



*NEWS  
LETTER*

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*National Public  
School,  
Koramangala*



A very warm and hearty welcome dear readers! The News desk at NPSKRM takes immense delight in escorting you through the towering columns of grit, pursuit, perseverance, erudition, joy, fame and success.

After a long and relaxing vacation our young learners were raring to rush to school. You don't believe it? **Read for yourself:** "Meeting best buddies, learning new things, exploring our new classroom, meeting new teachers, what more could you ask for? I would not like to call this a magical place, but I would love to call it home..." **Akshat Ranjan, Grade 4 B.**

"In school every year, every grade has something new for you. This is one of the best parts of school. I absolutely love it!" **Sohham Joshi Grade 4 C**

So three cheers to a brand new year!

### Welcome Address

After a blissful and gratifying vacation Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair welcomed the students and the staff to yet another eventful year ahead. Apart from listing the numerous exciting events lined up for the year, Ms. Nair congratulated the newly elected School Prefect and House Captains. The highlights of the stellar results of grades 10 & 12 for this academic year too were shared amidst thunderous applause. All in all a vrooming start to the New Academic Year!

### Results of AISSCE and AISSE 2018

Our students of Grade 12 and 10 have proved once again that success is no accident. Their dedication, persistence and self-belief has yielded a rich harvest of outstanding results.

#### Grade 12 (AISSCE 2018)

##### School Toppers

**First Position - Kanika Mittal with 97.8%**

**Second Position- shared by Manish Kausik and Siddharth Gautam with 97.2%.**

**Third Position-Hima M P with 97.0%**

##### Subject Toppers

- **English- Kanika Mittal, Rida Shafeek, Hima M P with 99**
- **Mathematics- Madhav Ramesh, Manas Minnoor with 100**
- **Physics-Chinmaya Mahesh with 99**
- **Chemistry-Manish Kausik H with 100**
- **Biology-Avni Gupta with 98**
- **Economics-Ebbani Ray Lenka with 99**
- **Comp. Science-Rohit Kaushik with 100**

#### Grade 10-(AISSE 2018)

##### School Toppers

- **First Position -Niveditha S Iyer with 97.2%.**
- **Second Position - Ananya Varshney with 96.6%, Ishita Bharadwaj with 96.6%, Prahlad Anand with 96.6% and Prarthana Balakrishna with 96.6%.**
- **Third Position - Archita Agrawal with 96.4%**

##### Subject Toppers

**English - Prahlad Anand with 97 marks**

**Hindi - Aryaman Lath, Raghav Rastogi, Samirit Saha with 98 marks**

**French- Niveditha S Iyer, Prahlad Anand, Vidushi Bhartari with 99 marks**

**Sanskrit- Ananya Sanjay Agara, Ishita Bharadwaj with 100 marks**

**Mathematics- Prahlad Anand with 99 marks**

**Science- Akshatha G Pradeep, Archita Agrawal, Aryaman Lath, Ishita Bharadwaj, Josephin Vinisha Ananth and Sonakshi Kapre with 99 marks**

**Social Science- Abhiram Nitin, Ananya Varshney and Prarthana Balakrishna with 99 marks.**

## Alumni placements\*\*

SI NO	NAMES	COURSE	COLLEGE
1	Chandana Sathish	Software Engg	University of Waterloo
2	Rohit Kaushik	Computer Sc.	University of Waterloo
3	Nikita Nachnani	Statistics	University of California, Berkely
4	Rahul Bhattacharya	Computer Sc.	University of California, San Diego
5	Pritika S Ramaiyer	Biomedical Engg	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
6	Chinmaya Mahesh	Computer Sc.	University of Illinois Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, USA
7	Nikhil Ladi	Electronics	USA
8	Malavika Srinivassan	Design	Parsons school of Design, NY, USA
9	Anvita Nigam	Computer Sc.	University of California, Berkeley
10	Rishab Nair	Economics	Boston University
11	Karan Khanna	Math/ Economics	UCLA, USA
12	Raga Rai	Bachelor's Art	Babson college
13	Ebbani Lenka	Bachelor's Art	University of California, Berkeley
14	Kanika Mittal	Economics -Management	University of Oxford

## Trail Blazers

**Chinmay SI secured IIT All India Rank 467**

**Dhwani Ravi captured 36<sup>th</sup> State Rank in NEET**

**Arnesh Kundu bagged impressive First Rank in NATA**

**\*\*to be continued in the Newsletter for July since counselling for Indian colleges are still underway**

## Achievements

**Rishi Rajesh, Grade 6**, participated in the Global Finals 2018, held at University of Tennessee, Knoxville, held from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May. It featured 15 affiliates throughout the world. Over 1400 teams took part with more than 17000 people in attendance. This event provides an opportunity for children of all ages to come together and celebrate their creativity while indulging in a creative problem solving process.

**Pranjal Srivastava** topped the city in **TOI NIE National Aptitude Test** and was awarded a prize cheque of Rs.1 Lakh.



### International Maths Olympiad

International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) is the oldest and one of the most prestigious Mathematics competitions in the world. It is organised at large scale

where teams from more than 100 countries fight pitched battle for supremacy. After four excruciating elimination rounds, the 6-member team for 59<sup>th</sup> Olympiad, to be held in Romania, was announced by HBCSE recently. Having scored 101 of 102 at the hard-fought state-level selection exam (RMO) **Pranjal Srivastava**, Grade 9, the youngest member from India in 58 years performed outstandingly at the national level (INMO). He was one among the 30 students invited by HBCSE for a summer training camp and the final selection round.

Pranjal has also reached the top 10 in India in the ‘Asian Pacific Math Olympiad’ (APMO 2018). He received an ‘Honourable Mention’ for his outstanding performance in the APMO.

### Wildlife Photo Exhibition



How to relentlessly follow your passion and turn it into an inspiring noble deed is what **Vedansh Pandey** of grade 9 has shown us all. An exhibition of his wildlife photographs, ‘**The Jungle Book**’ was organised at Chittrakala Parishad from 24<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Presented in collaboration with World Wildlife Fund, the proceeds from the sale—a staggering Rs. 1,25,000 – was donated to WWF for the cause of conservation and preservation of wildlife.. His work was also displayed at the Round Glass Samsaara Environment Summit’ 2017 held at NIAS- IISc. He was the youngest amongst nine esteemed speakers like Chairman ISRO and other luminaries. He was also the **youngest volunteer for Tiger Census 2018 at Bandipur Tiger Reserve**. Through his works Vedansh wants to spread the message of conservation and protection of environment and wildlife amongst children and adults.

### Pānini Linguistics Olympiad Training Camp (2018)

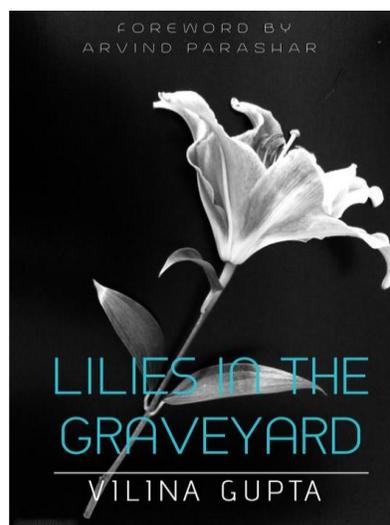
**Niveditha S. Iyer & Abhinav S. Menon** of grade 11 B were invited to the Panini Linguistics training camp at the International

Institute of Information Technology in Hyderabad during 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June. It was an intense, immersive program covering virtually every facet of Linguistics over ten days in the company of 37 students from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, selected through an all India exam. They worked from morning to night understanding the structure of languages coded messages and learnt about various fields in linguistics, including morphology, semantics, phonology, and syntax. Qualification to the **International Linguistics Olympiad (IOL)**, to be held at Prague between 26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July, was determined through two exams conducted during the camp.

The NPS-Koramangala flag flew high at the camp. Among the eight people **selected to represent India in this Olympiad** was **Niveditha S Iyer** of 11A, who also received a bronze medal and placed second in the team challenge.

**Abhinav S Menon** of 11A received a bronze medal and two best solution awards. **Chinmay S. I.** (12 A, batch of 2017-18) earned an honourable mention.

## Anthology of poems



**Vilina Gupta of grade 12 A** released an anthology of poems: **'Lilies in the Graveyard'**. Released in the month of May, the book contains poems on a wide range of topics- pain, love, nature, expectations, and the cycle of life- offering a coming of age point of view.

The book was released on 29th April. It has been self-published using Kindle Direct Publishing and is available on the Kindle Store.

## Ruhaan Alva in top-10 finish in Karting

Ruhaan Alva of grade 7 C delivered his second consecutive **top-10 finish** as he ended up eighth in the 100cc category in the fourth round of the Easykart Italia championship in Castelletto, Italy on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.



On June 24<sup>th</sup> Ruhaan enjoyed a fairly successful weekend with a podium finish in the fifth round of the Easykart Italian Championship at the Circuit Pomposa. He showed good pace throughout the weekend to finish **first runner-up in the 100cc category** for his first podium of the 2018 championship. He is supported by Play Factory and Birel Art India.



## Orientations

### **Montessori:**

Orientations for the parents of the Montessori Freshers and Juniors were held on **2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June**. Parallel sessions were conducted in each of the four environments.



This ensured that the parents could clarify their doubts and also interact with their child's teachers. The school norms were reiterated during the first half of the session. The parents got into the shoes of their children by being a part of "The Silent Journey" where they went through the multiple activities which were laid out for them in the environments. At the end the parents were confident of the immense learning their children would take home through this systematic method of education.

### **KG1 and KG-2**

Orientation programs were arranged for the parents of KG1 and KG-2 on 9th June and 18<sup>th</sup> June respectively. The objectives were to acquaint the parents with the Pre-Primary curriculum, teaching-learning methodology and the integrated approach towards

the entire learning process. The session also included information about safety and security arrangements, events, leave policy, rules and regulations and parenting tips. The problems associated with addiction to gadgets and child safety was addressed and parents were urged to actively engage themselves in their child's education and collaborate with the school to optimize the learning process.



### **Grade 11**

On 9th June students and parents of grade 11 were oriented to successfully cruise through the quantum leap they take in terms of course content and requisite industriousness. The academic calendar, schedule of assessments and pattern of examinations were shared

with them. The faculty and the Principal shared invaluable pointers regarding pertinent issues viz. handling manifold pressures, finding balance between technology and real work, nurturing good health and much more.

### **Grade 6**

The orientation on 23<sup>rd</sup> June covered the three main areas of assessments- Scholastic, Co scholastic and Discipline. Some important points on Notebook maintenance, planned schedule, personal grooming etc., were also touched upon.

Principal, **Ms. Jyotsna Nair**, took up the Q&A session and stressed on the overdependence of the present generation on gadgets and its ill effects. She also emphasized on the need to enhance quality family bonding time without overindulging the children.

### **Grade 9**

Orientation for Grade 9 parents on 30<sup>th</sup> June aimed at familiarizing the parents with the grade teachers, CBSE curriculum, rules and regulations of the school and the co-scholastic activities. A comprehensive insight into the new CBSE pattern of evaluation of both

Scholastic and Co-scholastic domains was provided.

## Major Events

### Student Council Elections

Elections for the office bearers – School Prefect and House Captains- were held at National Public School, Koramangala on 6th April 2018. The elections provided an excellent opportunity to the students of grade 12 to exercise their most important fundamental right: **the Right to Vote.**



On 6<sup>th</sup> April, the nominees for School Prefect – **Neha Sharon Jacob and Rajdeep Nag** of grade 12 impressively read out their manifestoes to convince their classmates and teachers of their utmost suitability for the elite position. Post speeches, the entire polling process was conducted in the most democratic manner with the signing against names, inking of the fingers, collecting ballot papers, ticking the chosen candidate and finally casting the ballot in the assigned boxes. Then

came the most awaited moment- the counting of the votes. Students frenzied in eager anticipation as the tallying began. At last, the wait was over and the results were announced by the Principal Ms. Jyotsna Nair.



After a week the four House Captains were selected unanimously by their batch-mates.



While **Neha Shron Jacob** was elected the **School Prefect for 2018-19**, **Pooja Rajesh** was elected the **House Captain of Challenger House**; **Mukund Balaji**, the **House Captain of Explorer House**; **Rajdeep Nag**, the **House Captain of Pioneer**

**House and Aniket Sanghi, the House Captain of Voyager House.** A round of congratulations and best wishes to the elected representatives marked the end of Elections for the academic year 2018-19.

### Investiture

**‘Leaders are made, they are not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile.’**  
**Vince Lombardi.**

To invest responsibilities to such leaders who climbed up the rungs of success with sheer diligence and resilience, the school conducted the **Investiture ceremony on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018.** In her address to the students the Director, **Dr. Bindu Hari** highlighted the monumental value of **“tireless practice and perseverance”** to be the champions. She also applauded the students’ efforts as the real change makers. After an inspiring speech on leadership by **Ms. Sabeena Niazi**, the newly elected Student Council members were honoured.

The badges for prestigious clubs were announced and bestowed by Dr. Bindu and

the Principal, Mrs. Jyotsna Nair to the proud bearers of the new office.



Taking forward the revered legacy of the institution, the School flag, Sports flag and the flags for the four houses were handed over to the respective leaders which marked the beginning of the responsibility that the young, capable student leaders proudly accepted. **School Prefect Neha Sharon Jacob** delivered her maiden speech calling for collective efforts “to go far”.



An English song, ‘Try Everything’ by the students of grade 6-8 and Semi-classical dance by students of grade 8 were greatly admired.

The alumni turnout in a large number exuded warmth and charm to the whole occasion. School Prefect of the yesteryear **Rahul Bhattacharya** presented the school with a high end camera and Football Goal Posts on behalf of all the alumni.



## Other Events

### Environment Day 2018

**“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”**

- Desmond Tutu.

To do our bits of good ‘World Environment Day’ was celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> of June.

During the morning assembly students pledged to commit to the worthy cause of conserving water,

electricity and recycling so as to collectively surge forward towards a cleaner, greener planet for the generations to come.

As responsible inhabitants of this precious planet, our school has planned the following events for the current year:

- ✚ Newspaper collection drive in school
- ✚ Newspaper collection drive for the whole of NGV
- ✚ Notebook making competition
- ✚ A new Change Maker Olympiad to be introduced this year
- ✚ Reap Benefit to work with Grade 11 on environmental issues
- ✚ The first Inter- house competition involving a fashion show with the use of only recycled items.

We strongly believe that working collectively and proactively through the smallest of acts will go a long way in creating greater positive impact towards a beautiful planet.

### World Music Day and International Yoga Day

**“Yoga is like music: the rhythm of the body, the melody of the mind, and the harmony of the soul create the symphony of**

life.”: B.K.S. Iyengar. To appreciate the significance of these two vital elements in our life, the school celebrated World Music Day and International Yoga Day on 21<sup>st</sup> of June. The sweet melodies of the flute and ‘OM’ chanting floating in the air, created a veritable ambience for the soul soothing music recitals and yoga performances that were to follow.



Students of grade 6-8 presented a melodious classical song in Thodi raga: Thaaye Yashoda. Through the display of ubiquitous Surya Namaskar, the students of grade 5 highlighted its immense health benefits. The instrumental duet ‘Raghuvamsha Sudha’ presented by Abhiram of

grade 11 on mridangam and Vishnu Venkataram of grade 8 on violin showed the divinity in the exalted art form. The rock band and Hindi medley were loved by the audience. However, what stole the heart was the “YOO HOO...” yodelling of the tiny tots amidst the singers of ‘Rise Up’.



Many complex asanas were gracefully demonstrated and the celebration concluded with the practice of three important disciplines of yoga i.e. Anulom-Vilom Bhramari and meditation. The audience immersed themselves in the soulful chanting of Sanskrit shlokas while learning them.



### Class Assemblies

12 A- presented the first class assembly of the new academic year 2018-19. The topic chosen by the students was ‘Science in Ancient Scriptures’- a pertinent subject to bring home the values and significance of our great ancient scriptures and traditions.

The soul of the entire production: the commendably presented skit portrayed the inherent wrangle between the ancient wisdom and modern theories through an argument between a mother and her daughter.



It concluded with the strong message to revive and renew our beliefs in the age-old traditions as they stand on the strong bulwarks of reason and logic which the modern science has also approved and are now being recognized by the whole world. A rhythmic group dance, speech, a dulcet song and the vote of thanks were the essential components of this production. As the class assembly drew to a close, the senior most students turned sentimental as it was the last class assembly that they had presented.

**12 B** : presented its assembly based on the topic: “**Media Manipulation**”. Students presented a play: **a satire on the political control on media** and how common man is deluded by the mighty for whom media is merely their puppet. The speech enlightened the audience about the ways the media is being twisted to suit their vested interests.



The assembly concluded with a strong message to conserve the environment by using recyclable items which was reinforced by distributing 100 percent biodegradable bamboo toothbrushes to all the teachers to set an example to strive for a greener future.

### Workshops :

Ms. Anju Chokhani attended a workshop on **Introduction to Guidance and Counselling**. Organised by the Institute of Counsellor Training Research and Consultancy from 25th to 29th April 2018, the workshop aimed at early identification of behavioural and learning problems, their causes, prevention and remediation within the classroom scenario.

Ms. Geeta Kathait attended Prospective Resource Persons orientation program for **Master Trainers in ‘Career Guidance’** on 29th & 30th June. It was organized by CoE Chennai with the objective to orient teachers about the importance of guidance with focus on career guidance; to acquaint teachers with career information inputs to be introduced at the stage of higher secondary school in

order to facilitate career development process and to help teachers identify the competencies required to perform career guidance and career information functions.

Shreya Das and Anupama Bagade of grade 9 attended **Science in Theatre workshop** conducted by Surabhi Theatre, Hyderabad and India Foundation of the Arts at Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum from 23rd to 25th June. It was a workshop which unfolded the secrets behind the special effects we see on stage.

### Session on Computer Networks Concepts

A session on basics of Computer Networks was conducted on 9th June 2018 by Mr. Subramanian L from Zebra Technologies for the students of grade 12 along with the computer science faculty members.

Students were taken through basic concepts in Computer Networks like the need for networks, topology, protocols, communication media etc. The session was an enriching experience and the students benefitted from the insights of a Subject Matter Expert.

## CERN

The European Organisation for Nuclear Research has physicists and engineers probing the fundamental structure of the universe. They use the world's largest and the most complex scientific instruments to study the basic constituent of matter, that is the fundamental particles. The instrument used are the particle accelerators and detectors Founded in 1954. CERN lab is located in France SWISS border near Geneva. Fifteen students of Grade 12 visited Geneva exclusively for an educational workshop at CERN this summer.



The work shop was scheduled from the 21st May 2018 to 25th May 2018.

The students visited Le Chamonix in France too. An insight was provided into the activities at CERN through a series of interesting workshops and Lectures by Dr. Mike Storr and Dr. Archana Sharma. An invigorating experience indeed!

## Quizshala

**Quizshala** is the afterschool learning and development program that uses quizzes, stories, discussions and activities to provide deeper context to the curriculum. At QuizShala, the child learns to be a problem-solver, public speaker, team player and much more.



Their first introductory session for this year was

held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018.



## SFS

**SFS or Students For Students** is a volunteer programme designed by experienced educators where grade 7-9 students of our school work with children from grade 3 to 5 at the Govt. Lower Primary School, Ramesh Nagar, Bangalore over the course of 15 Saturdays, two hours per Saturday.

Our grade 7 and 8 students took part in the program last year and this year it has been extended to grade 9. To familiarise the new members of this program, i.e. students of Grade 7, a Parent orientation was conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> June and a Boot Camp was organised for the learners of Grade 7, 8 and 9.

## Field Trips – TISB

“We will be friends forever, won’t we, Pooh?” asked the Piglet. “Even longer,” Pooh answered.



Yes ! It is that time of the year again when our students across different grades bond over the verdant open spaces and spend a whole fun – filled day frolicking and getting to know each other better. There’s something for everyone out there. A picnic is never complete without lip – smacking food tucked away.

The students played a wide range of games from ‘ Kho – Kho’ to cricket, Basketball to Frisbee, Tennis to badminton to almost extinct ‘Lagori’, with teachers joining in good measure. A wonderful break from the predictable days!

**Fire drill**

The first Fire Drill of the year was successfully carried out on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. After the preset indication of a long handbell, the grades swiftly formed the lines and rushed out according to the fire exit plan route.

All the students reached the ground and formed the lines in an organized manner. The drill was completed in a mere 3 min. and 10 seconds.

**Fire Extinguisher Training**

Same day in the evening, staff members were given training to be aware of

various types of fire i.e. A, B and C and how to handle them by using fire extinguisher.





*“Our capacity to make peace with another person and with the world depends very much on our capacity to make peace with ourselves.” – Thich Nhat Hanh*

*Let us govern our thoughts, let us meditate and create a peaceful world.*

*We have miles to go and this is just the beginning.... of great happenings through our busy year ahead. We will keep you posted every month.*

*So, till we meet again it is ‘Ayubovan’, goodbye in Sinhalese from the News desk at NPSKRM.*

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