



NEWSLETTER

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“Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.”

The 1st of November, 2017 marked the celebrations of the “Birth of the Kannada State”. Our school too celebrated the formation of our State in all fervor through songs, poems and speeches.

“Barisu Kannada dimdimava, OKarunada Hurdayashiva, Siri Gannadam Gelge, Siri Gannadam Balge.”..... reiterating the glory of Karnataka.

The months were filled activities and festivities ranging from Sports events, Founders Cup, numerous competitions and X Mas celebrations to name a few.



MAJOR EVENTS

Founders Cup 2017 – The second edition of Founder's Cup Annual Basketball Tournament was held on 14th, 15th and 16th November 2017. The three-day tournament for boys and girls saw sweat, determination and teamwork taking the forefront. The basketball court was alive with the spectators' chants, the periodic commentary and the referee's whistle. NPS Rajajinagar and Bishop Cotton Boys' emerged as the winners and runners up respectively in the boys' category. In the girls' category, the first place was clenched by the Bishop Cotton Girls' while NPS HSR came a close second.



Math Lecture- Professor Serge D' Alessio, Associate Dean- Admission and Outreach, Faculty of Mathematics, Centre for Education in Maths and Computing, **University of Waterloo**, visited the school on Wednesday, 15th of November. He is an applied mathematician, who has specialized in the field of fluid mechanics. He addressed the Math Wizards from Grades 11 and 12 about **Imaginary triangles**, whose properties could be calculated, but as the name suggests do not exist, and "**The Leaning Tower of Dominos**", where he briefed the audience about balancing and analysis using Infinite Series. He additionally provided valuable insights on Mathematics at university levels. His enthusiasm and passion for his subject was evident all along his presentation. Students found the session extremely interesting and had the opportunity to look at familiar concepts from a different perspective.



Communal Harmony-The Communal Harmony and National Integration Week was celebrated by the students of Grades 1 to 5 from 27th Nov to 1st Dec, 2017. The objective was to instill in the younger generation the spirit of brotherhood and the need to transcend religious and linguistic boundaries, thereby fostering peace and harmony in the country. The week saw an array of activities for the students based on the theme.

The highlights of the week were as follows:

Monday, 27th Nov—Class Assemblies were conducted in Grades 1 to 5 which included a thought, speech and quiz to reiterate the topic. A poster making competition was also held for the students of Grade 5.

Tuesday, 28th Nov - A short movie session based on the theme was organized for the students of Grade 1-3, followed by a worksheet, to reinforce the learning from the session.

Thursday, 30th Nov - A guest lecture was organized for the students of Grade 4 to 5 where faculty member Ms. Reena Moses shared interesting information with the children about the importance of harmony.

Friday, 1st Dec- A mega cultural extravaganza put up by the students of Grade 1 to 5 concluded the weeklong celebrations.

During the course of the week, teachers also spoke to the students about mutual respect and tolerance towards different religions and the need to understand that our strength lies in our diversity.



ACHIEVEMENTS



LIT UP - On 17th November NPS HSR conducted their first literary fest, Our students have performed wonderfully.

Confrontation, the debate event, saw **Anupama Bagade and Anusha Roy from Grade 8** placed first. They battled numerous teams in a knockout system and debated on a variety of topics from 'Usage of arms' to the 'Unity of India'.

In **Grand slam**, the poetry event the team comprising **Advaita Krishnan, Shreya Aiyer and Devanshi Dasgupta, cleared two rounds**. They performed nonsense poetry for the first round and wrote about social issues for the finals.

Splits, the standup comedy event, had **Ruchit T. Dinesh** placed first with his monologue on 'social media' and **ParthKeshwani** as **runner up** performing a hilarious piece on Indian TV shows and movies.

Literati, the quiz event tested the students' knowledge in the literary

hemisphere and the team consisting of **Shradha Dutta and ShashankJayant** was placed second.

The Arena, an elaborate event where the team work of participants was put to the test with grueling rounds of hangman, taboo and charades, saw **Prathana NB, Prateeksha Pramod and Paridhi Rai** emerged victorious.

Football On 18th November, a football tournament was conducted at the Bangalore Sports Carnival. Six teams participated and our students were placed first with the team consisting of **Sagar P, Gautam B, Viren S, Siddhart K, Ronak, Anirudh and Aniket** from grade 10.



Swimming - Katyayani Pande from grade 9 participated in the inter school girls swimming competition at Bishop Cotton Girl's School on 8th November and won a bronze medal in 50 m Backstroke, silver medal in 50 m Butterfly and a silver medal in 100m Individual event.



Greenwood High - 'Onestop English- juniors' was an English literature Festival held on 10th November 2017 for grades 1to5. Twenty one schools participated in the fest. Our juniors did us proud by winning most of the organized events. The students who won the "Grand Prix" are :

Ishita Nayak (Grade 2) - Weaving stories

Sohham Joshi (Grade 3) - 'Bingo with a Twist'

Nikita Shanbag and Pranit Geol (Grade 4) -Hedbanz

The second prize winners include:

Keshav Kumar (Grade 1) - Read - a - thon

Sreejani Bhaduri Grade 2 - Junior Grammar Galore

Akshay Nilakanthan (Grade 3) - Synonyms

Our students bagged the Rolling Trophy for overall best average of 68.9%, proving yet again that when it comes to winning we are unstoppable. Kudos to our little ones and congratulations achievers!



The school also conducted a chess tournament from 15th to 17th November in association with Bangalore Chess Center under the Karnataka Chess Association. Two teams represented our school and both received a plethora of awards. The team comprising **Pranjal S, Rohan N, Daksh. D** and **Aryaman .J** of **Grade 8**, placed **1st in Category 6**. **Pranjal** and **Rohan** of **Grade 8** also bagged the **first place individual championship**.

The second team consisting of **Setu M, Shreyas . P, Rishit . P** and **Devansh .M** (grade7) were placed **third in Category 6**. **Shreyas. P** received an **Individual championship** and **Devansh. M** also received a **second place individual championship**.



Cricket - Adidas conducted an Adidas Uprising Cricket tournament last week and the team comprising **Tathagata H, Viren S, Aditya A, Karan A, SiddhartK, ShreyasP, Shubham G, Raaj Rithik, Arav Jain, KarthikS** and **Aryaman L** placed **third**.



New Horizon Cup -A state level inter school basketball tournament was conducted earlier this year in June. Our school was placed **second** with the team comprising – **Nikita A, Disha K, Devanshi J, Roshni S, Sara, Rene G, Sia, Arushi, Diya, Palak M, Sneha D** and **Veruschka P**.

Squash - The Jain Academy for Sporting excellence conducted an inter school squash open recently. **Saumya Raaj** was placed first in the Girls Category and **Aditya Raaj** placed **second** in the boy's category.



Shaastra Spark - On 2nd and 3rd December, IIT Chennai conducted the finals of Shaastra Spark, an all India School level competition. The prelims were held in August 2017 and the second round in November 2017. **Aditya A, Abhinav M, Abhiram N, Vidushi B** from **Grade 10** were among the 25 teams that made it to the finals. They participated in various quiz programs, and attended a glider workshop. They additionally explored the Bio-tech lab in IIT Chennai, and learnt about 'Race Car' modelling. The team comprising **Aditya Anirudh** and **Vidushi Bhartari** emerged victorious winning a cash prize of 12000 Rupees.

Cryptic Crossword -The Finals of CBSE Cryptic Crossword was conducted from 20th to 23rd November, 2017. Teams from 40 cities participated in the finals in New Delhi. It comprised a written round, three rounds of crossword on stage and a buzzer round. The team consisting of **Aditi Koul** (Grade11) and **Rida Shafeek** (Grade 12) **won** the coveted first prize with a whopping 190 points while the other two final teams were left fending on a score of 110.

Spell Bee - The Karnataka state Cricket Association conducted the **India Spell Bee-juniors & seniors** on the 12th of November at Chinnaswamy stadium. The preliminary round consisted of a written round of twenty five words and the finals had two words given orally to each participant. There after the round robin method was employed. In the junior category, **Sharvari B** of **Grade 7** was placed **first** and **Diya Agarwal** was the **runner up**. In the senior category **Abhinav Menon** was placed **first**. Our school was awarded the best participating school.



Basket Ball - **Manasi Anil Kumar** of **Grade 7B** was awarded the most promising player in the Bishop Cotton Junior Girls Basketball Tournament held from 2nd to 4th November 2017.

A **Science Fair** was conducted in collaboration with IBM and Intel where over 2000 science projects were entered. **Niveditha Iyer** from grade 10 was placed **third** for her project on self-driving cars.



Cisco Systems - conducted a Talent Outreach Program for the students of **Grade 11** in the month of July this year. A team of 6 students – **Aditya N. Aniket S, Ayush A, Kaustubh R, Rajat A** and **Rajdeep N** worked on a project in collaboration with mentors from Cisco. They built an app to help reduce the travel time of emergency service vehicles on road. As a culmination of the workshop, a leadership connect was organised at the Cisco Campus on November 14. The event comprised an exciting session of trivia and thought provoking speeches by Ms.Karen Walker (Senior Vice President) and Mr.Gopalrathnam (Vice President). The event ended with a fruitful discussion with the project mentors on the team's project. The team Cisco will be presenting a demo on the project in the near future.

Math Bee On 26th November, The Karnataka State Cricket Association conducted Math Bee. **Aditya Anirudh** and **Abhinav Menon** from **Grade 10 A.P. Vaideeswaran (Grade 9) and Pranjal Srivastava (Grade 8)**, reached the finals. **In the Senior Category, Pranjal Srivastava and A.P. Vaideeswaran** placed **first** and **second** respectively. Our school won the trophy for the best participating School.

Intellify - IIT Delhi conducted the second and third round of the Olympiad on the 3rd and 7th November respectively for Grades 9 to 12 at our premises. The Olympiad aimed at measuring the CAIQ (Creativity and Innovation Quotient) through an offline test. Students who qualified for 'Intellify' final round which will be conducted in IIT Delhi in 2018 (Dates awaited) are as follows:

Level 2

Vinayaka. M - 9 B
Adwaith Suresh – 10 B
Vidushi Bhartari – 10 B
A Vaideeswaran – 9 A
Prahalad Anand – 10 B
Raghav Rastogi – 10 A
Pragya Gupta – 9 B

Level 3

Mukund Balajee – 11 B
Rohit Kaushik – 12 A
Chinmay S I – 12 A
Siddharth Gautam – 12 A

Scholar's Cup - The World Scholar's Cup tournament of champions was held from the 9th to 14th November, 2017 at Yale University. The event was attended by more than 300 teams from over 50 countries. The team comprising **Aditi Koul, Aniket Sanghi and Neha Sharon Jacob** from **Grade 11** emerged 4th. They were the winning team in Asia, bagging several medals in individual events. As part of the programme, they had the opportunity to visit the campuses of Yale, Harvard and MIT.



Olympiads - The National Science Olympiad was conducted for Grades 3 to 12 on the 23rd November and 5th December respectively

Science Quiz - On the 29th of November, a preliminary written test was conducted for Grades 2 to 9.

Bangalore Little Theatre Play - 'The Year of the Rooster', a hilarious English adaptation of a Chinese folk tale that retains much of the Chinese tradition was performed on Saturday, 25th November 2017 for grades 6 to 11 in the school auditorium. This is part of a creative partnership between Bangalore Little Theatre and Indian Cancer Society for the specific objective of reaching out to children with cancer. All proceeds from school will go towards the initial treatment of pediatric cancer patients.



As part of the **Community Outreach Programme**, students of Grade 8 visited Shishu Mandir, a school for underprivileged children from 27th to 29th November. Our students were welcomed with warmth and they were briefed in detail about the various facilities, Shishu Mandir had to offer. The students donated groceries and stationery items as a token of their affection.



Visit to Govt. School - On 6th December 2017, **Grade 11** had been taken on an excursion to Urdu and Kannada Primary Government School in Austin Town. This was on account of partnering with Reap Benefit which hosted a program to initiate problem solving in the community as a part of 'Environmental Education'. The students contributed to improving the facilities of the school by repainting walls, cleaning washrooms, cleaning water tanks, and repairing plumbing systems. Overall, the activity contributed to holistic development of the students.



Appeal to Angel Investors

The 1st of December 2017 marked the official launch of the 6th edition of the Entrepreneurship Project by Grade 6. Our young entrepreneurs persuaded the venture capitalists (parents) to invest in their business plans through their varied Power Point Presentations and poised interactions. The Project has been initiated with the intent of providing students a bird's eye view of entrepreneurship - procuring capital, sourcing raw materials, manufacturing, advertising, selling etc, and enhancing their interpersonal and communication skills.



INTER-HOUSE EVENTS

Quiz Finals - The quiz club conducted the inter house quiz finals for Grades 9 to 12 on Saturday, 22 November 2017. It consisted of 4 rounds with two questions for each house in each round. The first was a quick thinking buzzer round, followed by jeopardy where the teams could pick questions of varying points from different genres. The third round was a theme based one in which answers revolved around a main theme. The last round was Monopoly where the teams had to bet points against a question to win points and were viable to lose points with the wrong answer. Ultimately, it was the **Pioneers** team comprising **Kaustubh Roy, Nikhil Pinto and Shivansh Sinha of grade 11** reigned supreme.

Eco Cub 2017 -The inter-house bag-making competition“ Baggit-Upcycle,Recycle” for grades 6 to 8 was held on 4th November 2017. The objective of this event was to encourage reuse of old t-shirts to make bags and complete them with a quote based on “World Kindness Day”. Each bag was judged on the criteria of durability, neatness and aptness of quote. Explorers were crowned winners, followed by Voyagers in the 2nd place and Pioneers in the 3rd place. The bags will be donated to underprivileged children, after a thorough inspection of their quality.

Dramatics Event -The Interhouse Dramatics event based on the theme ‘How it Should Have Ended’, was held on the 24th of November for Grades 9 to 12. While each house was allowed 10 participants and given a time limit of 15 minutes, no further constraints were placed. They had the liberty to choose and manipulate any story they so wished. The judges included two of our own teachers – Jyotsna Ma’am and Nanditha Ma’am, along with Riya Bhattacharya, an alumnus. After four hilarious, riveting and extremely well put together plays, the Voyagers were adjudged winners, with the Challengers and the Explorers placing second and third respectively.



The inter house **Battle of Bands (Grades 6 to 8)** was conducted on 18th December, 2017. The much anticipated event saw the enthusiastic participation of all the houses. It began with the ‘Jugalbandi’ round, where the mix and fusion of two different ragas or styles of music enthralled the

audience. Challenging as the event was, the participants pulled it off with complete ease and saw the Explorers bag the first place, followed by Voyagers with just a difference of half marks and the Pioneers landed the third place.

In an equally challenging and grueling group event, the musical Bands from the four houses displayed originality, creativity and harmonious twists to familiar songs. The Explorers bagged the first place with their theatrics and strong stage presence, followed by Pioneers in the second place and Challengers in the third place.



The **Literary Event** for grades 6 to 8 was conducted on 11th of November 2017. Participants prepared relentlessly in the weeks leading up to the event. There were three grueling rounds of Shakespearean Poetry, Extempore and Air Crash. Creativity, ability to think on the feet and debating skills were tested to the limit. In the end, **Ruhi Chipre(7C)** from the Pioneers placed first and **Akshay Aiyer (7A)** and **Devanshi Dasgupta(8A)** from the explorers placed second and third respectively.

The **Inter-House Musical** event based on the theme 'Menial Jobs', was conducted on 20th of December 2017 for grades 9 to 12. Each house was allowed a maximum of 10 participants and a time limit of 13 minutes. The theme given to the Challengers, Explorers, Pioneers and was Voyagers was 'A Data Entry Clerk', 'Shopkeeper', 'Watchman', and 'Chartered Accountant' respectively. All the four houses put up a great show. The Challenger emerged victorious, followed by the Explorers and Voyagers in the third spot.



The **Inter-House Battle of the Bands** for Grades 9 to 12, took place on 22nd December 2017. Each house was given a song to perform, as well as a band whose style they had to mimic. The Likes of AC/DC, Guns 'n' Roses, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Arctic Monkeys were mirrored. The bands also had an instrumental round where they performed theme songs of movies. The judges included our music teacher Mr. Jaison and alumni Ashwin Vinod and Adesh Vinod. The results are as follows: Pioneers stood 1st, followed by the Explorers and Voyagers in 2nd and 3rd respectively.



The **Performing Arts** event was held on 22nd December 2017. It comprised three rounds of both classical and western forms of dance. In the western round, all the four houses were given the topics 'Deepest Fear' and 'The Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me'. For the first time, the concept of a dance battle - a duet round as well as an elimination round was introduced. In the classical round, the houses were required to use at least one English song with no restrictions on the dance form. Each round was adjudged by three judges, two alumni students and one teacher.

Winners (Classical) - Challengers



Winners (Western) - Voyagers



OTHER EVENTS

Kannada Rajyotsava Montessori

-Siri Kannada Gelage: Karnataka Rajyotsava was celebrated on the 3rd of November in the Montessori. The children were dressed in red and yellow depicting the colours of the Karnataka flag. Moreover children sat all engrossed, listening to the animatedly narrated stories on the formation of Karnataka and Bengaluru.



Grandparents Day - Emotions, nostalgia, love and of course pride are a few words that aptly describe the grandparents day celebrated by KG2 on 3rd November. Grandparents were welcomed with roses and lovely badges followed by a morning filled with music, dance, recitation and role play. Walking the ramp and singing songs, grandparents enjoyed the morning to the brim. A few of them, who couldn't be a part of the

day, had thoughtfully sent letters to their grandchild which were read out earnestly. It was an important day which will remain etched in their memory.



Book Week 2017 - **You can find Magic wherever you look, Sit back, relax all you need is a book.**

A book ignites your imagination and is like a dream held in your hand. To inculcate the habit of reading, a "Book Week" was organized from 13th to 17th November for students of Grades 1 to 5. The entire week was loaded with activities and reading for fun. The students were treated to sessions from authors and subject experts like Ms. Venita Coelho, Ms. Anu Krishna and Ms. Darshana. While Ms. Venita enchanted them with excerpts from her book 'Dungeon Tales', Ms. Anu Krishna gave valuable tips on creative writing to students of Grade 4 and 5. Ms. Darshana emphasized the use of adjectives for Grade 3. All the sessions were interactive and interesting.

If that wasn't enough, Grade 5 came dressed as their favourite characters for Cosplay. Grades 1 to 3 were treated to a Story-telling session replete with voice modulations by our in house teachers and primary coordinator. To encourage the children to read a range of books, Scholastic Book Fair was organized at our premises. Author Ms. Venita was present at the venue to lend a personal touch by autographing her books bought by the children. The week included a variety of inter-class literary competitions. Books Galore!!!.....there are so many books left to read, for that alone life is worth living. You are never alone when you read!



KG students too celebrated 'Book Week' In KG 1 children enjoyed a gamut of activities and enthusiastically took part in 'Dress Me Up' and 'Book Swapping'. They brought in their favourite books and exchanged notes on their favorite stories and characters. Children watched and participated in the 'Puppet Show' demonstrated by one of our teachers on the story 'Oliver's Vegetables'. The Students also enjoyed the 'Shadow Puppet Show' on the story 'A Very Hungry Caterpillar' presented by **Yashvi**, a student. The librarian took the little ones on a tour of the library, let them pick up a book of their choice and read silently. Stories were read out aloud and students identified characters, and made predictions. The highlight of the 'Book Week' was the dramatization of the story 'The Enormous Turnip' that was well received by the students.



KG 2 had their share of fun and learning with a week totally dedicated to activities, games and stories. A Spell Bee was conducted on the 13th and 15th with words classified as phonetic and sight words. Story Enactment was done by a teacher through the week wherein a new story was narrated every day. On the 14th of November children came dressed as their favourite story book characters and excitedly introduced themselves. They enjoyed word games organized on the 16th. On 17th November 61 little story tellers read paragraphs from their favorite story book which they had brought from home. A fun-filled book week indeed!



Lend me a hand ! -In order to educate our little ones about people who help us and contribute to society, Montessori celebrated 10th November as 'Helper's Day'. Children were dressed as people from different walks of life and confidently spoke about who they represent. Role plays were enacted to help the children understand a day in the life of various professionals.



Seasons come and Seasons go- On 10th November 2017, teachers of KG2 culminated the topic of seasons through a role play “Seasons come seasons go”. It was a day when all seasons were brought together by teachers who were dressed in attires attributed to a particular season. They presented all facts relevant to the season through a small enactment. The students enjoyed this novel approach to learning and latched on to the opportunity of quizzing their teachers.



Spectrum - The Early Learners Sports Day was celebrated on 9th December 2017. The theme was a tribute to the brave hearts of our country -“The Indian Armed Forces”- who stand tall guarding us on land, water and sea. The event began with a torch relay. The flame which signifies the message of hope and inspiration was carried by the torch bearers and handed over to our Principal – Ms Jyotsna

Nair, who declared the sports meet open. This was followed by a march past. The children of Montessori and Kindergarten marched in sync dressed as soldiers of the Army, Navy and the Air force.



The students then proceeded to line up for their display. The ‘Sea Conquerors’ of KG -1, the ‘Air Warriors’ of KG-2 and the ‘Land Marshalls’ of the Montessori put up a spectacular show moving in unison to the music. As the children proceeded to their respective enclosures for the races to follow, the Principal addressed the gathering on ‘Being a Tech-conscious parent’. In the individual enclosures the children enjoyed the plethora of races that were conducted, while the audience cheered on with pride. The day’s events ended on a high note as each child went back a winner with their medal and certificate.

‘Tis the season to be jolly - On the 21st of December, the Montessori children ushered in the Christmas spirit with a grand celebration. The Freshers dressed as shepherds and angels to enact ‘The Nativity Play’, the Juniors and Seniors dressed as characters from Bethlehem added colour to the festivity, transporting the audience to a bygone era.



Children's Day celebrations –

2017- Children are always celebrated in the life of a family. Their birth is a time for celebration and then they grow older, and step into the portals of an institution. We cherish the presence of our students and enjoy the sweet and not so sweet moments alike. It is these moments that are strung together into a garland of memories to last a lifetime. Ringing in the Children's day a day earlier, on 13th November the teachers put together a show that was exhilarating and mesmerizing. Nimble feet, a visual treat, Rhythm, is their second name, Dancing, their claim to fame.

Whoever put these words together was surely thinking about the talented divas called the teachers who danced to the beats of the folk music that highlighted the ethnic culture of our mystic nation. The teachers also presented a myriad of dance forms that ranged from soulful Sufi to the groovy moves of MJ, the King of Pop. The teachers clearly sent out a message that learning never stops in the life of a person.

It was a new high for the students to watch their loving 'Akkas' address them in chaste English, a language that the student body had lovingly taught them. The support staff also recited a poem written by them and performed to the rhythm that was poetry in music. It's widely known that music is therapeutic. This was proved true by the teachers who rendered a number of songs in their melodious voice. The students also joined in and a beautiful game of 'Antakshari' brought the curtains down, proving yet again that the

teachers and students are bound by a divine bond that keeps them happy and safe together.



Teachers Day On 13th November, 2017, Teachers' Day was celebrated in all fervour. **Neha Anna Mathew**, the school vice-prefect enthralled the audience with a befitting speech. The programme had an array of vibrant performances including songs, band performance, skit and dance, to convey the emotional bond of friendship between the teacher and student community. The students conducted games which the teachers enjoyed to the hilt.



Sports Day was celebrated with aplomb at NPS Koramangala, on the 21st of December 2017. The day began with a synchronized march past by the students of grades 9 to 12, to the beats of an accomplished band led by Sinchana Sharon of grade 12 B. School Prefect Rahul Bhattacharya, and the Sports Captain Aditya Singh, the Captains and the Vice Captains motivated their house members to seize the day. Students from grades 1 to 12 proved their mettle in athletics ranging from individual races to relays. Competition was the mood of the hour and when the Sports Trophy was won by the Explorers, for the first time in 15 years, the entire school campus reverberated with thunderous applause.



The **Green Hackathon**, held at RMZ Ecoworld, is an annual event where students from various schools showcase their real-world problem solving abilities. This year it was held on the 8th of December. **Yohan P. Irani**, **Vilina Gupta(11B)**, and **Abhinav Menon(10A)**, attended the mega event. They attended design thinking workshops and presented their ideas in front of a panel of judges. It was a huge learning experience for the students.



Change Maker - Ashoka Youth Ventures conducted a “**Change Maker Day**” at school on the 9th of December, 2017. The session intended to promote the concept of change making, beginning at a very young age. A part of the session was dedicated to the students of the school for pitching their initiative ideas. This was followed by a panel discussion featuring young change makers including NPS-K’s own alumnus **Garvita Gulhati**, co-founder of “Why Waste?”. The speakers were Ashoka fellows (world’s leading social entrepreneurs) and Youth Venturers (teenagers who are causing change in their communities through their social initiatives). The day concluded with how schools have to consciously start inculcating these skills in students, and NPS Koramangala is proud to have taken that step with Ashoka’s partner organization, “Better Plus Schools”, who has been working on a weekly basis with grade 7, this academic year.



ASSEMBLIES

On 29th November, students of **Grade 4A** presented their assembly on the topic 'Books', focusing on the life and works of a favorite story teller of the 20th century, Roald Dahl. The assembly included a recital of 'Television', one of his famous poems and a costume play on 'Red Riding Hood' from his book 'Revolting Rhymes.'



movies. Students enacted scenes from two of these movies. A poem written by Lewis Carroll was recited by two students. A song and a dance on the theme "Blue Umbrella" by Ruskin Bond was also presented by the students.



The students of **Grade 5 A** presented their class assembly on 'Festivals and Fairs of South India' on the 9th of November, highlighting the difference between the two terms. The unique aspect of the assembly was the display of the artifacts depicting different festivals celebrated in the south of India. A synchronized dance performance by the boys was a visual delight.



Grade 4 B presented their class assembly on the topic "Books made into movies", on the 7th of November. A few authors, such as Ruskin Bond, J.K. Rowling, George Bernard Shaw and L. Frank Baum were selected whose books/plays had been made into

Grade 4C 'traced the footprints of Indian books through the times' in their assembly on 14th of December. The foundation of the show was laid by the chanting of shlokas from the Vedas and the Upanishads. Delving into Valmiki's Ramayana and Vyasamuni's Mahabharata they went on to the ancient stories enshrined in the books of Panchatantra and Jataka Tales. The journey through the comic books of Amar Chitra Katha, Tinkle and books written by Ruskin Bond, R K Narayan and Rupa Pai gave the students a new insight into the world of books.



'The Four Major Rivers' that form the crux of Central India were introduced by the students of **Grade 5B**, who presented their assembly on the 16th of November 2017. The dances of Maharashtra and Goa added colour to the assembly.



Grade 5C took the primary classes through the colourful '**Fairs and Festivals**' celebrated in the Northern parts of India on 23rd of November 2017. The dance drama based on the legend of Queen Karnavati sending a rakhi to the Mughal king Humayun, brought out the spirit of oneness which has always been the real essence of the festivals in our country. The skit 'Festival of Life' on a clean and green environment gave the audience something to ponder upon.



9B through their class assembly highlighted '**The Importance of Being Oneself**' and reminded the audience that pulling of the pretentious mask to eliminate the false personality, is the only way to reveal the real self and thereby realize one's dreams and passions.



On 22nd November, the students of **9C** portrayed the '**Various types of Manipulation**' and created awareness about the dangers of psychological manipulations that exist in society. The assembly included a well coordinated skit, succinct speech, dazzling dance and harmonious rendition.



18th of December 2017, just a routine day in the school calendar, was very special for the students of **Grade 12**. It was their last school picnic. The **journey to Hassan** on a beautiful highway, lined up by jowar and maize fields was filled with excitement as was the sound of fun and frolic inside the bus. The beauty of the temple architecture at Halebidu, the carvings on the Nandi, the stories from Indian mythology carved on the exterior pillars of the temple, were a sight to behold. The afternoon was well spent in the scenic locales of the Hoysala resort enjoyed to the brim with local cuisine and topped with song and dance. The journey back home, needless to say, started with reluctance but equally enjoyable, with the students having made most of the eventful day.

FIELD TRIPS & VISITS



A field trip with friends was just the way to unwind and celebrate for students of **Grade 9** after their grueling PT 3 exams. On the 19th of December, the students braved the chilly morning and were off to **Avaniya Adventure Camp**, nestled in the picturesque locales of Avani near Kolar. There were several adventure based learning activities in which the students participated with enthusiasm.

Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium conducted a Science Exhibition, '**Science in Action**' from 1st to 3rd December, 2017. Our students of **Grade 9**, **Shashank Jayant**, **Vinayaka. M**, **Vikrant Abrol**, **Vibhu Varshney** and **Pragya Gupta** took part in the event. They had a chance to showcase their exhibits, which included an Interferometer and a Vocal Visualizer, to a large number of visitors. It was an amazing experience for the students.



GUEST LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

On 22nd November, 2017, **Pahal** a design coaching institute conducted an interactive session for the students of grade 10. They highlighted the importance of the course stating that a designer's job is at par with an engineer or a doctor's profession. They also stressed on how design thinking has emerged as an essential strategy for achieving innovation and business growth in the 21st century. This was followed by a hands on activity session where students were divided into groups of four and asked to design 3-D models from the limited material provided, within the stipulated time. Four of the groups were adjudged winners of which two groups won a cash prize of rupees three thousand as the first prize and two groups won rupees two thousand as the second prize. The session ended with a speech on how designing and marketing of a product play an equal and important role in the success of a product and the importance of taking it up as one's career.

Ms. Sadhana Badrinath from **FLAME University** had a brief interaction with the students of grade 12 on Wednesday, 22nd November. Apart from the admission details, she encouraged the students to partake in an open seminar on the advantages of an interdisciplinary education that emphasizes on critical reasoning and innovative thinking.

NSU - On the same day, representatives of the **National University of Singapore** interacted with grade 12 students. The session took the students through various courses offered by the university for the under graduate programme. Students found it informative as it gave them a peek into the admission procedure as well.



Counselling - On the 9th of November, Counsellor Chaitrik Singh addressed the students of grade 10 on the topics of motivation, goals and what needs to be done in order to achieve them. Through speeches and videos, he pointed out the importance of emulating a role model and prioritizing work by setting aside various distractions emanating from social media. The session was thought provoking and interactive, and provided the students with much needed guidance to deal with the ever so familiar problems faced.



On the 6th of December, the students of **Grade 11** were treated to an out of the box **counselling session** with Mrs. Padmaja Ramamurthy. Her interesting approach to teenage problems soon put them at ease, while her unorthodox methods of putting her point across had them in splits. Before beginning the session itself, she encouraged them to pen down their expectations of it. To say that these expectations were met and surpassed is indeed an understatement. Where self-caricatures led to self-discovery and triangulated mind-maps revealed the dangers of unnecessary thoughts, it's no wonder the students were enthralled. She taught them to question every thought they deemed important enough to entertain. Her expertise on Freudian principles shone through as each and every student took away an important message that day. By the simple activity of writing five words beginning with the letter 'I', she showed them how much they valued themselves and by instructing them to sketch their friends, she revealed how the world perceived them. It was truly a journey of self-discovery that each and every student, however reluctant at first, eventually undertook and enjoyed.



On 22nd November, Anika Khandekar of Grade 9 who has been learning karate for almost 7 years with several awards to her credit, conducted a short self-defence workshop for the girls of Grade 9 along with sensei M G Prasad.

The girls in pairs were taught different techniques on how to escape and attack. The technique to escape was taught with common handholds and what to do in case of different hand positions. The 40 minutes session was conducted to instil a sense of confidence in girls and to equip them with the basic knowledge of self-defence so that they feel safe and comfortable when going out alone.

Doctor Address - To facilitate smooth transition from childhood to teenage stage, girls of Grade 5 were addressed by a leading gynaecologist Dr. Archana Pathak on 13th December 2017. Dr. Pathak dealt with puberty related issues giving relevant information on the changes likely to occur in the body during this phase. She addressed the queries of the students provided tips to handle puberty related issues.



Teachers' Workshop - A two day Workshop on learning differences was conducted by Ms. SreeVidhya. P on the 15th and 16th November 2017, at TISB Training Academy (TTA). This workshop was attended by the students of the TISB Diploma in Teaching Practices.



Finally, it's that time of the year again....



Christmas Celebration: Christmas without carols and Santa? Impossible! On 22nd December, the corridors of the school echoed jingle bells and silent nights as Santa Claus danced and sang with the Montessori, Kindergarten and the Primary students. The glitter and gifts that adorned the Christmas tree brought the spirit of Christmas to a crescendo.



To quote Oprah Winfrey, “A year’s end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instil in us. Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.”

That’s all from the news desk for this month. Hope to apprise you and update you with many more happenings in the new calendar year.

Wishing you a very bright, buoyant and blithe New Year!

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