

# CHRONICLES OF NPSI, CHENNAI

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UPDATES FOR PARENTS OF NPSI, CHENNAI

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You must do things that you think you cannot do.

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November is the month that reminds us of all things positive. It also holds a distinct place in the hearts of our children as they await their day of joy and laughter –Children’s Day. At NPSI, the day and, indeed, the month have been momentous with children being provided diverse platforms to nurture and refine their skills and talents. Be it assessments, mock viva and academic routines or selections for various track and field events, the campus was a buzzing hive of activity. With the recommencement of ECA and the accelerated study program from Ganit Genie, Saturdays have also turned the campus vibrant.



## **EARLY YEARS**

As the learning journey continues, children are afforded varied experiences and opportunities to discover multiple facets of their personality.

Despite inclement weather during the initial days of November, we stayed connected through online sessions with our young learners. Children adapted with much ease to the online platform ensuring a smooth transition to digital learning.

The month of November paid an ode to childhood. The school turned festive on 14th November, Children's Day. Teachers surprised their students with a variety of events that included skit, games and group art activities. The room echoed with children's laughter and excitement.

On the academic front, progress was observed in all areas.

In Montessori, Freshers were introduced to food preparation - Cucumber cutting that both engaged the children and extended their concentration for a longer period. Juniors began working on the Teen beads and boards activity that creates a sensorial impression of how tens and any number from 1-9 make a teen number. Senior students were engaged with the Geometric solids and 3D figures in a sensorial manner where children touched, feel and learn the names of different 3D shapes.

In Kindergarten 1, children have mastered the tri-pod grip which has become evident in their written work. They were familiarized with the topic 'Animals' and activities related to the topic reinforced the concepts better. In Kindergarten 2, numerical learning through identification of smaller and greater numbers was the order of the day even as they pursued with the mastery of digraphs and sight words using the available learning material.





## SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

Students continued their academic pursuits with regularity as teachers adopted multi-pronged strategies to hone and reinforce concepts. Videos, role plays, games, hands-on activities and presentations strengthened learning. Music, dance, and public speaking classes helped children discover new skills while STEM and lab activities provoked them to don their thinking caps to solve codes and perform experiments.

**Primary Years (PY):** Young learners require special strategies to explore, discover and internalize the environment around them. Art and craft activities, stories, and role play provide a base for their learning. Mask creation followed by enaction of scenes, addition games using crisps, flying paper planes and designing posters of neighbourhood were some of the activities that enthralled children in the lower primary grades. In line with the concepts under study, students of the upper PY were challenged at diverse levels with tasks such as creating posters with landforms found in the country, marking the important industries on the map of India, and building a spin wheel to study adverbs.

**Middle Years (MY):** Under the guidance of their teachers, MY students were involved in performing simple experiments like using a straw flute to identify different pitches, generating pulses of sound waves from straws as well as creating models of the human urinary system. The making of the pulse counter invoked fun as children checked and compared their pulse rates with the pulse counter created with everyday materials. These experiments along with STEM classes take students beyond the textbooks and explore real-world applications of concepts learnt in class.

**Senior Years (SY):** Students of grades 10 and 12 are in the thick of preparation with study plans, question banks and important topics shared by subject teachers. Mock practical exams and viva are being conducted for grade 12 students to equip them for the upcoming board exams. The Computer Science board practical examination was held on the last Friday of the month and our children have done very well. Preparatory exams have begun and we are confident our students are equipped to do their best.



## **PTMS**

In an effort to extend further support, one-to-one PTMs with the Principal and subject teachers were conducted for students of grades 10 and 12 in preparation towards the board exams. Special timetables and scaffolding sessions are being conducted to clarify, hone and strengthen concepts along with tips and strategies.

## **ASSESSMENTS**

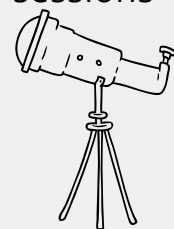
The first assessments of the 2nd term began after rigorous sessions of revising and re-honing of concepts aided by revision worksheets and question banks. The papers have been checked, error corrections done, and shared with parents.

## **IN-HOUSE COMPETITIONS**

The next phase of the co-curricular competitions has begun with events across various categories. MY students tested their skills in stand-up comedy and JAM while those in SY participated in a range of competitions from Indian classical, light, western and instrumental music to JAM, stand-up comedy, debate and elocution. Those with a flair for writing had the opportunity to present their skills in creative and poetry writing in English and languages while artistic pursuits were exhibited through pencil sketch, T shirt painting and Jewellery making. It was a delight to watch our children display their talents with elan. We have more competitions in store for our students in the upcoming months.

## **ASTROPHYSICS CLUB**

A frontier beyond our reach – the mystique of the universe beckons one and all. This fascination was given new form on Saturday, the 26th of November, 2022 for the students of Middle Years with the launch of our Astrophysics Club. An induction into the mysteries of celestial bodies, their formation, growth and death left the audience spell-bound. Through the session, students calculated the evolution of an assigned star and determined its fate. Students have a lot to look forward to in the upcoming sessions with a special focus on application of Physics laws.





## ACHIEVEMENTS

**Prithiv Arokiadass** of grade 4B and **Advika Satish Pillai** of Grade 9B – both budding chess talents have been participating in various tournaments. Celebrating the 75th year of Independence, the International Fide Rapid Rating Chess tournament was organised by the Taanya Kaavya School of Sports. Prithiv has bagged the 1st place securing 5.5 points out of 8. His efforts have also earned him a cash prize of Rs 2,000. He has also won the 1st prize in the 12th Inter School Chess Tournament held at Kalaimagal Vidyalaya Matriculation Higher Secondary School. With over 600 participants in the tournament, it is praiseworthy that he has emerged victorious in all the 6 matches that he played.

Advika secured the 6th and 8th places in the International Open Fide Rating Blitz chess and Rapid chess tournaments for the Under-16 category held at DAV Krida Kendram school. She also secured 5 out of 6 points and won the trophy in the Chengalpet District Chess tournament held at Valluvar Gurukulam school, Tambaram in the under-16 category.

Selected athletes across grades 8 to 12 participated in the CISCE National Athletics Meet held at Pune. **G Abhinav Sai** of grade 8C has won the silver medal in the 4x100m relay while **Vidhaath Basker** of grade 8A secured a silver medal in the 80m hurdles race as well as 4x100m relay. Abhinav Sai was also a participant in the finals of the 100m dash, one of the toughest races in the meet. **Pavithra Vudayagiri** of 9B participated in the Javelin throw while **Sinchana D Sheno**i of grade 11A participated in hammer throw.

Pune was also the venue of the CISCE National Throwball meet held in the first week of the month and our girls' team comprising students from grades 8 to 11 did a commendable job. Their competitive spirit and sportsmanship were appreciated by all.

THE SGFI meet is the highest level of competitive tournament for school students at the national level. While some of our students have already booked their places under various categories, adding their names to this illustrious list are Advika for Chess and Vidhaath for Athletics. **Belinda Sherin Ruban** of grade 8A in the under-14 category, **V Saanvi** of grade 9B in the under-17 category and **D Iniya Yogita** of grade 9A in the under-19 category are also part of this elite group.

**Meha Sharon** of Grade 4D has emerged victorious in the under – 12 category of the Chairperson's trophy – Inter-school Badminton tournament held at the KCG College of technology.

The PSBB Millenium School, OMR organised Sulakshya, an online cultural competition. **Chahisnu Arun** of grade 8A won the 3rd place in Kala Prakriti, the online art competition.

Kudos to all the children for their efforts! May the list of accomplishments continue to grow.





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# Events



## CHILDREN'S DAY

November 14 marks the birth anniversary of our country's 1st Prime Minister, Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru. Honouring his love for children, India celebrates this day as Children's Day. The festivities, this year at NPSI, were a grand affair with teachers putting up an entertaining show. Deemed a 'bagless day', the children of the primary and middle school worked on varied activities such as painting and colouring, craft, STEM projects, Science kit, and lab activities. Combined PT sessions witnessed the playgrounds filled with a keen sense of friendly competition on one hand and fun and laughter on the other. It was a memorable day for our kids. Wishing them more such joyous moments.











## GRADE 3A ASSEMBLY

"The love of a family is life's greatest blessing".

The assembly by the students of grade 3A portrayed the love and affection a child receives from family and the impact it has on the child. The skit performed resonated with the theme while the rendering of the song "Oru murai ennai paaramma", dedicated to all mothers, touched the hearts of each person in the audience. Positive thoughts, quotes, and a gist of the current affairs from around the country and the world added flavour to the assembly enjoyed by all.



## GRADE 3B ASSEMBLY

"The whole world is one neighbourhood".

The assembly performed by the students of grade 3B echoed this sentiment as they highlighted the countries that formed India's neighbourhood. The rendering of the popular Hindi tune, "Aao hum sab haath milaye" added a patriotic feel. Be it the vibrant dance or the presentation of news and facts, the energy of the performers was evident and much appreciated by all.





## GRADE 3C ASSEMBLY

"Together is a wonderful place to be".

Unity was the chosen theme for Grade 3C. Children worked as a team to put up a show that caught the attention of the audience. Quotes, presentation of news and song formed a part of the display. The highlight, however, was the demonstration of situations that emphasized this value. The show was commended by one and all.



## GRADE 3D ASSEMBLY

"Knowledge will gain you power, but character, respect."

Trustworthiness, wellbeing, safety are all different aspects of Respect, and the children of grade 3D took it upon themselves to spotlight this valuable component of relationships and personal identity. This was beautifully showcased through a small skit highlighting a real-life situation where respect played an important role. The essence in a capsule was that disagreements may occur, but respect forms the underlying base for peer relationships. Sharing facts, news and positive thoughts added value to the assembly that was well appreciated.