



NEWSLETTER

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“Welcome Back! Here’s wishing you a superb Jan, a dazzling Feb, an anxiety free March, a peaceful April, a sensational May, Joy that keeps flowing from June to November and a Happy, Merry December..... **A very Happy New Year!!!**

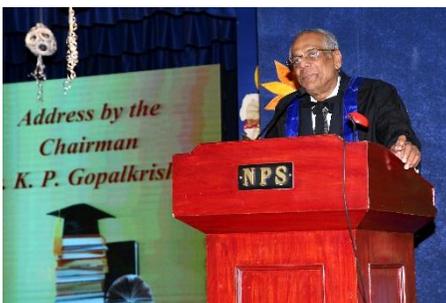


MAJOR EVENTS

Graduation Day

The High point of this month was the **Grade 12** Graduation Day on 27th January 2018. With their heads held high and hearts brimming with pride students of grade 12 took a pledge to take the next step in life with confidence.

The chief guest of the day Mr. Naveen Tiwari, the CEO of InMobi and a board member of Paytm urged the students to remember three succinct, poignant messages- have faith, do what you love and to be crazy.



The Chairman of NPS group of schools, Mr.K.P.Gopalkrishna in his speech brought forth the importance of education in our country and why it is the panacea for the ailment that haunts our country. He also urged the outgoing students to take up the one profession that is most ignored and yet is the most powerful- the teaching profession.

The solemn occasion witnessed the candle lighting ceremony where a silent promise was made by students to share and spread the knowledge handed over to them throughout their years of schooling.



Though it was an evening filled with heavy emotions, the feeling that topped it all was "We Did It"



Handing Over Ceremony

Handing over Ceremony on 19th January 2018 marked the culmination of the intra school events for the year. It signifies the passing of the baton of responsibilities from the outgoing batch of grade 12 to the grade 11 leaders.

The event commenced with a melodious invocation by the students of grades 8 and 9. Principal Ms..Jyotsna Nair addressed the students, expressing her views on leadership and sharing some fond moments about the outgoing batch. The office bearers from grade 12 were honoured for the hard work and dedication put in during their tenure. The much awaited mantle of the Best Outgoing Student was awarded to **Malavika Srinivasan**



and the prestigious **Meenakshi Subramaniam award** for academic excellence in grade 12 was given to **Manish Kaushik**. This was followed by a mesmerising dance by the girls of grades 7, 8 and 9 which displayed a fusion of three classical styles, leaving the audience spellbound. The School Prefect, Rahul Bhattacharya addressed the gathering, paying tribute to the school and his classmates and urging the future leaders to keep the school flag flying high. Arnesh Kundu of grade 12 recited a self-composed poem and the outgoing batch performed a heart rending song that left the audience with moist eyes. The ceremony concluded with a tinge of nostalgia as the senior most batch bid adieu to the school and their juniors, one last time.



Republic Day Celebration

69th Republic Day was enthusiastically celebrated with the customary hoisting of the Tiranga by the guest of the day **Ms. Shyla Narayan**. A medley of patriotic songs by the school choir was followed by two powerful Hindi poems that encouraged brotherhood and the need to break the chains of social evils still prevalent in India.

The primary school students detailed the role of dance in the unification of the country while the senior school students provided the ideal conclusion with a power packed street play on the consequences of untouchability. The program left all the students proud of India's progress and enthused them to do their part in shaping her future.





Achievements

Accenture Junior Innovation Challenge

The Accenture Junior Innovation Challenge was announced in the month of September, where students in teams of 4 had to come up with new and innovative ways of solving problems using technology. The team comprising **Ananya Raju, Pooja Rajesh, Raksha Badri and Vilina Gupta** from grade 11 came Runners-Up, winning a cash prize of Rs.7000/- each, along with trophies and certificates. Teams had to come up with a viable solution for tackling problems in the real world using technology and how they were going to integrate technology into their solutions, along with surveys, videos, and points of reference.



Intellify

On the 20th of January 2018, IIT Delhi conducted the final round of the International Science and Creativity Olympiad at their campus.

There were 4 categories- level 0, 1, 2 & 3. For each category there were two rounds that had been conducted; round 1 was a written Olympiad pattern paper and round 2 was an online test. The top 20 students from all over India in each category proceeded to the finals at IIT Delhi.

Our students **Vinayaka M 9 B, Advait Suresh 10 B, Vidushi Bhartari 10 B, A Vaideeswaran 9 A, Prahlad Anand 10 B, Raghav Rastogi 10 A and Pragya Gupta 9 B, Mukund Balajee 11 B, Rohit Kaushik 12 A, Chinmay S I 12 A, Siddharth Gautam 12 A**, made it to the finals.

During the final round, students were tested on their ability to apply the concepts that they have learnt to create working models. **Prahlad Anand of 10 B** was part of the winning team for Level 3. **Advait Suresh of 10 B** won the riddle quiz round.

Treamis Inter – School Quiz Competition conducted on 12th Jan 2018 had the students in the Junior category emerging winners.

The victorious team comprising **Pradyun Goel and Priyangshu Kar of Grade 8 A** won a cash prize of Rs 5000 and certificates of Merit.

Avyakta Voruganti of Grade 6 A cleared the regional round of **First Lego League** held on the 20th and 21st of January in Bangalore. He will appear for the National Level to be held in Chennai in February.



Vinayaka. M Grade 9 B won the First prize in the contest “Classical Voice of India” in the age category 15-19 Years. He also did us proud by winning the title ‘Classical Voice of Karnataka’. The finals was held at Lucknow after two rounds of auditions at the State Level. Vinayaka was the youngest contestant in that age group.

Hindu Young World Quiz was held on 10 January 2018. **Shashank Jayant** and **A. P. Vaideeswaran** from **Grade-9** won the fourth place in the final round. They received certificates and a trophy.



On the 21st of January 2018, **Ananya Mungara of grade 11 A** was awarded the “Young Achievers Award” by the Rotary Club, Bangalore for her selfless service towards the betterment of the community. She also won a cash prize of Rupees Five Thousand,

which she immediately donated to the Rotary Eye Hospital. Apart from conducting personal health and hygiene sessions for girls belonging to the Lower strata of the society, she also developed an App to aid Senior citizens. She has also recently initiated the “**No Tobacco Campaign**” and hopes to make the drive bigger in the near future. Kudos to all our Young Achievers. !



An organization called “**Trek The Himalayas**” had conducted a difficult and thrilling trek on the frozen river Zanskar in the Ladakh region. The trek involved walking for 95 kms on the ice on top of the river with temperatures between -25⁰ C to -35⁰C. **Abhishek Noronha** of **Grade 7** successfully completed this trek. He was also the first 13 year old to achieve this feat.

The Bangalore Junior Squash Open was held on the 20th and 21st of January. Soumya Raj of Grade 10 A won the second prize in the girls Under – 19 Category.

Other Events

Project NB Youth is a non-profit organization aiming to come up with sustainable solutions to counter the effects of improper waste distribution. It organized a competition on 13 Jan 2018 as a part of its yearly events. Teams across Bangalore participated in the event. Prior to the event, the teams consisting of three members were required to submit 2 online essays.

As a part of the solutions, the teams had to convey their contributions toward solving the problem. Points were awarded to the commendable essays.

The team comprising **Nivedita Iyer, Aditya Anirudh Grade 10 and Vinayaka M Grade9** under the able supervision of Ms. Poornima (EE teacher) bagged the first place.

Each member received a cash prize of Rupees Ten Thousand and the team received a trophy. Some of the solutions displayed by the team include e-waste segregation, smart irrigation, spotfix, eco club activities etc



Harvesting happiness... Sankranti celebrations

The Montessori ushered in the festival of Sankranti with traditional fervor and social festivities. The children witnessed the authentic decoration associated with the festival with rangoli, kite flying et al. They were treated with the traditional sweet Pongal and relished ellu,bella and sugar cane.



Report on stArt

The first edition of 'stArt', an interschool art competition was conducted on 13th January 2018 in our school campus. Well attended by several schools around the city, the Saturday morning air was abuzz with excitement. The gates of NPS Koramangala saw students from various schools in the city walk in along with our own students who were part of the 'Bake Sale'.

The competition held for students from Classes 4th to 11th, was conceptualized entirely by a dedicated team of **Grade 11** students (**Kurchi Mitra** along with her team **Neha Anna Mathew, Akshata Goyal, Akshaya R and Srujitha Bade**)

The primary motive of StArt was to raise funds for Karunashraya, a palliative care home for terminally ill cancer patients.

The topics of the competition were in accordance with the theme of the event- the youngest were tasked with 'An Act of Compassion', the middle group 'Hope and Lavender Ribbon' while the senior most category had to depict 'Ana(r)tomy- the beauty of the human body'. While the budding artists laboured away at their canvases for 3 hours in the classrooms, the ground was filled with the excited chatter of hungry students and the distinct shouts of the young shopkeepers eager to sell their wares and earn the Sold Out moniker, although this was not a part of the competition itself! The bake sale was a resounding success- the delicious food items prepared by the enthusiastic students were sold out within the first one and a half hours. The profit from the Bake Sale will also be donated to Karunasharaya. All in all, the event

was thoroughly enjoyed by all- visiting students, bake sale vendors and volunteers alike.



Show and Tell

Students of KG 1 had their EVS project over 3 days (29th, 30th and 31st January 2018) on the topic 'Best out Of Waste'. This event reflected the collaborative efforts of the students, parents, and teachers in creating various models and to make children aware of making use of waste material in the best possible way.

The students participated with enthusiasm and zeal and delivered an extraordinary presentation of their ideas with props. It reflected their resourcefulness in making various models out of daily materials which would otherwise be thrown away. This in turn helped students boost their self-confidence, creativity and awareness. We thank our dear parents for their continuous support in making this event successful.

Our Visit to the Planetarium (Cosmos)

Excited and full of enthusiasm, the children of KG2 and the seniors from the Montessori went to the Planetarium on 23rd January 2018. The children were enthralled by the models of the planets that they saw in the Science Park.

The students and teachers had an enriching experience and a visual treat in the sky theatre where the Solar System was explained in an interesting manner. The children

were overwhelmed and mesmerized during the show. This was active learning at its best.



Inter- House

Model United Nations

The Interhouse Model United Nations was conducted on the 9th of January 2018. Nearly 120 students from Grade 6 – 11 participated in the full day event. The MUN comprised three committees – UN Security Council, UN Human Rights Council, and DISEC. Students engaged themselves in fruitful debate, comprehensive discussion, and international diplomacy making the MUN a fabulous learning experience. They were forced to think on their feet during crises events and to come up with solutions to real world international issues. The Explorers house emerged as the overall winners of this event.

Music Quiz (Grade 6 to 8)

The Interhouse Music Quiz was conducted on 12th January 2018.

The first-of-its kind, the Quiz saw the eager participation and intense competition among the houses. The quiz had four different rounds – Connect, Fastest Finger First, Jeopardy and Answer if you can. After a grueling 45 minute session, Voyagers emerged as the Winners, followed by Explorers and Pioneers in the second and third position respectively.

Inter –Class

Grades 2 & 3 participated in a ‘Best Out Of Waste competition’ on 11th January 2018 and an Origami competition on the 18th January wherein they displayed their creative skills by utilizing recycled paper and other materials. It was an unusual display of talent.

The Inter- Class ‘Math Whizz’ was conducted on 30th January 2018 with the students tested on various aspects of Maths.

Class Assemblies

3A Titled “Our Universe and the Solar System”, the assembly portrayed the mystical world beyond our planet Earth. It traced the timeline of the Universe, beginning with The Big Bang, the Solar System and many space explorations. The audience learnt numerous interesting facts about the fascinating cosmos.



3B ‘Astronauts and Space Missions’ was a 35-minute journey through the universe conducted on 30th of January 2018. Famous space superstars and their space missions were the highlight.

The assembly was like a portable, inflatable planetarium which dazzled our budding astronomers as they were taken on a tour of the solar system and beyond. It included a short skit, wordology, news, presentations, speeches, a melodious group song and last but not the least a foot tapping dance performance. A truly fun way for the children to learn 'astronomic' facts.





7A The students captivated the audience through a well woven assembly on 31st January 2018. The assembly tackled the very touching cause of 'Organ Donation' through a skit. This touching moment inspired the gathering towards yet another beautiful aspect of giving. The saga brought forth related facts from across the world, in the form of news clippings. A thoughtful poem, 'The Legacy', a melodious rendition 'I Lived' and an emotional speech and quiz were the highlights of the presentation.

It included an initiative by our alumnus Garvita Gulhati to instil in our students the idea of making a small difference in the immediate

world around us. The idea is to bring to our young audience small clippings of rare deeds done by teenagers from across the world. The first session introduced Argentine Gino Tubaro, who at the early age of 13 made his first invention and by the time he turned 17 he had started a global movement to give free prosthetics to thousands

of children worldwide.. This was an attempt to sensitise the students to think 'out of the box' and be the change that is much needed in the world. With the students pledging to 'Heal the World', the future surely will be magical !!!



Parent Teacher Conference

Grade 2 held their PTC on Friday the 5th of January. The interaction focused on discussing various aspects of the students, including academics, social skills and general behavioral aspects.

Field Trips

On 19th December, 2017, the students of **Grade 10** went on a field trip to Kanva Star Resort for rest and leisure after a tormentous week of periodic tests.

Bats, balls, house T shirts and jeans are what graced the grounds of NPS, Koramangala on that morning of December with the students arriving for a field they did not want to miss. The rest of the day was all fun, all play and intervals of delicious food for all.

At the end of the trip, every 10th grader would agree that the trip was

anything but uneventful.



Time to Learn and Play

Grade 5 went on an educational trip to HAL Heritage Centre on the 12th of December 2017. It was a great learning experience as they walked the 'Hall of Fame' showcasing the proud history of Indian Aviation Sector. Fifth graders familiarized themselves with real aircrafts, the engine models of PSLV and satellites from such close quarters. January, 2018 had the students of Grade 2 to 5 spent a fun filled day playing a plethora of games, gorging on sumptuous meals and snacks and bonding with friends at Kanva Resort. At the end of the day, they brought back with them handful of gifts and a sack full of memories. It



Grade 4 had an educational trip to Unibix factory coupled with fun and games. They learnt all about the various ingredients and processes that go into making biscuits. They also carried small packets of samples as a token from the factory.





Grade 1 students bonded with their classmates and teachers at the Gold Finch Resort. It was a wonderful day full of games organized in wide open spaces and filled with joy and frolic for the young ones.

NCO

The National computer Olympiad was conducted on the 23rd January for Grades 3 to 12.

Workshops

A three hours **First Aid** workshop was conducted by The Nightingale's Lifesaving Services on 6th January 2018 for 30 students of grade 9. Mr. Satish, the trainer, took a session on demo on the mannequin. successful completion of CPR training. Students too had an opportunity to have hands on experience on the mannequin. All the students who attended the workshop were given certificate of successful completion of CPR training.



Be the better version of yourself this year, Learn, Fall, Carry on, Repeat... After all success is more about the journey. It is Goodbye from the News desk till the next edition.



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