



*NEWS
LETTER*

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*National Public
School,
Koramangala*



*The exams have arrived,
“OH NO!” We all cried,
We have been studying
day and night,
Wondering if all our
answers were right,
Beyond horizon, will
failure hide?*

Tavish Shah, 9C

Dear readers, though July brought in a flurry of maiden tests laden with anxiety, hope and trepidations, topped with cool showers, it cannot be christened a dull month. A series of outings, competitions, workshops, class assemblies and career counseling sessions generously and cheerfully dappled the month. So, here you go...

Alumni Placements (in continuation to June 2019 newsletter)

1. **Karthik Subramaniam-** BITS Pilani
2. **Shreyas K B –** IIT Hyderabad
3. **Govind J. Kurup** –Govt. Medical College, Trivendram

4. **Akanksha Appaiah –** PES University
5. **Radhika Pradeep-** PES University
6. **Nausheen Gupta-** Sri Ramachandra Medical University, Chennai
7. **Hanim Omer-** Bowring & Lady Curzon Medical College
8. **Jacob Jaison-** Bangalore Medical College
9. **Raghavan Gopalan-** IIT-Kanpur
10. **Siddharth Shahi-** O P Jindal Global University
11. **Siddharth Srikant-** PES University
12. **Aditya Naidu-** BITS Pilani
13. **Ruchir Rishi-** Manipal institute of Technology
14. **Arvind Iyer-** BITS Pilani (Goa)

15. **Akanksha Tiwari-** St. Joseph’s College
16. **Druti Maliya-** Rajarajeshwari Medical Cillege
17. **Rajat Aggarwal-** Manipal Institute of Technology
18. **Pragathi Sampath-** KMC Manipal
19. **Ananya Mungara-** PES University
20. **Raksha B-** PES University
21. **Sai Praneeth –** Christ University
22. **Jahnvi Sivaram-** PES University
23. **Nikhil Manohar-** Ashoka University

**ALL THE BEST
TO ALL OUR
ALUMNI!**

Achievements

International Mathematics Olympiad's (IMO 2019)

As a befitting crowning glory to **Pranjal Srivastava's** string of superlative achievements in the past few months, he has won the Gold Medal at the recently concluded International Mathematics Olympiad's (IMO 2019) in UK.



IMO is revered as the biggest and toughest of the science competitions across the world and even the biggest countries like USA, China and Russia put their might and national pride behind this competition. What makes Pranjal's medal noteworthy, are two things- firstly, he is the youngest ever to win a gold medal from India and secondly, his medal successfully ended a seven year drought of gold for India. India as a team put up a stupendous performance in many years with 4 Silver medals in the tow. The competition which involved

around 210 countries and more than 600 participants was a memorable experience for Pranjal. He was able to meet and make friends across many countries.



Upon his return, he was felicitated at the HBCSE by legendary mathematician of international repute, Prof Mahan Maharaj of TIFR. We are proud of you Pranjal!



Inter School competitions

Metaschool Fest

In the Metaschool fest, held by St. Joseph's Boys High school on the 5th and 6th of July, **Nikita Kiran** of **Grade 10** was placed 6th in the Spell Bee and **Swati Nair** of **Grade 9**, 3rd. **Kathyrn George** of

Grade 11 won the Slam Poetry competition. **Advaita K** of **Grade 11** secured second rank in 'Just a Minute' competition. **Mayas K** and **Vedansh P** of **Grade 10** together clinched 1st place in the Wildlife Quiz.

Inceptra

NPS HSR's Commerce Fest held on 5th July 2019, was a spectacular success as the students of our school won the overall 2nd trophy. Truly a moment of pride and joy! In the modelling event 'Aftershock', **Raghav Rastogi, Tanushi Lath, Sumedha R, Trisha Mukherjee, Sankalp Kundu** and **Vivek Vatsa** bagged the 1st place.

In the event 'Disstraktions' our team comprising **Dhruv Gopal, Pranav Parigi, Riya Bansal, Prarthana N B** emerged the winner..

In the mystery event, **Abhinav Menon and Arav Jain** won the 1st place. In the Parliamentary Debate event "Watch me Whip" **Niveditha S Iyer, Advait Suresh** and **Abhiram Nitin** bagged the 1st place. In the "Commercium Dominionum" event, **Parth Keswani** and

Anirudh Nair were placed 2nd. **Samay Godika** of **Grade 12** got 2nd in the ‘Pas-A-Pas’ event. **Archita Agarwal** and **Sonakshi Kapre** bagged the 2nd place in the event ‘Nash It Up’.

St. Francis MUN

In the MUN held by St. Francis school, our delegates did us proud. **Ranvit Bahirwani** of 7C, **Maan Ladi** of 8A and **Nikhil Patil** of 8C -all of them- won the awards of ‘Best First Timers’.

Matrix

NPS INR held their math fest “Mathtrix” on 26th July. **Abhinav M** of 12A, **Abhiram** and **Dhruv V** of 12B clinched 1st position in the event ‘Sintax’.

NPS Mysore MUN

NPS Mysore organized the first edition of their MUN on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of July. The delegates from our school once again did us immensely proud. **Devanshi D**, **Anoushka Joshi** and **Chethana M** of 10A were awarded the position of ‘Outstanding Delegates’. **Nand Vinchhi** of 9B and **Pranav Goyal** of 9C were given a verbal mention.

NPS HSR Founder’s Cup

On 24th July NPS HSR organized its Founder’s Cup Tournament for grade 3 and 4 students for the sister concern schools. Our boys’ team emerged winners and the girls’ team, the runners up. **H R Gauri** of grade 4 B was conferred with the **Most Valuable Player** award.

Events

Health Week

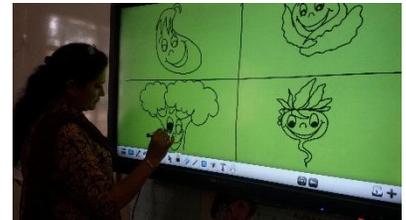
‘You can’t buy it, you can’t rent it. You have to earn it. Love yourself, move your body, watch your portions’, was the mantra for the week.

Conducted from 22nd July to 27th July for the primary, the Health Week began with full gusto with a speech by a Grade 4 student, enlightening the students and teachers about the benefits of good healthy life-style.



A plethora of events encompassing Zumba,

Aerobics and Mass PT were organized to encourage exercise. The daily diet for the week included millets, ragi, sprouts and a variety of nutritious veggies and fruits. The students enthusiastically brought salads and chaats and wholeheartedly enjoyed the scrumptious spread.



Taught by our coordinator, Ms. Malini Keshav, Veg Painting and Veg Caricatures added gleam to the events. If you thought that was really a mouthful, it wasn’t actually!

The 5th graders presented a PPT for Grades 1 to 4 on food etiquettes, habits, organic farming, wastage and the harmful effects of junk food.

A balanced wholesome meal plan was illustrated, a fun session by our school nurse Ms. Smitha on healthy habits and aerobics rounded off the

week's happenings. The *Walk a Talk* by nutritionist Ms. Manasi was the culmination of the Health Week. The teachers too participated in a Zumba and Yoga session with fervor and enthusiasm at the end of the week.

Class Assemblies

Grade 10 B

Class 10 B presented their assembly on 3rd July on the topic 'With great power comes great responsibility'. The skit, an art heist, explored the themes of morality and righteousness.

It aptly portrayed the dilemma one faces in choosing the right path and the consequences it has on oneself and the society.



Through an insightful and thought provoking speech the students effectively conveyed the guilt that devours our conscience when an immoral decision is made.

The indispensable components of every assembly, the dance, song and quiz received enthusiastic applause from the audience.



The assembly left the students with an impactful message: *It's not about making the right choice. It's about making a choice and making it right.*

Grade 10 C

In their class assembly on 11th July 2019, the students of grade 10 C traced the life of a not-so-responsible young boy, Rohit, through a skit. Through a series of sessions with the school counselor, Rohit discovers where his responsibilities lie i.e. not only towards his own self but also towards his family and society at large.

An energetic dance performance and a soul-stirring music presentation propagated the ideas and practices of personal and social responsibility.



With an insightful thought for the day came the impressive conclusion, a poem which urged the flag bearers of the new generation to take charge of their world and not choose to blame the world.



Grade 9 A

On 31st July, students of grade 9 presented their assembly on the topic

Childhood Icons. Through a skit students showcased the values that characters from our favourite comics and TV shows taught everyone.



Chota Bheem, Superheroes, Mickey Mouse, Peanuts, Calvin and Winnie the Pooh have shown us the path of



empathy, kindness, creativity and compassion. The assembly ended with a dance accompanied by live music played by the students themselves.

The famous number ‘Udd Gaye’ was sung along with guitar, piano and drums.

Grade 5 A

Show me the heroes that the youth of your country look up to, and I will tell you the future of your country. **Idowu Koyenikan**

This year’s assembly lineups started with Grade 5 A on 4th July, showcasing the topic for the year **Our School Vision**. The students spoke about the meaning of the term vision, the vision of our founder Chairman Dr. K P Gopalkrishna.



The assembly included the life and times of some visionaries like Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King, to name a few. The skit and the eloquent Hindi recitation highlighted the values of the month, i.e. empathy.



On 23rd July **Grade 5 B** enthusiastically exhibited what it is like to be the responsible global citizens. Students took the role of Greta Thunberg of Sweden who had tens of thousands of students protest against climate change. Malala Yusufzai of Nobel peace prize fame came alive with her story on girl education.



The children of Assam who pay fees with plastic bottles to encourage indigenous living and of course, not to forget Licpriya Kangujam of Manipur, working as a Child Disaster Risks Reduction Advocate in the International Youth Committee [IYC] inspired the young gen to become global citizens. All these actions were encapsulated in the profound thought that all must awaken

to the call of their conscience. The message that the universe is the result of the same divine force and each of us, with all our diversities, are inclusive citizens of the globe, was emphasized.



Grade 5 C

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.- John Quincy Adams

The assembly of Grade 5 C on ‘Leaders and Leadership’ conveyed the message that it’s not the qualities you are born with that define you as a leader but the qualities that you display while handling a difficult situation establish

you as one. Held on 25th of July, it reiterated that each one has the potential to be a great leader.



Highlights of the assembly were the mime which was a tribute to Dasrath Manjhi, the Mountain Man of India and the Hindi skit was based on the life of George Washington. The assembly brought out the attributes of effective leadership through a talk show, speech, quiz and group song.



Grade 4 A

“We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.”

George Bernard Shaw.



The value of ‘Responsibility’ was highlighted by Grade 4 A through their Class Assembly held on 30th July.

A craft video made by the students, with the guidance of



their class teacher, explained the nuances of maintaining a well-organized and clean class through effective personal participation of each and every student, thereby elucidating personal responsibility.

Slogans emphasizing the importance of social responsibility on conservation, afforestation, Swachh Bharat, child labour and the importance of respecting women to name a few, were used to put across a powerful message. A melodious rendition concluded the assembly.



Community Outreach Programme

On 9th July, grade 10 B visited “Little Sisters of the Poor”, a home for the aged. The programme commenced with a tour of the well-equipped complex. Through interactions with the elders, we learnt the importance of little things in life as well as the fact that money is not everything.

At the request of the residents, we presented an impromptu musical ensemble. During a memorable two hours spent thus, our love for our parents and grandparents was reinforced.

- Parvathi Annamalai,
10B

On 25th July, grade 10 A visited *The Little Sisters Home for the Poor and the Aged*. It was established by the followers of St. Jeanne Jugan and is run solely on charity. The serene, green Home is abode of 120 odd elderly people. After a hearty talk about the mission and the residents of the establishment with one of the benefactors, we had a warm interaction with the residents about their daily routine and hobbies. It was truly a trip worth remembering.

- Shubhi Agarwal, 10 A



The students of grade 10C visited *The Little Sisters Home for the Poor and the Aged* on 30th July. As soon as we reached the well maintained old age home, we were greeted by one of the sponsors of the Home who was also our informative guide on this educational visit.

We were first briefed about the history and objective of

the Home as well as the daily hardships faced by its residents. We were taken on a tour of the entire Home.

We had the privilege to interact with its wise and soft spoken inmates. At the end of it, we left the Home with a heavy heart and the valuable lesson of respecting our parents, grandparents and helping the poor and needy.

- Parul Diwan, 10 C



Visits and Field Trips

Melodious Musical

6th July, Friday morning turned out to be ecstatic for students of grade 8 as they demystified Dickens on stage, witnessing, ‘The

Musical Adventures of Oliver Twist at St. Johns auditorium, John Nagar. Zulfia Shaikh- directorial was not only intriguing but also aimed at encouraging youngsters to read classics again. The play had a cast of 110 actors and a live choir. Bangalore School of Speech and Drama's latest adaptation- 'The Musical', took the audience on a journey with the hero as he gets entangled in scenarios of mystery, thievery and vengeance. The 1-hour-40-minutes play was laced with foot tapping music, spectacular dance and drama.

The play aimed to acquaint young minds from page-to-stage transformation. NPS always ensures that the students get exposed to such enlightening and enriching experiences.

TISB Trips



It is that time of the year when our students are

provided an excellent opportunity to foster values like team spirit, communication and sportsmanship spirit. Students across Grades 1 to 12 venture on their annual field trip to get away from their daily routine. The luxuriant lawns of TISB echo with joyous laughter and camaraderie.



Their energy is contagious and their enthusiasm vibrant. The teachers too join in the fun and games in good measure, reliving their childhood. The lunch equals a king's spread. It is a most enjoyable and pleasurable trip for all of them as they troop back to school, looking forward to it once

again the next academic year.



OTHER EVENTS

Kerala Musical Troupe presentation

Renowned Kerala Percussion Artist **Sri Cheruthazham Achuthananda Marar** and his troupe presented a heart-warming demonstration of the percussion instruments on 12th July. Sri Marar has four decades of mastery in the divine Percussion instruments Idakka (percussion), Thimila (percussion), Chenda, and Elathaalam (cymbals) and has trained over 400 students across country from various walks of life.





Sri Marar also explained the products involved in making the instruments and the occasions they are used on. With their outstanding performance the students were awakened to the rich cultural heritage of our land.

Visit to Planetarium

Grades 4 and 5 visited Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium on 19th July and enjoyed a pleasant starry experience as they were treated to an audio visual presentation on *Our Solar System, Constellations*, the existence of the Black Hole and several other topics.

The children also visited the science exhibition packed with many hands on activity. They bonded with their peers enjoying some snacks and playing.

A glimpse of the Universe was an overwhelming experience indeed and filled everyone with a sense of marvel and astonishment!



INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Senior School Coding

The Computer Science club hosted an Inter-house competitive **coding contest** on 10th July 2019. Conducted in the form of a relay with questions of increasing difficulty level, the three member teams battled intensely for the top position. The event provided an exhilarating opportunity for students of grades 9 -12 to hone their coding and collaborative skills. The

Challengers emerged victorious while **Explorers** and **Pioneers** were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.



Quiz

The quiz club conducted the inter house quiz finals for grades 9 to 12 on 19th July 2019. It consisted of 3 rounds. A direct round, followed by *Double Trouble* where the teams had a possibility of doubling scores. A team was however viable to lose points with an incorrect answer. The final round, *The Weakest Link*, was a theme based one. Here, each theme consisted of three questions of varying levels of difficulty and points. The key here was to get the current question correct, in order to proceed to the next. Ultimately, it was the **Pioneers** with team

comprising Advik Kabra (9C), Abraham Paul (10A) and Shivansh Sinha (12B) that reigned supreme.

Middle School

Fireless Cooking

On 11th July Fireless Cooking contest was organized where the students put together a dish which contained organic ingredients only with no processed food or fire involved. They laid the dish beautifully with a slogan. The event introduced healthier meal options to students and brought forth their creative side. The **Challengers** bagged both the first and the second position while the **Explorers** and the **Pioneers** got third position.



Hand Art

The students transformed their hands into creative canvas in the Hand Art competition on 30th July. The theme given was life in air and under water. They added an apt slogan to their hand art too.



They captured the beauty of life in air and water. Here again, the **Challengers** bagged the first position, the **Explorers** and the **Pioneers**

secured second while the **Pioneers** and the **Voyagers** were third.



PTM

On 13th July grade 12 parents met the teachers to familiarize themselves with their ward's academic progress after the first and second Unit Tests. Teachers gave the feedback on the areas of improvement and effective tips to enhance productivity.

The students and parents of grade 10 attended the PTMs in staggered slots all through the month of July. Teachers gave feedback on students' PT 1 performance and valuable advice on how to improve academically as well holistically.

KG AND MONTESSORI

KG 1 TISB

Trips are always so special!! The kids love them even if it is their own neighborhood park or playground but to actually go somewhere and make it a real treat, that's something the kids get truly excited about. After the Grades 1 to 12 it was the turn of our little ones in KG and Montessori to enjoy the lush green gardens of TISB on the 23rd and 27th of July.



It was an enjoyable ride in the school bus. The children were exposed to the plush green gardens and a huge play area where they interacted with their peer group and had a lot of fun in the open grounds. After relishing a healthy lunch, the children returned to school tired yet happy with sweet memories.

MONT

Splash of Colours

There was a celebration of colours in the Montessori with 'A Splash of Colour' being the topic of the Month. It started on the 1st of July with the children and the teachers coming to school dressed in a specific colour. Children were involved in various activities where they had to bring bright pictures which were put together beautifully on a chart, for display in class, to depict the primary and secondary colours.

They participated in various fun filled activities such as sponge painting and brush painting. They immensely enjoyed mixing the colours.

The celebrations culminated on the 31st with the children coming dressed in their favourite colour and watching a video and singing songs on colours.

PTM

A PTM for Montessori Senior parents was scheduled on 6th July 2019. The progress of the children was discussed. Certain aspects of "How to help your child better" were also included in the session.

Jamboree

Family fun time **Jamboree** was organized for the Junior parents and children on 27th July. The event gave the parents an insight into having a gadget free, fun time with the children.

On the whole the month of July in Montessori was an eventful and a joyous one.



Workshops and Counselling

Fun with Science workshop

With an objective to create interest in science, Centum Academy organised a workshop on **A Van de Graff generator** and **Atoms and Molecules** for the students of grades 6 and 7 on 8th July 2019. Conducted by Mr

Tushar Sinha and his team the presentation explained *A Brief History of Electrostatics*.



A humorous video demonstrated how electrons pass through the bowls and how non conducting belt pass through Teflon. The workshop also elucidated stable and non-stable compounds. The Elephants Toothpaste with its massive lather created a lot of curiosity among students. The workshop indeed hit the nail by scraping students' inquisitiveness.

KREA University Career Counselling session was held on 16th July by Mr. Vikram Patel for Grades 10 & 12 students. This university offers Liberal Arts and Sciences programs.

It has a unique 'Interwoven learning' approach that weaves creativity and action,

arts and sciences, theory and practice to enable students to deal with challenges and take on opportunities presented in the 21st century.



They offer three year degree courses (residential) with strong foundation skills in analytical reasoning, ethics and communication- to name a few. Students have the option of completing a more rigorous fourth year of advanced studies.

NIFT (National Institute of Fashion Technology) organised a career counselling session for students of grade 10 and 12 on 23rd July.

The academic co-ordinator and professors from various streams of the institute made the students aware of the quintessence of designing and how it can be an exciting career for those who have a creative bent of mind.



The Q & A session was fruitful. Students were also invited to have a lab-a-day at the HSR campus of the institute to get a feel of the life with designing.

Ashoka University Career Counselling

On 26th July, Ms Samantha Abraham gave an insight into the range of Liberal Education options available at the university, situated in Sonapat, Haryana. Apart from the courses, infrastructure and faculty, she also highlighted the Student Exchange Programme and the initiative YSP (Young Scholar's Programme). Students got many doubts and

misconceptions cleared in the Q& A session.

Author Visit

Children's fiction writer **Ms. Ilika Ranjan** conducted a storytelling and creative writing session for the students of grade 6 & 7 on July 11, 2019 where she talked about her book series *The Secret of Zynpagua*.



A poem writing activity was enjoyed by the students where they discussed vocabulary and rhyming words pertaining to mystery genre. Children enthusiastically composed short four line poems which they were encouraged to extend into larger pieces and share with the author through mail.



Ms. Ranjan applauded the students in the interactive session by presenting them with a copy of her books and

also promised to award the best three entries.

Self Defense workshop

On 30th July students of grade 6 were made aware of the self-defense strategies through discussion and demonstrations. They tried a few tactics with their partners. Besides this, children were also made conscious of the need to cultivate a right attitude towards self-discipline. They got to know the side effects of multitasking.



Workshops for Teachers

Inclusion and Inclusive Education

A workshop on Inclusion and Inclusive Strategies was conducted by Ms. P. Sree Vidhya as a Resource Person under CBSE Chennai Region. This was a workshop to identify the Prospective Resource Person for the module on Inclusion.

This was conducted on 4th and 5th of July 2019 at Sri Shankara School, Adayar, Chennai. The session focused on creating an awareness among the Principals and teachers towards the need for Inclusive Education and Inclusion in schools.

This module reflected on the various aspects of managing the children with special needs, accessible schools, assistive technology and the Right of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act 2016.



Responsibility is accepting that you are the cause & the solution of the matter.

Our values this month include 'Responsibility'. So this is it folks! From the News desk at NPSKRM for the month of July. We meet again with a roundup of all that we do in August.



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