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Updates for the parents of NPSI Chennai



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"The magic in new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them all" - Josiyah Martin

Dear Parents,

Greetings!

A very happy New Year to All. New beginnings bring along new hopes and dreams. The first month of the calendar year began with several exciting and engaging activities hand in hand with progress in curriculum. Here is a glimpse of the month's activities:

Reviews

Grades 1 to 5 completed their reviews and continue on their journey towards learning new concepts. Grade 6 to 8 have begun attempting UT 5. While grades 9 and 11 prepare to attempt their final examinations, students of grade 12 have successfully completed their practical examinations and viva.

Science activities for Middle Years (MY)

To enhance their scientific skills, students of Grade 6 to 8 had activities which would enable them to apply their knowledge practically. Grade 6 worked on the concept of water conductivity using different samples of water. Grade 7 learnt about the concept of magnetic attraction and then investigated the strength of the force of attraction.



Students of grade 8 created paper cone Ferrari using recyclable materials like bottle caps, straws and newspapers. The importance of axles, their lengths, and the material for the body of a car was explored. This construction also served as an example for Newton's third law of motion. All the students enjoyed the activities immensely.

Activities, Events and Celebrations

Pongal Celebrations

The month began with Pongal Celebrations. Students of Early Learning came dressed in comfortable traditional attire. Backdrop wallpapers of colourful rangoli, decorated pots and sugarcanes set the mood for celebration. Videos and Photos of various aspects of Pongal celebration was shared with children. Making Pongal outdoors in the traditional earthen pot, singing songs and understanding the significance of the celebration through them added to the spirit of celebration. When the pot bubbled over, they heard the chorus together "Pongalo Pongal". Children enthusiastically created Pongal artwork using vegetable printing and special kolam to be shared with their near and dear ones.

The primary and the middle years students sang songs and were treated to a video which highlighted the celebrations of the harvest across India. The significance and the different names this festival takes in various regions of India was also highlighted.



Language Day

Language Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm. A compilation of the languages spoken across India was compiled and shown to the students in the form of a video. The Language Department also showcased different programs in Hindi, Tamil, French and Sanskrit. These shows were ably put up by the students and were enjoyed by all. This was done to commemorate 75 years of Indian Independence.



Republic Day, Sports Day and Indian Martial Arts

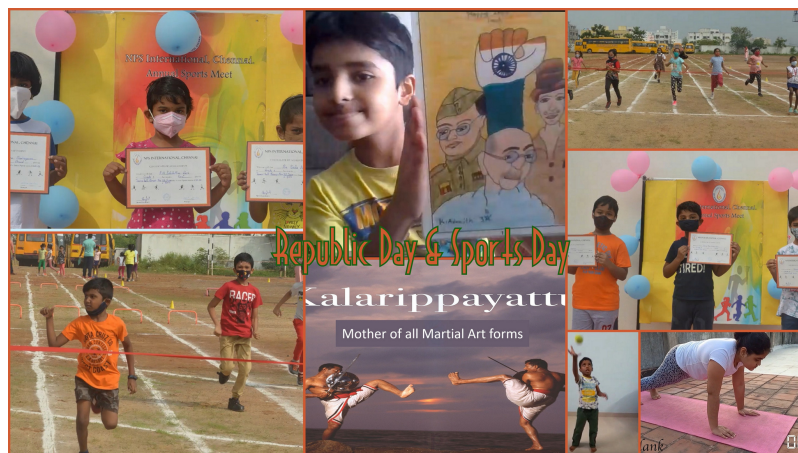
In EL, Republic Day was celebrated on 25th January with great zeal and enthusiasm. Children and Teachers came dressed in tricoloured dress. Teachers highlighted the significance of the celebration with informative videos on Republic Day celebration. Children were eager to create their tricolour craft.



Happy Republic Day

A grand virtual programme was arranged on 26th January which included a continuation of our heritage celebrations. Arts like Silambattam and Kalaripayattu were shown to the children highlighting the importance of preserving and protecting these local arts.

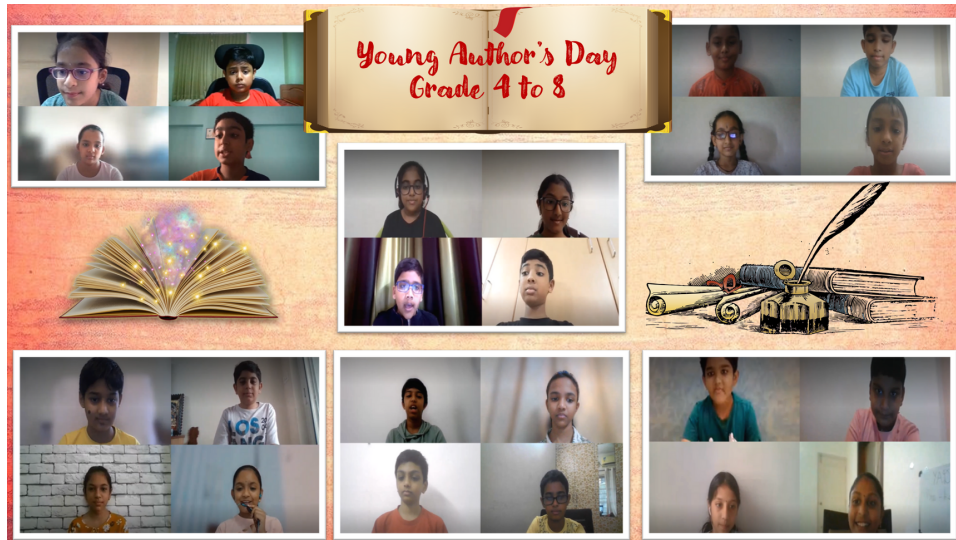
Offline and online Sports Day was conducted and a great number of students participated enthusiastically in all the activities that were sent to them online. Students of both the primary and middle years took part. Online challenges like throwing the tennis ball, balancing was sent to the children. Certificates for offline events were handed over to the participants and the winners. Remaining certificates will be given during the prize distribution ceremony.



Young Authors' Day (YAD)

Students of both Primary and Middle Years took part in YAD and children wrote stories of different genres like fantasy, adventure, horror. Book review meetings were also held by each grade.

The books written by their class mates were discussed and opinions given. The books of all the students were unveiled at the school emagazine and much appreciation and wishes came pouring in for our students and their work.



NPSIC MUN

The second chapter of NPSIC MUN was conducted on 27th and 28th of January. Hosted by the senior students, we had students from grades 8 to 12 participating in discussions. All the students enjoyed the MUN sessions immensely.



Clubs

Another much loved activity also culminated this week. All the seniors who had conducted these sessions had a walk down memory lane and reminiscenced about what they had learnt in these sessions and how much they had enjoyed them.



Competitions

Folk Dance

Folk Dance Competition: was held for the students of Grade 1 to 3. Children were asked to choose any folk-dance form and the costume to match. The performance was limited to two minutes. Children enthusiastically showcased their talents.



Mad Ads and Animation



Students of Grade 9 to 12 had the opportunity to showcase their creative skills in these competitions. They were asked to animate a natural event or pick a song and create an animation. In Mad Ads, we saw them present unique and creative ads to sell their products to the audience.