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Updates for the parents of NPSI Chennai



OVERVIEW:

*Children are the world's most valuable resource
and its best hope for the future
– John F Kennedy*

Hybrid Classes

After much ado and anticipation due to inclement weather, we threw open the campus for the students of grades 1 to 8 in a phased manner. Intense preparation went into welcoming them with banners at the entrance and other strategic areas of the school. Teachers welcomed them with broad smiles and warm words.

Given that they are back to offline school after over 600 days, the first week of return was designed to transition the students smoothly. Time with the class teacher to have informal discussions, games, jokes and fun with intermittent fitness sessions saw them ease into offline school. Teachers ensured that students online were not left behind and ran hybrid classes.

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ICSE and ISC Term 1 Examinations

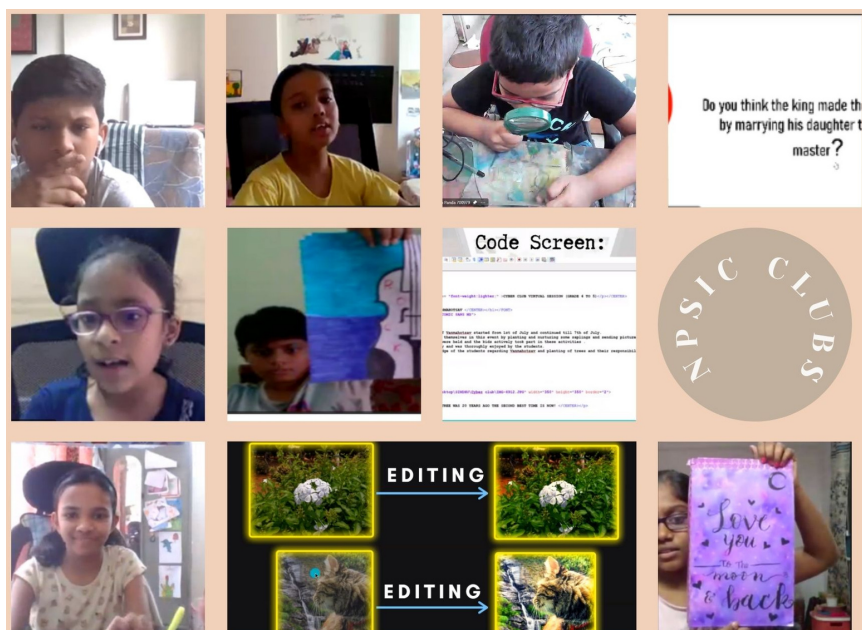
Grade 10 and grade 12 students are attempting their ICSE and ISC Term 1 examinations. We are grateful for all the support that we received as we made alternate arrangements. With approach roads being unmotorable, our students attempted their exams at Sishya School, Adyar who were gracious hosts. We record our thanks to Gleneagles Global Hospitals and other transport agencies who provided transport facilities which ensured not a single student was stranded. Everyone of them made it to the exam centre through the lashing rains and attempted their examinations. With roads pliable now, the remaining exams will be held in the school campus.

UTs for 6 to 8

Students of grades 6 to 8 are attempting unit tests. Teachers have revised concepts across subjects through quizzes, question banks, worksheets and other interactive tools. We are sure this would have bolstered their learning.

NPSIC Clubs

Club sessions in Term 2 ensued with active participation. Our senior students led these sessions like experts, covering topics like grid art, Logic Gates and much more.



Assemblies

Students of grade 7C and 7D showcased their assemblies this month. Themed around chapters from the popular book, Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, both sets of students offered entertaining shows. With several, tightly-packed elements like songs, dances, speeches and much more, they kept the audience engaged.



Competitions

This month witnessed a range of competitions across grades, all testing oratory skills. While grades 1 to 3 had storytelling, grades 4 and 5 participated in Elocution and grades 6 to 8 tested their speaking skills in Just A Minute (JAM). Our children impressed the judges with their speaking prowess. Results are being processed and will be shared at the end of the year.



Events and Celebrations

EL Story Time

Children have an innate love of stories. Stories create magic and a sense of wonder at the world. Storytelling is a unique way for students to develop an understanding, respect and appreciation for other cultures, and can promote a positive attitude to people from different lands, races and religions. Early Learning celebrated Story Time with children narrating their favourite stories using books, varied kinds of puppets and props.



Diwali

In EL, teachers welcomed students with Diwali themed wallpapers that added to the festive mood. Children listened to stories narrated by teachers and enjoyed the picture presentation that explained the significance of the festival of lights. Children observed and connected through conversation on seeing the visuals of colourful pictures of rangoli, flower arrangements, sweets and fireworks. The excitement unfolded with them sharing their experiences while teachers spoke about the safety measures to be adopted. Diya decoration added to the festive spirit. The little ones were happy with the Diya decoration which they painted and decorated with great zeal.

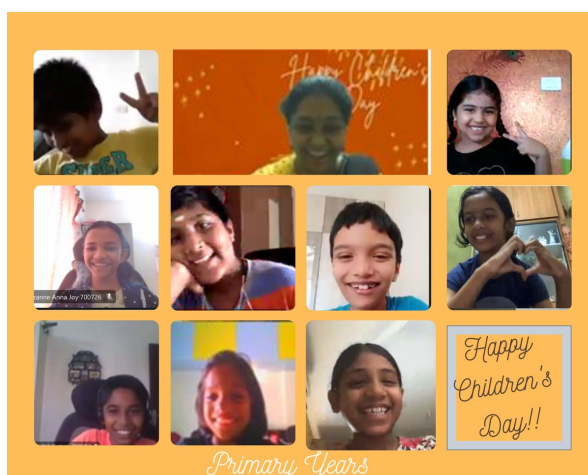


Students of grades 1, 2 and 3 watched an animated cartoon video that depicted the various stories behind Diwali and its 5-day celebration. They also learnt how Diwali is an important part of the culture of many regions and communities.

Students of grades 4 to 8 watched a video depicting, the returning of Rama, Lakshmana and Sita to Ayodhya after the defeat of Ravana, the end of the tyranny of Narakasura in the hands of Krisha and Sathyabama, the importance of Lakshmi Puja to communities in India and the occasion of Bhai Dooj and how it came into being. The children were also encouraged to keep mother earth and nature in mind as we all enjoyed the festival. The video depicted these stories using different kinds of art forms from cartoons to Tanjore paintings and the students enjoyed connecting with the festival. They appreciated the caution regarding safeguarding the environment. It was heartwarming to see children watch with enthusiasm and anticipation. Students of grades 9 to 12 were heartily wished by their teachers along with digital greetings.

Children's Day

The birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was celebrated in EL with teachers sharing his photos and talking to the children about him. Teachers made the day special with puppet storytelling and a surprise video with special wishes along with their buddy dolls. Children were thrilled and excitement prevailed as their teachers came up to entertain them. For the rest of the school, virtual celebrations took place class wise giving sufficient time and space for children to enjoy, speak freely and express themselves. We started with our Principal, Ms Sudha Balan's lovely wishes. Fun skits, quizzes and games were conducted in each class which saw the children participate with much enthusiasm. The language teachers came together to present 'Musical Hungama', an enjoyable spoof on reality music shows. The art and music faculty presented a collaboration of sketching and percussion which kept the students guessing till the very end. In grades 1 and 2, teachers presented a musical skit and a fun dress up quiz. For grades 3 to 5, a hilarious skit titled, 'Modern Darbar' saw Maharaja Krishna Devaraya come back alive and rule modern day Chennai. Middle school students had a laughing riot with a skit that had students guessing their teachers' voices. Senior school students were taken through the journey of online learning as teachers became students and presented a hilarious parody. With warm wishes and big smiles, teachers arranged for a fun-filled celebration that will remain memorable for all.



Primary Years



Middle Years

Karthigai Deepam

For Karthigai Deepam, students of grades 1 to 8 picked up their artistic tools to decorate diyas. The children were excited to create their own personalized designs on the diyas and decorated them with paint, beads, kundans, glitters, coloured threads and other decorative items. A demonstration video was played in class which helped them understand the process and be inspired. At the end of the session, the students were happy to show their beautiful diyas to their teachers with bright smiles.

