

# NEWS LETTER

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*National Public  
School,  
Koramangala*



**”Good players inspire themselves, great players inspire others.”**

A warm welcome to all our readers. We are already a month into the brand new year and two eventful months have gone by since we met last. While this intense period was marked by the vigorous and spirited sport days, engaging the entire school, from Mont – 12 grade, the month of January slowly drew towards the beginning of an end to this action-packed academic year with Handing over ceremony. However, a lot more filled this expanse. Here’s the update...

### **Achievements**

**Niveditha S. Iyer of class 12 A** has been admitted to **The Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s (MIT) Class of 2024**. She intends to pursue one of the several majors offered by its Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (course 6-x).

**Niveditha S. Iyer of class 12 A** presented a project under the category of Behavioural Sciences at the IRIS National Science

Fair organized by the Government of India’s Department of Science & Technology in Bangalore during Jan 23-24, 2020. Her project received a Grand Award at the fair and has been selected to **represent India at the International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF) to be held in Anaheim, California during May 10-15, 2020.**

**Shashank S I of grade 9A** has cleared the prestigious **Regional Mathematical Olympiad 2019 (RMO)**. He is among the 30 students who were selected to the next level- INMO. Shashank attended the four day training camp of INMO at Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore.

**Shaurya Rathi of grade 7 B** secured 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the BRICSMATH.COM’s III International online competition in Mathematics for students from classes 1-12 during 13<sup>th</sup> November to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**Siddharth Pereira of grade 9A**, known in the music world as S!D, has been signed to the British record label "Immersive

records." This label is known for artists such as: Taylor X, Past Life and KRNKD. The label has garnered support from bigger labels, namely Future House Music and Spinnin record. Spinnin is the largest EDM label on the planet today, best known for artist like: Martin Garrix in his song "Animals", Tiesto, Calvin Harris, Don Diablo, KSHMR and many more. S!D's song "Elements" will be releasing on 14th February 2020 on all major streaming platforms.



Our Junior Boys Basketball team won the **first place** in Interschool Basketball tournament held on 7<sup>th</sup> December at **Samhita Academy, Bengaluru.**

On 11<sup>th</sup> December our Girls’ team were the runners up at Bishop Cottons Basketball tournament. **Divya Gopal** of grade **7 C** was adjudged

## the Most Upcoming Player.

**Saksham Gurung** of Class 11 B has been selected to train in Germany at a renowned Football Institute – Deutches FuBball Internat (DFI), for a duration of 50 days during April and May. He was selected after a rigorous round of scouting from all over India and has received 100% scholarship to attend the program. The second round of selection will take place there for their one year program.

**Inventure Academy Sports Fest** was held from 30<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020. We won first place in Basketball Boys grade 6 and below. **The Best Player** in the category was **Aarush Rajendra Jain of 6C**. In Basketball Boys grade 4 and below our team bagged first place again and **Aakarsh Jauhri of Grade 4A** was **adjudged the Best Player**. In Tennis Boys grade 6 and below we clinched the first place yet again.



In Athletics while **Rajendra Jain of 6C** secured first place in 100m and 200m race. He was also **the Best Athlete**, **Samath D Gowda of 6 C** got second place in shot put. **Ankita Sahu of 6C** bagged second place in 200 m. and third place in 100m race.

While **Neil Anand of 4C** bagged second place in Ball Bend Throw, **Hansini Prasana of 4 A** got third place in it.

## Major Events

### Sports Day (senior school)



NPS Koramangala celebrated its **Triennial Senior Sports day – Urja**

**2019-20** with a great spirit on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019.



The mega event was graced by the 23-time billiards and snooker World Champion Mr. Pankaj Advani and the Director, NPS group of schools, Dr. Bindu Hari. A tribute to the Fit India Movement launched by the honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi as well as to the indigenous games and sports of India, the event was a spectacular show of immaculate march past, energetic rendition by the school band, unique displays and thrilling athletic events by grade 6-12 students.



Expressing his pleasure at the synchronized display of youthful energy and discipline by the contingent comprising the four houses, Pankaj Advani advised the students to be ethical and principled while playing as it is not about winning alone but the respect we render towards our opponents.



The well-organized and mesmerising displays portrayed a rich mélange of indigenous games and martial arts of India which is rooted to the cultural heritage of our land. Sporting captivating costumes and accessories, the young showstoppers exhibited the essence of the games like hockey, chess, wrestling, kabbadi and kh-kho that blossomed from the sweet smell of our soil. The traditional martial arts display from

various parts of India- Squay from Kashmir, Thang-Tha from Manipuri, Mardani khela from Kohlapur and silambam from Tamilnadu - made the spectators proud of our opulent legacy.



Poetry in motion, Natyobics- an amalgamation of Nritya, Yoga and Aerobics -

served as the crowning glory of the programme.



The exciting races and recreational games in various categories brought out the best sportsperson in each of the participants. The day culminated with prize distribution and it was the Pioneer house that secured the Best March past Trophy and the Voyagers House jubilantly took the Overall Sports Trophy home. Kudos to the champs!!

### Sports Day (Primary school)

NPS Koramangala celebrated its maiden Primary Sports Day – Urja 2020 with great zeal and enthusiasm on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020 as a spectacular start to the activities for the New Year. The mega event was graced by Mr. M.N. Anucheth, a 2009 batch IPS officer and the Director, NPS group of schools, Dr. Bindu Hari. The spotlight was on the march past by the students

of grades 4 and 5. This was followed by a lilting rendition by the school band, exclusive displays and thrilling athletic events by students of Grades 1 to 5. Colourful bunches of balloons were released to mark the indomitable high flying spirit of the little ones as they prepared to soar high in their achievements. The customary torchlight run signified the lighting of the eternal flame.



Emphasising the need for self – discipline and team work, Mr. Anucheth cited examples from his own personal experiences. He stressed on the significance of sports in a child’s life and how long lasting friendships are formed on the playground. The well organised and mesmerising displays portrayed our rich native heritage like yoga and lezim dance. Taekwondo, colourful and vibrant drills, cheerleading teams, a plethora of athletic events and

recreational races kept the adrenaline rush high. Bringing out the sportsmanship spirit in each and every one, the eventful day culminated with prize distribution. It was the Voyagers House that took the coveted march past trophy and the Explorer House that proudly took the overall trophy home. Kudos to the champs!!





### SPECTRUM- Early Learning Sports Meet

After the Senior and Junior Sports Day, the tiny tots of Early Learning made a display of energy and agility during their sports day **Spectrum**, which was held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The flame of

sportsmanship was passed on from one team member to the other in the inaugural lap. The theme of the event this year was *Treeni Tattvam* where in the students of KG2 depicted 'Fire', KG1 'Water' and Montessori 'Earth', in colorful and vibrant costumes. The air was filled with colours and spirit of vitality and conviviality. The Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair introduced the chief guest and declared the sports meet open. In her address, the chief guest Ms. Gita Bhalla gave effective advice and tips to the parents on the secret of raising happy children in the modern day scenario.



After the individual class displays more than two hundred children got together for the finale. The children enthusiastically participated in the theme based games organized by their teachers.

Every child played in the true spirit of sportsmanship

and each one was a winner, proudly receiving a shining medal.



## The Handing Over Ceremony



The most important event marking the end of the academic year 2019-20, the Handing Over Ceremony, was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.

The programme began with a shloka, invoking the blessings of the almighty, followed by the solemn event of the handing over of flags wherein the Grade 12 badge holders passed on the mantel of their responsibilities to their juniors.

Principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair wished the outgoing 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders the very best and exhorted them not to look back with regret but to charge ahead with new vigour and new promises.

The most awaited trophies were bestowed upon the most deserving. **Abhinav Menon of 12A** was declared the 'Best

## Outgoing Student' and Niveditha Iyer of 12A as 'The Most Valuable Student' of 2019-20.



The school's Cultural Cup was bagged by the Pioneer House.



Various performances - dances, **music** and drama were complimented by huge rounds of applause.

The event not only served as a solemn farewell for Grade 12 but also an occasion to wish them the very best for their future endeavours.



## Flag hoisting - Republic Day

Students and teachers celebrated the 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day by hoisting our tricolor on the grounds of the school, singing our

national anthem. The principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair unfurled the flag and Ms Shari Muraleedharan gave a beautiful rendition of the heartwarming song, “*Ae watan, watan mere abaad rahe tu...*’



## Other Events

### Martyr’s day

The entire school observed Martyr’s day on 30<sup>th</sup> January, the 72<sup>nd</sup> death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. At 11 a.m. everyone maintained two minutes of silence, honouring and remembering the sacrifice

of the father of the nation and other freedom fighters who laid down their life for secure the nation’s independence.

### Assemblies

#### Class Assembly Grade 11

Students of 11<sup>th</sup> grade dedicated their assembly to the ideals of **Republic Day** on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020. In her address Sanskrit faculty member, Ms. Anita Mehrotra urged the students to practice tolerance and forbearance in everyday life.



The very ideals **Republic, Justice, Secularity, Sovereignty and Equality-** which our country rests upon found

expression through poetry, dramatics, music and dance.

An eloquent poem, *Power to the Republic* echoed in the minds of the audience. **Justice** always prevails no matter what the circumstances, was showcased by an emotionally charged re-enactment of the recent case of Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority (KCZMA) objecting to the encroachment of land by Maradu Apartment complexes.



**Secularism** was reiterated through a melodious rendition dedicated to the motherland while the theme of Sovereignty was brought out in a fun quiz to find out how much the audience knew about the mechanisms of governance. **Equality** and

its true meaning was brought to life by a dance depicting a story of rising above the caste system and recognizing each and every one as a citizen of India.



The assembly commenced and concluded on a solemn note as the **Preamble of the Constitution, both in Hindi and English**, rang out. The students of grade 11 stood hand in hand representing different parts of India in unity, leaving the audience pondering over all the questions that were raised and the different ideals expressed in the assembly.

### Talks

#### Alumnus Sanjan Das on Cambridge admission procedure for grade 11

On 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020, our alumnus, Sanjan Das, put up an interactive presentation on applying for colleges abroad with a

focus on the admission processes in the United Kingdom.

A third year student at the prestigious University of Cambridge, Sanjan explained in detail the different steps of the entire process. The students of grade 11 who attended this presentation understood that academic excellence on par with an array of co-curricular activities is the right direction to steer towards the start of a bright future. The presentation explained various requirements such as submitting applications to the UCAS, writing the TOEFL to meet the English requirements, submitting test results and the interview. The most intriguing part of the presentation was undeniably the explanation of the interview. Many of the students had queries regarding this aspect of the application process as it sums up to be the most important in the admission process.

Doubts regarding admissions into colleges in the United States and taking the SAT were also well answered. Overall, it

was an extremely informative presentation to a very relevant topic and the students who attended it will greatly benefit from it in the future!

#### Cyber safety and prevention of cybercrime against children

On 18<sup>th</sup> January NPS KRM invited two eminent speakers Mr. Akshay Garkel and Dr. Shaibya Saldanha to address the students and parents of grades 7 and 8 on 'Cyber safety and prevention of cybercrime against children'. While Mr. Garkel is a cyber-expert dealing in many international projects relating to cybercrime and ethical hacking, Dr. Saldanha is the co-founder of Enfold India, an organization that aims at building safe and inclusive communities with healthy and safe children living with dignity.



Mr. Garkel's engaging interactive session with interesting Garfield videos

cruised the students through the basic concepts, benefits and most importantly the dangers of cyber activity. He elaborated on how menacing the perils like cyber bullying, malwares and unchecked cyber use can be. Students were advised to responsibly use social media and internet with their parents' permission; be wary of their posts including pictures and videos; never share personal information and never download/click suspicious file/link. The young netizens took home the message of safe networking for learning, sharing, collaborating positively and guarding themselves against any cyber mishap.



During the parents' session too, Mr. Garkel reiterated the need of parental

guidance, supervision and care in their wards' cyber activities. He illustrated the magnitude of risks out there with case studies that Mr. Garkel himself had dealt with. Parents were made aware of the addictive games/activities children are indulging in and how, if unrestrained, it can lead to severe physical and psychological repercussions. However, if anything goes wrong, where to look for help, was also discussed. Many useful tips were shared with the students and parents alike.

Dr. Saldanha captivated the parent audience with her penetrating and direct approach. She elaborated on how parents are the role models for their wards.

Nurturing a healthy and caring domestic environment where children imbibe the values practised by their parents, whether in their conduct or relationships, was the focus of Dr. Saldanha's talk. The session ended with Q&A round and a few effective suggestions by the principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair.

## Live streaming of *Pariksha Pe Charcha*



On 20<sup>th</sup> January students and teachers attended the live telecast of the third edition of *Pariksha Pe Charcha* by our honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi. During the two hour long live streaming students listened with rapt attention to the valuable advice given by the PM. The PM touched on the issues like tackling stress during the exams, meeting parental expectations, avoiding

procrastination, keeping oneself aware, using technology and not being a slave of it, all this through extremely relatable examples. He imparted useful tips and techniques to the students to sail through the exams. What charmed the large audience of the PM most, was his cheerful yet direct approach.

### Visit to Jakkur Lake

*A person does not grow from the ground like a vine or a tree, one is not part of a plot of land. Mankind has legs so it can wander.*



It was a unique experience for the students of Grade 5 to visit Jakkur Lake on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020 with the **objective** of witnessing the

positive impact of citizens' initiative in revival of the lake. This visit helped our students appreciate the efforts of the fellow citizens and take onus of conserving our natural resources, especially water and be the responsible citizens of the future.



The students spotted around 36 species of resident and migratory birds and had an opportunity to meet and interact with Dr. Annapurna Kamath, the lady who initiated and is responsible for the revival of the lake.

The 10 year olds thoroughly enjoyed the experience of viewing the exotic flora and fauna of the area and being one with nature in the midst of the hectic city life. It was an experience that they are sure to cherish for a long time.

### Grades 4 and 5 Cyber Champ Quiz

The finals of the Cyber Champ Quiz conducted by the Cyber Club members was held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. It generated a lot of excitement with the six participating teams competing closely over four tough rounds of questions including 'Who, When and Where', Long Visual Connect (LVC) and 'Rapid Fire'. The team comprising Soham Joshi(5B) and Medhansh Tehanguria(4B) emerged as winners followed by Chinmay Jujare(5B) and Arham(4B) being declared the runners- up.

### Early Learning

#### MONTESSORI

#### Topic of the Month- Seasons



The topic for the month of December in Montessori was seasons. The Senior Montessori students came dressed for a fashion parade on seasons and

showcased their colorful costumes on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. An audio video presentation gave the children a glimpse into types of seasons in different regions. They also had fun activities relevant to the topic. During this month children were encouraged to create a musical instrument, along with their parents, using recycled material.

### Christmas celebration



‘Tis the season to be happy’ was celebrated with fun, frolic and joy by singing Christmas carols, and the thrill of receiving gifts from Santa this was followed by a Christmas party. Children enjoyed doing craft activity based on Christmas theme. 19<sup>th</sup> December.

### Field trip to Fire Station



The Montessori department stepped into this New Year introducing the children to the topic of the month - safety.

As part of this topic the students did art work and storytelling. The story telling sessions were based on safety measures for home, fire, water and road. This was done for all three age groups.

Our students are also being apprised of the different agencies who work round the clock to keep us safe. The seniors were taken on a field trip to a fire station to experience how it functions and to interact with the firemen.

During the month, our little scientists were all excited to present various experiments to their friends. The audience, comprising of animated 5 year olds, were taken by surprise and filled with awe on seeing the outcomes of the experiments.

The Mega event for the month was Spectrum 2020. A lot of hard work and practice had gone in bringing this event before you. We thank you parents

for coming, supporting and encouraging your children in making the event a success.

### Music workshop

On 4<sup>th</sup> December Ms. **Roopa K** attended **Times NIE Music Teachers’ Meet 2019-20** in association with IME (Indian Musical Experience) at their state of art ‘Sound Museum’ – India’s first interactive music museum, with 9 internationally designed exhibit galleries, and the truly mesmerizing instruments gallery.



Ms. Roopa had a great experience on all things music, discovering various genres, exploring the stories about iconic songs and music makers, marveling at the grand display of over 108 musical instruments and creating their own music in the workshop conducted by music artist Mr. Vasu Dixit of Swarathma (Indian Folk/fusion) band.

**“It takes courage and conviction to grow up and become who you really are.”** And as our children grow into young adults what better gift to give them than those of strong values.

Courage and Tolerance, being the flavors of December and January, we wish you all happy tidings throughout the year and reiterate that - tolerance isn't about not having beliefs. It's about how your beliefs lead you to treat people who disagree with you.”



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