

CHRONICLES OF NPSI, CHENNAI

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UPDATES FOR PARENTS OF NPSI, CHENNAI

Education is the key to unlocking the world. It is the
passport to freedom.

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August ushered in enlivening experiences, providing opportunities to set benchmarks and face challenges with greater ease. The winning trend continued with students emerging victorious in different arenas. With academic routines ongoing, interspersed with practice for the upcoming cultural day, the students have had an engaging month.

Here's a peek into the month's highlights.



EARLY YEARS

Of the many aspects that make India unique, the numerous festivals and celebrations hold a special place in our hearts. They give us a reason to rejoice and spread happiness. At GMC, the festive month began with the Independence Day celebrations followed by Ganesh Chaturthi. The festivities lit up with young children dressed in vibrant attire, involved in a range of activities modelled around the celebration.

The transitioning of the senior children of Montessori and Kindergarten into their full-day sessions was the mainstay of the month and we are happy to state that that this process has been smooth.

Students are displaying steady progress in the academic areas - the Montessori students have been involved in complex activities such as the polishing of brass objects, trinomial cube, and reading and writing of phrases. The kindergarten children have been initiated into the art of writing letters and numbers. Healthy eating habits were introduced in class and reinforced on an everyday basis.



SCHOLASTIC ROUTINES

Academic classes proceeded with gusto. Lessons taught using novel and time-tested strategies, activities to introduce or hone concepts, and experiential learning in the labs furthered academic learning. Connecting festivities to the topic of study helped children acknowledge and appreciate them.

ASSESSMENTS

The scheduled second cycle of unit tests was conducted for grades 1 to 9 and 11. The test pattern was altered suitably in accordance with the Board Specimen paper pattern. The answer papers are being shared and analysed in detail. This will help our children gain a better foothold on their concepts and presentation.

ECA AND OTHER ROUTINES

Extra-curricular activities, Accelerated Programme and other classes continued as scheduled as the partaking children benefitted through these sessions. Their unwavering interest and excitement is commendable.

INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Paper cups and fraction birds facilitated learning of skip counting and grammar, allowing the younger children to explore learning in a joyous manner. From turning dieticians and designing balanced diets to donning lab coats to investigate the colour changes in a chemical reaction and teasing out flower structures to observe pollen grains, hands-on experiences stimulated the senses and fueled their explorative instincts.

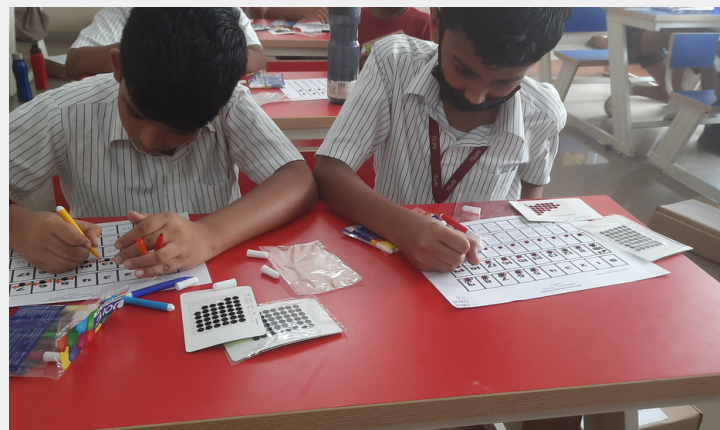
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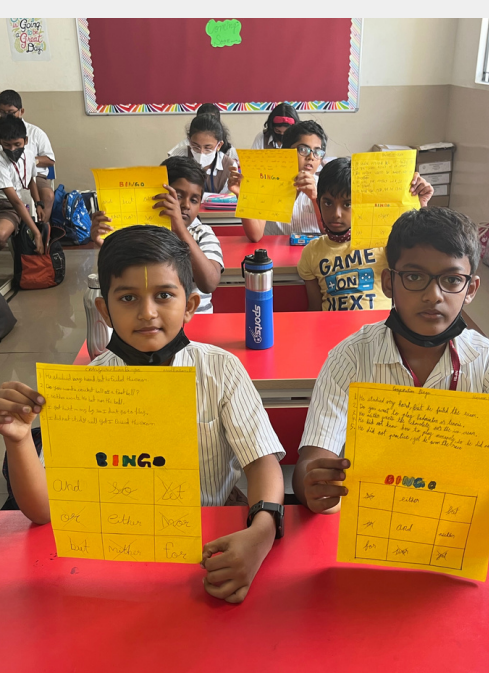
PTMs were conducted for students across the grades including Early Learning. The meetings helped the class teachers understand the child better, address concerns and discuss strategies to help the child better their performances. The parents of grades 9 and 11 were able to meet the subject teachers to get an update on their child's performance and the strategies that can be adopted to improve their standing.

INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Camera! Roll! Action! The Interhouse and Co-curricular competitions kickstarted within our students a competitive spirit. Enthusiastic participation and sportsmanship was the order of the day as students partook in varied events such as singing, cubing, creative writing, elocution and jam. As representatives of the Houses, students were set to challenge, compete and win laurels for their houses. Remaining competitions will be held in Term 2.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES







ACHIEVEMENTS

Cultural and Literary

‘Do your work with a whole heart and you will succeed”, said John Hubbard.

The medal-winning streak continues this month as our students have participated in several events. The details are as follows.

The ASISC competitions for literary and track events have earned us several feathers in our cap with laurels rolling in from every quarter. Shrabasti Chakraborty earned a place at the National event after securing the gold medal in Creative Writing – senior category. M Avanish of grade 8 and Vihaan Reddy of grade 7 bagged the 2nd prize in the sub-junior category of quiz while Abhimanyu Pant and V Surya of grade 11 secured the 3rd prize in the senior category. Nayaa Padmashree Vakicharla and Rishy Sridhar secured 2nd place in the debate-Junior category.

Our children were also partakers in the various competitions held in schools across the city. Making a meteoritic impact on the board, Karan Nair and Adithya Kashiram of Gr 12 and J S Aparna of Gr 11 have earned the distinction of being invited to be a part of the Executive Board at the NPS MUN. Arsaanth Baskar was awarded the Best Debutante at the Vael's MUN and Special Mention at the GTA MUN. The GTA MUN also had Nithiesh Sriram from Grade 11 bagging High Commendation, V Surya of Grade 11 winning Best Delegate and Tanisha Gopinath of grade 11 winning Special Mention.

The team comprising Sahana Santoshkumar (grade 6D), R Raaga (grade 6C), Sriram Aravind (grade 7D) and S. Manasvini (grade 8B) bagged the 1st prize in the Play a Tune contest at Parampara, a fest conducted by GTA Vidya Mandir.

Our enthusiastic participation in Kalavaibhavam, the contest conducted at the Hindu Senior school was appreciated.

A hearty congratulations to all students and teachers involved and hoping for many more of such accomplishments.

Sports

As icing on the cake, our children participated and won several medals in the ASISC track and field events. G Abhinav Sai, Vidhaath Baskar, R Mithun, Vishwa Sivakumar, Pavithra Vudayagiri, K J Diya, Pranavraj Venkatachalam and Sinchana D Shenoi bagged medals in varied events under the Sub-junior, junior and senior categories. Exemplary performances from Sinchana, Pavithra, Abhinav Sai and Vidhaath have earned them a place in the nationals.

Events



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Breaking the shackles of colonialism, India began its meteoric rise on the world stage on August 15, 1947. 76 years on, the sacrifices and the hardships borne by our countrymen to achieve this monumental victory were the points of reminiscence in the celebrations at NPSI. Dressed in the attire of pristine white, students assembled at the school quadrangle decked with tricolour paper fans and bookmarks. Hosted by the senior students, the day belonged to the students as they sang praises of the land and the flag. The event featured MY students underlining the brave deeds and acts undertaken by a few unsung heroes. It was a proud moment as the Principal, Ms. Sudha Balan, unfurled the Tricolour. Her thought-provoking speech brought to the forefront the slave rule that we were subjected to. Speeches in different languages added to the nationalistic pride. The children and teachers were left with a sense of awe and pride. Following the celebrations, the students were involved in a myriad of activities – the children of the primary years settled down to exhibit their artistic skills while the older children fashioned bags out of newspapers. The day brought out the patriot in each one of us.





MADRAS DAY

The different façades of the city that it is, Chennai was the focus of this year's Madras Day celebrations. A speech by a senior student was followed by a video compilation celebrating the different events that dot the timeline of Chennai, both deeply appreciated by the students.

KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI

The pomp and gaiety in the Janmashtami celebrations was visible as the younger children enjoyed crafting cardboard crowns and paper flutes. Children also used this time to share their beliefs and stories of Lord Krishna.

GANESH CHATHURTHI

Adorable in all aspects, Ganesha is the embodiment of love and respect for parents. The tiny tots from the Early Learning Department shaped Ganesha from dough while the younger ones from the primary years crafted Ganesha from cups and papers. The story of Ganesha's birth was told and retold to the joy of the children.



GRADE 9 A ASSEMBLY

August saw Grade 9 students take centre stage through class assemblies. 9A chose to portray the success one obtains with ambition and passion. The event was well enjoyed with songs, dance and quizzes which included diverse topics such as sports, entertainment as well as politics. The highlight of the show was the interview of India's premier space scientist and his fellow mates who strived to put India on the space map.



GRADE 9 B ASSEMBLY

Grade 9B students took the audience on a world tour with Magellan and his crew as they visited countries on different continents. The informative and entertaining show included news, quiz, and peppy dance numbers from the boys and the girls.



GRADE 9 C ASSEMBLY

The evolution of mass media was well portrayed by the grade 9C students. Interesting facts on mass media tools, news from the country and around the world, and the quiz kept the audience entertained throughout as did the energetic dance performance. Kudos to grade 9 for coming out with admirable performances.



GRADE 5 D ASSEMBLY

The students of primary years continued to entertain the younger audience with their class assemblies. The chosen theme of grade 5D was Thriller. A lively discussion of the genres of mystery and horror as is depicted in books like the Famous Five, The Secret Seven, and in comics such as the Scooby Doo set the tone of the programme. A fact sheet on special days such as Halloween, and Thriller music by Michael Jackson proved entertaining. The posing of riddles and brain teasers brought an end to a well-organised show.



GRADE 4 A ASSEMBLY

Science fiction was the theme of choice by grade 4A. A narration of aliens' experiences on earth, and the compilation of science jokes, quotes, music, and inventions pertaining to the theme were appreciated. The highlight of the show was the lively 'Robo' dance to a popular movie song.



GRADE 4 B ASSEMBLY

Grade 4B chose to highlight the different facets of Madras or Chennai as it is known today. A factoid on the city followed by a depiction of the customs and traditions of a typical Tamil family and the skit on the necessity to save the environment were the mainstays of the show. It was a memorable one, indeed.



GRADE 4 C ASSEMBLY

In the cookie of life, friends are the chocolate chips. The class assembly by the students of grade 4C celebrated friendship and friends. The spotlight of the assembly was the portrayal of the rapport between Krishna and Sudhaama, Christopher Robin and Pooh, Sherlock Holmes and Watson to name a few. The quotes, news, and the mellifluous rendition of Maithreem bhajathe added to the entertainment quotient.



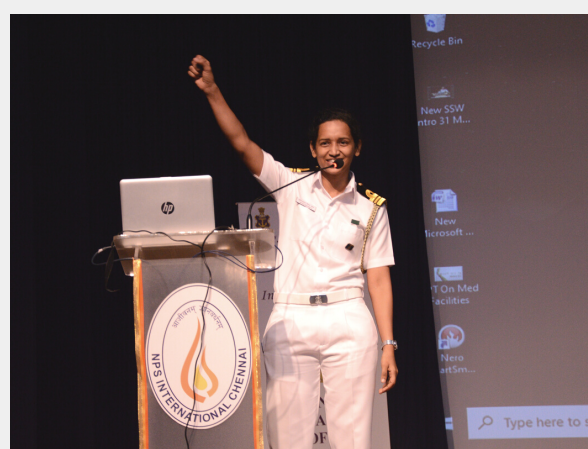
GRADE 10 B ASSEMBLY

Grade 10 B Assembly started with the introduction of Tilli Tonka, being the head of the Time Factory. He is tired of the factory and wants to hand it over to a responsible and an able person. He gets the idea of sending 5 golden tickets and to hosts a small game show. In the due course of the game show, the kids get eliminated and the one remaining will win the game show and inherit the Time Factory.



ALUMNI TALK

August 24th saw our senior students play host to our alumni – Adithya Iyer, Hariharan Venkat, Pranay Venkatesh, Rahul Muruganandam and Sanjay Saravanan. Sharing their diverse experiences, the primary focus of these speakers was their college life and course of choice. All studying in different branches of BITS, they offered unique insights into projects that they have been working on, their planning and decisions on subject choices and their college life. It was indeed enriching for our students to listen to their seniors.



OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

Life in the Indian Navy

Lt Cmdr. Imtiaz Begum's impassioned glimpse into the life of a Navy officer left the audience with an overwhelming sense of pride and humility. The different dimensions to the Indian Navy – its role in India's security, the skillset needed, the recruitment exams and eligibility criteria were discussed in detail with the audience comprising the senior students. A peek into the packed day of a naval officer was eye-opening indeed.

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Astrophysicist or a chartered accountant... in today's world, choices galore. Yet as a parent and a student, we appear helpless when we are confronted with a multitude of higher education options. Lodestar, a career guidance organization, offered our students an insight into the world of careers and detailed the entrance exams and qualifications that each field demands. The session was fruitful.