

CHRONICLES OF NPSI, CHENNAI

1 January 2023

UPDATES FOR PARENTS OF NPSI, CHENNAI

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



As the calendar year draws to a close, the final month of December symbolizes hope, joy, and a new beginning. The atmosphere at the school has been electric with our children involved in and performing multiple tasks with aplomb. Whether it is the board practical examination or the assemblies, the YEP presentation or the rehearsals for the upcoming Cultural Day or the eagerly awaited field trips, our students have become adept at balancing both their academic and co-scholastic pursuits. The Christmas spirit complemented the competitiveness on the field as the month and the winter session culminated with the Sports Day. This month, undoubtedly, will remain etched in our memories.



EARLY YEARS

The month of December saw the zenith of a thrilling and joyous year for our Early Learning children with Christmas and New Year celebrations. The decked up Christmas tree added to the festive atmosphere as the corridors rang with joy and laughter.

The month highlight was the introduction of the Mont students to Practical Life (EPL). The importance of a clean and caring environment was highlighted. Strategies teaching and honing reading and numerical abilities continued this month.

Mastery at writing letters and numbers in sequence was the order of the day in the class of Kindergarten 1 while the senior students continued to pursue higher mathematical skills of addition and subtraction. The month's highlight was the 'Show & Tell' with children passionately talking about their favourite animals.



SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

Presentations, seminars, live observations, and experiments – these and other teaching-learning strategies have a deep impact on the students as they comprehend and internalise the concepts. Lessons were taught and re-honed even as Yoga, music, dance and public speaking sessions continued to work as refreshers.

With one day of the last week of the month deemed bagless days for different grades, the day was spent with students involved in a plethora of activities. Assemblies and science activities to YEP and Art Infinity collaboration, students enjoyed the time out with their peers.

The campus remained open to our children on Saturdays as they carried on with their various ECA classes and Ganit Genie. The spirit of competitions were not restricted to the sporting fields but also in the classes as children across grades competed in various arenas to bring laurels to both self and their houses. Do watch these columns for the results – may the best players and house win the CCC championship.

FIELD TRIP

Breaking the monotone of academic pursuits and examinations, Grade 10 and 12 students were off to the first field trip of the year. The one-day excursion proved therapeutic as children laughed, played, and bonded with one another. The day spent on the resort at Mahabalipuram had the children scrambling for fun as they indulged in a host of indoor and outdoor activities. The day and indeed, the calendar year turned eventful.

Farm Guru was the choice destination for our grade 10 students. A multitude of tasks awaited them – bullock cart rides and fishing demos were the order of the day as children revelled in the rustic atmosphere. A practical lesson on the field – a memorable day and trip it was.

ASSESSMENTS

Grades 10 and 12 have had a busy month as they continue their preparation towards the upcoming ISC/ICSE board examinations. With breaks in the form of rain holidays, the grade 10 students have completed their first preparatory examination. They also have received their exam papers – the error correction and analysis, we hope, will help them prepare better for the upcoming second preparatory examination.

Board practical examinations and viva continued this month and the grade 12 students have done a fantastic job so far. Wishing them the very best as they continue this inspired journey and forge a distinct path of their own.

SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

Hands-on experiments allow children to experience the beauty of science. Children found the time to appreciate the beauty of nature – from observing the germination of seeds to playing with the wind vane and describing the water cycle and explaining its significance. Generating sound waves and their impact on the membrane, and constructing an electroscope to visualize static electricity generated both curiosity and excitement in the children. Be it the creation of an electromagnet or explaining the breathing mechanism using balloons and straws, the children on the whole had a wonderful time dissecting the science behind our everyday activities.

ASTROPHYSICS CLUB

The mystique of space and universe continued to be unravelled in the Astrophysics club. The children teamed up to perform various calculations including marking the distance between the sun and the earth. A hypothetical calculation of the projectile motion and the point of entry of a satellite into Mars orbit when launched from earth challenged them. It was quite a sight seeing the young astrophysicists in synergy come up with trumps. A session to behold, indeed.

YEP

In tune with the NPS vision in nurturing a holistic personality, our children are offered a peek into the economics of the world through the Young Entrepreneurship Programme. The young minds of Grade 8 joined forces to set up their own ventures to manufacture or create hand crafted products. An online meeting for potential investors saw these green entrepreneurs pledging their products and detailing the manufacturing costs and the investments required from the parents turned venture capitalists. Their acumen at handling questions is certainly praiseworthy.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Nivedha Subramanian of gr 8A continued to make laurels in the school chess circuit as she bagged the 6th place in the under-16 category in the Casa Grande 1st state-level chess tournament. Hoping for greater success.

Karate is a sport that instils discipline and focus. **Mishika Nahata** of grade 4B has proved to be an excellent student of Karate. A grade A winner of the blue belt, Mishika trains hard each day. Her proudest moment yet is her winning 2nd place in the recently concluded International Kata Competition between India and Sri Lanka. Congratulations and wishing her more such winning moments.

SCHOLASTIC FAIR

And what magic they weave – the Scholastic Book Fair held between December 21 and 23 enthralled readers young and old. Students thronged the fair held in the school premises to view, discuss and buy books. Parents who came by to pick their wards, eagerly scanned the shelves for books that would capture the attention of their children. Containing a range of books from fantasy to mystery, adventure to horror, the choices were aplenty. As a few children commented, reading books has become a part of the daily routine. Well, they certainly have the write stuff.



CCC

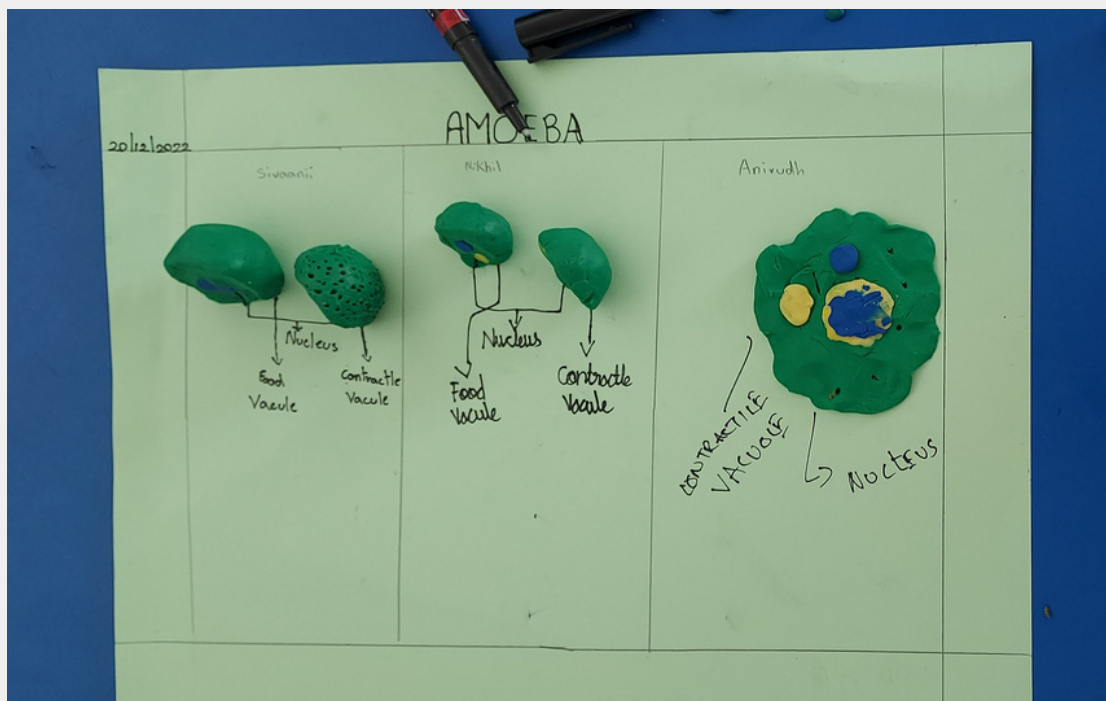
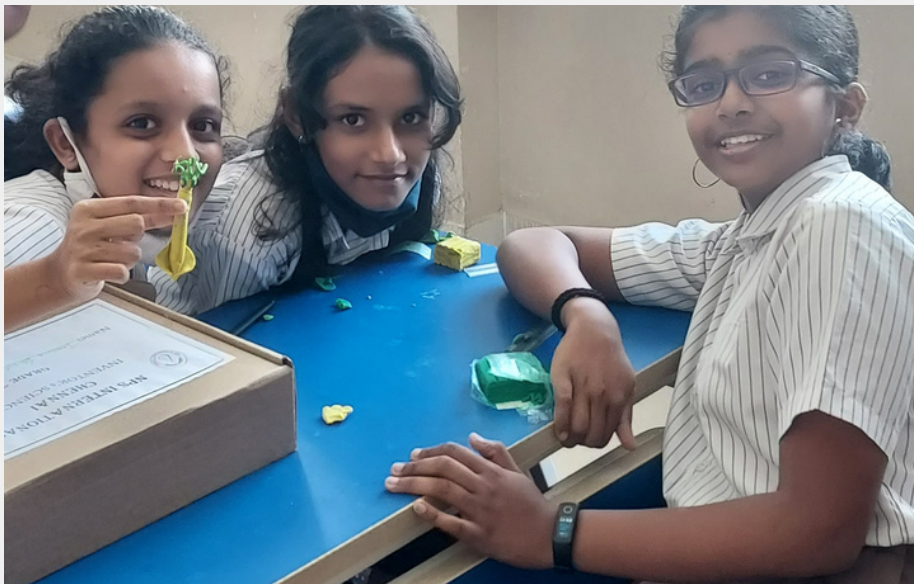
Saturdays in NPSI are reserved for special activities and the month of December has witnessed a few special days. Our students of grades 6 to 9 participated in several competitions proving that while winning is important, participation matters.

Ranging from literary events like the debate and JAM to cultural events including group and solo dances and vocals to testing numeracy and general awareness, participants enjoyed competing for their houses and against peers. The camaraderie and friendly rivalry were evident not just on the field but in these gatherings as well. With matters on the field settled, the children now eagerly await the results of these competitions and anticipate their house winning the championship.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES



ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES



Events



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

"Hark now hear! The Angels sing.... A king was born today"

And the angels did sing bringing alive the school with Christmas spirit and cheer. From the awe-inspiring enactment of the Nativity scene to the audience humming to the soulful carols to the dances, the programme flowed seamlessly. The arrival of the most awaited personality – Santa Claus brought whistles and cheers as the (wo)man dressed in bright white and red rang in new cheer and hope. The hall resounded with laughter and mirth spilled over as they all wished one another a joyful Christmas.







SPORTS DAY

As we watched the students, dressed smartly in their sports uniform take the field, Dean Karnazes words come to the mind -" *Run when you can, walk if you have to, crawl if you must but never give up*".

December 22 and 23 witnessed the school celebrating sportsmanship and pay tribute to teamwork – the 9th Annual Sports Day. While December 22 belonged to students of Grades 1 to 3, Grades 4 to 12 took over the sports field the next day. Exciting races marked by intense rivalry and friendly banter – the children enjoyed their day out under the sun cheering their winners and encouraging the others. The food stall added to the festive atmosphere as children in between and after the races thronged these stalls to taste the sweetmeats. The races were intertwined with the prize ceremony with medals and trophies handed out to the team and individual winners. The details are listed below:

The Intra-Murals consist of team events that children participate representing their houses. These events were conducted under the Sub-Junior, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior categories and included both indoor and outdoor games such as Football, Hockey, Chess, and Carrom. A total of 354 medals and certificates (both the winners and the runners-up) were issued for these events and each victory chalked up points for the Houses. Explorers swept through a majority of these events and bagged the Intra-Mural Championship Trophy.

The Track and Field Events were held across categories and began a few weeks before the Sports Day with selections. The semi-finals and finals held on Sports Day generated a lot of zeal and added flavour to the day. Athletes proudly represented their Houses and the winners not only brought joy but also added points. Indeed, a whopping 296 certificates and trophies were handed over to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. 15 of these athletes ranging from the Pre-Junior 1 boys and girls to the Senior category were awarded the Individual Championship trophy and certificate in recognition of their all-round performances. Voyagers scored over the other houses to win the Athletics Trophy.

Despite a tight and tough opposition, the young sportsmen and sportswomen sporting the colour blue won handsomely and deservedly, the Voyagers were crowned the Overall Championship Trophy winners and revelled in their victory. Our Principal, Mrs. Sudha Balan congratulated all the winners and encouraged greater participation in all such sporting events as she handed over the Individual and House trophies. It was a momentous day for one and all.







GRADE 6A ASSEMBLY

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other", said Abraham Lincoln.

With the New Year around the corner, Grade 6A decided to remind us – to make New Year Resolutions but more importantly, have an action plan, execute it, and face success. The message was well interspersed with news, and fact sheet and culminated in the Flag song. The show was undoubtedly appreciable.



GRADE 6B ASSEMBLY

"Leadership and Civic engagement are an important part of education".

Mime as an art form fascinates the viewer but to use it as a means to spell out a social message – the audience is left astounded. And this is precisely what the students of Grade 6B did. The show with the news, speech, and thought for the day was appreciated.



GRADE 6C ASSEMBLY

Life is like a novel with you being both its author and its main character.

Imagination runs riot and how!... The students of grade 6C converged multiple plots and characters to depict a tale of victory – the victory of magnetism over Dearth Vader. The scene rolls on to Pompeii and culminates in a challenging quiz... Wow! It was a visual treat.



GRADE 6D ASSEMBLY

"I am different than everyone else because everyone else is not me" – Julian Aguilar.

Each person is unique and we respect each one for that uniqueness – this formed the central theme of Grade 6D assembly. Resembling a scene out of the reality talent shows, the children made the best use of this opportunity to exhibit their musical talents – be they the drum, the veena or the violin recital, or the stand-up comedy, or the recitation of self-composed poems. A commendable job, indeed.



GRADE 7A ASSEMBLY

"We have an army. We have a Hulk".

With a huge fan base, the Marvel Cinematic Universe has captured the imagination of one and all. Kudos to the students of Gr 7A for their brilliant depiction of the defeat of Thanos by the Avengers. With humour infused in the skit, the students essayed the roles with ease. The show also included news, speech, and mellifluous music that left the audience with a positive mood.



GRADE 7B ASSEMBLY

"Happiness is fighting with your sibling for the TV remote".

Portraying a realistic scene that characterizes almost every household, grade 7B students brought alive the TV sets and shows. The skit - a rip-off of both the Marvel and the DC movies featured a satirical portrayal of Jeff Bezos and Lex Luthor, was enjoyable. The show had it all - quiz, facts, and the thought for the day peppered with advertisements in between, it was a time well spent.



GRADE 7C ASSEMBLY

"History is made by those breaking stereotypes"

Think school and we have a few well-defined characters whom we think dominate the scene. The students of Grade 7C essayed a comical depiction of such stereotypes. The characters were well interwoven with humour; the skit kept the audience on their toes. The news, quiz and thought for the day added to the entertainment quotient.



GRADE 7D ASSEMBLY

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling but in rising every time we fall."

Grade 7D had a tryst with celebrities featuring a few of the popular screen artists who took us on a ride around Singaara Chennai and arrived at a talk show wherein they walked us through their everyday routines. The show was brought to an end with a lively Jeopardy quiz.



GRADE 8A ASSEMBLY

Said Mother Teresa, *"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."*

This premise in mind, Grade 8A students showcased the various problems that plague society – racism, bullying and social media addiction, to name a few. The message was punctuated with quiz, music and dance that had the audience thrumming. It was a well-executed performance.



GRADE 8B ASSEMBLY

Some of your best memories are those of your school life.

Encapsulating the life of a student and the impact of values such as honesty and respect as a skit by the students of grade 8B enthralled the audience. Music and dance coupled with news, quiz, and speech held their attention. It was a pleasant show.



GRADE 8C ASSEMBLY

"The past is kind enough to give you lessons. The present is kind enough to give you opportunities. The future is kind enough to give you both."

Who would not like a face-off? Charlie Chaplin vs. Joey Tribbiani or Bartolomeo Scappi and Gordon Ramsey and throw in the failed assassination plot of Theodore Roosevelt, ... well the Grade 8C Assembly was no short on such surprises. And to top it all, a melodious mash-up of songs of past and present – the audience was left spellbound.



GRADE 8D ASSEMBLY

"You live only once, so make every second count".

Pearls of wisdom from the elders are priceless and they become worthwhile when they are put to good use by the younger generation. This formed the crux of the show by the students of grade 8D. The lilting tunes by the band added to the stupendous performance.