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MIKE MURDOCK



10 YEARS OF CONTINUED EXCELLENCE...

CHRONICLES OF NPSI, CHENNAI

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Chronicling the Ten Year Trail

The dictionary calls the school 'an institution for educating children'. Since its inception in 2014, NPSIC has been constantly striving to change this definition – it is not merely a school but an institution that nurtures talents, identifies prodigies and builds paths that are unique and distinct. The last decade has seen our school grow by leaps and bounds, not just carving a niche at the community level but at the national and international fronts as well. And what a ride these 10 years have been! Our students have attained excellence in multiple arenas - be they the sporting fields or the competitive exams, the musical displays or the artistic abilities, to name a few.

Braving the heat and intermittent rains, the school looked resplendent as our young learners set foot inside the campus after a long vacation. Eager to meet friends and sit in the classroom, the school buzzed with positive vibes. The academic year has begun – exciting activities and interesting lessons interspersed with events; here's a look at the highlights of the month.



Board Exam Results

The academic year has begun on an incredible high with our grade 10 and grade 12 students surpassing and setting new milestones. We are extremely proud of every student that has passed our portals, heaping laurels at the school and personal levels.

Lakshmi Sumedha of gr 10 top-scored with 99.4% and secured state 2nd rank. Anika Singh, Arya Sridhar followed close with 98.4% and S Sahana scored 98%. The number of centums have increased to 40 and over 60% of the total students have secured an average greater than 90%.

Grade 12 students were equally impressive with L Pranav leading the roost at 95%; Vinay Prabhu secured 94.8% and Lakshmi Sarmishta securing 94.5%.

The school ISC average stands at 87% with a whopping 6 centums in Math, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science and Sociology.

Hats off students for your efforts! Here's wishing them good luck in all their future endeavours.

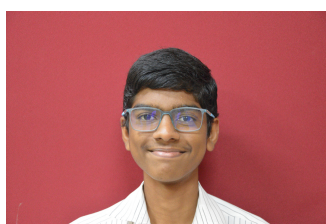
Grade 10 toppers



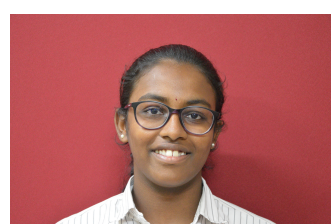
Lakshmi Sumedha Anandanatarajan
99.4%
STATE RANK -2



Anika Singh
98.4%



Arya Sridhar
98.4%



Sahana S
98%

Grade 12 toppers



L Pranav
95%



Vinay Prabhu Pooventhan
94.75%



Lakshmi Sarmishta
Swayampakula
94.5%



K Aishwarya
91%



Shreya Sanjeev
91%

A new year, a new beginning

The reopening day is always most anticipated. The academic year began in a staggered manner with students of the senior years first to join. In the second week of June, the school welcomed the primary and middle year students.

Eager faces and warm smiles were the order of the day as children discovered their classmates and teachers for the year. Old friendships renewed and new ones forged; academic schedules and co-scholastic classes analysed and days that would bring PT classes revelled – the day proved memorable indeed.

Early years

Stepping away from the comfort of home and parents into a new environment undeniably evokes mixed feelings in a child. The youngest learners at GMC were welcomed with warm smiles and open arms.

While the start of every new school year is a special occasion to all, the first day for the Montessori freshers and Junior Kindergartners marked a learning milestone. They were soon joined by the Juniors and Seniors of Montessori and Kindergarten.

It was all about setting routines during the first week that gave students clarity on how the day would unfold. Circle time conducted in the mornings acquainted and oriented the new students.

The first event of the year conducted was the “Yoga Day”. Students came in in white and pastel colour attire. They performed simple and age-appropriate asanas that mimic the nature around them with enthusiasm and energy.

Orientations for new parents

A special orientation session was conducted for parents of new students as well as parents of transition classes – Gr 1, 6, 9 and 11 to ease them into and inform them of the academic journey. School policies and procedures, scholastic schedules and assessment patterns, school expectations were some of the key areas detailed. The faculty handling the grades were introduced as well.

Scholastic activities and assessments

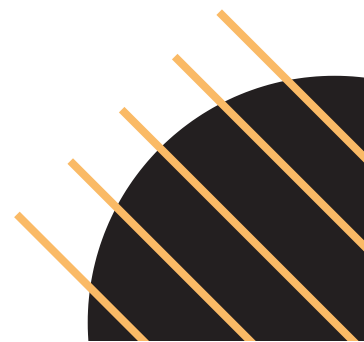
As the children eased into the academic routines, lessons planned began in earnest. With the school following a child-centric policy, activity-based learning strategies have become the norm.

Children of Grade 1 visited the Global Montessori Centre to explore learning through puppet shows activities and reading books from the library corner. As they watched their show together, the children were engaged in creative discussions after the play. The activity room in GMC helped them to explore the different sensorial activities and educational games through hands on experience. Children delved into the world of imagination as they explored reading books in the library. Math concepts were explored through hands on activities which included number visual estimation of less and more, using manipulatives to count quantity of objects etc.

The students of Grade 3 to 5 enjoyed the sudden showers in Chennai on June 19th. They drew pictures of the outdoors and wrote about the rain. The concept of blood circulation was reinforced during their Science classes. Diagrams of the heart were drawn and all the blood vessels were named. Riddles on numbers made Math classes enjoyable.

Middle school students were equally involved in reinforcing the learnt concepts in lab. Some of these activities included flower dissection, magnetisation of iron nails, measuring the density of oil/glycerine. These served to provide students with experiential learning.

Senior school students came in early and have eased into their schedule. A range of activities from group discussions, collaborative tasks and outdoor observations are underway. Grade 10 students went out onto the field to investigate and observe the rate of transpiration in plants with variable morphological and growing conditions. The results were observed and a thorough discussion on the same reinforced the theoretical concepts. Identification of cheek cells, measuring the diameter of a spherical object using Vernier calipers, identification of gases emitted by salts, titration and salt analysis were a few experiments performed by the students of the senior school.



Making a Mark

The academic year has already gotten off to a rocking start with more than 30 children winning medals and certificates in recognition of their efforts in the International Olympiad exams held the previous academic year. Congratulations to every child.

The CISCE football tournament held at Yercaud saw our students participating both at the U-14 and U-17 categories. An intense 3-week training session helped the young sportspeople prepare both mentally and physically for the tournament. Over 20 teams from schools across the Pondicherry-Tamil Nadu region were a part of the tournament. Though we approached the matches confidently, and despite providing stiff opposition, our team bowed out in both the categories. This tournament, a first for many of our children, provided a good learning platform.

Prithiv Arokiadass, our child chess prodigy continues to make the school proud with victories in chess tournaments across the city and beyond. Prithiv has secured the 2nd place in the twin tournaments of Brains behind Chess foundation and the Crescent Chess tournament. A brilliant start to the year!

Stay tuned to this section that carries the achievements and accolade won by our students.

As we read these columns, one is beset by the feeling that NPSIC is better known as a learning centre. And we are reminded of these words from Emma Watson, "I'm not going to school just for the academics. I want to share ideas, be around people who are passionate about learning."

Till the next month! Wishing you a jovial July!



New Initiatives

As a new year begins, a range of new initiatives have been planned for our children to pick up new skills, expand their boundaries and realize their potential in different arenas.

Student – Run Podcast

This academic year offers an exciting chance to our grade 9 students to be a part of the podcast. So, what is a podcast? It is a series of radio programs on demand – this means that listeners do not need to tune in live to these sessions but listen anytime anywhere. They also tend to focus on a topic. A fascinating affair indeed.

The auditions proved stimulating as students vied for the positions of hosts and scriptwriters. These students were then invited for their first session – a brainstormer to establish ground rules, discuss topics and other consideration. The session was a lively and fun-packed one. More such session are planned and students eagerly await for the podcast to begin.

Integrating Foundational Literacy and Numeracy

The Council has initiated the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Framework and we have begun implementation in the Primary Years. These involve small but effective experiential activities that strengthen concept understanding in literacy and numeracy.

Math Manipulatives

Math Lab activities have been redesigned and enhanced to include a range of activities that provide students with a concrete representation of abstract mathematical concepts.

Financial Literacy

Understanding of money, exchange and managing finances is a key life skill. As part of the ECA programmes, we will have an alumni-run Financial Literacy Programme to educate the students on aspects of budgeting, investing, insurance etc

Astrophysics

Building on the success of our Astrophysics sessions from last year, we will be offering a redesigned programme as an optional course.

MUN and Plunge

Playing hosts to schools in the vicinity is a challenge and when it is an annual tradition, then the expectations always go up a notch. The senior students have already begun their planning and organisation of the events. Mock runs and competitions have been held and the feedback put to valuable use to modify and refine the strategies. Expectancy and hopes are running high and the vibrancy keenly felt all over.

Do wait for more news in these columns next month.

Sports ECA and inter-school competitions

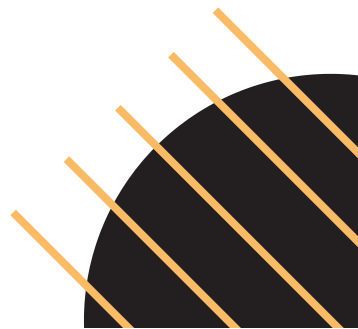
CISCE organises competitions in multiple sports and our PT department has already entered the process of identifying talents. A number of these children have been selected and intense training is being offered both before and after school to prepare them for the upcoming matches beginning next month.

Parent Teacher Meetings

PTMs for grades 10 and 12 students were arranged early this month to share the academic progress of their wards. Interactions with subject teachers assured parents of the multiprong strategies that are being adopted to support and encourage every student as he/she prepares for the upcoming board examinations.

Outreach Programme

Mr Suryakumar, founder of Ladder Educational Services and expert in Mathematics and Science has been our partner and offers coaching for Competitive Examinations in the school campus (IJSO, JEE, NEET, NTSE and KVPY). He has addressed parents of grades 8 and 11 about the various competitive efforts on offer and we look forward to our children tapping into this opportunity.



Events



Founder's Day

The event calendar year commences with the Founder's Day. This being the 10th year of the school, this Founder's Day was a special occasion with the Founder-Chairman, Dr. K P Gopalkrishna and Vice-Chairperson, Dr. Bindu Hari spending the day at NPSIC. A video showcasing the growth of NPS brand of institutions as well as our Chairman sir's journey and video messages from the Principals of the sister institutions lent a unique flavour to the celebrations that also included a mellifluous rendering of classical and western music as well as a dance performance. Speeches from our alumni and parents furthered the smiles and joys in our hearts. The day was well spent.

<https://npsinternationalchennai.com/founders-day-june-2023.html>

International Yoga Day

Yoga and its benefits have been extolled by experts through the years and has earned its place at the global level though the feting of International Yoga Day. At NPSIC, we not only celebrate yoga but also have incorporated it in our curriculum. With students dressed in pleasing whites, the day was marked by the practice of upa yoga, naadi shudhi and shaambavi mudra. The serene atmosphere and soothing tones enriched the experience.

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World Music Day

Appreciating music is an art and at NPSIC, music is revered. To mark the 10th year celebrations, our students and parents were audience to the twin concerts – Sai Vignesh of the Varaha roopam fame along with his team on Thursday and Mr. Murali Krishna (more popularly hailed as Drums Murali) on Friday transfixed the audience with their sheer brilliance of artistry. Students and parents in the audience were amazed and thrilled at this opportunity. Indeed, it was a treasured morning and afternoon.

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Investiture Ceremony

Today's student leaders are tomorrow's nation builders. To prove this adage, elections were organised for the senior school students to listen, choose and vote for the school prefect and vice prefect as well as the sports captain positions. Election campaigns and speeches were carefully attended to and discussed even as the votes were though an online secret ballot. Abhimanyu Pant of Grade 12 and Vibha Menon of Gr 11 won on a popular vote basis while Gurucharan was voted to the post of the Sports captain. The House captains and club presidents and secretaries were also chosen and honoured with the badges by the Chief Guest Naval Commander and long-distance runner, Paramdeep Singh Soodan who not only motivated the student leaders but others as well to ably support their leaders and more importantly, be a leader in his/her own right. An emphasis on gratitude and positive thinking synced with the vibes in the auditorium. MS. Lalitha Das, our administrator and Ms. Sudha Balan also presented the chosen leaders with the badges. Our Principal, as always, is our beacon of light guiding and directing the young leaders. She congratulated the badge holders and reminded them of the roles and responsibilities that form an intricate part of these positions.

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Vanamahotsav Week

Yet another Indian heritage is the Vana Mahotsav celebrations – this celebration teaches our students to revere and honour the trees, plants and environment around us. Celebration week began with the students easing and understanding the science and culture behind the celebrations through a short video. Seed collection drive across grades yielded a good number of different seeds that were used in producing seedballs. Sowing seeds both on the soil bed as well as containers, nurturing plants and poster creation towards raising awareness were a few other activities that our students from the primary and middle years were involved in. Teachers pitched in to discuss the need of a green thumb and encouraged children to grow plants in bottles and containers as part of their kitchen or balcony gardens. Small projects and activities that can be done at and from home have been shared – these are generating enthusiasm and eagerness to know and better the environment. After all, greening not just the campus but the community as well is our intrinsic motto.



>>> GRADE 12 <<< ASSEMBLY



CODE NAME: TEMPEST – A WHO DUN IT.....?

Grade 12, each year, has the privilege of kickstarting the year's class assemblies. And this year, traditions continued; yet the day also saw the debut of "The Strands and Facets of NPSIC – glorious 10 years of the school from 2014.

The day began with an ode to NPSIC-- a video montage that showcases the brilliance of the school through the year since its inception. The debut video focussed on the fantastic achievements of our grade 10 and 12 students in the CISCE board examinations, their placements in colleges across India and abroad as well as the student connect alumni outreach programmes through which students of the past and present stay in touch.

This video montage was followed by a flawless display by the senior-most students. The comic thriller, set in a school, investigates the case of the 'Most Amazing' but now missing trophy in the school - a full-fledged and intense investigation that dissects the stories and alibis of the 3 suspects! What a performance it was!

The assembly portrayed not just the acting skills and fluent diction but also a blend of picture-perfect organisation. The news and the peppy dance numbers, interwoven in the skit, added to the flavour of the show. A quiz on the school energised and enthused the audience who vied with one another to answer and display their connect with the school. A wholesome entertainer, undoubtedly.

With every assembly showcasing an aspect of the school, it is promising to be a year with a difference.

