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Updates for the parents of NPSI Chennai



OVERVIEW:

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நல்லவை எண்ணல் வேண்டும் - சுப்பிரமணிய பாரதி

One must be able to achieve whatever they dream. The purposes one sets out to achieve must be noble - Subramania Bharathi

Preparation towards opening school premises

Following government directive, we are ready to welcome our senior students and teachers back in school. All precautions are being taken and we are following the SOP from the government word on word.

With 50% attendance at all times as per government requirements,, our teachers are ready to handhold the students and support them in every manner required.

We look forward to making the transition from online to offline for our students as smooth as possible.

This transition was kicked off with a PTM conducted by the Principal who met the grade 12 parents taking them through the plan for hybrid classes, changes in syllabus and other key points.

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High Five Kit

In Early Learning (EL), the High Five Kit was introduced to children to augment their learning experience at home and offer high-quality engagement. The kit has a choice of materials that will improve academic learning and boost hands-on explorative adventure.

Puppet Show Launch

Puppetry helps capture the attention of children and creates interest in learning. It stimulates thinking while promoting developmental learning in language and fine arts. It also provides opportunity for team work and emotional release. EL launched the Puppet series this month with a simple session on Thirsty Crow with follow up activities.

PTMs

The Principal and teachers have started meeting parents of grades 10 and 11 to discuss student progress and way forward.

Unit Tests

Students of Grades 1 to 10 attempted UT 2. Answer papers have been discussed and learning gaps are being addressed.



Science Activities

For the students of grades 3 to 8, curated science activities were organised. From bottle barometers to identifying centre of gravity and paper planes, these activities helped our children appreciate the wonders of science live, rather than from a textbook.

For our senior students, we continue virtual lab sessions to ensure they do not miss out on practical activities on account of the pandemic.

Change in paper pattern

Following the council's latest directive, teachers of grades 10 and 12 have started preparation towards MCQ pattern of questioning for our students.

Achievements

Students of grades 9 and 10 have done us proud yet again. Representing NPSI in fests conducted by various schools, they have won laurels. In the MUN conducted by NPS Rajajinagr, Abhimanyu Pant and JS Aparna bagged special mentions. Abhimanyu Pant also received a special mention in the MUN conducted by Vael's International. At the GDA Fest, Vidyut Suresh (in Math Mirth), Suchita Suraj (in Ted Talk and Quizzards), and Meera Prasanna (Rang Shala) bagged the first prize. At Time Lapse hosted by NPS Rajajinagar, our students won a host of prizes. In Battle of Bands, Shri Sanjith, Tejas MJ and Shreeja Karajagi won the first place. Siddhaarth Balamuthaiya (Grad 10) won the second place in Chess. Cubathon saw Amogh Achintha, Pranavraj and Aditya Thirumalai Madupusi from grade 9 won the first, second and third place respectively. Congratulations to all!

Events and Celebrations

Independence Day

The 75th Independence Day was ushered in through a live event. A melodious invocation was followed by our Principal hoisting the flag in the school premises. Rousing speeches by senior students in Hindi, Tamil and English stirred patriotic fervour amongst all. A special music ensemble was arranged where students of 9 to 12 rendered two popular patriotic songs 'Aacham Acham Illai' and 'Des Mere Des Mere'. The melodious notes left everyone swaying to the tune. A special video presentation took the audience through the numerous treasures and rich heritage that India offers, its unparalleled beauty and unique melange of cultures. The celebration was unique and grand and even as all of us sat in our homes, we felt a sense of unity and pride.

In Early Learning, children listened to patriotic songs, watched a video story to understand the meaning of independence and significance of flag hoisting. The Principal spoke to them about freedom fighters and the national flag. They also engaged in colouring the Indian Flag and created craft pieces of colourful butterflies using tri coloured paper.

Heritage Week

As a part of the 75th Independence Day Celebrations, we organised Heritage Week for all our students. Everyday, they were taken through a virtual walk of one of many aspects that form our heritage. The first day saw them walk through our tall forts while the second day gave them a peek into our grand palaces. The third and final day had them taking a tour of our forgotten temples. Heritage Week was an eyeopener for students across grades as they virtually visited these lost treasures



Rhyme Time

Early Learning organised Rhyme Time where children took turns and enjoyed singing songs/rhymes. They engaged in a fun game using tile cards to guess the rhyme allocated to them based on a picture followed by them singing the rhyme along with the teacher. Online certificated were distributed to them.

Friendship Day

Grades 1 to 3 expressed appreciation for their friends through a fun craft activity. They wrote the names of their friends in a cloud and then wrote their positive qualities in coloured paper to represent rainbows. The work was also symbolic to the colour friends add to our life.



Madras Day and Onam

A speech on the relevance of Madras Day was set the tone for the celebration. The Tamil faculty staged a traditional Tamil debate or Pattimandram which was engaging. A video that offered vivid images of the transformation of Madras to Chennai followed. Onam was also celebrated with a presentation that captured the essence of the festival with audio and video that added to the festive charm.

Krishna Janmashtami

The birth of Lord Krishna was celebrated across grades with pomp. Students engaged in craft activities including Krishna's crown, peacock feather and flute and a cradle, all made with newspapers and colours. We are sure these beautiful crafts added to the celebrations at home.



Plunge 2021

We hosted over 150 students from 11 schools across Bengaluru, Mysuru, Chennai and Singapore for Plunge 2021. Spread over 2 days, we had 10 different competitions under cyber, commerce, science, literary and math areas where students explored, innovated and competed. The overall feedback from the participants was overwhelming and made the fest a resounding success.



National Sports Day

National Sports Day in India is celebrated on 29th August, marking the birth anniversary of hockey player Major Dhyan Chand. Sports play a crucial role in building character and confidence in children. Early Learning celebrated National Sports Day with a dress up event. Photos of children enjoying their favourite sports were shared.



NPSIC Clubs

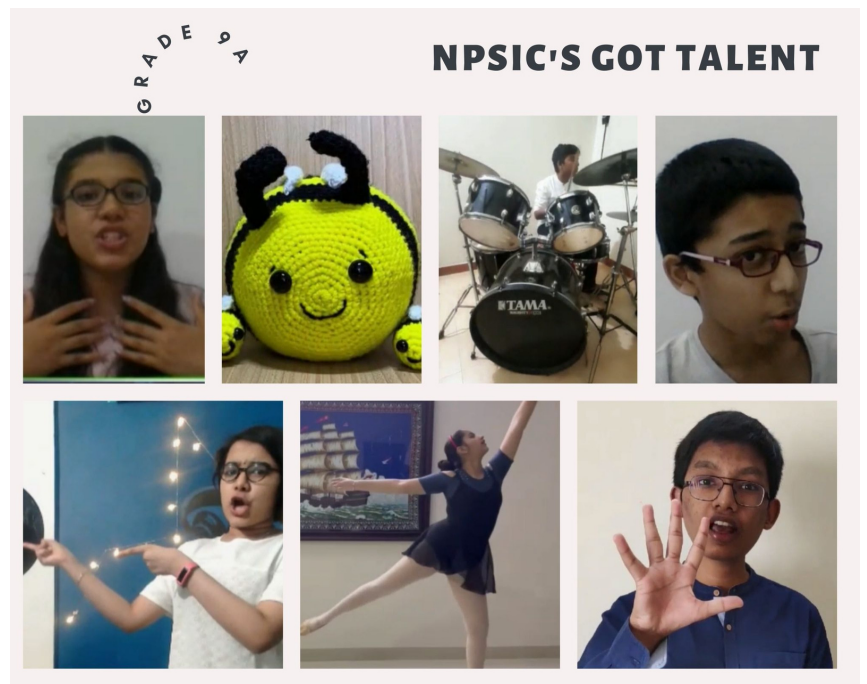
We had two club sessions this month run by our senior students. From active discussion on Olympics to music quizzes and students trying their hand at photography, we had engaging sessions.

Competitions

This month witnessed students participating in competitions including Freestyle Dance, Classical Dance and Creative Writing – Hindi, French and Tamil. Results will be shared at the end of Term 1.

Assemblies

Grade 9A's assembly was titled 'NPSIC's Got Talent'. The assembly included a variety of events – news, thought for the day, and a show of talents. An imitation of sounds from common household items turned out to be the surprising feature of the show. The assembly was a treat to watch for all.



Experts Speak

We had National Program Coordinator - Effective Intervention and Cambridge Programme Leader, Ms Maitri Sivaraman join us from Gambia, South Africa interacting with our students in grades 6 to 8 and 9 to 12 in separate sessions. With the middle schoolers, she spoke about "Africa and its wildlife" which our students truly enjoyed and appreciated. With the senior students, Ms Sivaraman spoke about "How the world views and benefits from the dark continent - Africa". Both sessions witnessed intense discussions and we are sure our students left enlightened.

Our alumnus, Ananth Venkatesh joined us this month for an entertaining stand-up comedy session. Our students and staff were rolling in laughter watching his hilarious delivery. We are so happy that he could take time out and return to his alma mater.

