TISB held Vivum, a sports and cultural fest. Our school's representatives made all of us immensely proud. In the event *Battle of the Bands*, the team comprising Dhruv G, Anshul R, Raunak K, Samarpith R, George M, Jay M had the entire audience on their feet and successfully bagged the 1st place.

In the *Street Play* event, our team comprising Jacob G,

Abhinav M, Shreya A, Pranav P, Parth K and

Prarthana NB with stellar performances, got 2nd place. In the *Filmmaking* event the team comprising Gargi A, Tavishi M, Muskan M, Nidhi P and Mayas K bagged the 2nd place with a poignant film. In the *Vivum's Got Talent* event, both of our participants Anika K and Samarpith R with jaw dropping performances were placed 2nd. In the *Rap Battle* event Abhinav K of grade 12 bagged the 2nd position. Parth K of grade 11 had the audience rolling with laughter and emerged victorious in the *Standup Comedy* event. In the coding event *Code Jam* our team comprising Romir K, Samay G, Rohith P and Aryaman L of grade 12 were placed 2nd. In Table Tennis boys Dhruv G , Animesh B, Dhruv A and Abhay I clinched 2nd place. In *Cross Country* girls, Nikita K of grade 10 placed 2nd.

Inspire

NPS HSR held the math and science fest *Inspire* for the students of grade 6-8 on the 30th of August. Pranit G, Akshaj S and Jayanth N placed 2nd in the *Quiz up* event. In the event *Xcavate* Samarth U, Sanvi B and

Mridhula V bagged the 2nd place. Aarush R, Tanisha P, Ishan B K placed 2nd in the event *Python*. Aliya F G, Kavya J, Palak M, Krish J, Sia B and Vihaan M emerged victorious in the event *Alpha Theatre*.

Greenwood High MUN

Greenwood high held its MUN from 23rd- 25th August. Rysha S and Shubhi A of grade 10 were awarded *Honorable Delegates*. Dhriti A and Pranav S of grade 10 were given special mentions.

NCFE MUN

On the 29th, 30th and the 31st of August, NCFE held the NCFE MUN. The students of grade 9, Dhaiwik N and Nand V were given Special Mentions in their respective committees.

Sports

On 24th August at NAFL sports meet our senior students won **2nd place in 4x100 mts. mixed relay race and 2nd place again in juniors 4x100 mt. mixed relay.**

At Gear Innovative International School on 27th and 28th August, our sportspersons had great winnings – In Badminton Under 18 Boys and Under 18

Girls, we clinched **1st and 2nd place** respectively; in Squash Under 15 Boys', we secured **1st** place and in Basket Ball Under 15 Boys as well as Basket Ball Under 13 Boys we bagged **2nd position**.



Maitra Spardha Inter NPS football tournament held in NPS Indranagar on 31st August had our boys' team from grade 8 and below win first place and the girls' team come second.



Major Events

Hack 2019

Brilliant brains determined to change to the world congregated to challenge each other by crafting ingenious designs on 20th August 2019 at NPS Koramangala as it hosted its 5th edition of Hackathon, supported by IBM. After the first elimination round held earlier, 14 teams with wonderful ideas were chosen and invited to the final round on 20th August to complete and present their project.

In his inaugural speech Dr. Kingshuk Banerjee emphasised that the students must build a strong foundation of science fundamentals and proficiency in language to reap the benefits of true coding. The Hack saw ideas such as smart irrigation systems, software that help NGOs to contact prospective volunteers, portable internet connected plug-points and apps to facilitate the distribution of used textbooks. Mentors from IBM helped the teams fix bugs in their projects and to conduct the preliminary evaluation to select the top 5 teams. These selected teams

were given 5 minutes to present their project on stage. Delhi Public School, East clinched both, the first and the second place. While their first project *AutoDust*, a unique approach to segregate waste using computer sensors won the hearts, their second project *Waitso*, a foot traffic tracking system that will help manage public space better by reporting congestion points marvelled the judges.

They were presented with the Hack rolling trophy, certificates and gifts from IBM. Runners-up, NPS Rajajinagar came up with an app that would detect the symptoms of neuro-degenerative diseases. The principal, Ms Jyotsna Nair rounded off the exciting event by thanking and presenting mementos to the mentors.





While the neurons ran fast and fingers feverishly in the programming event *Enigma*; *Euler's Den* aka the final destination was where the math magicians wanted to reach hurdling through relay, jeopardy and final secret round.



The elements of chemistry and dance intertwined and the result was - stage on fire - not literally thankfully! The only way out of Helix Penitentiary, home to the smartest criminals in the world, was quickly solving the Treasure Hunt clues and only the team best in

their Physics and Chemistry fundamentals could win.

In Helix, Biology broke free from its verbatim spine and donned a new avatar of superheroes in brilliantly designed costumes and equally vivid explanations. The fun and learning had never been so tantalizing as when the competitors climbed up trees and slid down burrows of riddles to win in the event *Fauna* or when they diagnosed the disease with the fewest clues possible or when they articulated their creativity and humor on highly improbable hypothesis.



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Helix 2019

Geeks can't dance, nerds are fashion illiterates; teenagers and trading! Come on! It's outrageous! If these are your opinions, you might be a close cousin of Dodo. Yes, because on 21st August *Helix* would have teleported you to the **Science and Economics fest** of NPS Koramangala. A fest that has come of age with the highly competitive and intellectually creative teams locking horns through twelve intriguing and proficiently curated events, all by the students, of the students and for the students of grade 11 and 12.



Helix certainly proved a haven for the students on the threshold of becoming great economists. Four spectacular events whetted the skills of just a step away business tycoons and wolves of Wall Street. Students from eleven schools shone with their intensive knowledge of company histories, business strategies, advertisements, brand logos, technological innovations and business quiz. Teams passed through the stressful situations to emerge the best managers in the event *Ingenium*.

The fest was indeed a tribute to the wide horizon of pure sciences on one end and a celebration of youthful energy on the other. Each team put their best foot forward winning accolades, however it was NPS HSR Layout that took the overall trophy home.



Other Events

Independence Day Celebrations

NPS Koramangala celebrated the 73rd Independence Day with great fervor with its students, staff and parent community. Our tricolor was proudly unfurled by one of the oldest administrative staff member, **Ms. Harini** who was flanked by the school council members. When the soft spoken emcee for the day Aaron Mukopadhyay of grade 11 invited Ms. Neelam Gupta, the Hindi teacher, for her speech, no one knew that the next 15 minutes would leave an indelible impression on their mind. Her impassioned address that called for honesty, dignity and need to pride in our own culture rather than aping the West foolishly shook the audience to the present reality.



An impressively delivered speech by Sara Thomas of grade 9, a patriotic song medley and dance

performance by students of grade 4-5, further fanned the patriotic fervor of all present there. However, the cynosure of all eyes was Arunim Ranjan of grade 5 who remarkably rendered a long humorous poem on the present political situation.

The Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair shared some lesser known amazing facts about the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi and our brave martyrs. Ms. Nair exhorted the students to turn their attention towards our rich history before they seek inspiration outside. 'Vaishnav Jan to Tene re Kahiye...' in the melodious voice of Anoushka Venkatram of grade 10 summed up the programme.



Sanskrit Day

Students of grade 5-10 re-established the glory of our most respected and ancient language, Sanskrit, by celebrating **Sanskrit Day** on 19th of August. A mellifluous 'Sanskrit Vandana' accompanied by classical dance rendered an auspicious beginning to the programme.

A Sanskrit speech highlighting the beauty of this language of the gods, an interesting presentation covering remarkable aspects of this versatile yet precise language hailed by the NASA scientists, a beautiful rendition of a Sanskrit song, an impressive recital of Medha Sukt from the Yajur Ved – all these presentations mesmerised the audience. This was followed by the most interesting element of the program - a recitation of commonly used English words in Sanskrit which left the students in peals of laughter. *Bhoomi Mangalam*, a rhythmic dance paying a tribute to all the

creatures in nature was much admired. An interactive quiz in Sanskrit and a few popular Bollywood numbers in Sanskrit that the audience tried to identify elicited a lot of interest. An all in all Sanskrit assembly, skillfully organized and executed reaffirmed the faith that Sanskrit is far from a dead language rather it is set to regain its lost glory with the new computer age.



CBSE Cryptic Crossword

Organised by CCCC- Cryptic Crossword Contest 7th edition, first level i.e. the city round, was hosted by NPS Koramangala on the 2nd of

August. With the participation of 38 teams from schools across Bangalore, the event was a roaring success.



76 contestants fiercely vied to complete the crossword in the minimum time. Getting all the answers correct **Abhinav Menon and Rohit Paul** of grade 12 spectacularly finished the crossword in 8 minutes and emerged the winners. **Prahalad Anand and Dhruv V** of grade 12 were not far behind when they finished the task in 12 minutes and clinched the runners- up position. Kudos to the winners!



Class Assembly

9 B

Grade 9 B presented their class assembly, *A Question of Loyalty*, on 7 August. An evocative dance drama from

Mahabharata, a curious anecdote from *Harry Potter* and a skit from popular *Avengers: Infinity War* highlighted the great virtue, loyalty, in its various shades. A poignant video depicting devotion to our mother land, touched the sentiments of the audience. A speech by Ananya Miriam Jose elucidated how even animals, like dogs, are capable of portraying deep-rooted loyalty to humans. Her words were bolstered by the example of a dog named Quarmy that has served the Indian Army for many years and has also won an award for his unflinching loyalty. The assembly concluded with the lilting song *I'll Be There for You*, from the popular TV show F.R.I.E.N.D.S.



9 C

We take our freedom for granted and do not realize how we need to value it. This is what the students of grade 9C showcased on the 16th of August. A skit that answered a child's anxiety as to why many of us don't care about our Independence Day, was well presented with a dash of humour and emotion. Poem, songs and dance, immersed in patriotic sentiments, were much loved by the audience.

The show was successful in instilling feelings in all to work towards nation building and respecting the rights and duties of all.



8A

Teamwork Makes Dreams Work, rooted to this invaluable virtue, students of grade 8A presented an engaging assembly on August 24th.

The audience expectations were fuelled by **Ms Neena Das'** stimulating speech and these expectations were absolutely fulfilled. Students' own admirable teamwork displayed how when all the group members dissolve 'I' for 'We', we are able to achieve a common goal.

Children explored the reasons to a failed teamwork through a well-staged skit. A self-composed poem, a symbolic dance, songs and Thought of the Day, all were efficiently collated to impress upon the audience the value of collaborating, compromising and yielding to reap a rich yield of fulfilled goals.



8 B

Stand with your school that made you stand. With this motto the students of grade 8 B presented their assembly on the theme- **Loyalty towards School**. Initiated with an inspiring speech by **Ms Poornima K N**, the assembly rolled on, presenting slices of students' life when they stand giddy on moral grounds.

However, the tussle between vice and virtue, well personified by the characters in the skit, made it amply clear that loyalty towards school clearly pays off.

The Hindi skit reminded all of the rich *guru- shishya* tradition that our culture is blessed with.



8 C

On 4th September grade 8C presented their class assembly titled, **Guru Shikshya Parampara**. Initiating the assembly, Faculty Member, Dept. of English, Ms Usha Unnikrishnan narrated a personal anecdote giving out the message that *one should lead by example*.

Juxtaposing two skits that displayed the ancient Guru-Shikshya relationship and the present day teacher – student classroom interactions, the students stoked the feeling of gratitude towards their teachers and school at large.

Deliberating on the increasing role of technology in education, the children advocated that a loving and thoughtful teacher is simply irreplaceable. She is instrumental in not only imparting knowledge but also instilling values in the students, which in the long run play a pivotal role in making them successful individuals. Melodious Hindi songs and dance were well much appreciated.





4 B

The value of *Loyalty* was highlighted by Grade 4B through their class assembly held on 1st August. The story of a kite without a thread was recited which emphasized upon the importance of loyalty towards one's family and friends in order to fly high.

The story of the Elephant Whisperer, Lawrence Anthony, a South African conservationist depicted how a strong mutual feeling of trust and loyalty can exist between man and animals. Lawrence Anthony worked with a group of hostile elephants who later established a deep bond with him. The Hindi play, inspired by the story of brave Eklavya and his dedication towards archery and his guru further reiterated the value of loyalty. A beautiful rendition of the

song *you have got a friend in me* gave a powerful message on importance of everlasting friendships and relationships.



4C

Carried with care, coated with pride, dipped in love, we enjoy our moments of freedom, and are proud to be Indian.

Students of grade 4C presented their class assembly on 8th August showcasing the significance of freedom through a story of two doves. In the story, the free dove motivates her captive friend to try and come out of the cage, emphasizing the point that freedom cannot be earned without effort and sacrifice. The immense contribution of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and Bal Gangadhar Tilak to procure our independence from the Britishers was highlighted. The show concluded with a

song and **Ms. Shreya Shetty's** speech on freedom and the responsibility it entails.



3 A

On 29th August 2019, Grade 3 A enthralled the audience with their assembly on India and its achievements in the last 7 Independent Decades. Every decade's achievements were depicted through the great personalities of India. The national symbols, speech, poem, news, thought, dance and song all with a patriotic touch were an important part of the assembly. The fervour of Independence Month was brought about with classy performances by the students.





3 B

Grade 3 B presented their class assembly on **September 6th, 2019**. The theme of the assembly was **INTEGRITY**, a value adopted from the school vision. In keeping with the colour significance, the entire class was dressed in shades of blue, which represents honesty, integrity and truth. This value was shown synonymous to honesty and how it is essential in our daily lives. The students began the show with a mellifluous rendition of *Humko Man Ki Shakti Dena* followed by a Hindi skit, speeches, Kannada song and a poem on Integrity by Gary Dodd. They danced to the powerful tunes of *SatyameVjayate*. Academic Integrity was highlighted with small simple steps to be followed by young students. The ever popular quizzing segment was enjoyed by all.

The assembly ended on a positive note with the thought that, ***Right is right even if no one is watching***

and wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it.



3 C

On the 13th of September class 3C presented the assembly on **social responsibility**. Individual social responsibility was expressed through various examples and role models. Contribution of multinational companies and famous individuals towards social upliftment was touched upon as well.

The social responsibility of a student was depicted through a dance. The value for the month, Honesty, was presented by a talk and a Hindi skit. The quiz and group song were enjoyed by all.



Inter house Competitions (Middle School)

Quiz

The Inter house quiz for Grades 6 to 8 was held on 7th August. Participants from each house and grade entered the finals after qualifying the preliminary round, conducted previously. The finals consisted of four rounds- Direct Round, Double Round, Chain Round and a Theme Round. There was a lot of excitement and tension among teams. Amidst elation and disappointment, the Pioneers emerged victorious followed by the Explorers in the second place and the Challengers in the third place. The well conducted event received accolades from the highly enthusiastic audience.





Poetry Writing

Held on 23rd August, students of grade 6-8 enthusiastically participated in Poetry Writing and Hand Writing competition. Working in pairs, one student composed the poem while the other scripted it beautifully on the paper.



In Poetry Writing **the Pioneers** emerged first while **the Voyagers and the Explorers** got 2nd and 3rd place respectively. In the Handwriting Competition

Voyagers stood first while **the Pioneers and the Explorers** shared the second position. Third place was received by **the Pioneers**.

Inter house Competitions (Senior School)

Science- Math Event

The inter house Math and Science event for Grades 9 to 12 was conducted on the 24th of August 2019 with the combined effort of the Math and Science clubs. The event was an *Escape Room*, where participants from each house had to escape the room by solving a series of puzzles.

The fastest team would win. The puzzles broadly dealt with physics, chemistry, biology and math. Participants had to decode anagrams, solve cryptic clues and make connections between different concepts to escape successfully.

The Explorers came first, followed by the Challengers, the Pioneers and lastly the Voyagers.



Inter Class Competitions

Finals of Inter Class competitions for the primary school began on the 13th of August. Drawing and colouring competition saw a vivid splash of colours and display of artistic abilities. Oratory skills were tested through Hindi recitation competition. The enthusiastic competitors did a commendable job. Congratulations to the winners.

Talk by Mr. V Anand Kumar for grade 10-12 parents

On 17th August **Mr. V Anand Kumar** with three of our alumni held a session on ***Studying Abroad – FAQs*** for the parents of students of grades 10 and 11. The objective of the session was to provide the big picture of studying in foreign universities that encompassed choosing the right university, submitting applications on time, taking care of expenses,

scholarships and the time-tested good practices.

The entire presentation was in the form of Q&A and proved effectively helpful for all those students and parents who are looking at the education options offshore.



SEWA

As part of the SEWA programme, the students of grade 10 paid their second visit to the old age home *Little Sisters for the Poor and Aged*, and had the privilege of putting up a show for the wise and kind-hearted inmates of the home. While the students of 10A performed on 29th August, the students of 10 B and 10 C performed on 6th August and 22nd August respectively.

Each show, a perfect blend of dance and drama was an effort to entertain the residents. The visit ended with an interactive session, where the inmates told the students about how the old songs and snippets from old Bollywood movies always brought a smile to their faces.-*Parul Diwan, 10C*

Community Outreach Program

On 22 August 2019, Grade 7 visited *Shree Ramana Maharishi Academy for the Blind*. On reaching there, we first donated the fruits carried for them. We were shown a small presentation on the academy's aim. Around 17,000+ students have been taught the art of agriculture, sericulture, packaging, dairy farming as well as math and science. We were amazed to know that they learnt all these merely by touch and feel. Afterwards, two talented students showed us how they read & write braille and solve algebra sums with confidence. It was an eye-opening experience and we were left mesmerised. The entire Grade 7 thanked Jyotsna ma'am for giving us this opportunity to visit the abode of god's chosen angles.- *Devrati Mukharjee, 7A*

Students of 8 A, B & C visited **Shishu Mandir** on 5th, 14th and 16th August respectively. Shishu Mandir is an institution where the unprivileged children have been receiving education, care and guidance in their careers for the past 30 years, gaining self-sufficiency and independence. Our students made an attempt to reach out to the children by spending quality time with them and getting to know their way of life. They also donated food provisions and stationery items.



Book Week

'Meaning is not important', said the BFG. 'I cannot be right all the time. Quite often I is left instead of right'. From the BFG.

In pursuit of the holistic development of our students, Book Week 2019 was organized from 26th to 30th of August, for grades 1-5 with a plethora of events and activities. Excitement filled the air as the young minds of Grades 1 and 2 were treated to a Story Telling session by the Amar Chitra Katha team.

As all work and no play make our Jacks and Jills dull, Grade 4, after an arduous week of MRs, had a field day out at the Amar Chitra Katha office.



There they learned all about the nuances of printing a book. That was not all, they were presented with a copy of a 3 in 1 comic book, to add to their glee. Punctuation, handwriting, colouring, cosplay and creative writing,

to hone the writing skills, were all a part of the milieu.

An Author Visit was an interactive session planned with **Ms. Ramya Sridhar** for Grades 3 and 5. She is a co-founder of Katha Corner –a dream that has touched many young lives and has successfully curated the art of storytelling.



The children were transported into the magical world of mythology and were entertained with the popular **Kabuliwala**, as they got to act out a part of the story and involve themselves in it. It was filled with moments of fun as the room echoed with their joyous laughter. They were

also treated to a shadow play, One, Two, Tree, in aid of charity towards our environment by the artists of Sand box.

Books are no less than a treasure. To substantiate this a Treasure Hunt was organized. It generated a lot of excitement.



The young book lovers rushed in the quest of the queen's crown which was the prize to be found after unravelling the

long list of clues hidden inside the treasure cove of books.

A quiz for each grade, along with a talk on the works of some popular children's authors and their work, was conducted by the students of Grade 9. The icing on the cake was the students of Grade 1 dressing up as their favourite characters during the Cosplay as a culmination of the week. A truly wondrous week filled with learning and fun.

Field Trip

Students of Grade 3 visited **The Farm** on 7th August to extend their learning of **Plants and Animals**. The pleasant weather allowed the children to explore the animal world. They touched, fed and petted turtles, terrapins, hens, rabbits, goats, sheep etc. and appreciated budgerigars, owls and millipede. Students couldn't get enough of cuddling the Shih Tzu breed of dog and also the Great Dane. Hot popcorns, soccer and nature walk around the farm made the children's day. Climbing the trees (under close supervision) was indeed a godsend. Later, each child was presented with a plant and a certificate.

Visit to the Supermarket – Nilgiris

We took a field trip to enhance what we are doing in class. We then took the time to transfer that information from the outside of the school experience back to the classroom.

A trip for our KG1 students to Nilgiris Supermarket was organised on 30th August to enhance their learning on the ongoing **EVS topic - Food We Eat**. The supermarket is a wonderful place for children to be made aware of and learn about various food groups. They also learnt where food came from before they arrive at the supermarket store (from plants/animals).

They were shown different sections of the supermarket, fresh fruits and vegetables, the pulses and the grains sections, the dairy and the frozen food section and the bakery section.

It was a fun learning experience for our students. The children came back to class and did a free hand drawing depicting their visit to the supermarket.

Teachers' Day

5th September marked as a very special day for the teachers and the students at NPS Koramangala.

Celebrating Teachers' Day, children expressed their love and respect towards their teachers by offering flowers and cards.

Like every year, this year too, teachers eagerly awaited the song and dance show exclusively prepared and staged for them with immense love. Children left no stone unturned to present a high voltage entertainment that included a beautiful rendition of classical song and dances, instrumental duet, contemporary dance and a skit on the life of a teacher that was a runaway success.



The much anticipated spirited dance medley by 12th graders on Bollywood chartbusters

always remains the heart of the show. It was indeed a day in the life of students to pause and evaluate the role played by teachers in their life and for teachers to realize how their students, in turn, add happiness and a sense of fulfilment in their lives.

Early Learning

The month of August was action packed for Montessori kids. The high point of the month was the Independence Day celebration. The Montessori and Kindergarten students came dressed up in the colours of our national flag on 16th August 2019. All the Early Years students converged in the school auditorium, where some kids from Montessori, KG1 and KG2 put up a dance performance to foot-tapping patriotic songs. All the students rendered patriotic songs with much gusto.



The entire month was dedicated to learning more about the animal world. Along with extensive discussions in the classes, the juniors and seniors were given an opportunity to enhance their public speaking skills. The students were extremely confident during these *Show & Tell* sessions spread across the month.



As a culmination of the theme, the Senior Montessori students went for a field trip to Cubbon Park on 29th August. The students keenly observed the different species of fishes on display at the aquarium. As an added treat, they went for a joy ride on the toy train.



The parents of Montessori Juniors and Freshers were invited for Parent Teacher Conference held on 24th August & 31st August respectively. The parents got detailed and specific feedback about their ward. A handbook on different strategies that can be used at home to augment

the learning in school was given to them.

Funistaan, the carnival, was out and out a fun filled day for KG2. On 23rd August children arrived dressed in their favourite Disney / cartoon costumes which brought in a lot of excitement amongst them. The Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair inaugurated the carnival abounding in festivities.



Games like Pinning the Elephant's Tail, relay with shapes, Dog and the Bone (with a twist) to name a few, were played. Children literally sparkled with colourful gel on their hair and tattoos on their arms. The merry making ended with

every child taking a goody bag and numerous fond memories home.

Thematic Learning - Incredible Me

The finale of EVS Thematic Learning - **Incredible Me** was held on 17th August. KG2 students lucidly expressed their learning gained all through the month about different parts of the body and their functions, sense organs, internal organs, skeleton and personal hygiene in the presence of their parents. A variety of lively songs brightened the show. Interestingly, all the props and displays were made by the children themselves in class.

SaPa Workshop

*"We are the music makers,
and we are the dreamers of
dreams" – Arthur O' Shaughnessy*



As part of SaPa in schools program, a workshop was held on 16th September 2019 by Mr Anoor Vinod Shyam for Grades 3 and 4. This interactive session was an invigorating experience as the students were treated to the exciting beats of various percussion instruments, through association with sounds we come across in our daily lives.



Mr. Anoor began his training at the age of 10 and led a 13 member percussion ensemble at the age of 13.



Having performed with various stalwarts he is one of the most sought after percussionists in Karnataka. Accompanying him was Mr Rahul Shivkumar who is trained in both Carnatic rhythmic tradition as well as Western drums and percussions. A treat for the souls indeed!

Swachhata Pakwada

NPS Koramangala enthusiastically participated in the cleanliness drive for **Swachh Bharat - Swachhta Pakhwada** from 1-15 September 2019 following the guidelines given by CBSE.

During the fortnight all the students took a pledge to devote their time and attention towards keeping their surroundings clean. A talk by one of the Eco Club members of the school made them aware of the importance of the drive.



Grade 5 students participated in the *Harit Shram Project* in which they grow vegetables and give it to the support staff. Students of all grades cleaned their classrooms- experiential learning at its best.





While the school nurse Ms. Smitha Mathew spoke to the primary students about personal hygiene, faculty member, Ms. Nanditha, educated the support staff about the same. Summing up the fortnight dedicated to cleanliness, students of grades 4 wrote a letter to their parents about various activities undertaken in the school during the Swachhta Pakhwada.



Scholastic Book Fair was organised for the students of the Primary classes from 16th to 20th September so as to encourage the reading habit among our young learners. Books on various genres were on display as students and parents made a bee line to the fair to

participate enthusiastically in it.

Parent Teacher Conferences for Grades 3 and 4 was held on 14th of September, to provide an overview of the general and academic progress of the students.

CBSE Workshops

CBSE Resource Person and Faculty Member, Department of Science, Ms Pramila Menon was appointed by Centre of Excellence, Chennai to conduct a **Capacity Building Programme in Experiential Learning**.

The two day workshop was conducted on 13th and 14th October, 2019 at Royal Concorde International School, Bangalore. It was attended by 62 teachers from across various levels – primary, middle and senior school and handling different subjects.

Workshop at TISB Training Academy

A comprehensive workshop on **Learning Difficulty** was conducted at **TISB Training Academy** on 20th and 23rd September 2019. This workshop was conducted by our **Special Educator**

Ms. P. Sree Vidhya for the students who are undergoing a **TTA Diploma for excellence in Teaching Practices** course.

Workshop

The 5th Annual Drishti Symposium was conducted at Sampurna Montfort College on 14th September 2019. **Ms. Aarthi C** and **Ms. P. Sree Vidhya** attended the symposium. The topic of the session was focussing mainly on **Managing Diversity in the Class rooms**.

The main idea of the session was to focus on the differentiated learning styles with respect to the various aspects in policy, pedagogy, therapy and interventions. There were eminent personalities who had graced the occasion.



In-house Professional Development Programs

14th September 2019: **Ms. Sujata Mishra** and **Ms. Geeta Kathait** conducted a workshop for secondary teachers on **CBSE's orientation program in Strengthening Assessment & Evaluation Practices**. It was a review of the CBSE workshop attended by them. The highlights of the workshop were structure of assessment with a focus on internal assessments, particularly Multiple Assessments, Portfolio maintenance and the rationale behind all the assessments. Best practices on achieving the planned and productive learning outcome were also discussed.

25th September 2019: **Ms. Pramila Menon, Ms. Usha Unnikrishnan** and **Ms. Shobha Nair** conducted a presentation and workshop on Experiential Learning for teachers of Grades 6 to 12. The teachers were oriented to the four main aspects of Experiential Learning Cycle

and practised its application during the workshop.

Through the first term, Coordinators **Ms. Minati Kapur, Ms. Veneetha Sunita, Ms. Malini Keshav, Ms. Aparna Dinesh** and **Ms. Pramila Menon** conducted a series of sessions on Classroom Management and Positive School Culture for the teachers of their respective levels. These sessions included introspection, discussion and sharing of best practices.

I belong to the people I love, and they belong to me – they, and the love and loyalty I give them, form my identity far more than any word or group ever could. -Veronica Roth.

While Loyalty is being truthful to the people who matter to you, Honesty is being truthful to yourself.....

Yes, this reiterates our values for the two consecutive months – loyalty and Honesty as we come to close another edition of our newsletter, and bid adieu to the month that has gone by.



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