

1<sup>st</sup> December 2020



# CHRONICLES OF NPSI, CHENNAI

*Children are not things to be moulded, but people to be unfolded – Jess Lair*

Dear Parents,

Greetings!

*We continue in our journey to work with our students and help them discover themselves. Despite inclement weather, we powered through the month with celebrations and events that saw them unleash their creativity. Here is a glimpse of the month's activities:*

## **Scholastic**

### **Reviews**

*Grades 9 and 11 attempted reviews this month. Answers are being reviewed and corrective action will be shared. Students and teachers will work in cohesion to cover any learning gaps identified.*

*Students of grade 12 are about to attempt their preparatory examinations on the complete portions. Revision has been conducted across subjects, addressing specific doubts, important concepts and board-specific questions. We wish them the very best.*

### **PTM**

*Our teachers met parents of grade 11 to discuss their progress and address any concerns. Albeit online, it was a pleasure to meet and talk to the parents and discuss the best way forward for our senior students.*

## **Co-scholastic activities, Events and Celebrations**

*Special co-scholastic sessions were conducted this month in small batches to gauge the progress of the students. We kicked off ECA sessions for instrument and vocal music for students who are keen on diving deeper in these areas.*

### **Virtual Tour**

*For students who have joined the NPS family this year in grades 1 to 8, we had a special virtual tour of the school to familiarize them with our campus along with a visual treat of all the activities, events, competitions, assemblies and special days.*

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### **Early Learning (EL) Dress Up event**

*The month of November began with EL rejoicing their love for their favourite characters from a story/rhyme. The youngest members of the school dressed up as a character from their favourite stories/ rhymes. From Cinderella and Red Riding Hood to Aladin and Hungry Caterpillar, they posed for pictures with props and costumes in a spirited manner.*

### **EL Show and Tell**

*With Show and Tell, students in EL presented their artwork and spoke about it with their peers and teachers. The session was enjoyable as they all applauded for each other.*

### **Children's Day**

*Children's Day was a grand affair at NPSI. In EL, teachers made the day special with puppet storytelling, magic show and rhyme time sessions. Children were thrilled and excitement prevailed as their teachers came up to entertain them. They enjoyed listening to the special puppet narration of their favourite stories. Highlight of the programme was the Magic show which received several gasps of surprise and thunderous applauds.*

*Across all grades, fun games, hilarious skits and engaging performances were aired for our children and their laughter and applause said it all. It gave us so much pleasure to see their bright faces and while we cannot replicate the fun of a physical event, we are sure they had an enjoyable day.*

### **Diwali and Karthigai celebrations**

*The festival of lights was celebrated across grades this month. In EL, teachers had Diwali themed wallpapers to welcome the students. Children came dressed in bright, colourful and comfortable traditional attire, sparkling with smile and laughter. They enjoyed the story telling session and were excited to listen to the stories behind the celebration of Deepavali and enthusiastically decorated their diyas.*

*Diya decoration was extended to students of grades 3 to 8 as well. Our students poured their creativity into creating beautiful decorations and we are sure all of you have them proudly displayed in your homes.*

### **Quiz your Friends**

*A special event for students of grades 1 and 2 saw them quizzing each other with riddles, puzzles, tongue twisters and fun facts. It was endearing to see the effort the children took to pose questions that were far from ordinary or easy.*

### **Lockdown Chronicles**

*An interesting activity was offered to students of grades 7 and 8 where we asked to record short videos of all the fun activities they have engaged in during the lockdown. We have received several entries and will be happy to accept more till December 23, 2020.*



### ***Speaking Wall***

*For our students in grades 9 and 10, we asked them to tell us how their wall reflects their choices and personalities. Once again, we have received several entries and would be happy to receive more till December 23, 2020.*

### ***Parent Connect***

*We kicked off Parent Connect for middle and senior school this month. Our ever-willing parents came in and engaged in interesting sessions with our students. For middle school, we have talks ranging from history to art and culinary skills that witnessed all our children participating with enthusiasm.*

*For our senior students, the programme was targeting towards career counselling. Parents from varied fields including medicine, finance, journalism and entrepreneurship to name a few offered interesting and a realistic perspective into their careers and the skills required to thrive. We also had career guidance specialists come in and talk to the children. We are sure our students have benefitted immensely from these sessions.*

### ***Wellness Talk Series***

*With the mental wellbeing of our students in focus, we had an expert, Ms Pooja Praful take several sessions to engage our children with mindfulness. We are sure our students have benefited from these sessions.*

### ***Assemblies***

*This month, we had two exciting virtual assemblies for all to view. The students of grade 7A and 7B worked very hard to ideate, organise, structure and design their assembly on the themes Food and Art. From their own works of art to a peek into their kitchen, our children outdid themselves.*

### ***Competitions and Achievements***

#### ***NPSIC MUN***

*The first ever NPSIC MUN was conducted over a 2-day event this year. Run for the students, by the student, we had over 40 students discussing matters of global importance across areas including economic development, women's safety and human rights. Active discussions, negotiations and collaboration took place as we witnessed our students represent various countries, argue on their behalf and emerge victorious with resolutions created in unison. Kudos to our students for planning and executing this event with perfection!*

*We had a range of competitions across grades. From Just A Minute (JAM) to Creative Writing (languages), animation, music and dance competitions, we continue to receive entries.*

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*At Kalanubhavam, organised by NPS Gopalapuram, Manasa K of Grade 10 won the Third Prize in the Choreography Competition. In the Odyssey Inter School Fest organised by NPS HSR, our students participated in various events, winning prizes and accolades. Asmita A of grade 9 won the first prize in the literature event while V Surya of grade 9 won the first prize in the Journalism event. The Short Film Event saw a team of six students comprising R Vikram Viswanath (Grade 9), Neeraj R Variar (Grade 10), T Sharvessh (Grade 11), Pranav Krishna (Grade 11), Leandra Bensam (Grade 12), Rakshan Purush (Grade 12) and Prusha Bhat (Grade 12) bagging the Second Prize. Congratulations to all those who won and participated in these fests!*

*November witnessed a melange of academics, activities, celebrations – all in all, immense learning for us and our children. With December, we usher in Christmas celebrations and wrap up for the calendar year with much cheer. Till then, stay safe!*

*Warm Regards*

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