

CHRONICLES OF NPSI, CHENNAI

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UPDATES FOR PARENTS OF NPSI, CHENNAI

"The great aim of education is not knowledge but action"

HERBERT SPENCER



As we step into April, Robert Colier's words come to mind – *"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out"*.

What a fantastic year this has been! After two years of schooling at home, it is with a proud smile that we stand on the threshold of a school year that is slowly drawing to a close. As always, the experiential learning in March at NPSI has been as rich as any other month. Special sessions on Astrophysics, our EL Sports Day, field trips for middle and high school and class photographs are but a few of the multitude of activities our children have been a part of. The action at NPSI unfolds below..



EARLY YEARS

March was an incredible and eventful month that started off with the splendid Sports Day event. The energy and vigour shown by our young ones were evident during the track race. Dressed smartly in four different colours representing the four sections, they marched on the track to the drum beat, waving with pride to their parents. It has been an action-packed year with all our students honing their skills in various areas like academics, physical abilities, and social and emotional.

In Kindergarten, the month of March saw a reiteration of topics covered through the academic year in areas of Literacy, Numeracy, and General awareness. Kindergarten1 children progressed from reading phrases to short sentences. Sight words were mastered through hands-on activities and outdoor games. The senior children of Kindergarten showed interest, in working with picture composition which displayed the creative writing skills of each child. They were actively involved in small group discussions on various themes learnt. Children enjoyed 'Market Day', an extension activity of the topic 'Money' which encouraged the little ones to make transactions connecting to real-life situations.

Mont Freshers reiterated the phonetic sounds learned earlier. Their painting skills have been refined which is evident in their consistent brush strokes. Juniors have been exploring and working on dimension skills by working on the knob-less cylinders.

Senior Mont children exhibited their creative skills by writing short passages on their favourite topics. They made it more creative by adding their drawings for their passages.

SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

With all events of the school concluding in the month of February, the action at the academic scene continued with fervour and zeal. Lessons and topics were revisited and rehoned as students worked on their class notes and worksheets. The academic year wrap-up was visible as well with the return of children's art and craft work, science kits, and the accompanying projects to name a few. Lab experiments and records have also been completed as have the projects for other subjects.

PTMs helped parents and students gain perspective on their performances and with appropriate support in required areas, students, we are sure, will benefit. Revision worksheets and question banks have been shared to aid in preparation. Assessments for students across grades 1 to 8 have begun and will continue till the end of the first week of April. Board exams for both Gr 10 and 12 have concluded; though our children continue to remain busy with their ongoing preparation for the upcoming competitive exams.

OLYMPIAD AND CCC WINNERS

The CCC includes diverse competitions that students partook in throughout the academic year. The CCC drew to an end with the awarding of the certificates to the winners. Our Principal, Ms. Sudha Balan handed over the certificates and congratulated both the winners and the participants and encouraged greater participation in the next academic year.

Along with the CCC winners, the NSO Olympiad winners were also awarded their medals and certificates. While some of the winners received their medals of excellence, others received their medals of merit. Kudos to all these winners and hope we see more of them the next academic year.

AN INDUCTION TO A CRITICAL YEAR – GR 10 AND 12

With the following academic year crucial for our grade 9 and 11 students, a formal orientation programme was conducted for parents and students of the grade. Beginning with the faculty introduction, the presentation informed the audience of the curriculum content, question paper pattern, various support strategies on offer, and other expectations from the students. A snippet of the calendar year along with a tentative timeline was also shared. The parents were also informed of the collaboration of the school with Ganit Genie at multiple levels to ease and aid our students perform better not just at the board level but also in the various competitive exams that our children are poised to take in the near future.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Basketball Tournament:

NAFL, Bengaluru, our sister concern, played hosts to the maiden Vice-Chairperson's Cup, Esprit de Corps, a basketball tournament for gr 9 students of NPS group institutions. NPSIC along with 8 other NPS institutions partook in this tournament. Our students were a part of intense training sessions that extended after school and on Saturdays. NPS Indiranagar won the cup in the Boy's category while NPS Rajajinagar won the first place in the Girl's category. We are sure our students enjoyed the experience!

Badminton:

The AP Badminton Academy in collaboration with Champions Badminton Centre conducted its championship event in Chennai. **Arjun N** of grade 6A, winning a series of matches, was declared the winner of the event.

Abacus:

Sidhaanth S of 7A won the 3rd runner-up prize in both the national and regional rounds in the National SIP Prodigy conducted in the Advanced Level 4 of Abacus. He also won the Rockstar award in the Bhagavad Gita competition conducted by the Egmore Sanskrit school.

Karate:

The international Online Karate Championship organised by the world Union of Martial Art Federation in association with Dynamic Shotokan Karate DO Association and World Karate Alliance was held this month.

It is with pride we inform you that a few of our students from grades 8 and 9 participated in the competition representing India and have won several medals. The events include Kata where children demonstrate their techniques, sai, which tests their dexterity with a weapon, as well as the Bo staff and nunchaku.

S R Haritha of grade 9C, **Zoya Rahman** of grade 8A and **R Shivani** of grade 8C have secured 1st place in the under 14 girls team Kata event.

S R Harithaa has also secured gold medals in several individual events in the under-14 category – Sai, Kata, Bo and Nunchaku. Shivani has won the gold for Bo and silver in the kata category. Zoya has won the gold for kata and silver for Bo, nunchaku, and Sai events. Ananya Pandey has secured the silver medal in kata.

As is often quoted, "Participation matters more than victory." Kudos to all the children who've participated in the variety of events conducted over the year and special wishes to the winners. May we continue the trend of winning and bring in more laurels.

Field Trip



GRADES 6-8

Spirited youngsters gathered on the school grounds; eagerness and anticipation thrummed the air even as one could hear the laughter and joyousness. The middle-year students were excited as they embarked on their day out. Scheduled on 3 different days, grade 6 to 8 enjoyed their day at the farm guru. The day began early and the children reached the venue in time for breakfast. After a hearty meal, children were involved in a variety of activities that taught them the importance of soil, agriculture and crop rotation, and animal husbandry among others. Practicing ploughing and seed sowing added to the novelty of visiting a farm. The sight of the farm animals such as the rabbits and hens thrilled the students. The lunch provided was a culinary treat by itself. A veritable break from academics, indeed.





Field Trip



GRADES 9 AND 11

Grade 9 and 11 students' visit to the Shri Namo Farms was definitely a memorable one. The enjoyment of the hour and half-long bus journey set the tone for the day out. Upon reaching the resort, the children enjoyed spending some time with the cows as they fed them jaggery and bananas. The group was then divided with the girls enjoying themselves in the pool while the boys became busy with outdoor activities. After a lavish lunch, the boys took to the pool while the girls enjoyed some time out in the sun. The evening was spent playing a few indoor games. An early dinner and back to school. It was a day well spent amidst fun and laughter.





Events



EARLY LEARNING SPORTS DAY

It's not how big you are, it's how big you play.

March 10th and 11th were red-letter days for the Early Years (EY) as our school's youngest learners took to the sports field to contend with one another in varied races. The event began with a walkathon – the young athletes attired in color-coded T-shirts and white shorts, carrying the flag and walking with pride. Competing in groups of 4 and 5, races for the young players ranging from balancing the tennikoit to carrying the fruits/ vegetables as well as partnering to complete the task and the race. While toddlers ran to victory, it was quite heartening to see the young winners encourage their peers to complete the race, thus bringing to fore values that parents and teachers impart to the child. With parents and grandparents as the audience, as special invitees, Dr. Sriram Rajamani, Head, Department of Accident and Emergency Medicine on Friday and Ms. Vyjayanthi Bhaskar, Principal, Abacus Montessori School on Saturday, were a part of the event. The day ended with smiles and laughter all around as every child, or champ as they are rightly called, was awarded a medal.







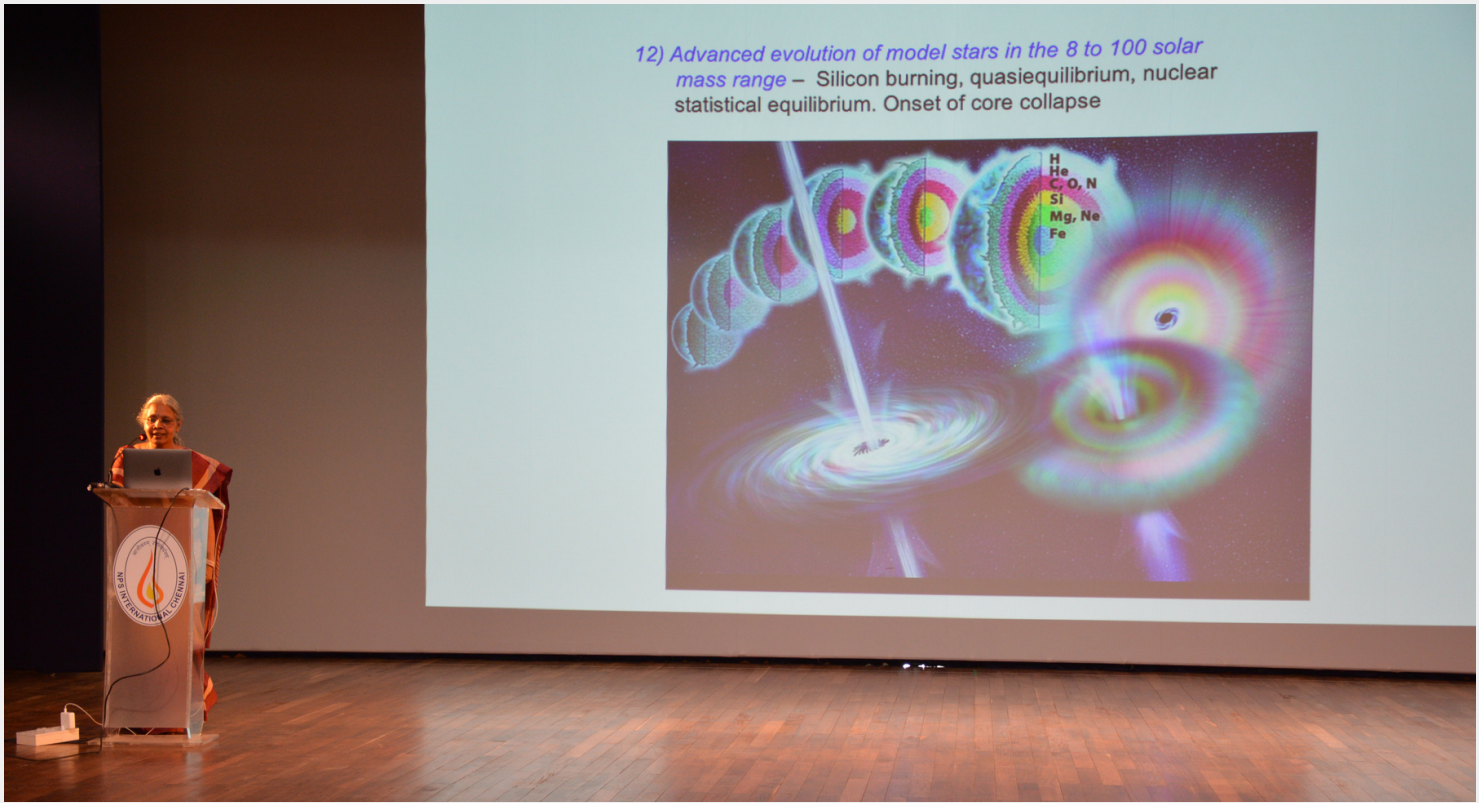
Outreach Programmes



ASTROPHYSICS

This academic year has provided our students a unique opportunity to learn about the universe. As a culmination of the club activities, the students assembled in the school grounds with their yoga mats, torches and supplies to spend the evening under the stars. Special telescopes were arranged for the students to view the moon, planets and stars up close. With food stalls arranged, for the children, the school grounds yet again proved a place to learn.

The focus on Astrophysics continued with **Ms. Annapurni Subramaniam, Director of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics** enlightening us about the beauty and the wonders of the universe. Addressing a mixed audience of students from grades 6 to 11, Ms. Subramaniam gave us a glimpse of the various celestial formations including star clusters and galaxies. She explained the kind of work that the Institute is involved in and detailed the courses that one can study to become a future player in this field. The talk was both informative and invigorating.







TALK BY MR. BHANU PRAKASH

Civics imparts to students knowledge of society and associated institutions. This month, students of grades 7 to 9 learnt about Judiciary – its powers and working. Mr. Bhanu Prakash, a criminal lawyer from Telangana, took the stage to inform students of the various constitutional rights available to people and particularly students. He also focussed on the current trends in the Judiciary and the popular tools that both people and lawyers use to get the attention of courts and judges. The session was an eye-opener.



CHARITY DRIVE

At NPSI, we take our roles as citizens of the country and community seriously and encourage students to do their bit for the same. The Young Entrepreneurship Programme (YEP) inculcates entrepreneurial skills along with the spirit of giving back. As part of YEP, an amount of approximately Rs. 30000 was collected and handed over to Ms. Sridevi Ramesh, Founder, FACES, an organization that works to give food, aid, and shelter to underprivileged kids. A few of the 8th graders accompanied by their teacher visited Seva Samajam to deliver essentials including books. A lively interaction with the kids in the organisation on diverse topics including their plans for the future was the highlight of the trip.

A collection drive was also conducted to collect used and unused textbooks and notebooks and other stationery items. These items were bundled and handed over to both FACES and Isha Vidhya, another non-profit organization that works for underprivileged kids. The drive received a tremendous response from the students and the generosity of both parents and students is praiseworthy.

