

# CHRONICLES OF NPSI, CHENNAI

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UPDATES FOR PARENTS OF NPSI, CHENNAI

Education is not the learning of facts, but the  
training of the mind to think.

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## BOARD RESULTS

The declaration of the 2021-22 ICSE Board results brought great laurels to the school with 72% of our students scoring above 90%. 3 of the top state ranks have been bagged by our students with Shrabasti Chakraborty scoring an impressive 99.2% followed closely by Abhimanyu Pant and Shrenika Raj both scoring 98.8%. Altogether, the number of centum scored across subjects stand at a remarkable 35.

The ISC results of 2021-22 brought further glory to the school with the batch average standing at a whopping 91%. Nisha Ganesh topped the class with 99%, closely followed by Vadlamani Akhilesh at 99.8% and B. Niranjan scoring 98%. The number of centum stands at 8 with 6 in Math. Despite the challenges of the last two years, our grade 10 and 12 students have exhibited grit and resilience and we hope our younger students will emulate these results in the years to come.



# SCHOOL TOPPERS

## GRADE 10 2021-22



Shrenika Raj , Shrabasti Chakraborty, Abhimanyu Pant

## GRADE 10

## GRADE 12

CONGRATULATIONS!!



NISHA GANESH

SCHOOL TOPPPER - GRADE 12 -  
2021-22

CONGRATULATIONS!!



VADLAMANI AKHILESH

SCHOOL SECOND - GRADE 12  
2021-22

CONGRATULATIONS!!



B NIRANJANA

SCHOOL THIRD - GRADE 12  
2021-22

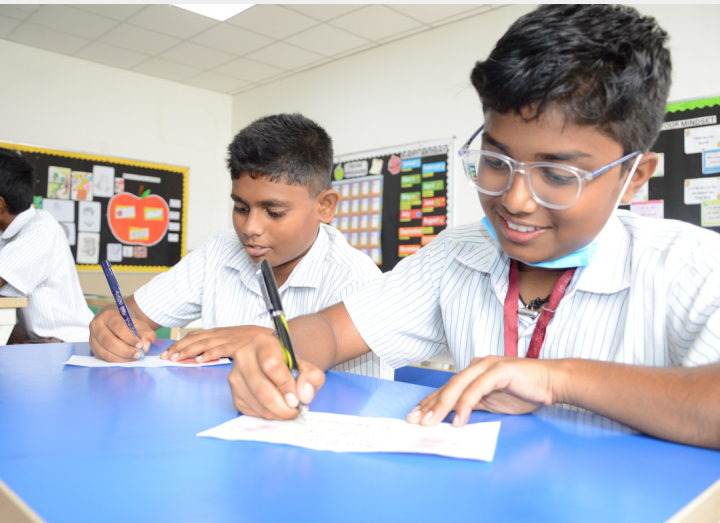


## **EARLY YEARS**

As June gave way to July, the school's younger learners were more at ease, settling into their routines. The learning in class was well supported by experiential activities. The Kindergartners enjoyed tracing patterns on atta dough and writing words on letter cards. Exploring decanomial squares, rearranging jumbled letters to form words, and recognizing and matching fruits with vocabulary were a few activities that the Montessorians were involved.

Students were taken on a nature trail around the campus to enjoy, appreciate, and learn about the flora on the campus. The high point of the month was Rhyme Time– children vied with one another to share and sing their favourite rhyme even as others cheered them on. The day was truly a memorable one.





## ASSESSMENTS

With academic routines well set, our students across grades were well equipped to handle the challenge of assessments. Revision and honing of concepts in classes allowed students to take up their tests with confidence and elan. While the students of grades 10 and 12 sat for their second cycle of tests, the other students took up the year's first test.

## PTM

After the first round of assessments, we have started conducting PTMs where teachers and parents can discuss progress and work in partnership to support the students.

## ORIENTATIONS FOR PARENTS

An online orientation session to ease the transition of students from online to physical schooling was held for parents across grades. Parents were introduced to the faculty and taken through the subjects covered, assessments, leave and other policies, proving to be a refresher.

## INTER SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

The month of July has been a busy one with our students participating in several cultural and sports events. These competitions not only brought rewards and medals to our students but also served invaluable experiences.

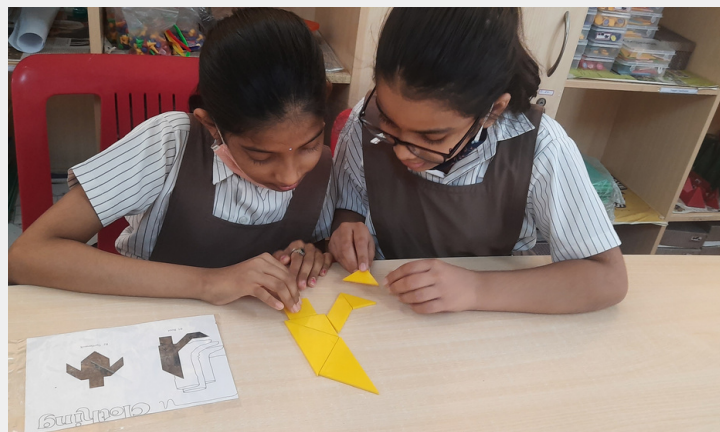
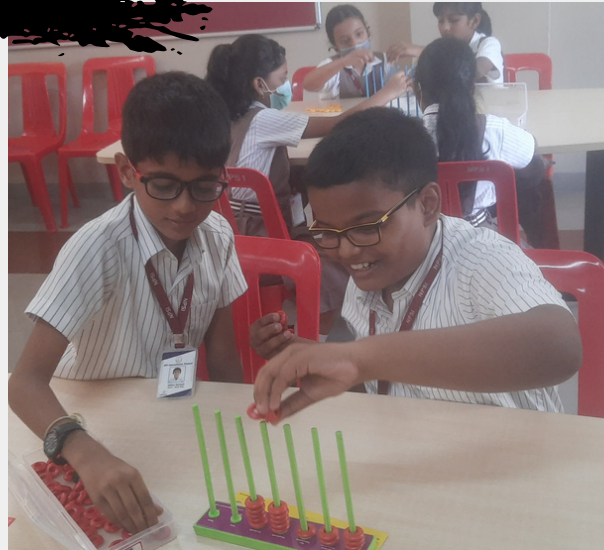
Kalakriti, the competition organised by the Vael International school had over 15 students participating and winning prizes in varied categories including Junk art, Doodle mania, and Melody Rhythm. We also turned up trumps in Impressionz, the interschool competition held at NPS Gopalapuram. Our students were also participants of Sulakshya, the online and offline competitions organised by PSBB OMR - Art, Quiz, Photography and Creative writing were a few of the categories that we participated in.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

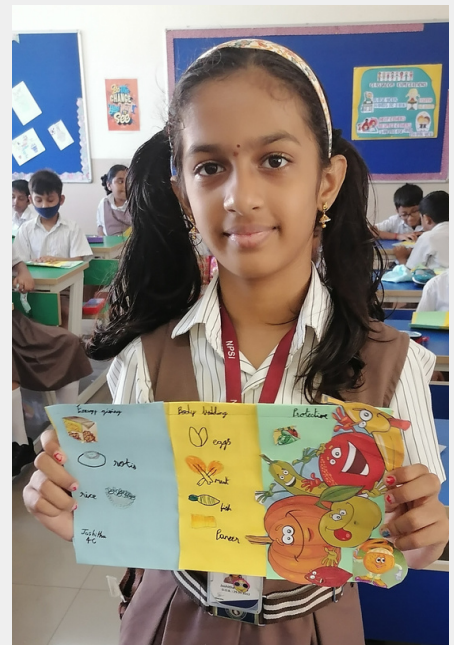
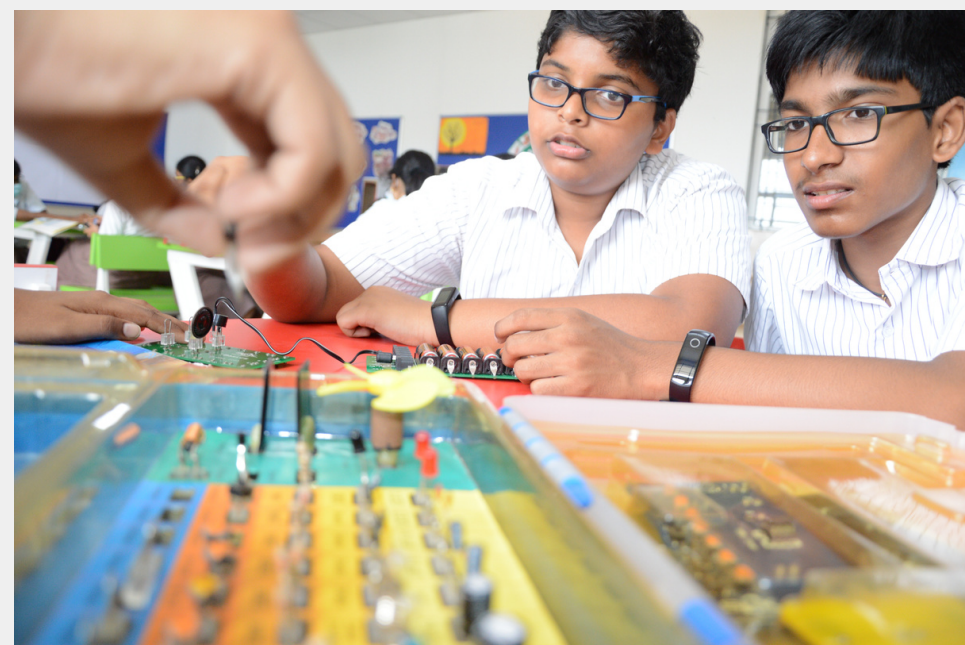
The scholastic activities have continued to remain in focus with the teachers adopting varied teaching-learning strategies to suit the learning. Finger puppets for storytelling, paper cups and abacus for number values, craft hanging spiders to reprise the role of Anansi, teeth models to analyse their structure, a game of bingo to strengthen grammar... These were among the multitude of activities our primary students were involved in. Students in MY put concepts to practice in the Science Lab, Math lab, and STEM labs which are equipped with new and refurbished kits. They learnt osmosis through raisins and potatoes, chemical change with vinegar and baking soda while modelling of clay neurons and other activities firmed up their comprehension. A walk in the garden to observe and prove transpiration provided a welcome break from classroom learning.



# ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES









# **ACHIEVEMENTS**

## **Cultural and Literary**

Thendral Praveen Kumar of Gr 6B participated in the WSC Global round Dubai 2022 and won 1 Gold medal for essay writing, another gold for collaborative writing as a team, a silver for her individual participation in debate, and a silver medal for the team debate competition. She has qualified for the finals of the Tournament of Champions at Yale.

Jiya Sivaraj of Grade 2A secured second place in the Challengers' Cup South Indian Open Karate tournament organised by Katsu-Kai Shito Ryu Sports Karate-Do India held at Chennai.

We are incredibly proud of R Kamna of grade 10 B who performed at the inaugural ceremony of the 44th Chess Olympiad at Mahabalipuram.

## **Sports**

At The CISCE regional level badminton tournament held at Primrose International, 4 of our students, Smaran Raghu Srinivas, Arjun Srikrishnan, Ishan Gopinath and A S Pranav Vijai have won medals. Smaran and Arjun have been selected for the CISCE nationals. 15 participants in our school vied for the CISCE Tamil Nadu and Pondy regional Chess championship hosted by Amazon School, Tiruvannamalai. Our students bagged several medal even as 4 players from our school - Koppali Naga Ram Charan, Advika Satish Pillai, Nivedha Subramanian. V Surya and Shivadhith Suresh have been selected to represent the school at the CISCE Nationals.

The school also played host to the CISCE Tamil Nadu and Pondy regional Carrom championship which had 9 students competing for the honours. 5 students were medal winners and two students – Avantika Rajasekharan and Varsheka Balamuthaiah will be competing at the National level.

The state-level chess tournament was held at SBOA school, Chennai and had over 100 children participating for the championship. Prithiv Arokiadass of Grade 4 has bagged the 4th prize in the under-9 category.

MGV Global Academy school and Junior college organized the CISCE Tamil Nadu and Pondy regional throwball tournament. The under-14 team earned the silver medal, the under-17 team bagged the gold medal and the under-19 team won the bronze. 11 students from these teams have been chosen to represent the state at the national level tournament. Avantika Rajasekharan, A.Meghna, R J Varunika, Belinda Sherin Ruban, D Iniya Yogita, V Saanvi, Nandhini Ramachandran, Aarna Rastogi, K J Diya, Sahana Balaji and Sinchana D Shenoi, students of grades 8 to 11 have been selected for the national level with Neha Yuvaraj as a substitute. Aarna Rastogi was adjudged the best player of the tournament in the under-17 category.

## SPORTS AND ECA

Competing in tournaments requires regular training as offered by the PT Department. Special strategies and skill development for varying programmes including athletics, hockey, cricket, and yoga are executed. These sessions aim at building a school team that would represent the school at various levels.

We launched ECA this month with a range of over 12 options for students to choose from. Initiated on the 9th of July, expert trainers are roped in to engage students of grades 4 to 9 in a variety of courses including flute, Japanese, chess, Kalarippayattu, and Silambaattam. Special sessions on Kalarippayattu were offered the following weekend to instil the basics of the art. Enthusiastic participation from students is appreciated.





# Events

## NPSIC MUN

It was indeed a moment of pride as we hosted the interschool MUN for the first time on July 1 and 2. With the faculty as guides, the students of grades 11 and 12 worked together to simulate the parliamentary proceedings of four committees - UNHRC (United Nations Human Rights Council), UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), DISEC (Disarmament and International Security Committee) and IPC (International Press Corps). 45 student delegates participated and showcased their debate and diplomacy skills even as they backed their arguments with research-based facts. The 2-day session was informative and entertaining with the best speakers appreciated and awarded. For our students, it was a rewarding experience to organise a large scale event from scratch.

## PLUNGE

At NPSIC, the month of July witnesses the school turning hosts to Plunge - Sciencopedia, the annual Science competition. On the first day of the month, students of grades 9 and 10 took the onus of organizing and anchoring the event under the guidance of their teachers. With Science being the primary focus, eager science enthusiasts from schools across the city partook in the contest to complete two tasks - model building and a written quiz. While the contestants of Grade 6 were challenged to construct a Floating Propeller, Grade 7 students had to build a Resistance Pencil using electric circuits. The grade 8 contenders had to work the Cartesian Diver from the given set of materials. The intense contest resulted in students from the Good Earth school emerging overall winners.





## GURUPOORNIMA

A day that began as a celebration of Lord Buddha's birthday, Guru Poornima today is dedicated to the spiritual and academic gurus. The rendering of the timeless classic Guruvina gulama, a Purandara Dasa song dedicated to the gurus by the students of middle school and an inspiring speech by our Principal, Ms. Sudha Balan marked this austere occasion.

## DR. APJ ABDUL KALAM'S REMEMBRANCE

One of India's beloved scientist and former President, Abdul Kalam is honoured across the country not just for his scientific accomplishments but also for the human being he was. On July 27th, we remembered the Missile Man of India through a speech delivered by a grade 12 student. She provided us with a glimpse of the man Mr. Kalam through a few anecdotes that highlighted his humane nature. Our younger students remembered his love for Math and indulged in fun math activities.







## GRADE 11 ASSEMBLY

Gameshow – the trend of the day was the chosen theme of the grade 11 assembly. A hilarious take on ways to get rich, six chosen contestants were taken through several rounds that even had a few of them eliminated. Interspersed with dance, song, and quizzing, the highlight of the show was the advertisements that kept the audience in splits. It was an entertaining show, indeed.



## GRADE 10 A ASSEMBLY

Bitcoins and dogecoins ruling the markets today, Grade 10A used the opportunity of assembly to inform the audiences of cryptocurrency. A humorous interview of famous personalities involved in the running of the world markets, an informed take on the evolution of currency from the barter system to coins, plastic currency to digital wallets to entertaining dance and song, the assembly had it all.





## GRADE 5A ASSEMBLY

The mystic of magic has often been looked at with awe and reverence and this was the atmosphere on the morn of the Grade 5A assembly. The audience were quite thrilled at seeing some of the tricks being performed. The origin of magic and tricks were well elucidated. The essence of the assembly lay in the portrayal of the magic in everyone's life and how blessed each one is through the skit – an adaptation of The Magic Paintbrush. The performance was greatly enjoyed.



## GRADE 5B ASSEMBLY

"Adventure is worthwhile in itself," said Amelia Earhart. The students of Grade 5B wowed the audience with their skills and talents. The skit depicting the spirit of bravery, an elucidation of adventure sports and the thought for the day were an integral part of the show. The highlight was the dual demonstration of Silambam and martial arts that captivated the audience. It was a masterful performance.





## GRADE 5C ASSEMBLY

The grade 5C assembly began in a unique manner – challenging the audience to unscramble the words and guess the theme of the assembly. Thought for the day, facts and speeches revolved around the theme and attempted to explain our fascination with the same. The mainstay of the show – the skit – used the audience to unravel the clues and solve the mystery of the missing beauty. The show was not just an entertainer for the audience but one where they felt an involvement as well.



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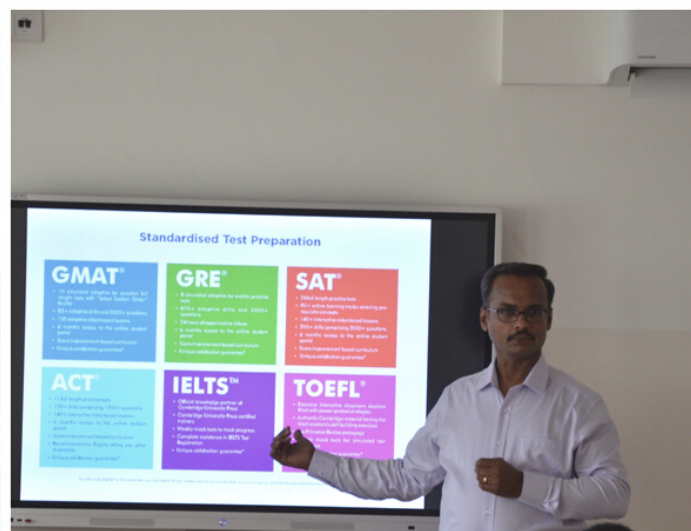
Eid, the Islamic festival that celebrates the virtue of sacrifice and obedience, was venerated with a speech by a grade 12 student where the traditions that mark the festival were highlighted. The speech emphasised on the values of brotherhood and tolerance.



## ALUMNI TALK

School years lend to some of the best and most cherished memories formed and visiting the premises back as an alumnus marks a proud moment for the teachers and the alumnus. In a first-of-its-kind initiative, four alumni were invited to share their experiences and wisdom on their approach and admission procedures as they pursue their studies abroad. Students from grades 8 to 12 gathered eagerly to listen to Adarsh Vallurapalli, 2018-19 batch – pursuing a Bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto and Srisneha from the batch of 2020-21, ready for her journey as a doctor-student in Imperial College, London. From the 2021-22 batch, Pranav Krishna who will join the University of Warwick to study BA in Politics and International Studies, and Aditya Venkatesh, ready to work on his Computer Science Engineering degree from the University of Illinois spoke at length on the various documents and other procedures required to secure a seat in the course of choice abroad. Questions from the students ranging from the tests to be taken to the choice of college to the time of application were patiently answered. Wishing these and all other alumni the best.





## OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

### Manya Institute – Princeton Review

The Manya Institute, the single largest global partner to the Princeton Review were invited to conduct a session for the parents of senior students in grades 10 to 12. Informing the audience about the processes and procedures required by universities in different countries, the know-how while seeking admissions proved insightful as parents were left feeling more confident to facilitate a wise choice for their ward in their pursuit of higher education.

### Ganit Genie

Our school has tied up with Ganit Genie, an organisation that prepares students to take up the entrance tests that help them seek admission to the IITs. Interested students of grades 8 to 10 have enrolled to attend the Math and Science course on offer to seek a secure future.