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**“March on, do not tarry, to go forward, is to move toward perfection.**

**March on, fear not the thorns, or the sharp stones on life’s path.” Khalil Gibran.**

As we march on towards the end of our academic session, March and April has been a bag of mixed emotions filled with trepidation for the exams, anticipation for the holidays and anxiety for the results. Absolutely eventful, fun filled months before we say our goodbyes.

### **Achievements**

**Prakash Saran S** of grade 4 has won his first title at All India Tennis Association in Boys U10- Final Challenge-organized by Aquanta Sportszone. He is also the winner in Boys U10 and Boys U12 tournaments conducted by Glow Tennis Academy. Besides this, Prakash clinched 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Boys U14 All India Karnal Doubles.

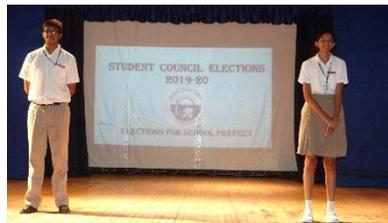
He was declared champion in Coimbatore Boys U12 Doubles- All India level and three times All India Bangalore Doubles.

Prakash’s Boys U12 All India ranking has soared from around 700—at the beginning 2018 to the current 106.

## **Major Event (2019-20)**

### **School Prefect Elections**

*Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely - Franklin.D. Roosevelt*



The students of NPS Koramangala, Grade 12 expressed their choice freely and without fear or favour on 29<sup>th</sup> March in the elections organised for the **School Prefect** (Head of Student Council) for the academic year 2019-20. Nominated by 12<sup>th</sup> graders, **Pranav Nandan Parigi and Niveditha Subramaniam Iyer** were in the fray for the top position.



The candidates campaigned for themselves through

earnestly persuasive speeches. This was followed by the students of Grade12 and the school faculty expressing their mandate electronically in the computer lab. A highly secure and fool proof software for casting of votes was created by **Romir Kulshrestha of Grade 12 A.**



The results, collated and declared within an hour, were announced by the school Principal Ms.Jyotsna Nair. **Niveditha. S. Iyer** was chosen the School Prefect for 2019-20.

### **Other Events**

#### **Middle School**

**Inter house (Grade 6-8) Prize Distribution ceremony** Grade 6-8 Inter house prize distribution ceremony conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019, drew a curtain over the Inter house competitions for this academic year.



Winners holding first and second positions in various contests like Flower Carpet, Coding, Quiz, Debate, Treasure Hunt, Classical and Western Music and Dance etc. were applauded and awarded Merit Certificates.



Besides this, winners of the classical and western group dance along with the winners of the Battle of Bands cheered the audience with their award winning performances.



In her speech, Faculty Member, Ms. Geeta Kathait exhorted shy students to come out of their shell, build their self - confidence and begin to involve themselves in various co-curricular activities on offer through Inter house competitions.

Later, grade 6 students, in each section, were presented with nine newly instituted certificates for their amazing performances during Market Day. These were: Best Team Player, Young Entrepreneur, Creative Whiz, Enthusiastic Learner, Peace Champion, Outstanding Performer, Marketing Champion, Green Ambassador and Zealous Worker. As promised, the net

profit earned by these ardent, young entrepreneurs, was donated to charity organisations - Nele Foundation, an orphanage & school for the mentally challenged and Deepika Educational and Charitable Trust.



### Know Your City Week

The students of the Primary (Grades 1-5) celebrated 'Know Your City Week' from 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March with great enthusiasm. The objective of the programme was to create a bonding with their city - 'Namma Bengaluru'.



The Week began with an address by Ms. Roopa Ravindran (Faculty, NPS-HSR). She familiarized the 5<sup>th</sup> graders with the history and important landmarks of the city. The activities organized for the students through the week

included a presentation on the History of Bengaluru by Grade 5, a presentation on Heritage of the city by Grade 4, collage making by Grade 3 and creative writing on the reforms students would introduce, if elected leaders of Bengaluru.



Children also relished and keenly discussed the typical delicacies of the city, which they had brought from home for lunch. The week culminated with an assembly put up by the students of Grades 1-5.



The Bengaluru anthem, songs and poems in Kannada, a dance drama on the birth of the city, its eminent personalities and landmarks were the highlights of the assembly. Lastly, a quiz tested the knowledge gained by the students all through the week.

‘Know Your City Week’ proved to be a run-away success with children reveling in the fun and in the process learning about Namma Bengaluru, right from its history, geography, vibrant culture, tradition, cuisines to its dynamic citizens.

### Changemakers Awards

Better Plus Education conducted the "Changemaker Awards" ceremony on 5<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate the winners of the Changemaker Challenge 2018-19, a competition organized as part of the Changemaker Education for the 7th graders. The challenge ran for 4 months from Nov 2018 to Feb 2019, where students launched Changemaker initiatives to

solve real-world problems in home, school, or their communities. This year, we witnessed the birth of a diverse set of 24 different Changemaker initiatives by the 7th grade students in teams of 4, solving social problems like reducing air pollution using snake plants, replacing the plastic straws in juice shops with paper straws, helping NGOs with used sports equipment, amongst many more.



Through this entire activity, all the students got a chance to solve at least one real-world problem hands-on. Working in a team, they gained the important skills of empathy, teamwork, creative problem-solving and collaborative leadership, the much needed Changemaker skills of the 21st century. The criteria for evaluation for the Changemaker Challenge was social impact, teamwork, impact measurement, and

documentation of the work in their final report. Winners were announced in the following categories.



**1. Changemaker Team of the Year Award** (for the initiative with the best all-round performance) was shared by 2 teams.

a) **Initiative Plant Wars** comprising **Disha Kannan, Renee Tanya George, Sara Parikh, Varsha V S** from **7C**, who sold 250+ indoor plants to 200+ households that helped in purifying the air and increasing level of oxygen in their homes.

b) **Initiative Sippin Green** comprising **S. Jayavardhini, Sara Chhabra, Rachana Rao, Rishika Gupta** of **7B** who made 25+ cafes, juice shops and vendors switch to paper and steel straws and reduced the usage of 1,200+ plastic straws every day.

**2. Social Impact Award** (for the initiative causing a very high social impact) - was shared by 2 teams.

a) **Initiative Hulks:** The Green People comprising **Mohanty, Lohith D.S, Saketh Suresh** from **7C**, for selling 120+ plants to 100+ households and helping people in reducing toxic air pollutants at their homes and improving the air quality.

b) **Initiative Woven** comprising **Adrija Thakur, Manal Iqbal, Tanvi Koranne** of **7C** for making 60+ cloth bags from used clothes and selling them to people, through which they reduced the usage of at least 200+ plastic bags per month.



**3. Teamwork Award** (for the team that exemplified teamwork and worked as a collective) - was shared by 2 teams.

a) **Initiative Medilife** comprising **Manasvi Tehanguria, Mihika Malhotra, Ruhika Varma Uppalapati, SiaBhajj** from **7A**, who raised Rs. 9,540 by conducting multiple bake sales in their apartments, bought 25+ medical kits and distributed them in an underprivileged area, helping 100+ families.

b) **Initiative Green Thumb** comprising **Mallika Gupta, Manavi Srivastava, Nikita Agarwal, Suranjita Mishra** of **7A**, who sold 800+ cloth bags to 100+ households, reducing the usage of single-use plastic bags to carry grocery items.

**4. Creative Whiz Award** (for the initiative that overcame challenges creatively) went to **The Miners of Black Gold**, comprising **Aryan Chakravorty, Gokul Vemuri, IshanB Kumar, Vihaan Mehrotra** from **7B**, who installed 11+ composting bins in their school and apartments, decomposed 5+ Kg of wet waste and used the compost to grow 10+ plants.

**5. Consolation Awards** - 4 other teams were also

recognised for doing a brilliant job for their initiatives.

a) **Initiative Toxin-Free Living** comprising **Abhisri Mishra, Diya Agrawal, Mridhula Vishwanath** from **7B**, who sold 105+ natural products to people and installed 65+ soap saver clips in soap dispensers that reduced the usage of hand-wash liquid by 93+ litres per month.

b) **Initiative Biode** comprising **MaanLadi, Pranav Bykampadi, Siddhant Agarwal, SrijanBajpai** from **7A** who sold 75+ packets of biodegradable garbage bags and reduced the usage of non-biodegradable plastic garbage bags.

c) **Initiative Sprinklers** comprising **P. S. Shruthi, Rishita Dhar, Roshni S** from **7B**, who installed 60+ sprinkles in 60+ household pipes, saving 2,000+ litres of water monthly.

d) **Initiative Eco Plastic** comprising **KaveriMagal, MaanyaGolash, Shivaani Bhat, SuhanaNandi** from **7C**, who reused 70+ plastic bottles and sold decorative items to 60+ households, and donated Rs. 2,000 earned from it. A summary of the Changemaker Education and the work of all the teams is available for viewing in the

school notice board near the school reception.



### Reap Benefit

80 students of Grade 11 from NPS KRM co-ordinated with students of Government Model Primary School, Koramangala to solve issues related to water, waste and sanitation in the community. The students calling themselves Solve Ninjas were introduced to the process of problem solving – Discover, Investigate, Solve and Share (DISS) by the mentors of Reap Benefit.

After a waste and water audit, they identified the problems and prototyped solutions using a technique called Rapid Prototyping.

Students then collaborated with their government counterparts to instal 3 hand wash systems in the school. They also revamped 8 toilets and designed 2 Human – Centered Design Bin for

Waste Segregation. The programme aided in building their data orientation, hands-on community collaboration, critical thinking, communication, applied empathy and citizenship as a skill.

A **Solve Ninja Index** tracks the repeated action bhy a student at home, school and community towards solving a local civic and environmental problem.



### Counselling Sessions

The school counsellor **Ms. Sunanda V** took up a counselling session for the boys of grade 10 on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019. During the session students talked about their role models; what makes these idols so great and respectable; what the children want to see themselves as in future and

what are they doing to meet their goals.

The session, animated with lively discussions, thought provoking and inspirational videos of achievers, explored the students' idea of success; what impedes its path and how the young generation can cross over these stumbling blocks.

The counsellor discussed in great details the menace of addiction, be it social media, gaming, adult content etc.; how to look for its telltale signs and most importantly how to escape from its clutches. It was truly an eye-opening and inspirational session for the young guns. (Inputs from Jacob, Rohan N. (10A), Aditya Raj and Mayas A Kumble (10B), Kumar Abhoday (10C)

On 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019, **Ms. Sunanda V**, the school counsellor addressed the girls of grade 10 in an engaging session. The counsellor talked about the journey of women's struggle for equality and freedom, right from 1800s till today.

She discussed how from being completely controlled by men and from being forced to conform to set social norms, women have come a long way, making landmark breakthroughs in political and scientific fields.

Ms. Sunanda made the students aware of the barriers like peer pressure, body image, eating disorders etc. in the path of realizing their potential.

She provided insightful tips to overcome them. Discussion on luminaries like Theresa May, Rosalyn Franklin, Melinda Gates, Susan Wojcicki, Jesicca Cox- the armless pilot, proved huge inspirations for the girls. (Inputs from **Malavi Raman, Parvathi A (10 B), Anusha V and Pragati S (10 C)**.)

### Career Counselling

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2019, students of grade 12 (Batch of 2019-20), in their first Career Counselling session, were addressed by guest speakers from ITC on Hotel Management. The students were apprised of the company- ITC, various verticals of the economy that they work in, and ITC's journey through the years.



They were then briefed about the divisions of ITC hotels followed by their education programs, all of which are conducted at the ITC Learning Centre in Gurugram. The students were given insights into the 3 year Bachelor Program *Welcome Lead*.

Students who are selected for the programme do not have to pay any fees and instead get a monthly scholarship/stipend for 3 years as well as an incredible hands-on experience working for in world-class hotels, along with a degree in Tourism Studies from IGNOU.

The session ended with a Q & A session. (Inputs from Vidushi Bhartari -12 A)



### Early Learning

#### KG Rain Dance

What better way to spend a hot summer day than to be under cool showers- and that too – in school with friends!



That's exactly what the students of KG 2, with their teachers, did on the morning of 1<sup>st</sup> March. The children merrily dancing under the gushing hose, gleefully squealing, jumping in the baby pool, splashing water on their friends, relished the refreshing morning in their swim wear. This fun filled event was a befitting culmination to their E.V.S. topic: Water.



### Tiny Tales

9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 saw the Montessori Freshers take center stage for the very first time with the maiden event 'Tiny Tales'.



The children came dressed as their favourite characters and spoke with confidence and élan. Undaunted by the presence of a 120 strong audience, they sang and danced in rhythm and on cue. The event was guided and monitored by the youngest ever volunteers of NPSK, the Seniors from the Montessori classes itself. These charming vigilantes were awarded with certificates for discharging their duties efficiently and with great poise.



The Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair addressed the gathering and congratulated both the parents and teachers for the

excellent team work. She reiterated the need to keep the children away from digital media and encouraged the parents to spend at least two hours of quality time “jumping, dancing, rolling and reading” with the children.



### Field Trip

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, the students of Grade 8 visited the Survey of India. They learnt about the working of the Global Positioning System. They were also shown how various instruments also help in obtaining accurate readings compared to Google readings. The focal point of the trip was the visit to a museum which displays maps from as far back as 1935 till date. The working of a drone too was shown as part of the learning experience. The trip on the whole was extremely informative and loaded with lots of fun too!

### Planetarium Visit

Excited and full of enthusiasm, the children of KG2 and the Montessori Seniors went to the Planetarium (Cosmos) on 6<sup>th</sup> March.



The children were enthralled by the models of the planets that they saw in the Science Park.

They had a visual treat in the sky theatre, where the Solar System was explained in an interesting manner. The children were overwhelmed and mesmerized by the show – truly, active learning at its best!



## Workshops

### 1Million 1Billion

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March parents of Grade 9 students were introduced to the **Future Leaders Program** that discovers and nurtures world’s most promising youth leaders. This program will be conducted in select NPS schools for students from Grade 9 to 11 and is designed to help students develop their leadership and 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution skills by supporting them in finding their passion and purpose through a well-designed framework.

For interested students, in the second level, it will enable them to convert these skills into an actionable project aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

### Workshops for Staff

A **Prospective Resource Person training program** was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March at Harvest International School by the Centre of Excellence, CBSE Chennai Region for Principals and Senior Teachers and was directed towards “Upholding Integrity and Ethics”. During this training session the participants analysed and discussed various case studies so as to get a direction on crucial decision making in

difficult situations. The participants were trained on conducting programs for teachers on the modalities of upholding integrity and ethics. It was attended by Ms. Pramila Menon.

### Sexual Harassment at Workplace

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March **Prof. E. Roopa Rao** conducted a workshop on **Sexual Harassment at Workplace** to elucidate the kinds of harassment that women are subjected too at the workplace and how to overcome various situations through empowerment of women. Retired as Professor of Education from Sarada Vilas Teacher’s College, Mysore Ms. Rao is a recipient of two NCERT National Awards for innovations in teacher education.



Currently she is associated with the project- Sensitizing Teachers on Academic Problems in school Children in Karnataka. She is also a member of University of

Mysore, Harassment of Women in Workplaces Enquiry Committee. Ms. Rao She apprised the audience with Section 377 and its related implications.



## Workshop for students

### Sapa Thayir Sadam Project

The gifted sibling duo of Ambi and Bindu Subramaniam, along with their accomplice Mahesh Raghavan held a Workshop for Grades 1 to 5 on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Based on songs about popular Super heroes, it had some fun rhythmic activities too. The students performed their Sapa routines in front of them. An interactive session with some brilliant music is indeed food for souls!

**For our students as they prepare joyfully towards a new beginning:**

*I am glad I was your Teacher,  
I've come to love you so I can't believe, the end is here, I have to see you go, remember all the fun we had, all the things we did. But most of remember, you are all very special and dear to us.*

Here's wishing you all an awesome summer vacation, and until we meet again it is "Be seeing you". Hoping for a great start to the new academic session.

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