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"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow"

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10 YEARS OF CONTINUED EXCELLENCE...

CHRONICLES OF NPSI, CHENNAI

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July

The month of July has been an interesting amalgam of goings-on – events, competitions, outreach programmes, greening nature, assessments – the list goes on. These activities continue to broaden the horizon of every child and further the learning journey. Here are highlights of the month.

Early Learning Department

July began with the celebration of National Doctor's Day on the 1st of July to appreciate and show gratitude to these tireless frontline workers. Younger students visited the school infirmary where the in-house nurse introduced the first-aid box and explained the different materials used in the infirmary. Senior students gathered for a presentation and discussion in the AV with the nurse on the different specializations of doctors and the importance of healthy food habits.

Early Years classrooms were well-settled with students and teachers in tune and engaged with planned routines. Students of each grade were introduced to new learning concepts supported by experiential learning. The month ended with parent teacher meetings to share the observations and anecdotes of the students.

Olympiad

The month of July has seen the prize distribution for the performance of the students in the SOF held the previous academic year. And what a performance... our students have carved a niche in the competitions with several of them winning cash awards and gift vouchers. A stupendous accomplishment, truly. The list of winners will be published in the e-magazine.

Outreach Programme

The National Academy of Sciences in collaboration with the CMI conducted a 2-day lecture series for the students of Gr 11 and 12. The lectures included a wide range of topics – understanding brain and behaviour to analysing CHATGPT and such AI to easing into the world of Chemistry. Our students were also involved in an activity puzzle requiring them to analyse and understand mirrors, reflection and the sun. The sessions were thought-provoking and challenged conceptual clarity as well.

Scholastic activities and Assessments

With academic routines well-established, learners have grown accustomed to the multipronged teaching-learning strategies used. The combination of an audio lab, math lab, science kits, written tasks – to name a few, familiarised our students with the concepts under study. Hands-on experiential activities furthered the learning process effectuated particularly through pair or collaborative strategies. Our primary students are proving their dexterity in varied ways – with puppets to talk of family or using pegs and fractional strips to solve mathematical problems. The generation of a family tree enthused the children to explore their family roots and recognise the role of each member.


The Middle Years' students enjoyed their activity-based lessons and worked in groups to construct and experiment various facets of their learning principles – be it the straw rocket or the spring weighing balance. Senior Years' students strived in the lab to experimentally prove the scientific principles learnt in the theory classes. Presentations, discussions and collaborative exploration of the study material were some of the strategies used in classes. These strategies helped strengthen concepts and work towards the assessment conducted this month. Assessments were held across grades and results have been shared.

Making a Mark

The month has seen a surfeit of competitions – both hosted by our school and others.

The CISCE Frank Anthony level 1 debate competition saw some of the best speakers in the Chennai and Pondicherry region compete with one another. While several students were recognised and awarded, the team of **Nayaa Padmashree Vakicharla and Snihitha Ravi** were commended as a team for their clear and precise arguments and have been selected for the next round.

Several schools have been organising MUN and our students have all made an impression and walked away with a number of prizes. **Katelyn Brisha Edwin** won a special mention at the Chettinad Hari Shree Vidyalayam MUN. At the Good Earth MUN, a number of the grade 9 students won several special accolades including special mentions and high commendations. List of winners will be shared in the e-magazine.



The Cultural Fiesta at Bharathi Vidyalaya saw **Hasini Manikumar** and **A Meghna** win 2nd prize in the flower arrangement event while **R Keerthishree** bagged the first prize in the Science fiction writing contest. **Lakshmi M Iyer, Advika Sathish Pillai, Meghna Menon**, all of gr 10 and **Akshara** of gr 11 secured the 2nd prize in the singing competition.

The PSBB Millenium School hosted Sulakshya, an inter-school Fest, **Thendral Praveen Kumar** won the Shipwreck competition and earned the title of Ms. Sulakshya, as well as a gear bicycle as a special reward.

The ASISC Zonal Literary competitions were held at the Grove School. **B Srijesh** and **Aarush Aavyan** of Gr 8 won the first position in Quiz- sub-junior category while **Tanisha Shruti Anand** also of Gr 8 secured the 2nd position in Painting, sub-junior category. All three students have been selected for the regional level.

Grade 11 and 12 students partook in The Festival of Dance & Drama held at The School and were applauded for their efforts and awarded certificates for the same.

Sports Achievements

CISCE in collaboration with the Bharathi Vidyalaya School in Tiruppur conducted the Regional Throwball competition. The intensity of practice as well as the drive to succeed has reaped rich rewards – all three teams –under-14-, under-17- and under-19- have won the throwball competition. In each of the teams, these students – **Vidya Harini, Swetha, Pragathi Prathima** (stand-by) of grade 8 from the U-14 category, **V Saanvi, K J Diya, Nandhini Ramachandran**, and **Aarna Rastogi** from gr 10 and 11 in the U-17 category and **Vudayagiri Pavithra, Sinchana D Shenoi, Sahana Balaji** and **Iniya Yogita** of grades 10, 11 and 12 have been selected to represent the state in the nationals.

CISCE Chess regional tournament conducted by the Amazon International School added medals to the kitty. **Advika Satish Pillai** of Grade 10 secured the 3rd place and **Nivedha Subramanian** of Gr 9, the 4th place. **V Surya** of grade 12 won the silver medal. Advika, Nivedha and Surya are now slated to represent at the national level.

CISCE Carrom regional tournament was conducted by the Amazon International school at Tiruvannamalai. In the under 14 – boys doubles category, **V Manish** and **S P Arjun Menon** of grade 8 secured the gold; in the U-17 Boys Doubles category, **G B Tarun** and **S Keshava Krushna** of grade 9 have bagged the silver medal. **Prithish L** and **P Roshik** of grade 9 have won the silver medal. The U-14 girls doubles category, **Varsheka Balamuthaiyah** and **R K Nandhini** won the gold medal. Roshik, Manish, Arjun, Keshava Krushna, Varsheka and Nandhini along with **Mithra** have now been selected to represent at the national level.

At the CISCE Archery championship held in National Academy, Ramanathapuram, **Anirudh Krishna** of Gr 6 secured the first position with a whopping 492 points in the under -14 50 m category.

Prithiv Arokiadass participated in the SBIOA international school's 1st Tamil Nadu state level school children and open chess tournament conducted on 29th June 2023. He secured the 1st prize. (Certificate and trophy). He also participated in the table tennis under - 10 tournament conducted by Real Sports Academy and has been selected for the semi-finals. In the 24th BSA Hercules cycles - state level chess tournament, Prithiv secured the 3rd prize.

Dharshan J (4A) participated in the Sentou- Ken open school and open karate championship and has secured the 3rd prize in the individual Kata under-10 category.

Ananya Rochelle (4C) participated in the Chairman's Trophy International open fide rating rapid chess tournament and secured the 2nd prize.

Sai Nitisha K (5B) participated in the Chengalpattu District chess under-11 championship and secured the 2nd prize.

Congratulations to all!



Class Activities



Ascending / Descending
order



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Common Noun / Proper Noun



Place Values



Events



Frank Anthony Memorial All-India Interschool Debate Competition

NPSI Chennai played host to the Category II CISCE debate (first stage) competition for the Chennai-Pondicherry region. With speakers from over nine schools gathered in the auditorium, the participants were armed with facts and put forth well-reasoned and apt arguments. The rebuttal rounds were equally confident as were the pertinent inquiries. The audience of middle and high school students were quite impressed with the high quality of debate and were left with a sense of wanting, Kudos to all involved in organisation and execution of the event and good luck to the participants selected for the next round.

<https://npsinternationalchennai.com/frank-anthony-memorial-debate.html>

Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam anniversary

July 27th marks the remembrance of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India. He serves as an inspiration to people across the country for the extraordinary human he was. A documentary on the “Missile Man of India” and a short quiz on the same generated abundant enthusiasm and instilled a sense of pride, joy and provided thought to reflect on the kind of human being we ought to grow into. The discussion that followed this was equally stimulating. A time well-spent.



Vana Mahotsav celebrations

Over the last few weeks, our students have been participant to the celebration of green earth – Vana Mahotsav. Several activities such as preparing seed balls, growing saplings from seeds, an artist’s perspective of a plant or nature around me are but a few activities that formed a part of the festivities. The celebrations culminated with an inspiring talk by Mr. Mohan and Ms. Anna Alias, both environmental activists and members of Exnor. The guest lecture by Mr. Mohan, environmental activist not just impressed but also prompted the young minds to actively involve themselves in the sustenance of a green earth. Ms. Anna Alias was equally motivating, identifying the different ways in which a student can contribute to the green earth through a kitchen garden.

<https://npsinternationalchennai.com/van-mahotsav-2023.html>

Plunge – Science Adventure, Mock Stock, MUN

“Competition is the best form of motivation”. The 10th edition of Plunge at NPSIC brought life to these words through inspiring competitions that prompted participants to display their knowledge, creativity and application skills. With an array of competitions designed to test the mettle of the participants, this year’s edition afforded students the opportunity to express their ingenuity, take the initiative and innovate strategies.

Construction of a lighthouse from the given materials within a stipulated period of time tested the dexterity and sharp mindedness of the contestants in Science Adventure. Additionally, they were also required to complete a written quiz. The judges looked on as the teams competed with one another to construct the best model and one that worked too. It was an intense session that kept every one, including the volunteers on their toes.

Mock Stock, making its Plunge debut, offered the apt platform for students to step into the world of high stakes investments and exhibit trading skills with virtual money and portfolio of stocks. The challenge for the teams was to maximise their profits through trading. GR 10 students hosted this event, carefully guiding the participants through every step before they entered the trading ring. 7 rounds of trading saw active bidding and negotiations as each team looked to maximise their wealth.

The MUN is an academic simulation of the United Nations where students play the role of delegates from different countries and attempt to solve real world issues with the policies and perspectives of their assigned country. NPSIC MUN, in its second edition saw the delegates assume the mantle of their given countries with great fervour. The different committees included ECOSOC, EC, DISEC, UNHRC and IPC. All the delegates put up reasoned arguments and were able to communicate their country's stance with consummate ease. What is commendable is that all committees were able to pass resolutions. The winners’ list of all there contests is detailed in the website and e-mag.

<https://npsinternationalchennai.com/plunge-2023-2024.html>



>>> GRADE 11 <<< ASSEMBLY



CITY ECHOES

Quoting Mercedes McCambridge, “Radio is the theatre of the mind”. A scene out of the radio station, “City Echoes” captured the essence of radio jockeys and their listeners and was brilliantly portrayed by the Gr 11 students.

The day began with the beaming of the Strand video. With the school celebrating Vana Mahotsav, the strand video celebrated the decade-long efforts of the school in greening the school and community. The video evoked happy memories and brought a lot of smiles in the crowd.

The follow-up presentation by the Gr 11 students displayed a myriad of elements including the news and the thought for the day. The scenes depicted slices of city life ranging from an employee travelling to work to a tea shop. These scenes were interspersed with comical advertisements, mellifluous songs and peppy dance numbers. The highlight of the show was the quiz that included guess the songs, answer ‘x’ things in ‘x’ seconds and impossible questions. Due credits have to be given to students who persevered in scripting and directing the show. It was a memorable show.

>>>GRADE 10 A<<<< ASSEMBLY



TEAM WORK EXEMPLIFIES SUCCESS

Said Henry Ford, “if everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself”.

And what a success it was. The grade 10A students epitomised their theme as they showed how team work exemplifies success. As part of the 10th year ongoing celebrations, the day witnessed a joyous flashback of the fieldtrips our students have been a part of over the years. Enamoured students squealing and laughing with joy made it a remarkable trip down the memory lane.

The show by Gr 10 A was a realistic display of how a class assembly is planned and executed. With news, thought for the day, music and dance weaved in an aesthetic manner, the show was entertaining. The anticipation and energy of the audience was raised further by the quiz that informed the audience of facts known and unknown. Indeed, a riveting time for the audience.

>>> GRADE 5A <<< ASSEMBLY



VANAMAHOTSAVA AND US

“The earth has music for those who listen.”

The Earth does not belong to us, we belong to the Earth”. Grade 5A students were eager with joy and anticipation as they took centre stage to remind and inform the audience of the most important among the five major elements – Earth. With July feting greenery through Vana Mahotsav, the show was a fitting display. The day began with the debut of Strand videos – an ongoing celebration commemorating the 10th year of NPSI. The day’s video highlighted the fantastic results of our alumni at the ICSE and ISC board results over the years, their placements as well as their wishes to our school. The video highlighted the trends and patterns our students have been marking at the state and national level.

The assembly was a depiction of a girl’s love for nature and dancing leaves. The poetry recitation, facts on India’s national tree, the delivery of the latest news were among a few of the many presentations that made up the show. The dramatic dance performance and heart-warming skit served to remind the audience of the goodness of nature.

>>> GRADE 5B <<< ASSEMBLY



WATER

“If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water.”

With anticipation to display skills and talents, the students of Gr 5B went up on stage to depict the importance of water – an equally important element of nature.

In tune with the school’s 10th year celebrations, the video on Greening the campus and community around us provided a glimpse into the efforts our school and students have taken over the years since the inception of the school. The joys and smiles in the audience was ample proof of the involvement of the students.

The grade 5B display began with an information of global events; the focus was on River Ganga – a dance performance that showcased the flow of the river through the states. A panel discussion on Ganga pollution fostered active participation with the audience. The oath by the students and audience to save water was a fitting tribute to the theme of the day.

>>> GRADE 5D <<< ASSEMBLY



SPACE, SKY AND DR. ABDUL KALAM

Said Abdul Kalam, “you were born with wings.... Learn to use them to fly and fly.”

Space and the sky evoke fascination in all of us and grade 5D students were all set to take the audience on a fascinating trip. A trip down memory lane – a montage of field trips undertaken by our students over the years was the Strand Video on display to commemorate the 10th year celebration of our school. The memories, smiles and laughter from the audience was a treat in itself.

The grade 5D students display began with a welcome speech. News, thought for the day, mellifluous music and a peppy dance number entertained the audience who vied with one another to answer the quiz questions set forth. The highlight of the day was the speech on Dr. Abdul Kalam – his contributions to space and nuclear research and his incredible journey as a human being. It was a show much appreciated.

