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CHRONICLES OF NPSI, CHENNAI

The measure of intelligence is the ability to change” -Albert Einstein

Dear Parents,

Greetings!

We entered January 2021 with renewed hope towards a healthy world. The month whizzed past with academics, celebrations, events and preparation for what’s coming up ahead of us. Here are the updates:

Scholastic

Grade 9 students attempted their Term end examination and they are preparing themselves to enter Grade 10.

Grade 12 students had Practical Examiners visiting the school and evaluating their projects for the Board Viva. Practical classes were conducted in school to get hands on experience in the Science Lab, with all precautions taken.

Students of grade 10 and 12 have been attempting their second set of preparatory examinations, some of who came to the school campus to attempt these exams. All required precautions have been kept in place to minimise health risks, if any.

Pongal

Harvest festival Pongal was ushered in with pomp. In Early Learning (EL), students came dressed in traditional finery. Backdrop wallpapers of colourful rangoli, decorated pots and sugarcanes set the mood for celebration. The spirit of Pongal was captured by sharing videos of making Pongal outdoors in the traditional earthen pot, singing songs and understanding the significance of the celebration. When the pot bubbled over, they heard the chorus together “Pongalo Pongal”. Children enthusiastically created Pongal greeting cards to be shared with their near and dear ones.

A live event was conducted for the rest of the school to feature all the fun and joyful activities that our children indulged in during this season. The school and its premises were showcased through the video as a reminder of a time in the future when we will all laugh and learn together in school, once again.

The intricately drawn designs of special Kolam filled the school grounds. Our middle school children sang a folk song in melody glorifying the role of farmers. The mouth-watering ‘Chakkara Pongal’ cooked in beautiful painted pot by our support staff was offered to the divine followed by an elegant, ethnic Pongal dance by children from the middle years. We reminisced past Pongal celebrations. The entire virtual celebration was shared with all the staff and students of NPSI

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Chennai who watched and enjoyed the programme. A Pot painting activity was conducted for the students of primary and middle years which witnessed them engage in creative pursuits.

Graduation Day

We had our first ever virtual graduation ceremony for the third cohort of grade 12 students to graduate from NPSI Chennai. With warm wishes from each of the senior year teachers and words of advice from the chief guest, Professor Annapurni Subramaniam, director, Indian Institute of Astrophysics and the Principal, our students bid adieu to their school. It was a unique send off for these students and we hope to see them soon in our campus.

Republic Day

We celebrated Republic Day on 25th January with great zeal and enthusiasm. In EL, children and teachers came dressed in Tricoloured dress. Teachers highlighted the significance of the celebration with videos of March-Past, Parade and Vande Mataram song. Children were eager to create their tricolour badge.

Primary and Middle school students were taken through glimpses from parades in the past, significance of the day and a brief on the constitution through an engaging video.

A special heritage quiz was conducted for students of grades 6 to 8 to recognise the importance of the day and the heritage of our country. It was wonderful to receive numerous responses from our students and witness their active participation in the quiz.

Assembly

The first virtual assembly for the calendar year was put up by the students of grade 10. Presenting on the theme, Positive Influence of Social Media, they had an endearing skit, innovative quiz, a band performance among other performances. Our grade 10 students created a short yet engaging assembly, managing all the tech work by themselves.

February will see our senior students come to school to attend classes and seek counsel from their teachers. We have a range of interesting events and activities lined up for our younger students. We are sure they will enjoy indulging in these activities. As we all grapple with changes around us while we ease into our normal lives, we hope all of you stay safe and healthy.

Warm Regards

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