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CHRONICLES OF NPSI, CHENNAI

The future belongs to those who learn more skills and combine them in creative ways – Robert Greene

Dear Parents,

Greetings!

We wrapped up Term 1 and entered Term 2 with much energy. Several novel initiatives dotted this month as our children rolled up their sleeves and picked up new skills. They attempted reviews, participated in events with unending enthusiasm. Here is a glimpse of the month's activities:

Scholastic

Reviews

Grades 1 to 12 attempted Reviews this month. Answers were reviewed and corrective action was shared. Students and teachers will work in cohesion to cover any learning gaps identified.

Oral/Aural Assessments

The aforesaid assessments were conducted for students of grades 9 – 12 and we enjoyed listening to our students speak with confidence.

Language Project

Exclusive time was given to students of grades 9 and 10 to work on their language projects. This ensured focus towards the project and offered post session time to pursue their interests.

Activities, Events and Celebrations

General Awareness Programme (GAP)

GAP was introduced in a bid to kindle curiosity and general awareness. The programme encompasses various areas of student's interests. It helps inadvertently shape their personality, boost confidence and make conversations extremely interesting. After a detailed research done by the teachers, they. Children jumped in excitement when they saw an augmented visual of the moon next to their teachers. This hooked onto their interest towards exploring the topic, 'Rocket to the moon'. A short video of the astronaut's first expedition to moon was shown.

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The month began with **Gandhi Jayanthi** Celebrations. Children participated with zeal and enthusiasm. They were curious to see the picture of Gandhi, various places of interest and explore 'Gandhi around us.' They enjoyed listening to the special puppet narration of Gandhiji's three monkeys. Highlight of the programme was a short video story of Swachh Bharat. Children related to it well by taking an oath to refrain from littering in public places. Newspaper art allowed them to explore their creativity.

World Food Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Children saw various kinds of food made across our country. Process of growing the crops and how it reaches the plates was shown through various pictures. Children were eagerly awaiting the cookery session with bowls and ingredients. They enthusiastically mixed the ingredients and enjoyed tasting it with their family. Bees play a major role in growing of crops. They had a fun filled vegetable printing session and were excited to create bees of various sizes using potato slices. It was a complete sensorial feast!!

Early Learning had a splendorous and colourful Golu celebration for **Navratri**. Children came dressed in comfortable traditional attire for the online session. They explored the various aspects of Golu celebration and learnt it 'step by step'. They were ready with their materials to make their own dolls for Golu celebration. Colourful and splendid dolls were created and decorated by the young ones through a live session.

World Music Day was celebrated with the seniors in Early Learning during the chit chat session. Each student got an opportunity to sing a song of their choice with their teacher and peers online. They enjoyed singing and also appreciated their peers with applause. Specially designed E-certificates were distributed in appreciation of their wonderful performance.

For grades 3 to 5, we ran a unique initiative titled **Welcome Home**. We are happy to announce a new initiative called 'Welcome Home ', offering our children to share from a distance the culture and environment they are in. From a farmhouse in Pondicherry and nutmeg plantation in Kerala to coin, toy and cube collections and live Kaju Katli and tamarind ginger chutney making sessions, our children welcomed their teachers and peers into their homes. It was delightful to see our children play hosts and welcome all of us with warmth.

Our Primary Years indulged in **Navratri** celebrations in various ways. Under the effective guidance of the art faculty, students of Grade 1 and 2 made Tablas with coconut shell, Grade 3 used coconut shells and atta dough to make dolls while Grades 4 and 5 made dolls with empty sanitiser and shampoo bottles and atta dough. Teachers shared the various ways in which Navratri is celebrated in different states and students of grades 3-5 sang some melodious songs in recognition of this iconic festival.

Our senior students engaged in **newspaper art**, creating attractive home décor items using newspaper. It was indeed a relaxing time for them as they chatted with each other while working with newspapers, giving them a new lease of life.

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*Students of grades 4 and 5 learnt to create and publish their own books on the **Story Weaver** platform. In a 2-hour session, our tech experts helped them navigate through the platform, upload their texts, select suitable images and complete their books.*

*In an exciting session for the students of 6 and 7, they learnt to make simple **animations** using MS Powerpoint and MS Paint. It was a pleasure to hear them gasp as they saw a butterfly perch atop a sapling that grew from a seed, all created by them.*

*We had a **video editing** expert come in and take a session with the students of grade 8. They learnt basic tools of video editing including cutting and joining scenes, separating video from audio and rearranging shots. It was interesting to witness the piqued curiosity of the students as they posed their questions.*

*In a grand culmination of **Rediscover India**, we ran 4 episodes, airing all the entries that we received from the students of grades 6-9. From river of India to spices, tribes and prominent Indian women, it was a delight watching our students adopt interesting techniques like puppetry, dance, storytelling, poetry to convey their research.*

*We had a range of competitions that our students wholeheartedly participated in. The results of these competitions were announced in a grand manner with a **Prize Distribution Ceremony** for students of grades 4- 9. The Principal shared her thoughts and videos were played which offered a glimpse into the various activities and events that were conducted. Results were announced and it was a pleasure to see our children turn on their video and say 'Thank You' with a wide smile.*

*We launched the first ever **NPSIC MUN** this year. This is an initiative run by our students who have personally witnessed the benefits of participating in several MUNs over the past few years. Students have registered for the event and we look forward to some active and passionate addresses during the event in November.*

This month, we had three exciting virtual assemblies for all to view. The students of grade 12 worked very hard to ideate, organise, structure and design their assembly on the theme 'Prejudice in our Society'. Not only did they come up with the entire assembly plan, they also created the animations and the entire video by themselves. Students of grade 8A presented their assembly on 'Laughter - The Best Medicine' while students of grade 8B presented theirs on 'Games and Sports - A Way of Life'. With their talented performances, they portrayed important aspects of life like laughter and sports in a simple and effective manner. Kudos to all the students!

The month of October was replete with activities, workshops and skill building sessions. We look forward to November which has a fair share of events including Parent Connect where many of our own parents will engage with our students.

Warm Regards

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