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CHRONICLES OF NPSI, CHENNAI

Updates for the parents of NPSI Chennai



OVERVIEW:

நேற்றைய இழப்பினை மறந்து நாளை வெற்றியை நோக்கி
இன்றைய பொழுதினை தொடங்குவோம் நம்பிக்கையுடன்.

*Let us forget yesterday's unhappiness, focus on tomorrow's
achievements and start a new day with hope in our hearts*
- Dr APJ Abdul Kalam

Unique First Days

All grades had a unique reopening session. For Early Learning, children were welcomed with puppets and toys, rhyme and song time. They interacted with their teachers and peers and engaged in book reading. The little ones were all smiles as the session ended.

For students in Primary and Middle Years, students were taken on a journey into the year gone by. With memorable screenshots, they revisited all that they have achieved last year. Teachers then took them through the plan for the upcoming year including all the fun activities in store.

Students in Senior Years had an engaging session with theatre artist Mr Krishnan. He interacted with them and gave them an opportunity to think about the need for social interaction and bonding.

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Orientations for Grade 1 and Grade 6

For our young students entering Early Learning, Primary Years and Middle Years, a special orientation session was conducted. This would have helped them to ease into a new stage in their academic journey.

Small groups for better learning

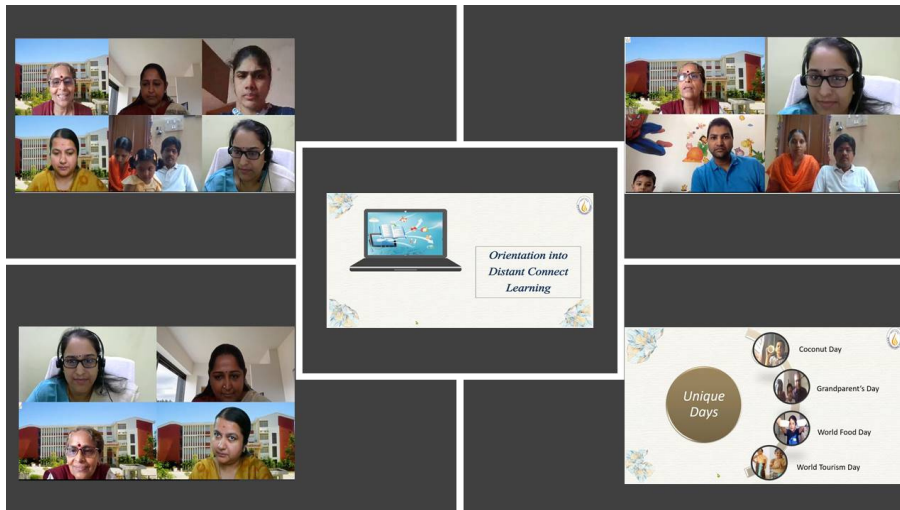
We re-arranged our classes from grades 1 to 8 into groups of 15. This offered several advantages: greater opportunity for students to speak and be heard, enhanced teacher focus on individual students and improved online decorum. While this involves our teachers taking many more sessions than usual, they have stepped up as always.

Planners

Weekly and monthly planners are being shared to help parents and children be better prepared. Do take a look at them as they will help our children organise themselves better.

Tests

Class tests were conducted for students in Primary and Middle Years to gauge understanding. We are sure they will all fare well. Senior students attempted tests to bring in rigour.



Launch of Clubs

We launched NPSIC Clubs for grades 4 to 8 to explore interests and pick up new skills. 8 clubs including books, photography, debate, sports, art, theatre, cyber and music have been offered and we are looking forward to having our first session soon. Our senior students will conduct these sessions under the guidance of their teachers.

Working Towards Wellness (W2W)

As part of our SEE (social, emotional and empathy) programme, we launched W2W across grades, offering various touchpoints for our students to pause, relax and re-energise themselves.

A mindfulness video is played in the morning where students practice pranayama and mudras. We would like our students to start every day feeling positive and this is just one step towards that aim.

We also have weekly chat sessions. June witnessed our students explore the e-magazine and appreciate each other's contributions. They also learnt and indulged in Mandala creations.

Stem Coding

In partnership with Centrado, we have introduced virtual coding sessions for grades 7 and 8. A key skill today, coding has become the new literacy and we are sure they will benefit from these sessions.

Storytrail Workshop

In partnership with Storytrails, students went on a Sherlock Holmes trail. Through an engaging storytelling session, they explored the life of one of the most popular fictional detectives, Sherlock Holmes.

Achievements

Abhimanyu Pant of Grade 10 bagged the **Best Reporter Award** at the recently held CHSV MUN.

Events

Founder's Day

We kicked off events for the academic year with **Founder's Day**. Our senior students hosted the programme with a thoughtful speech, a beautiful video that took us down memory lane. A special quiz was hosted by our alumni.

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS 2021-22



World Music Day

A special music collaboration saw our teachers spread a message of peace and unity. Early Learning had a unique celebration for World Music Day. Audio Video tools familiarised the children with various instruments. They sang songs and rhymes and listened to a musical story too. Children went on to create their own music using items available at home. Some even brought tambourines, mouth organs and , adding to the gala.



International Yoga Day

Students performed asanas and breathing exercises under the guidance of their teachers. We are sure the positive vibrations from their Aum chants would have spread energy and good thoughts across their homes. The celebrations at the beginning of the day set us all off on a path of positivity.



School Leader Elections & Investiture Ceremony

School Leaders Elections witnessed 10 candidates vie for the posts of School Prefect and School Vice Prefect. An engaging debate had them discussing matters of importance which was followed by voting. The results of the elections along with the name of all the student office bearers for the year were announced during the Investiture Ceremony. Our alumnus Hariharan Venkat gave a rousing speech on leadership and having one's identity.



Outreach Programmes

Our outreach programmes began with several experts interacting with our students this month. Mr Krishnan met students of grades 9 to 12 on their first day, emphasising on social connect. Squadron Leader Aashritha Olety spoke to the children about courage and motivation. Ms Madhurya Balan conducted a session that raised questions on sustainability, environmental awareness and much more. Mr Akintya Nigam threw open the world of data science and its various career opportunities for our senior students.

