



*News Letter  
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After buzzing around busily in the month of June, the July month brings with it the festival of trees - **Vanamahotsav**. Nature is impersonal, awe-inspiring and elegant. **“Look deep into Nature and you will begin to understand everything better”- Albert Einstein.**

We regaled in the festivities of celebration of Nature, won unprecedented laurels, hosted IRIS- the first edition of our very own literary and science fest, bonded with our senior citizens and got immersed in lot of remarkable happenings....not to forget the testing times during first assessments.

**Welcome!** Dear readers to yet another month of activities, achievements, learning and excitement.

## Alumni placements

SI NO	NAMES	COURSE	COLLEGE
1	Anand Prabhu	B E	Nanyang Technological University, S'pore
2	Koney Sai Keerthi	Electronics and Comm Engg	Amrita College of Engg, Bangalore
3	Avinash Ratnam	Computer Sc Engg	PES University
4	Nikitha Jayakumar	Computer Sc Engg	PES University
5	Disha Dutta	Electronics and Comm Engg	Amrita College of Engg, Bangalore
6	Sanskriti Shrivastava	Engg	SRM University, Chennai
7	Venkatraman R	Computer Sc Engg	Amrita, Coimbatore
8	Mohit G	Computer Sc Engg	PES University
9	Rida Shafeek	BA In Psychology	Christ University
10	Arnesh Kundu	Design	IIT Bombay
11	Dhwani Ravi	MBBS	St Johns Medical College
12	Chinmay S I	B. S	Indian Institute of Science
13	Siddharth Gautam	B.Tech	IIT, Gawhati
14	Manas Minoor	B.Tech	BITS, Goa
15	Aditya Singh	B.Tech	BITS,Goa

## Achievements

### Pranjal creates history at IMO 2018



The International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO 2018) concluded recently in Romania. This oldest and grandest of science competitions was declared open by the President of Romania and organized in a grand style. 600+ participants from around 110 countries participated in this event. US, Russia and China expectedly bagged the top honors.

India posted its best performance in last many years. Three of the six Indian team members bagged Silver

medals, two got Bronze medals and one received honorable mention.

Pranjal Srivastava, a 14-year student of 9th standard at National Public School, Koramangala led from the front and scored the highest from the India team. In the process, he earned a Silver Medal. Pranjal earned other accolades too. He is the youngest Indian ever to win a medal at IMO. He was also the youngest gold or silver medal winner across all the countries at IMO 2018.

It must be recalled that Pranjal is the first Indian student to qualify for the IMO before entering 9th standard in school. He was in 8th standard when he appeared for the regional round (RMO 2017) and the national round (INMO 2018). He secured 101 out of 102 in RMO 2017 (topper of Karnataka region) and 63 out of 102 in INMO 2018 (5th rank in India).

The President of Romania, in his opening speech summarized IMO as, “the most important intellectual

competitions on the planet” and reminded participants of the chance to make their “countries schools and families very proud”. Well! Pranjal has done just that. We are all indeed proud of him.

**Congratulations!** Pranjal and best wishes for many more achievements in future.



**St. Joseph’s College** conducted ‘**META Schools 2018**’ featuring events in writing, quizzing, and art categories. Around 20 schools participated in the events. **Tanushi Lath** of grade 10 won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, along with a META Illustration voucher for the art event, which was an illustration contest. **Athul M.S.** of **Grade 10** and **Pradyumn Goyal** of **Grade 9** won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Quiz event along with a cash reward of Rs.1000.

**Kumaran’s Model United Nations** was held on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July. Around 20 schools participated in the event. **Koka Satwik** of **Grade 10** and **Shreya Dev** of **Grade 9** were adjudged Honourable Delegates, and

**Tanay S Naidu** of **Grade 10** earned a special mention for being part of the Secretariat.

**Odyssey 2018** was a cultural fest organized by NPS HSR layout held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July. **Aniket Sanghi, Ayush Agarwal, Kaustubh Roy,** and **Raghavan Gopalan** of **Grade 12** secured the first place in Treasure Hunt. **Neha Sharon Jacob, Raksha Badri, Shraddha Vijay, Siddhanth Srikanth, Karthik Subramaniam** and **Jahnvi Sivaram** of **Grade 12** bagged first place in the Acapella event, Armonia.

**Govind Kurup** and **Hanan Omer** of **Grade 12** came first in the science quiz, Connaissance.

**Rohith Paul** and **Akshath V** of **Grade 11** placed second in the coding event, CMD.

**Mukundh Balajee, Rajdeep Nag, Pragati S** of **Grade 12, Samarpith Rout** and **Dhruv Gopal** of **Grade 11,** and **Anshul Roy** of **Grade 10** secured second place in Battle of the Bands.

The prestigious title of **Miss Odyssey** was won by **Pooja Rajesh** of **Grade 12**. The event featured four rounds which included a talent round, extempore, ramp walk, and a gruelling Q&A session.

**Meraki 2018** was a design workshop and seminar organized by PAHAL on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. **Nithya Manick, Shreya Chauhan, Akshatha Pradeep, Gayathri Venkat Raman** and **Saumya Raj** of **Grade 11** bagged third place in the fashion and design competition and were awarded cash vouchers. **Gargi Asthana** of **Grade 11** won 1<sup>st</sup> place for individual photography and a cash reward of Rs. 5,000.

Shishu Griha School in association with Infosys and Infosys Science Foundation conducted the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of **Limit Infinity**, a Science Fest, on the 28<sup>th</sup> July. This year’s events were conducted on Information Science. Several schools from across Bangalore participated in this fest. **Vidhushi Bhartari** of **Grade 11,** won the first prize in the event - **args[] The Debate.**





**Ruhaan Alva** came up with a fighting drive to finish fifth in the sixth round of the Easykart Italia Championship at Adria International Raceway. He started the 100 cc category final in the 17<sup>th</sup> but cut through to finish fifth. He showed impressive pace and was presented with a trophy in the podium. Kudos! To the twelve year old achiever. You have done us proud.



### Faculty Achievement:

Centre for Teacher Accreditation (CENTA) held Teaching Professionals' Olympiad (TPO) 2017 on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The event saw participation of teachers from 2000+ cities /towns / villages across 27 States / UTs of India and Dubai, and from schools across all boards. **Ms. Pramila Menon,**

our biology teacher secured All India 2<sup>nd</sup> rank in her own subject biology and All India rank 32 in all subjects.

Teachers were tested in Subject Expertise, Content Development and Planning and Student Assessment and Remediation. CENTA Standards have been appreciated by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, NITI Aayog and other government institutions.



### Major events – IRIS - Inter School Literary and Science Fest

On 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 the metamorphosis of NPS Koramangala campus into an epicenter of thriving, bustling teenage activity was a sight to reckon with. The occasion was its first ever **Science and Literary Fest: 'IRIS'** where the dreamy imagination of literature hobnobbed with the hard reasoning of practical science. The mega event conceptualized, planned and executed exclusively by the students of grade 9, 11 and 12 was a dynamic confluence of the two life giving forces of erudition i.e. Science and

Literature. After spending long hours of deliberation, preparation and finalization of the events, students came up with 13 tantalizing events, traversing through the realms of Mathematics, Sciences, logical thinking, reasoning, robotics, reporting, writing, reciting and much more.

'IRIS' was declared open by the **Principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair**. Around **391** students from **14** schools from across the city locked their horns for the 13 events. The events like Escape Room (escaping from a crashing spacecraft), Cog works (cleverly accomplishing everyday tasks) and Short Circuit (assembling and coding a black line for robot) challenged participants' abilities to apply concepts of physics, math, architecture, computer science along with critical thinking and creativity. Who could race against time and save a victim of misdiagnosis? Yes... the event Ms.



Diagnosis dared the young medics to do exactly that. While many prospective physicians were battling with a score of diseases in one arena there were others trying to sail through the stream of ‘corrosively acidic nature of burning questions’ in Tesseract- the Chemistry quiz.

There was an interesting amalgamation of unusual disciplines like literary classics and classical physics in the Treasure Hunt ‘Mind Palace’, and science and fashion in ‘Pandora’s Box’. On one side the participants raked their grey matter to recall, deduce and apply the various ideas and theories and on the other they had to spur their creative agility through flaunting a complete fashion line. The nuances of any prestigious Lit Fest couldn’t have been more evident than in IRIS’ poem and story writing contests. Ennobling verses and narratives flowing through the hearts onto the yielding paper become immortal as they slipped through the glib tongues. It was thoroughly overwhelming to see the teams with future CEOs pitching to sell their business ideas, charting out their

marketing strategies or future lawyers building their case in the Moot Court. And to cover this flurry of events was ‘Bullpen’: the journalism event that gave a live coverage of the mega event through incessant Tweets, live video recordings and finally a sensational front page for the world to see their reporting acumen.

The very atmosphere of the campus was oozing with thrill and competitive spirit.



Numerous competent teams were furiously vying to win as their fates were dangling precariously on the precipice of success.

Finally, after many gruelling rounds in various events came the moment of aching suspense: the results. But not before the final round of ‘Pandora’s Box’ i.e. the keenly awaited ramp walk. All the teams competed zealously and earned many trophies, however, NPS-

**Indiranagar** emerged the winner by clinching maximum points and the coveted Rolling Trophy for the year. On the whole, it was great learning and fun filled experience for all the participants.

### Other Events

#### Vanamahotsav

“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.”  
— John Muir



To pave the way for a resplendent new green world the students and teachers celebrated **Van Mahotsava Week** from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July.

The week was inaugurated with sharing of a beautiful thought and speech by primary students, a practice that was followed the entire

week. **School Prefect Neha Sharon Jacob** presented a sapling to the **Principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair** and everyone took a pledge to be the guardians of our environment. A string of activities like visit to a nursery, planting of seeds, English song, drawing and poster making competition, chanting of Sanskrit shlokas and their explanation in English marked the celebration. Mr. Ankit Puri from ‘Voiceless India’ sensitized the students about animal welfare.

The activities brought the students closer to being more responsible and sensitive citizens.

### Montessori-

#### June: The World of Colours

Montessori students had a colourful start as they began the year with the ‘**The World of Colours**’. Children came dressed in the primary and secondary colours on the 22nd and 29th June 2018 .

They had a thrilling time dabbling with various fun filled activities such as hand painting, blow painting and mixing colours.

The children delighted in singing melodic songs on colours; they even watched a

video and appreciated the role of colours in our world.



#### July: My Body, Family and Professions

The month of July started with excitement for our children. Our freshers participated in discussion, action songs and rhymes related to the “Parts of the Body”.

They were shown a video titled “Family”. Seniors participated in an activity titled “Our Professions”, where they dressed up in a profession of their choice and spoke about it to the rest of the class.

They also brought a picture of their family and created a photo frame for it. An enriching learning experience indeed!!



#### Miracle Garden

KG 1 celebrated Colour Day on 27th July 2018. It was a culmination of the topic - COLOURS that reinforced the conceptual knowledge of the same. A day dedicated to colours was marked with children dressed in hues and tints of various colours with the snack boxes also filled with yummy colourful treats. The ‘Miracle Garden’ was created with only the handprints of the little tiny tots. Children performed various songs with confidence and beamed with joy as they received a crown/tiara along with a special motif at the end of the day.





### Guardians of Dreams

Guardians of Dreams - a social sector organization working to provide quality life to children living in shelters and orphanages in India through their programs - conducted the prelims round of various competitions like spellings, drawing, story writing etc. on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018 for grades 1-5. Through their programs and research they strive to improve policies towards child development as well as delve into challenges faced in the protection of children and develop need based solutions. The money collected goes towards child welfare.



### Changemakers

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of July, a group of young mentors from Better Plus Schools addressed the students of grades 8-12 highlighting the current environmental conditions faced globally through an interactive session including a pop quiz, speeches and the personal journey of one of our alumni, Chandana Sathish and her experience as a change maker.



They encouraged the students to solve real life social issues and contribute towards a world which has zero carbon footprint by

initiating the International Change maker Olympiad

### Class Assemblies

#### 10A

Students of Grade 10-A presented their assembly on 'Drive Against Drugs' on 11 July 2018. The subject was dealt with comprehensively and a deep insight was provided on the use, effects and causes of drug addiction.

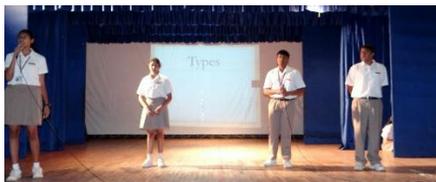


An informative quiz and speech enlightened the audience about the harmful effects of drug usage by teenagers all around the world as an escape from reality.

An animated debate on 'Legalization of Drugs' brought forth the reasons against its legalization. Finally, the thought, "it is better to stay off drugs than get off drugs" summed up the deliberation effectively.

## 10 B

On July 18<sup>th</sup> the students of class 10B presented their assembly on **Obsessive Compulsive Disorder**. The students chose to speak about the pressing subject to raise awareness and debunk misconceptions about those who experience OCD. From explaining what exactly is OCD and its types, the students proceeded to elucidate the Science behind OCD, its effects on our neurochemistry and how it manifests in one's life. These bursts of information were interspersed with a cerebral quiz, the latest news around the world and a thought provoking quote.



The assembly ended with a speech on Mental Stigma, the effects on society and what one can do to stop the stereotypes. The students accomplished their goal of spreading awareness and opening up a dialogue to

nurture more supportive citizens.

## 10 C

On 24<sup>th</sup> July students of grade 10C conducted their class assembly: a tribute to the heroes of Kargil war on the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kargil Vijay Divas. The presentation gave a profound insight into the heroic, intrepid but proud lives of our brave soldiers who gloriously fought for the country in the harsh, inhospitable lands of Kargil.



A self-composed poem touched the sensibilities of the audience. Biographies on Captain Manoj Kumar Pandey and Lt. Vikram Batra provided a close look at their valour in life and heroism in death. A medley of patriotic songs accompanied by soulful rendition of the flute fanned the embers of love and patriotism for our motherland.

## Workshops

### Emotional Intelligence Workshop

TTA (TISB Training Academy) conducted a workshop on **Emotional Intelligence** on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July for Primary and Middle school teachers. The objective of the workshop was to learn to understand, recognize and manage one's emotions so as to be able to efficiently manage relationships and take sound decisions; to develop emotional intelligence in the classroom and also to use emotionally intelligent practices. Teachers were given a comprehensive insight on various issues through lectures, videos, group activities and case studies in classroom scenario. They were also apprised of the development and functions of human brain which influences our ability to cognize, feel, react and take decisions with close relation to our feelings. A sound understanding of the above processes equipped the teachers to enhance their ability to face and handle challenging situations inside and outside the classroom.

### Learning Objectives Workshop

A workshop on Learning Objectives was conducted at TTA, HSR Layout by Ms.

Elsie Thomas for the Primary teachers on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. The session dealt with how to make SMART (Specific Measurable Attainable/Achievable Realistic/Relevant Time effective) learning objectives for every lesson plan.

### Career Counselling

#### **University of Waterloo-**

A session detailing the admission process to various colleges in Canada was conducted by Ms. Seetha, an admission officer at the University of Waterloo. A multitude of points including co-operative education based on the premise of working while you learn in order to cover the expenses of education as well as gain work experience, was covered. Various details like fee structure, process for registration and pre requisites were discussed at length. Furthermore, the departments of Science, Art, History and Literature were showcased to provide a better insight. An educational and enlightening session indeed!



### Field Trips Trip to TISB

A field trip to TISB was organized for the tiny tots of Kindergarten and Montessori to explore, enjoy and experience the world outside the classroom on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018. It was an enjoyable ride in the school bus.

The children were exposed to the lush green gardens and a huge play area where they interacted with their peer group and had a lot of fun in the open grounds. A scrumptious healthy lunch followed and the children returned to school happy and contented.



### Visit to Old age home

This year as part of SEWA (Social Empowerment through Work Education and Action), Grade 10 has adopted the inmates of an Old Age Home. In the course of the year, the three sections of grade 10 will take turns in visiting the **Little Sister's Home of the Aged and Poor** thereby learning valuable life's lessons that can be taught in no classroom.



The students of 10 visited the Home on 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July. They divided themselves into three groups, and put up a well-rehearsed musical, dance and drama performance. The play presented rags-to-riches

story of an aspiring politician. The music group

belted out three melodious tune perfectly complemented by the dancers, and got the opportunity to interact with and entertain the amiable residents by mutually sharing memorable stories of the past and the present. The students' profound love and gratitude towards their parents and grandparents was reinstated as they realized how hollow the dwellers of the old age home must feel when they are shunned by very children they loved and nurtured.



### Parent -Teacher Meeting

**Grade 10 PTM** was conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> July. The objective of the meeting was to apprise the parents of their wards' progress and review their performance in the recently conducted PT1 exams. Parents as well as the students were guided on areas like time management, preparation for exams, orientation towards academics etc The interactive session proved to be immensely beneficial.

The PTM for **Grade 5** was conducted on the 28<sup>th</sup> July. Parents were given an insight into the assessment pattern, expectations from the students as well as information on the curriculum of Grade 5.

The Grade 1 PTM too was held on the same day and proved to be an opportunity for the parents to meet the

teachers on a one to one basis.

**“The rainbow though a part of Nature has to be seen from the right place, all colors of the spectrum are varied yet beautiful, similarly, we are all different : genders, colors , races and culture. And yet together we make the world intriguing and vibrant.”** On this note let's say “Tokomonana”,in Lingala (Congo), goodbye from the Newsdesk at NPSKRM..... until we meet again.





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