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Dear readers, we can't but rave about the extraordinary and exemplary participation and team work displayed by our students and the entire staff in making AHAN (Middle & Senior School) - the triennial cultural extravaganza- a benchmark in home productions.

Our worthy readers, while we value the glowing reviews we received on what you witnessed, in the foreground – 'Naukacharitam'-an ode to lifelines of our country, the story played in the background was not less vibrant. Yes! We are alluding to the weeks and months of relentless effort, enormous zeal and innumerable practice sessions invested in conceptualizing, crafting, drafting, editing, refining and polishing the art mélange we presented to you. These behind the scene stories are themselves an ode to the joys and pleasures of school life. It is during these phases of uncloistered learning that the children absorb those precious lessons of life which are never published in text books and for which the notes are not taken.

Now, not to hold you further, let's unfold the eventful months' saga through our newsletter which always serves as a roving eye for you to see what doesn't meet your eye.

AHAN 2018 (Middle &Senior)

The triennial musical and cultural spectacle – AHAN (Middle &Senior) 2018 on 31st October cruised its audience along the length and breadth of India on its magnificent rivers - from the revered Ganga to Kaveri and Bharathpuza; from Brahmaputra to the five rivers of Punjab and Narmada. The 2.5 hour long cultural ensemble was titled *Naukacharitam*- an ode to the rivers of India. Students of Grade 6 to 11 represented each river and portrayed the mythological, devotional, cultural, socio-economic and environmental legacy and beliefs surrounding these mighty rivers. The home production was extolled not only for its ethereal performances- be it music, dance, skit, rich visual and aural appeal but also for the powerful message conveyed.

The celestial odyssey commenced with the holy Ganga presented by the students of Grade 8. The spiritual journey of the pious Ganga was exquisitely captured in the semi classical fusion dance forms, depiction of Kumbha mela, sadhus, fishermen community, the illustrious Kathak Gharanas and Durga Pujo. Bhortal Nritya, Bihu dance, mime and enchanting Tibetan Opera presented by students of grade 9 covered the journey of mighty Brahmaputra. The vibrant culture of the land of five rivers stirred the audience with its stories from Ramayana and the medieval age of valiant warrior kings Alaxander and Porus; tale of Sohni Mahiwal and devotional songs by 6th graders. The 11th graders captured the greatness of river Narmada through the legend of king Sahasrarjuna and Ravana and the present day crisis revolving around Sardar Sarovar dam with great finesse. While the tales of queen Alamelamma, Kovalan & Kannagi by 6th graders wrenched the heart of the audience the Carnatic recitals played along the banks of Kaveri knocked them down with a feather. River Bharathapuzha, fondly called Nila was depicted by students of grade 10. They charmed the viewers with their grandiose self-made costumes in dances like Ottanthulla, Oppana, Duff and Margam kali. The Finale to this saga, Kerala Natanam, was equally unparalleled. As all the dancers in rich costumes pervaded the scene, they personified the very spirit of Bharat, a melting pot of unique ways of life for centuries.







Achievements

PSLV – C42 launch witnessed at SHAR Sriharikota.

Aniket Sanghi of grade 12 A, Captain Voyagers House, had a once in a lifetime opportunity of witnessing a live rocket launch, **PSLV – C42**, at Satish Dhawan Space Center – **SHAR Sriharikota**. He with Abhinand (another student) interacted with several top directors and ISRO executives including **Dr. K Sivan**, Chairman ISRO, **Shri A S Kiran Kumar**, Former Chairman ISRO and Padma Shri Awardee (2015-2018), **Dr. K Radhakrishnan**, Former Chairman ISRO and Padma Bhushan Awardee (2009-2014) and many others along with their mentor and guide Mr E.K Kutty.

Having received VVIP passes to view the launch from the Master Control Center at SDSC which is 5 km away from the launch pad and where the Chairman of ISRO, along with the various Directors monitored the entire mission, they reached the launch viewing gallery. The countdown had reached its zenith. Preparations and routine checks for the launch were underway. There was excitement in the air, not only among those who were viewing the launch but also among everyone coordinating it. Five minutes before the launch they

made their way outside the viewing gallery. 3...2...1... and the boosters ignited, blazing the rocket upwards with a thunderous roar. The moment the rocket disappeared into the clouds, the entire sky lit up in a haze of yellow, like the early morning sky and they were awestruck.

After the launch, they came back to the MCC to observe the stage separation procedure at work. The advanced computer systems precisely timed all the separations while the lead scientists and engineers kept a close watch on the health of the launch vehicle and satellite. Various parameters were displayed and maintained, ranging from velocity and altitude to range, azimuth and flight trajectory. It was only after the final stage of satellite separation that the room burst with the sound of clapping and cheering. Mission Successful!

The satellites have been placed in their precise orbits with an error of only a kilometer in a situation that allows for an error of plus-minus 20 km! Apart from it being the most wonderful experience,

Aniket was also deeply influenced by ISRO's work culture and commitment that resonates in the words of Dr. K Sivan, Chairman of ISRO after the launch: "The best award for good work is more work."

Pranjal Srivastava interacts with PM Narendra Modi and Russian Premier Vladimir Putin

It is a matter of great pride and honour that **Pranjal Srivastava**, our **Grade 9** student who had earlier created history in the month of July this year by being the youngest Indian ever to win a Silver Medal in the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO 2018) in Romania, was part of a felicitation function hosted by our **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. Pranjal participated in an interactive session with the PM and the **Russian President Vladimir Putin** on the 5th of October. Along with President Putin and his delegation, a team of students from SIRIUS, a school for gifted children in Sochi, Russia visited India to attend innovation workshops and some plenary lectures.

These students interacted with selected students from India and participated in joint sightseeing and dinner. Indian students were a mix of Science Olympiad medal winners and other achievers from select KVs.

Pranjal was invited to be a part of the Indian representation. This was a prestigious event facilitated by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM). HBCSE provided the coordination for the Indian Olympiad achievers.



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CBSE Zonal/ Cluster Aquatic Championship

Hita Juneja of grade 11B participated in the CBSE Zonal/ Cluster Aquatic Championship in the under 19 category and won multiple categories. She was placed 2nd in 400m Freestyle, 2nd in 800 m Freestyle, 2nd in 50 m Backstroke, 2nd in 100 m Backstroke and 2nd in 200 m Backstroke. The meet was conducted by CBSE in Akshara International Public School, Mandya. The CBSE National Aquatic Championship will be conducted from 22nd to 25th November in Ranchi in Delhi Public School.

Guardians of Dreams

The grand finals of the 2018 edition of GO Dreams challenge, an intellectual extravaganza was held on September 16th 2018 at St. Joseph's Postgraduate Research Centre, Over 600 students from different schools participated in the events. The list of Winners in each category are as follows.

- Scribbler:
1st position - Tiya Rai (2C)
- Spell Champ
2nd position - Manan M (4B)
3rd position - Aarav K (4B)

- 3rd position - Nirwik (5C)**
- Mega Mind:
1st position - Vaishak (3A), Isheetta (3A)
- Picasso:
2nd position – Ruthvik(1A)

Teachers' DAY Celebration

Roses, creatively embellished self-designed cards, poems, heartwarming quotes, sweet messages, hearty gratitude, amiable smiles and an amazingly organized thoroughly entertaining programme – these sincere expressions of love and veneration made the Teachers' Day a truly rewarding experience for the entire teaching community at NPS Koramangala. It also resounded the maxim that a teacher not only gives away intellectual wealth but touches a life forever.

Here is the report of what our children offered on stage.

Teachers' DAY stage show

They sang; they danced; they conquered the hearts of their teachers. Our students showcased their reverence and affection for their teachers through a spectacular presentation comprising melodious classical rendition – kacheri invoking Lord Ganesha by Jahnavi, Kartik, Akshaya and Pragati (grade 12); beat box by Siddhant (grade 12), a befitting

speech by the school Prefect - Neha Sharon Jacob classical symphony- phenomenal tabla and flute duet by Vinayaka and Suhas (grade 10), and an inter-school award winning humorous play by Sherya, Tanisha, Pawan, Vidushi and Pranav. The rendition of an amazing acappella performance by grade 12 students- Neha, Karthik, Shraddha, Siddhanth and Raksha; a melodious medley of old Hindi songs by Shreya, Gargi, Abhinav, Niveditha (grade 11) , western songs by Somil Das, Dhruv Gopal, Samarpith George, Vidarshan (grade 11) ; band performance by Mukundh,Rajdeep, Anshul, Anurag and Samarpith; a highly animated dance by Animesh, Paridhi, Sumedha and Trisha (grade 9), and a special treat of dance sequences on Bollywood hit numbers from the 90s till date by all the 12th graders electrified the whole atmosphere and left the audience in ecstasy. What added extra sheen to the whole show was beautifully choreographed Thiruvathirakali dance presented by the faculty. It was an out and out entertainment and a display of



Primary:

Book Week – “Books are the quietest and most constant of friends. They are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of Teachers.” Charles .W. Eliot September marks the third year of the Book week celebrations at NPS KRM. It was celebrated with gusto and enthusiasm from the 10th of September to the 14th of

September. The week saw an array of interesting activities. Grade -1 had a handwriting and colouring competition along with an exhilarating story telling workshop by Amar Chitra Katha. The workshop had our visitors enacting a story from the comic books while teaching the tiny tots an easy method of illustrating their stories. The dragons and dinosaurs of their imagination came to life making it loads of fun. Grade 2 had their very own creative writing and colouring competition.

Grade 3 absorbed poetry writing strategies through a workshop conducted by Ms. Darshana. Workshop on story writing along with the nuances of illustration imparted by Amar Chitra Katha was received with high excitement. Children were asked to write a short story based on the given characters, situations and props during the session. They had a quiz too lined up with the winners taking away comic books. Their punctuation skills were also tested through a competition.

Grades 4 and 5 enjoyed a story telling session with a difference. The guest storyteller, Mr. Vikram Sridhar enchanted the students with folk lore ranging from the story behind ‘Mysore Pak’, to Manipuri Queen and various other Indian heritage stories narrated amidst the lush green

foliage in the school ground. Mr. Sridhar has an underlying passion to relate stories and is a firm believer of this entertaining medium being a great way of conservation of nature and building human relationships.

The Grade 5 also had a Cosplay competition. It was a culmination to a colourful display of their favourite characters brought to life with dialogues. Something for every grade made the week exciting and a learning experience!!

We reiterate- Reading is like a conversation. You can never be lonely if you read. So read on.... was beautifully choreographed Thiruvathirakali dance presented by the faculty. It was an out and out entertainment and a display of deep affection for the gurus.



Interclass competitions –

‘Every Champion was once a contender who refused to give up’.

To promote a healthy participation and competitive spirit among the children, there were a slew of Inter-class competitions for Primary students which included Hindi Recitation, English Recitation, English and Hindi Puppet Storytelling, Declamation, Western Music, Freestyle Dance, and French Recitation.

The students got a good opportunity to discover, test and exhibit their talents in each field.

Grade 3 Parent Teacher Conference was held on 8th September to discuss various facets of the students’ learning. Focus was on academics and attention was drawn to good and

bad behavioral patterns in the classroom.

Mont-Fun Yoga

September was the month to celebrate “Our Green World”. Green, a prime colour, symbolizes nature and its loveliness. To celebrate its charm, children listened to the stories about nature, spoke about plant products and showcased their creativity through activities such as paper craft, leaf painting and applied shades of colours that brought out the true essence of autumn.

Fun Yoga, a blend of yoga and storytelling, was a new way to introduce children to nature and animals. The session, enthusiastically received by all children and teachers, helped in enhancing self-awareness and strengthening the body of the tiny tots.

Junior and Fresher observation session was also scheduled during this month. The parents were thrilled to be part of their child’s classroom and to experience the Montessori Method first hand.



Green Day

Attired in Green and Brown, KG2 students, parents and teachers, all were set to celebrate the “The Green Day” on 8th of September as a culmination of the EVS topic on Plants.

The morning began with all the students and parents enjoying ‘The Nature Scavenger Hunt’ in the school ground. Later, the families were divided into two groups for some more fun filled games. One group ran a relay picking, identifying and segregating environment friendly objects. The second group let their creative juices flow by making a replica of the given pictures with the available natural material. Brainstorming, creating and presenting ‘The Magical Tree with Super Power’ was a great draw among the parents. Songs, a pledge and a sapling to take home wrapped up the eventful day.



Grandparents’ Day-

Moments of emotions, nostalgia, love and of course pride - this is what grandparents of KG-2 students experienced on 5th October 2018. They were welcomed with roses and lovely badges. The children treated their elders to a morning filled with music, dance, recitation and role play.

It was an interactive session where games were arranged. The grandparents’ walk on the ramp added to the charm of the morning. Some grandparents, who couldn’t attend the event, had sent lovely letters to their grandchildren. These letters were read out aloud. A quality fun time with the loved ones made it a memorable day for all.



Dasara Celebration

On 5th October, the students of [Grab your reader’s attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]

Montessori came dressed in lovely traditional clothes all set to celebrate the spirit of Navaratri. They enjoyed dancing to Garba beats, listened to the story of Lord Rama’s victory over Ravan and were thrilled to eat the yummy coconut ladoos which were prepared in class.



Field Trip

The topic of the month in Montessori was “Our Animal World”. The Senior Montessori students were taken for a field trip to the Government Aquarium near Cubbon Park to see and explore the world of Fishes. They were fascinated by the variety of fishes at the aquarium and the hall was resounding with their enthusiastic chatter as they moved from one aquarium to the other. They were able to relate to what they had learnt about the parts of fishes and the various

functions of each part. Their keen sense of observation was evident by their incessant questions about what they saw.

As an added treat they were taken on a ride on “Puttani Express” – the toy train at Bal Bhavan, Cubbon Park. The children thoroughly enjoyed the train ride and wished the ride didn’t have to end.



Trip to a Government School

On the 1st of September, the students of Grade 11 went on a trip to two government schools as part of their Environmental Education project. Grade 11A students visited the Ejipura Government Primary School and 11B students, the Sarkari Madari Prathamika Patashale School. The objective of the visits was to observe and collect data for the project: Solve Community.

From the ‘Horse’s Mouth’...

The trip to the school **Sarkari Madari Prathmik Shale** turned out to be an eye opening and heartwarming experience for me. The sight of the kids with big bright smiles and glowing eyes running out from their classes as soon as the bell rang sparked something inside me. It reminded me of the joy of being a student, something I had lost in between the pages of my fat school books. **Ananya Varshney , School Vice-Prefect**

It was an enjoyable yet a good learning experience for me. I got exposed to the reality around me and my problem-solving skills were sharpened in the course. All those jubilant faces of the students brought a smile on my face too. They taught me how to accept and appreciate what I have and not expect more. I was elated at the very thought of being able to give-back to the society in my own small way and was extremely glad that this trip had given me the opportunity that I had been looking for. **Ishita Bharadwaj, Vice – Captain, Voyagers**

Visiting a school very different from our own brought forth the stark contrast in educational and sanitary facilities across institutions. Still, the children at the Ejipura primary school marched into the school with bright smiles, crisp uniforms and curious minds with a determination to learn. Their

vigour and passion would inspire anyone to help give them a better schooling experience and even taught us to learn to appreciate our own. - **Niveditha S. Iyer**

I was really happy to see the small children running around and playing and so excited to see us. I was very excited to know that I’m going to investigate a real problem and solve it!

The government school was very lively and although there were problems like almost waterlogged washrooms and open cables hanging, every child seemed happy; from this I learnt that we should be happy with what we have. We also met the headmaster who was a very kind and humble person. To summarize, I would say my experience at the government school was exciting and I learnt a lot from the children there - **Apoorva Ganesh**



It is rather clean sanitary facility at school. The students determination and optimism in the face of lack of basic necessities at the government school were surprising to see the such as a resolutely cheerful and did not let their pitiful situation depress them. They showed great spirit and resilience. – *Prahalad Anand*

Field Trip- grade 12

After a rigorous month of exams, the students of grade 12 had their much-awaited break on 8th November when they went on an overnight trip to Golden Palms Resort. The students unwounded by playing games, swimming, dancing and spending time with each other. They were accompanied by their beloved principal, Jyotsna ma'am, and teachers, Nirmala ma'am, Chandita ma'am and Geeta ma'am. The trip was also bittersweet, as it was their last outing as a grade. The visit was a relaxing, enjoyable and fun-filled experience.

Interschool Basketball tournament in Ooty

The basketball teams of grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 went to Ooty to play a series of friendly matches against a few of the top local school teams. From our school under-13 and under-15 boys' and girls' teams participated. The trip began on the 9th of October and ended on the 12th of October. The games were against Lawrence Lovedale Residential School and Riverside

Public School in Ooty and Laidlaw Memorial in Conoor. The students relished the exposure and fought hard against older and more experienced teams. The educational and fun trip was thoroughly enjoyed by the students.

NUS visit for grade 12 – 26th Oct.

Representatives from the National University of Singapore visited the school on Friday, 26th October, 2018 to discuss the various opportunities offered to students of grade 12 for education in Singapore. The session began with an engaging video about life at NUS. This was followed by a presentation on the courses and majors offered, extra-curricular activities and co-ops available. The students were also informed about the application process. Closing the talk, an informative question-answer session was held.

Workshops –

Ms. SreeVidhya P and Ms. Geeta Kathait conducted a workshop for the Primary and Middle school teachers on 1st September and 25th September 2018 respectively on various aspects of Classroom Management. They touched upon the features that make an effective classroom discipline and organization plan possible

through good relationship and time management.

Ms. SreeVidhya conducted a workshop on 'Learning Differences' at the Spastic Society of Karnataka on 8th September 2018 for the inclusive education students.

A symposium administered by Drishti organization on Inclusive learning on 8th September at Sampurna Montford College was attended by Primary teachers- Ms. Aarthi, Ms. Priya, Ms. Padmini, Ms. Subhadra and Ms. Deepa. Steered by the founder of Drishti organization, Ms. Smita Desai, the symposium dealt with teaching students with mixed learning abilities and building capacities within the classroom. The four stages of the journey namely: Exclusion, Segregation, Integration and Inclusion were explained in detail. The key ingredients to become a WOW educator were the primary focus. The dangers of non-inclusion and benefit of inclusion were highlighted in this interesting and informative workshop.



conducted by Ms. Anju Chokani and Ms. Sree Vidhya .P for the Primary teachers on 22nd September 2018 and on 6th October for the Early Learning teachers acquainting them about the salient features of the Act.



Ms. Sree Vidhya P. attended a workshop conducted by the CBSE on Inclusion and Inclusive Strategies.

The workshop held at Harvest International School on 28th and 29th September 2018 was an eye opener for all educators on the need to include children with special needs under the umbrella of the mainstream education.



On 5th of October Ms. Malini Keshav and Ms. SreeVidhya P conducted a workshop for our lady support staff on pastoral care.

They were briefed on the various aspects of child care like handling emergencies and general safety of the children. They were made aware of the fact how being an integral part of the institution their alertness, pro-activeness, sensitivity and responsibility towards the children is as important as that of any other stake holder. They were also made conscious of the POCSO Act 2012.



Workshop on Container Gardening

A Container Gardening workshop was conducted on 4th Oct 2018 by Ms Sunanda Vinayachandran, the school counsellor who does Organic Terrace Gardening and is very passionate about growing plants,

composting, and keeping Earth a clean green place. The workshop was open to anybody who was just curious or keen on growing plants or was looking for some trouble shooters.

A presentation with photographs of the produce and plants from the facilitator's and her friends' terrace gardens kicked off interest.

There was an intense discussions on hows and whys of growing in limited space, soil enrichment, caring for plants, specific nutrition at the right times, identifying nutritional deficiencies, and many others areas of gardening. The participants were also presented with a potted plant as a token.

Half the joy of life is in little things taken on the run....but let us keep our hearts young and our eyes open that nothing worth our while shall escape us . Victor Cherbuliez

If there were spells of hard toiling work and intense studies, there have been long relaxing holidays too. We wish you all a very happy, green 'Deepawali'. **May the sparks of joy always light up your world!**



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