

CHRONICLES OF NPSI, CHENNAI

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UPDATES FOR PARENTS OF NPSI, CHENNAI

"I am too busy working on being better than I was yesterday"



No truer words reflect the NPSI approach as we continuously strive to help our children grow in a holistic manner. And what an all-inclusive month this February has been with our children performing their roles with aplomb. As the saying goes, a mind that is stretched with new experiences can never go back to its old dimensions. Undoubtedly, the happenings of this month – will remain etched in our memories for a long, long time.



EARLY YEARS

With Sports Day round the corner, the atmosphere has remained charged with zeal and energy as we began practice sessions. The highlight was the field visit to 13-degree North Nursery by Juniors and Seniors. It was a productive day as they enjoyed seeing and naming the plants.

This month paved the way for transition classes for Mont Seniors. These classes, we hope, will help them smoothly switch over to a formal class structure in Grade 1.

Freshers continued to trace sandpaper letters and practice corresponding phonetic sounds. Repeated tracing helps them build muscular memory and trains their hands for writing. Sticking and cutting activities sharpen their fine motor skills and aid creative expression. Juniors were involved in Puzzle map activity - a key to the world of geography. While working with the world map and naming continents and countries, the child gains awareness of names as well as spatial relations. Seniors were introduced to word study material where they were presented concept of plurals, gender, antonyms, synonyms and many more.

In Kindergarten 1, children continued to work on reading phrases with phonetic words. Hands-on learning experience with forming words was facilitated using letter cards. Writing numbers in sequence from 1 to 50 was practiced in Numeracy. Guided drawing and finger printing saw them deeply engaged. Children in kindergarten 2 were introduced to picture reading and making sentences. The topic Reduce- Recycle-Reuse under General Awareness brought in much excitement. Concepts introduced earlier in Numeracy were reiterated during the month.



SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

Learning comes in different ways and every moment offers an opportunity to learn. Amidst the various activities that our children were involved in, the academic pursuits continued. The lessons and topics under study were reinforced through notes and videos. General discussions furthered their understanding. Preparations for the year-end review and examinations have begun in full earnest.

ASSESSMENTS

Said Abraham Lincoln, "The best way to prepare for the future is to create it." Come February, the opportunity to chart their paths materializes through the Board exams. With the ISC exams from February 13 and ICSE exams from February 27, our children have been hard at work backed by intense preparation and tips to tackle the exam. Our wishes and prayers are with them and we are sure our children will pass them with flying colours.

Our gr 11 and gr 9 students have finished with their term-end reviews and portions for gr 12 and 10 have begun. The enthusiasm and the zest with which the students have approached their learning over the last couple of weeks is appreciable.

OLYMPIAD MEDALS

A large number of children participate in the Olympiad exams, testing their knowledge. This month, medals of excellence and merit were awarded to the winners of IGKO and IEO. Many have participated in the zonal level and we await these results along with other Olympiad results.

ASTROPHYSICS CLUB

Astrophysics continued to dominate conversations this month as our grade 9 students were entreated to the lecture series. Travelling around the universe through meteors and satellites, distant galaxies and planets, the students sat mesmerized. The thrum of energy and the protracted concentration was quite pronounced and continued into the Q&A session that had held relevant and subjective discussions. The session was a feat extraordinaire.

CCC

The interhouse competitions culminated this month with the Rubik's cube. With fervour and zeal, over 40 students gathered to try and crack the cube fastest. The end of the competition witnessed children discussing strategies and tips. The entire atmosphere proved vibrant and charged.

GANIT GENIE LECTURE

NPSI organised a special session for our grade 10 students who embark on their journey to college and career. Mr. Suryakumar of Ganit Genie addressed the students and parents on exploring career options. The session detailed the various competitive exams that are open to students and emphasised on the need to balance future aspirations with the rigours of the board and these competitive exams. He also explained about the Accelerated programme run within the school premises and encouraged children to create a roadmap for clarity purpose. We wish the students the best in their choices.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Deepshikha Sridharan of grade 7A has been an ardent student of Bharatanatyam over the last few years. Her dedication to the dance form has earned her honours from the Nirutha Nithyalaya, Chennai in collaboration with Natyanjali Academy, Malaysia for her mesmerising performance at the Malaya Dance Festival held at Kuala Lumpur.

Rubik cubing, over the last decade or so has turned into a serious affair and now there are several institutes and organisations that host such competitions. The National Level Cube Tournament held by the Tamil Nadu Cube Association at the Dr. MGR Educational and Research Institute witnessed participation of children under several categories. In the U-10 category, **Dhruv Thirumalairajan** has won several certificated of merit. – 2nd place in the 3X3 cubing, 1st place in Pyramin and Skewb and 4 x 4 skewB category. Congratulations to our young cubist.

Prithiv Arokiadass' tryst with chess continues this month. His participation in the 34th KCF Rapid Chess tournament at CPAT-TVS, Polytechnic College, Vanagaram earned him the 4th place in the under-10 boys category.

The Marina Arts and Sports Academy organised a state-level drawing competition. **N Arjun** of grade 6A has secured the 3rd place in the grade 5 and 6 category while **Tanisha Shruti Anand** of Grade 7D has secured the 4th place in the grade 7 and 8 category.

Here's wishing all these children the best in their ongoing learning journey and winning more accolades.



Events



ART INFINITY

"Art is not what you see, but you make others see."– Edgar Degas.

The aura of the school transformed as the campus was ablaze with its artistic expressions – Art Infinity had arrived. This year, it was not just the artist on display, but also the mathematician, the scientist and the coder demonstrating and explaining with elan the STEM, Science and Math activities they've been involved in this academic year.

This year's theme was the 'Wild Animals of the Jungle' and the corridors were lined with animal art – rhinos, monkeys, tigers and baboons, owls, and eagles. Every classroom was a sight to behold with craft and artwork, activities laid out around the room. The art room turned into a mini jungle with a pool and an elephant painted in it. The frames of art on display mesmerized the visitors. A truly stunning presentation.

Grade 8 students in addition to their art duties, tasked themselves with portraying the 'Wonders of India' through maps – beginning with the Indus Valley civilization to the invasions of the Aryans to the European dominance and fight for Independence. The architectural marvels, mineral and water wealth, and industrial power – these maps explained them all.





YOUNG AUTHORS' DAY

Garrison Keller stated, "A book is a gift you can open again and again".

NPSIC turned into a haven for the bibliophiles as our campus turned into a mini library filled with books written by the young authors of grades 4 and 5. Books of all genres – fantasy, horror mystery, adventure... they were all there. From zombies to dragons, adventurous children to witches, these stories were portals that transported the readers to diverse worlds. Book lovers of all ages were happy to sit and browse through the scores of books on the shelves even as these budding writers beamed with pride and explained avidly about the various books and genres. A wordful (worthful) experience, indeed.





YOUNG ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME

On Market Day, grade 8 students turned entrepreneurs, marketers and sellers. Working for over 20 hours crafting products that ranged from bookmarks to small pouches, hand towels to robots, on Saturday, 04 February 2023, the campus turned into a marketplace. These children enjoyed their time on the other side of the table, selling their wares, tallying their money, and calculating the profits. The sights and sounds notwithstanding, the ease and the poise on display assured all of their ability to make an impact in the economic scene of tomorrow. A purposeful day it was!

We are happy to state that students generated a total income of Rs. 53,871 with a whopping profit of Rs. 30,390. This amount has been earmarked to be donated to a charitable organisation, adding to the NPS ethos of community consciousness.





UTSAHAM : GRADES 1-2

Students of the lower Primary Years left the audience mesmerised with their performances at Utsaham. A stunning show that depicted the **Magic with Numbers**, our children of grade 1 and 2 were quite the picture of elan and poise. The neat portrayal of numbers and their association to diverse facets of life from nature to our physiological structure, popular stories, history and much more, children danced, dramatised and kept us spellbound with their confidence and ease on stage.







UTSAHAM : GRADES 3-5

Colourful, resplendent costumes and ingenious props intrigued the onlookers as they embarked on a quick world tour with students of grades 3 to 5. Themed **Around the World in a Year**, the vibrant displays and dance routines evoked great appreciation from the crowd. Marking every month of the year and associated celebrations around the world, the children exposed the audience to world culture. It was an evening to behold!







GANAMRUTHAM

The tradition of the annual music recital Ganamrutham continued this year with our primary children taking centre stage. With songs in languages from around the country, the mellifluous tunes were quite the balm to the soul. The morning show saw children from the lower primary perform songs across languages and genres. The evening show had students from upper primary paying tribute to many famous composers and musicians who have walked our land, leaving us with tunes and songs that will last a lifetime. The finale which included a medley of patriotic songs and a tribute to the playback singer SPB received a resounding applause. The day was truly magical for all involved.



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